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PREFACE.

THE Publishers, with much pleasure, present this beautiful volume to their friends and patrons for whom it is prepared. It will be found to be a valuable work, full of interesting personal and historical reminiscences of many of the leading families and many of the most important occurrences in the eventful past of the Ozark Region. Every individual or family sketch was carefully type-written and submitted by mail, or written with pencil and submitted in person by our representative, to a member of the family. The greatest difficulty was experienced in the spelling of proper names from the fact that many of the personal sketches were not corrected and returned as promised and requested. The great care taken by the Publishers to submit every personal sketch should relieve them from all accountability for mistakes occurring in those sketches that were not corrected and returned by subscribers. It is hoped the errors are few and unimportant. The Publishers will willingly correct, by special errata sheet, as is their custom, the few inaccuracies which may appear, upon prompt notification of the same. They wish to call special attention to the fact that, in spite of the hard times and a limited patronage, they have issued a work fully up to their promises and one of high merit. The illustrations will be found to add very materially to the value of the volume. The Publishers, with pride, call particular attention to the superb mechanical execution of the volume, and warmly thank their friends for the success of their difficult enterprise.

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INTRODUCTORY.

The territory known under the general name of "Ozark Region" comprises that portion of the Trans-Mississippi country extending west from longitude 13° 50′ in Missouri and Arkansas, into the Indian country, to longitude 18° west of Washington, and north from latitude 33° 50′ to latitude 38°—the boundaries meandering like the great and picturesque range of hills from which the name is taken. The region may be said to embrace twenty-six counties in Missouri and twenty-nine in Arkansas, all prosperous little commonwealths, inhabited by an industrious people.

Phelps County contains several interesting caves, the most accessible of which is Freide's Cave, about nine miles northwest of Rolla. Its mouth is 60 feet in width and 35 feet in height. It has been penetrated to a distance of three miles without finding any outlet. The Stalactite Chamber is a beautiful apartment 200 yards in length, varying from 15 to 30 feet in width, and from 5 to 30 feet in height. The Bat Chamber contains thousands of wagon loads of guano, which is extensively used by the farmers of the neighborhood. The cave also contains quantities of saltpetre, and during the war large amounts of powder were manufactured there. There are also caves in Christian County. The principal one is two and a half miles northeast of Ozark. Its entrance is through a rock arch 50 feet across and 80 feet high. About 400 feet from the entrance the passage is so contracted that the explorer must crawl through on his hands and knees. A fine stream of water, clear and cold, gurgles down through the cave. About twelve miles south of Ozark, near the Forsyth road, on the top of a very high hill, is a small opening, which, about 100 feet from the surface, expands into a hall 30 feet wide and about 400 feet long, the sides and top of which are of rock, lined with beautiful stalactites. In Stone County at least twenty-five caves have been explored and many more discovered. One mile from Galena is an extensive cave, from which the early settlers procured saltpetre in large quantities. About two and a half miles above this is a smaller one of great beauty. From the ceiling depend glittering stalactites while the floor sparkles with fragments of gem-like luster. A pearly wall, of about half an inch in thickness and fifteen inches high, encloses a miniature lake, through whose pellucid waters the wavy stalagmite bottom of this natural basin can be plainly seen. The sacred stillness of the vaulted chamber renders its name, "The Baptismal Font," a peculiarly fitting one. A cave about sixteen miles from Galena is well known among curiosity seekers in the adjacent country. The entrance chamber is a large, dome-shaped room, whose ceiling is very high; a glittering mound of stalagmites rises in the center of the room, nearly one-third the height of the ceiling. Knox Cave and Fisher's Cave, southeast of Springfield, the saltpetre caves along the Gasconade Valley are interesting phenomena; while throughout the whole district vacancies in the mountains exist for our wonder and admiration.

The sulphur, petroleum and chalybeate springs of the region, the clear running brooks and swift rivers, the fertile valleys and tree-clad hills, with the old lead diggings ascribed to the Spaniards, and the works of the moderns among its mineral deposits, render the Ozark Region instructive to the geologist, most interesting to the traveler and profitable to the inhabitant. It is indeed a wonderful land, where nature provides liberally for man.

Caves are common in Arkansas as well as in Missouri. The Diamond Cave, in Newton County, Ark., is said to exceed in area and grandeur the

Mammoth Cave of Kentucky. It is the property of ex-Gov. Eagle and E. J. Rhodes, of Boone County.

Like the counties in Missouri, these counties boast of rich lead, zinc and iron ores. At the World's Fair was exhibited a 12,000-pound chunk of zinc broken from the deposit in the Morning Star Mine, of Marion County. Comparatively little has been done toward the development of this rich mineral section of Arkansas. It appears to be held in reserve for the future, when the enterprises of a teeming population will extract from the rock its wealth of commercial metal.

As a fruit-growing territory it is even now celebrated. Near St. Louis, Chicago and New Orleans, it is the coming fruit region of the Mississippi Valley. Many of its counties are to-day suppliers of fruits to the cities; for within the last decade the farmers turned their attention to this branch of agriculture. Howell County is to-day a great producer, and will be the banner fruit county of the Mississippi Valley in a little while. The "Olden Fruit Farm," yet in infancy, is a celebrated orchard, the products of which are known in the markets of St. Louis, Memphis and Springfield.

Ferdinand De Soto, an adventurer recognized as a Spanish cavalier, who had been associated with Pizarro in the conquest of Peru, but whose ambition and cupidity were only increased by his success in that country, determined to possess himself also of the boundless wealth reputed to lie hidden in the mines of Florida. Undismayed by the fate of other adventurers, he equipped at his own expense a band of 700 men, or more, and landed in Tampa Bay, in the spring of 1539. Thence, in spite of hostile Indians, he forced his way to the northwest, and, although not finding gold or precious stones, he made himself immortal as the discoverer, in 1541, of the Mississippi River. The point at which De Soto first saw the Mississippi was at the lower bluffs, near Mississippi's north line. There he constructed boats, and, after crossing the stream, proceeded up its west bank, and made his way into the region now known as New Madrid, in Missouri. At this point, therefore, and at this time, the first European set foot on the soil of Missouri. In 1542, overcome by disease, privation and discouragement, De Soto died, and those of his followers who remained, having secretly sunk his body in the Mississippi, lest the Indians should discover his death, floated down the river to the Gulf of Mexico, and some returned to their homes. The design of the expedition had been conquest as a means of acquiring gold, and it left behind but few traces of civilization.

While Spain had attended to the conquest of Mexico, South America, the West Indies and Florida, and English colonists had made feeble beginnings in Virginia and New England; the French, advancing still farther north, had possessed themselves of the St. Lawrence River, and were fast pushing their way into the interior by way of the great lakes. Jacques Marquette, a Jesuit missionary, belonging to an ancient family of France, arrived in Canada at a time when the public mind was much exercised upon the subject of exploring the Mississippi River. A plan of operations was accordingly arranged, and Louis Joliet, a native of Canada, joined Father Marquette at the Jesuit mission on the Straits of Mackinaw, and with five other Frenchmen and a simple outfit, the daring explorers, on the 17th of May, 1673, set out on their perilous voyage to rediscover the great river. Coasting along the northern shore of Lake Michigan they entered Green Bay, and passed thence up Fox River and Lake Winnebago to a village of the Muscatines ("Mascoutens") and Miamis, where great interest was taken in the expedition by the natives. Procuring guides they proceeded up the river. Arriving at a portage between the Fox and Wisconsin, they soon carried their light canoes and scanty baggage to the latter stream, about three miles distant. Their guides now refused to accompany them further, and endeavored, by reciting the dangers incident to the voyage,

to induce them to return. They stated that huge demons dwelt in the great river, whose voices could be heard a long distance, and who engulfed in the raging waters all who came within their reach. They also represented that if any of them should escape the dangers of the river, fierce tribes of Indians dwelt upon its banks ready to complete the work of destruction. The explorers proceeded on their journey, however, and on the 17th of June, with joy inexpressible, pushed their frail barks out on the bosom of the stately Mississippi, 132 years after its first discovery by De Soto. Journeying down the mysterious stream, which Marquette named the "Conception," they passed the mouths of the Illinois, Missouri and Ohio, landing at various places, and, after proceeding up the Arkansas a short distance, at the advice of the natives, they turned their faces northward. After several weeks of hard toil they reached the Illinois, up which stream they proceeded to Lake Michigan, and entered Green Bay in September of the same year, having traveled a distance of 2,500 miles in a little more than four months.

About the time of Marquette's return, Robert de La Salle, of Normandy, set about discovering a northwest passage to China and Japan, the scientific men of that time generally coinciding in the belief that such a passage existed in the direction of the great lakes. He was accompanied from France by an Italian named Tonti, and was joined in his enterprise by Louis Hennepin, a Franciscan friar of a bold and ambitious disposition. After various hindrances and perils they arrived at the present site of Peoria, on the Illinois River, where they built a fort, which, on account of their many vicissitudes, they named Creve Coeur, or Broken Heart. There they separated, Hennepin turning northward to discover, if possible, the source of the Mississippi; La Salle, after visiting Canada, to perfect his arrangements, descending that river in search of its mouth, and Tonti remaining at Creve Coeur in command of men and supplies left at that point. La Salle reached the junction of the Illinois and Mississippi Rivers, in February, 1682, and on the 5th of April following, passed safely through one of the three channels by which the latter stream discharges its waters into the Gulf of Mexico. Three days afterward, with the most imposing ceremonies, La Salle took formal possession of the country in the name of Louis XIV., the reigning king of France, in whose honor he named it Louisiana. The region thus acquired by the French embraced territory on both sides of the Mississippi, and comprising rather indefinite limits, included the present States of Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee, Arkansas and Missouri.

La Salle subsequently returned to Canada, thence to France, and led an expedition to the Gulf of Mexico for the purpose of entering the Mississippi at its mouth, and establishing settlements in Louisiana. Being unable to find the mouth of the river, he landed upon the coast of Texas, and after some fruitless wanderings, was shot by one of his own disaffected followers. However, he had effectually opened the way for the French occupancy of the Mississippi Valley.

A few years after La Salle's death, forts and colonies were located at Biloxi Bay, Mobile, Natchez, New Orleans and other points farther north. It is a fact worthy of notice that the first French settlements, all of which were projected in the interest of gold and silver mining, were confined entirely to the eastern bank of the river. It was not until 1705 that the Missouri River was explored as far as the mouth of the Kansas. In 1720 Renault, the son of a French iron founder, came to Louisiana for the purpose of engaging in gold and silver mining. He brought with him from France 200 miners and artificers, and purchased 500 slaves at the island of San Domingo. Proceeding up the Mississippi River, he established himself at Fort Chartres, about ten or

fifteen miles above the present site of Ste. Genevieve, on the opposite bank of the stream. From this point he dispatched miners to "prospect" for the precious metals, and they crossed the river to the west bank, and explored what is now Ste. Genevieve County. Although Renault failed to discover either gold or silver, he found lead ore in great abundance, and having built rude furnaces for smelting it, conveyed it on pack horses to Fort Chartres, and thence by boat to New Orleans and France. The date of the actual settlement of Ste. Genevieve is disputed by historians, though all agree that it was the first in the State of Missouri. There is some evidence to support the theory that there might have been inhabitants at this place as early as 1735. The cultivation of tobacco, indigo, rice and silk had already been introduced into the southern part of the province of Louisiana, the lead mines of Missouri were opened, and the culture of wheat was commenced in Illinois. In the meantime the French were firmly establishing their power in the Northwest. By the middle of the eighteenth century (1750) they had control of all the water routes leading from the great lakes to the valley of the Mississippi. They had more than sixty military stations from Lake Ontario via Green Bay, the Chicago and Illinois, or St. Joseph and Wabash Rivers to the Mississippi.

In 1762 M. d'Abadie, at that time director general and civil and military commandant of Louisiana, granted to a certain company the exclusive right to trade with the Indians of Missouri, and indeed of all the Northwest, for a term of eight years. At the head of this company was M. Pierre Laclede Liguest—Laclede, as he is generally known, a man of ability, foresight and experience. He left New Orleans in August, 1763, and arrived in Missouri the following November. It will be remembered that all the French settlements, except that of Ste. Genevieve, were on the east side of the river, and consequently included in the territory ceded to England. At the one small village west of the Mississippi there was no building large enough to contain one-quarter of M. Laclede's merchandise. M. De Noyon, the commandant at Fort Chartres, hearing of Laclede's dilemma, offered him room for his goods until the occupation of the fort by the English. Laclede readily availed himself of this generous offer, and repaired to Fort Chartres, where he deposited his effects, and then turned his attention to finding a site near the Missouri River suitable for his enterprise. Ste. Genevieve he rejected, both on account of its distance from that stream and its unhealthful situation. Accompanied by his stepson, a lad of fourteen, named August Chouteau, he explored the region thoroughly, and fixed upon the place of his settlement. Upon returning to the fort he assured De Noyon and his officers that he had found a situation where he would form a settlement which might become, hereafter, "one of the finest cities of America." Thus readily did his sagacious mind appreciate the advantages of this location. Navigation being open, early in February of 1764 Laclede sent thirty men, in charge of Chouteau, to the place designated, with orders to clear the land, build a large shed to shelter the tools and provisions, and also erect some small cabins for the men. On the 14th of February the work was commenced. Early in April, Laclede himself arrived, chose the place for his own house, laid out a plan for his village and named it St. Louis, in honor of Louis XV., not knowing that the territory had already been transferred to Spain, and then hastened back to Fort Chartres to remove his goods, as the English garrison was daily expected.

When the British, in 1765, took possession of Fort Chartres, St. Ange removed his troops to St. Louis, then recognized as the capital of Upper Louisiana. M. d'Aubry, who was acting-governor, *vice* M. d'Abadie, deceased, received the command, and gave St. Ange a permit to take the direction of the commerce of the place. That he did well is testified to by the number of immi-

grants who poured into Missouri, and the general prosperity of the colonists. This was really the beginning of industrial life in southern Missouri.

The Territory of Missouri was established by Act of Congress June 4, 1812, the Council comprising nine members and the House of Representatives thirteen members. In 1818, the people petitioned Congress for Statehood, but not until March 6, 1820, was the prayer of the petition granted in the celebrated Missouri Compromise." In June of that year the convention to adopt a constitution was held, and the articles adopted forwarded to Washington, and there considered in November, 1820, and February, 1821, but not until August 10, 1821, did President Monroe sign the proclamation making Missouri the twenty-fourth State of the Republic. The governors under French rule, were: April 9, 1682, Robert Cavalier de La Salle; 1698 to July 22, 1701, Sauvalle; 1701 to May 17, 1713, Bienville; 1713 to March 9, 1717, Lamothe Cadillac; 1717 to March 9, 1718, Del Epinay; 1718 to January 16, 1724, Bienville; 1724 to 1726, Boisbriant; 1726 to 1733, Perier; 1733 to May 10, 1743, Bienville; 1743 to February 9, 1753, Vaudreuil; 1753 to June 29, 1763, Kerlerec; 1763 to February 4, 1765, d'Abadie; February, 1765, M. d'Aubry, acting. From July 17, 1765, to May 20, 1770, Louis St. Ange de Bellerive was commandant.

Under the Spanish Government the lieutenant-governors were: May 20, 1770, to May 19, 1775, Pedro Piernas; 1775 to June 17, 1778, Francisco Cruzat; 1778 to June 8, 1780, Fernando De Leyba; 1780 to September 24, 1780, Silvio Franc. Cartabona; 1780 to November 27, 1787, Franc. Cruzat; 1787 to July 21, 1792, Manuel Perez; 1792 to August 29, 1799, Zenon Trudeau; 1799, to March 9, 1804, C. Dehault Delassus.

Under the United States Government the commandants were: March 10, 1804, to October 1, 1804, Capt. Amos Stoddard, who was also agent and commissioner of the French Government for one day, from March 9 to March 10, 1804.

Under the District of Louisiana the governors were: October 1, 1804, to March 3, 1805, William Henry Harrison. The District of Louisiana was at this time attached to the Territory of Indiana, of which Gen. Harrison was governor. The territorial governors of Louisiana were: 1805 to 1806, Gen. James Wilkinson; last part of 1806, Joseph Brown, acting; May, 1807 to October, 1807, Frederick Bates, acting; 1807 to September, 1809, Merriwether Lewis; September, 1809, to September 19, 1810, Frederick Bates acting; 1810 to November 29, 1812, Benjamin Howard, acting; 1812 to December 7, 1812, Frederick Bates, secretary and acting governor; and the delegates to Congress were: Edward Hempstead, 1811–14; Rufus Easton, 1814–17; John Scott, 1817–20. Since the admission of the State the following named have occupied the gubernatorial chair: Alexander McNair, 1820–24; Frederick Bates, 1824–25; Abraham J. Williams, *vice* Bates, 1825; John Miller, *vice* Bates, 1826–28; John Miller, 1828–32; Dunklin, resigned; appointed surveyor-general of the United States, 1832–36; L. W. Boggs, *vice* Dunklin, 1836; Lilburn W. Boggs, 1836–40; Thomas Reynolds (died 1844) 1840–44; M. M. Marmaduke, *vice* Reynolds; John C. Edwards, 1844–48; Austin A. King, 1848–52; Sterling Price, 1852–56; Trusten Polk, resigned 1856–57; Hancock Jackson, *vice* Polk, 1857; Robert M. Stewart, *vice* Polk, 1857–60; C. F. Jackson (1860), office vacated by ordinance; Hamilton R. Gamble, *vice* Jackson—Gov. Gamble died 1864; William P. Hall, *vice* Gamble, 1864; Thomas C. Fletcher, 1864–68; Joseph W. McClurg, 1868–70; B. Gratz Brown, 1870–72; Silas Woodson, 1872–74; Charles H. Hardin, 1874–76; John S. Phelps, 1876–80; Thomas T. Crittenden, 1880–84; John S. Marmaduke (died 1887), 1884–88; A. P. Morehouse, *vice* Marmaduke; David R. Francis, 1888–92; Wm. J. Stone, the present executive, was elected in 1892.

The discovery of the country of the "Six Bulls" by an English speaking

traveler is credited to Edmund Jennings, a North Carolinian, but an old settler of Jackson, Tenn., who is said to have been the first English-speaking traveler in this region. About ninety years ago, this adventurer set out to hunt through the western wilds and for fifteen years lived, hunted, trapped and fished with the Indians. After his friends had almost forgotten the fact of his existence he appeared among them in Indian dress, scarcely able to speak the language of his race. The people of Jackson and other Tennessee counties gathered in to listen to his stories of travel. He called the Ozark Region the "Country of the Six Boills," pronouncing the name as if written "Six Bulls" on account of the six great springs which feed Indian, Shoal, Center, Spring and North Fork creeks, and, when the pioneers came in, they observed the name as pronounced by Jennings. When the first settlers came they found the country a vast wilderness, inhabited by wild animals and frequented by the Indians, and in place of roads nothing but Indian trails or paths. Wild game and wild honey were abundant. The buffalo had fled westward, and soon became extinct in this part of the country. The bears not disposed to flee from their native haunts remained, until finally they have become practically extinct. Though a war of extermination has been waged against the wolves and the animals of the cat kind, a few of them still remain in the unsettled portions of the country. Some of the smaller animals still exist in considerable numbers. Of the wild turkey and duck, once so abundant, enough remain to amuse the hunters. The elk have disappeared, but deer are found to such an extent that venison is not considered a very great rarity. In the winter season rabbit and quail are the kinds of game now mostly acquired by the hunters, though the pigeon roosts offer them sport and profit. The native small birds remain in great numbers, while the forests give shelter and mast to all birds or beasts, which are residents or visitors.

Before the territory composing this region was settled by the whites it was inhabited by the same tribes of Indians that occupied the Territory of Arkansas. Under treaties with the United States they had abandoned this part of the country before its settlement began, but they continued to return annually on hunting excursions for a number of years, much to the annoyance of the settlers, though they were not hostile. The annoyance consisted of some trifling depredations which the whites magnified, so that their old enemies might fall lower in Caucasian esteem.

The pioneers' cabins were generally made of logs, sometimes hewed on two sides and sometimes not hewed at all. When hewed, the logs were put up with the flat surfaces on the inside and outside of the building. The cracks were filled with "chinking," and this was daubed over with mud. The form of the cabin was always an oblong square, with a huge fireplace in one end. The fireplace was set back in a crib composed of logs, with the face even with the inner wall. This crib was heavily lined with stone and mortar, built up on a hearth made of flat stones. On the top of the stone and mortar lining was made a stick-and-mud chimney, the latter always being entirely on the outside of the building, and extending a little above the comb of the roof. The cabin was only one story in height, and was covered with clapboards resting on poles running the long way of the building and weighted down with other poles. One or two small openings were cut out for windows, in which greased paper, when it could be had, was often substituted for glass. The floor was made of puncheons, prepared wholly with an ax, and laid down on "sleepers." The door was made of light puncheons or heavy clapboards, fastened together with pins and hung on wooden hinges. This is a fair description of the completed "pioneer's cabin." All the tools required in building it were an ax, broadax, froe and auger. Many such a cabin was built without the use of a

nail, and many of them come down to our own times, excelling in construction their modern neighbors.

The early settlers occupied themselves principally in making clearings, cultivating garden patches and raising hogs and cattle. They also hunted, dealt in furs and traded with the Indians. The bee tree furnished them with honey, the forests with deer and other large game, the rivers with fish, and their lands with corn. The women engaged in carding, spinning and weaving, as well as cabin-keeping, and sometimes aided their husbands in the cultivation of the ground. "Log rollin's," "corn shuckin's," and "cabin raisin's" were occasions which young and old enjoyed. There was abundance of fine deer, bear and turkey, while elk, beavers, muskrats, foxes, wildcats, catamounts, panthers and wolves were found also. Venison, bear meat and turkey constituted their chief meat, together with their own domestic stock. Then as now, the excellent water and grazing made stockraising the most extensive and profitable of all industries; in fact there was little else.

The squatter only camped long enough to (with the help of his willing neighbors) cut, shape and raise logs into a cabin; they were all glad to have a new neighbor; no one asked "who is my neighbor?" Any one within thirty or forty miles was a neighbor. The "stills" gave a kind of cheer to log raisings; and the hewn, mudplastered, whitewashed cabin was the "residence" of those days. The hills furnished the stone fireplace and for the chimney, sticks and mud for the poorer, and stone for the more able; and how often when the cold nights began would the family, the cat and dog, draw near to the warm hearth inside, while on the warm chimney shoulder outside the fowls would roost! The spinning-wheel sat near when all was done; the gun hung on pegs out of the children's reach; fur hides were placed on some part of the house to cure; the boys lost their coonskin caps; the girls admired their homespun dress in some clear spring which furnished water for the family; the grandfather reached his cob or clay pipe down into the ashes below the blazing backlog for a live coal; sometimes the doleful howl or scream of some animal startled them; supper steamed in a great kettle sitting on or hung over the coals in the fireplace; after that often the neighbors (ten or fifteen miles distant) would come in, and sometimes "the new preacher" would read the Bible and preach; and sometimes "it 'ud be uh spellin' school" with "Webster's spellin' book;" other times "thu young'uns 'ud have uh dancin' party," and walnuts, hickory-nuts, pop-corn, cider and apples would be set out; the "corn shuckin'" and "quiltin'" were not missed either. Sometimes the father or mother would have the girls and boys point out "a" and "round o" and "crooked s," and so learn to read in a spelling book or the Bible. The courier postman seldom brought letters, and still more rarely, newspapers.

While many of the pioneers were illiterate they knew the benefits of a common education and determined to give such benefits to their children. The log cabin had its benches of slab, and otherwise it was not unlike the homes the children came from, walking various distances, often five and six, and sometimes ten miles. They knew, however, that the school "master" or "marm" was only hired for two or three months. There were not many to come, but when they did arrive they were under the martial law of the master's "code of rules;" these he read to them first; they were far more numerous than the Ten Commandments, and corporal punishment was the alternative if they chose not to obey the least of them. They were to bow when they entered and bow when they left the schoolroom, and work in the interval. All the old Webster's Spelling Books in the region were gathered together for the use of the school; all the little New Testaments were brought likewise; a few had Pike's, Smiley's or Fowler's Arithmetic, which contained

the object of their highest ambition, "The Rule of Three." These were the tools for "spellin', readin' 'n 'rithmetic." 'Ritin' compelled the use of ink, which was made from oak-balls or blackberry root and copperas, but the "master" or "marm" must be skilled enough to make the quill pens or make pens from beech switches—a use of the latter greatly preferred by the pupils, no doubt. The master wrote out a "copy" of some legend as "Improve your time," and the maid and urchin would perspire in endeavoring to make his or her "fist" take such positions and motions as would produce hieroglyphics intended to read and look like the "copy." It is not known whether there were turbulent spirits who found the "practical," as opposed to intellectual, jokes interesting, such as filling the fireplace with snow, covering the chimney with a board, locking out the teacher, etc., *ad infinitum*, but they, no doubt, had their lights and shades in those days here as elsewhere.

The railroads of the Ozark Region in Missouri are the St. Louis & San Francisco, which enters in Phelps County, and leaves the State at the Indian boundary line in Newton County; the Kansas City, Springfield & Memphis, the St. Louis & Iron Mountain and the tributary roads of the first two named systems, together with the new road now building southward from Springfield. The rich mineral and agricultural country from the west line of Howell to the east line of Stone County, and from the south line of Christian and Douglas Counties to the State line is yet wanting in railroad facilities, together with a large section of country west of the Iron Mountain System.

The statistics of population in the Ozark Region of Missouri give the following figures:

NAME OF COUNTY.	1840.	1850.	1860.	1870.	1880.	1890.
Barry	4,795	3,467	7,995	10,378	14,405	22,943
Carter	.....	.....	1,235	1,455	2,168	4,659
Christian	.....	.....	5,491	6,707	9,628	14,017
Dallas	.....	3,648	5,892	8,383	9,263	12,647
Dent	.....	.....	5,654	6,357	10,646	12,149
Douglas	.....	.....	2,414	3,915	7,753	14,111
Greene	5,372	12,785	13,186	21,549	28,801	48,616
Howell	.....	.....	3,169	4,218	8,814	18,618
Iron	.....	.....	5,842	6,278	8,183	9,119
Jasper	.....	4,228	6,883	14,928	32,019	50,500
Laclede	.....	2,498	5,182	9,380	11,524	14,701
McDonald	.....	2,236	4,038	5,226	7,816	11,283
Newton	3,790	4,268	9,319	12,821	18,947	22,108
Oregon	.....	1,432	3,009	3,287	5,721	10,467
Ozark	.....	2,294	2,447	3,368	5,618	9,795
Phelps	.....	.....	5,714	10,506	12,568	12,686
Polk	8,449	6,186	9,995	12,445	15,734	20,389
Pulaski	6,529	3,998	3,835	4,714	7,250	9,387
Reynolds	.....	1,849	3,173	3,756	5,722	6,803
Ripley	2,856	2,880	3,747	3,175	5,377	8,512
Shannon	.....	1,199	2,284	2,339	3,441	8,898
Stone	.....	.....	2,400	3,253	4,404	7,090
Taney	3,264	4,373	2,576	4,407	5,599	7,973
Texas	.....	2,313	6,067	9,618	12,206	19,406
Webster	.....	.....	7,099	10,434	12,175	15,177
Wright	.....	3,387	4,508	5,684	9,712	14,484

Barry County as organized in 1835 comprised all the territory now known as Barry, Newton, McDonald, Lawrence, Dade, Barton, Jasper, and part of Cedar Counties. The seat of justice was fixed two miles west of the present

Pierce City. With the exception of Greene County, organized in 1833, Crawford County, as established January 23, 1829, embraced all southwest Missouri down to 1835. White River, Roaring River and Flat Creek are the principal streams. A few prairies and a number of beautiful valleys point out old Barry as a region fit for the gods to dwell in. Lead and other mineral deposits abound, while timber is large and plenty. Much, if not all, of the territory of the present counties of Stone and Barry was granted years ago by the Spaniards, who claimed the county, and whose miners worked here. The county is only partially developed, and in the matter of its minerals may be said to be undeveloped.

Carter County was organized March 10, 1859, and named after Zimri Carter. Its rich bottom lands, clear rivers, deep cliffs, mineral deposits and timber recommended it to the pioneers, so that when the district was set off as a county there were at least 1,000 persons within its boundaries, which number increased to 1,235 within a year. Van Buren, the old county seat, is in the northern part on Current River.

Christian County was detached from Greene County, March 8, 1860, and organized that year. The James, Finley, Swan, Buffalo and Panther afford drainage to every section. Lead ore abounds, while lumber and fertile valley lands aid in making this district naturally rich. Wells erected a small cabin on the banks of Finley Creek in 1822, and the Pettijohn party arrived the same year. The Delawares entailed many troubles and anxieties on the pioneers, until their removal to Kansas in 1836. During the war the county was almost robbed of its inhabitants, the courthouse was burned and Federal and Confederate aimed to destroy it forever. Ozark, the county seat, Kenton, formerly Linden (surveyed in 1847), Billings, Bull's Mills, Sparta, Chadwick and Minersville are the principal settlements.

The population of Christian County in 1890 was 14,017, divided as follows: Benton Township, 408 (or 175 decrease in ten years), Finley Township, including Ozark Village, 2,670; Gallaway, 1,370; Lincoln, 1,353; Linden, 775 (a decrease of 875 in ten years), Linn, 635, Logan, 411; North and South Marion Townships, 1,237; Polk (including Billings Village), 2,236; Porter, 1,077, and Sparta, 1,793. The population of Ozark in 1890 was 490 and of Billings, 464. In 1880 there were 235 inhabitants in the first and 129 in the second named villages. The postoffices are Aisle, Billings, Boaz, Cassidy, Chadwick, Clever, Eaudevie, Elkhead, Garrison, Griffin, Highlandville, Hope, Kenton, Nixa, Ozark, Pembina, Reno, Riverdale, Selmore, Sparta, Spokane and Velsor. Like its sister counties to the east and west, it adds cotton and tobacco to the catalogue of staple products, such as grains and fruits—West Plains being the *entrepot* or principal cotton and tobacco market for that section of country.

Dallas County was first settled in 1833 by Mark Reynolds and family, who moved on from Polk County, where he located in 1831. In 1837 the Wilkinson family arrived and the same year a large number of immigrants built their cabins here. The animals of the forest ruled here even for many years after the coming of the pioneers. Under authority of the acts of January 29, 1841, and February 15, 1841, the county was organized, and from that date the development of the territory may be said to date.

Dent County was organized out of Crawford and Shannon Counties in 1851, but it was not until 1853 that the county seat was established. The iron ore found and developed here is only one of the minerals along the Current and Meramec Rivers. Indian burial mounds have been discovered, while the caves in the Meramec Bluffs yield evidences of a prehistoric settlement. In 1828 George Cole cleared a farm here, while the Thorntons, Trotmans and Woolivers came a year later. In 1835 Louis Dent arrived, yet John Jones

entered the first tract of public land in 1829, but not until the coming of Dent were the true beginnings of settlement made.

Douglas County was organized October 19, 1857, and named in honor of Stephen A. Douglas. In 1864 territory from Webster and Taney Counties was attached, and in 1872 other territorial changes were authorized, until, in 1876, it contained 810 square miles. The Big Beaver, Bryant Creek, the north fork of White River and other mountain streams are found here. There is no prairie land within its limits, but the valleys are exceedingly fertile and the sides of the ranges capable of high cultivation. Vera Cruz, on Bryant's Creek, was formerly the county seat, but Ava is now the possessor of the courthouse. Falling Springs, Little Beaver, Prior's Store, Arno, Richville and Salt Road are old settlements. The population of Douglas in 1890 was 14,111, scattered through the following named townships: Benton, including Ava Village, 1,215; Boone, 949; Buchanan, 784; Campbell, 806; Cass, 1,346; Clay, 778; Clinton, 1,668; Finley, 1,278; Jackson, 741; Lincoln, 711; Richland, 1,366; Spring Creek, 895; Walls, 930; and Washington, 644. The population of Ava was 221 against 134 in 1880. The postal villages of Douglas are Arden, Arno, Ascot, Ava, Beaver, Biggs, Bryant, Buckhart, Cold Springs, Dogwood, Drury, Falling Springs, Florilla, Girdner, Goodhope, Idumea, John's Mills, Larissa, Little Beaver, Omba, Ottomer, Phlegeton, Redbank, Richville, Rippee, Rome, Roy, Sedan, Silverton, Smallett, Squires, Topaz, Upshaw, Vanzant, Vera Cruz, Vida and Witty.

Greene County was organized January 2, 1833, and named in honor of Nathaniel Greene, a soldier of the Revolution, while the county seat, Springfield, derives its name from the seat of justice of Robertson County, Tenn., whence many of the pioneers of Greene came. When John S. Phelps settled here in 1837, Springfield was an insignificant village of the prairie. How it has grown in wealth and population, in the influence of its professional men, merchants and manufacturers, the history of Missouri tells, while the *Record of the County*, published in 1893, shows the work of its leading citizens. In war days it was a meeting place for the champions of Federalism and Confederacy, the troops of each party playing peek-a-boo in and round Springfield for some years. In its neighborhood the short, sanguinary battle of Wilson's Creek was fought, and many bloody forays were made. In 1840 it had 5,372 inhabitants; in 1890, 48,616, and yet it is but sparsely settled and only in the infancy of its industrial life. Joe Philibert, who settled at the old Delaware town in 1822, is said to have been the pioneer of the county.

Howell County was organized in 1857, the territory being taken from Oregon and Ozark Counties. During the war the people were subjected to the tyranny of both armies, and practically robbed of its people and wealth, not more than fifty families remaining. Pine, oak and hickory abound, the valleys show a very rich soil and the uplands a sandy loam, when not covered with conglomerate rocks and flint. Iron and lead ores exist in commercial quantities. In 1838 a pioneer settlement was made near West Plains, and the development of the soil was begun. Since that time the country has become a cotton and tobacco producer, but the cultivation of the staple grains is attended to and great crops of corn, wheat and oats are raised. The county was credited with 18,618 inhabitants in 1890, of whom there were 1,865 in Benton Township, 664 in Chapel, 1,482 in Day Creek, 1,120 in Goldsberry (including Mountain View Village), 3,906 in Howell (including 2,091 in West Plains City), 1,176 in Hutton Valley, 882 in Myatt, 1466 in Sisson, 1,141 in South Fork, 2,129 in Spring Creek, 2,787 in Willow Springs (including 813 in the first and 722 in the second ward of Willow Springs City, or 1,535 urban). The postal towns are Amy, Bly, Brandsville, Burnham, Chapin, China, Christy, Cobalt,

Cordz, Cottbus, Cureall, Grimmet, Homeland, Hutton Valley, Lanton, Lebo, Moody, Mott, Mountain View, Olden, Peace Valley, Pottersville, Siloam Springs, South Fork, Sterling, West Plains, White Church and Willow Springs.

Laclede County was organized February 24, 1849, and named in honor of the founder of St. Louis, while Lebanon, the county seat, was suggested by a town of that name in Tennessee, from which a number of the pioneers came. It is one of the twenty-six counties of the Ozark Region in Missouri, possessing fine physical features and not wanting in natural curiosities. Sulphuret of lead and zinc, hematite and good building stone abound. The original occupants were the Osage Indians, a powerful tribe that began to fall the moment commercial civilization touched their customs. In 1817 James Harrison, John B. Harrison, John Duncan and William E. Hawkins settled on the banks of the Gasconade, but Jesse Ballew is said to have been the first English-speaking pioneer of the county. In 1825 a number of immigrants came in, mills were established and material advances made. Between 1835 and 1840 the public lands were surveyed and in the forties the beginnings of true development were made.

Iron County was formed February 17, 1857, out of portions of Dent, Reynolds, Washington, Madison, St. Francois and Wayne Counties. The name is derived from its principal mineral, as is the name of its county seat. Ephraim Stout built a log house in Arcadia Valley as early as 1805; then came Looney Sharp and his sons; but not until 1838, when Cyrus Russell came and purchased a large tract of land, did immigrants arrive in large numbers.

Jasper County, organized January 29, 1841, is said to have been first settled by John Jewell, an Indian trader. Centreville, now named Sarcoxie, was surveyed in 1834. Timber and minerals abound; one-seventh of the area is bottom land, but there are a few prairie tracts. Spring River is the principal stream, but many smaller creeks afford drainage to every section. The name was conferred to perpetuate that of Sergeant Jasper, of Revolutionary fame.

McDonald County, formed under the act of March 3, 1849, was settled as early as 1827 by Valentine (Felty) Miller, his wife, Katy Workman, and his son, Levi. The Matthews family came next, and in the forties a large number of pioneers came in. Though the county is in one of the most favored regions on the continent, enterprise lay dormant and little was accomplished toward the development of its magnificent natural resources. Mineral springs, such as those at Indian Springs, are found throughout the county, and the crystal Cowskin River flows through it.

Newton County was established under authority of the act of December 31, 1838, but subsequent acts relating to its boundaries became laws. The first white settler came in in the spring following the drouth of 1828, but returning to Arkansas, did not bring his family to Oliver's Prairie until 1830. In 1832 a little colony came in, and in 1833 the Ritcheys and many others made their homes here. A reference to the statistics will point out the advance in population. Its natural wealth is undoubtedly great and its citizens enterprising.

Oregon County was organized in 1845. Eleven Points River, which rushes from the base of a high hill, with its feeders Spring, Hurricane, White, Dry, Pine, Frederick and Warm Fork Creeks, and Barren Creek, are the great drainers of this division of the State. Pine and hardwood forests, and the best lead and iron ores are found almost everywhere within its boundaries. Alton, the seat of justice, is a small, semi-southern village. Oregon County was credited with 10,467 inhabitants in 1890, against 5,791 in 1880. The population is divided as follows: Cedar Bluff Township, 495; Falling Springs, 180; Highland, 450; Job, 915; Johnson, 494; King, 412; Lynn (including the

1,143 in Thayer Village), 3,184; Moore, 740; Oak Grove, 1,798; Piney, 1,064, and Woodside, 735. The postal villages are Alton, Attie, Bandyville, Billmore, Brawley, Couch, Garfield, Greer, Griswold, Jeff, Job, Many Springs, Mitch, Myrtle, Thayer, Thomasville, Wilderness and Woodside. The physical characteristics of the county do not vary much from those of Howell on the west and Ripley on the east; grain crops with cotton and tobacco find a soil and climate adapted to them and bring rich rewards to the planters.

Ozark was organized January 29, 1841, but in 1843 the name was changed to Decatur, which it held until 1845, when the original name was restored. One-half the area is timber and mineral land, the other half capable of the highest cultivation. In Centennial Year there were seven grist mills in operation, and about the same number of saw mills. Like sister counties, lead and iron ores of fine quality exist, but for some reason the development of minerals has never met with as much favor from the people as the cultivation of their grain, cotton and tobacco fields.

Ozark County had 9,795 inhabitants in 1890, against 5,618 in 1880. Of this total, 1,759 were in Bayou Township, 1,695 in Bridges (including 175 in Gainesville Village), 992 in Jackson, 1,666 in Jasper, 1,866 in Marion and 1,817 in Richland. The postoffices are Almartha, Ambrose, Bakersfield, Dillia, Dit, Dora, Eggleston, Fay, Gainesville, Grabeel, Igo, Isabella, Lutie, Noble, Oak Mound, Pontiac, Prestonia, Rockbridge, Romance, Sharp, Sycamore, Theodosia, Thornfield, Trail and Udall.

The caves of Ozark Region have been but little explored. A part of the marble cave has, however, been lighted up by the inquirers' torch, and the following description of subterranean travels has been given to the world: There seems no reason for its having been kept so modestly in the background, or rather in the deep underground, other than the inaccessibility of its location in the Ozark Uplift, where nature seems to have been so prodigal in her gifts of fruit, game and balmy clime. The awe which attaches itself to the Marble Cave is well expressed by a native of the locality in the following reply to the traveler's question: "Yes, the cave's powerful big, and folks that have gone down into it don't know where it ends, but you'll excuse me from goin' into it and mixin' up with bats and fallin' into rivers that haint no beginnin' nor end, and one full of varmints without eyes. No, sir-ee! There was a professor came down from Kansas City once and told us how the thing was a volcany and how the whole top of the hill had blew in, and the stalagmites, as he called them, at the bottom had just biled up and friz. The blamed thing might take it into its head to do the same thing again. No, sir-ee, you don't ketch me goin' down thar!" A guide was found, however, and the descent into the cave was begun. Around is an animated wall of slimy bats, suspended like a curtain, and this wall extends almost to the bottom of the shaft. The bottom of the chasm is reached and a sense of security actually fills one, despite the realization that the grandest court of eternal darkness ever known surrounds the explorer. With a soul full of awe, his vision gradually accustoms itself to space that almost confounds imagination. Weird shadows and wraiths gradually disappear. Then witches and magnesium ribbon begin to light up the encircling gloom so that the incrustations of chalcedony and onyx, their veinings resembling beautiful vines and blossoms turned suddenly to stone, stand out in bold relief. What an amphitheater for giants—an apartment enthusiasts declare to be 700 feet long and 225 feet high, in which the Chicago Auditorium would seem insignificant. Over in the corner is the great white throne, sixty-five feet high, a stalagmite of purest white marble, appearing an atom in this Thor apartment. Half way up the rear side of the great cave a health-giving fountain of purest water gushes in a feathery mass of spray.

Above it hang long stalactites, like cherubs in a fairy campanile, which on being struck emit sounds of exquisite harmony.

At every point of the compass labyrinths start from this great central chamber. Some passages, upheld by fluted columns like corridors in the grandest of earth's palaces, lead thirty miles, so far as already explored, with probability of extending perhaps hundreds more through the Ozark Uplift, which seems honeycombed by caverns. Some of the passages beginning with ceilings thirty feet high suddenly close down to two and a half feet, forming "crawls," in which the hardy explorer must imitate the serpent in his method of locomotion if he would progress at all. Then, as suddenly as the walls have closed above him, he will rise all clay-bedaubed and stretch himself in apartments almost rivaling the great amphitheater. Now that he has crawled so far he will not shrink from the "crawl" that follows "Lost River" flowing along its banks fringed with flora, whose white petals have never yet blushed with the kiss of a stray sunbeam, and fish, swimming sightless in limpid waters, to plunge in the vortex of the Gulf of Doom 900 feet below the level of the hillside. This "crawl" is not fraught with so much terror as the nature of the place would seem to suggest. A rather rickety ladder stands beneath the cascade. You are told that at some time there must have been enacted a frightful tragedy here. The ladder itself is certainly of the kind to be found still in Mexico—a pole with holes in it, through which pieces of wood are thrust. It stands near an opening declared to be the remains of an ineffectual attempt at tunneling, and this, together with other indications of having once been the abode of a human being, proves to the mind of the guide at least that it was the death-trap of some victim of man's inhumanity to man. There are the "Springsted Room," "The Battery" (so called from the bat guano that fills it), "Blonde Throne Room," "The Registry Room," sacred to the memory of the few members of the vast contingent who seek immortality by scribbling their names in the most out-of-the-way spots on earth, and the "Mother Hubbard" or "She" Room, evidently so baptized from the resemblance of a huge stalagmite to a woman's form.

The temperature of the cave varies but little from 18° Fahrenheit, although there is a perceptible difference between the "crawls" and the rooms, which, with the exception of "Shower-Bath Room" where a constant condensation is going on, are generally warmer. By the time one has visited as far as the "Gulf of Doom" and is successfully damp with "wet crawls" and mud and dust-coated with "dry crawls," he is content to be led back to daylight and delegate further explorations to posterity.

Phelps County was settled as early as 1818 by James Harrison, Adam Bradford, John York, Jack and John Ducan and a few others. Saltpetre and Spring caves are only a few of its natural curiosities. As early as 1823 William Coppedge, his wife, four sons and two daughters, came to the site of Newburg and entered on the manufacture of powder. In 1825 and 1826 a number of pioneers located here, among them Thomas James, who learned of its iron ore from the Shawnees, of Ohio, and brought one of the braves with him to point out the location of the finest ore. In 1857 the act establishing the county was approved and the name given in honor of a congressman, popular at that time. In 1858 the county seat was established, and in 1860 the townships reorganized, the same year in which the Frisco Railroad was completed to Knob View.

Polk County was organized in March, 1835, but its present limits were not established until 1845. The Osages and Delawares were the occupants in 1832–33 when the Gunters, Jamiesons, Benjamin Looney, and other pioneers came in. The Pomme de Terre and Wilson Creek are the principal streams.

Leith's Cave and other caves are found here; minerals exist waiting for development; hardwood forests present a wealth of timber and the valleys a rich soil, so that this division of the State possesses natural wealth of immense worth.

Pulaski County was settled by Josiah Turpin in 1813, followed by the Johnson, Dulle and Cullen families in 1816, who came here to manufacture gunpowder, and by the Gillaspys, Andersons, Ballews, *et. al.*, in 1817. The notorious Bank of Niangua, the caves in which human skulls were discovered, and the volcanic formations found here, make the territory interesting from every point of view. The post-oak flats and the ridges are the natural excesses, but a great area of fine valley land exists.

Reynolds County was organized out of Washington County February 25, 1845. Henry Fry, who is said to have come from Kentucky in 1812, was the pioneer of the middle fork of Black River. The Henrys, Logans and Hyatts came in soon after. Centerville, the county seat, Lesterville, Logan's Creek and West Fork are old settlements. Hydrated oxide, red hematite, specular and manganese ores and galena are found in good quantity and quality, and as early as 1876 a lead mine was worked. Reynolds County contained 6,803 inhabitants in 1890. Of this number there were 686 in Black River Township, 1,326 in Carroll, 590 in Jackson, 1,032 in Lesterville, 1,781 in Logan and 1,388 in Webb. The postal villages are Alamode, Bee Fork, Black, Centerville, Clones, Edge Hill, Exchange, Greeley, Humboldt, Lesterville, Logan's Creek, McDoe, Munger, Oates, Redford, Tainter, Warren's Store and West Fork. The county being on the eastern border of the Ozark Region contains a larger proportion of arable land to area than the mountain districts. The seasons are as reliable as in the other counties and the grain crops average high.

Ripley County, organized January 5, 1833, is the home of the Eleven Point, Current and Little Black Rivers. In 1837 there were two mills on Current River among the yellow pine forests and flat woods. One merchant established himself at Van Buren, the county seat. Beaufort was established just prior to 1837 on the Big Black, in the midst of the "Maxwell Grant." It was then understood that valuable mineral deposits—lead, silver, copper and iron—existed here, but the period of development was postponed. In Beck's Gazetteer of 1823, there is no mention made of the county or town. During the war wholesale murder was the rule. Doniphan, the county seat, was burned and pillaged, and women and children suffered like the combatants. The population of Ripley in 1890 was 8,512 against 5,722 in 1880. There were 310 inhabitants in Briar Creek Township; 405 in Current River; 1,557 in Doniphan (including 609 in Doniphan Village); 293 in Fourchee; 1,074 in Galewood; 588 in Harris; 326 in Johnson; 449 in Jordan; 796 in Kelley; 322 in Thomas; 1,027 in Union; 353 in Varner and 1,012 in Washington. The postal villages of the county are Bennett, Briar Creek, Doniphan, Dryden, Dry Springs, Fair Dealing, Fernnook, Gamburg, Gatewood, Naylor, Pine, Pleasant Grove, Ponder, Poynor, Tucker and Varner. Like the counties of the southern tier, this is within the cotton belt, but the farmers give more attention to wheat, corn, oats and rye than to cotton or tobacco.

Shannon County, named after George Shannon, was organized in 1841. In 1819 the English-speaking pioneers discovered copper and iron ore, and a number of men located here; but not until 1858–59, when land was offered at 12½ cents an acre, did people flock into the valleys. Near Eminence are the historic copper mines, worked, it is said, by the Spaniards in the sixteenth century, as they were in 1876, by the modern miners. Guerrillas did much injury to life and property during the war, destroying the county seat and many of the little settlements, but modern enterprise has repaired this loss, and Shan-

non County of to-day is a very different little commonwealth from that of 1861. The population in 1890—8,898—was divided as follows: Birch Tree Township (including 535 in Birch Tree Village), 1,688; Blair Creek, 207; Bowlan, 264; Casto, 362; Delaware, 325; Eminence, 920; Jackson, 520; Jasper, 297; Montier, 836; Moore, 309; Newton, 412; Pike Creek, 418; Spring Valley, 424; and Winona Township (including 602 in Winona Village), 1,916. The postoffices are Akers, Alley, Bartlett, Birch Tree, Cedar Grove, Eminence, Gang, Ink, Lightfoot, Low Wossie, Monteer, Not, Oakside, Pulltight, Round Spring, Russell, Shawnee, Sinkin and Winona. The land is constituted like that of Texas on the west and Reynolds on the east, all the valleys being fertile and many of the plateaus succeptible of high cultivation.

Stone County is said to have received its first pioneer as early as 1790. He located among the Delawares, who were the aboriginal inhabitants. In 1833 Tennessee and Kentucky sent their sons into the wilderness to open up the country near the confluence of the James and White Rivers, and to that year we must look for the beginning of industrial life here. The caves of Stone County, twenty-five of which were explored prior to 1876, are interesting and instructive from every point of view. One mile from Galena is a large cave in which the early settlers found saltpetre, and some miles southeast of Galena is the Marble Cave. The minerals common to this section of Missouri abound here. Fine forests, fine rivers and fine soil, in valley and upland, offer unusual advantages to the people. Galena, the county seat, formerly known as Jamestown, is in the midst of a picturesque country and the whole county is one of the fairest regions beyond the Mississippi. The county boasted of 7,090 inhabitants in 1890, against 4,404 in 1880. In Cass Township there were 970; in Flat Creek, 645; in Grant, 1,361; in James, 350; in Pierce, 864; in Pine, 354; in Ponce de Leon, 301; in Ruth, 241; in Washington, 834, and in Williams, 1,170. The postoffice villages are Baxter, Blue Eye, Bradfield, Cape Fair, Carr, Crane, Curran, Galena, Marmaros, Norwalk, Oto, Ponce de Leon, Radical, Redington, Robertson's Mill, Ruth, School and Self. There is no prairie land in this county. The hills are clothed in healthy hardwood, white oak being common. In the southern sections cotton is grown, but as a rule the farmers rely upon their fields for great crops of grain and upon their orchards for great crops of fruit. For at least nine months of the year horses, cattle, swine, sheep and mules may live on the finest range in the country.

Taney County is said to have been settled as early as 1827, when the two Youchums, the three Dentire brothers and McAdoo opened farms on White River. Ten years later the county was organized and named in honor of the great lawyer of the United States Supreme Court. Though the county is mountainous, many beautiful and wide valleys offer to the farmer fields worthy of his toil. Even a large area of the mountain sides reward his labors. In the southwestern townships cotton is grown and lead and zinc ores are found, while everywhere iron and other minerals are accessible. The pine, oak, hickory, maple, walnut and elm grow to maturity here, and in everything nature has lavished gifts upon the territory. The county had 7,973 inhabitants in 1890 against 5,599 in 1880. The population by townships in 1890 was as follows: Beaver, 1,457; Bay Creek, 1,234; Cedar, 580; Jasper, 872; Newton, 707; Oliver, 867; Scott, 381, and Swan, 1,875. The postoffices are Bauff, Bluff, Bradleyville, Branson, Brown Branch, Cedar Creek, Cedar Valley, Day, Forsyth, Hercules, Kirbyville, Kissee Mills, Mincy, Protem, Swan, Taney City, Tidwell and Walnut Shade.

Texas County was organized February 14, 1845, and shortly after Houston was named the county seat. In 1887 lead and zinc mining was methodically carried on, but agriculture is the ruling industry. The surface is rolling and the

land productive. Like other sections of the region it is well adapted to fruit-growing, and everywhere orchards appear in good condition. The county was known in the days of Spanish and French exploration, but not until 1816 did the white pioneers of industry arrive, such as the Petets, who erected saw-mills on the Piney River. In 1826 Dabney Lynch led the way for others to the fertile lands of this division of Missouri.

Webster County is the fountain head of the Niangua and Osage Forks of the Gasconade and of the James, Finley and Pomme de Terre Creeks. It was a favorite hunting ground of the Osages at the beginning of the century, and indeed of the Shawnees. Early in the thirties the white pioneers such as William Mooney, the Flannagans, the Bowers, Starnes, McMahans, Marlins, Fosters, Alcorns and others came in; but the organization of the county was not effected until March 3, 1855, when it was detached from Greene County.

Wright County was established January 29, 1841, and named in honor of Silas Wright, a prominent New York Democrat, while the county seat was named after Mr. Hart. The advent of white settlers dates back to 1826, but not until 1836 did the Delawares, Shawnees and Piankashaws retire from the hunting and fishing grounds of the Gasconade Valley. The "Berry Diggings" in the lead and zinc ores of this county are modern, but years ago attempts were made at successful mining. Like other counties in the Ozark Region, it contained a number of slave owners, and when the Civil War broke over the country, it was carried to excess here.

What has been written on the exploration of Missouri by the French and Spaniards applies generally to the Ozark Region in Arkansas. In 1762 Arkansas passed from the dominion of France into that of Spain, but fell again under French power in 1800, and its affairs were administered by French officers until 1803, when Napoleon sold the whole Louisiana Territory to the United States for $15,000,000. What is now Arkansas has been the possession of the following Indian tribes; no one tribe, it seems, occupying or owning the territory in its entirety, but their possessions extended into the lines, covering a portion of the lands only, and then reaching many degrees, sometimes to the north, south and west: The Osages, a once numerous tribe, numbering 4,000 souls in 1830, were said to own the country south of the Mississippi River to Red River, including a large portion of Arkansas. The Quapaws, also a powerful nation, were the chief possessors, and occupied nearly the whole of the State, "time out of mind;" the Cherokees were forced out of Georgia and South Carolina, and removed west of the Mississippi River in 1836; the Hitchittees were removed from the Chattahouchee River to Arkansas. They spoke the Muskogee dialect, were 600 strong when removed; the Choctaws were removed to the west, after the Cherokees. In 1812 they were 15,000 strong. The Quapaws of all the tribes connected with Arkansas may be regarded as the oldest settlers, having possessed more of its territory in well-defined limits than any of the others. In the early part of the eighteenth century they constituted a powerful tribe. In the year 1720 they were decimated by smallpox; reduced by this and other calamities. In 1820, one hundred years after, they were found scattered along the south side of the Arkansas River, numbering only 700 souls. They never regained their former numerical strength or warlike importance, but remained but a band of wretched, ragged beggars, about whose hunting grounds the white man was ever tightening the lines. By 1839 the old tribes, with the Choctaws, Chickasaws and Cherokees, were all transplanted in the Indian Territory, some of the tribes negotiating their treaties of cession earlier and preceding others to the new hunting grounds.

If there be drawn a line on the map, beginning a few miles west of longitude 91°, in the direction of Little Rock, thence to the north boundary line of

Clark County, just west of the Iron Mountain Railroad, then nearly due west to the west line of the State, the portion north of this line will be the uplands, and south the lowlands. The uplands correspond with the Paleozoic, and lowlands with the Neozoic. The granitic axis outbursts in Pulaski, Saline, Hot Springs, Montgomery, Pike and Sevier Counties, and runs from the northeast to the southwest through the State. In Northern Arkansas the disturbance shows itself in small faults, gentle folds and slightly indurated shales; but nearer the granite axis, greater faults, strata with high dip and talcose slate, intersected with quartz and calcite veins, become common. These disturbances are intimately connected with, and determine to some extent, the character of the mineral deposits of the State. The veins along the granite axis were filled probably with hot alkaline waters depositing the metalliferous compounds they contained.

Almost every variety of land known to the agriculturist can be found, and, for fertility, the soils of the State are justly celebrated. Composed as they are of uplands and lowlands, and a variety of climate, they give a wide range of products. In the south and central portions are produced the finest cotton in the markets, while the uplands yield fruits in abundance and variety.

When De Soto, in June, 1541, discovered the Mississippi River and crossed into (now) Arkansas, and had traveled north into the Territory of Missouri, he heard of the "hot lakes" and turned about and arrived in time where is now Hot Springs. Even then, to the aborigines, this was the best known spot on the continent, and was, and had been for centuries, their great sanitarium. The tribes of the Mississippi Valley had long been in the habit of sending here their invalids, and even long after they were in the possession of the whites it was a common sight to see the camp of representatives of many different tribes. The whites made no improvement in the locality until 1807, but it was not until after the war that real development was inaugurated.

The French were the pioneers of the State. In 1807 the English-speaking settlers began to pour in from Tennessee, Kentucky, Alabama, South Carolina and Georgia, and prior to 1820 many pushed their way into the beautiful Ozark Region. On March 2, 1819, the Territory of Arkansas was created out of Missouri Territory, and on August 3, that year, the first Legislature assembled. On June 15, 1836, Arkansas was admitted to Statehood, there being then only 47,700 inhabitants within its boundaries. The governors since that time are named as follows:

Territory and State.	Year of Election.	Date of Inauguration.	Length of Term.	His Majority or Plurality.	Total Vote Cast at Election.
James Miller.....	Appointed	March 3, 1819	.....	.....	.....
George Izard.....	Appointed	March 4, 1825	.....	.....	.....
John Pope.....	Appointed	March 9, 1829	.....	.....	.....
Wm. Fulton	Appointed	March 9, 1835	.....	.....	.....
J. S. Conway	1836	September 13, 1836	4 years	1,102 M.	7,716
Archibald Yell...	1840	November 4, 1840	4 years	.....	.....
Samuel Adams...	Acting	April 29 to Nov. 9, 1844	.....	.....	.....
T. S. Drew.....	1844	November 5, 1844	5 years	7,731 P.	17,887
J. Williamson	Acting	April 9 to May 7, 1846	.....	.....	.....
R. C. Byrd	Acting	Jan. 11 to April 19, 1849	.....	.....	.....
J. S. Roane	1849	April 19, 1849*	.....	163	6,809
R. C. Byrd	Acting	1849	.....	.....	.....
J. R. Hampton ...	Acting	1851	.....	.....	.....
E. N. Conway....	1852	November 15, 1852	4 years	3,027	27,857
E. N. Conway....	1854	November 17, 1856	4 years	12,363	42,861
H. M. Rector	1860	November 15, 1860	2 years	2,461	61,198
T. Fletcher	Acting	Nov. 4 to Nov. 15, 1862	.....	(no record)	(no record)
H. Flannagin	1862	November 15, 1862	3 years	10,012	26,266
I. Murphy**	1864	April 18, 1864	.....	(no record)	(no record)
P. Clayton**	1868	July 2, 1868	4 years	(no record)	(no record)
O. A. Hadley** ..	Acting	January 17, 1871	2 years	(no record)	(no record)
E. Baxter**.....	1872	January 6, 1873	2 years	2,948	80,721
A. H. Garland ...	1874	November 12, 1874	2 years	76,453	.....
W. R. Miller.....	1876	January 11, 1877	2 years	32,215	108,633
W. R. Miller.....	1878	January 17, 1879	2 years	88,730	.....
T. J. Churchill ...	1880	January 13, 1881	2 years	52,761	115,619
J. H. Berry.....	1882	January 15, 1883	2 years	28,481	147,169
B. T. Embry	Acting	Sept. 25 to Sept. 30, 1883	.....	.....	.....
S. P. Hughes.....	1884	January 17, 1885	2 years	45,236	156,310
J. W. Stayton	Acting	.....	.....	.....	.....
S. P. Hughes.....	1886	.....	2 years	17,411	163,889
D. E. Barker.....	Acting	.....	.....	.....	.....
J. P. Eagle.....	1888	.....	2 years	15,006	187,397
W. M. Fishback..	1892	.....	2 years	24,044	156,186

*Special election. **Republican.

The days of Civil War were no less disastrous to the State than the days of Reconstruction. The first regiment raised in the State was known as the Pat Cleburne regiment. Patrick A. Cleburne, colonel, was soon made a general, and took his brigade east of the Mississippi River. The gallant and dashing leader was killed in the battle of Franklin, November 30, 1864. At the first call to arms he raised a company and named it the Yell Rifles, of which he was first captain, and on the formation of the first regiment he became colonel, rising up and up by rapid promotions to a major-generalship. No less than 40,000 men followed the dashing General's example and went into a war which they believed to be just. Elkhorn or Pea Ridge, Helena, Little Rock, Fayetteville, Red River, and other battlefields speak of the valiant, self-sacrificing men who followed the fortunes of the Confederacy in this State as they did that of the Union in the war against Mexico.

The Memphis & Little Rock Railroad, completed in 1859, is the pioneer iron-way of the State. It was destroyed during the war, but rebuilt when peace was restored. The Little Rock & Fort Smith Railroad commenced in 1871; the Cairo & Fulton, completed from the Mississippi to Texarkana in 1873 and its branches of later date; the Hot Springs Railroad in 1874; the Iron Mountain, completed in 1882, was changed to standard gauge in 1886; the road from Arkansas City to Pine Bluff and Little Rock, completed in 1880; the Pine Bluff & Swan Lake Road, in 1885; the Helena & Clarendon,

changed to standard gauge in 1886; the Kansas City, Fort Scott & Memphis; the Ultima Thule, Arkadelphia & Mississippi, built in 1887, and a number of modern roads constructed or projected may be said to be the work of the three last decades.

The population of the counties in the Ozark Region of Arkansas is given in the following table:

COUNTY.	1830.	1840.	1850.	1860.	1870.	1880.	1890.
Baxter	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6,004	8,527
Benton	.....	2,228	3,710	9,306	13,831	20,327	27,718
Boone	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,032	12,146	15,816
Carroll	.....	2,814	4,617	9,383	5,780	13,337	17,288
Cleburne	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,864
Crawford	2,440	4,266	7,960	7,850	8,957	14,740	21,714
Franklin	.....	2,665	3,972	7,208	9,627	14,951	19,934
Fulton	.....	.....	1,819	4,024	4,843	6,720	10,984
Garland	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9,023	15,328
Hot Spring	458	1,907	3,009	5,635	5,877	7,775	11,603
Howard	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9,917	13,789
Izard	1,266	2,240	3,212	7,215	6,806	10,857	13,088
Johnson	.....	3,433	5,227	7,612	9,152	11,565	16,758
Logan	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14,895	20,774
Madison	.....	2,775	4,823	7,740	8,231	14,455	17,402
Marion	.....	1,325	2,308	6,192	3,979	7,907	10,390
Montgomery	.....	.....	1,958	3,623	2,984	5,729	7,925
Newton	.....	.....	1,758	3,393	4,374	6,120	9,950
Pike	.....	969	1,861	4,025	3,788	6,345	8,587
Polk	.....	.....	1,263	4,262	3,376	5,857	9,288
Pope	1,483	2,850	4,710	7,883	8,386	14,322	19,458
Scott	.....	1,694	3,083	5,142	7,483	9,174	12,635
Searcy	.....	936	1,979	5,271	5,613	7,278	9,664
Sebastian	.....	.....	.....	.....	12,940	19,560	33,200
Sevier	634	2,810	4,240	10,516	4,492	6,192	10,072
Stone	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5,089	7,043
Van Buren	.....	1,518	2,864	5,357	5,107	9,565	8,567
Washington	5,182	7,148	9,970	14,673	17,266	23,884	32,024
Yell	.....	.....	3,341	6,333	8,048	13,852	18,015

The population of the State in 1810 was 1,062; in 1860, 435,450, and in 1890, 1,128,179, of whom 818,752 were whites, and 309,117 negroes.

Baxter County, of which Mountain Home is the county seat, was formed March 24, 1873, but in 1881 the boundary line on the Marion County side was changed. White River forms part of its western boundary and flows through the center of its southern half. Like its sister, Marion, it is divided into ridges and valleys by the numerous feeders of White River. The forests of black jack, oak and pine are valuable, the soil fertile, and the people industrious. Though a new county, from an organic point of view, it is old in its settlement, corresponding with the pioneer period of the adjoining counties in Missouri. The county had 8,527 inhabitants in 1890, against 6,004 in 1880. In Barren Creek Township were 655; in Bayou, 493; in Big Flat, 443; in Buckhorn, 330; in Greenwood, 357; in Independence, 809; in Logan, 541; in Matney, 690; in Null, 401; in Mountain Home (including 242 in Mountain Home Village), 1,322; in North Fork, 486; in Pigeon, 513; in Union, 493; and in Whiteville, 494. The postal villages are Alliance, Amos, Bennetts, Big Flat, Buford, Culp, Gassville, Henderson, Independence, Lone Rock, McPhearson, Mountain Home, Pembina, Wake and Winnerva.

Benton County was formed September 30, 1836, and named in honor of

Thomas H. Benton, as was its county seat. The Osages and Delawares were the original settlers within the historic period. The Cherokees in their journey westward loitered here, but Adam Batie and the pioneers who followed him halted here and made the beginning of progress. John McPheul, Martin Mays and William Bird Keith came in 1830, and made the trail to the fertile valleys of the county.

Boone County was established April 9, 1869, and the name given in honor of the old Kentucky trapper. In 1875 the boundary line on the Marion side was changed. Physically, it is a part of Carroll and Marion Counties and of the adjoining territory in Missouri. The population of Boone County in 1890 was 15,816, divided as follows: Bear Creek Township, 856; Bellefonte (including Bellefonte Village), 1,018; Blythe, 856; Carrollton, 1,129; Crooked Creek, 1,082; Elixir, 716; Ewing, 598; Harrison (including 1,438 in town of Harrison), 2,240; Jackson, 717; Jefferson, 1,119; Lee, 550; Long, 518; Omaha, 532; Prairie, 617; Sugar Loaf (including 333 in the town of Lead Hill), 1,712; Summit, 425; Washington, 754; and Young, 377. The list of postoffices is given as follows: Batavia, Bellefonte, Boone, Burlington, Dugger Mills, Elixir, Elmwood, Francis, Gaither, Harrison, Hill Top, Lowry, Lead Hill, Mallard, Myrtle, Omaha, Oregon, Pedlo, Pleasant Ridge, Rally Hill, Shaver, Sycamore, Valley Springs and Watkins.

Carroll County, organized November 1, 1833, was named in honor of the illustrious Charles Carroll, of Carrollton. In 1838, 1843, 1854, 1857 and 1869 changes of boundary were effected, but Berryville, the seat of justice, remained unmolested. The Indians were the first settlers, but all the red residents found homes westward before 1835. In the "twenties," Louis Russell, an English half-breed, located here. The Sneeds, Williamses, Alexanders, Boyds, Hulseys, Blevinses, Meekses, Standridges, Stones, Dawsons, Tabors and many others came between 1830 and 1833, completing the pioneer circle. The forty-two springs at Eureka are second only to Hot Springs in their curative properties and popularity.

Cleburne County, named in honor of Gen. Patrick A. Cleburne, and its county seat in honor of Col. Louis Heber, was established February 20, 1883. It is a new county, but an old settlement, for there were inhabitants here long before the war. The county was enumerated, as a distinct division of the State, for the first time in 1890, when 7,884 inhabitants were found within its boundaries. The population by townships is as follows: Big Creek, 75; Cadron, (including 327 in Quitman Village), 1,112; California, 396; Clayton, 477; Giles, 1,175; Grassy, 599; Healing Springs, 585; Mountain, 360; Peter Creek, 343; Pine, 455; Saline, 347; South Sugar Loaf (including 322 in the village of Sugar Loaf Springs), 921; Sugar Loaf, 276; and Valley, 402. The postal villages are Almond, Banner, Coras, De Kalb, Gadsden, Gin, Heber, Hiram, Ida, Kinderhook, Madelia, Pearson, Prim, Quitman, Shiloh, Tina, Tyler, Waco, Wolf Bayou and Yuba.

Crawford County, established October 18, 1820, has been parceled out and its lines changed at various periods, so that it is only a fraction of the original Crawford, like its namesake in Missouri. Van Buren is the county seat. The drainage of the county is perfect, nor is it wanting in natural curiosities, such as the dam on Lee's Creek and the Mineral Springs. Coal and other economical minerals abound. The Osages removed in 1825, seven years after David Boyd, the pioneer arrived here. In 1828 the first land entries were recorded. Trading with the Indians was a favorite work of the pioneers, and when the savages moved west the traders continued to deal with them.

Franklin County was formed December 19, 1837, with Ozark as the seat of justice. Like other old counties, its boundaries have been subjected to

changes. Jean Dardenne was granted lands here in 1816, and a few French families came in; two years later the claim was sold to English-speaking pioneers, and the Russells and Millers located near Pleasant Hill. The Cherokees had a village within its boundaries then. After the departure of the Indians, in 1828, many farmers located here, and during the ensuing decade, a stream of immigrants flowed in.

Fulton County dates its organization back to December 21, 1842, when it was detached from Lawrence County, and Salem was selected as the county seat. A part was subsequently set off to Marion, and a part of Lawrence attached. Though the public lands were opened to entry as early as 1836, there were few buyers prior to 1850. In the "twenties" and "thirties" the Archers, Hubbles, Wellses, Brennans, Cobbs, Barkers, Nichols, Eatons and Lewises came in. One of the pioneers stole an Indian pony, but the Indians found their property and punished the thief severely.

Garland County, of which Hot Springs is the seat of justice, was established April 5, 1873. The tributaries of the Ouachita and Saline Rivers afford ample drainage. The greater part is mountainous, leaving only a small area worthy of the labor of the husbandman. Though valuable minerals exist, little has been done toward developing lead, iron, or other industries. Hunting, fishing and bathing in the great Hot Springs are favorite occupations. The county is a luxurious retreat for the sick, and a romantic visiting place for the traveler.

Hot Spring County was organized November 2, 1829; Montgomery County was taken from it in 1842, and many changes in boundaries were made before and after that excision of territory. The Ouachita and Caddo Valleys show an alluvial soil of the most fertile character, being a red ferruginous clay or iron ore. Toward Magnet Cove the rocks are granitic, while near Rockfort the sandstone ridges are capable of cultivation. Vegetation is carried even to the hill of the Hot Springs, where the youpon and juniper grow. Early in this century trappers and Indians inhabited the county, but in 1840 the pioneers of industry arrived and opened up its valleys.

Howard County was established April 17, 1873, with Center Point the seat of justice. It is a fine agricultural county, and particularly the home of fruit trees. The white-iron ore exists here, together with manganese, antimony and other minerals. The mullato soil of the uplands, and the rich bottoms present to the farmers a land worthy of their toil. They have developed the resources of the county, but much remains to be done by the enterprising men of the future. Nashville is a thriving town, while Center Point and Antimony City are healthy villages.

Izard County, established October 27, 1825, received additions in 1827 and 1828, but changes made since 1831 reduce it to its present area. It was named after the governor of the territory of that day. Very early in the century came the Hevelys, Benbrooks, Dillards, Jefferys, Harrises, Simpsons, Billingsleys, Finleys, Grays, Wrenns, Creswells, Walkers, Blacks, Hinkles, Robinsons, Powells and Richardsons. They were principally from Tennessee and the developers of the county. The people opposed secession, but when the question came to an issue, fully 1,000 men rushed to the aid of the Confederacy.

Johnson County was organized November 16, 1833, with Clarksville the seat of justice. Coal and other minerals are found here in abundance, valley and prairie boast of rich soil, while pine and hardwood forests abound. The public lands were opened for entry in 1850, the pioneers being among the first buyers. Eleven years after, the county contributed 1,000 men to the Confederate Army, many of whom fell in defense of principles which were considered sacred.

Logan County was originally known as Sarber County, organized March 22, 1871, and name changed, December 14, 1875. Paris is the seat of justice. The highest elevation in the county and State is found in Sections 22 and 23, Township 6 north, Range 25 west. It is 3,275 feet above sea level. The Arkansas River and many other streams drain all sections of the county. It is rich in timber and mineral wealth, hematite ore existing in commercial quantities. Gold, copper and lead ores also exist. The first settlers were the Polish count, Don Stein, and the farmer, Noaks, who were here in 1806. Titts-worth came in 1814, following David and Gabriel Tittsworth.

Madison County, of which Huntsville is the county seat, was established September 30, 1836. Its original boundaries have been changed under authority of various legislative acts. In 1827 and 1828 a number of settlers came in, but it is stated that the Jacksons were here as early as 1818. The United States lands were opened for entry in 1834, when John Austin made the first purchase.

Marion County, established as Searcy County November 5, 1835, was changed to Marion September 29, 1836, but the present Searcy County was taken out of Marion December 13, 1838. The brick-red clay mixed with frag-ments of whitish sandstone and other varieties of clay, which distinguish Marion, are very fertile when drained. The plateau is cut up into a series of ridges by many creeks and on these ridges the mockernut hickory, the post oak and the black jack grow to perfection. Lead and other ores exist here as in adjoining counties, but the hand of enterprise has scarcely touched the rich deposits. The population in 1890 was 10,390, against 7,907 in 1880. The num-ber of inhabitants, by subdivisions, is as follows: Bearden Township, 465; Blythe, 1,121; Buffalo, 446; Crockett, 267; De Soto, 281; Franklin, 664; Hamp-ton, 750; James Creek, 578; North Fork, 838; Prairie, 969; Sugar Loaf, 720; Tomahawk, 451; Union (including 263 in Yellville Village), 1,318; Water, 571, and White River, 951. The postoffices are Bruno, Buffalo City, Dodd City, Eros, Flippin, George's Creek, Hepsey, McBee Landing, Monarch, Oakland, Onset, Peel, Powell, Rush, Stone, Sylva and Yellville.

Montgomery County, of which Mount Ida is the county seat, was organ-ized December 9, 1842. In 1845 the rule of changing boundaries was liberally applied and since that time repeated changes have been made. The settlers came into the valleys of Montgomery in the thirties, the Whittingtons in 1835, the Boles, Brewers, Boggs, Cunninghams and others. In 1845 there were twenty-one slave-owners. The spinning-wheel and loom have not yet dis-appeared and many of the pioneer manners and customs prevail.

Newton County was formed December 14, 1842, with Jasper the seat of justice. Her forests of black, white, red and water oak and black and sweet gum are practically ignored by the lumbermen. In her caves a little has been done toward developing the niter deposits, but the lead and iron ore are per-mitted to lie unutilized. The dried soil of this county is of a light umber color generally and very productive. Mt. Parthenon and other elevations are found here, the streams are purest water and the location is exceptionally healthy.

Pike County was established November 1, 1833, but several changes of boundary lines have since been made. Murfreesboro is the county seat. The valley lands are fertile, and except on the northern hills much of the upland is capable of high cultivation. The gypsum deposit is said to be inexhaustible, kaolin is plenty, and streams of pure water numerous. The Davis, Thompson, Hughes, Brewer, Oliver, White, Dickson, Huddleston, Stone, Kelly and other families located here in the "twenties" and opened this rich district to civilization and its industries.

Polk County, organized November 30, 1844, had its lines changed in 1859, and received a part of Sebastian County under authority of ordinance of the convention, approved June 1, 1861. In the vicinity of Dallas the altitude is 1,400 feet above sea level, but the Kioniche and Silver Mountains show much higher levels. The Ouachita, Caddo Creek, Clear Fork, Saline, Cossatot and Rolling Fork drain the county. In 1830 Thomas Griffith of Illinois, Jacob Miller and George Wiles located in the neighborhood of Dallas. The Pirtles, Scotts, Trousdales and Joneses arrived a few years after and the beginnings of industry were made.

Pope County, as established November 2, 1829, gave part of its territory to Yell and Conway Counties, reformed its boundaries and took in a portion of Van Buren County, in 1853. Several line changes have since been made, but Dover remains its capital. The county boasts of about twenty saw mills; ironore, building stone and other economical minerals exist; the valley lands are productive, and the rivers and streams living water courses. On Illinois Bayou the Cherokees had a village, presided over by Black Hawk. Then the Harkeys, Shinns, Lewises, Drennens and hundreds of others came to occupy their hunting grounds and the redmen were compelled to move westward.

Scott County, established November 5, 1833, received a part of Sebastian County in 1861. Waldron is the seat of justice. The Fourche la Fave Valley, the Poteau Valley and the Petit Jean Valley are the three great agricultural districts of this county. Here, a few years ago, an oil well was drilled to a depth of 985 feet. The highest elevation in the county is 2,000 feet above sea level, and the general altitude 700 feet. Cotton, grains, fruits and vegetables reach perfection, and in every respect it is a good farming county.

Searcy County, established November 5, 1835, lost its name in 1836 in that of Marion, but was reëstablished out of Marion December 13, 1838, with Marshall the seat of justice. The physical characteristics of this division of the State vary but little from other counties in the White River country. Buffalo Creek flows northeast to the parent river, being fed on its course by hundreds of native streams. The valley lands are very productive, and the inhabitants industrious. Searcy County had 9,664 inhabitants in 1890, against 7,278 in 1880. The number in each township is given as follows: Bear Creek (including 278 in Marshall Village), 2,238; Beaver, 387; Calf Creek, 1,350; Campbell, 681; Mount Pleasant, 364; Prairie, 448; Red River, 717; Richland, 784; St. Joe, 738; Sulphur Springs, 336; Tomahawk, 674, and Wiley Cove, 947. The postal villages are Bear Creek, Blanco, Campbell, Debie, Duff, Fawn, Ivanhoe, Leslie, Marshall, Point Peter, St. Joe, Snowball, Tomahawk, Watts and Witt's Springs.

Sebastian County was formed January 6, 1851, but lost some of its territory by order of the convention of June, 1861. The coal deposit is valuable, iron ore is not wanting, a large area of the county is fertile, timber is plenty and the people generally well to do. Capt. John Rodgers, the pioneer, resided at Fort Smith before the fort was constructed in 1817, and a number of others followed within the decade ending in 1827.

Sevier County was established under legislative authority October 22, 1828, with Paraclifta, the seat of justice. In 1867 a portion of the county was set off to Little River, and the county seat of the abridged territory was removed to the Locke farm, where the town of Lockesburg was founded on 120 acres of land donated by the Lockes. The valleys of the Cossatot and Rolling Fork attracted immigrants as early as 1810 During the decade ending in 1830 Col. Joseph McKean, the Borens, Halbrooks, Kings, Coulters, Dollarhedes, Morrises, Sloans, Ladds and Wrights arrived and to them the industrial beginnings of the county must be credited. During the war every

man was in the Confederate service, but even a skirmish never took place within its confines. It is a cotton and corn as well as a stock-growing county possessing a fertile soil and valuable mineral deposits.

Stone County is one of the new divisions of the State, being organized April 21, 1873. Mountain View, the county seat, overlooks the White River Valley, that river being its northeastern and eastern boundaries. The minerals are found here; but the enterprise to develop the deposits is wanting. The timber interests and of course the agricultural interests are important and altogether Stone County with the small group of settlers is one of the most prosperous in the State. The county was credited with 5,089 inhabitants in 1880, and 7,043 in 1890. The population by townships is as follows: Blue Mountain, 1,200; Chalybeate Springs, 257; Farris, 653; Franklin, 1,092; Harris, 579; Hixson, 351; Locust Grove, 522; Northwest, 132; Red River, 111; Richwoods, 566; Sycamore, 820; Turkey Creek, 238 and Wallace, 522. The post-offices are Alco, Anvil, Hanover, Livingston, Marcella, Mountain View, Optimus, Rushing, St. James, Sylamore and Timbo.

Van Buren County, established November 11, 1833, gave part of its territory to Pope County in 1853, and had its boundaries defined in 1836, 1853 and 1859. Clinton remaining the seat of justice. Sugar Loaf Mountain resembles Fort Crevecœur in Illinois, in being an isolated hill of denuded rock, rising 440 feet above the farm land at its base. A black marble rock, coal and iron and lead ores are found here. The Black Sulphur Springs and other natural curiosities are not wanting to render the county interesting.

Washington County, of which the pleasant city of Fayetteville is the county seat, was set off as a distinct county October 17, 1828. Territory was added in 1831, but in 1846 and 1883 changes were made in boundary lines and the area reduced. Great springs supply the rivers of this county, making living streams and contributing to the happiness of the people. Timber, minerals and fertile bottom lands are the foundation of the county's wealth. In 1819 Frank Pierce, a trapper, explored this section, but did not make his home here until 1828. Two years after six families built their cabins within its boundaries.

Yell County, organized December 5, 1840, was enlarged by the addition of a part of Pope County in 1853. The two county seats—Danville and Dardanelle—are small towns. Nebo Mountain, the streams and sulphur springs are natural curiosities. In 1831 Joseph H. Brearley settled at Dardanelle, where Pearson Brearley settled in 1827. The Stinnetts, Hensleys, Wickers, Beattys, Cardons, the blacksmith Brown, and others came in, making the beginnings of progress.

The Ozark Region extends into the southeastern corner of Kansas and the eastern section of the Indian country adjoining Jasper, Newton and McDonald Counties in Missouri. Clear water, beautiful valleys, tree-clad hills and a healthy, strong people characterize their western slope as they do their central and eastern parts. In no section, outside parts of Newton and Jasper Counties, have the mineral deposits been thoroughly worked. As for the agricultural and horticultural development, a mere beginning has only been made, and large areas wait the coming of the husbandman.

A REMINISCENT HISTORY

OF THE

OZARK REGION.

Gov. JOHN S. PHELPS. This well-known citizen of the State of Missouri was born in Sunburn County, Conn., December 22, 1810, and came of English stock, his early ancestors having come to this country from England and settled in the State of Massachusetts some time prior to the year 1630. In about 1633 they migrated to Connecticut and founded the town of Windsor, where the family became well known and many of its members attained positions of prominence. His father, Elish Phelps, was a distinguished lawyer, who for many years held a front rank at the bar of Hartford, and he was frequently honored with public trusts, having been at different times a member of the upper and lower house of the Connecticut Legislature, and twice Speaker of the House. He was also comptroller of the State and was a commissioner to revise the statutes of that State. He represented his district three times in Congress, where he distinguished himself as an able legislator. He was called from life in 1847. His father, Noah Phelps, served his country as a Revolutionary soldier, in which he attained the rank of captain, and his eldest son was also a soldier in that war. Noah Phelps was a member of the committee that planned the capture of Ticonderoga and lent his country great service in the capacity of a scout and spy. He served his country in the State Legislature several times and for many years was a member of the Probate Court. Gov. John S. Phelps was reared in Simsbury, Conn., and there received his initiatory educational training which he finished in Trinity (then Washington) College, Hartford, Conn., in 1832. He then began the study of law with his father, continuing with unremitting diligence for three years, and on the twenty-first anniversary of his birth he was admitted to the bar, after which he practiced in Hartford for two years. He then came to Missouri, and from that time until his death, which occurred in St. Louis in 1886, he practiced his profession the greater portion of the time and became one of the leading attorneys and ablest statesmen of which Missouri could boast. At the time of his location in Springfield, in 1837, it was an insignificant village, but he at once secured a paying practice, and although but twenty-three years of age his store of legal knowledge enabled him to cope successfully with the most experienced members of the bar. However, his talents fitted him better for public life, and in 1840 he was elected to represent Greene County in the State Legislature, and four years later was elected to Congress on the general ticket, and his career as a congressman only closed in 1863. From 1847 to 1849 he was a member of the committee on postoffices and postroads, and at that time was a strong advocate for the reduction of postage to 3 cents.

From 1851 to 1863 he was a member of the committee on ways and means, a portion of the time acting in the capacity of chairman. Such was the estimate placed upon his ability and sound judgment that at the close of each Congressional session, during his service, he was placed on the conference committees to settle disagreeing votes of the two houses, and it is a fact worthy of note that he never agreed to a report that was not adopted. At the called session of Congress in July, 1861, he was placed on the ways and means committee and he was chosen one of the committee of thirty-three in 1860 to devise some measure for the settling of the difficulties between the North and South. He was a strong Union man, and he steadfastly opposed all measures not in accordance with the Constitution of the United States. He made an able speech against the Confiscation Act, and at the close of his congressional service, in 1863, he returned to his home in Springfield. However, before the close of his public career, he raised a regiment of Union soldiers, known as the Phelps Regiment, which gained distinction at Pea Ridge, being under the command of Col. Phelps himself. In July, 1862, he was appointed military governor of Arkansas, which position he reluctantly accepted and went to Helena, but his health failed after a few months and he returned to Missouri. In 1864 he resumed his practice at Springfield, but when Gen. Price led a Confederate force through Missouri, Gov. Phelps raised a force of militia for the protection of Springfield and its vicinity, but the place was not molested. After the war he was appointed by President Johnson to adjudicate on the war claims of Indiana against the Government, and although his appointment was confirmed by the Senate he declined to accept the position. In 1868 his eminent ability placed him at the head of the Democratic party for the office of governor of Missouri, and although this honor was unsolicited by him, he made a vigorous canvass, but owing to the fact that a large number of Democrats were at that time disfranchised, he was defeated. Eight years afterward, in July, 1876, he was again nominated for governor by the Democrats and owing to the peaceful condition of affairs, he was elected by a larger majority than any preceding governor of Missouri. His administration was marked by ability, conservatism and economy. He was always a man of great steadfastness of purpose, based upon intelligent judgment and high principles, and fealty to justice, loyalty to principle and faithfulness to duty were his watchwords. In his home his political friends and enemies recognized in him a man of unimpeachable honor and strictest virtue. Although he had been honored by his State, he had also conferred honor upon it, and whether as an official or citizen, a statesman or a lawyer, a friend or an enemy, his manly bearing, lofty integrity and many virtues were apparent. In his noble and accomplished wife he found a fitting helpmate, and her name is indelibly imprinted upon the history of the State. Her maiden name was Mary Whitney, a native of Portland, Me., and in that city she became the wife of Gov. Phelps, after which she came with him to the, then, wilds of Missouri. While her husband was a State official, she was active in religious and educational work, and, possessing a fine mind, rare business ability and great push and energy, her undertakings always reached a successful termination. After the battle of Wilson's Creek, she took charge of the body of Gen. Lyon, and had it buried on the old Phelps homestead near the city of Springfield, but it was afterward removed. During the war her house was turned into a hospital and it also became a refuge for the orphan and homeless, and it may be said with truth that no one sought her aid in vain. She established an Orphans' Home in Springfield during the war, of which she was general superintendent and the principal teacher, although there were at one time 250 orphan children to be cared for. When the war was over she

found homes for them or secured for them employment. She was often seen in camp and was on the battlefield of Pea Ridge, where she helped to care for the dead and wounded, her kind, thoughtful and loving words and care soothing the last hour of many a poor fellow whose last hours were numbered. She was an untiring worker and was an active organizer of sewing clubs for the purpose of making clothes for the soldiers. During the eighteen years that her husband was in Congress she became well known in political circles as well as in social circles, her brilliant mind and kind and ready courtesy winning her the friendship of all. She was well known to President Lincoln, who entertained for her the highest admiration and respect and who appointed her to look after the suffering people of Greene County during the war. Her death, occurring later, was mourned, not only by her immediate and sorrowing family, but by all who knew her. She became the mother of five children, only two of whom are living: Col. John E. Phelps and Mary A., the wife of James B. Montgomery, of Portland, Ore. Thomas died in infancy, Lucy J. at the age of three years, and Lucy at the age of seven years. Mrs. Montgomery has inherited many of her worthy parents' mental and moral attributes. Although her home is in Portland, she is now living in Paris, France, with her seven children: May, Antoinette, Elsie, Phelps, C——, Russell and Marguerite.

R. N. Gray. In tracing the genealogy of the Gray family in America, we find that the first member who made his home here was Robert Gray, the great-grandfather of our subject. He was a native of North Ireland, and was there reared and married, his wife being Miss Margaret Wilson, also a native of that country. Nearly a year after their marriage this young couple decided to cross the ocean and make their home in America. This was at a period antedating the Revolutionary War, for Mr. Gray was a soldier in that war and fought bravely for independence. They were unavoidably delayed on the voyage to this country by bad weather and their first child was born on the ocean. This child was named Jane. After reaching this country they remained in the East until after the war, and then, as Tennessee was open for settlers, they found their way there and were among the pioneers. The next child born to this worthy couple was Robert Gray, the grandfather of our subject; the others were named, in the order of their births, as follows: John, Daniel, Betsey, Nancy, Molly and Sarah. The three eldest daughters married three brothers by the name of Hawkins—John, Nicholas and Nathan, and the sister of these men was the mother of the noted Davy Crockett. The other two sisters, Molly and Sarah, married Asariah Davis and John Lindley, respectively. All the children married and reared large families. The father of these children died about 1826. He was a man of influence, and was highly respected wherever he made his home. Robert Gray, the grandfather of our subject, was reared in Tennessee, and was there married to Miss Mary Kenny, who was reared in the same county and perhaps in the same neighborhood. She had one brother, James, and her sister married a very eminent physician by the name of Robert Pollock. Shortly after Robert Gray's marriage Kentucky became a State in the Union with the few other States at that time, and, although infested with wild animals, and still wilder Indians, Mr. Gray, with a few friends, moved there and settled in Christian County, of which Hopkinsville is the county seat. Mr. Gray became well acquainted with the noted Daniel Boone, and was in many Indian fights with him. The latter was Mr. Gray's nearest neighbor, and they became fast friends. As new settlers began pouring in and the country began to be fairly well populated, Mr. Boone, who preferred a pioneer life, emigrated to Missouri, long before that State was admitted into the Union, and continued to fight Indians and bears. Mr. Gray,

although earnestly solicited to go with him, concluded that he had had enough of pioneer life, and continued to make his home in Kentucky. After the land came into the market, Grandfather Gray entered large tracts and became quite wealthy in the way of land. There he and his wife passed the remainder of their days. They were the parents of twelve children, six sons and six daughters, all of whom grew to mature years except one. They are named as follows: Elizabeth, Nancy, Wilson, Jane, Mary, John, Sarah, an infant unnamed, Robert, Daniel G. (father of our subject), Nicholas and Hester—all now deceased except the father of our subject. Grandfather Gray was a mechanic—cabinetmaker and wheelwright, and was also a farmer. He was a noted trader in his day, buying land and stock, and every year drove horses to Virginia and the Carolinas. He always kept a six-horse wagon and a team of sixteen-hand horses, and often hauled salt and dry goods from Richmond, Va., a distance of several hundred miles. He had the genuine Kentucky love of horse flesh, and always had good teams. His son, Daniel G. Gray, father of our subject, was born on the homestead in Kentucky, and was named after Daniel Boone, the Indian fighter. He grew to manhood in that State and learned the wheelwright's trade of his father, the same being of great help to him in supporting his family in later years. When twenty years of age he began to branch out for himself, and in traveling around he met the young lady who became his wife about three years later. Her name was Elizabeth Catherine Gallion. Their nuptials were celebrated June 4, 1829, and the following children were the fruits of this union: Robert Henry, born March 17, 1830; Mahala Jane, born July 29, 1831; William D., deceased, born January 25, 1833; Mariel H., born October 2, 1834; Thomas J., born February 8, 1836; John D., deceased, born November 29, 1837; J. M., born August, 1840; Mary L., born August 25, 1842; Harriet E., deceased, born February 17, 1844, and Nanny H., born April 24, 1846. Two years after the birth of the latter, on the 2d day of April, 1848, Mrs. Gray died. In 1849 Mr. Gray left his family in Greene County, Mo., whither he had moved after his marriage, and took a trip overland to California, where he followed his trade until 1851 or '52, when he returned to Missouri. In October, 1853, he married Miss Elizabeth Crumpley, and five children were born to this union: William, died when five years of age; John is farming in Kansas; R. N., our subject; Anna, who died when twenty-two years of age, and Henry, who is residing at Eureka Springs, Ark. The father and mother, still living, are now quite aged people. Although eighty-seven years of age, time has dealt leniently with Mr. Gray, and he is one of the best preserved, physically and mentally, of the men, few in number, who have attained to his age. Although living in Mississippi, he is well known to the people of Greene and Christian Counties, Mo., and is universally respected. Mr. Gray is a Republican in politics. His eldest brother, Wilson, served three years in the army during the War of 1812, under Jackson, and took a prominent part in the battle of New Orleans. His brothers, Robert and Nicholas, our subject being named after both, went from Kentucky to Cole County, Mo., and married into wealthy families there. The former served twice in the State Legislature, and Nicholas was sheriff until both resigned and in 1847 moved to Texas. There their deaths occurred in the year 1851. The father of our subject was elected twice to the office of assessor of Greene County when that county comprised nearly all of southwestern Missouri, and filled that position in a very satisfactory manner. Honorable and upright in every walk of life, cordial in manner, apt in expression, and full of the knowledge of men and events, gathered in many years of intelligent observation, one seldom meets a more interesting man for his years. The original of this notice was born in Greene County, Mo., October 16, 1858, reared on his father's farm there, and his education was

received in the schools of Greene and Christian Counties. In 1881 he started out as a business man, entering the drug store of L. W. Hubbell & Co., where he remained until 1883, when he came to Ozark. Here he ran a drug store for the above firm successfully until 1885, when he became proprietor and continued the business until April, 1887; he sold out, going to West Plains, Mo., where he remained until the following year. Returning to Ozark he bought back his old store and has been here ever since. He is one of the representative druggists of the State, and has one of the finest and best equipped stores in the country. It is well stocked with every kind of drug and all sorts of toilet requisites, perfumes, fancy soaps, patent medicines, etc. This is in all respects a representative house in its line, and Mr. Gray understands thoroughly every detail of his business. In politics he is a Republican, and socially a Mason, a member of Friend Lodge No. 352 at Ozark. In the month of January, 1887, he was married to Miss Nora Collier, a native of Kentucky, born January 23, 1866, and the daughter of Judge John P. Collier, of Ozark. Two children have been born to this union: R. N., Jr., whose birth occurred June 21, 1888, and Lucy May, born October 23, 1891. Mr. and Mrs. Gray are members of the M. E. Church South. They have a pleasant home in the city, and are well respected by all.

Maj. John P. Clendenin. This gentleman, the register of public lands at Harrison, Ark., is capable, efficient and trustworthy, and in the discharge of his official duties has shown that he is the "right man in the right place." The Major was born in Louisville, Ky., September 4, 1839, a son of James M. and Eliza (Peay) Clendenin, the former of whom was born in Harford County Md., in 1796, and was a son of John Clendenin who was also born in that State and who was a soldier of the Revolutionary War. The name is of Scotch origin, and the family has for many generations resided in this country. James M. Clendenin was a soldier of the War of 1812 and with Jackson in the famous battle of New Orleans. He became a resident of Kentucky when a young man, was married in Louisville, and in 1846 removed to St. Louis, Mo., where he became a very prominent man and president of the first Board of Underwriters in that city. He was president of the United States Insurance Company from its inception up to the time of his death, which occurred in 1859. He and his wife reared a family of six children: Mrs. Courtenay, of Allegheny City, Pa.; William A., who is connected with the Boatmen's Bank of St. Louis, and John P. Mr. Clendenin held to the principles of the old Whig party, and was a clear-headed and practical business man. The early literary education of Maj. Clendenin was obtained in the public schools of St. Louis and in St. Paul's College of Marion County, Mo., till 1857; he then took a commercial course with Jonathan Jones, of St. Louis. He made his home in St. Louis up to 1861, when he enlisted in Bowen's First Missouri State Guards, after which he became a soldier of the Confederate States Army under Gen. J. O. Shelby, and was in service until the war closed, holding the position of inspector general of Shelby's Cavalry Division. Some of the principal engagements in which he took part were Shiloh, Prairie Grove, Little Rock, Pilot Knob, Independence, Big Blue, and others of less importance. He surrendered in June, 1865, came to Arkansas and located in Independence County, where he had been married in 1864 to Miss Emily S. Hynson. He made his home in that county until 1886, when he removed to Baxter County, Ark., where the Major followed the calling of a book-keeper. Upon being appointed to the position of register of public lands by President Cleveland, in December, 1893, he took up his residence in Harrison and entered upon duty February 1, 1894. He has always been a stanch Democrat, an active worker for the party, and is a Mason of thirty years' standing, being a member of Mt. Home Chapter, of

Baxter County, Boone Lodge, A. F. & A. M. and St. Aldemar Commandery No. 10. at Harrison, Ark. In 1879 Maj. Clendenin was left a widower with five children, and in 1887 he wedded Miss Lucy Curlee, of Baxter County, a native of Bond County, Ill., and a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Washburn) Curlee. By his present wife Maj. Clendenin has two children. The Major has been a member of the Episcopal Church for thirty-seven years, and while his walk through life has been characterized by the usual mistakes, the result is that he is universally esteemed and respected.

HON. JAMES D. GIDEON. No better citizens have come to Christian County, Mo., than those who crossed the Mississippi River from Tennessee, and who brought as their inheritance the traits of character and life which has ever distinguished them. Hon. James D. Gideon, who is one of the foremost farmers and stockraisers of Union Township, Stone County, first saw the light in Hawkins County, Tenn., in 1833. His parents, John and Polly (Evans) Gideon, were also natives of that State, the father born in Hawkins and the mother in Jefferson County. Both were fairly well educated for those days, and made their home in Tennessee until 1843, when they removed to Lincoln County, Ky. Six years later, or in 1849, Mr. Gideon came on foot to what is now Christian County, and being a clock tinker he made the trip to work at his trade. He remained in this State until 1853, having in the meantime taken up a claim in what is now the southeastern part of Christian County (then Taney County), and then returned to Kentucky to get his family. He then settled on his claim, improved a good farm, but during the war he sold this and moved to Greene County. After the war, in 1866, he returned to this county and located on Bear Creek, where his death occurred in 1870, when sixty-six years of age. For many years he was a Baptist in his religions views. In connection with his trade he also carried on farming, and was fairly successful. A Democrat in early life, he later advocated the principles of the Republican party, with which he remained until close of life. During the war he was a Union man. Physically he was large and muscular, weighing 318 pounds, but he was very quick and active. He was possessed of great strength, and never found his equal in a wrestling match. His father, James Gideon, was a farmer and died in Hawkins County, Tenn. Our subject's maternal grandfather, Jacob Evans, died in Jefferson County, Tenn., prior to 1843. He also tilled the soil. The mother of our subject, who was a member of the Baptist church, died on Bear Creek about 1872. Thirteen children were born to her marriage: Preston, was in the Home Guards during the war and died in Springfield in 1861; William, deceased, was a farmer of Dallas County, and was all through the war, enlisting in the Twenty-fourth Missouri Infantry; James D., subject; Andrew J. and George Washington, twins, the former residing in McDonald County and the latter in Christian County. During the war Andrew J. was in the Sixteenth Missouri Cavalry, and George W. was in the Twenty-fourth Missouri Infantry; Adeline, was the wife of E. Smith and died in Taney County; Mary, was the wife of Jacob Horn, and died in Stone County; Fannie, the wife of Jasper Keithley, died in McDonald County; Martha, resides in Taney County; Eliza, married, resided in Christian County; Nancy, wife of Samuel Stanfield, died in Carroll County, Ark.; John enlisted in the Twenty-fourth Missouri Infantry, but was transferred to the Sixteenth Missouri Cavalry, and died while in service, and Daniel, died in Christian County when a young man. When called upon to select his occupation in life, our subject decided to follow in the footsteps of his ancestors and till the soil. At an early age he became familar with all the duties of farm life, but, as his parents were poor and he had to assist on the farm, he secured but a limited education. He was married first in 1856,

to Miss Minerva, daughter of William and Elizabeth Carpenter, and a native of Stone County. She died in 1857, and in 1859 Mr. Gideon wedded Miss Mary Ann Berry, daughter of Patrick and Nancy Berry, and a native of Stone County, Mo. Mr. and Mrs. Berry were natives of Illinois and Tennessee, respectively. Grandfather Berry was killed in one of the early wars. Mr. and Mrs. Berry came to Stone County, Mo., after marriage, and here passed the remainder of their days, the mother dying in 1863, during the war, and the father in 1886. He was a farmer, and in his religious views a Baptist. To Mr. and Mrs. Gideon have been born ten children: Cordelia Josephine, wife of Nathanel Galloway of Stone County; Franklin, of Stone County; John, died when young; Nancy; Minerva Adline Jane, wife of Charles Wolf, of Christian County; William; George, died in infancy; Julia; Mollie Lillis and an infant died unnamed. Mr. Gideon lived in Stone County until after the death of his first wife, when he moved to this county. In 1877 he came to his present farm, consisting of 293 acres, eighteen miles north of Galena, and now has 200 acres under cultivation. In connection with farming, he is also engaged in stockraising, and everything about his place indicates to the beholder that an experienced hand is at the helm. In the fall of 1863 Mr. Gideon enlisted in Company C, Sixteenth Missouri Cavalry, as bugler of the company and served in that capacity until the close of hostilities, principally in southwestern Missouri and northwestern Arkansas. He was in many severe skirmishes, but was never captured nor wounded. He was mustered out at Springfield. Early in the war Mr. Gideon joined the Home Guards and served until enlisting in the regular army. He was justice of the peace for two years, and in 1884 was elected county judge for the North District of Stone County, serving two years. Since then he has directed all of his attention to his farm. Socially he is a member of Marionville Post, G. A. R. His wife is a member of the Missionary Baptist Church. Her maternal grandfather, William Gideon, was born in Wilkes County, N. C., June 4, 1791, and the latter's wife, Mahala (Woods) Gideon, was also a native of that State, born in 1792. They were married in 1812, and about 1816 removed to Hawkins County, Tenn., where they made their home until 1836, when they came to what is now Christian County. There they passed the closing scenes of their lives, he dying in 1871 and she the following year. He was a hatter by trade, and one of the first settlers of the county. Patrick Berry, Mrs. Gideon's father, had three brothers, David, Joseph and Alex., all of whom came with their mother to Stone County, and all died here. Their mother, whose name was Hettie Day, was a native of Illinois, but one of the early settlers of what is now Stone County, where she died. Patrick Berry was married three times. His second wife was Rebecca Thomas, who bore him several children. His third wife's maiden name was Mary Barnett. The children born to his first union were named as follows: Sophia (Mrs. Gideon), Perlina, William, Jane, Green (deceased), Mahala, and Emeline, (deceased).

Capt. C. C. Owen. The greater part of the life of Capt. C. C. Owen has been devoted to husbandry, but now, in the sixty-fifth year of his age, he is retired from that life, and is a notary public of Protem, Mo. He was born in Barren County, Ky., in 1829, a son of George W. and Martha S. (Dickerson) Owen, natives of North Carolina and Kentucky, respectively, the birth of the former occurring in 1801 and that of the latter in 1805. George W. Owen was taken by his parents to Kentucky, and there he attained man's estate and was married. In 1842 he came, by wagon, to Benton County, Mo., the journey thither occupying one month. For ten years or more the father operated a tanyard in Benton County, and became a well-known man in that section. At the opening of the Civil War he enlisted in the Federal Army, but was soon

rejected on account of his age. Up to the opening of the great conflict between the North and South, he was a Democrat, but he afterward became a stanch Republican. He became a member of the Missionary Baptist Church, and held to that faith until his death in 1870, his widow surviving him until 1886. His father, John Holland Owen, was born in bonnie Scotland, but when quite young came with his parents and five brothers to America, and located in North Carolina, later in Virginia, and in 1802 in Kentucky, which region was then in a wild and unsettled condition. Here he passed the remainder of his life, dying about 1850. He was of a scientific turn of mind, was finely educated, and for many years was a minister of the Baptist Church, but the last few years of his life were devoted to chemical researches. He attained considerable renown, and for many years was a Mason of prominence. Joel Dickerson, the maternal grandfather, was in all probability born in Virginia, but he was also one of the early settlers of Kentucky, in which State he died when Capt. C. C. Owen was but a lad. He was a farmer and was of English descent. The subject of this sketch was one of the following children: Louisa, who died in Kansas, the wife of Joseph L. Butcher; Letitia, wife of William E. Thurman, of Kansas; C. C. (the subject of this sketch); Joel, of Benton County; Elizabeth, wife of Thomas Michenor; Jane, who died in Benton County, the wife of Thomas Martin; William Wilson, who died in Jefferson City of a wound received in battle during the war, was captain of a company in the Eleventh Missouri Cavalry, having formerly commanded a company, which he had recruited, in the Eighth Missouri Cavalry; and John D., who died in Benton County when quite young. C. C. Owen attended school for only a few months, and when about twenty years old he began working for himself in a tanyard. He was married in 1850, in Benton County, to Caroline, daughter of Patterson Y. and Sarah Russell, natives of Virginia and Kentucky, respectively. When young they became residents of Missouri and were there married, later becoming residents of Benton County, where Mr. Russel died in 1840, having been a farmer by occupation. His widow died in California in 1857. Mrs. Owen was born in Boone County, Mo., and is the mother of nine children: Hiram F. a merchant of Protem, Mo.; Isabel, wife of A. L. Clark, of Marion County, Ark.; George P., a farmer of Taney County; Sarah, wife of C. A. James, of Taney County; John R., a farmer of that county; James W.; Albert M., who died in 1890, was postmaster of Protem; Emma, and one unnamed that died in infancy. Capt. C. C. Owen followed farming and blacksmithing in Benton County until the war, and for some time filled the offices of assessor and constable of the county. In 1861 he joined McClurg's Brigade of Home Guards as lieutenant, with which he served for about six months in Missouri. He then joined the Eighth Missouri State Militia, early in 1862, as orderly sergeant, and in October of the same year was made captain of Company F, which he commanded until the spring of 1864, at which time he resigned and did service in the militia until the war closed. He was in the fight at Lone Jack and at Springfield, where he was an aid on Gen. Brown's staff. He did service in Missouri, Arkansas and Indian Territory, was a participant in many skirmishes and several battles, but was never captured or wounded. After the war he removed to St. Clair County, Mo., where he served for several years as commissioner of public roads, and was engaged in surveying until 1870. In that year he came to Taney County, and has since resided at Protem, in the vicinity of which place he carried on farming for some time. He is now holding his fifth commission as notary public. He has served two terms as county surveyor and one term as probate and county judge of Taney County. About 1874 he was instrumental in establishing the postoffice at Protem, and gave it the name of "Pro tem," thinking it would be only a tem-

porary office, and was made the first postmaster. In 1890 he was elected to represent Taney County in the State Legislature and served on the committees on Insurance, Retrenchment, and Reform. He was census enumerator of three townships in this county in 1890, in fact he has been a live and progressive man in every respect, and is highly honored throughout Taney County. He has been a regularly licensed physician for the past twelve years, and during that time he has met with considerable success in the practice of his profession. He received his license from the State Board of Health. He has been a Mason for forty-three years, of Land Mark Lodge No. 64, at Warsaw, Mo., but now belongs to Claflin Lodge No. 229, of Protem, and he and his wife are members of the Christian Church.

CAPT. JOHN JAMES SITTON, one of the wealthiest and most influential citizens of Oregon County, Mo., has been prominently identified with the best interests of the county for many years, and no worthy movement is allowed to fail for want of support on his part. He is now located at Garfield, where he has a fine residence, and where he is highly esteemed. Capt. Sitton was born in Washington County, Mo., at Palmer, July 5, 1842, and he is the son of Harvey and Martha F. (Wingo) Sitton, natives respectively of South Carolina and Virginia. Harvey Sitton was a young man when he went to Washington County, Mo., and he there met and married Miss Wingo, who was left an orphan at an early age and who was brought to Missouri by her guardian. She is still living and resides on the old homestead where she has made her home for the past sixty-one years. Mr. Sitton died in 1893, when seventy-seven years of age. All his life he was engaged in farming and mining, and was unusually successful, working in the lead mines in his own interest for twenty years or more. He was of Scotch descent, his ancestors coming to America and settling in South Carolina in 1747 or '48, on account of political persecuctions. There were three brothers came over from Scotland and they changed the name from Setton to Sitton. The great-grandfather of our subject was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, fought under Marion, and was in service a long time. His grandfather Sitton came from South Carolina to Cape Girardeau County, Mo., and spent a great deal of money in building a mill in that section. This was swept away by the floods of 1844. He died at Dexter, in Stoddard County. In politics he was a Democrat but not an office holder. The father of our subject also affiliated with the Democratic party, and he was a member of the M. E. Church South. The mother is also a member of that church. Of the eleven children born to his parents, our subject was the third child and oldest son. Seven of these children are now living, three in this county, and all are respectable, law-abiding citizens. Capt. Sitton secured a common-school education, and when the war broke out he abandoned his books to enlist in the army. In May, 1861, he joined the Fourth Arkansas Infantry, Col. Walker's regiment. He went to Arkansas to save himself, as he had been offered a commission as captain to remain and command a company. Soon after he left the Arkansas troops and joined the First Missouri State Guards, Seventh Division, and was color bearer at Wilson Creek. In January, 1862, he enlisted in the Confederate service for three years, or during the war, in the Fourth Missouri Infantry, Company G, and was promoted to second lieutenant. Later he was made recruiting officer and drill master, and still later was promoted to the rank of captain, Fristo's regiment, Company G, of Marmaduke's division. He was shot through the body at Big Blue, during Gen. Price's raid, and although the physicians gave him up, he was sent to hospitals at Kansas City and St. Louis, and as soon as he had partially recovered was taken to Johnson Island. There he was held until paroled. He participated in the following engage-

ments: Wilson Creek, Dry Wood, Lexington, Elk Horn, Corinth, Iuka, Hatchie River, Grand Gulf, and the Price raid. When the war closed he had to be transported home by the Government. Capt. Sitton then taught school one year in Union and Alexandria Counties, just across from Cape Girardeau, in Illinois, and then taught in Oregon County for four years, or until 1870. From 1872 to 1874 he was superintendent of public instruction in Oregon County, Mo., and from that time until 1879 he was sheriff and collector of Oregon County, Mo. In 1883 he was presiding judge of the county court of Oregon County, but resigned the following year, as he had so much business of his own to attend to. He bought land from time to time and is now the owner of 1,500 acres, 1,100 in the home tract. In 1867 he married Miss Nancy George, a native of Lincoln County, Tenn., and the daughter of David J. George. They have five children: Albert R., is cashier of the bank at Thayer; Lurah T., wife of T. B. Kilpatrick, a merchant of West Plains, this State; E. W., at home and managing the general merchandise store for J. J. Sitton & Sons; Laura A., at home, and Waif. W., also at home. Mrs. Sitton is a member of the M. E. Church South but Mr. Sitton is a Free-Will Baptist in his religious belief. He is a Democrat politically and a Mason socially, a member of the Blue Lodge at Alton, No. 255. He commenced selling goods in 1878 and he and his sons, E. W. and A. K., carry on this business at Garfield under the firm name of J. J. Sitton & Sons. He has been postmaster at Garfield for fourteen years. J. J. Sitton devotes most of his time to buying and selling real estate and in managing his farm and stock.

Abner Jefferson Ponder. It is an indisputable fact that the United States stands alone in the preëminence of having an array of citizens, who, without adventitious aid or accident of birth, have attained to wealth and distinction in public affairs. This is the glory of the country, and every man who has it in him can prove himself a man. This thought naturally suggests itself in looking over the career of A. J. Ponder, for he began the hard battle of life in early boyhood, and has climbed step by step the ladder of success until he now not only commands a goodly amount of this world's wealth, but also holds a high place in the estimation of his fellows. He is a noble type of the true American citizen, for he is loyal, public spirited and charitable, and in the community in which he has so long made his home he is a leader of thought and influencer of action, and always on the side of justice and right. He is a product of Hickman County, Tenn., for there his eyes first opened on the light of day December 13, 1822, his parents, Archibald and Sarah (Kinzie) Ponder, having also been born there. In the fall of 1842 these worthy people started overland for Missouri, driving a yoke of oxen, their objective point being Arkansas, but upon their arrival in Ripley County they were persuaded to settle here, and a location was made in the woods, ten miles from Doniphan, but they afterward moved to a farm four miles southwest of that place, on Current River. Although the land was clothed with a rich growth of primeval forest, many of the stately monarchs of the forest were laid low by the sturdy stroke of Mr. Ponder's axe, and prior to his death, which occurred in 1852, at the age of sixty-five years, a considerable clearing and some other valuabe improvements had been made. Although a gunsmith by trade, his attention was devoted to other pursuits after locating in Missouri, and at the time of his death he was ably discharging the duties of county treasurer. He always supported the men and measures of the Democrat party, and showed his approval of secret organizations by becoming a member of the Masonic order. By his wife, who died in 1851, he became the father of eight children, three of whom are now living: Abner Jefferson; Daniel K., who is associate judge of Ripley County, and Albert, who is engaged in farming two miles east

of Doniphan. When the subject of this sketch had attained a proper age he was placed in the common schools of Tennessee, but after he attained his eleventh year much of his services were required on the farm, and thereafter his opportunities for acquiring an education were few and far between. At odd times he learned the trades of blacksmithing, gunsmithing and wagon-making, and at these occupations he worked at various times in order to "turn an honest penny," but after coming to Missouri he assisted his father to clear and improve about seventy-five acres of land before a thought was given to his own interests. In 1867 he moved to Doniphan and opened a general store, which he placed under the management of George Lee Waugh, but at the end of two years took the management of the business into his own hands, and conducted the establishment with marked success. During the thirteen years that he sold goods, his patronage grew and increased very rapidly, and extended to surrounding counties, and even into Arkansas. He purchased all kinds of farm products and made a specialty of cotton, which business proved to be quite profitable. Although at first he was compelled to haul all his goods from Pilot Knob—over eighty miles away—his journeys there and back were cheerfully made, and notwithstanding the many inconveniences he experienced, owing to the newness of the country, his efforts prospered. For some time after the war his services were employed in settling up estates —more than forty in all—and although he was not the public administrator, he performed the duties of that official, and in every case satisfactorily. The soundness of his judgment soon came to be relied upon, and in 1870 the people of Ripley county showed the implicit faith and confidence they had in him by electing him to the office of county treasurer, regardless of his protests and the fact that his most earnest desire was to keep out of the political arena. He refused to make out a bond, hoping thus to force the people to make another selection, but this they would not do, and he reluctantly entered upon his duties, and filled the office with marked ability for ten years. He proved himself a beau ideal public servant—faithful, efficient, trustworthy and courteous, and upon retiring from the office he carried with him the respect and good-will of political foes as well as friends. While in office he built the county court house, but under the following circumstances: Mr. Ponder had gone on the bond of a man who was to do the work, as guarantee for the faithful performance of his contract, but these obligations were not fulfilled, and in order to save himself Mr. Ponder took the contract himself and erected the building. Since 1880 he has not been very actively engaged in business, but gives some attention to the real estate business and the loaning of money. It can with truth be said that no man has been more the architect of his own fortune than Mr. Ponder, for when quite young he began to make his own way in the world, and from that time to this has "hoed his own row." His earnest and persistent endeavors in business life, coupled with strict integrity, honesty of purpose and liberality in all directions, have resulted in placing him among the wealthy and highly honored citizens of the county. Unlike many who have made their own way in life, he is modest and unassuming in his manners, and the sweet spirit of charity and liberality are among his most pronounced characteristics. The faults and failings of others are not crimes in his eyes, for he is well aware that to "err is human," and believes that kindness and sympathy will bear better fruits than harshness and criticism. It has been his good fortune to amass a large amount of wealth, but he uses it wisely and well, and has the satisfaction of knowing that it has been won through honorable and careful business methods, and never at the expense of others, and therefore can but be a blessing. Mr. Ponder is familiarly known throughout the county as "Uncle Jeff," and in the various enterprises that have been projected

for the good of the section, he has been helpful and very generous in his support. In 1844 he was married to Miss Delilah Ponder, who died soon after their marriage, and in 1847 he wedded Miss Sarah Ann Cross, who lived until a few years ago. To their union five children were given, only one of whom is living: Jefferson A., who is a successful farmer of this county. Those deceased are Catherine, wife of Daniel Yingling; Elizabeth, who was the wife of Robert Russell of this county; Rudie Ophelia, who is the wife of Thomas Sandling of this county, and Louisa, who died when quite young. Thereeia Young became the third wife of Mr. Ponder, but died very shortly after their marriage, and Jane Cross, whom he next wedded, also died soon after the celebration of their nuptials. He next married Mrs. Margaret Dalton, widow of Elijah Dalton, Sr. Mr. Ponder is an elder in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, is a member of the A. F. & A. M., was the first master of Doniphan Lodge, and represented that lodge in the Grand Lodge of the State. Politically he has ever been a stanch Democrat.

CAPT. JAMES BERRIEN HARPER. He whose name heads this sketch is one of the substantial citizens and successful agriculturists of Barren Creek Township, Baxter County, Ark., but was born in Franklin County, Ga., November 17, 1833, a son of Andrew Knox and Anna (Little) Harper, natives of Virginia and Georgia, respectively. When a young man the father went to Georgia and was married in Franklin County, and in 1839 moved to Pontotoc County, Miss., where he made his home until his death in 1851, at the age of fifty-six years, his wife having died in Pontotoc County when forty-one years old. The father was a successful business man, was original and independent in his views, and was an active and earnest member of the Methodist Church. Six children were born to himself and wife, only two of whom are now living: James Berrien and Hattie T. (Bacon), the latter residing on Florida coast. The Harpers are of Irish origin. Capt. James Berrien Harper was educated in the common schools of Pontotoc County, and since his sixteenth year he has had the cares of a family on his shoulders, for after the death of his father, he took his place as well as he could and cared for the younger members of the family. In January, 1862, he enlisted in Company E, of the Third Mississippi Infantry, but after the capture of Ft. Donelson he became a part of the Forty-third Mississippi Infantry, and was elected first lieutenant of Company E, just before Gen. Grant closed the lines around Vicksburg. He was also at Corinth, Abbeville and Grenada, was in all the engagements of the Atlanta Campaign, Jonesboro, Columbia, Franklin and Nashville. At the close of the war he was with Capt. Gamble. He was captured twice during the war but succeeded in making his escape each time, and was not wounded during his service. He returned home to find himself totally without means and once more had to begin at the bottom of the ladder. Instead of being discouraged he at once began the work of hauling cotton to Memphis, at which time that commodity brought a large price. In that humble way he once more secured a start in the world, and in 1866 he made a fair crop. He then sold out and came to Arkansas, locating on the farm where he is now living, where he owns 240 acres of fine farming land, of which 135 acres are under cultivation, although at the time of his purchase but twenty acres were under the plow. Aside from this all the improvements on the place have been made by him and are of such a nature that the place has been greatly increased in value. On May 20, 1856, he led to the altar Miss May C. Little, who was born in Georgia, and to them seven children have been given: J. K., who is a tiller of the soil and makes his home with his parents; C. B., is in the stock business in Marion County, Ark.; Crawford Winston is a farmer of Ellis County, Tex.; Lily Maud is the wife of Lee Gardner, of Laclede County, Mo.; Anna Dora,

is the wife of Ham Strait, of Johnson County, Tex., and Minnie, is the wife of Hiram Irvin, of this county. Lula (deceased), was the wife of L. E. Hopper, of Mountain Home. Capt. Harper and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he is a steward, and politically he has always been in sympathy with the Democrat party.

ANDERSON COLEMAN. It is a pleasure to chronicle the history of a man whose life has been one of honor and usefulness, and although he is considerable past the zenith of his career, Mr. Coleman has accumulated sufficient means to pass his declining years in peace and plenty. He is one of the old pioneers of Carter County, Mo., to which section he came in 1858, and is honored and esteemed throughout its length and breadth. Mr. Coleman was born in Tennessee, October, 14, 1822, and the son of William and Betsey (Vaughan) Coleman, both of whom died in North Carolina. The father was a soldier in the War of 1812. The grandfather, Spencer Coleman, was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. His ancestors came from England to America prior to the Revolutionary War, and settled in Virginia. Anderson Coleman was one of eleven children and when a young man removed to North Carolina. Later he returned to Tennessee, and in 1858 he came to Carter County, making the journey with ox teams, and settled in Carter County, on a farm near Van Buren, where he resided seventeen years. For some time during his residence in Carter County he held the office of constable, elected in 1866 or 1867. From there he moved to Wayne County and later to Reynolds County. All his life he has tilled the soil and has met with substantial results. He was married in Tennessee to Miss Martha Allen, a native of Tennessee, born in 1823, and the daughter of Maj. James Allen, who was a soldier and officer in the War of 1812. Mrs. Coleman died in 1866. She was the mother of eleven children. After her death Mr. Coleman married a Mrs. Kelley, who died shortly afterward, and he married Mrs. Malinda Hixson. She, too, died, and he then married Mrs. Mills, who bore him one child, Cora, who is still living. Mr. Coleman is a well-known man in Missouri and one of the most prominent early farmers. In politics he is a Democrat. He has reared a large family of children of whom he may well be proud, for they are honorable, upright and prominent citizens. Mr. Coleman has now retired from the active duties of life and is spending his declining years quietly and peacefully.

W. J. HORNBARGER, M. D. The value to any community of a professional man is not marked merely by his learning and skill, his proficiency in medical and surgical practice, but also by his character, both private and professional, his honorable adherence to medical ethics and his personal integrity and benevolence of purpose. These characteristics are combined in Dr. W. J. Hornbarger of Heber, Ark., and it is with pleasure that a short sketch of his life is here given. He was born near Quitman, Cleburne County, Ark., January 25, 1860, his parents being Washington and Jane (Hood) Hornbarger who were born, reared and married in Henderson County, Tenn. They came to what is now Cleburne County, Ark., in 1859 and at the breaking out of the great Civil War the father joined an Arkansas regiment of infantry for the Confederate States Army, was later captured, and died while in the Federal prison at Little Rock. His widow survived him but a short time, when she, too, passed away and the subject of this sketch was then taken by his grandfather, J. E. Hornbarger, with whom he made his home for some time. About six years since the grandfather was called from life, at the extreme old age of about ninety years. In the common schools of his native county Dr. W. J. Hornbarger received his initiatory training, after which he entered Clinton Academy and later Quitman College, working his own way through school from start to finish and overcoming all kinds of obstacles in manner to reflect the highest

credit upon him. In 1884 he commenced teaching school, but with no intention of making that calling his life work. He was appointed county school examiner in 1885-6-7 and later engaged in the drug business with Judge Meneese, and during the two years that he was connected with this establishment studied medicine in addition to dealing out drugs. In 1889-90 and 1890-91 he pursued his investigations in the Medical Department of the University of Arkansas, at Little Rock and in April, 1891, graduated from that institution, after which he at once located in Heber, where he has a very large practice. He was appointed a member of the County Medical Board in 1891, serving until July, 1893, when the law creating county boards was repealed. He has always been a close, careful and painstaking student and has wisely continued his studies since graduating and makes a careful study of every case that comes under his care, and this is no doubt one of the secrets of his success. He has made a specialty of the study of surgery, and on various occasions has proven himself a skillful and intelligent surgeon. He deserves the greatest credit for the perseverence he has shown under difficulties, and of him it may with truth be said that he is a "self-made man." February 6, 1887, he was married to Miss Elva Spinks, and both are worthy members of the Baptist Church. Socially the Doctor is a Mason, and master of his lodge.

R. I. JANUARY. Youth is not a bar to promotion, for the American people have learned that ability is not measured by the length of time man has spent upon earth. Some men might live a thousand years and not know anything, and others are bright and able to take their places among men long before they have arrived at mature manhood. The subject of this sketch belongs to the latter class, for he was bright at school, brilliant as a student of law, and now that he is a member of the bar, has a good practice, which rapidly increases from year to year, R. I. January is a native of this State, born in Oregon County October 26, 1850, son of Joab and Amanda M. (Ward) January. The father was a native of Tennessee and of French origin. For many years he lived in Memphis, but in 1846 he came to Oregon County, Mo., and there followed farming and stockraising until his death in 1860. His wife also passed away in that county. She was of Irish descent. Mr. January was a soldier in the Mexican War. Seven children were born to this estimable couple: George W., of Graniteville, Mo.; Sallie, wife of Gentry Moyer, of Iron County; R. I., subject; Annis, wife of William H. Shy, of this county; Joseph F., who is living at Lesterville, is a minister; Emma, wife of Giles Henderson of Iron County; and Mary, who died young. Mr. and Mrs. January attended the Baptist Church and she was a member of the same. He was a Democrat in politics and a man well and favorably known in south Missouri in his day. He received a land grant for his services in the Mexican War. The original of this notice passed his boyhood and youth in Oregon County and he attended the schools of Union and Johnson Counties, Ill. In 1870 he began the study of law in this county and in 1882 he was admitted to practice. For many years he taught school, and in 1877 he was elected to the office of county school commissioner. In 1882 he was elected to the office of county clerk and in 1888 he was made prosecuting attorney, holding that office two years. At the present time he is giving his attention to the practice of law and is one of the leading attorneys of the county. During the time he was in office he was in the real estate business, and he now has three farms of 600 acres in this county. He is possessed of excellent business acumen and is a self-made man, all his accumulations being the result of industry and good management on his part. He has a handsome residence in Centreville and has made money by buying and selling lands. Mr. January is deeply interested in the iron mines in Reynolds County. In the year 1877 he was married

to Miss Belle C. Shy, a product of Reynolds County, Mo., and the daughter of Alfred and Sarah J. Shy of this county, where Mr. Shy was county and circuit clerk for eight years. He died in 1884, but Mrs. Shy is living and makes her home in Centreville. Mr. and Mrs. January's marriage resulted in the birth of five children: Minnie, Ella, Alfred, Otto and Carl. Otto, a bright boy, died when three and a half years old. They attend the Baptist Church and contribute liberally to its support. He is a stanch Democrat in politics and takes a deep interest in all worthy enterprises, schools, etc. Socially he is a Mason and master of Reynolds Lodge No. 385, at Centreville.

A. S. LAYTON. "The banking business is a clean and honorable one, and most astute and able minds of the country find in that line the most congenial work. No branch of business in America can make a stronger showing of solid thinkers, brilliant financiers or more subtle organizers, and A. S. Layton, the founder of the Bank of Yellville, Ark., is regarded as one of these. He was born in Greene County, Mo., January 11, 1843, a son of Augustus S. and Ellen (Scott) Layton, the former a native of Spottsylvania County, Va., born in 1813, and a son of John and Elizabeth Layton, who were of Scotch lineage, the grandfather being a soldier of the War of 1812. He left Virginia and emigrated to Greene County, Mo., in 1847, settling in the vicinity of Springfield, where he lived until 1854, then located in Christian County, near Ozark. Dr. Augustus S. Layton, the father of the subject of this sketch, grew to manhood in Virginia and received a liberal education for his day. He was married in that State, after which he removed to Mississippi, and made his home in the vicinity of Coffeeville until 1842, at which time he removed to Greene County, Mo., and there made his home until 1846, with the exception of a short time spent in Texas and Mississippi. He then went to Forsyth, Taney County, Mo., and began the practice of medicine, following it with success up to 1852, when he established the Layton saw mills fourteen miles south of Forsyth, which was in successful operation until the opening of the Civil War. He and his family then went South, and after the close of the war returned to Arkansas, and took up their home at Yellville, Marion County, in quite reduced circumstances. He had been wealthy and quite an extensive slave owner. He once more took up the practice of medicine, continuing it up to 1877, in which year his death occurred in Yellville. He was a man of more than ordinary prominence in the different counties in which he lived, was a strong Democrat, active in all public matters, but was never an aspirant for public preferment. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. At his death, which occurred when he was sixty-four years of age, he left a small property. His wife, was also a Virginian by birth, and she and the Doctor became the parents of eleven children, eight of whom they reared: Leonidas, who died in Texas, in 1871, was a Confederate soldier; Licurgus was killed in the early part of the war; John died at the age of sixteen; Amanda is the wife of Mr. Masey of South Dakota; Elizabeth, who died in 1876, was the wife of R. Jeffries, of Greene County, Mo.; A. S.; Ellen is the widow of Dr. Hart, of this State; G. W. is living in Oakland, Ark.; Sadie is the wife of J. B. Wilson, of Yellville; and Austin, who is a resident of Yellville. The mother died in 1885, at the home of her son, A. S. Layton, in Yellville. He whose name heads this sketch passed his boyhood days in Greene and Taney Counties, attending the common schools of the county, and gained a good practical education by close application. In 1861, when about seventeen years old, he entered the army, as a member of Company I, Fourth Missouri Regiment, and was in the engagements at Wilson's Creek, Elkhorn, Corinth, Iuka, Holly Springs, Baker's Creek, Vicksburg and Fort Blakely. He was twice wounded by gun shot, once at Fort Blakely and again at Baker's Creek. He was taken prisoner at

Vicksburg. After the war he located in Taney County, Ark., refitted the saw mill which had been erected there by his father, and he and his brother Leonidas operated it successfully until 1868 or '69, when he entered school at Berryville, Ark., after leaving which he came to Yellville and began clerking in the store of L. S. Layton. He soon after opened a general store of his own, which he operated up to 1890, having a liberal patronage and doing a large business. The most of the time he was in business by himself, but at one time he and W. C. McBee were associated, and at another J. S. Cowdrey, was his partner. During the twenty years that he was in the mercantile business he never lost $500 in bad debts. He is a far seeing and practical man of affairs, honorable and upright in every particular and of a genial and kindly disposition. He has been engaged in the banking and brokerage business for the past eight years, and in June, 1892, opened up the Bank of Yellville, a private concern with a paid-up capital of $25,000, and has dealt largely in county bonds and papers and school script. He owned lands to the amount of 1,400 acres, a portion of which is valuable mineral land and nearly all of which is available for farming. Mr. Layton is quite an extensive operator and has several good mines in operation, one of which is Sugar Orchard Mine, in the northwest part of the county near Dodd City. Mr. Layton is a Democrat, and has been a delegate to State and national conventions, but is not an office-seeker, his extensive business operations fully occupying his time and attention. He is a member of Yellville Lodge of the A. F. & A. M., and has always taken much interest in the progress of the schools of his section. He was married in this county in 1871, to Miss M. Wilson, a daughter of J. C. Wilson, who lives two miles east of Yellville, and to them a family of seven children have been given, six of whom are living: Edna E., wife of J. C. Berry; William, who died at the age of fourteen months; Virgie L., who is the wife of Dr. W. W. Walton, of Oakland, Ark.; Flora A.; Walter; Lonnie; and Willie, a daughter. Mr. Layton and his family are attendants of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, and are well known and highly regarded in Yellville. They have a pretty home on Main Street, and the Bank building, erected in 1892, is a model of perfection in appearance and structure. Mr. Layton is one of the public-spirited men of the county and is justly considered a valuable acquisition to the town in which he has so long made his home.

BALEY SMITH. One of the early pioneers of Reynolds County, Mo., owes his nativity to Tennessee, his birth occurring in Scott County on November 10, 1841. His parents, John and Nancy (Cotton) Smith, were both born in that county. His grandfather, Isaac Smith, died in that State. John Smith and his brother, Barton, came to Reynolds County at an early date, about 1844, and for one year followed farming on Webb's Creek. After that John came to Kelley's Creek and bought the land where his son, Isaac Smith, is now living. He opened up this farm and by industry and perseverence became the owner of a good farm. He made the trip from Tennessee with ox team and came with quite a company of emigrants, the Cottons, Chitwoods and others, all of whom settled in this county. Part of the time Mr. Smith sold goods, and he was also a large dealer in stock, continuing the business until his death in 1868. Politically he was a Democrat, but he took no part in the Civil War. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and one of the most prominent men in the county. His wife was a daughter of Aaron Cotton, a pioneer and well-known man of this county. She was born in Tennessee, and was there married to Mr. Smith, whom she accompanied to Missouri in 1844. Her death occurred in this county in 1882. Ten children were the fruits of this union, six sons and four daughters, as follows: Baley, subject; Elvira, now deceased, was the wife of A. Barnes; Daniel C., a farmer of Reynolds

County; Isaac, a farmer in Kelley Valley; Calvin E., a farmer in Kelley Valley; Frankley, a farmer in Texas; Veetile, who died when thirty years of age, was a man of family; Matilda J. died when small; Nancy A., wife of Edward Wilkins of Carter County, and one died young. The mother was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. As our subject was but three years of age when brought by his parents to Missouri, all his recollections are of this State. He attended the schools of Kelley Valley, and was taught the duties of farm life at an early age. In 1862 he started out to struggle with the stern realities of life for himself, and his first move was to enlist in the Confederate Army, Company C. He served three years under Marmaduke, and was in a number of battles and skirmishes. He was taken prisoner and held three months at Pilot Knob. After the war he returned to this valley and began his career as a farmer. In 1865 he married Miss Juline L. Reed, a native of Shannon County, Mo., and the daughter of Dr. Thomas and Mary (Chilton) Reed, who moved to Shannon County at an early day. There Dr. Reed died in 1861 and his wife soon after. Almost immediately after marriage our subject moved to the valley where he now lives and began farming, which occupation he has continued since. He has a tract of 200 acres, and as a farmer and stockman has met with good success. In politics he is a Democrat, and he and wife hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church. At one time Mr. Smith was justice of the peace in Logan township. Three children have been born to his marriage: Simri, a young man studying law; Malinda J., wife of J. Wood, a farmer; and Mary, who died when five years of age.

Judge W. N. Evans. Judge W. N. Evans, of the Twentieth Judicial District of Missouri, makes his home in the northwestern part of West Plains, where he has a handsome residence on Garfield Avenue. He is a native of Owsley County, Ky., born September 11, 1849, and the son of W. N. and Elizabeth (Hurst) Evans. The grandfather, John Evans, was a native of Wales, who came to this country at an early day and settled in old Virginia. Later he moved to east Tennessee and there passed the remainder of his days. He had but three children, two sons and a daughter. The father of our subject was born in east Tennessee in 1824, and his early life was spent on a farm. There he married and resided until 1849, when he moved to Kentucky, where he was among the pioneers. He followed farming there and was one of the prominent men in the county. He held a number of offices in Owsley County. When the Civil War broke out he enlisted in the Tenth Kentucky, Confederate army, and served in the Virginia army. Mr. Evans participated in a number of prominent engagements and was taken a prisoner of war in the latter part of 1863, being confined in the Rock Island Prison, Ill., where he soon after died. He was always a strong Democrat and a prominent and influential man in the section in which he lived. Of the nine children born to his marriage, seven are still living. Mrs. Evans is living near Marshfield, Webster County, Mo., and is in the enjoyment of comparatively good health. Judge W. N. Evans was third in order of birth of the above mentioned family. He and his two elder brothers, James A. and George S., enlisted in the Confederate Army in 1864, Twelfth Tennessee Cavalry, but our subject was later transferred to the Fourth Kentucky Mounted Infantry. James and George are now living at Thayer, Oregon County, Mo., and are railroad men. The younger brothers are, John C. B., who is living in Webster County; T. E. G., a resident of Thayer, Mo., and Grandville P., who is residing in Mt. Grove, Mo., a druggist. The sisters are, Mary, now Mrs. Casteel of Webster County, Mo., and Sarah, deceased, was the wife of Mr. Rice. One brother, Isaac, died when twenty-five years of age. In his native State our subject passed his early life, on the waters of the Kentucky River, and there learned habits of industry that

have remained with him through life. He had very little schooling before the war and became a soldier before he had gained any knowledge of figures. Judge Evans served from August, 1864, till July, 1865, and was in the battle of Cedar Gap, Tenn., Cross Road, Bulls Gap, Strawberry Plain, Morristown, Tenn., and Wytheville, Va. From the latter place he was sent on a forced march to reënforce Gen. Lee, but while at Salem, Va., Lee surrendered. The Judge served as a private. He was between fourteen and fifteen years of age when he entered the army, and he was the youngest soldier in his command. After the war the Judge located at Tazewell, East Tenn., and while there farmed for $8 per month. In 1869 he came to Missouri, and located in Webster County, where he remained until 1871. He then went to Arkansas and began teaching school in Pope County. He had but three months' schooling in Webster County, but he taught in Arkansas and Indian Territory. Not liking the profession, he, however, continued to teach at intervals, following the same in Lamar County, Tex., where he also raised a crop of cotton. In 1873 he returned to Missouri and taught school up to 1876. He studied law at the same time and was admitted to the Webster County bar in March, 1875. The following year he took up the practice of law and since then has followed the profession. In 1877 he was elected superintendent of public schools of Webster Country, but soon resigned the position and since then has practiced law. In 1878 he moved to Oregon County, located at Alton and practiced there until coming to Howell County in April, 1885. While a resident of Oregon County, the first year he was made prosecuting attorney of the county by a large majority above the three men in the field for the same office. He was reëlected in 1880, but resigned the office. After coming to this county and settling in West Plains, he was on the ticket of President Cleveland's electors in 1888, in the Fourteenth Congressional District, and was also chairman of the Democratic County Central Convention. He was appointed circuit judge of the Twentieth Judicial District by Gov. Frasier in 1891, was elected to the same office in 1892, and has held that position since. The Judge has a wide reputation as a criminal lawyer, and is well known as such in south Missouri. He has conducted a large number of noted criminal cases to a successful issue and has proved himself eminently worthy the confidence reposed in him by all classes. He is shrewd and quick in grasping points of law and his decisions are usually ready to be given when the arguments are given. Careful in the preparation of his cases, he has the ability to present them in a concise, logical and convincing manner. Judge Evans is a Mason and a Knight Templar. He has always affiliated with the Democratic party and has been a delegate to State and Congressional conventions. He is connected with the West Plains Bank, as a stockholder, and is interested in real estate in that city, Thayer and Alton. Judge Evans was married in August, 1875, to Miss Sarah A. Smith, daughter of W. H. Smith, of Webster County, Mo., and they have four children: Ethel, Earl, Paule and Hazel. The two eldest are attending school. The family hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

HON. J. W. PATE. This gentleman is one of the most substantial farmers of Van Buren County, Ark., if not in his section of the State, and he has, through his enterprise, intelligence and public spirit, contributed his full share to the magnificent development of the section in which he resides. He was born in the county in which he now lives on the Red River, February 26, 1841, a son of William and Lovica (McAllister) Pate, the former of whom was born in Georgia, and was a son of James and Nancy Pate, who were of Scotch-Irish descent. The Pate family settled in this county during colonial days and some of the members of the family were soldiers of the Revolution.



W. N. EVANS,
West Plains, Mo.



ELISHA BAXTER,
Ex-Governor of Arkansas.

James Pate was a soldier in the War of 1812. In 1834 William Pate moved from Mississippi to Arkansas, the journey thither being made by wagon. They made a settlement on Red River and were among the pioneers of the section. The father died in 1854, in Conway County, Ark., having been a life-long farmer and successful business man. His wife was born in Holmes County, Miss., a daughter of David McAllister, a member of an old Mississippi family, from which State his father came to Van Buren County, Ark. The parents of Hon. J. W. Pate were married in this county and here the mother died in 1879, having become the mother of eight children, as follows: Julia, who is the wife of James Fulkerson, of Erath County, Tex.; Mary A., who died after her marriage to J. M. Waddell; J. W., the subject of this sketch; Uney, wife of J. P. Gordon, of Texas; David, who was killed during the war in Van Buren County, Ark., having been a soldier under Gen. Price; William J. is a merchant of Clinton, Ark.; Dicy is the wife of J. K. Hatchett; Susan died after her marriage with S. H. Bradley, and Sarah, who is the wife of Dr. W. R. Greeson. The family for many years back have been supporters of the Democrat party and the younger members of the family are still strong in that faith. Hon. J. W. Pate was taken to Conway County, Ark., when he was three years of age and in that county he was reared and educated. In 1861 he enlisted in Company A, Seventeenth Arkansas Infantry, with which he served throughout the war, the first year of his service being east of the Mississippi River. At the end of that time he was made lieutenant of his company and his command was then ordered west of the Mississippi River and he participated in the battles of Prairie Grove, Marks' Mill, Poison Springs, Jenkins' Ferry, Little Rock, Pine Bluff, and was with Price on his raid through Missouri, in nearly all the engagements of which he was an active participant. At the close of the war he returned home, having surrendered at Jacksonport. Notwithstanding the changed condition of affairs, he at once energetically engaged in farming, and to this occupation the most of his attention has been given ever since, although he has also been engaged in mercantile pursuits in Clinton. He has a farm of 500 acres on a branch of the Red River, two miles from Clinton, nearly all of which is fine farming land. He is a member of the A. F. & A. M., has ever been a stanch Democrat in politics and has represented his county in the State Legislature since 1892. He has always been active in public matters, is decidedly public spirited and has frequently been a delegate to State and congressional conventions. He was married in 1866 to Mrs. America Gordon, a daughter of Samuel Griggs, who came to this county in 1833 from Maury County, Tenn., and died here in 1861. His wife, who was Fannie Maddox, died here in 1888. They were married in Tennessee and upon their arrival in Arkansas settled on Red River, eight miles from Clinton. Mrs. Pate was born in Van Buren County, October 27, 1842, being one of a family of nine children born to her parents: Felix, who died while serving in the Civil War, in 1863; Nancy, who is the wife of William Hardy; Tennessee, who died young; John, who was killed in 1864; Duke H., who died some ten years ago, a man of family and a farmer by occupation; Samuel, who also died about ten years ago, leaving a family; William is a farmer on Red River. To Mr. and Mrs. Pate six children have been given: William S., who is married to a Miss York, and has one child, James W. (he is living on a farm two miles west of town); Effie and Fannie; Robert and Clarkie are attending school; the other child, Joseph E., died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Pate are people well respected by all and have many warm friends.

DR. C. B. ELKINS. The noble profession of medicine affords to the student in that science a never-ending source of investigation and experiment.

New remedies are constantly being discovered, steady progress is being made in surgery and new diseases are presenting themselves under varying forms of civilization. In the noble army of workers in this great field may be found the name of Dr. C. B. Elkins, who, since 1888, has resided in Ozark, Christian County, Mo. He came from Cannon County, Tenn., in 1870, and with his father settled in Christian County about three miles from Ozark. There his father, H. R. Elkins, still resides. Dr. Elkins owes his nativity to Tennessee; in which State his birth occurred in 1862. His mother, Ruth Neely, was also born in that State and was a daughter of Alexander Neely. The Elkins family have been known in America ever since colonial days and have been residents of Tennessee from the very early history of that State. When Dr. Elkins was five years old he was left motherless with a brother and sister. The former, Euclid Elkins, became a man of family and died in Ozark County, Mo., in 1881, and the latter, Melissa, became the wife of W. L. Phillips of Christian County. After the death of the wife and mother, the father married again and by his second wife became the father of two sons, James T. and William B. James T. is with the Johnson Witty Drug Company, and William B. is with J. L. Lee Tie and Timber Company, Sparta, Mo. The Doctor first attended the district schools of Christian County, and in 1880 began the study of medicine under Dr. I. N. Rogers of Rogersville, Mo., with whom he remained for some time, after which he entered the Missouri Medical College of St. Louis, and graduated from the same in March, 1885. He began practicing his profession with Dr. Rogers, but in 1886 moved to Sparta and two years later formed a partnership with Dr. John H. Fulbright, at Ozark, Mo., with whom he has since been connected in the practice of his profession, their patronage extending over a large extent of territory, comprising several counties. The Doctor is a member of the Southwest Missouri Medical Association, and socially he belongs to the Ozark Lodge No. 352 of the A. F. & A. M. and the A. O. U. W. The Doctor was married to Miss Alice Flag of Rogersville, a daughter of Capt. S. A. Flag, who was a soldier of the Civil War and died at Marshfield, Mo., when Mrs. Elkins was but a child, his wife's death occurring in 1882. To their union four children were born. The Doctor and his wife have one son, Ralph, who is a bright and promising lad. Dr. and Mrs. Elkins are worthy members of the Christian Church, and politically he is a Democrat.

H. C. KING. This gentleman is the able cashier of the Boone County Bank, at Harrison, Ark., which is one of the most extensive banking concerns in this part of the State, and is doing a successful general banking business. It was established March 3, 1886, with a capital stock of $20,000, and R. S. Armitage was made its president, R. F. King, Jr., cashier, and D. N. Fulbright vice-president, but in October, 1888, the capital stock was increased to $50,000, and R. F. King became president, R. S. Armitage vice-president, and H. C. King cashier. The following board of directors were elected: M. L. Aderhalt, William A. Greever, A. S. Layton, Dr. J. L. Sims, G. C. Rhodes, E. J. Rhodes, G. W. Zigler, R. F. King and H. C. King. A new building for this bank is in process of erection in Harrison, and will be a handsome and modern structure, substantially built. This bank does an extremely large business, and during the late panic in banking circles had the entire confidence of the public. The average deposits amount to about $60,000, and the bank, in addition to its general exchange, annually handles some $200,000 exchange for the extensive stock industry of this section. Since the new organization, in 1888, the bank has paid a dividend of 9 per cent., and carries a 3 per cent. surplus fund. H. C. King was born in Boone County January 18, 1855, the fifth of seven children born to Robert F. and Phœbe C. (Orr) King, natives of Tennessee and Kentucky, respectively, who came to Boone County, Ark., from Kentucky at an

early day. They opened up a farm in the vicinity of Lead Hill, but at the opening of the war moved to Greene County, Mo., and at the close of the conflict returned to find the most of the goodly property they had accumulated swept away. They lived in a small log stable the first year after their return, then once more made improvements and lived on the place up to 1875, when they moved to Lead Hill, and in 1879 to Harrison, the father's death occurring in this place. He was a Whig prior to the war, a Union man during that time and a Democrat afterward. His widow and seven children survive him: Frances, wife of David McCord; James M., of Harrison; Samuel, a farmer of the county; Alfred L., also a farmer; Henry C.; Mattie C.; and Robert F., who is president of the above mentioned bank. Henry C. King attended the common schools of the county until he was seventeen years old, at which time he engaged in drug business at Lead Hill, which he followed with some success for three years. However, his taste was in the line of office work, and he secured a position in the county clerk's office, receiving for his services 50 cents per day, out of which he paid his board and bought his clothing. After remaining thus employed for two years he was appointed deputy clerk at a salary of $1 per day, and, concluding this was sufficient to support a wife, he accordingly married Ida Crawford. At the end of four years he was made county clerk, and at the end of two terms he retired from politics without being defeated in an election. During the eight years that he was in the clerk's office he pursued the study of law, was connected with the Harrison *Times* for one year, and in 1884 was admitted to the bar. After practicing his profession for twelve months, he entered the United States Land Office as chief clerk, which office he left to become assistant cashier in the Boone County Bank, where he is now cashier. His wife was born in Missouri, a daughter of Col. Robert W. Crawford, and to them have been given five children: Helen, Ida, Alfred L., Jr., Vera and Edith. Mr. and Mrs. King are members of the Christian Church, and socially he is a member of the I. O. O. F. He was for four or five years a member of the board of city aldermen and was for six years on the school board. A Democrat in politics, he is a man of original and independent views, follows no established forms, but at all times thinks for himself. He is one of the largest stockholders in the Boone County Bank, has a pleasant home in Harrison, besides other town and acre property, and is in the enjoyment of a competency earned through his own efforts. While in the clerk's office he secured a patent on what is known as King's Index to County Papers and Records, which is being largely used throughout the State, and he also has an abstract of title for real estate and a bank cash book which are patented and copyrighted. Robert F. King, his brother, president of the Boone County Bank, was born in this county May 14, 1864, and his boyhood days were spent in attending school at Lead Hill, afterward graduating from the Little Rock Commercial College in the class of 1883. He immediately engaged in the insurance business in Harrison, an occupation which has since received his attention, and in connection with his brother, H. C., has conducted a mercantile establishment at Valley Springs, their stock being valued at $4,000. He was also associated in the same business with a Mr. Schweitzer in Harrison for several years, and he and his brother, A. L., and John Morrow built a brick livery stable in Harrison, which they operated for some time. He was in the cotton commission business from 1885 to 1890, and handled 5,000 or 6,000 bales per year, and for several years was engaged in the manufacture of harness and saddles. He is now engaged in selling the Springfield wagon and has speculated largely in real estate, and in addition to his other numerous business ventures has also carried on farming. He has ever been wide awake, pushing and enterprising, and as a result has a considerable

amount of this world's goods. He has always been a lover of fine stock, has brought quite a number of fine animals to the county, and has bought and sold cattle, making a success of this line of work. He is a Democrat in politics, is a member of the city council, and his wife is a member of the Christian Church. He was married May 15, 1887, to Miss Walsie Weaver, a daughter of R. B. Weaver, of Rally Hill, and they live in a handsome residence in the south part of Harrison. He is one of the wealthiest men of the county, and what he has has been obtained through his own good fighting qualities. Alfred L. King, another brother, was born in Boone County, October 23, 1851, and his boyhood days were spent on the old home farm. He gained a good education in the common schools, and at the age of twenty-two years was married to Miss Eliza H. Kelley, a daughter of Adam L. Kelley, who settled in Boone County from Tennessee soon after the war. She was born in Tennessee August 26, 1850, and after her marriage with Mr. King located in Lead Hill, where he was successfully engaged in the drug business with his brother, H. C. King. In November, 1876, he moved to Harrison, and here opened a drug store, but sold out two years later and began discharging the duties of justice of the peace, and later of deputy county clerk under his brother, H. C. In 1882 he was elected county and circuit clerk and ex-officio recorder; he held this position up to 1884, then becoming a commercial traveler for a St. Louis house, with whom he remained up to 1885. In June of that year he was appointed receiver of public moneys in the U. S. Land Office at Harrison, a position he ably filled until November, 1889. He then became connected with the Adler-Goldman Commission Company, of St. Louis, and has been their representative since that time. He has since bought, or furnished money to buy, nearly all the cotton raised in northwestern Arkansas. Since May, 1889, he has been a half owner of the harness and saddle company of Frew & King, which is the largest concern of the kind in that portion of the State, and they are engaged in the manufacture of a fine class of goods. In 1893 he bought the Armitage farm of 477 acres, adjoining Harrison, of which 250 acres are under cultivation, and he is now largely engaged in dealing in and raising stock. He has come to be regarded as one of the best business men in the county, is remarkably energetic, public spirited and active. He has been a delegate to State and National conventions. To Mr. King and his first wife four children were given: Henry C., a clerk in the Boone County Bank, and is a promising young man; Ruby G.; Kelley K.; and one that died in infancy. Mrs. King died October 2, 1880, and May 15, 1887, he married Laura G. McCormick; one child, James B., was born of this union. The present Mrs. King was born in Springfield, Mo., March 26, 1870, a daughter of B. F. McCormick, who died in 1880. He was a stockman of prominence and was honored and respected by all who knew him. Mr. King is a leader in the affairs of his section, and has done his full share in making the town of Harrison the flourishing place of business that it is. The King brothers are of the stuff of which useful and noble citizens are made, and are among the most highly honored men of their section.

J. D. Melton. The question of food supplies is one that agitates the whole human family, and is the first with which they have to grapple. Without doubt the well-appointed grocery establishment furnishes the best solution of feeding the masses, and in this connection due reference is made to that over which J. D. Melton presides and of which he is the proprietor. He was born in the neighborhood of Galena, Mo., December 6, 1842, a son of Austin and Elsie (Haley) Melton, and grandson of Ansel Melton, who was one of the pioneers of Tennessee. In that State Austin Melton was born in 1805, and from that region he came to Polk County, Mo., in 1834,

and there made his home for some three or four years. He then came to Stone County and settled about one mile south of where Galena now stands, on 100 acres of Government land, which he entered. On this land he built a log house in which he lived until 1858, when he moved to the town of Galena. After the death of his wife there he moved to Laclede County and from that time until his death, which occurred in 1892, he resided on a farm about eight miles from Lebanon. All his life he was a Democrat and held a number of township offices. His wife, a Tennesseean by birth, bore him eleven children, seven sons and four daughters: Elizabeth, John, Catherine, Elisha, Emeline, James A., George, Martha, William, J. D. and Thomas, of whom five are living. The second wife was Mary Dennis, by whom he became father of one child, Nancy. The boyhood days of J. D. Melton were spent on his father's farm in Stone County, but in 1858 he became a resident of Laclede County, where he made his home for two years. He then returned to Stone County, and in November, 1861, enlisted in Company B of the Sixth Missouri Volunteer Cavalry, with which he served three years one month and thirteen days. He entered the service as a private, was later promoted sergeant, and was in a number of hard-fought battles; among which may be mentioned Sabine Cross Roads, Pleasant Hill, Vicksburg, the siege of that place, the engagement at Jackson, Miss., and in all was in forty-two engagements. Fortunately, he was not wounded or taken prisoner during his service, but he was disabled for some time by his horse falling on him. He came to Galena after the war was over and was here engaged in the mercantile business for a time. On February 4, 1866, he married Mrs. Elizabeth Nichols, the widow of Sam Nichols, who was killed in the battle of Wilson's Creek while serving in the Confederate army. In September, 1871, Mr. Melton located in Butler County, Kan., but three years later returned to Stone County, Mo., and was engaged in tilling the soil until 1883. The three succeeding years he carried the mail from Galena to Marionville, Mo., but prior to that, in 1881 and 1882, he held the position of assessor of Stone County, and for two years also held the position of county treasurer. After retiring from office, he clerked for some time in the store of Mr. Porter, and in 1889, began discharging the office of postmaster of Galena, to which office he had been appointed and which he held until October 27, 1893. Since that time he has devoted most of his attention to the grocery business, in which he is doing well, and has a large and constantly increasing patronage. Mr. Melton has always been a Republican politically and has been a liberal and active supporter of enterprises tending to benefit the town and county. He is a member of the G. A. R. of Galena and is at the present time commander of the post. His children are as follows: America, wife of John Carr of Stone County; Ailey, who was the wife of Charles Standridge, died in 1891, leaving two children; Katie died in infancy; Minnie makes her home with her parents, and Harold is also at home. As a business man Mr. Melton has been successful and the host of friends that he has gathered about him speaks eloquently as to the upright and honorable life he has led.

THOMAS J. STALLCUP. In endeavoring to trace the genealogy of the Stallcup family, we find that the first member of this family to settle in America was the great-grandfather of our subject, who left his home in Switzerland and settled in this country at a period long antedating the Revolution. He located in Maryland, but the family drifted thence to Tennessee. George Stallcup, grandfather of our subject, was born in Maryland and there, after growing to mature years, was married to Miss Susan Hanley, also a native of Maryland. Later he and his wife moved to Tennessee, and after rearing a family there, came to Jackson, and afterward to Taney County, Mo. This

was in 1842, when he settled seven miles southeast of Forsyth, where he remained until his death in 1858. He was a lifelong farmer, and a man who accumulated considerable wealth. His son, Solomon Stallcup, father of our subject, was born in Overton County, Tenn., in 1811, and was nineteen years of age when he came with his parents to Missouri. In 1843 he settled in Taney County, seven miles southeast of Forsyth, on White River, on a farm in the woods, where he remained until his death in 1848. He had but a limited education in youth, but was a man of good sound judgment and accumulated considerable wealth, much of which he lost in the panic of 1836-37. He was married in Jackson County, Mo., to Miss Mary Saunders, a native of Virginia, born in 1810, and the daughter of John and Susan Saunders, who were natives of Virginia, but who came to Jackson County, Mo., at an early period, and died there. To Solomon Stallcup and wife were born seven children: Thomas J., subject; James S., who resided in Taney County, but who died while serving in the Confederate Army; Ann, residing in Vernon County, this State, is married and has a family; Cornell B., residing in Taney County, see sketch; Rebecca, wife of Kerry Huff, died in this county; Miranda, single, died in this county; Samuel H., married, resides in Bates County, Mo., and one who died in infancy. The parents of these children were members of the Baptist Church, and were well liked in the community, in which they lived. They were well-known pioneers of Missouri, and contributed their share toward its progress and settlement. Mr. Stallcup died in 1848, and Mrs. Stallcup in 1858. Until ten years of age our subject attended the schools of Jackson County, Mo., where his birth occurred February 11, 1833, and he then came with his parents to Taney County, where he has made his home ever since, a period of over fifty years. He assisted his father in clearing and improving the home place, also another farm in the county, and when twenty-one years of age, started out for himself. He first began tilling the soil on the farm of his father and continued to manage it until 1869, when he came to the place where he now lives, about two and a half miles from Kirbyville. He has 320 acres of land, with 240 acres under cultivation, one of the finest farms in the county, and also owned a good farm on White River, but sold it and bought his present property. He is classed among the leading farmers of the county, and was selected by the farming interests of the World's Fair to represent Taney County, in 1893, at Chicago, but could not accept on account of his health. Like his father and grandfather, Mr. Stallcup is a Democrat in politics, and takes a deep interest in the success of his party. He is a member of Masonic Lodge, No. 453, at Forsyth, and has been treasurer of the lodge. During the Rebellion, he served in the Third Missouri Cavalry, Company H, as a private in the Confederate Army for about eight months, and was in Gen. Price's raid. In 1853 he married Miss Della Nave, a native of Taney County, and the daughter of William Nave, an early poineer of this county. She died in 1856, leaving one child, Mary P., who is now the wife of Samuel King of Boone County, Ark., and the mother of seven children. In 1857 Mr. Stallcup married Mrs. Selina Turner, widow of Geo. Turner, who died in 1850. Before her first marriage Mrs. Stallcup was Miss Selina Benton, daughter of Thomas and Lucy (Arnold) Benton, natives of Tennessee and South Carolina, respectively, the former born in 1801 and the latter in 1800. About 1853 Mr. and Mrs. Benton moved to Taney County, Mo., and followed farming there the remainder of their lives, the former dying in 1882, when eighty-four years of age, and the latter in 1865. Ten children were born to this worthy couple, eight of whom are still living: Francis M., deceased; William H., who is living in Texas; Lucinda, widow of a Mr. Kirk, resides in Greene County; John H., deceased; Selina, Mrs. Stallcup; Colbird, deceased; Leon, residing in Texas,

is the widow of Joseph Page; James F., who is living in Taney County, Mo.; Jiles J., in Boone County, Ark.; and Mannery, the wife of James Greene is residing in Taney County. Mrs. Stallcup had three children by her former marriage, the first two being twins. They died unnamed and then was born a daughter, Selilda M., the wife of Thomas Sims, and the mother of four children. Mr. and Mrs. Stallcup attend the Christian Church, and she is a member of the same. Their grandchildren are named as follows: Thomas J., Adella K., Robert F., Maud, Lula M., Harden W., May and Selina. Mr. King, son-in-law of subject, was reared in Boone County, Ark., but at one time lived in Taney County, Mo. One of our subject's uncles was with Davy Crocket in the Alamo fight, and was killed there. Mrs. Stallcup's maternal grandfather, Frank Arnold, was killed by the English-American Tories, while serving in the Revolution. She has one great-grandchild, Edwin I. Irwin, who is now four years old. When the latter was born he had two grandmothers, two great-grandmothers and one great-great-grandmother living. During the war Mr. Stallcup lost all his property, and when the war was over he was $600 in debt. All he has now was made from that time up to the present.

THOMAS S. BARNES, merchant and farmer of Barnesville, Reynolds County, Mo., and one of the representative men of the county, was born January 11, 1835, in Wilkes County, N. C. His father, Thomas Barnes, was born in North Carolina, but his grandfather, Edward Barnes, although born in the United States, was of Irish parentage, his father and mother coming to America prior to the Revolutionary War. Thomas Barnes, father of subject, was reared and married inhis native State and there remained until about 1835, when he started for the West, coming through by wagon. He brought his family and located at Pilot Knob, Iron County, where he bought land and farmed for some time. In 1837 he sold out and came to this section of the State, locating at Barnesville, which was then in Ripley County, but now in Reynolds County. He bought a tract of land, but soon after entered more land, and engaged in farming, following the same until his death, in 1860. He accumulated a good living and was in much better condition than the majority of emigrants. Being one of the early settlers, he saw the country change from its primitive condition, and assisted materially in that change. For many years he followed milling, owning a water mill on Logan Creek, and he also operated a distillery for a number of years. In those days game was abundant and many pleasant hours were passed by Mr. Barnes in hunting. He was twice married and three children were born to his first union: James, Rebecca and William, all of whom came to Missouri and here died. Mr. Barnes' second union was with the mother of our subject, whose maiden name was Polly Stenson. The following children were born to this union: Sarah, wife of William Thornton; Thomas S., subject; Josiah B., deceased; Edward, deceased; Elizabeth, wife of John Baker, of Texas; John, deceased; Nancy, wife of Nelson Barton, this county; Martha, wife of Gladden Tubbs, of this county; Mary A., widow of Smith W. Cotton; and the remainder died young. Mr. Barnes died at his home in Reynolds County and Mrs. Barnes died in 1867. Both attended the Methodist Episcopal Church Our subject was quite small when he came to this section with his parents and here he grew to mature years. When the war broke out he and his brother John enlisted in the Union army, Company B, Twelfth Missouri State Militia and the latter died while in service. Our subject served as corporal for about thirteen months and then returned home. He saw hard times during the war and after being discharged he went to Illinois, where he remained until cessation of hostilities, returning to Barnesville in 1866. By his own efforts he obtained a good education in youth, and, as he had been reared to farm life, he selected that calling as his chosen one when starting out for himself. He also learned the black-

smith's trade and followed it in connection with farming for many years. In the year 1855 he was married to Miss Caroline Leggett, daughter of Samuel Leggett, who made his home in this county, but who died in Illinois during the war. He was one of the early pioneers of this section. To Mr. and Mrs. Barnes were born three children: Aaron; Emily, wife of James Walker, resides in this county; and Thomas, who died in Texas. Mr. Barnes lost his first wife in 1859 and his second union was with Miss Mary Eddings, daughter of Calvin Eddings, formerly of this county, but now living in Arkansas. Five children were the fruits of this union: John, a resident of Arkansas; Elizabeth, wife of Mr. McRey of the State of Washington; Sarah; Eli, resides in Arkansas; and Margaret, wife of E. C. Bowers, of this county. After the death of his second wife Mr. Barnes married Miss Elana Chetwood, daughter of Andrew Chetwood, who was killed during the war. Seven children were born to this marriage: Grant, Leander (deceased), Wilson, Lucy, Luther, Cora and Elsie. Mr. Barnes has lived in this neighborhood nearly all his life and is well known and well thought of by all. In connection with farming and stockraising Mr. Barnes engaged in merchandising and has now followed this with marked success for about six years. Socially he is a Mason, a member of Barnesville Lodge No. 455, and was secretary at the lodge for a number of years. At present he is its chaplain. In his political views he has been a strong Republican since the Buchanan election, previous to which time he was a Democrat. He has held the office of justice of the peace in Logan township a number of years, and he was at one time member of the G. A. R. He and Mrs. Barnes are members of the Methodist Episcopal and Baptist Churches respectively and he is steward in the former. Mr. Barnes has about 100 acres of land under cultivation and is a thrifty and industrious citizen. Barnesville was named after his father in about 1855.

Alfred J. Dunegan. Of the many men who are engaged in tilling the soil in Ozark County, Mo., none is more thrifty, honest and persevering than he whose name heads this sketch. He has followed the occupation of farming from his earliest boyhood, and as a result every detail of this line of human endeavor is familiar to him, and he may be said to be an honor to the calling. He was born in White County, Tenn., in 1817, of which State his parents, Samuel and Sallie (Speers) Dunegan, were also natives, in which State they made their home until 1843, when they removed by wagon to Wayne County, when that section was wild and unsettled. Mrs. Dunegan died there shortly before the war, after which Mr. Dunegan came to Ozark County, and was here called from life about 1880. His father, Absalom Dunegan, is supposed to have been a North Carolinian, from which section he removed to Tennessee, dying in White County when Alfred J. was a small lad. He was by occupation a hammersmith, as was also his son Samuel, and the latter also followed the calling of a potter for some years. He was the father of eight children as follows: Alfred J.; Charley was a soldier with Sterling Price, and was killed at Santa Fe, N. M. during the Mexican War; Samuel is a farmer of Ozark County; Mary Ann is the widow of Lemuel Howard, and lives in this county; Sarah resides in Arkansas, and is the widow of William Risenhoover; Rachel is the wife of Jasper Risenhoover, and lives in Oregon County; and Sena is the wife of John Price of Ozark County. Alfred J. Dunegan received but limited educational advantages in his youth and in 1847 joined Sterling Price's regiment of Missouri troops, Company B, and marched across the plains to Mexico, being on the road for three months, and fought in the battle of Santa Cruz. After eighteen months' service he returned home as he went, and received his discharge at Independence, Mo. In 1850 he was married in Wayne County, Mo., to Miss Louanza Patrick, a native of the State of

Missouri, who died in Wayne County just prior to the opening of the Civil War, having become the mother of four children: Washington, who died in Indian Territory; Sarah Ann, wife of Alfred Durham; John; and Ellen, wife of William Loftis. In 1864 Jane Daniels, daughter of Henry and Harriet Daniels, became his wife. She was born in Tennessee, and she and Mr. Dunegan are the parents of four children: Thomas; Clarissa, wife of Samuel Lane; James; and Frank, deceased. Mr. Dunegan served a short time in the Confederate Army as a teamster, and two years after the close of the war came to Ozark County, and for some three years resided in the vicinity of Gainesville, and since that time on his present farm of 120 acres on Barren Fork, besides which valuable and well-improved property he owns 160 acres on Turkey Creek. All the property of which he is now possessed is the result of his own earnest and conscientious labor, and he has the unbounded satisfaction of knowing that in the acquirement of this property he has wronged no man. He is a member of Robert Burns Lodge No. 496, at Gainesville, of the A. F. & A. M., and politically he has always been a Democrat, and his first presidential vote was cast for James K. Polk in 1844. His wife's father and mother were born in North Carolina and Tennessee, respectively, and the former was left an orphan when quite young. In early manhood he went to Tennessee, and was married in Warren County, and there spent the rest of his life. His wife died February 8, 1863, after having borne him six children: Jane (Mrs. Daniels); Polly Ann, wife of Jackson Durham of Wayne County; Alfred who died in Wayne County after reaching manhood; James D. who was a soldier of the Confederate Army, and died in Ozark County; Absalom, of Wayne County, and Henry who was also a Confederate soldier and died in Ozark County. Woodson Daniels, father of Henry Daniels, was a North Carolinian by birth, and died in the State of his nativity many years ago, his wife, Polly Ann Daniels, dying there also. They had three children: Henry, William and Fannie.

Hon. Richard P. Bland. From poverty and obscurity all the eminent men of the West have fought their way in the battle of life, and by their own persistence and perseverance have attained to prominence and honor. They have given permanency to every enterprise that they have honored with their patronage and have stamped upon them their own individuality. The subject of this sketch is a man well known to the people of Missouri, and needs no eulogy from the pen of the biographer, for his deeds are his monuments and will endure long after he has moldered into dust. He was born near Hartford, Ohio County, Ky., August 19, 1836, his parents being Stouton E. and Margaret (Nall) Bland, both of whom were born on Blue Grass soil. The family originally came from Virginia, but emigrated to Kentucky in the time of Daniel Boone, and were among the early settlers of that country. The father devoted his life to the occupation of farming, and at the age of thirty-five, when just in the prime of life, was called upon to pay the last debt of nature, his widow surviving him several years. Of the four children born to them three are now living: Richard P.; Charles C., who is judge of the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit of Missouri, and Elizabeth, wife of Frederick Tutley, of St. Francois County, Mo. Young Richard P. received his initiatory training in the public schools in the vicinity of his rural home, and afterward finished his education in Griffin's Academy. In 1855 he left the home of his childhood and took up his residence in Wayne County, Mo., after which he taught school at Patterson for one term, and in the fall of the same year went to California, where he studied law. In 1859 he located in Virginia City, Nev., and was admitted to the bar by the United States Court at Carson City. He at once opened an office in Virginia City, where he remained until November,

1865, when he returned to Missouri and located at Rolla, at which place he and his brother, C. C. Bland, practiced law in partnership until 1869. He then came to Lebanon, Laclede County, where he practiced his profession until 1872, at which time he was elected to Congress, and has been reëlected ever since, thus holding his membership for twenty years. The fact of his knowing but little of a father's guidance and support, probably more than anything else, formed within him the spirit of self-reliance that has characterized him through life. During his long years of public life he has placed himself securely on the list of Missouri's statesmen, and his brilliant record is but the natural sequence of his brilliant mind applied in the right direction. Few men have seen more of public life, and very few have been more useful. He has many friends and few enemies, fewer enemies than any man of his decided mental nature, strong will and public worth, but even these can say naught against his honor. In 1877 he purchased the fine farm where he now lives, consisting of 160 acres, and built thereon a commodious and handsome brick residence. While in Utah he was elected treasurer of Carson County, which position he held until 1863, and at various times he was also engaged in warfare against the Indians. Since his election to Congress he has given up his profession, although as a lawyer he was preëminently a success; well and deeply read, with a clear and logical mind, which had been disciplined and strengthened by laborious study. The many eulogies pronounced upon him by the bar of the State evince the high estimation in which he was held by his legal brethren. On the 19th of December, 1873, he was married to Miss Virginia E. Mitchell, of Rolla, Mo., by whom he has five children: Fannie, Theodric R., Ewing C., George V. and Margaret. Mr. Bland is a Knight Templar in the A. F. & A. M. He is a man of noble and generous impulses and throughout the temptations of a long public career he has been strictly just in all his actions, never stooping to intrigue himself nor permitting it in others if he could prevent it, and has always shown supreme indifference to the opinions of enemies, his sole ambition being to serve his country faithfully in his line of duty, in which desire he has been preëminently successful.

Judge James J. Gideon. There is no man better known throughout the Ozark region than Judge James J. Gideon, the subject of this sketch. Born on the soil and reared among the descendants of the pioneers, he is one of those self-made sons of Missouri, who, while he has distinguished himself as a lawyer and jurist, has a far greater claim to the respect of the people in his sturdy integrity of character and his lifelong course as a friend of justice. He springs from a sterling Irish-Scotch ancestry of Colonial American stock. James Gideon, the great-grandfather of our subject, was the founder of this branch of the family in America. He came from Dublin, Ireland, with his brothers, Reuben and Edward, bringing his wife, Nancy. His sons were: Edward, William, Isham, James and John. They all settled on land in Southwest New York. Edward, brother of James, was killed in battle during the Revolutionary War. All of the family moved to North Carolina about 1781 and settled on the Yadkin River. James Gideon moved to what is now Hawkins County, Tenn., in 1821, where he settled on land. He took with him the apple trees with which to plant his orchard. Several members of the Gideon family went with him besides his own immediate family. He was a substantial farmer and lived to be an aged man, passing the remainder of his days in Tennessee. William Gideon, his son and the grandfather of our subject, was born in New York State in 1789, and went to North Carolina with the family. He married there Matilda Wood, and to them were born: James H., Burton A., William C., Francis M., Woodson T., Green B., John A., Minerva and Elizabeth. Mr. Gideon moved to Tennessee in 1821 and settled on land. He was a hatter by



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Greene Co., Mo.



JUDGE J. P. WOOD,
Heber, Cleburne Co., Ark.

trade and also a farmer. He was a member of the Baptist Church and an elder in his church for forty years. In his old age he became a Universalist. In the spring of 1836 he settled north of Ozark, Mo., two miles and entered 200 acres of land which is now known as the William P. Cox farm. He died in 1868, aged seventy-nine years. He was a well-known pioneer citizen, a man of sterling worth and had no enemies and was highly respected in his community. William C. Gideon, his son and father of our subject, was born in Hawkins County, Tenn., February 15, 1824, received the common education of his day and was but twelve years of age when he came with his father to Missouri, and was reared among the pioneers of this State. He married at the age of twenty-one years, Melinda, daughter of James Byrd, and to them were born eight children: Thomas J., James J., Francis M., William W., John N., Martin V., George B. and Matilda, all of whom are now living. Mr. Gideon settled on a farm in what was then Taney County, now Christian County, Mo., and during his life settled on several farms in this section, and before the breaking out of the war he had 480 acres of land in Christian County. Mr. Gideon was a typical pioneer citizen and cleared up several farms. During the war he was obliged to remove his residence to this county, settling four miles south of Springfield, on account of the depredations of the guerrillas. He served during the Civil War in Missouri Union Home Guards, three months under Capt. Jesse Galloway, and on March 5, 1862, he enlisted in Company F, Missouri State Militia, and was mustered into United States service. He was promoted to sergeant and detailed as recruiting officer at Springfield, Mo., for Robbs' Battery, having been transferred to the Eighth Missouri State Militia. While in this service he was killed by a band of guerrillas in Christian County, at the home of his father, on December 16, 1863. He was aged thirty-nine years. He was in the battle of Ozark, and on January 8, 1863, at the battle of Springfield when Marmaduke made his raid, and also in another battle. In religion he was a Methodist. He was a man whose judgment was respected by the people, and he was justice of the peace four years. In politics he was a Douglas or War Democrat and after the breaking out of the war became a Republican. He was a man of quiet and peaceful disposition, was honorable in character, and had the confidence of the community in which he lived. Judge James J. Gideon, son of above, and our subject, was born on his father's farm in Christian County, Mo., December 11, 1846. He received a common-school education, and when a boy, being fired with the patriotism of the youth of this country during the war, he ran away from school at the age of sixteen years, and on June 20, 1863, enlisted at Springfield, in Battery A, First Arkansas Light Artillery. He served a short time in this battery and then reënlisted in Company L, Sixth Missouri Rangers, which service was also short. He then reënlisted in Company H, Sixteenth United States Cavalry, serving twenty months. While in this regiment he was in the fight at Boonville against Price, at the battle near Jefferson City, at Big Blue, where Gen. Marmaduke was captured, and in the Newtonia fight and many skirmishes. He was promoted to corporal and honorably discharged July 1, 1865. During his service he was neither wounded nor imprisoned. At the close of the war he was elected captain of Company E, Ninety-ninth Regiment Missouri Militia, but saw no active service. After this he returned home, attended school and farmed, and on December 29, 1868, married Mary S., daughter of Capt. Jackson and Elizabeth (Keltruer) Ball. To Judge and Mrs. Gideon have been born four children: Percy P., Frederick F., Nora (deceased at thirteen years) and Kate M. After marriage Judge Gideon settled on a farm near Ozark, but having an active mind and possessing a

desire for a more ambitious career, he combined his agricultural pursuits with the study of Blackstone with such perseverance and ability that he was admitted to practice at the bar in the State of Missouri in January, 1872. He immediately began the practice of his profession at Ozark, where he continued until 1886, establishing a successful business. During this time he won the confidence of the people of his county and filled the office of public administrator and prosecuting attorney for eight years. He also represented his county in the State Legislature one term and was elected to the State Senate from the Nineteenth Senatorial District in 1884 and served one term. On July 26, 1886, he moved to Springfield, where he resides at present, and where he was successful in the practice of his profession from the start and his ability recognized, in 1888, by his election as prosecuting attorney for one term, and in the following year by his election as judge of the Criminal Court, which important office he now fills to the general satisfaction of the people. It is said that under his administration the business of the Criminal Court has been dispatched expeditiously, and that wisdom has accompanied his judgments, which are tempered with mercy. Judge Gideon is widely known through southwest Missouri as a successful politician. He has never been defeated before a convention or at the polls as a candidate for any office for which he has seen fit to run. Socially he is a member of the Solomon Lodge of Masons, of Springfield, and at Ozark held all the offices of Friend Lodge No. 352. He is also an Ancient Odd Fellow. He is a member of the G. A. R., Capt. John Matthews Post, Springfield. Judge Gideon is one of those citizens of Southwest Missouri who has risen from the humble position of a farmer's boy to occupy a place of great responsibility and trust. A soldier at sixteen years of age, he served his country faithfully, and as a citizen he is to-day one of those whose integrity stands without reproach. In politics he is a stanch Republican.

Capt. Edmond D. Pennington. This gentleman has resided in the community in which he now lives for the past ten years. He was born in White County, Tenn., January 26, 1825, a son of John and Nancy (Harris) Pennington the former of whom was born in Virginia, a son of Charles Pennington, a native of England, who married after reaching America, a German lady. He was a soldier of the Revolution, and at an early day became a resident of Tennessee, and later of Illinois, in which State he passed from life, having followed the calling of a Baptist minister while living. John Pennington was a farmer and died in Tennessee in 1863, his wife having passed from life in 1847. Of a family of fifteen children born to them, only four are living: Dabner, Nancy, Edmond D. and Rachel. Edmond D. Pennington grew to manhood in the State of his birth and there enlisted in the Union Army in August, 1862, with which he served until May, 1865, in the Fifth Tennessee Cavalry. He took part in the battles of Stone River and was in various other engagements and skirmishes. He was a good and faithful soldier and was promoted in January, 1863, to the rank of first lieutenant and later to that of captain of Company B, of the First Tennessee Mounted Infantry, which he commanded at Cherry Creek and Beech Grove. After the war he located in White County, Tenn., where he followed farming until 1869, when he emigrated to Kansas and for fourteen years resided in Montgomery County, Kan. He then came to Douglas County, Mo., and has since been a resident of Ava. Soon after locating here he purchased a mill which he continued to operate for some years, but it is now owned by his son William, and a son-in-law, James Lytle. Capt. Pennington has lived a retired life for the past few years, with the exception of being somewhat extensively engaged in mining lead. This mine is situated about two and a half miles east of Ava, besides which he owns forty acres of land, all of which is rich in lead. He has also been

engaged in the grocery business, but has been out of this business for some time. All his business operations have resulted successfully, he has shown excellent judgment in everything that he has undertaken, and he is one of the influential citizens of the county. He has always supported the principles of the Republican party, has taken an active interest in the affairs of the county, but has not been an office seeker. He was married in Tennessee to Miss Lucinda Brown, daughter of Hiram and Mary (Ellison) Brown, who were born in Virginia and North Carolina, respectively, and died in Tennessee, the father in 1865 and the mother in 1840. Of fourteen children born to them, three are living. Mrs. Pennington was born April 5, 1829, and has borne her husband nine children, six of whom are living: Nancy M., who died after having become the wife of John Elrod, of Tennessee; James, a farmer of this county; Tennessee, wife of Barney Mallanee, resides in this county; Tullis J. was a man of family and is deceased; William lives in Ava; Catherine is the wife of James Lytle; Andrew is a miller at Bryant, Mo.; Gillam died in Colorado; Louey is the wife of Andrew Miller of Ava. Mr. Pennington left Kansas on account of ill health, and since coming to Missouri has entirely recovered from a severe attack of kidney trouble. He and his wife are held in high esteem by the citizens of the county, and are useful and worthy citizens. Capt. Pennington has always acted in an independent manner politically, voting for men and measures and not for party. At present he adheres to the views of the Populist party.

Hon. William B. Cothron. This able and efficient probate and county judge of Stone County, Ark., was born in Greene County, this State, March 10, 1849, a son of Alexander and Jane B. (Hughes) Cothron, who were born in the Old North State and Tennessee, respectively. They became residents of Greene County, Ark., about 1847, and from there moved to Lawrence County, Ark., and finally to what is now Stone County in 1863, but the father died in Lawrence County in June, 1863, when about fifty years of age. The mother also died when about that age, in 1873, in this county. Their family consisted of two sons and two daughters: Mary Ann, wife of W. E. Becker, who is now in the Choctaw Nation; William B., the subject of this sketch; Theresa, wife of W. L. Lancaster of Mount View; and James L., who died in Arkansas County, Ark., in 1886, at about the age of thirty years. In this county William B. Cothron was reared and educated, and his early days were marked by hard labor, for it fell to his lot to help support the family, owing to the early death of his father. In July, 1864, he joined Fristo's regiment (at the age of fifteen), was in the Missouri raid and was in the battles of Ironton, Big Blue, Little Blue and numerous skirmishes, besides other engagements of more or less note. He surrendered June, 1865, at Jacksonport, Ark., after which he found himself almost penniless, and he at once turned his attention to farming and did his first work of this kind on Cooper's Hill in this county. Later he removed to another farm in the neighborhood, and in 1891 bought a farm one mile west of Mount View, where he has a fine tract of land comprising eighty acres, besides which he owns a good farm on Sycamore Creek. In 1868 he was married to Mary Maloy of this county, by whom he has three sons and five daughters, one of the latter being dead. For six years he held the office of justice of the peace, and in 1888 was elected county judge, an office he has ever since very ably filled and has discharged his duties with impartial fairness and with the best of judgment. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, and are very highly esteemed in the section in which they reside. He has always been a stanch Democrat in his political views, and he has at all times given his support to the men and measures of that party, who have in turn shown their appreciation of his services by supporting him.

CAPT. A. R. MCPHERSON. This worthy gentleman and old pioneer of Newton County, Ark., comes of fine old Virginia stock, although he, himself, was born in the State of Alabama, August 17, 1830, the seventh of eleven children born to the marriage of Reuben McPherson and Elizabeth Rash. The father was one of the early pioneers of Tennessee and took part in the War of 1812, under Gen. Jackson, with whom he participated in the battle of New Orleans. After the war he was married in Tennessee and moved with his young wife to Jackson County, Ala., where he was called from life, August 15, 1842. The following spring his widow sold the farm in Alabama and moved to Boone County, Ark., settling on Crooked Creek, seven miles south of Harrison, where she lived until October, 1848, when she came to Newton County and settled on the Hudson Fork of the Buffalo, where she has since made her home with the exception of the last four years. Her second husband was Rev. J. E. Casey, of Newton County, who died in 1863. She was born in 1799 and is now in her ninety-sixth year, and is by far the oldest person in this part of the country. Notwithstanding her advanced years she is in excellent health and enjoys the society of her children and grandchildren. Her children, eleven in number, were named as follows: S. R., who is living in Texas; Hiram, who died in Alabama at the age of thirteen years; Cynthia, who died in Boone County, Ark., the wife of Joseph Terry; Elizabeth, who resides in Marion County, Ark., the widow of John Wickersham; J. P., who died shortly after the close of the Mexican War, in which struggle he participated; A. R., the subject of this sketch; William F., who is living in Johnson County, Ark.; W. C., who died in Sebastian County, Ark.; Sarah C., who died in this county; John C., who died at the age of four years in Alabama; and a child that died in infancy. Owing to the fact that Boone County was very thinly settled at the time of the removal of the family thither, the advantages which the children had for obtaining an education were very poor, but A. R. McPherson acquired a good education through self-application. When he started out in life for himself he located on a farm eight miles above Jasper, but sold out in 1859 with the intention of moving to Texas, but owing to the opening of the war he remained in the mountains with his stock. After a time he enlisted in Company E, Second Infantry Volunteers, under Col. M. L. Stevens, of Illinois, and was elected captain of his company by a unanimous vote, serving from 1863 until August, 1865, when he was honorably discharged. He served principally in Arkansas and was in two hard fought battles, being in the eight days' fight before the battle of Jenkins' Ferry, besides skirmishes while on scouting duty in Newton and Boone Counties. He was an excellent soldier, but his hard service considerably undermined his health which has never since been as good as could be desired. He is a Republican politically, and held the positions of county and probate judge in 1866 and 1867, receiving his appointment from the Governor of the State. He held the office of county judge two terms, and for the past ten years has held the office of justice of the peace. He was married to Miss Eliza J. Carlton, of Tennessee, a daughter of Alfred Carlton, who came to Newton County at an early day, and until his death resided on a farm eight miles above Jasper. He became a prominent citizen of this county, and his death, in 1880, was much regretted by all who knew him. Mrs. McPherson was born in Tennessee, and has borne her husband thirteen children, ten of whom are living: W. A., who resides in Johnson County; Mary E., wife of Jesse Casey, of this county; Sarah, wife of J. H. Norris; J. R., a farmer of Newton County; J. H., who lives on a farm eight miles above Jasper; Delilah G., wife of William Nichols, of this county; Nancy E., wife of J. H. McHughes, of this county; Martha is living in Berry County, Mo., the wife of John Carlin; W. S., who is an attorney of Jasper,

Ark., and Blaine, who is at home. S. R., Cynthia A. and Alabama died young. Capt. and Mrs. McPherson are members of the Primitive Baptist Church, of which the Captain has been a minister since 1869. He has been successful in a business way, is the owner of a fine farm on Buffalo Creek, and is highly esteemed throughout Newton County, being especially active as a worker for the causes of religion and education. He is a member of the A. F. & A. M., the G. A. R., and is now one of the useful and enterprising citizens of Jasper.

HON. CHARLES P. BROOKS. This well-known official is very favorably regarded all over Cleburne County, and fills the office of circuit clerk in an able and very acceptable manner. He was born in Murphy, Cherokee County, N. C., July 12, 1848, to Jesse B. and Nancy F. (Porter) Brooks, the former of whom was born in South Carolina and the latter in Tennessee. They were married in Claiborne County, of the last named State, and after residing there for a time moved to North Carolina. In 1868 the family located in Blount County, East Tenn., and resided in that section for five years, then located at Ducktown Mines in Polk County, Tenn., and afterward in Calhoun County, Ga. Prior to the war the father was engaged in the saddle, harness and mercantile business, but lost his property during the great struggle between the North and South, after which he turned his attention to farming and later opened a saddle and harness shop. During the war he served as commissary of the Thirty-ninth North Carolina Confederate Infantry for two years. He is now in his eighty-fourth year, is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and has for years been connected with the Masonic fraternity. Six children were born to himself and wife, two of whom are living, of whom the subject of this sketch is the younger. After the death of his first wife, Jesse B. Brooks took for his second wife Miss Frankie Billings, and by her had six children, all of whom are living. The subject of this sketch received his education in Mt. Pleasant Academy at Murphy, N. C., and afterward finished his education in Holston College, Blount, County, Tenn. Since he attained his eighteenth year he has made his own way in the world, and his education was paid for by teaching school in his native State, Texas and Arkansas, this occupation receiving his attention until 1881. In November, 1875, he took up his residence in Arkansas and has ever since been a resident of Cleburne County, where he has made many friends. In 1886 he was elected to the position of tax assessor, an office he held three terms and was then elected to his present position of circuit clerk. In 1878 he was united in marriage with Miss Lulu Hamby, of this county, daughter of Rev. J. T. Hamby, and to their union a family of four sons and three daughters have been given them. Mr. Brooks is an exponent of the People's party, and is a public-spirited and useful citizen and is deservedly popular with all classes. At the expiration of his present term of office he will have been in office eight consecutive years, having never suffered defeat either at the primaries or in the general elections.

COL. WILLIAM B. JORDAN. This gentleman is one of the leading farmers of Independence Township, Baxter County, Ark., and has followed this calling from his earliest boyhood, having been initiated into its mysteries by his father. He was born in Lunenburg County, Va., in 1808, to Baxter Jordan, who was born in the same county in 1777 and died in 1823, having followed the calling of a merchant and farmer. His marriage resulted in the birth of two children, William B., and Thomas, who died in Alabama. The subject of this sketch was educated in his native county and an adjoining county, and upon attaining his twentieth year he began farming. In 1835 he left the State of his birth and went to Greene County, Ala., where he gave his attention to planting and milling, carrying on the latter occupation very

extensively. He remained there until the war closed, during which time he lost property to the value of about $40,000. He afterward came to Arkansas and located in Marion county, but now in Baxter County, which was then covered with primeval forest, and this county he has helped to clear and develop. His estate comprises 1,000 acres of as fine land as there is in the county, and he has 400 acres under cultivation. Unlike many who started out in life with some capital, he did not squander it, but put it to the best use he could, and being a careful business man he has become wealthy, and now deserves to rest from the burden and heat of the day. Since his residence in this county he has served as justice of the peace, an office he also held in Alabama for many years. While in that State he commanded a regiment of militia, having held all the lower offices of rank. In 1829 he was married to Miss Phaup, who died after having borne him two children: Mrs. Sarah Rose, who lives in Greene County, Ala., and one that died there leaving four children. In 1839 he wedded Miss Martha Gammil of Greene County, Ala., who bore him three sons and two daughters, one of whom is the wife of Hon. C. A. Eatman. Col. Jordan is a member of the A. F. & A. M. and politically is a Democrat. His grandfather served in the Colonial Army during the Revolution, was an officer and bore the name of Edward Jordan. The maternal grandfather, John Pettus was also a soldier in that war, and was in the battle of Guilford Court House, N. C. The Jordans originally came from England, and down to the present day have been honorable, useful and law-abiding citizens.

ZACH T. WASSON, Point Peter, Ark. Of that sturdy and independent class, the farmers and stockmen of Arkansas, none are possessed of more genuine merit and a stronger character than he whose name stands at the head of this sketch. He has risen to a more than ordinary degree of success in his calling, and wherever known is conceded to be an energetic and progressive tiller of the soil, imbued with all those qualities of goaheadativeness which have characterized his ancestors. He was born at the old homestead, a son of Eli Jackson and Angeline (Vorhies) Wasson, natives of Indiana and Tennessee, respectively, their marriage having been celebrated in the last mentioned State. They afterward drifted westward for the love and excitement of adventure, and Mr. Wasson chose this wild canebrake for their abode. Like the most of the early settlers of Searcy County, he was particularly fond of gunning and the enchanting melodies of the deer hound, and almost numberless were the deer and bears that fell at the command of his flint-lock rifle. Occasionally this beautiful dream was disturbed by a prowling redskin, but as the iron heel of civilization advanced and the hunting grounds of the savages were changed to waving fields of grain, the dusky sons of the forest ceased to be an annoyance. The Wassons settled in Searcy County, Ark., fifty years ago, and at the end of two years settled on the farm on which the subject of this sketch now resides, which place they greatly improved. Mr. Wasson's death occurred July 30, 1868, and that of his wife July 20, 1875. In addition to following agricultural pursuits Mr. Wasson was also engaged in blacksmithing, and was a hard-working, industrious man, honorable and straightforward in every particular, and everyone was his friend. He did not take any part in the late war, when the States were undergoing their terrible conflict, but enjoyed the quietude of home life. His manner of speech and sympathy for the Secessionist stamped him a true Southerner. Thirty years ago this now beautiful heritage was a Confederate camp for one-half mile up and down the valley, for there the camp-fires of Comodura's army of 15,000 glittered like so many fire-flies at night. As a memento of this General, Mr. Wasson has in his possession a large key, which presum-

ably belonged to Comodura's safe. In the pioneer days of Searcy County the Wasson place became widely known as a kind of country inn, and Mr. Wasson performed the duties of host to many a traveler. He was an active Democrat in politics. The children born to himself and wife were as follows: Mary I., wife of William Drewry, of this county, born in 1838; Webster W., residing on Bear Creek, was born in 1846; Zach T., was born in 1848; Millard, was born July 23, 1856; Eli C., was born April 20, 1859, and is residing on Richland Creek; and Elvira, born March 7, 1854, is the widow of George W. Campbell. On the farm on which he now lives, Zach T. Wasson was reared, but on account of the Civil War he received but little mental training. March 14, 1872, he was married to Miss Lavina F., daughter of Col. John and Ann Campbell (see sketch of C. H. Campbell), who came from Tennessee to this locality during the early history of this section and settled on Calf Creek, where Mrs. Wasson was born. She and Mr. Wasson have two sons: John Campbell and Oscar Dinsmore. Mr. Wasson's estate comprises 246 acres of fine farming land, situated on Richland, surrounded by fine mountain scenery, in one of the most delightful and equable climated regions in the State. The nearness of the mountains, with their rich verdure of wild growth, affords exceedingly fine pasturage for stock, and his place is one of the best improved in the way of buildings, fences, etc., in the county. To the south is a terminus of the Boston Mountain range, which rises up sublimely against the sky, and a public highway winds to the summit, whence a fine view can be had of the Buffalo River region, a beautiful stretch of mountainous country, which reminds one of the waves of the sea with its graceful undulations. Mr. Wasson inherited a portion of his property, but the most of it has been obtained through his own efforts, and he has every reason to be pleased with the success of his labors. He is of German-Irish descent and in personal appearance is tall and commanding. The expression of his face is resolute, and the fire and patriotism of his pioneer ancestors burns brightly in his keen black eyes. He is a member of Point Peter Lodge No. 358, of the A. F. & A. M., and politically has been a life-long Democrat, his first presidential vote being cast for Horace Greeley in 1872 and for every Democratic candidate since that time.

DR. HIEMPSAL S. DODD. To the person who closely applies himself to any occupation which he has chosen as his calling in life, there can only come one result, that of success and a high place in the esteem of those among whom his lot has been cast. Dr. Dodd is no exception to this rule, and he has also at all times manifested much interest in the building up of the sections in which he has made his home, and has given liberally of his means to this end. He is a native of Wooster, Ohio, born in 1828, a son of David and Mary A. (Pile) Dodd, natives of Pennsylvania, who were taken by their parents to Ohio and were liberally educated in Wayne County. The father and mother died in 1874 and 1883 respectively, having long been members of the New Jerusalem Church. The father was a farmer, and although he, himself, never participated in any war, he was descended from a Revolutionary soldier, and his brother Moses was in the War of 1812 and was a participant in the battle of Lundy's Lane, where he was killed. Samuel Dodd, the paternal grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was born in England, but at an early day came with his parents to this country and here he eventually took part in the war for independence. He was married in Pennsylvania to Dela Shelpman, a native of Germany, but who became a resident of this country with her parents when she was a child. While Samuel Dodd was serving in the Revolution he received a severe sabre wound in the head from a Hessian at the battle of Cowpens, but eventually recovered and became a successful farmer. The

maternal grandfather of Dr. Dodd, John Pile, was a Pennsylvanian, as was his wife Elizabeth, but they became very early settlers of Ohio and located at Wooster when the place consisted of one log house. Mr. Pile inherited honorable, thrifty and industrious habits from his German ancestors and reared a large family of children on his well-conducted and valuable little farm in the Buckeye State. The children born to David and Mary Dodd were as follows: Anna, who resides near Cleveland, Ohio, is the widow of Albert Wager, who left a handsome fortune; Hiempsal S.; Marion H., a teacher of considerable renown at Burbank, Ohio; Ada, widow of Henry Hassler, a successful business man of Wooster, Ohio; Harvey M., a farmer and stockman of Cass County, Mo.; Harrison, who was the mayor of Independence, Kan., was with Kilpatrick's cavalry during the Civil War, was in a number of battles, but was not captured or wounded during his service; David P., a farmer and stockman in the vicinity of Caldwell, Idaho; Samuel C., a soldier in the Federal Army for three months, and is now residing in Marion County, Ark.; John resides on the old homestead in Ohio; and Thomas, who died in 1889, and was the owner of a foundry and machine shop at Belleville, Ohio. His widow Sadie E. (Seabright) Dodd, now lives with her parents in Fredericksburg, Ohio. The Doctor received a common-school education in his native State, but being a diligent student outside of school hours, he became a thorough and profound scholar. In early life he took up the study of medicine, but did not finish his researches in this science until after the war was over. When starting out for himself it was as a clerk in a store at Wooster, and was a clerk-mate of Hon. A. T. Seeberger of Chicago, treasurer World's Fair. He remained there a few years, but being taken with a severe case of the "gold fever" in 1850, he went to California by water, where he followed mining and lumbering with fair success until 1855, at which time he returned to Ohio, and the same year was married to Miss Catherine C., daughter of Henry Neal, a native of Ireland, whose wife was of German extraction. Mrs. Dodd was born near Carlisle, Penn., but was principally reared in Ohio, and has borne the Doctor one son: Neal Dodd, who is one of Marion County's most able, wealthy and enterprising citizens. He has served several terms as circuit and county clerk of Marion County, being elected to these positions against great political odds, and each time with greatly increased majorities. Immediately after the Doctor's marriage he moved to Columbus City, Iowa, where he followed farming and stock breeding, owning the celebrated Elmwood Farm until August 25, 1862, when he enlisted in Company C, Eleventh Ohio Volunteer Infantry, as a private, but was at once placed on detached duty to assist in the organization of a post hospital at Davenport, Iowa. He was appointed hospital steward and later, when the hospital was converted into a United States general hospital, he was given the position of hospital steward, which he held until April 25, 1866, at which time he was relieved by his own request. This work, with the able instructions of his friend John M. Adler, M. D., surgeon in charge, gave him a thorough and practical experience in medicine and surgery, and he very soon after launched into an extensive and remunerative private practice at Davenport, where he remained until 1868, when Erie, Kan., became his home, which change was made for the benefit of his health. In 1872 he sought a still more moderate climate by locating in the mountains of Marion County, Ark., about half way between Yellville and Lead Hill, in the heart of the pine timbered country. Here he at once built a large lumber and grist mill and has ever since done a prosperous business in this line. He has always led an active and honorable life, has made a comfortable fortune and has established a reputation above reproach. He has been one of the most active men in the northern part of Arkansas in advertising and showing to the world the untold

mineral wealth of Marion and adjoining counties, and in this work he has spent lavishly both of time and means and still gives it much of his attention. When he first came to this region there were but two postoffices in Marion County, but he at once established an office at his mill and named it Doddville, which was afterward changed to Dodd City, and of which he has been postmaster up to the present time. Many years ago he was made a Mason at Davenport, Iowa, and still holds membership in Davenport Lodge No. 37. He was formerly a Whig in politics, and was the first of his father's family to identify himself with the Republican party, of which he has ever since been an uncompromising member. He is an active and earnest worker for the men and measures of this party, and by his able and straightforward manner in presenting his views, and his genial and amiable disposition, he has made no enemies in this Southern country, but, on the contrary, everybody is his friend.

JUDGE WILLIAM EASSON. No better citizens have come to Christian County, Mo., than those who emigrated from bonnie Scotland, and who brought as their inheritance from Highland ancestry the traits of character and life which has ever distinguished the race. Among these we find Judge William Easson, who was born six miles from Sterling, Scotland, September 24, 1835, and who has been a resident of Christian County since 1869. He is a son of Henry and Jane (Bryce) Easson, both natives of Scotland, who emigrated to this country in the year 1841. The parents located at Hamden, N. Y., after reaching the United States, and there the father followed farming until his death March 8, 1892. After coming to this country he advocated the principles of the Whig party, but later became a Republican. He became quite wealthy, and was a worthy member of the Reformed Presbyterian Church. The mother died in the Empire State in August, 1893, and she, too, was a life long member of the Reformed Presbyterian Church. Eight children were born to them: William, our subject; James, who died in Scotland when a babe; Belle, single, is living in New York State; Henry, resides at Beaver Falls, Pa., and a preacher in the Reformed Presbyterian Church, who for twenty years was a missionary in Syria; Christina died when six years of age; John also died young; Andrew J. is living on the old home farm in New York; and Elizabeth J. is the wife of William Alexander and resides in the Empire State. Our subject and Henry took part in the Civil War. Henry enlisted in the Third New York Cavalry Regiment, Company I, and served two years. He participated in a number of prominent engagements, but was never wounded. Our subject's boyhood days were passed in attending the schools of York State during the winter months, and in building stone fences during the summer seasons. When the Civil War broke out he enlisted in the Eighth Indiana Battery, of New York, under Capt. Butler Fitch, and was not attached to any regiment. Some of his battles were Williamsburg, Yorktown, Seven Pines, and he was in the seven days' fight across the Peninsula. He was also in the Gen. Cox raid through the South, cutting off railroads, etc., in South Carolina and other places. He was discharged in June, 1865, and although he had seven holes shot in his clothes at Seven Pines, he was never seriously injured. At the close of the war he located in the State of New York, and remained there until 1869, when he came to Christian County, Mo., buying a farm four miles northwest of Ozark. On this he resided until 1890, when he retired from farming and came to Ozark, in order to educate his children. He has a pleasant home in that city and this is presided over by his excellent wife, who was formerly Miss Sarah M. Morrison, daughter of James and Ellen Morrison, who came originally from Scotland and settled in Delaware County, N. Y. Mrs. Easson was educated in York State, and in early life was a teacher. To Mr. and Mrs. Easson

have been born three children, two of whom are living. The eldest died young, and Nellie J. and Aggie B. are in school. Mr. Easson is the owner of 165 acres of land, and is a well-to-do citizen of the county. He has always affiliated with the Republican party, and is active in all matters of moment. In 1886 he was elected to the office of presiding judge of Christian County on the Republican ticket, and held that position for four years, being in office during the Bald Knob trouble. Fraternally, he is a member of the I. O. O. F., Finley Lodge No. 206, at Ozark, and is the treasurer of the organization. He is a member of Capt. Robertson Post, G. A. R., at Ozark, and has been commander two or three times. The Judge and family are members of the Protestant Methodist Church, and no family in the county is better respected. Mrs. Easson is a lady of character and high literary taste.

JUDGE JAMES P. WOOD. Integrity, intelligence and system are qualities which will advance the interests of any man or any profession, and will tend to the prosperity to which all aspire. The life of Judge James P. Wood in the professional arena has been characterized by intelligence, integrity, sound judgment and persevering industry. He is one of Cleburne County's most popular and capable attorneys, who has acquired prominence because he is worthy of it. He was born on a farm in Barbour County, Ala., in 1843, a son of James and Nancy (Byrd) Wood, who were born, reared and married in the Old North State, and in 1830 moved to Barbour County, Ala., where they both died when fifty-two years of age. The father was prominent in the Democratic circles of Alabama, and also stood high in Masonry and mercantile and agricultural circles. Judge James P. Wood was the eighth of nine children born to his parents, and received his education in the Military Academy of Clayton, Ala. Early in 1861, before Alabama had seceeded from the Union, he had joined the Clayton Guards of the First Alabama Infantry, and was stationed at Pensacola for one year. At the reorganization of the Confederate Army, in 1862, he became a member of Company B, of the Thirty-ninth Alabama Infanty, and held the rank of second lieutenant. On July 28, 1864, when he was wounded at Atlanta, he was in command of his company. During his service he was in many battles, among which were Fort Pickens; Mumfordsville, where he was on picket duty, and when that place was surrendered he received the flag of truce; Lawrenceburg, where he had charge of a body of sharpshooters; Murfreesboro, where he commanded a body of sharpshooters; Mission Ridge; Chickamauga, and was in the many engagements from Dalton to Atlanta. From that time on he was with Johnson's army until wounded, which disabled him for further duty. In 1865 it was his intention to join the forces of Maximillian in conquering Mexico, and for this purpose went to that country. Later he went to San Francisco, Cal., and entered the law office of Quint & Hardy, where he remained three years, then returned east as far as Hickman, Ky., and continued the study of law under John A. Lauderdale, where he was later admitted to the bar. After spending one year in Alabama he returned to San Francisco, Cal., and there practiced his profession for some time, then returned to his native State and located in Birmingham and at a later period in Galveston, Texas. After a time he again returned to his native State, but in 1874 took up his residence in Pope County, Ark., and until 1884 practiced his profession in Russellville and Dover. Since that time he has been a resident of Heber, Cleburne County, and stands at the head of the county bar. He is well known for his eloquence before a jury, his convincing and logical reasoning, and as a criminal lawyer of far more than average ability. He has ever been a stanch Democrat, and is an active worker in the ranks and conventions of his party. In December, 1884 he was married to Miss Lydia F. Bridwell, of Mt. Washington, Ky., an amiable and intelligent

woman, and they have a pretty, comfortable and hospitable home. The Judge is a gentleman in every sense of the word, is kind hearted and charitable and has a high regard for the Christian religion, and for all that is good and true in this life.

C. H. STOCKARD. The credit of a large share of the enterprise which helps to make Christian County one of the most thriving and progressive of the counties of Missouri, belongs, in a considerable degree, to the worthy gentleman whose name is at the head of this sketch. Since 1879 he has made his home in this county, and during that time has shown himself thorough master of his business and an influential and esteemed citizen. His birth occurred in Gibson County, Tenn., February 25, 1835, to William and Mary A. (Edwards) the Stockard. He is grandson of JohnStockard, who moved from North Carolina to Tennessee when his son William was ten years of age. The Stockard family came originally from the Emerald Isle, while the Edwards family came from Scotland. The maternal grandfather of our subject, Thomas Edwards, organized a company and served as captain of the same in the War of 1812. The father of our subject was born in North Carolina in 1786 and was a soldier in the War of 1812. His death occurred in Tennessee when eighty-six years of age. All his life he had tilled the soil and was fairly successful in that occupation. In politics he was an Old Line Whig. The mother of our subject died in 1870, two years before her husband. To them nine children were born: John, Thomas J., Clement H. (subject), William Henry, James Alfred, Elizabeth J., Sally A., Mary C., and Louisa R. Of these, six are now living. Two sons, Thomas J. and William Henry, were soldiers in the Southern army. The father and mother held to the Cumberland Presbyterian faith and were most worthy citizens. Our subject spent his early life and school days in Tennessee and when but a boy began shouldering his own burden. He began as a farmer and, when twenty-four years of age, was married to Miss Elizabeth Greer, a native of Tennessee, the daughter of Elijah Greer. Mrs. Stockard lived only about a year and Mr. Stockard selected his second wife in the person of Miss Lavina Robbins, of Arkansas, their nuptials being celebrated in 1861. One child was the fruit of this union, but mother and child died while our subject was in the army. The latter enlisted in Company H, First Wisconsin Cavalry, in 1862, and served three years, participating in some of the fiercest battles of the war. His services were principally east of the Mississippi River, and he was wounded in the head at Dandridge, Tenn., from the effects of which he has been deaf in his left ear. This wound disabled him for a number of months, nearly proving fatal, and still troubles him very much. On July 22, 1865, he was discharged and returned to his old home in Tennessee. After remaining there a year or two, he married Miss Patience E. White, daughter of M. White, one of the pioneers of Tennessee and later moved, to his native county, where he again bought a farm. To this union six children were born: Fenton T., attorney at Billings; William J., who died in 1892; John S., who assists on the home farm, but is now attending school; Lizzie, at home and Rutherford Hayes and James P. at school. Mr. Stockard lost his third wife in 1884 and since then has married Miss Mary Jones, a native of this county and the daughter of William Jones, one of the early settlers of this county. Three children were born to this last union: Josie, Henry and June. Mr. Stockard came to Christian County in 1879 and settled on a farm near Billings, but two years later bought the farm where he now lives. This consists of ninety acres, but he also owns a fine farm of 160 acres two miles from this. He is a good farmer and citizen, is self-made, and the family stands high in the community. He is active in all public enterprises and is giving his children good educational advantages. Since the war he has been a Republican and an active member of his party.

JOHN Q. ADAMS. This gentleman owns and resides on the farm in Baxter County, Ark., on which he was born in 1854, his parents being Alexander and Syrena (Kellough) Adams. The father was born on this farm also and died in 1866 at the age of forty-two years. His father, John Adams, came to this neighborhood many years ago and located among the Indians, three miles above the mouth of North Fork, in what was then Izard County. At that time the Talburt and Wolf families were the only ones living here, and for many years, until the tide of emigration set in, Mr. Adams and his family had to put up with many inconveniences and hardships, but he was possessed of the sturdy perseverance of the successful pioneer, and here he continued to live and labor, and witnessed quite a transformation in the country prior to his death. He successfully tilled the soil, and in this respect his son Alexander followed his footsteps, also becoming extensively engaged in the raising of stock. During the Civil War he served in the Fourteenth Arkansas Infantry, and was a participant in a great many battles. Just before the war he was sheriff of Izard County and held other positions of trust and honor. He was a Mason, a member of Adams Lodge, and located on White River below the mouth of North Fork where his home now is. He has always been a Democrat, but has never been an official aspirant. His wife was born in Kentucky, and came to this section with her people in a very early day. She died in 1862 after having borne her husband five children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the second in order of birth. After the death of their parents, the children made their home with Wythe W. Adams, an uncle, on White River, and during this time the subject of this sketch attended the common schools and when old enough commenced farming for himself. He and a brother and sister afterward secured possession of the old Adams homestead, and later he bought their interests and is now the sole owner, besides which he owns a good farm on Gobler Flats, which he has improved with buildings, etc. In 1879 he was married to Miss Mary E. Sowell of this county, by whom he has three sons and four daughters. Mr. and Mrs. Adams are members of the Christian Church, and politically he is a Democrat. His sister Ann is the widow of William Nelson and lives at Buford, this county; Robert, his brother, resides near Mountain Home, and his sister Betty is the wife of Jesse N. Nelson.

JAMES HAILEY. This gentleman is the oldest resident of Ava, and during the long term of years that he has spent in this section, his good name has remained untarnished and he has won for himself many friends. He was born in Bedford County, Tenn., February 7, 1824, a son of Tavner and Joyce (Tomison) Hailey, the former of whom was born in Henry County, Va., was an early pioneer of Tennessee, and in 1839 settled in Webster County, Mo., where he followed the occupation of farming until his death in 1867. He was a Whig in politics. His wife was born in Virginia and died in 1869, the daughter of Peter Tomison, a Virginian who removed to Tennessee. The paternal grandfather, James Hailey, was of English descent and a native of Virginia, and was a soldier of the Revolution. Fourteen children were born to Tavner Hailey and wife, only two of whom are living, James and Joyce (Mrs. Johnson) of Webster County. Fourteen members of this family reached maturity: Lucy, Louis P., Elizabeth, Susan, James, Peter F., Sarah, Joyce, Eliza, Joseph, Judy, Alice, Temperance and Tavner C.; all the sons were soldiers in Missouri regiments during the Civil War. The schooldays of James Hailey were spent in Tennessee and in Missouri, and were limited to the common schools. In 1847 he began to do for himself and was married the same year to Mary C. Rowe, who was born and reared in Kentucky, and who came to Missouri in an early day. Mr. and Mrs. Hailey lived in Webster

County until 1853, when they settled in the northern part of this county on a farm, on which they lived until 1873, when they located in Ava, Mr. Hailey having received the appointment of county and circuit clerk of Douglas County. He ably filled the appointment for two and a half years, and for two years thereafter was a member of the County Court. He then held the office of probate judge eight years, was county treasurer one year and is now postmaster of Ava. In all these responsible positions he has discharged his duties in an able, intelligent and faithful manner and won the admiration and respect of his political foes as well as friends. He has always been a Democrat, has ever interested himself in political matters, and has always shown himself to be a man of public spirit and enterprise. During the Civil War he served in the Sixth Provisional Regiment of Missouri as sergeant of his company (F), and was in a number of sharp skirmishes. He still owns his farm in the northern part of the county and is reasonably well fixed financially. He is a member of the A. F. & A. M., the I. O. O. F., has been noble grand in the latter order, and is a member of the G. A. R. at Ava. He and his wife are members of the General Baptist Church, and he is a deacon in the same. He and his wife have reared nine children and lost one; William F. is a farmer of the county, is married and has nine children; Mary E. is the wife of M. C. Reynolds; Tavner is living in Webster County, is married and has seven children; Martha is the wife of Joel Clinkingbeard of this county and has ten children; James, of Webster County, is married and has three children; Sarah J. is the wife of J. H. Upchurch of this county and has six children; Joseph B. lives on the old home farm, is married and has three children; Joyce is the wife of J. L. Davis of Taney County, and has two children, and Louis O. is an attorney of Ava, is married and has four children. Mr. and Mrs. Hailey are well known throughout this section, and for nearly twenty years have kept a hotel. They have been successful in a business way and are now in the enjoyment of a comfortable income. Mr. Hailey assisted in locating the town of Ava in 1870, which he laid out, and the first lots were sold by him. He has been a useful citizen and is highly respected. All his brothers were officers in the army: Louis was sergeant of Company B, Twenty-fourth Missouri Infantry; Peter was sergeant of Company H, Eighth Missouri State Militia; Joseph B. was second lieutenant of Company G, Seventy-third Missouri Militia, and Tavner C. was corporal of Company G, Forty-sixth Missouri Infantry.

JUDGE E. F. HOWCROFT. Not without justice, Judge E. F. Howcroft is conceded to hold an enviable position among the prominent and successful men of Christian County, for he has not only rendered it valuable service as a reliable public official, but as an industrious farmer and law-abiding citizen. He is a native of the Old Bay State, born at Fall River, November 18, 1838, to the marriage of David and Ruth (Bindley) Howcroft, and like other British-American citizens, has done good stalwart work in the cultivation and development of this section. His father, David Howcroft, who for many years was a seaman on a whaling vessel, was born in England and came to this country with his father, John Howcroft, who settled in Massachusetts. After growing to mature years, the father of our subject moved to Dover, N. H., and there lived for many years. He was a Republican in politics. Mrs. Howcroft died in 1838, when our subject was only six months old. The latter was the younger of two children. Sarah, the other child, is now residing in Massachusetts, the wife of Andrew Waldren. Until about sixteen years of age, our subject remained in his native State. He then went to Penobscot County, Me., where he remained until twenty-four years of age, and then returned to Massachusetts, where he remained until 1876. He married, in Maine, Miss Ann Hacking, a native of England, daughter of Robert and Mary (Taylor) Hacking.

In 1876 Mr. Howcroft and family turned their faces toward the setting sun and first located in Dunn County, Wis., where they remained for one year. From there Mr. Howcroft made his way to Billings, Christian County, Mo., and being satisfied with the appearance of everything, purchased land and engaged in farming. When a boy, he had learned the molder's trade and followed it for some time in his native State. Since coming to this State, he has given his undivided attention to agricultural pursuits, and substantial results have rewarded his efforts. His farm is about a quarter of a mile south of Billings, and is a fine place. In political matters Mr. Howcroft is an ardent supporter of Democratic principles, and has ever been active in public affairs. He received a fair common-school education, and, by reading and observation, has added to his store of knowledge, until he is classed among the best posted men of the county. He has held many positions of trust, being deputy sheriff for some time, and in 1893 he was appointed county judge of Christian County by Gov. Stone. This position he is filling in a most creditable and satisfactory manner. To his marriage have been born three children, as follows: Emma, wife of Harry Penman, residing at Scranton, Pa.; Lellice A., the wife of Newton Hale, of this county, and David E., who is married and resides near Billings. Mr. Howcroft is well and favorably known all over the county and is a very pleasant and agreeable man to meet. He is a member of the A. O. U. W. at Billings, and is also a member of the Knights of Horse.

GEORGE W. MCCARTY. This prominent citizen has been a resident of Taney County since 1879, and during that time he has won the respect and esteem of all by his many estimable traits of character. Mr. McCarty was born in Gwinnett County, Ga., February 10, 1845, and was the eldest of a family of six children, born to Larkin and Sarah (Cates) McCarty, natives respectively of North and South Carolina. The elder McCarty was a fine mechanic and followed the woodworking business all his life. He and wife held membership in the Missionary Baptist Church, and were esteemed citizens wherever they made their home. They were married in Georgia in March, 1844, but came to Taney county in 1887. The father was born February 15, 1825, became a Mason at an early date and was a member of the Royal Arch Chapter from 1861 to his death, November 24, 1891, when sixty-six years of age. The mother is still living and finds a comfortable home with our subject. She is now seventy-four years of age, but enjoys comparatively good health. Their children are named as follows: George W., subject; Robert M., a married man, died in Georgia in 1889; Iantha J., resides in DeKalb County, Ga., and is the wife of Robert Pickins; Rachel H. is the wife of J. A. Brown of Gwinnett County, Ga., and the other children died young. Until about twenty-four years of age, our subject remained in his native State and then moved to Arkansas, where he made his home until 1879. Thence he moved to Taney County, where he has resided since. He bought the tract of land where he now lives, 330 acres, with 140 acres under cultivation, and as an agriculturist has made a decided success. Self-made and self-educated, all his accumulations have been the result of hard labor and perseverance on his part, and he merits the respect of all. He was first married in Georgia to Miss Martha Shamblee, a native of that State and daughter of John B. Shamblee. To this marriage was born but one child, and mother and child both died. After locating in Arkansas our subject was married to Miss Nancy C. Gray, daughter of W. B. Gray of Independence County, Ark. Politically Mr. McCarty is a Democrat, and is one of the prominent men of the county. He engaged in general farming and stock-raising when he came to this county, and no man shows better judgment in conducting the farm than he

does. He is a member of the Missionary Baptist Church, as is also his wife, who is active in all good work. His farm is located about fifteen miles from Forsyth, is improved in every way, and is a credit to the county. Mr. McCarty is a Mason, a member of Mendota Lodge No. 159, and is quite prominent in social circles.

JAMES HILDRITH. James Hildrith, one of the prominent citizens of the county, came here in the year 1877, and his intelligence, enterprise and energy, with many other estimable qualities, have secured for him a popularity not derived from any factitious circumstance, but a permanent and spontaneous tribute to his merit. He is a native of the Keystone State, born in Clearfield County, Pa., October 23, 1842, to William N. and Priscilla (Fernsides) Hildrith, natives of Yorkshire, England, where they were married. At an early date they came to the United States and settled in the City of Brotherly Love, where Mr. Hildrith followed the tanner's trade for some time. Later they located in Clearfield County, Pa., where Mr. Hildrith opened up a tannery, but two years later they moved to Jefferson County, where they resided for many years. There Mrs. Hildrith died, and a few years later Mr. Hildrith returned to England and died there in 1882, when quite an aged man. Seven children were born to his marriage, four of whom are still living, as follows: Louisa, who is in Jefferson County, Penn.; Mary, a resident of Elk County, Penn.; Rachel, in Jefferson County of the same State, and our subject. All are married and have families. One son, Thomas, who was wounded in the battle of Fair Oaks, Va., and died at Annapolis, Md., from the effects of the wound, enlisted in Company B, One Hundred and Fifth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and took part in all the battles from the first of the war until his death. He was single. Sarah, single, died in Pennsylvania in 1864. The family attended the Methodist Episcopal Church. The father never took much interest in public or political matters. The subject of this sketch was six years of age when his mother died, and his early life was passed in his native county, attending the early schools, in which he received a rather limited education. At the youthful age of eleven years he started out to fight life's battles for himself, and for some time he worked on a farm and in a saw mill. Later he was in the oil fields of Pennsylvania, and in 1862 determined to enlist. He joined Company B, One Hundred and Thirty-Fifth Pennsylvania Infantry, and was under Col. James R. Porter in the First Brigade, Third Division and First Army Corps. He participated in the battles of Bull Run, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, and numerous engagements. He was a brave and valiant soldier and fought well for the Old Flag. After leaving the army he located again in his native State, and as he had only served about ten months, would have enlisted again but was prevented by a sick sister, who required his care. His next venture was to engage in the lumber business. When twenty-four years of age, or on the 4th of June, 1867, he married Miss Harriet Carrier, who was born November 1, 1847, and who was the daughter of George C. and Sabra A. (Scott) Carrier, natives of the Empire State. The father died in Pennsylvania, but the mother is still living and resides in Jefferson County, Penn. To Mr. and Mrs. Hildrith have been born eight children, as follows: Cora L., who died when over three years of age; Elva M., who was born June 7, 1870, the wife of F. D. Conrad, of Billings, and the mother of two children, Zella M. and Clarence; George B., born February 12, 1872, is farming; Mary M., born October 10, 1873, is attending school; Otie N., born November 22, 1875, is in school; Emma H., born August 3, 1880; Grace P., born November 27, 1882, and James C., born March 21, 1885. After his marriage Mr. Hildrith followed farming in Pennsylvania until 1877, when he came to Christian County, Mo., and located two miles southwest of Billings. There he bought a farm and has since added to

it until he is now the owner of 160 acres of well-improved land, all the improvements being the work of his own hands. In 1891 he retired from the farm and moved to Billings, where he bought a fine home and he and family are enjoying life. His children are attending the high school in that place, and he is a respected and much esteemed citizen. In politics he is with the Democratic party, and is live to all matters of moment. He has taken a deep interest in educational as well as religious matters and has held some of the offices in the school district for years. He is connected with the Billings Hardware Company, has some stock in the Bank of Billings, and is vice-president of the same. Although starting out a poor boy, with limited means, he pushed his way to the front and is now one of the substantial and respected men of the county. He and Mrs. Hildrith are members of the M. E. Church.

JOHN H. GASS. This gentleman is one of the most prominent farmers of Boone County, Ark., and there is no one who more fully illustrates in his career the unbounded energy and activity of the agriculturist of his section than does he. His birth occurred in what is Clay County, Tenn., in 1839, and he received very little schooling, much of his time being spent in the arduous duties of the farm. On February 1, 1858, he was married to Miss Susan J., daughter of Lewis and Abigail Pipkin, natives of South Carolina and East Tennessee respectively. Mrs. Gass was born in Tennessee and was four years of age when her mother died, and sixteen when her father passed away. By her marriage she became the mother of ten children, as follows: Sarah A., wife of James E. Rand, of Fulton County, Ark.; Lusetta F., deceased, was the wife of William Niblett; Clemency E., wife of William Porter, of Boone County, Ark., William N., Lewis S., Jesse H. (deceased), James O., Arthula (deceased), Robert F. and Otis M. When the tocsin of war sounded in 1861, Mr. Gass enlisted in Company B, Ninth Kentucky Infantry, Union Army, and was with Gen. Rosecrans in several prominent engagements, Perryville, Murfreesboro, etc., and was discharged in 1863, after two years' service, for disability. After this he made his home in Tennessee until 1872, when he moved to Indiana and from there to Fulton County, Ark. One year later he moved to Baxter County, Ark., and made his home there for three years, after which he resided the same length of time in Fulton County. From there he moved to Boone County and for about ten years has lived on his present farm of 187 acres, about 50 acres under cultivation and well improved. Mr. Gass has been postmaster of Burlington Postoffice since February, 1891, and has been justice of the peace for about eight years. He is a member of Omaha Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and he and Mrs. Gass are worthy members of the old Christian Church. Politically he formerly affiliated with the Democratic party, but since the war he has been an ardent Republican. His first presidential vote was cast for Breckinridge in 1860. Mr. Gass is a son of Jesse and Sarah (Bray) Gass, natives of the Keystone State, and both born in the year 1804. When quite small they moved with their parents to Tennessee, married there and passed the remainder of their days, the mother dying about 1853, and the father about 1867. They were members of the Disciple Church. Farming was the father's occupation in life, and he was justice of the peace for eight years. Our subject's maternial grandfather, Richard Bray, died in Monroe County, Ky., when John H. was a boy. He was an early settler of Tennessee. Of the eleven children born to his parents our subject was seventh in order of birth. The others were named as follows: Mary, deceased; Richard, died in Texas; William C., died at Nashville (he was a soldier in the Union army with Gen. Rosecrans, and died from the effects of a wound received at Murfreesboro); Andrew J., died in Kentucky before the war; Nathan Jasper, died in Indiana (he was with Gen. Thomas during the war); Rachel died in Illinois;

Catherine J., died in Tennessee; James B., died in Indiana; Jesse Newton, died in Indiana (he was also with Gen. Thomas during the war); and Josiah, died in Tennessee The father of these children was twice married, his second wife being a Miss White. She bore him six children, as follows: Anna Jane, died in infancy; Peter Harvey, of Tennessee; Francis M., of Kentucky; Sarah Ann, of Tennessee; Melvina, of Tennessee, and Rhoda, also of that State.

ROBERT M. HANCOCK. It is a pleasure and a privilege to record the character and enterprise of men of business who have made their own way in life, and no more efficient man could have been found for the office of circuit and county clerk than Robert M. Hancock. He is keenly alive to his responsibilities, fulfills them in the most prompt and thorough manner, and even his political enemies have come to understand that he is the "right man in the right place." He owes his nativity to Coffee County, Tenn., where he was born February 11, 1847, a son of William A. and Elizabeth (McCrary) Hancock, both of whom were natives of Middle Tennessee. After their marriage they moved to Gibson County, West Tenn., and from there to Arkansas in 1861, locating on a farm a little over a mile from Mountain Home. There the father died in 1876, at the age of fifty-two years, and his widow at Potterville, Mo., in 1879 while trying the waters of the medical spring of that place for her health. William A. Hancock was a stanch Democrat in politics, was active in political matters and successfully filled the offices of deputy sheriff and justice of the peace. In 1861 he joined Shaver's regiment as first lieutenant of his company and was with that command until taken prisoner below Little Rock. He was sent to Rock Island, Ill., thence to Ft. Delaware and other places, and after eighteen months of hardships and privations was released. He was an elder in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and socially was a member of the A. F. & A. M. His marriage resulted in the birth of seven children: R. M., the eldest, received his education in the common schools of the neighborhood, and in the summer of 1863 joined Schavell's battalian of cavalry, with which he served until shot at Ashly Station in the latter part of 1864. He was shot through the lungs and was left on the field of battle for dead. After the war was over he returned home, and up to 1874 was engaged in farming. The three subsequent years were spent in Northwest Texas, where he worked at the carpenter's trade, and he continued to follow this occupation for a number of years after his return to Baxter County and built many houses throughout the county. He has for some time held the office of county and circuit clerk and has made an A No. 1 official, faithful and conscientious in the discharge of his duties, and as a result he has made many friends. In 1876 he was married to Miss Sarah Moody, who was born in Arkansas, and four sons and a daughter have blessed their union. Mr. Hancock is a member of Mountain Home Lodge No. 225 of the A. F. & A. M., the I. O. O. F., and in the latter has filled all the chairs, is a member of the Encampment, and has represented his lodge in the Grand Lodge of the State. Politically he is an enthusiastic Democrat.

JAMES M. CURNUTT. This gentleman is one of the very prominent citizens of Ava, and has made his home in this county since 1876. He was born in Campbell County, Tenn., July 12, 1835, a son of William and Lucinda (Dent) Curnutt, the former of whom was a product of North Carolina and a son of John Curnutt, who is supposed to have been born in France. In the State of Tennessee William Curnutt grew to manhood, married and there reared his family, which consisted of eight children, four of whom are now living: Preston, who died many years ago in Missouri; John, who is living in Boone County, Ark.; Reilly, who died in 1877; Mary A., who died in 1862; William, who died in 1853; Nancy, who resides in Tennessee; James M. and Lucinda,

who live in Tennessee. The father and mother were members of the Missionary Baptist Church, and died in 1838 and 1874, respectively. The father was a Whig in politics, a farmer by occupation, and for many years held the office of justice of the peace. The Dents are supposed to have come from Germany. James M. Curnutt passed his early life on a farm in Tennessee, during which time he learned habits of industry, economy, and perseverence that were of material benefit to him in later years. He attended the common schools of his native county, and when he grew up he became a farmer. He was married at the age of twenty-one years to Miss Amanda Housley, a native of Tennessee and a daughter of John and Caroline (Henshaw) Housley, who were early settlers of Tennessee. Mrs. Curnutt was born December 28, 1838. After commencing life for himself Mr. Curnutt resided on a farm in Tennessee, and taught school until the opening of the war, when he moved with his family to Pike County, Ind., and there made his home for eleven years. He became a member of Company I, One Hundred and Forty-third Indiana Infantry, in February, 1865, and was on duty until the war closed. He is now a member of the G. A. R., and has commanded the post at Ava. When he came to Missouri in 1876, he took up his residence in the eastern part of Douglas County on a farm located about thirty miles from Ava, and there made his home until 1886, when he was elected to the position of county clerk of Douglas County by the Republican party, of which he has always been a strong member, and then moved to the town of Ava, where his home has since been. He filled the office of clerk with marked ability up to 1890, and since that year was successfully engaged in the mercantile business for a short time. He is living retired from the active duties of life and in the enjoyment of competency which his earlier years of industry, foresight and good management brought him. He is a member of Ava Lodge No. 26 of the A. F. & A. M. He and his wife are members of the General Baptist Church, of which he is a clerk, and in that faith reared their children whom they named as follows: Elizabeth, wife of John R. Penner, a farmer of this county; William also farms here; John died in Indiana; Frank is a farmer of this county and has been a merchant; Horace is living in Ava; Mary is the wife of James Martin of Ava; Leota is the wife of J. A. G. Reynolds; Calvin is living in Ava; Wiley died young, and Ida. Mr. Curnutt has ever been a public-spirited citizen, is an upright and highly honorable man of affairs, and commands the respect and esteem of all who know him.

A. C. HULL. This gentleman is the able editor of the *Boone Banner*, one of the best country journals of which the State of Arkansas can boast. It is published in Harrison, one of the busiest and best towns of north Arkansas, and has an extended circulation throughout one of the largest and richest zinc and lead regions in the United States, and has a rapidly growing field to cover. It finds its way into the homes of the best class of people, who can always glean something useful and interesting from its columns, and it is essentially a paper of, by, and for, the people. He is a native Arkansan, having been born in Marion County, Ark., April 20, 1858, his father being Hon. John E. Hull, who was a captain in the Confederate Army, in the support of which cause he laid down his life when A. C. was but seven years old. Hon. John E. Hull was born in Miami County, Ohio, March 10, 1827, and there attained manhood, after which he went to Memphis, Tenn., where he secured employment as a telegraph operator and made his home for nine years. He then came to Arkansas and settled in the eastern part of Marion County, on White River, where he opened up a rich farm of many acres and became one of the substantial, prominent and wealthy men of the county. He was a man who loved learning for learning's sake, was finely educated, became the owner of a well-



A. C. HULL,
Harrison, Ark.



J. S. COWDREY,
Yellville, Ark.

selected and extensive library, and wielded a wide influence on all matters of a public nature throughout the section in which he resided. Prior to the opening of the Civil War he was elected to the State Legislature and was often urged to make the race the second time, but always declined to do so, as he was of a naturally retiring disposition, and loved his home and family far better than the strife and turmoil of the political arena. In politics he always supported the measures of Democracy, and when the great strife between the North and South came up he espoused the Southern cause, enlisting in the Confederate service, holding the rank of captain at the time of his death, which resulted from an accidental shooting. He was married in Marion County, Ark., to Miss Matilda A. Killough, whose mother lived in Marion County. She made her home a part of the time with her uncle, Judge W. B. Flippin, an old pioneer of the county. She was born in Kentucky, makes her home now with her son, A. C. Hull, and although she has attained the age of sixty years, is still energetic and active, and is in the enjoyment of good health. She bore her husband five children, three of whom reached maturity, but of whom A. C. is the only surviving member. The others were William C. who died at the age of twenty-eight years, at Harrison, Ark., was a dealer in books and stationary, and was also for a time in the newspaper business; Charles T., died two years after his brother William, also at the age of twenty-eight years. The paternal grandfather of these children was John C. Hull, who was an early pioneer, presumably from one of the New England States, although his birth occurred in Ireland. He traced his ancestry back to John Hull, who owned an estate called Free Hall in County Londonderry, Ireland, which descended to his only son, Thomas Hull. The latter married Sarah Cowan and settled on the Free Hall estate, where he was for some time engaged in merchandising. He became involved in the Rebellion of 1799, for which offense he was imprisoned for several weeks, but as he had many wealthy and influential relatives who were royalists, his acquittal was obtained through their influence and he was permitted to emigrate to America on condition that he would never return, and his property was confiscated, except a small portion which was left to his wife. After coming to this country he lived twelve years in Maryland, but his death occurred somewhere in the West. His wife's father, John Cowan, also owned a large estate near Londonderry, Ireland. John C. Hull, the son of Thomas and Sarah (Cowan) Hull, was fitting himself for the ministry at the time his father was banished from his native land, and he shared his exile and gave up his ministerial ambitions. He assisted his father in his mercantile operations in Elkton, Md., for some time and later embarked in various business ventures. At one time he was the owner of the stage route from Baltimore to Wheeling, W. Va., and at other times followed the calling of an agriculturist. He was an early settler of Ohio, there reared his family, his wife being a granddaughter of Alex. Thompson, a brother of Charles Thompson, who was secretary of the First Continental Congress. He was a soldier of the War of 1812, and a man of upright principles. Owing to the fact that most of his father's property was swept away during the war, A. C. Hull was forced early in life to shift for himself, and right nobly did he fight his way to the front. He and his widowed mother and two younger brothers continued to reside on the old home farm until the close of the war, then moved to Flippin Barren in the same county, a much more thickly settled district. Here he and his younger brothers battled with the forces that are always against the poor, aspiring and ambitious boys, and he succeeded in acquiring a good English education. To assist her sons in this respect, their faithful mother kept boarders, and she eventually received her recompense for her early toil and cares by seeing her sons attain honorable

and intellectual manhood. Since 1885 she has made her home in Harrison and during this time has gathered about her many warm friends. Up to the age of eighteen years A. C. Hull resided on a farm, but even at that early time his fine business qualities were recognized, and his business career began several years before he reached his majority. He clerked for some time in a mercantile establishment, and his first experience in public affairs was three years' service as deputy clerk of Boone County in 1878–9–80. The three succeeding years he was editor and proprietor of the *Baxter County Citizen*, then during Cleveland's administration he discharged the duties of chief clerk of the United States Land Office at Harrison, and the records of that office attest his superiority as an official. Upon retiring from this position he engaged actively in newspaper work at Harrison as editor and proprietor of the *Boone Banner*, which journal is recognized as one of the most progressive, enterprising and breezy county papers in the State. During the seven years of his journalistic career he has not only kept his paper in the van of public enterprises and progress, but has earnestly, faithfully and fearlessly labored to advance the best interests of Democracy in county and State. Mr. Hull was a prominent candidate for Secretary of State before the State Democratic Convention of Arkansas in 1892, was second man in the contest between four strong men, and came out of the convention, although defeated, with a record that was creditable to him in the highest degree. At the next election in 1896 he will again make the race for this office, and it is a recognized fact almost that he will succeed, and that no better material in the State can be found for the position than he. He is a useful member of the Arkansas Press Association, having served it as historian, executive committeeman and on the programs of its meeting. In June, 1893, he was elected recording secretary of the association at Fort Smith, and reëlected without opposition in 1894 at Little Rock. He was a delegate to the National Editorial Association at Chicago in 1893, and attended. In October, 1893, he was appointed by the Governor as expert accountant, to examine and report on the condition of the state treasurer's office, and discharged the responsible duties of the position with marked ability and to the satisfaction of all concerned. In 1884 he was happily married to Miss Lucy M. Cory of Harrison, Ark., the accomplished daughter of A. B. Cory, one of the oldest and best newspaper men in the State to-day, and to their union three little sons have been given: Hugh C., Ralph A. and Howard K. Mr. Hull is a man of sterling qualities, is full of energy and pluck, and is a conscientious Christian, possessing all the elements that go to make up a true man and a public-spirited and progressive citizen. Perhaps no young man in the State has a brighter future before him than Mr. Hull. His career thus far has been one of usefulness and in a measure successful, but more has been accomplished by his life's work, perhaps, for his friends and his country than for himself, directly. But his State will yet honor him.

THOMAS F. WILLIAMS. T. F. Williams is a substantial citizen of Taney County, Mo., and from early boyhood has devoted his attention to farming interests, being now the owner of an excellent tract of 280 acres, 100 acres under cultivation, in Swan township. Mr. Williams was born in Polk County, Mo., December 6, 1859, and is a son of John E. and Louisa J. (Hale) Williams, both natives of Tennessee, the former born October 21, 1820, and the latter September 27, 1830. The grandfather, John Williams, died in Tennessee. About 1852 the father of our subject came to Missouri and settled in Polk County, where he resided until 1867, when he came to Taney County, settling on a farm at the mouth of Beaver Creek, on White River, where his death occurred in 1882. All his life was devoted to farming and stockraising, but he was public-spirited and held the office of justice of the peace for a number of

years. In political matters he was a supporter of Republican principles, and during the war, he was enrolled in the State militia, but was exempt from duty on account of holding the office of justice of the peace. His wife died in 1885. She was the daughter of Samuel Hale, a native of Tennessee, who came to Polk County, Mo., where he died about 1890. He was a farmer and a prominent man in that county. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Williams, as follows: S. J., a farmer of this county, and collector of revenue for Taney County from 1888 to 1892; Sarah M., wife of G. W. Johnson, of Taney County; Thomas F., subject; Mary E., the wife of W. G. Clark, of this county; Margaret I., wife of J. T. Dillon, of this county; and John G., residing on the old home place in this county. The parents were worthy members of the Christian Church. Our subject was a lad of seven years when he came to Taney County, and he grew to mature years on the old home farm, his schooling being received in the neighborhood. When seventeen years of age he attended school at Bellefonte, Ark., and, later, began farming with his brother. In 1882 he married Miss Mary E. Stuart, a native of Phelps County, Mo., born February 12, 1861, and the daughter of D. D. Stuart, a native of Massachusetts, who came to Missouri at an early day. Until 1879 he resided in Phelps County and then came to Taney County, settling in Swan Township, where he died in 1888. His wife is still living on the homestead in Swan Township. Two children have been given our subject and wife: Joseph E., born October 27, 1883, and Daisy I., born August 14, 1888. Mr. Williams is a Republican in politics and for two years held the office of deputy county and circuit clerk, under J. G. Siler. In 1886 he was a candidate for county and circuit clerk, but was defeated at the primary election. While attending school in Arkansas he taught one term, and is an intelligent and well-informed man. After his marriage he moved to his present farm, a rich tract of valley land between the Beaver and White Rivers, near the mouth of the former, and which consists of 280 acres, 100 under cultivation. Mr. Williams gives his principal attention to farming and stock-raising, and has some of the finest animals in the county. He is interested in all enterprises for the public good, is a prominent young man, and comes from one of the best families. His farm is kept in the best condition, for he is enterprising and progressive, and no man is better posted on agricultural affairs than he is.

COL. J. C. CRAVENS. Among the most esteemed and respected citizens of Springfield, Mo., there is not one who has been a more faithful soldier, a more pleasant or agreeable member of society, or a more thorough or sagacious attorney than the gentleman whose name is mentioned above. He is a native of Saline County, Mo., where he was born February 18, 1838, a son of Dr. John and Ruhannah (Chaplin) Cravens, the former of whom was born at Harrisburg, Rockingham County, Va., a son of Dr. Joseph Cravens. This family is of Scotch-Irish descent and first took root on American soil in the early part of the eighteenth century. For a long period they were known in Virginia alone, but the members finally separated and branched out for themselves until now their descendants are found in all parts of the United States. The grandfather of the subject of this sketch was a soldier of the Revolution and was present at the surrender of Lord Cornwallis. The branch of the family of which Col. Cravens is a member left Virginia and settled in Indiana, and there Dr. John Cravens and his brothers became distinguished citizens. James H. still resides in the Hoosier State; Oscar was a participant in the Florida War, and ——— who is a resident of Madison, Ind. All of the male members of this family were Whigs and have since supported the Democratic party. Dr. John Cravens was educated in the schools of Virginia and was married at Harrisburg, to a daughter of J.

Chaplin, of Welsh extraction and a very wealthy man. Mrs. Cravens was born in Virginia, and after her marriage she and Dr. Cravens moved westward, for the benefit of the latter's health which had become much impaired by too closely following the arduous duties of his profession. In 1840 he moved to Davis County, and there made his home until his death in March, 1882, at the age of eighty-five years. He became a surgeon in the Confederate Army during the Civil War, but served only one year on account of his advanced age, and until the last gun was fired, in 1865, he made his home in Texas. During the latter part of his life he voted the Democratic ticket, although he had formerly been a Whig. He took a prominent part in the affairs of his section, and being naturally a leader, he became extremely well and favorably known throughout his section. His wife also died in 1882, at the age of seventy-eight years. To their union seven sons and three daughters were given: Elizabeth, who married Philip R. Wirt, a prosperous merchant, died in 1867; Coraline, married John A. Leopard, an attorney at law; Robert O., went to California in 1850, and is still residing there engaged in merchandising and practicing law; Joseph was killed by lightning when about eighteen years old; Amanda is the widow of Douglas McDonald of Davis County; William, died in Springfield in 1881, having been a prosperous farmer in the vicinity of that place since 1867 he was a private in Col. Cravens' regiment during the war, was a Democrat politically and was well known throughout Greene County); John N., died in Davis County in 1876, having been a successful physician (he was a soldier in a regiment of Missouri Infantry during the war); J. C., the subject of this sketch; Edgar H., who lives on a farm in Davis County, Mo.; and Oscar, who died at the age of twelve years. The parents of these children were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the father was an active and prominent Mason. He was well educated and took pride in keeping well posted and up with the times. The early life of Col. J. C. Cravens was spent on a farm up to the time he was fourteen years old, at which time his father moved to Gallatin, to give his children better school advantages, and there, after finishing his education, J. C. Cravens began clerking in a drug store which was owned by his father. Later he began the study of medicine, for which purpose he entered the Masonic College of Lexington, but finished his studies in the State University, from which he graduated in 1860, after which he accepted a position as principal of an academy in his native town. At about this time the great Civil War came on, and he cast aside personal considerations to shoulder a musket and don a suit of gray. He enlisted in Company B, and the first engagement in which he participated was at Carthage in 1861. He was afterward at Wilson's Creek, then Dry Wood, Lexington and Rolla, and while in camp at Osceola he was made lieutenant-colonel by his commander December 1, 1861, but after the reorganization of the army at Springfield, Col. Cravens was on the staff of Gen. Slack. He then participated in many engagements throughout the State and in Arkansas, the most notable of which was the battle of Pea Ridge, and after the death of Gen. Slack he was on staff duty with Gen. Martin Green, with whom he went to Corinth, Miss. He was in the battle of Farmington and at Tupelo, after which he was sent as recruting officer to Arkansas, and while at Fayetteville was captured, but luckily made his escape the next day and joined Col. Hughes, whom he assisted to organize a company of 100 men in the neighborhood of Fayetteville. While on their way to the Missouri River they had a number of skirmishes on the way. When Col. Hughes was killed Col. Cravens organized a company, known as Company F, and attached it to Col. Hay's Missouri Cavalry Regiment, and a few days later the battle of Lone Jack was fought. He was

elected captain of his company and in the fall of 1862 it was attached to Col. Smith's regiment of the same brigade, and he commanded it at Cone Hill, Prairie Grove, Springfield and Hartville. He accompanied Marmaduke into Missouri in the spring of 1863, during which time he took part in a number of unimportant engagements and also some sharp fighting, especially at Helena, Ark. Later he was with Gen. Shelby through Missouri, which expedition was planned by 600 volunteer men and Col. Cravens and his lieutenant were among the number. They captured a number of towns in Missouri and Arkansas, until they were defeated at Marshall, Mo., shortly after which they retired into winter quarters. When the regiment was reorganized the title of major was conferred upon Mr. Cravens, and the entire Arkansas Infantry was sent to reinforce Gen. Kirby Smith in Louisiana. In the engagement at Marks Mill, Col. Cravens, with about fifty followers, captured 100 men with six pieces of artillery and 300 wagons. After the defeat at Steele he returned with his command at northeast Arkansas and during that summer was on active duty all the time and in numerous skirmishes. They captured a gunboat on the White River, known as the "Queen City" and were then for some time with Price in Missouri and were in an engagement with the Federals on the Big and Little Blue, and at Independence with Gen. Blunt. Col. Cravens was left at Independence with a force of 100 men and was told not to leave that place until he was ordered or driven out. He remained there until ———— ———— army came up, when he was compelled to retire. He took part in the battle of Westport the next day and later was with Price in the engagement at Ft. Scott and saved that noted General's army at a still later period by checking the advance of the Federals. At Newtonia, November 11, 1864, having lost his colonel in the battle, he was promoted to lieutenant-colonel and held this rank until the war closed. He was slightly wounded at Lone Jack by the explosion of a gun, but may be said to have been singularly fortunate in this respect during the four years that he was on active duty. He surrendered at Little Rock and returned to his home with the consciousness of having performed all his duties faithfully and of having lent valuable aid to the cause that was very dear to him. Col. Cravens was married at Belleville, Ark., in 1864, to Miss Annie Smith, a daughter of Col. Robert Smith, of Arkansas, who was a wealthy planter of that State and a member of the first convention held in Arkansas. He died in Springfield, Mo., in 1879, his wife's death occurring here two years earlier, in her native State. He was born at Georgetown in the District of Columbia. Mrs. Cravens was born in Arkansas, the only daughter of her parents, and after her marriage she and Col. Cravens settled at Belleville. In 1866 he graduated from the Law Department of the State University, having previously studied with Judge Barnes and Judge James Butler, of Belleville, and soon after graduating was admitted to the bar. He then formed a partnership with Judge Butler, which continued until 1868, when they severed connection and Col. Cravens came to Springfield, Mo., and opened a law office. He practiced alone for sometime then became associated with Col. Crawford, then Judge Bray, and finally with Mr. Goode, the firm name being Cravens & Goode. Col. Cravens has practiced law in all the counties of Southwest Missouri, and his reputation as an able, successful and experienced lawyer is of the best. He has conducted many cases to a successful issue and has always been known to advise against litigation when it could be avoided. He is the attorney for the Gulf R. R., as well as other important corporations, and has taken part in some of the most important criminal cases in the southwestern part of the State. He has always been active in the political affairs of his section and in an early day held the office of city attorney of Springfield, being elected on the Democratic ticket of which he is an enthusi-

astic member. Socially he belongs to the A. F. & A. M., and the Royal Arcanum. The Colonel and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church and have a very pleasant and comfortable home on Market Street, Springfield. To them seven children have been born: Susan, who is the widow of a Mr. Bowden, a prosperous attorney, has one child, Jerry, and makes her home with her father, Col. Cravens; Bell is the wife of Henry C. Cran, an attorney of Springfield and has two children, Robert and Louise; Elizabeth; Irene; Robert O.; Jerry, Jr., and Zoe L. Although Missouri has its full quota of successful and well-posted lawyers, whose popularity is based upon their thorough understanding of the law in all its details and who are forcible and convincing pleaders at the bar, none among these is more highly regarded than Col. Cravens, and his time is fully occupied with a large and arduous and profitable practice.

JOHN M. FRENCH. It should be impressed upon the minds of youth that at an early age they should practice introspection and should seriously study the famous Delphic oracle, "know thyself." They will thus find as suitable an occupation as did John M. French, who at an early age showed much ability as an agriculturist. While Mr. French would unquestionably have made a success as a business man, or as a practitioner of law or many other of the learned professions, it is likewise true that no farmer of the county has gone deeper into the details of his occupation, or carried the same to greater perfection. Mr. French is a native of this county, born on his father's old homestead, October 22, 1853, and is the youngest child of the family. Like the majority of farmer boys, he attended the district school which was taught in an old log building erected before the war, but his school days were limited, attending only a short time during the winter months. Until 1872 he remained under the parental roof and was then married to Miss Sarah L., daughter of William and Lucinda Jones, born on the 3d of September, 1854, in Christian County. William Jones and wife were among the pioneers of this county, coming here from the Blue Grass State and locating in the neighborhood of Billings, in 1849. There Mr. Jones died in 1889. His widow resides on the old home place. Five children were born to this worthy couple, as follows: William T., James J., Mary E., W. A. and Sarah L. These children are all residing in this neighborhood. After the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. French they lived on the farm of Joseph French, the father, for a number of years and then, in 1881, came to the farm where they now reside. Mr. French has 100 acres of as good land as is to be found in the county and is classed among the most prominent and successful young agriculturists of his section. He has his farm well improved and all but about four acres of woodland under cultivation. All his attention is given to farming and stockraising. In politics he is in harmony with the Republican party and has ever been active and public spirited. He has held a number of local offices and has been director in his school district for some time. He and family attend the Christian Church, of which Mrs. French and the elder children are members. Seven children have been born to them, namely: Joseph William, James M., Sarah L. E., Dora A., Katie E., Polly A. and Thomas A. who died when eighteen months old. Our subject and family stand high in the community, and the French family is well and favorably known throughout the county. Mr. French takes a great interest in educational matters and is giving his children every opportunity to obtain a good education. His pleasant home is located three miles from Billings and within a quarter of a mile of where he was born.

JOHN R. MCCORMICK. During the thirty-five years that this gentleman has been a resident of Boone County, Ark., he has thoroughly identified himself with every interest of the same, and has been very public-spirited and progressive. He comes of good old Revolutionary ancestry, as his grand-

father, Joseph R. McCormick, fought for independence and carried the scars received in the conflict to his grave. He was wounded seven times, and the last time crippled for life. Nothing is known of his wife and but little of his children. One of his sons, Benjamin F., went to California and died there in 1858, leaving a family. Another son, Joseph R. McCormick, father of our subject, was born in Tennessee in 1801 and was there married to Cynthia Ellis Nunley, also a native of that State. From there they moved to Alabama, and when our subject was four or five years of age they moved to Greene County, Mo., twenty miles east of Springfield, in what is now Webster County, where the father improved a good farm. There they resided until 1858, when they came to Boone County, Ark., and settled near Harrison. The mother died at the home of her son, John R., in 1883, when in her seventy-fifth year. The father died in Greene County, Mo., in 1863. Both had for a number of years been earnest and sincere members of the Christian Church. Her father, J. Nunley, was probably a native of Tennessee, and died in that State after the war. He was a very prominent farmer. Mr. and Mrs. McCormick's union was blessed by the birth of nine children: Nancy Jane, deceased, was the wife of J. N. Edwards; Prudie, the wife of Gilliam Hopper, a prominent farmer and stock dealer; Lottie Ann died in Webster County, Mo., when about seventeen years of age; Mary died in infancy; Washington F. was a prominent farmer, preacher and lawyer of Stone County; Thomas J. died in Webster County when about twenty years of age; Benjamin W. died at Eureka Springs, where he was a prominent farmer and stockman; and two of them died unnamed; John R. was born in Jackson County, Ala., in 1836, and like many boys reared on farms, passed most of his time working on the same, to the detriment of his education. He remained at home until after the death of his parents, but started out for himself when twenty-three years of age. His happy domestic life began August 18, 1859, when he led to the altar Miss Ruth E. Rose, daughter of Elisha B. and Jane H. (Hicks) Rose, who came from Tennessee to Boone County, Ark., at an early date. Mr. and Mrs. Rose were among the first settlers of this prairie, where he died May 24, 1894, aged eighty-six years. He had been a lifelong farmer, and served as Government registering officer for Boone County for a number of years after the war. Mrs. McCormick was born in White County, Tenn., September 4, 1838. She became a member of the Christian Church in her early life, and has been a consistent Christian. Her marriage to Mr. McCormick resulted in the birth of ten children: Thomas, the oldest child, died when thirteen months old; Mary died when little over a year old; Cicero died when fifteen years old; Anna is the wife of J. P. Johnson, of this county; Benjamin F. married Rhoda B. Dearing, December 24, 1893; John R., Alice, Eva, and Prudie are yet remaining at home; Archie, the youngest child, died when fourteen months old. B. F. McCormick and J. P. Johnson, his brother-in-law, have been engaged in the live stock business and ranching for seven or eight years. B. F. is attending to the business while Mr. Johnson is studying law. Since 1865 Mr. McCormick has lived on his present farm three miles northwest of Harrison, where he has 660 acres of land in different tracts, and 500 acres under cultivation, all the result of his own energy and industry. He first purchased 120 acres before the war, and has since added to that as he was able. He is one of the most extensive farmers and stockmen in the county, frequently shipping over 150 head of cattle or 300 or 400 hogs at one time. He also raises considerable grain, etc. All his life Mr. McCormick has followed stockraising, and few are better judges of cattle and hogs than he. He is universally respected for his honesty and fair dealings, is well known in this and adjoining counties, and his character is above reproach. He was a Union man during the war, but

took no part in that struggle. In politics he is a Republican, but is not active and does not care for office. He is not connected with any church, but his motto is, to do unto others as he would wish to be done by and to respect his Maker, and by following this motto, a more respectable and devoted family was never raised.

WILLIAM L. AYLOR. Among those who have fought the battle of life bravely and are now enjoying the comforts and pleasures that wealth brings, is William L. Aylor of Grover Township, Baxter County, Ark., who can point back over a well-spent life. He was born in Rutherford County, Tenn., in 1833, the son of George W. Aylor, who it is supposed was born in Georgia. He was a farmer by occupation and made his home in Rutherford County until his death, which occurred about 1842. He was a soldier of the War of 1812, and also helped to remove the Indians from Georgia and Tennessee to the reservation west of the Mississippi River. William L. Aylor remained in Tennessee until sixteen or seventeen years of age, then came to Izard County, Ark., with an elder brother, Charles Aylor, and there made his home until the opening of the Civil War, when he became a member of the Ninth Arkansas Infantry, but after the battle of Chickamauga his command became a part of the Eighth Arkansas Infantry, and with this he continued to serve the Southern cause until the close of the war, surrendering at Greensboro, N. C. He took part in the battles of Chickamauga, Perryville, Ky., Murfreesboro, all the engagements of the retreat from Dalton to Atlanta, Franklin, Nashville, Shiloh and at Smithfield, N. C. When the war closed he turned his sword into a plowshare and from that time until the early part of 1871 continued to till the soil there quite successfully. He then located in what is now Baxter County, on the farm where he now lives, which was then quite heavily covered with timber. His home place comprises 230 acres, some of which is rich river bottom land, lying along the White River, and by the most untiring effort and persistent energy has succeeded in clearing a large portion of it, improving it greatly in the way of necessary farm buildings and putting the cleared portion in an excellent state of cultivation. He is a Democrat in politics, but has never taken an active part in political matters although he served ably on the Equalization Board of Baxter County for several months. In 1861 he was married to Phœbe Ann Sublett of Tennessee, but who was at that time residing in Izard County. She died in 1863, leaving one daughter, who is now the wife of W. G. Finley of Grayson County, Tex. In 1867 Mr. Aylor wedded Celia Ann Sugg of Izard County, by whom he has two children: Robert Hill and Henry B. Another son, J. R., died in infancy. Mr. Aylor and his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, at Rockdale, in which Mr. Aylor has held the office of trustee. He became a member of the A. F. & A. M. in Izard County in 1868, and now belongs to Mountain Home Lodge No. 225.

JUDGE SHADRACH CHILTON. Among the citizens of Van Buren, Carter County, Mo., who have carved their way from a modest beginning to the rank of its prominent men, not one occupies a more enviable position than Judge Shadrach Chilton. Possessed of excellent ability, grafted upon a stock of sturdy honesty, he also possesses a goodly degree of those personal attributes that spring from a kindly heart, an honest purpose, a broad liberality and a fraternal sympathy. He is a descendant of one of the earliest pioneers in the county, John Chilton, who was born in Ray County, Tenn., on May 9, 1805. The latter was a son of Thomas and Susan (Inmann) Chilton. Thomas Chilton was born in the State of Virginia, and at an early date moved to Tennessee. There he married and resided until 1816, when he came to Madrid County, Mo. Two years later he moved to Carter County and settled on the Current

River, being the first man to settle that high up. He improved a farm at the mouth of Henpeck Creek, and as he delighted in hunting and fishing, his table was seldom lacking meat. A few years later he moved to Shannon County and carried on a mill until his death in 1863. He was a soldier in the Creek Indian War in Tennessee, and in politics was a Democrat. He reared nine sons and one daughter, as follows: Clementine, wife of Zimri Carter; Mark, died when a young man; John, the father of our subject; Charles T.; Thomas; Shadrach; Joshua; William; James and Francis M. The father of our subject was about eleven years of age when he came to Missouri, and in this State he received but a limited education, only such as was gained by his own reading. Later he embarked in the saw-mill business for twelve years and then farming, following the latter on a farm northwest of Van Buren, where he made his home until his death in April, 1874. He served one term as representative of Ripley County about the year 1844 or '45. After the organization of Carter County he was elected judge of the County Court, which office he held until the late Rebellion. He held the office of assessor in Shannon County prior to the organization of Carter, which was also a part of Shannon County. He was a strong Democrat, and although a Southern sympathizer during the war, he took no active part in that struggle. Mr. Chilton was married in Shannon County to Miss Sophia Chilton, daughter of Thomas Chilton. She is still living on the old home place and although seventy-two years of age, enjoys comparatively good health. Eight children were the fruits of this union: Louise, who is living with the mother; Shadrach, subject; Emaline, deceased, was the wife of Noah Clark; Zimri, died in 1891; Joshua, died when seven years of age; Van Diemon, died when five years of age; John J., a farmer on Current River and Thomas, who is living on the old home place. Our subject was born in Carter County, Mo., February 8, 1847, and he there grew to mature years and received his education. When twenty-two years of age he married Miss Cynthia Coleman, a native of Tennessee, born August 14, 1846, and after this union they located on the farm where Mr. Chilton now resides and he has since followed farming and stockraising. In his political views Mr. Chilton is a Democrat and in 1876 he was elected county assessor, to which position he was reëlected in 1878. In 1886 he was elected probate judge and held that position up to 1890. He has been active in politics and is an ardent supporter of his party. In his social relations he is a Mason, a member of Van Buren Lodge. His marriage resulted in the birth of six living children, as follows: Anderson; J. W.; Mary J., at home; Rose M.; Cora and Oliver. Two children, Thomas and Robert L., died young. The mother of these children passed away November 6, 1891. Judge Chilton has a good farm of 325 acres and has sixty acres cleared.

CHARLES H. GROOM. Charles H. Groom, one of the most progressive and successful young attorneys of Taney County, Mo., was born in Holt County, Mo., January 16, 1861, to the union of Sylvanus L. and Semira E. (Boswell) Groom, natives, respectively, of the Empire State and Indiana, the former born May 19, 1818. Isaac Groom, grandfather of the subject, was a native of the green isle of Erin and was probably the first of the family to come to America. He passed the remainder of his days in the State of New York. Sylvanus L. Groom and his brother, Edward, were the only surviving members of the father's family. They emigrated to Detroit, Mich., at an early date and studied law, medicine and theology. In 1859 Sylvanus came to Nodaway County, Mo., and began practicing law at Marysville. When the war broke out he enlisted from Holt County in the Thirteenth Missouri Infantry, and served as a private, although he was offered a higher rank, which he refused. He served faithfully up to the battle of Pittsburg Landing, when he received

a gunshot wound and subsequently a furlough for thirty days. Upon reporting for duty he was again sent home for ninety days; but before that time had expired he again entered the army, enlisting in the Twenty-fifth Missouri Infantry, Company H, with which he remained until the cessation of hostilities, being mustered out at St. Louis. He was in a number of battles, and at one time was in Gen. Grant's bodyguard. He was at Vicksburg and was in many of the prominent engagements of the war. After reaching home, he located near Fillmore, and, on account of his health, began farming. This occupation he continued up to 1870, when he moved to Taney County and located at Forsyth. He began practicing medicine and continued this successfully until his death, February 14, 1877. In political matters he was a Republican and a strong Union man. He was an influential citizen and became well known in this and other counties, being one of the eminent physicians of the same. He was the founder of the Masonic and Odd Fellow orders in this county, and built up the lodge in Forsyth, being a member of both lodges long before the war, and a member in good standing in both orders at the time of his death. He was also a minister in the Methodist Episcopal Church and a true Christian in every sense of the term. He was one of the men who drove the horse-thieves out of the county. The mother of our subject, who was the daughter of Levi and Penina (Alberson) Boswell, was reared at Salem, Washington County, Ind., where she was born, and her first marriage was with a Mr. George Lane, who was a soldier in the Mexican War. After that war they moved to Arkansas and he took up a homestead and died there. One living child was born to this union, but soon died. After the death of her husband, Mrs. Groom removed to the old home in Indiana, and her second marriage was with Wilson Peugh, by whom she had three children: John G., who died January 27, 1891; Penina J., who is the wife of Leonard Silcott, of Nebraska; and Pherba A., who is living in Nebraska and is the wife of Jacob Newland. After the death of Mr. Peugh, his widow married Mr. Groom and five children, four of whom reached an adult age, were born to this marriage, as follows: Charles H., subject of this sketch; Edward E., who is residing at Hall's, Buchanan County, Mo., with his family; Leonard C., single, a resident of St. Joseph; Samuel F., married, and residing with his wife and child at Jewell City, Kan.; and William E., who died young. The mother is now living at St. Joseph, Mo., with her son, who is in the grocery business there. She is an excellent lady and an earnest member of the Christian Church. Our subject spent his school days in Andrew County, Mo., where he attended the common schools and Woodcock Seminary, and began contributing to the support of the family at an early age. When ten years of age he entered a printing office, and principally remained in the same until 1882, working on the papers of the county, but after that he went to North Missouri, where he worked on the Craig *Meteor* and Rockport *Mail* for some time. In 1886 he began the study of law and, in October, 1891, he was admitted to the bar, and began practicing in Taney County, at Forsyth, where he is considered an able and prominent attorney. He served one term as county treasurer and was the youngest man who ever held office in the county. He is now making real estate, law and abstract work a specialty. In politics he is with the Republican party, was secretary of the County Central Committee for eight years, and a delegate to the conventions of his party. He has ever been interested in all laudable enterprises and is one of the public-spirited men of the county. A self-made, self-educated man, his success in life is due to his own industry and perseverance. Mr. Groom was married, in 1882, to Miss Tremandria L. Jennings, daughter of L. H. Jennings, a pioneer of the county. Four children have been born to this union, two of whom are living: Jessie E., died at the age of one month; Opal,

died when quite young; Nellie P. and Manfred are living and attending school at St. Joseph, Mo. The courthouse was burned in 1885, during the time Mr. Groom was treasurer and all the records were destroyed, but he had so carefully kept his books that he was able to furnish the county with the necessary matter to start a new set of county books. Mr. Groom was an able and efficient officer and stands high in the community.

JAMES LE GRAND, M. D. In a comprehensive work of this kind, dealing with industrial pursuits, sciences, arts and professions, it is only fit and right that that profession on which, in some period or other of our lives (the medical profession) we are all more or less dependent, should be noticed. It is the prerogative of the physician to relieve or alleviate the ailments to which suffering humanity is heir, and as such he deserves the most grateful consideration of all. A prominent physician, who, by his own ability, has attained distinction in his profession, is Dr. James Le Grand, who was born in Dubois County, Ind., December 26, 1843, the elder of two children born to John and Sophia (Hanks) Le Grand, the former of whom was born in the Old North State, but who, at an early day, became a resident of Indiana, in which State he married and made his home until 1848. He was the father of eight children by his first wife, whom he lost in the State in which he married her, and he afterward married the widow of Dillon Lynch, who bore him six children. He then wedded Miss Hanks, and by her became the father of two children; James and his sister Rebecca, who is deceased, making in all sixteen children born to him. John Le Grand removed to Missouri during the boyhood of his son James and made his home in St. Francois and Bollinger Counties, dying in the latter about 1872, having always been a prominent member of the Republican party. He held a number of official positions in Indiana as well as in Missouri, such as deputy sheriff, justice of the peace, etc., and was a man of much local prominence. His wife made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Nancy Davidson, in this county until her death, in November, 1893, at the age of eighty-seven years. The early life of Dr. James Le Grand was spent in St. Francois County, and during his youth he was an attendant of the common schools. At the early age of seventeen years he left the home of his boyhood and enlisted in Company C, Thirty-third Missouri Volunteer Infantry., under Col. Fisk, but at the end of six months was honorably discharged from the service, after which he removed to Indiana, where he remained until the war closed. He then returned to St. Francois County and started out in life as a school teacher, an occupation which took up his time and attention for five years, during which time he became well known as an able, efficient and painstaking educator. He then began the study of medicine and entered upon the practice of that profession in Bollinger County, Mo., where he continued to make his home until his removal to Newton County, Ark., in 1876. He has resided in the town of Jasper ever since, and has built up a large and lucrative practice, the result of conscientious and painstaking work. The Doctor has always been a Republican and has taken an active part in the political affairs of his section, although he has never been an aspirant for office. He was married in St. Francois County, Mo., to Miss Charity M. Reed, who died after giving birth to a daughter, Elizabeth, who is also deceased. In 1869 the Doctor married Miss Julia Hudson, a daughter of Joel Hudson, who came from Ohio to this State in 1873, and died here in 1875, his widow being still a resident of the county. They were the parents of four children: Julia; Mary, wife of P. E. Goodall; John, and Anna, wife of Jesse Hickman. Mrs. Le Grand was born in Tennessee, April 15, 1861, and has borne the Doctor four children, only one of whom survives, Charles, who is in his twelfth year. Those deceased are Cora, Nora and James R. Cora lived to be about fifteen years

old but the others died young. The Doctor and his wife are members of the Christian Church, in which he is a deacon, and socially he is a member of Limestone Valley Lodge No. 104, of the A. F. & A. M. The Doctor does not depend wholly upon his practice for his living, but is also engaged in the sale of drugs at Jasper, which brings him in a neat little income annually. Dr. Le Grand's paternal ancestors were of French extraction, his grandfather, William Le Grand was a soldier of the Revolution, he was a prominent man in the early history of this country, and won a wide reputation as an able educator. The mother of Dr. Le Grand, Sophia Hanks, was a daughter of Sarah Hanks, a sister of the mother of Abraham Lincoln, Nancy Hanks.

JAMES H. FRENCH. The agricultural part of any community is the bone and sinew from which comes the strength and vigor necessary to carry on the affairs of manufacture, commerce and the State. When the farming people are composed of men and women of courage, enterprise, intelligence and integrity, prosperity will attend all departments of activity, and this is preëminently the case in Christian County, Mo., and among those who hold high rank as a tiller of the soil is Mr. French, who springs from one of the pioneer families of this section. He is the youngest but one of the children born to Joseph and Lucy (Scott) French, his birth occurring in Caldwell County, Ky., August 28, 1851. He was but an infant when his parents came overland to what is now Christian County, and here was reared to manhood on the old home place and attended the school of his neighborhood, the same being known as the "Dillingham School House." In 1872, or when twenty-one years of age, young French started out to fight his own way in life, which thus far has been passed in agricultural pursuits, as it is but natural that he should choose that as his occupation. The same year that he branched out for himself, he wedded Miss Anna Smallwood, a native of Illinois, born in 1854, and the daughter of Vincent and Mary (Stivers) Smallwood, who came here from the Prairie State. Both parents are now deceased. Mr. French located on the farm where he now lives after marriage. This consists of forty acres, all of which is under a good state of cultivation. He also owns a good farm two and a half miles from Billings. He has made a complete success as a farmer, and a glance over his well-kept fields shows that he thoroughly understands his work. In politics he is with the People's party, but in previous years supported the principles of the Republican party. Public spirited and progressive, he is one of the county's best citizens. To his marriage were born ten children, namely; Mary, who died when twelve months old; Delia, wife of Galey Johnson, a young farmer of Lawrence County; Lucy; Nettie; Maud; Virgie; Ida; Lizzie; Ora, and Etta.

J. S. COWDREY. Among the representative business men of Yellville, Ark., none hold a more prominent place than J. S. Cowdrey, whose high reputation and material prosperity came as the reward of unusual natural abilities, industriously applied. The establishment which he now owns has a good share of patronage and support, and his trade is increasing in a very flattering manner. He was born in this county July 15, 1846, a son of Dr. J. M. and Agnes (McCubbin) Cowdrey, who were among the early pioneers of this section of the country. Dr. James M. Cowdrey, the father, was born in South Carolina in 1795, and there the early years of his life were spent, but about 1825 he emigrated to Arkansas, and after a short residence in Izard and Washington Counties, came to Marion County, and here died in 1866, aged seventy-one years. He studied medicine in some of the old colleges of the East, and was a graduate, being the first one to build up a practice in northern Arkansas. He followed a general practice, became eminent, and his name was almost a household word. He was surgeon of the Fourteenth Regiment of Arkansas Infantry,

C. S. A., and passed through much experience during the war—experience so trying to the constitution that it undoubtedly shortened his days. He first located at Batesville on coming to Arkansas, but later settled in Fayetteville, where he made his home until 1836, when he came to Yellville, which was then known as Shawneetown. He became the owner of a fine farm, was a strong and leading man in the Democratic party, and was a member of Yellville Lodge No. 117, of the A. F. & A. M. He was for many years connected with the Methodist Episcopal Church, was a man of unblemished reputation, and was an excellent friend and citizen. He was finely educated, was an easy and fluent conversationalist, and in disposition was liberal to a fault, giving freely to all worthy public enterprises. His wife died in 1857, a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, having become the mother of ten children: Harriet, who died in Texas after her marriage to Joseph Bawcome; James W., who died in Yellville in 1893; Elizabeth is the wife of J. R. Dowd of this county; Henry W. is a farmer of Marion County, and was a soldier in the Fourteenth Arkansas Infantry during the war; Mary A. is the widow of Col. J. A. Wilson and is living in Harrison, Ark.; Caroline, who is the wife of R. P. Wilson of Rally Hill, Ark.; Emma, wife of A. M. Sloane of Boone County, Ark.; and Nellie, who is the wife of A. W. Wickersham of Yellville. John S. Cowdrey, the subject of this sketch, attended the common schools until he attained his seventeenth year, when he enlisted in Company C, First Arkansas Cavalry, C. S. A., and during the three years that he was in the service he took part in the engagements of Mark's Mill, Jenkins' Ferry, Poison Springs and numerous others, besides many skirmishes. He surrendered at Little Rock in 1865, and for one year thereafter was engaged in tilling the soil. He then began attending school in Yellville, and in 1868 went to Springfield and took a position in the general mercantile store of Kraft & Co., and when the same company opened a store at Pierce City, a year later, Mr. Cowdrey was put in charge of it, but at the end of six months the firm failed and he came to Arkansas and worked in the store of Berry & Ellenburg at Yellville for about one year. In 1871 he became associated in business with Mr. Berry, but disposed of his interest in 1879. In 1885 he and G. W. McDowell purchased the business of Layton & McBee, and a year later Mr. Layton purchased Mr. McDowell's interest. Since 1890 Mr. Cowdrey has been the sole proprietor and now carries one of the largest stocks of dry goods in Northwest Arkansas. He also carries an excellent stock of wagons, farming implements and hardware, a general line of supplies, and does a wholesale and retail business amounting to from $40,000 to $50,000 annually. His place of business is located on the southeast corner of the public square, where three clerks are employed, and his branch establishment, known as the Rail Road Store, furnishes employment to two clerks. He has a valuable farm of 400 acres a mile and a half west of Yellville, twenty acres of which is an apple orchard, and is the finest in Marion County. His farm is being successfully conducted, and considerable attention is given to stockraising, but the most of his time is devoted to his mercantile pursuits. He has ever been the soul of honesty in his business transactions, and is well and favorably known all over the northern part of the State. He is plain and simple in his habits and tastes, and is fond of his home and family. His perfect honesty and sincerity, his untiring energy and industry, his goodness of heart and boundless charity of spirit, his fine common sense and cultivated intelligence, and his natural force and ability to accomplish results are prominent traits of his character that endear him to the people of north Arkansas, and give him prominence in the commercial world. He is a member of Yellville Lodge No. 117, A. F. & A. M., and he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

Mrs. Cowdrey's maiden name was Helen Berry, daughter of Maj. J. H. Berry, of Yellville. She was born at Yellville on March 7, 1857, and lived at this place with her parents until December 25, 1872, when she was married to Mr. Cowdrey. Since their marriage they have lived happily together, making Yellville their home. As a wife, Mrs. Cowdrey is a true one in every sense of the word, as a mother she is loving, patient, tender and ready at all times to give wholesome advise. As a Christian and member of the church, her influence is always on the side of religion and right. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Cowdrey has been blessed with seven children: Annie, Ernest, Daisy, Roscoe, Mabel, Helen and Lillian.

RICHARD S. HOLT. It is a pleasure to write the biography of a man of unusual personal merit—the possessor of a combination of gifts so comprehensive that happiness and success in any enterprise is bound to follow the application of his qualities to the solution of almost any reasonable problem in life. It is an unwritten law that the secret of success in life in all individual cases is the common property or heritage of all unfortunates of the human race. It is therefore eminently proper for the historian or delineator of character to review the lives of those individuals who have not only been successful in the various enterprises in which they engaged, but as citizens and neighbors have won the lasting regard of all. Richard S. Holt, a retired merchant and farmer, and an esteemed citizen of Lead Hill, Ark., was born in Cannon County, Tenn., in 1832. His parents, William H. and Mary L. (Stevens) Holt, were natives of Virginia and Tennessee respectively, the former born in 1799 and the latter in 1802. This estimable couple was married in Tennessee, whither they had gone with their parents when young, and made their home in that State until 1840, when they moved to Ozark County, Mo., by wagon, being about six weeks on the journey. They improved a farm and resided there until 1849, when the fertile soil of Arkansas tempted them to settle in that State. They located in Marion County, on a small improved farm on White River, and there the father died in 1860. He had passed his entire life engaged in farming and stockraising, and as an honest, upright, industrious citizen was highly esteemed. He was a lifelong Democrat. Mr. Holt was one of six sons and five daughters born to Fielding Holt, who was a native of the Old Dominion but an early settler of Cannon County, Tenn., where his death occurred when he was about eighty-six years of age. Some of his people served in the Revolutionary War. Grandfather Stevens was a native of the Keystone State, but when a young man went to Tennessee, married there and reared his family. Later in life he removed to Alabama, where he died over fifty years ago. He was also a farmer, and of French origin. He was the father of two sons and two daughters, one of his daughters, the mother of our subject, dying in Lead Hill in 1882. The twelve children born to Mr. and Mrs. Holt were named as follows: Margaret, deceased, was the wife of William Coker; Fielding resides in Lead Hill; Fannie, deceased, was the wife of William Pumphrey; Sophia died in infancy; William, of Lead Hill; Matilda, deceased, was the wife of Franklin Pumphrey; Richard S., the subject of this sketch; Joseph T. died in his fifth year; James, deceased, enlisted in the Confederate Army and died in the hospital in Little Rock in 1863, when sixteen years of age; Elizabeth, wife of Henry Clark, of Taney County, Mo.; Sarah, of Lead Hill; and Mary Ann, deceased. James fought at Prairie Grove and various other places, was captured, but managed to escape, and although so young was a brave and faithful soldier. Until eight years of age our subject remained in his native county and then moved with his parents to Missouri and Arkansas. He received but limited educational advantages, but being possessed of a strong mind and an unlimited amount of good common sense,

he made his way to the front and is classed among the intelligent men of Boone County. Until twenty-five years of age he remained under the parental roof, but during that time he was farming for himself. After this he began clerking, continued this for about four years prior to the war, and in the summer of 1861 he enlisted in Company C, Fourteenth Arkansas Volunteer Infantry, Confederate Army, and was made second lieutenant. He operated in Arkansas and at the expiration of his term reënlisted and was made captain. He participated in the battle of Corinth and soon after went to Tupelo, where he was taken sick. After remaining there for nearly a year he resigned his commission and came home, where he assisted in organizing a company. However it was not needed, as the war closed about that time. In the year 1867 he married Mrs. Ellen Harris, a native of what is now Putnam County, Tenn., and the daughter of Wilson and Keziah Wilmoth, natives of Tennessee. Mr. and Mrs. Wilmoth came to what is now Boone County, Ark., about 1856, and passed the remainder of their lives there, conducting a farm. Both were Baptists in religion. To Mr. and Mrs. Holt was born one child, James B., who died when four years of age. Our subject has lived within five miles of his father's old place on White River since his boyhood. He farmed for two years after the war and then engaged in merchandising at Lead Hill for about fifteen years. Since then he has carried on farming and stockraising, and is the owner of about 500 acres, being one of the most substantial and best known citizens of the county. He is a member of the A. F. & A. M., Polar Star Lodge No. 224, at Lead Hill, and is a Democrat.

Dr. John M. Casey. This gentleman is one of the best known physicians of Baxter County, Ark., for he has been unusually successful in the practice of his profession, and that he deserves the good fortune that has attended his efforts is indisputable. He is not only honest and reliable, but he has ever been sympathetic, yet cheerful, in the sick room, and possesses the happy faculty of winning the confidence and liking of his patients, which has much to do with their restoration to health. The Doctor first saw the light of day in Hardeman County, West Tenn., September 22, 1839, and he was reared by his grandmother, the wife of Hiram Casey, the pioneer Baptist minister of West Tennessee, who was probably as well known as any divine in the State at that time. His school days were spent in his native State, but on the 11th of December, 1855, he made a settlement in the vicinity of Mt. Home, Ark., and the first season that he arrived here he made a crop. Later he taught a three months subscription school at Pearson's Landing on White River, where he had for his pupils many of the best citizens of this county. In 1857 he began teaching in the Tolburt School House at Tolburt Springs, and later in the same year entered Head's Collegiate Institute at Batesville, where he pursued the paths of learning for some time. In 1858 he again began teaching, and conducted a subscription school at Job Teverbaugh's place, and in January, 1859, taught a school on Little North Fork in Ozark County. In July, 1859, he went to Welaka, Fla., and entered the Hotel Drug Store of Dr. Hamilton Black, on the St. John's River, and at the same time pursued the study of medicine. In 1860 he returned to Rapps Barrens and here taught school again until the latter part of 1860, when he began attending lectures in Pope's Medical College of St. Louis. He returned home in 1861, and practiced his profession up to the opening of the Civil War, and in July joined the Fourteenth Arkansas Infantry, Confederate States Army, being in Capt. Adams' company. He was soon promoted to assistant surgeon of the regiment, and at the battle of Elk Horn had charge of the hospital there. He later rejoined the army at Corinth, where he remained until the summer of 1862, when he returned home and here remained until September 4. He was married to Miss Mary C. Wolf,

the youngest daughter of Maj. Jacob Wolf, and from 1863 to 1870 he was successfully engaged in the practice of his profession, and opened the first drug store of Mt. Home, a well-appointed establishment, of which Don J. is proprietor. He was postmaster of the place from 1870 to 1877, and was instrumental in having an office established at this point. He now again holds the responsible position of postmaster. When a boy, in 1858, he carried the mail from Big North Fork to Rockbridge, in Missouri. The Doctor is temperate in all things, is a Prohibitionist in sentiment, and socially has been a member of Huntsville (Ark.) Lodge of the A. F. & A. M.; is a member of the Chapter and has represented both in the Grand Lodge of the State. He has always been a Democrat politically, and he and his wife are members of the Baptist Church, and he has for many years held various offices in the church. Of seven children born to himself and wife, six are living: Albert M., who is assistant postmaster of Mt. Home; Don J., proprietor of the drug store; John R.; Emmet Y.; Irene, Beulah, and Ada, who died when about five years old. Dr. Casey and his family are highly respected throughout the county and are useful, progressive and public-spirited citizens.

J. W. Miller has been a resident of Douglas County, Mo., since 1856, in which year he removed to this section from his native State of Tennessee. He was born January 1, 1827, a son of Dobson and Mary A. (Burnett) Miller, who came to this section at the same time as their son and settled on a farm in this county, on which both eventually died, the father in 1868 and the mother in 1867. The Millers are of English and Irish descent, while the Burnetts are of French extraction, and have been residents of America from the very early history of the country, the grandfather Burnett having been a participant in several of the early wars in which this country was involved. His wife was a half-breed Cherokee Indian, and her name in the Indian language was Culisitie. The subject of this sketch was educated in the common schools of Tennessee, and in that State he grew up and was married to Arzilla J. Conard, a daughter of William and Susan A. Conard. After coming to Douglas County, Mo., he located on a farm four miles north of Ava and lived there four years, after which he bought a farm two miles west of Ava and lived on the same eight years. In 1868 he purchased the farm where he now lives, which contains 157 acres, and here he has demonstrated the fact that he is a thrifty and progressive farmer. June 10, 1861, he enlisted in the Missouri Home Guards, for he was somewhat of a cripple and could not enter the regular service, and served from the time of his enlistment until the close of the war, participating in a number of engagements in Missouri and was in the chase after Gen. Price, under Gen. Hollen. He was severely injured by his horse falling on him and was laid up for some time, but upon recovering again entered the Missouri Militia. He was taken prisoner twice, but the first time managed to escape. He was first a Whig, then a Republican in politics, but of late years has been a Greenbacker. He and his worthy wife have reared eleven children: Brunetta, who died in 1878; Amanda, who died in 1872, was the wife of William Upchurch; Adaline, is the wife of John Yondall, of Ava; Mary A., is the wife of James Andrews, of this county; Penelope is the wife of William Huffman, of this county; Margaret is the wife of S. G. House, of this county; Jane; Henry is a clerk in Ava; Dobson, is in the Cherokee Nation, and Moses is at home.

Joseph Meyer, manager and president of the Billings Mercantile Company at Billings, has been a resident of this city since 1886, and his reputation stands high in commercial circles for sound integrity and honorable business methods. He is a native of south Indiana, born March 6, 1852, and is a son of Joseph and Barbara (Boehm) Meyer, both natives of Germany. The father emigrated from that country to America in 1845, and made a location in Troy,

Ind., but resided one year in New Orleans, La., previous to that. He is still living and is engaged in the manufacture of harness and saddles. He has been an unusually successful business man. His wife died when our subject was only about a year old. They were married after coming to this country. One child besides our subject was born to this union, George, who was killed in an accident on the Frisco Railroad in 1888. He was married, and his family is living in Indiana at the present time. The boyhood and youth of our subject was passed in the Hoosier State, where he received but a limited amount of schooling on account of the Civil War. Realizing that a good education was one of the things to be desired, by studious habits and perseverance he became a well-posted man, particularly in business matters. During the war, and when quite young, he learned the harness makers' trade and followed this until twenty-six years of age, at first for his father and then for himself. For some time he was in business in Tennessee, and then came to Jamestown, this State, where he became manager of the Jamestown Mercantile Company, being very successful in that position. Thence he moved to Billings and embarked in the hardware business with P. E. Sweeney, but later sold out and started a general store, which he carried on alone for a year and then took in as partner J. S. Carmare, the company being known as Meyer & Carmare for four years. In February, 1893, the company was incorporated with a paid-up capital of $25,000. Mr. Meyer is the president and manager; L. M. Wolfe, vice-president; J. B. McHenry, secretary; and C. B. Swift treasurer. These men are all residents of Billings, and stand among the first in trade and society. The concern they carry on has seven distinct departments—dry-goods, groceries, clothing, furnishing goods, furniture, hardware, and boots and shoes. This is the largest concern in the county and one of the largest in southwest Missouri. They carry a stock of goods valued at from $25,000 to $30,000, and own the large building in which the business is transacted. This is a large, double, two-story, brick structure, and is used entirely for this business. The gentlemen conducting it are rapidly increasing their trade, and aim to conduct all operations upon the ground of strict loyalty to honor, a policy by which they are reaping a most desirable profit. Aside from the mercantile interests, Mr. Meyer and Mr. Carmare are carrying on a grain and live stock business. They have an elevator, and are doing an extensive trade in shipping stock and grain, and also own the stock yards. Mr. Meyer is one of the leading business men of the city, and what he has accumulated in the way of this world's goods is the result of his own industry, perseverance and good business management. He was married while residing at Jamestown, to Miss Lizzie Nickles, daughter of Peter Nickles, and four children have been born to this union: Lizzie, Alma, Olive A. and Joseph. In politics Mr. Meyer is with the Democratic party, and he is public spirited and interested in all worthy movements. He is a member of the Catholic Church, and one of its most liberal contributors. He has held a number of the city offices, and discharged the duties incumbent on the same in a very efficient manner.

HERVY A. MASSEY. This worthy citizen, who is one of the leading farmers and stockraisers of Stone County, Mo., was born in Greene County, Mo., in 1846, and is a son of Nathaniel and Nancy (Ellison) Massey, who were natives of Tennessee. Previous to marriage, and when children, they came with their parents to Greene County, Mo., and there, after growing up, their nuptials were solemnized. After marriage they located four miles east of Springfield, on the wild prairie, where they improved a good farm and spent the balance of their days, he dying in 1869, when about forty-seven years of age, and she in 1860. The mother was a Cumberland Presbyterian in her religious views.

Mr. Massey was a successful farmer and stock trader and a public-spirited, self-made man. During the war he was a Government contractor, furnishing stock and general supplies to the army. In politics he was a Democrat and a Union man. His father, James Massey, was probably born in the green isle of Erin, but came to this country at an early day and settled in Tennessee. Later he moved to Greene County, Mo., and located a few miles east of Springfield, where he became the owner of a good farm. There his death occurred during the war. He was twice married and was the father of twenty-two children. His last wife, who died February 15, 1894, married Allen Gentry, of Stone County. Grandfather Thomas Ellison was a Revolutionary soldier, coming to this country from Ireland at an early day and settling in Greene County, Mo., where his death occurred before the war. His wife died a few years later. They were the parents of seven or eight children. To the parents of our subject were born three children: Thomas V., in the Home Guards during the war, died in Greene County, Mo.; John H., a farmer of Greene County, was a soldier in the Confederate Army and lost a leg at Chickamauga; Lititia, who died in March, 1894, was the wife of Thomas Patterson, of Springfield; Josephine, is the wife of L. T. Watson, of Springfield; Hervy A., subject; James N., of Springfield, and one or two died in infancy. Our subject's youth was spent principally in farming and attending the country school. When about twenty years of age he began farming for himself on his father's farm. Until his father's death he remained under the parental roof, but on the 2d of January, 1868, he was married to Miss Elizabeth R. Jarrett, a native of Greene County, Mo., where she was educated. Her father, Col. Higdon Jarrett, came from Tennessee to Greene County, Mo., at an early date and located northeast of Springfield, where his death occurred. He was a farmer and blacksmith, and worked at his trade in Springfield for a number of years. During one of the early wars he held the rank of colonel. To Mr. and Mrs. Massey were born twelve children: LeRoy, a farmer and teacher of Stone County; Jesse L.; Laura, wife of William Inmon, of Stone County; Josephine, Nancy Adline, Anna, Almer, Ava, Tipton, Frank, Leslie and Sallie. Until the year 1871 Mr. Massey made his home in Greene County and then came to his present farm, then consisting of seventy-three acres, twenty-three acres of which had been cleared. Since that time he has added to the original tract, until now he has one of the most desirable and valuable farms in the county, 373 acres being in this tract, 50 acres on White River. He has about 225 acres cleared and well improved. A few years ago he erected one of the largest dwellings in the county, and everything about his place indicates the thrift and energy of the owner. He has devoted his time almost exclusively to farming and trading in stock, and is authority on all such subjects. From 1878 until 1882 he was county surveyor of Stone County, and is one of the few Democrats who have held office in that county since the war. He and wife hold membership in the Christian Church.

DR. GEORGE W. FLOYD. The noble profession of medicine affords to the student in that science a never-ending source of investigation and experiment. It is perhaps one of the most trying on brain and body of any in the field of science, for it absorbs the attention of him who practices it conscientiously, both day and night, and brings into play the most versatile powers of his being. Among the prominent physicians and surgeons of Western Grove, Ark., stands the name of Dr. George W. Floyd, whose kindly nature instinctively turned to that broad field of human suffering for his life work. Dr. Floyd was born in Ray County, Tenn., in 1850, and he is a son of James J. and Louisa Jane (Richards) Floyd, the former a native of Virginia, and the latter of North Carolina. The parents were married in Tennessee, and there

the father spent the remainder of his life, dying in 1884. He was a farmer all his days, and served in the Federal Army during the Civil War as commissary sergeant. Mrs. Floyd is still living. Grandfather Floyd came from Virginia to Tennessee in an early day, and died in the latter State. Curtis Richards, the maternal grandfather, died in Meigs County, Tenn. Of the nine children born to his parents, our subject was second in order of birth. The others were named as follows: Sarah, died about 1860, when quite young; Curtis D., a farmer of Boone County, Ark.; Joseph Charles; James L.; John H.; Michigan; Louisa Jane, wife of S. M. Heard, and Hester, the last six all residing in Tennessee. Like most country boys our subject's time in youth was divided between assisting on the farm and in attending to the common schools where he received a fair English education. Early in life Dr. Floyd began to lay the foundation for a medical career, a profession whose noiseless, yet ofttimes marvelous triumphs are unknown to the multitude. In 1872 and '73 he attended the Medical Department of Vanderbilt University at Nashville, Tenn., and in the latter year began practicing in Bell Town, Tenn., where he remained nine years. Soon after he came to Arkansas and located at Western Grove, where he has an excellent practice in Marion, Searcy, Boone and Newton Counties. The Doctor is a member of the Masonic fraternity, Bluff Springs Lodge No. 103, at Western Grove, and is a member and treasurer of Belleport Chapter No. 61, R. A. M., and of St. Aldemar Commandery, K. T., No. 10, at Harrison. He is also a member of Western Grove Eastern Star Chapter No. 25.

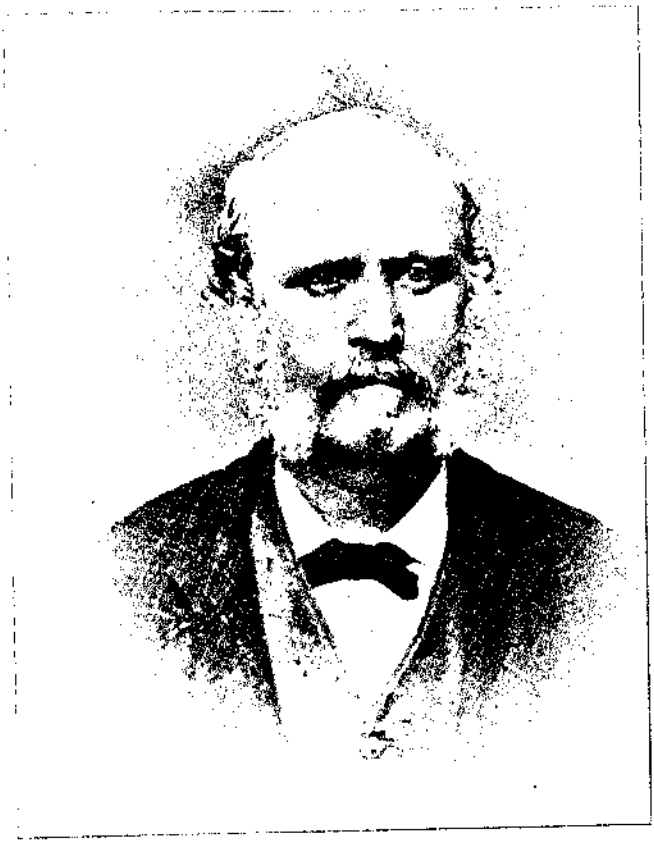
CHARLES B. SWIFT. It would be difficult to conceive an industry which occupies a more important standing in any country than that allied to the mercantile trade. In this business millions of dollars are invested, while the number of persons employed count up into the hundreds of thousands. One of the leading corporations in this connection is the Billings Mercantile Company, of Billings, Mo. Mr. Charles B. Swift, who is treasurer of this company, is an excellent type of a prosperous merchant, who owes his success in life to his own industry, and who is ever ready to do all in his power to favor his customers. He has resided in this county since 1870, and has been in business in this city since 1875; therefore the people have had every opportunity to judge of his character and standing. A product of Weakley County, Tenn., where he was born July 31, 1851, he is a son of C. W. and Martha D. (McClain) Swift, and the grandson of Charles Swift. This family is of English origin and came to this country at an early date. Some members became noted soldiers and statesmen, and all were honorable, upright citizens. The father of our subject was born in Hanover County, Va., and was one of a large old-fashioned family of eleven children. Three of his brothers were in the Mexican War, and one was in the war with Texas in 1836. C. W. Swift, father of our subject, passed his youthful days in his native State, and in early manhood moved to Tennessee, locating in Wilson County at first, but subsequently moving to Weakley County. He was married in the former county to Miss McClain, and the children born to this union were partly reared in Weakley County. In 1870 Mr. Swift moved to Christian County, Mo., and located on a farm six miles southeast of Billings, where he followed farming and became a well-respected citizen. There his death occurred six years later. In politics he was a Whig and a Union man, and later a Republican. He was a man universally esteemed and one whose career was without blot or blemish. His wife was born in Wilson County, Tenn., of which her father, William H. McClain, was an early pioneer, but a native of Scotland, which country he left early in life. His eldest son was the first white child born in Wilson County, for he located there as early as 1792. Mrs. Swift, the

youngest of a large family of children, was born in 1809, and died in 1857, in Tennessee. Eleven children were born to our subject's parents; seven are now living, and of these all reside in this part of Missouri. They were named as follows: Bertha, wife of M. G. Bonnett, of Stone County; Mary, is the wife of R. D. Blades; Sally, single, resides at Aurora; Anna E., also single, resides at Aurora; William H., married, is living on a farm near Billings; Oscar, single, resides at Aurora, and our subject, Charles B., who is the youngest but one of the family. Those deceased passed away when quite young. The original of this notice was a young man when he came to this county, his early life having been spent in his native county. After coming here, he attended the schools of Springfield, and after leaving school began teaching. Later he engaged in merchandising, first as a clerk in Springfield, but soon after came to Billings and clerked here up to 1879, when he established a business for himself. In 1881 he took Mr. E. M. Morris in as partner, and the firm was known as Morris & Swift. Their business prospered unusually well until 1888, when the store was destroyed by fire. Mr. Swift was then elected county collector of revenue by the Republican party, and held the office in a very efficient and satisfactory manner from 1888 to 1893, two terms. For four years he was postmaster at Billings under the Garfield administration, and has held other positions. He became a member of the Billings Mercantile Company in May, 1893, a prominent stockholder, and is now holding the office of treasurer. In politics he is with the Republican party, is active in his support of the same, and is one of the leading men of the county. Socially he is a member of the Royal Arch, Chapter No. 97, and of Friend Lodge, A. F. & A. M., at Ozark. Mr. Swift was married in this county to Mrs. Martha E. Dye, a native of Bedford County, Tenn., born June 18, 1851, and the daughter of James Wise, who now resides about five miles east of Billings. Mr. and Mrs. Swift are members of the Christian Church, and Mr. Swift is an elder in the same. Five children have been born to this union: Maude, Warren, Aden, Bertha, and an infant yet unnamed.

Capt. John C. Rea. This gentleman possesses a thorough knowledge of the art of the husbandman and has taken pains to familiarize himself with the latest methods of land cultivation, and the result has not failed to be satisfactory. He was born in Franklin County, Ill., in 1837, in which State his parents, John K. and Sarah (Arnett) Rea, were born, reared and married. Mrs. Rea died in Franklin County, when John C. was an infant, and Mr. Rea afterward wedded Luticia Dudley, and in 1846 came by wagon to Marion County, Ark., locating in the vicinity of Yellville, where he spent the rest of his life, dying in 1857. He was a man of sterling characteristics, acquired a competency through his own efforts, and his death was a source of much regret to all who knew him. He was a Democrat of the Jacksonian type, but never aspired to political preferment. His father, Wilson Rea, was a Kentuckian, but became an early settler of Illinois, becoming a successful tiller of the soil, and a man of considerable prominence in Franklin County, holding the position of judge for some years. He was at one time a member of the Illinois Legislature, and at all times showed himself to be a politician of no mean order, and a man of undoubted intellect and correct principles. It is thought that his father was an Englishman. He died in Franklin County Ill., in 1854, his wife's death also occurring there. The subject of this sketch was the only child born to his father's first marriage, but he had the following half-brothers and sisters: Melinda, who died in Marion County, the wife of John Gillespie; Tramwell M., of Rea Valley, Marion County, was in the Confederate service throughout the Civil War, and was in the battles of Oak Hill, Pea Ridge Prairie Grove; Frank (deceased), went North prior to the opening

of the war, and joined the Federal Army, and died in the service; Carroll, who was a member of Shelby's command, (Confederate) during the war, was killed at Glasgow, Mo., while with Price on his raid through Missouri; Leonard D. was in Shelby's command during the last two years of the war, and is now a resident of Marion County; Amanda is the wife of James Billings, of Fulton County; Lafayette resides in Franklin County, Ill.; Ellen is the wife of John Young, of Sharp County, Ark.; Margaret died in Marion County, the wife of William Magness, and Eliza, who died in childhood. John C. Rea was reared on a farm from the time he was nine years old, in the mountains of Marion County, Ark., receiving no schooling of any consequence until after he had attained the age of seventeen years, when he attended school for about nine months, and paid his own tuition. He then learned the carpenter's trade and followed this occupation as a means of livelihood until the opening of the war, when he enlisted in Confederate service (in June, 1861), joining Capt. J. R. Dowd's company, Col. Dockery's regiment of Arkansas Infantry, and was in the engagement of Wilson's Creek, where he was severely wounded in the jaw, and received honorable discharge from the service. He at once returned home, but at the end of six months had sufficiently recovered to again enter the service, this time becoming a member of Company A, Twenty-seventh Arkansas Infantry as lieutenant, and after about one and a half years was promoted to captain, in which capacity he served with ability for one year. At this time the regiment was nearly exhausted, most of its men having been killed or wounded. It was then consolidated with another regiment and he was made recruiting officer and general scout. He operated in Missouri, Arkansas and Louisiana, and participated in many skirmishes, the most noteworthy of which was Milliken's Bend. During the latter part of his service as a scout he was in much danger, but discharged his duties faithfully and bravely. He surrendered at Jacksonport, Ark., in April, 1865, and for four years thereafter remained in Jackson County, working at his trade. He then came to Marion County, and was here married, January 16, 1870, to Catherine P., the daughter of James and Elizabeth Mitchell, natives of Tennessee, from which region they came to Marion County, Ark., where they eventually died on the farm which they had purchased and improved. Mrs. Rea was born in Tennessee, and died in 1882, having become the mother of the following children: Omer P.; Robert L.; Hattie E.; Lelar, a child that died in infancy; Lula, who died in infancy; Gussie, who also died in infancy, and Garland, a twin to Gustavus. October 3, 1886, Capt. Rea lead to the altar Miss Susan E. Cantrell, a daughter of Thomas F. and Martha Cantrell, natives of Tennessee, but who early became residents of Madison County, Ark. Mr. Cantrell died in Jefferson County, Ark., a Confederate soldier, but Mrs. Cantrell is still living, and resides in Marion County. Mrs. Rea was born in Madison County, Ark. Capt. Rea has been a resident of Marion County, Ark., since 1869, and in his farming operations has been quite successful. He is now the owner of 330 acres, a part of which is fine river bottom land, of which he has become the owner through his own unaided efforts since the close of the war. He has always been an active worker for the Democratic party, and his first presidential vote was cast for John C. Breckinridge, in 1860. He has held the office of justice of the peace for ten or twelve years, and has always been an earnest advocate of law and order. He is an advocate of free schools, churches and the general upbuilding of the country. For ten years after he came to the county there was not what would now be called a third-rate school in the county, but this has all been changed. Socially he is a member of the A. F. & A. M., Jacksonport Lodge, No. 191, and in his religious views is a Methodist, while his wife is a member of the Missionary Baptist Church. Mr. Rea is a public-spirited and enterprising citizen and has the universal respect of his fellows.

THOMAS NEWMAN (deceased). In the veins of this gentleman flowed sturdy English blood, for in Dorchester, England, he first saw the light of day. In his boyhood he was brought to this country by his father, John Newman, and with him settled in Philadelphia, Pa., where the latter followed the calling of a mechanic, and eventually died. Thomas Newman attained manhood in the East and then embarked in the battle of life as a railroad engineer, but in 1858 or '59 turned his attention to newspaper work in Kansas, and through its pages advocated the cause of Abolition. After a short time he moved to St. Louis, Mo., where he became a job printer, but during the war he joined the Missouri State Militia, and was in active service in the State. He was lieutenant of his company and was in a number of the engagements of the Price raid. In 1869 he came to Boone County, Ark., and established the first paper in this part of the country, which took the name of the *Boone County Advocate*, and which was published with success up to 1876, when *The Times* took its place. Although he was a strong Abolitionist and Union man, he was a man of Democratic principles and became the first mayor of Harrison. He was a man of jovial and generous disposition, was finely educated, his friends were legion and he was active and pushing in everything to which he gave his attention. He was the first vice-president of the Arkansas State Newspaper Association, and in his branch of human endeavor he did much to mold public thought and to cultivate the taste of the public for the best class of reading matter. He was married in Philadelphia, Pa., to Miss Elizabeth Carr, who was born in Ireland, a daughter of John Carr, with whom she came to the United States, and she survives her husband, who died in 1884, and makes her home with her son, John R., in Harrison. She is a lady of many accomplishments, is kind, charitable and liberal, and is a leader in the social circles of the county. Thomas Newman was quite a pedestrian in his young days and often walked from Harrison to Little Rock, and came to this place on foot from Springfield. While he was in the newspaper work in Kansas the publication of his paper came to a speedy termination, for the party that he was opposing threw his machinery and type into the Missouri River. In newspaper work he was far ahead of his time and country, but he left the indelible impress of his work in this section, and his memory will long be treasured. John R. Newman, his only child, was born in St. Louis, October 19, 1859, and was educated in the public schools of that city. Having a decided talent and taste for music, he entered and graduated from the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music, making a specialty of band and orchestra music, with the purpose of becoming a teacher. He left the conservatory in 1877 and was engaged in teaching up to 1879, but in the meantime, in 1878, had taken charge of *The Times*, and since that time has had its management. He has had about eighteen years' experience in this work, is a worthy disciple of his father and thoroughly understands every detail of the business, having learned the trade of a printer in St. Louis. *The Times* is an eight-column folio, its circulation extends over about four counties, and it is a welcome visitor in many homes. Mr. Newman is chairman of the Democratic committee, has always been a stanch Democrat, but has never aspired to public office. Socially he is a member of the A. F. & A. M., the I. O. O. F., the K. of P., and the I. O. G. T., and has been presiding officer of all these lodges in Harrison. He is a member of the Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F. of Arkansas. In 1890 he was president of the Arkansas Press Association, a member of the executive committee of the National Press Association, and has attended a number of the meetings. He is the owner of the building in which his paper is published, owns his residence, is a stockholder in the Boone County Bank, and is to some extent engaged in the real estate business. He is a shrewd and prac-



THOMAS NEWMAN,
Harrison, Ark.



W. R. JONES,
Yellville, Ark.



Harrison, Ark.



WALTER A. LONG,
Ozark, Mo.

tical man of affairs, is public spirited to a degree and has at all times endeavored to advance and promote the interests of his section. He was married in 1882 to Mary M. Murphy, who was born in Boone County, and they have four children: Mabel, Thomas, Earl and Harry.

DR. JOHN S. STEPHENSON. The value to any community of a professional man is not marked merely by his learning and skill, his proficiency in medical and surgical practice, but also by his character, both private and professional, his honorable adherence to medical ethics, and his personal integrity and benevolence of purpose. When a physician combines these characteristics it is with pleasure that we record his life-work, and such a man do we find in Dr. John S. Stephenson. He owes his nativity to Polk County, Tenn., where he was born in 1839. His parents were Dr. Andrew R. and Anna (Watson) Stephenson, born in North Carolina in 1797, and South Carolina in 1799 respectively. They were early settlers of East Tennessee, and in January, 1852, landed in Searcy County, Ark., the journey thither being made with ox teams and horse teams, occupying nearly four months. They were among the pioneers of Wiley's Cove, and there improved a good farm, and spent the rest of their lives, the father's death occurring in January, 1864, and the mother's in 1868. They were members of the Missionary Baptist Church for many years, and the father was long a very successful practicing physician of his section of the county. He was a stanch Union man during the great Civil War, but took no active part in the struggle. His father, Joseph Stephenson, was born in Ireland, but came to this country about the time of the Revolutionary War, and located first in North Carolina and then in Monroe County, Tenn., where he followed farming and teaching; he died in 1853, when quite advanced in years. His wife's death occurred in Monroe County, Tenn., several years before his own; both were earnest members of the Baptist Church at the time of their death. Dr. John S. Stephenson was the youngest child born to his parents, the other members being: Joseph, who was not a soldier in the Federal Army, was killed by bushwhackers in Searcy County, during the war; William, who died in 1893, in California; James Wilson, who was a soldier in the Third Arkansas Cavalry, United States Army, for eighteen months during the war, is now a successful farmer of Wiley's Cove; Alex. Clark was also a soldier in the Third Arkansas Cavalry, and died in Searcy County in 1884; and Mary, widow of Berry Matthis, resides on the old home farm at Wiley's Cove. From the time he was thirteen years old until he reached manhood, Dr. John S. Stephenson spent his time on a farm, and as the schools of that day were very poor the most of his literary education was obtained at home, under the instruction of his mother. Soon after he had learned to read, he began the perusal of such medical books as he could obtain in his father's library, and under the latter's able instruction. His first practice was done in the army in Company I, Third Arkansas Cavalry, which he joined in January, 1863, as a private. His command operated mostly on the Arkansas River against the guerrillas, and he served until the war closed, receiving his discharge at Louisburg, Ark., January 30, 1865. He acted as duty sergeant for about eighteen months, and during his entire service was neither wounded nor taken prisoner. After the war he practiced at Marshall, Ark., until about 1885, then two years at Western Grove, and since that time has been very successfully engaged in the practice of his profession at St. Joe. He is one of the oldest medical practitioners of Searcy County, and was at one time Secretary of the Searcy County Medical Society. From 1865 until 1867 he was county and circuit clerk, and in 1872 was chosen as a fitting man to represent the county in the State Legislature, and while discharging the duties of this responsible position, showed himself to be able, faithful and incorruptible. His conduct

in every way pleased his Republican constituents. He was reared a Democrat and voted for Douglas in 1860, but since the war has given his support at all times to the Republican party. Socially he is a member of the A. F. & A. M., St. Joe Lodge No. 317, was worthy master of his lodge for four years, and was its representative to the Grand Lodge in 1890 and 1892. The Doctor was married July 11, 1858, to Mary, daughter of Benjamin and Jane Potter, who came from Tennessee to Searcy County, Ark., in 1850. Mrs. Potter died here during the war, after which Mr. Potter unfortunately became demented, disappeared, and is supposed to be dead. Mrs. Stephenson was born in Perry County, Tenn., and by the Doctor has become the mother of five children: Alex. C.; Martha, wife of A. J. King; Julius L.; Brunetta and Naomi A. The Doctor and Mrs. Stephenson have long been worthy members of the Christian Church.

JAMES C. HARMON. It is the men of broad and comprehensive views who give life to communities—men who have foresight and energy, pluck and push to forward their enterprises and still retain an untarnished reputation through it all. Such a man is James C. Harmon, who is one of the leading citizens of Cleburne County, Ark. He was born in Monroe County, Tenn., in 1846, and is a son of Peter and Caroline (Kirkland) Harmon, natives also of that county, their marriage taking place near Madison. From their native State they removed to Arkansas, in 1849, and located in Independence County, but from there moved to Van Buren County in 1856, where the mother passed from life. In 1863 the father was taken prisoner by the Federals and died at Little Rock, having been a member of an Arkansas regiment. He was a successful tiller of the soil, and a man of good habits and principles, and had always given his support to the Democrat party. His wife was a Methodist. They reared a family of eight children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the second in order of birth. James C. Harmon was educated at the public schools of Independence County, and was brought up to a knowledge of farming. In the early part of the Civil War he joined McRae's regiment, with which he served for some time, but was taken a prisoner by the Federals and taken to Little Rock, and thence to Rock Island, Ill., and was held until the close of the war. When the war was over he found himself in very straitened circumstances, but he at once began tilling the soil on rented land, eight miles west of Batesville, in Independence County, where he continued to make his home until 1880. Since that time he has resided in what is now Cleburne County, where he energetically tilled rented land for some time, and then bought a tract of river bottom land, comprising 160 acres of hill land and 60 acres of fine river bottom land. He has been successful, and is now in good circumstances, although it has been at the expense of much hard labor and thought. He opened a grist and saw mill and cotton gin three years ago, and has since conducted this in a very satisfactory manner financially. He is one of the substantial men of the county, is public spirited and enterprising, and has ever been an active Democrat. He was married in 1868 to Adaline Lancaster, who was born in Arkansas and died in 1870. In 1874 he took for his second wife Minerva Wright, by whom he has one son and four daughters, all at home. Mr. Harmon is a Mason and a member of Scarlet Lodge No. 283, in which he has held the office of senior warden.

JACOB YOCUM. Stone County has been fortunate in being developed by men who are not only ambitious but broad-minded and far-seeing. Many portions of it are as attractive as though laid out by a landscape gardener and reminds one of the beautiful Champs d'Elysee of which Paris is so proud. In all the county there is no more diversity of scenery than in Washington township, and that portion of it in which our subject lives. Jacob Yocum is a native

of this county, or what is now Stone County, born in 1837, and is a son of Levi and Mary (Patterson) Yocum, who were among the first settlers of what is now Stone County. Both died in this county, the father about 1852 and the mother three years later. They were worthy and earnest members of the Methodist Church. The grandfather, James Yocum (the name was formerly spelled Yoachum), it is thought was a German, and was one of the first white men to make a home in what is now Stone County, this being at the mouth of James River. Yoachum Creek was named for him and the name of Yoachum is a household word to every old settler and their descendents in this region of country. Grandfather Patterson was also a very early settler of this county and passed his last days on James River. The eight children born to the parents of our subject were named as follows: Elizabeth, who married J. M. Pollen, returned to our subject's home after the death of her husband, residing there eight years, then went to her farm in Lawrence County and married E. Jellet, she died there in 1863; Jacob, subject; Sarah, wife of George Moore of Texas; Ruby, wife of Andrew Smith of Lawrence County; Nancy J., wife of Greene Lemaster of Lawrence County; Mary married a man named Wheeler; Robert died when about thirteen years of age, and Still died at the age of two years. Our subject received no schooling in his youth and was only about fourteen or fifteen years of age when his father died. After the death of the mother the support of the younger children devolved on him for a number of years and this prevented him from making a start for himself. Soon after reaching manhood the war broke out, and, filled with a patriotic desire to fight for the old flag, he enlisted in 1861 in Company I, Twenty-fourth Missouri Infantry, with which he served as a private for five years, fighting in Tennessee, Missouri, Alabama, Louisiana, etc. He was in the first Nashville fight, the Red River expedition, and in many other prominent engagements. After the war closed he was stationed in the fort near Mobile, until 1866, when he was discharged. He was never captured or wounded and was a faithful soldier. In the month of August, 1866, he married Miss Christina Wooley, a native of what is now Stone County, and the daughter of William and Catherine Wooley who were early settlers of that county. There the father died, but the mother is still living. As the years passed by children gathered around the fireside of our subject and were named as follows: William Levi; Mary; Catherine, wife of Jasper Blunk of Stone County; Maggie; Mattie; Thomas; Minnie E.; Laura; and Homer, who is deceased. Mr. Yocum lived for three years in Christian County and since then on his present farm of eighty acres, about two and a half miles northeast of Galena on James River. At that time there were but about twenty-three acres cleared, and he now has it nearly all cleared and in a fine state of cultivation. In politics he is a stanch Democrat, and in religion he and wife are members of the Christian Church, as well as his children, Mary, Cattie, Maggie and Mattie.

S. W. Boswell, vice-president of Taney County Bank, and general business man of Forsyth, Mo., was born in that city, October 15, 1860. He is a son of Levi and Louisa (Wilks) Boswell, both natives of Missouri, the father being born in Taney County. Levi Boswell, Sr., grandfather of our subject, was born in Tennessee, and came to this State at an early day, taking up land on Swan Creek, about sixteen miles from Forsyth. There he resided until 1861, when, on account of his political views he was obliged to remove to Greene County, Mo., where he remained during the war. He located near Springfield, and there made his home until 1866. Previous to the war he held the office of sheriff of Taney County, and, returning to that county after the war, he was elected county treasurer by the Republican party, of which he was an ardent adherent, having previously been a Whig. For some time

before the war he was in business at Forsyth, but farming was his principal occupation in life, and he accumulated a fair share of this world's goods. He was twice married, and by his second marriage, which resulted in the birth of two children, the father of our subject was born, he being the elder. Mr. Boswell was a soldier in the War of 1812. During the latter part of his life he moved to Forsyth, where his death occurred in 1872, when eighty-four years of age. The father of our subject was born about a year after his parents came to Taney County, and here he grew to manhood, receiving most of his education by the home fireside. He began teaching penmanship in Greene and Polk Counties, and then followed the carpenter's and painter's trades until the breaking out of the war, when he enlisted in the State Militia and served some time, making his home in Greene and Polk Counties during the war. In 1867 he came to Taney County, locating on a farm on Swan Creek, near Taney City. A year later he moved to Forsyth, where he entered the treasurer's office under his father, and acted as deputy. Later he was elected to the office of treasurer and reëlected, serving four years. He also held the office of deputy circuit and county clerk at one time, and, like his father, was a warm supporter of Republican principles. Although he never accumulated much wealth, on account of his great liberality, he was comfortably fixed, and was well and favorably known all over Southwest Missouri. His wife was a daughter of a pioneer, Jack Wilks, who settled in Missouri at an early day. Mrs. Boswell died during the war. She was the mother of two children, Mary F., wife of T. J. Vanzandt of Forsyth, and S. W., our subject. Mr. Boswell was married three times, his second union being with a Miss Tirey. His third marriage was with Miss Anna E. McKinney, who bore him eight children: R. G., C. L., L. A., L., Ella, Minnie, Harrison and Boone. Our subject received his education in the public schools of Forsyth, and until twenty-three years of age followed agricultural pursuits. After this he was interested in the mill at Forsyth and in 1884, became connected with the distillery business with Calvin Parrish, R. S. Branson and William Peck. The still is making about 3,000 gallons a year, and these men are doing a paying business. Our subject is also connected with the firm of Parrish, Boswell & Co., and assisted in establishing their house in 1887. He is a stockholder and the vice-president of Taney County Bank. In the year 1886 he was elected to the office of county treasurer by the Republican party, and held the office until 1890. Like his father and grandfather, he supports the platform of the Republican party and has always been one of the leaders of the same in his county. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge at Forsyth, No. 453, and his father was the first Mason admitted to that lodge. He has held the office of worshipful master and junior and senior warden of his lodge. Mr. Boswell takes a deep intereset in worthy enterprises, and is a member of the school board at the present time. He owns a farm adjoining the city, also town property, and is a self-made man, having made all his property without assistance. Miss Etta Frazier, who became his wife in 1885, was born in Georgia, and is a daughter of James Frazier, who at one time resided in Taney County, but moved to Texas, where he died a number of years ago. Four children were born to our subject and wife; the eldest died in infancy; the second, Benjamin Lee, died when eighteen months old, and Virgie and Bulah, who are living.

Rev. William J. Fulton. The career of this gentleman is one well worthy the respect of all, for he has for many years labored faithfully for the good of others, and on many occasions has cast aside personal considerations in order to do this. He was born in Robertson County, Tenn., November 26, 1840, and was there reared and educated. His parents, William and Elizabeth (Chapman) Fulton, were also born in that State, the birth of the former occur-

ing in 1809. He was a son of Ira Fulton, who was one of the very early pioneers of the State. William Fulton followed farming in Tennessee, until 1851, when he moved to Greene County, Mo., and located on a farm where he lived until his death, which occurred October 1, 1891. He was a successful farmer and stockraiser, and in politics was a Republican. His wife died in 1880 at the age of sixty-five years, after having become the mother of eight children, four of whom are living: William J. Fulton; Rebecca A., who was first the wife of John Morrisett, and after his death the wife of David Cinnamon, of Webster County; Christopher C., who owns a good farm nine miles southeast of Springfield, Mo.; Benjamin A., resides on the old homestead, is a man of family and a farmer by occupation; Mary; Amanda, and two infants deceased. The mother of these children was a worthy member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The subject of this sketch has resided in Missouri since he was eleven years of age and obtained his education in this State and Tennessee. After starting out in life for himself he followed school teaching for six years in Greene, Christian and Douglas Counties, and was then called to the ministry and connected himself with the General Baptist Church. He has been engaged in his ministerial duties for the past fifteen years, and is located near Rome, Douglas County, Mo., and attends the church near Arno, but preaches at other points. He has done noble service for the Master, and has increased the membership of his church very greatly. He resides on a farm about twelve miles from Ava, comprising 160 acres, and is one of the successful and prosperous farmers of the county. In 1861 he enlisted in the Home Guards, but in 1862 became a member of the Eighth Missouri Cavalry, with which he served until July 20, 1865, as first corporal of Company E. He was at the battles of Prairie Grove, Brownsville, Little Rock and Duvall's Bluff, but owing to sickness, did not serve regularly. He is a stanch Republican in politics, a member of the G. A. R., and belongs to Freeport Post No. 307. He has always been active in politics, is prominent in the affairs of the county, and is a member of Ava Lodge No. 26 of the A. F. & A. M., and I. O. O. F., Douglas Lodge No. 319. He was married in Christian County to Miss Sarah J. Stubbs, a daughter of Robert and Arnetta (Friend) Stubbs, both of whom are deceased. Mrs. Fulton was born in Christian County, Mo., in 1845, and she and her husband have nine children: William R., is a man of family and a farmer of this county; Leota; Aaron N., is a man of family and resides in Greene County, Mo.; Sarah E.; Amanda A.; Isham C., died at the age of three years; Della L.; Benjamin H. and Marvela. Mr. Fulton is a public-spirited gentleman, and is a useful, law-abiding citizen.

DR. GEORGE W. THOMPSON. Dr. George W. Thompson is a successful follower of Æsculapius at Cave Creek, Ark., and through ability and well merited success has built up a practice that is eminently satisfactory. He is a product of Caldwell County, Ky., born in 1836, and the son of William R. Thompson who was born in Claiborne County, Tenn., in 1807. The father was liberally educated in his native State and was there married to Miss Elizabeth Wells, also of Tennessee, and a lady of more than ordinary intelligence. She was born in Knox County in 1809. About 1834 the parents removed to Caldwell County, Ky., and in 1854 came by wagon to Monroe County, Ark., but after remaining there a short time removed to Lawrence County, where Mr. Thompson died in 1855. Four years later the mother received her final summons and both are interred in that county. She was a worthy member of the Baptist Church. Mr. Thompson followed the occupation of a blacksmith and wagonmaker and was an industrious, hardworking citizen. Our subject's grandfather, Ephraim Thompson, was probably born in the highlands of Scotland, and when but a boy came to America, locating in east Tennessee. He

was a soldier in the War of 1812, and an officer. His death occurred in Mobile, Ala., and his wife passed away in Knox County, Tenn. James Wells, the maternal grandfather, died in Knox County, Tenn. He was of German origin and was a farmer and overseer. Of the thirteen children born to his parents our subject was fourth in order of birth. The others were named as follows: Louisa, who was the wife of Atmond Knighten, died in Fulton County, Ark.; Lucinda, who was married to William Norris, died in Sharp County; Minerva Jane, deceased, was the wife of John Norris; Catherine, deceased, was the wife of William Johnson; Margaret, deceased, was the wife of James Boyd; William, a single man, died at Petersburg during the war in which he served as a Confederate soldier; Angeline, single, died in Lawrence County; Mahala, single, died in Fulton County; the next two died unnamed; James died young and Nora died young. Our subject is the only one now living of the above mentioned children. He was reared to farm work and also assisted his father in the shop, in the meantime receiving a fair education. When about eighteen years of age he determined to fathom the theory and practice of medicine and succeeded. He first began studying with Dr. James Parker, in Lawrence County, practiced some, and in 1858 9 attended Louisville Medical College. After that, for two years, he practiced in Lawrence County, and in June, 1861, enlisted in Company D, Seventh Arkansas Infantry, State troops, serving for a few months. There was then a call for Confederate troops for three years, and he enlisted in the Tenth Missouri Light Artilery as assistant surgeon and served twelve months in Tennessee, Kentucky and Missouri. Returning home on a furlong he was obliged to remain there, for the Federals had taken possession of the river. Later he enlisted in the Second Arkansas Cavalry as assistant surgeon and operated in Arkansas and Missouri until the close. He was on Gen. Price's raid in Missouri and Kansas, and was captured in Prairie County, Ark., just before the surrender. He was held four days and then released on account of his being a surgeon, was sent to Little Rock with city limits, where he remained until the final surrender. Following the war he located in Fulton County, for four years, and afterward spent the same length of time at Calico Rock, after which he located in Baxter County, where he remained six years. From there he removed to Boone County and four years later came to Newton County, where he resided near Mount Hersey for some time. From there he moved to Cave Creek and is one of the oldest and most prominent physicians in this section, having practiced for about thirty-five years. He has also been engaged in the drug and grocery business nearly all the time and at present is carrying on that business at Cave Creek. In the year 1865 he was married in Lawrence County to Miss Mary E. Goforth, a native of Giles County, Tenn., and the daughter of Hazel and Sabree Caroline Goforth, who moved from Tennessee to Lawrence County about 1850 and died there after the war. To Dr. and Mrs. Thompson have been born eight children: Samuel H., died in infancy; James C., died when two years of age; Minerva Jane, died when fourteen years of age; Marcus B.; Ada Ann, wife of J. M. May; C. W.; William R., died when six years of age; and Ida Belle, died in infancy. In politics the Doctor has ever been a Democrat, and his first presidential vote was cast for J. Buchanan in 1856. He and wife have been members of the Christian Church for a number of years, and he is a Royal Arch Mason, a member of Evening Shade Lodge No. 143, and Chapter at Batesville No. 10.

JOHN MURPHY. This prominent farmer and stockraiser of Harrison township, Boone County, Ark., was born in Miller County, Mo., January 7, 1838, and probably inherits much of his push and energy from his Irish ancestors, his great-grandfather Murphy having been a native of the Emerald Isle.

The latter came to America after the Revolutionary War and settled in the Palmetto State, where his last days were spent. His wife was a native of Wales. His son, John Murphy, grandfather of subject, was born in South Carolina, but at an early date settled near Murfresboro, Tenn., where he died when his son, John J. Murphy, father of subject, was but a small boy. The latter was born near Murfresboro, Tenn., in 1811, and was married in that State to Miss Perlinta Davis, a native of Tennessee, born in 1813. About 1837 this worthy couple removed to Miller County, Mo., where they resided one year, and then came to Madison County, Ark. Still later they removed to Newton County, Ark., and from there to Boone County in 1875, where Mr. Murphy died the following year. His wife passed away in 1877. They were Methodists for many years. Mr. Murphy was a successful farmer and stock dealer, owning many horses and mules, and was a public-spirited and enterprising citizen. Politically he was a Democrat until the war, but after that he affiliated with the Republican party. Our subject's maternal grandfather Davis was probably a native Tennessean, but was of English origin. He was a farmer by occupation and died in Illinois. Our subject's brothers and sisters were named as follows: Isaac N.; Phœbe; James; V. W., who served in the United States Army, first sergeant in Company C, First Arkansas Regiment. He was a brave and gallant soldier, and has since been sheriff of Newton County and postmaster at Harrison, Ark.; Samuel; Alex.; Marion; Addison, deceased; Sarah; Matilda, deceased; Rebecca, single, and Nancy. John Murphy, the third in order of birth of the above mentioned children, passed most of his youthful days in assisting his father on the farm, and as a consequence received but limited educational advantages. On November 14, 1858, he was married in Newton County, Ark., to Miss Elizabeth J. Penn, a native of Newton County, Ark., and the daughter of John and Rosy Penn, who came from Kentucky to Arkansas many years ago. Both are still living. They had one son in the Federal Army, and is now residing in Oklahoma. Mr. and Mrs. Murphy's union was blessed by the birth of nine children: Sarah, died young; James R., died of smallpox during the war; Mary M., married John R. Newman; Martha Ann, wife of Joseph Thorn of Garfield, Washington; Ida, died when four years of age; Louisa; Rosa; William C.; and George Alexander. Like nearly all his brothers, John served in the Civil War. He enlisted February 12, 1863, in Company C, First Arkansas Infantry, but was soon transferred to Company E, and operated in the Trans-Mississippi Department, principally in Arkansas. He fought at Jenkins' Ferry, was in numerous skirmishes, and received a wound while recruiting in Newton County, having just formed a command of forty men, of which he was elected second lieutenant. As soon as able John Murphy went to Springfield, and soon reported to his command at Ft. Smith. There he was office clerk until his discharge, August 10, 1865, after which he returned to his family then residing in Springfield, Mo. Later he removed to Osceola, St. Clair County, Mo., and was engaged in stock business until 1869, when he returned to Jasper, Newton County, Ark., and followed merchandising until 1876. From there he moved to Boone County, where he farmed for two years, and on January 3, 1879, he was appointed register of Land Office at Harrison, Ark., serving in that capacity until December, 1885. Since then he has been residing on his excellent farm, three miles northwest of the town, where he has 490 acres, for which he paid $11,000. He has this well improved, and it is one of the best in the county. He is extensively engaged in the stock business, and for a number of years was engaged in breeding fine horses. While in business in Jasper he was postmaster there for a number of years, and since residing in this county he has held other local positions. Although his schooling was limited,

Mr. Murphy has been a student all his life, and is a man of more than ordinary ability and intelligence. He is a member of the A. F. & A. M., Harrison Lodge No. 43, and has filled all the chairs. He is also a member of Phil. Carney Post, G. A. R., at Harrison. He is a Republican and an active worker for his party. His first presidential vote was cast for Lincoln in 1864.

Lynn Adams. Among the progressive and successful agriculturists of Marion County, Ark., the name of Lynn Adams is well worthy of mention. He was born in Hopkins County, Ky., October 31, 1831, to George and Mariah (Lynn) Adams, the former of whom was also a Kentuckian and a son of James Adams, who came to Marion County at an early day and lived on White River near the mouth of Big North Fork of White River, making his home there until his death, which occurred about 1855. He followed farming and reared a large family of children, of whom George Adams was the eldest. This family are descendants of John Quincy Adams. George Adams was married in Kentucky, in 1835 came to Arkansas and until 1846 resided on a farm on White River, when he located on a farm five miles south of Yellville on which he died in 1854. He was an intelligent man, accumulated some means and for some time held the offices of constable and county treasurer. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. Mrs. Adams was a Kentuckian by birth and a daughter of Pitts Lynn. She died in 1883 having become the mother of four sons and six daughters: Lynn, Thena C., Isaac D., Angeline, Hannah, Phœbe, James W., George, Mariah and Mary. The journey from Kentucky to Arkansas was made by wagon, and here the children were reared to a knowledge of farming on their father's estate, which is now in possession of the subject of this sketch and comprises about 400 acres of exceptionally valuable land, situated about five miles south of Yellville. Isaac D. was one of the first to volunteer for the Confederate service from Marion County, was with Price on his raid through Missouri, was a participant in many battles and was killed while in the service. Lynn Adams received but limited educational advantages in his youth, owing to the scarcity of schools at that time and also to the fact that his services were needed on the farm. In 1850 he was married to Miss Susan Swafford, a daughter of John H. and Edie (Prewitt) Swafford, both of whom were natives of the Old North State and came to Marion County, Ark., in December, 1849, locating five miles south of Yellville. The father died in 1876 or '7 and the mother in 1875, in Texas, both being members of the Missionary Baptist Church. Mr. Swafford held the office of justice of the peace and was one of the early county judges. He was a thrifty farmer, a public-spirited man and reared a family of four sons and seven daughters: Susan, Jonas, Sarah M., Nancy D., Gaston W., Edie L., John F., Mary E., Thomas C., Easta F and Texa A. Jonas and Gaston were Confederate soldiers. After residing on a farm in the vicinity of Yellville until 1863, Mr. Adams moved to Missouri and resided in Greene County until the close of the war, when he returned to Arkansas and located on the old Adams homestead, where he has since been successfully engaged in farming and stockraising. In his youth Mr. Adams was very fond of hunting and has killed many bears, deer, wild turkeys, etc., and is still fond of that sport. When he first came to this section the Indians had not yet been moved westward, and he came to understand their ways quite well. He has traveled over the county from one end to the other, and in early times wore moccasins. By his wife, who was born May 20, 1836, he became the father of thirteen children: Sarah A., who died young; Louisa E., who is the widow of Rev. George Wade; Serena J., who died at the age of eighteen years; John Q., who is a farmer and the present county judge of Marion County; Edie P., who is the wife of John Pennington; George D., who is a farmer of this county;

Joseph G. is a physician and lives in the Indian Territory; Victoria I. is the wife of T. F. Burton of this county; Adolphus L. died young; Robert L. also died young; Frances E.; Watson P.; and Laura S., wife of J. F. Gilley, of Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Adams have eighteen grandchildren. They are worthy church members and Mr. Adams has always supported Democratic principles. He took up his home in Yellville in the fall of 1893 and is a member of Yellville Lodge of the A. F. & A. M. The Swaffords were of German descent and William Swafford, the grandfather of Mrs. Adams, was a North Carolinian by birth, but his father came from the old country. The Prewitts came from France and the maternal grandfather of Mrs. Adams was Spencer Prewitt, whose father came to this country and took part in the Revolutionary War.

JOHN W. IRVINE. The business of the merchant is not only one that may be the road to success, but, what is better, in this country, certainly, it is one of the most honorable of avocations and those engaged in it are, as a class, composed of the very ablest and brightest of the land. It is the way to social distinction, to wealth and to fame, if one wishes the latter. In the list of worthy and honorable business men of Cleburne County, Ark., the subject of this sketch appears as one of the brightest and most successful, and is in every way entitled to the confidence and esteem of his fellow citizens. He was born five miles east of Heber, Ark., in 1865, to Dr. William and Keziah (Magness) Irvine, the former of whom was born in Kentucky and graduated from the Louisville and New Orleans Medical Colleges. When still a young man he came to Arkansas and began practicing his profession in Van Buren County, afterward went to Independence County, and during the great Civil War was a surgeon in the Confederate service from the commencement until the close. He was a skillful physician, had an extensive practice and was highly honored as a citizen. Socially he was a Mason, politically a Democrat, and he had long been a member of the Methodist Church prior to his death, which occurred in 1881, when he was forty-five years of age. The mother of the subject of this sketch died when he was a child and the Doctor afterward married Nancy Arnold, the widow of Clay Tunstall, and she is still living in Independence County. The Magness family is one of the oldest and wealthiest and most prominent in Arkansas, and the maternal grandfather of Mr. Irvine was John A. Magness, and Col. Morgan Magness was his uncle. John W. Irvine has one sister who is deceased and he has a half-brother, C. E. Irvine, who is a resident of Heber. Owing to the death of his father, John W. Irvine had to commence the battle of life for himself at the age of fourteen years and his first work was as a clerk in a drug store at Newport, where he remained two years, the first year working for his board and clothes. He was then with Drs. Kennerly & Magness at Newark for a time, and upon leaving them he commenced business for himself in Oil Trough Bottoms. In a short time he lost all he had by fire, after which he came to Cleburne County and commenced farming and raising stock, giving particular attention to the latter occupation which he found both profitable and pleasing, for he has always been a great admirer of fine stock of all kinds. He introduced some very fine stock in the way of horses, cattle, hogs and chickens, and continued farming for some time, then sold out and embarked in the general mercantile business at Sugar Loaf, where he has a fine stock of goods and an extended and paying trade. He has always been full of enterprise and push, has been wise enough to see and grasp at all opportunities that have presented themselves, and although he met with some reverses at the outset of his career, his energy has carried him through and he is now independent. He was married to the daughter of William and Jane (Gattin) Taylor of Van Buren County, and they have a comfortable, pleasant and hospitable home.

W. R. JONES, Editor *Mountain Echo*. The subject of this sketch was born in Wayne County, Ill., December 1, 1861. His father and mother were born in Illinois; both his grandfathers were born in Kentucky, and his great-grandfather, Cadwaledar Jones, was born in South Carolina. His ancestors took a prominent part in the Revolutionary War, one of them, Robert Anderson, being a chieftain along with Marion and Sumter. The Jones family originally came from Wales. The Anderson family, into which the grandfather of the subject of this sketch married, came from Ireland. The Staten family, into which the father of the subject of this sketch married, were of Scotch-Irish descent. The Statens settled in Kentucky, it is thought near Crab Orchard, in an early day, and the great-grandmother of the subject of this sketch was murdered by the Indians while at a spring doing some washing. The savages cut her all to pieces and hung the remains in a black jack bush. The grandfather of the subject of this sketch, Cadwaledar Jones, left Kentucky and went into Indiana in the year 1808, and settled in what is now Gibson County. He was in the Indian War that came up in 1811, and fired the first shot at the battle of Tippecanoe, he being one of the night sentinels. In 1816 he removed to what is now Wayne County, Ill., and built the first cabin ever erected in that county. Here, the same year, John Jones, the father of the subject of this sketch, was born, he being the first white child born in that county. In 1835 John Jones left Illinois and emigrated with the Andersons to Barry County, Mo. The next five years of his life were spent in Southwest Missouri, North Arkansas and in the Indian Territory, he being most of the time in the employ of a New York hunting company, who had quite a squad of men engaged in securing firs, pelts, etc. Of this squad Kit Carson was the leading spirit. At the age of twenty-four he returned to Illinois, where he married Miss Nancy Staten, who was also born in Wayne County at a very early date in that county's history, so early that, after she was big enough to remember, there were plenty of Indians in the country. To John and Nancy Jones were born: Cadwaleder, Peter, Mary, John, Charles, James and William, the last named being the youngest. The family lived a quiet and uneventful life in a log house, on a small farm in Arrington Prairie, Wayne County, Ill. The father taught school, farmed and preached the gospel. He never had an enemy in life. Religiously he was a sincere believer in the Missionary Baptist faith. Politically he was a Democrat of the Jeffersonian school, and was bitterly opposed to the war of the Rebellion, he, with his brothers, children and relatives, being regarded as "copperheads" and Southern sympathizers. He died in 1889, and was buried in the cemetery adjoining the Arrington Baptist Church, in the county of his birth. His widow lives near Wayne City, Ill. Of the children Charles and James died while quite young; Mary, who had married L. E. Cates, died in 1886; Cadwaledar lives at Elk Falls, Kan., and Peter and John live near Wayne City, Ill. The name Cadwaledar has been in this branch of the Jones family from time immemorial, the first male child in the family of the oldest son being named Cadwaleder. *Cadwaledar* originally signified a Welsh chieftain who was the oldest son of the family. William R. Jones, the subject of this sketch, passed his youth on a farm in his native country, and, his brothers leaving home when he was small, he was early put at hard farm work, only getting to attend school a few months in winter. After he reached his majority he determined to get an education. He attended a high school at Fairfield, Ill., and the Normal School at Valparaiso, Ind., in which institutions he fitted himself for teaching and the other duties of life. As a teacher he rapidly came to the front and was soon considered one of the best educators in his county. In 1886, at the age of twenty-four, he received the Democratic nomination for superintendent of public instruction of Wayne County, an office with a four-

year term and worth about $1,800 per year. After one of the hardest fought political battles ever had in that county, he and most of the ticket was defeated by the Republicans. In 1887 he came to Marion County, Ark., where he located permanently, and has ever since been working for the upbuilding and advancement of his adopted State. He is considered the hustler *par excellence* of North Arkansas. On reaching Marion County, he taught school two years, and then embarked in the newspaper business as editor and proprietor of the *Mountain Echo*, which had been established in 1885, by H. B. Dallam. Under the able management of Mr. Jones, this paper has come to be regarded as one of the best county newspapers in the State, and it has a large and constantly increasing circulation. As a factor in the development of Marion County, it can hardly be overestimated. As a "Knight of the Quill" Mr. Jones is easy and graceful, yet does not lack force and eloquence. He unhesitatingly expresses his convictions when necessary and is earnest in his advocacy of all measures of reform and morality. Mr. Jones is a member of the K. of H., the A. F. & A. M., the Royal Arch Chapter, and is first lieutenant of Company L, Second Arkansas Militia. He owns a neat residence in Yellville; he also has some neat tenant cottages and a lot of fine farming and mineral land. In 1891 he and three Kansas City gentlemen put on foot the Springfield, Yellville & White River Railroad Company; also the Northern Central Construction Company. Of the former Mr. Jones is secretary and director; of the latter he is one of the directors. This was the first road ever attempted to be built in Marion County. The company has graded about five miles of the road and Mr. Jones thinks the scheme will ultimately be a success. He is a strong believer in Jeffersonian Democracy, and at the date of this writing he is the Democratic nominee for representative of Marion County, which is equivalent to an election. He is a warm patron and is deeply interested in the cause of education, and has also done much to aid the temperance cause. Mr. Jones was married in 1884 to Miss Idella Robertson, of Pin Oak, Ill. This union has been a most happy one. Mrs. Jones is loved by all who know her, and is a lady of culture and refinement. To Mr. and Mrs. Jones three children have been born: Bertha, Willie and Ralph. Willie died when but an infant and is buried near Yellville. Mr. Jones says that this is almost the only shadow that has passed over his household since he came to Arkansas. He and his lady are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

D. H. Allison. There is nothing which adds so much to the pleasure and convenience of the public as a well-stocked, thoroughly appointed and ably managed livery stable. In such connection we make due reference to the livery establishment of Mr. D. H. Allison, whose reputation in that respect, as well as a trainer, is known throughout the length and breadth of the county. Mr. Allison has made his home and carried on business in Van Buren, Carter County, Mo., for about two years and has met with well-deserved success. He was born at Irondale, Washington County, Mo., and was reared in Reynolds County, where his parents, James and Nancy (Johnson) Allison, passed the closing scenes of their lives. The father following farming on Block River and was a soldier in the Confederate Army during the Civil War. Both parents died in 1870. Their children, eleven in number, were named as follows: Jane; Jesse A.; Bettie; Mattie and Peggie died young; Haney; Mary; John; D. H.; Nancy E. and Charles. Our subject received a good, practical education in the common schools of St. Genevieve County, and assisted in farm work at home until eighteen years of age, when he started out to fight his own way in life. He continued working on farms until twenty-one years of age, and then became part owner of a saw mill. This he carried on for a year or two, and after that was engaged in logging for about ten years. He

was successful in this, and in about 1893 he came to Van Buren and bought out the livery stable of J. D. Rutledge. Since then he has carried on a very successful business and has a well-equipped stable. He is an honest, upright and hard-working man and well merits the success that has followed his efforts. He was married in this county to Miss Mattie Franklin, of Carter County, a member of the Franklin family of Pike Creek. Two children have been given them: Walter and Topsie. Mr. Allison is a strong supporter of Democratic principles, and he is an earnest and consistent member of the Missionary Baptist Church. All his property has been accumulated by years of patient industry, and now that he has a good start, he will make a success of life.

DR. J. E. ANDREWS. Of late years it has been discovered that the profession of dentistry has been practiced from the earliest ages, but the knowledge of this science has become so perfected that it is now an art. One of the ablest exponents of this branch of human endeavor is Dr. J. E. Andrews, who is the only prominent practicing dentist of Harrison, in which city he has a well-appointed office and a large and lucrative clientele. He was born in Memphis, Tenn., November 16, 1862, his father, W. H. Andrews, having been a North Carolinian, born in 1827 or 1828. At the time of his death, which resulted from yellow fever, in Memphis in 1873, he was engaged in the mercantile business, and was well known and highly honored in that section. His father, Capt. John Edmond Andrews, was a North Carolinian, but at an early day removed to Tennessee and settled near Dresden, on the old Hickman and Dresden road, where he followed planting and became wealthy, being the owner of a large number of slaves. He died many years ago. W. H. Andrews was married at the age of twenty-eight years to Miss Julia Grace, an accomplished and prepossessing lady of great musical ability, who composed the noted "Grace Waltz." She was related to the poet, John G. Whittier. She died in 1874, having become the mother of seven children, six boys and one girl, four of whom are living at the present time and five reached maturity: E. M., of Brownwood, Tex.; Dr. J. E., of Harrison, Ark.; J. H., who died at the age of twenty-two years in Paducah, Ky.; Miss Grace, who is living in Union City, Tenn., and Eugene, who also resides there; William B. died at the age of four years; and Harry, who died at the age of three years. These children were reared in the Missionary Baptist faith, the mother being a member of that church. In the social circles of Memphis the family stood very high. The father was in the Confederate service during the latter part of the war, under Gen. Forrest, and his brother, R. P. Andrews, was a lieutenant in Forrest's command. Another brother, James Andrews, was killed at Corinth, Miss. The father was a Mason of the thirty-first degree, took much interest in the order, and was active in all good work. Dr. J. E. Andrews, is the only professional member of the family. His early life was spent in the schools of Memphis, which he attended regularly up to his eleventh or twelfth year, when, on account of the death of both his father and mother, he was forced to leave school to fight the battle of life for himself. Through earnest and persistent effort he obtained means with which to pay his way through school, and in August, 1884, he began the study of dentistry under Dr. R. C. Reynolds, of Mayfield, Ky., who was then practicing in Tennessee. A year later he entered the office of Dr. T. J. Reynolds at Camden, Tenn., and practiced under his instructions for some time, when a partnership was formed and they located in Harrison, Ark., in 1887. In 1890 the Doctor graduated in the department of Dental Surgery of Vanderbilt University, and returning to Harrison bought his partner's interest in the business, and since that time has been conducting it alone. He is considered one of the most capable, careful and painstaking dentists of the county, and his time is fully and profitably

occupied. His reputation has been gained through honest and faithful work, and his office, located over the Bank of Harrison, is a neatly and appropriately fitted one. October 20, 1891, he married Miss Oza Allen, daughter of Hon. W. S. Allen, who now lives in Newton County, but was formerly a resident of Boone County. Mrs. Andrews was born in this county in 1871, and she and the Doctor have a handsome and comfortable residence in the northwest part of Harrison. He is a stockholder in the Bank of Harrison, is somewhat interested in the real estate business, and besides his home is the owner of other property in the town. He is a Democrat in politics, a public-spirited citizen, and is a member of Boone Lodge No. 314, of the A. F. & A. M., and for two years has been secretary of the same. Mrs. Andrews is a member of the Christian Church, and she and the Doctor move in the best social circles of Harrison. Their home has become known as a most hospitable one.

JUDGE JOHN P. COLLIER. The philosophy of success in life is an interesting study, and affords a lesson from which others can profit. In choosing a pursuit in life, taste, mental gifts, opportunity and disposition to labor, should be considered, as many a young man who has a disposition to become a respectable and useful citizen desires to succeed therein. On the 15th of July, 1842, a boy was born in Warren County, Ky., who grew up to sturdy manhood, ambitious to excel and possessing much energy and determination, attributes which are essential to success in any calling. This boy was John P. Collier, now judge of the Probate Court of Christian County, Mo. He is the youngest but one of a family of twelve children, born to Bartley and Elizabeth (Eaton) Collier. This family came originally from England and settled in some of the New England States at an early day. Bartley Collier was a native of one of the Southern States, and a lifelong farmer. He and his wife both died in Kentucky, the father in 1852, and the mother in 1875. They were Methodists in religious belief, and some members of this family were Republicans and others Democrats in politics. Of their children, our subject was the only one to come to this section. His brother, P. P. Collier, was lieutenant in the Federal Army during the war. He now resides in Audrain County, Mo. Judge John P. Collier remained in his native county until the age of nineteen, attending the district school, and when the war was over he finished his education in the high school. In 1861, when but nineteen years of age, the threatening attitude of political affairs occupied his attention, and he became an ardent supporter of the Union cause. Enlisting in Company A, Eleventh Kentucky Volunteer Infantry, he served thirteen months and twenty days and was in the Shiloh battle. At that time he was sick and had been in the hospital, and after that day he was obliged to return to the hospital, where he remained until discharged, October 31, 1862. Returning to his native county, he entered the high school and after leaving that became a teacher, following that profession for a number of years. His sickness while in the army told upon him, and he has never fully recovered his health. Judge Collier was married in Kentucky, to Miss Louanna H. Neville, a native of Barren County, Ky., and the daughter of William Neville. After marriage they located on a farm in Kentucky, and our subject tilled the soil until coming to Missouri in October, 1871. They then settled in Moniteau County, Mo., and made their home there until October, 1872, when they moved to Ozark, where they have since made their home. Shortly afterward, our subject was made deputy sheriff and collector of the county, and has since served as deputy circuit and county clerk, as well as in other positions of trust. From 1877 to 1887 he held the office of school commissioner of this county, in 1886 was elected county treasurer, serving two years, and in 1888 was made justice of the peace, holding that position up to 1890. At that date he was elected probate judge of the county, and holds

that position at the present time. In politics he has always affiliated with the Republican party, has been a delegate to conventions and has served on many committees. The entire organization of his brain, and the discipline of his mind, place him in a leading position in society. Gifted and accomplished, shrewd and sagacious, he is undoubtedy destined to further prominence and distinction in the political arena. As a judge, he comprehends the law and facts of the case at once, and his analytical powers enable him to develop the points with such clearness and force that his decisions commend themselves alike to the bar and to the people, being always fortified by the law and the facts. He is one of the most prominent men of the county. Judge Collier is a member of the M. E. Church South and has held office in the church for many years. Socially he is a member of Capt. J. W. Robertson Post No. 377, G. A. R., at Ozark, and for a time held theoffice of senior vice-commander. Being a teacher in early life, he has always taken an active interest in education, and while in office, as school commissioner of the county, worked hard to build up the schools of the county. To the Judge and wife have been born three children: Leanora R., William N. and Mabel. The former is the wife of R. N. Gray, the druggist, and has two children; William N. is on a ferry boat at Chester, Ill., and Mabel is still in school.

HON. J. W. MCCLURG, ex-governor of the State of Missouri. A man's life work measures his success, and the man who devotes his powers to the accomplishment of an honorable purpose is to be honored. If a careful study is made of the motives which actuate every man's life, there is always to be found some object for which he lives. In Hon. J. W. McClurg it seems to have been an ambition to make the best use of his native and acquired powers and to develop in himself a true manhood. A native of St. Louis County, Mo., he was born February 22, 1818, a son of Joseph and Mary (Brotherton) McClurg and grandson of Joseph McClurg, who came to America during the Irish Rebellion of 1798. He succeeded in making his escape to this country by concealing himself in the hold of a vessel, and his family soon after followed him to America. He was a man of much energy, and a worker in iron, and soon made his way to Pittsburgh, Penn., where he erected the first iron foundry ever put up in the city, and in or near Pittsburgh he passed the remainder of his days. Although he owned a farm, the most of his attention was given to his foundry, and after he had retired the business was continued by his sons. Joseph McClurg, the father of Ex-Gov. McClurg, was born in northern Ireland and came with his mother to America when about twelve years of age. He and his brothers, Alexander and William, followed in their father's footsteps and became foundrymen, and while following that business in Ohio his career was closed. His widow died in St. Louis, having borne him two children: James B. (deceased), and J. W., the subject of this sketch. The last named was reared in Pennsylvania, whither he had been taken at the age of seven years, but the principal part of his education was received in Ohio, where he remained until about nineteen years of age. Anticipating the advice of Horace Greeley, for young men to "Go West and grow up with the country," he came to Missouri and made his home with his uncles, James and Marshall Brotherton, both of whom filled the office of sheriff of St. Louis County, and J. W. McClurg served as deputy under both of them for about two years. In the spring of 1839 he went to Texas, where he remained for some two years, and was shortly after admitted to the bar of Columbus, Tex. In 1841 he was married, in Washington County, Mo., to Miss Mary C. Johnson, a native of Virginia, and this union resulted in the birth of eight children, six of whom are living: Mary E., wife of Col. M. W. Johnson, of Lebanon; Fannie, wife of C. C. Draper, also of Lebanon; Joseph E., who is

engaged in farming in Dakota; Sarah, wife of Thomas Monroe of Lebanon; Dr. James A., a dentist at Lebanon, and Dr. Marshall J., also a dentist, at Carthage, Mo. After his marriage Mr. McClurg turned his attention to merchandising, which he carried on at Hazlewood and Linn Creek, Mo., until the opening of the great Civil War. In 1861 he enlisted in the Home Guards, was chosen colonel of his regiment, and in 1862 he became colonel of the Eighth Cavalry, Missouri State Militia. He was in this service until after his election to Congress, which was in 1862, from the Fifth District. He then resigned his position in the army to take his seat, and was re-elected in 1864 and 1866. Before the expiration of his last term of office he was elected by the Republican party as governor of the State of Missouri, in 1868, and served one term of two years. He then turned his attention to merchandising once more, also lead mining and steamboating, which he carried on until 1885, at which time he came to Laclede County, and has since been retired from business. He is now in his seventy-fifth year, but is still quite well preserved and bids fair to be spared for many more years of usefulness. It has not been alone in politics that he has borne a conspicuous and honorable part, for to all public enterprises calculated to advance the interests of his city he has given the benefit of his voice and means. He is to-day as enterprising and energetic and as alive to the issues of the times as in his earlier manhood, and is a man whose good judgment has never been called into question. He has been very prominent in the affairs of Missouri, and has ever been a strong adherent of the Republican party. He and his wife, who departed this life in December, 1861, at Jefferson City, were members of the Presbyterian Church, but he is now connected with the Methodist Episcopal Church. He has for some time been a resident of the city of Springfield, Mo., and is held in high esteem by its citizens.

J. Frank Seaman. Among the reputable men of Galena who have made their home in Stone County since 1865, is J. Frank Seaman, whose birth occurred at Carrollton, Carroll County, Ark., October 1, 1847. His father, Hon. John F. Seaman, was born in Saratoga County, N. Y., in 1812, and was of Scotch origin. He remained in his native county until grown, and then became a driver on the Erie Canal. Following this, he became a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in 1834 emigrated to Michigan, where he resided two years. In 1836 he was appointed a missionary to the Cherokee Indians, and was in their nation for two years, after which he was transferred to the Arkansas conference. After a little he gave up his ministerial duties and began the study of medicine under Dr. Forest, of Huntsville, Madison County, Ark. Up to 1844 or 1845 he practiced medicine, and then engaged in merchandising at Carrollton. While there, he married Miss Sophia E. Kenner, August 18, 1846, and there remained until 1862, when, on account of his Union sentiments, it became unpleasant for him and he moved to Lawrence County, Mo. There he resumed the practice of medicine and also tilled the soil until 1869, when he again embarked in merchandising, following this at Marionville, Mo., until his death, which occurred suddenly, on March 27, 1870. He was a strong Union man, and after the war became a stanch Republican. Mrs. Seaman is still living at Marionville, and is now sixty-nine years of age. She was born in Tennessee, and was the daughter of C. E. and Dorcas (Burren) Kenner, both probably natives of Tennessee, and early pioneers of Arkansas, settling in Carroll County as early as 1836. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Seaman, four of whom survive, as follows: J. Frank; Ellen, wife of M. L. Williams, resides in California; Dorcas, died in 1857, when a child; Charity, married C. H. Neff, of Marionville, Mo., and died in June, 1892; Dotey, D., is a druggist of Marionville; and Emma, resides at

Marionville. The mother has been a life-long member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The father of our subject was elected county treasurer of Carroll County, Ark., before the war and afterward, represented that county in the Legislature of the State. He was a public-spirited citizen, and was a prominent man in all public affairs. J. Frank Seaman spent his youthful days in Carroll County, and received a fair education in the schools of the same. He was taught the duties of farm life, and although too young to enlist when the war broke out, he enlisted in Company K, Forty-sixth Missouri Volunteer, Infantry, in 1864. He operated in southwest Missouri, was taken prisoner by Capt. Green, but was at once released. Previous to becoming an enlisted soldier, our subject took part in several engagements, and was on many scouting expeditions, being with Col. Harrison in a fight with Brooks on King's Creek. After the war Mr. Seaman located in Stone County and began clerking in the store of W. F. McCullah, where he remained a year. After this he located on a farm, and there remained until 1869, when he embarked in merchandising with his father at Marionville, Mo. Four years later he was appointed postmaster under President Grant. He located in Carroll County, Ark., in 1873, where he followed merchandising for one year, and then returned to Stone County, Mo., to his farm. In 1878 he was elected county and circuit clerk and recorder of Stone County, and held that position eight years. In 1889, he established the Stone County Bank, and was elected cashier of the same. The year previous to that, he was admitted to the bar, but has never practiced. Mr. Seaman is also in the abstract and real estate business, and he and O. F. Douglas of Crain, are the owners of a large tract of land. He has three improved farms of his own and a residence three-fourths of a mile south of Galena. This pleasant home is presided over by his wife, who was formerly Miss R. O. Nelson, their nuptials having been celebrated March 3, 1870. Her parents, Samuel D. and M. C. (Shannon) Nelson, were natives of the Old North State, and came to this county many years ago. The father passed away in 1861, but the mother is still living. Mrs. Seaman was born in Stone County in 1851. Her uncle, John D. Shannon, was the first sheriff in southwest Missouri. Mr. and Mrs. Seaman have reared a family of five children, as follows: Efton, married, is a prominent hardware man of Galena; Charles, single, is at home; Benjamin; Etta and May. Mr. Seaman and family attend the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which his wife holds membership. In politics he is a Republican. Socially he is a member of the Masonic order, No. 515, Galena and Raymond Arch Chapter of Marionville, Mo., No. 97, as well as of Commandery No. 54 at the same place. Aside from this, Mr. Seaman is a member of Galena Post No. 323, G. A. R., and has been commander of the post. He has also been worshipful master of the Masonic lodge of Galena for years, and is a charter member of the Masonic order and the post.

ISAAC A. TYNDALL. The gentleman who occupies the honorable position of assessor of Christian County, Mo., was first elected to that office in 1890, and reëlected two years later. He is one of the most prominent citizens, and has held many official positions of trust. Mr. Tyndall was born in Christian (then Greene) County, May 10, 1856. His parents, William V. and Hannah (Huff) Tyndall, were natives of Georgia and Arkansas, respectively, the father born April 19, 1818, and the mother in Fulton County. Our subject's great-grandfather came from England to this country at an early date, and settled at Baltimore, Md. His son, the grandfather of our subject, was a soldier in the War of 1812. William V. Tyndall, father of the subject, remained in his native State until three years of age, and, when grown, or in 1841, he emigrated to Missouri. He first settled in Christian County, about two miles southeast of Sparta, and bought a farm, on which he remained for

eight years. Thence he moved to a farm four miles northeast of that town, and on this passed the remainder of his days, dying February 15, 1893, of pneumonia. He was a hearty, strong man up to the time of his death. He was also a good man, for his career was marked by uprightness and truth, and his life was filled with acts of usefulness. He was one of the pioneers of this section, and a man highly esteemed by all. He came to this county on horseback, and after settling here married Miss Huff, daughter of Samuel Huff, who was a native of Tennessee. The latter was the first man to settle in Greene County, and was about the only white man who knew anything about the county in 1812. He died in Douglas County in 1868, when eighty-seven years of age. Mrs. Tyndall was a consistent member of the Christian Church, and the family has ever been highly respected. In his political principles, Mr. Tyndall was a Whig and later a Republican. He voted for William H. Harrison and for Benjamin Harrison for presidents of the United States. When the Civil War broke out, he enlisted in the Home Guards, and served about ninety days, but was then too old to be a soldier. The war made great inroads into his resources, and he was obliged to start anew. The children born to this most worthy couple were named as follows: Charlotte, wife of E. G. Friend, a pioneer of this country; Sarah, the wife of J. M. Washburn of Ozark County, deceased; Rhoda, married to Daniel Pipkin, and after his death was married to Thomas F. Layton. She is now deceased; Mollie married W. B. Cummings and resides in Texas; Isabella, married E. G. Friend, Jr., and resides in this county; Annie married Lewis Leonard of Montana; May is the youngest of the family and single. The sons were named as follows: Isaac A., our subject; John B., single, resides near Sparta; W. T., teacher in the public schools of Sparta, and is postmaster of that town; and Martin V., who is living in Ozark, has an office under the Government. The parents of these children passed through all the privations and trials of pioneer life, and the old homestead is one of the first settled farms in the county. Isaac A. Tyndall, the eldest son, was born in Christian County, Mo., May 10, 1856, as above stated, and, like the average country boy, his time was divided in assisting on the farm and in attending the district school. Later he attended college at Arno, Douglas County, Mo. and Henderson College, Webster County. In 1878 he embarked in business for himself as an agriculturist, and during the fall and winter seasons taught the schools of his county. He has now given up teaching and devotes his entire time to his farm. The position he now holds, assessor of the county, is the first he has ever aspired to, and he was elected by a good majority. He fills this position in an able and efficient manner and is a popular official. Socially, he is a member of the I. O. O. F., Sparta Lodge No. 424, and has held office in the lodge. At present Mr. Tyndall is farming the home place, is the owner of 240 acres, and makes a success of farming, as he does of any other enterprise to which he gives his attention. Martin V. Tyndall is also a native of this county, born March 7, 1864, on the old farm. He supplemented a good common-school education by attending the Normal at Sparta and the Academy at Henderson. Possessed of an unusual amount of ambition and the courage and strength to push it along, he went to Montana in 1883, and was the first settler in the town of Anaconda. He worked in the copper mines until 1886, and then returned to Missouri, where he engaged in teaching school, following this for three or four years. In 1890 he was appointed U. S. S. & G., and has held that position up to the present. Like his brother Isaac, he is single and is a prominent young man of the county. Socially he is a member of the Masonic order of Sparta, Lodge No. 296, and politically he is a Republican, taking a deep interest in the welfare of his party. He is another of the county's most worthy citizens,

and is a liberal contributor to all worthy movements. William T. Tyndall, a successful teacher in the High School of Sparta, was born on the old home place of the Tyndall family, three miles east of Sparta, January 16, 1862, and there grew to mature years. Early in life he was trained to the arduous duties of the farm, and his first experience as a pupil was in the primitive log school house with clay and stick chimney, of those days. Like his brothers, he attended Henderson Academy, and took an academic course. Leaving school in 1886, he began his career as an educator, teaching first in Douglas County, but subsequently he confined his teaching to this county, mostly in or near Sparta. He is one of the most successful and prominent young educators of the county, and he has done much to further the cause of education. Sparta has excellent schools, and thanks are due Mr. Tyndall for their progress and improvement. By teaching school he educated himself, and after studying law during his vacations, was admitted to the bar in February, 1893. He was married at Sparta, to Miss Lillie M. Nelson, a native of Pierce City, this State, and the daughter of W. H. Nelson, a farmer. One child has blessed this union, a daughter, Renda J. Mr. Tyndall is a prominent Mason and a member of Sparta Lodge, of which he is master. In politics he is to be found in the Republican ranks. He was appointed postmaster at Sparta under President Harrison, and has filled that office very satisfactorily up to the present. He and Mrs. Tyndall are members of the Christian Church.

Dr. John W. S. Leslie. This worthy gentleman, in ministering to the physical wants of his fellow mortals, has not neglected to minister to their spiritual wants also, and in addition is also a successful tiller of the soil. He was born at Wiley's Cove, Ark., November 4, 1841, his father being Capt. Samuel Leslie, a sketch of whom appears in this work. In his youthful days the Doctor was an attendant of the old time log school houses, where he obtained a fair common-school education, and at the age of eighteen years he began the study of law only to abandon it at the end of one year to become a disciple of Æsculapius. In July, 1862, he joined his father's company as a private, with which he served until after the fall of Little Rock, when he was made major of a battalion in McRea's brigade, in which capacity he served until the war closed, operating principally north of the Arkansas River and participating in many skirmishes. He was in the Prairie Grove fight while with his father's command, and in 1864 was captured by the enemy, but was soon released. He surrendered with Gen. Kirby Smith at the close of the war, returned home and once more took upon himself the duties of civil life. He soon began the practice of medicine in the neighborhood in which he now lives and here has since been constantly and successfully engaged in this most honorable of human callings. In 1862 he was married to Miss Bettie C., daughter of Gibson and Anice Parks, who were born, reared and married in Tennessee, and who became residents of Searcy County, Ark., in 1840. They became well-to-do farmers of Bear Creek bottom, and on this farm the father died soon after the war from the effects of a wound received in the Yachum Creek fight, while serving in the Confederate Army. He held the office of justice of the peace for some years and was a well-known citizen. Mrs. Parks died January 7, 1885, she and her husband having been worthy members of the Anti-Missionary Baptist Church. Their daughter, Mrs. Leslie, was born in Tennessee and died November 7, 1874, the mother of six children: Malinda Jane; Sarah Ruth, wife of Perry Horton; Archibald Gibson; Dica Nancy, wife of George Russell; Mary Alabama; and Samuel Evans. On the 9th of March, 1876, the Doctor married Martha H., daughter of Berry and Mary Manuel, Tennesseeans who came to Searcy County, Ark., before the war, the father's death occurring here during that struggle. The present Mrs. Leslie

is a native of Searcy County, and has borne the Doctor four children: Margaret Grace, Fannie, Orchard and Martha Ochie. Dr. Leslie has resided on his farm four miles from Marshall since 1868, his estate comprising 238 acres. He is a member of the Arkansas Medical Association, is well read in his profession and has a fine library. He is a Democrat in politics, and in 1865 was appointed sheriff of Searcy County by Gov. Murphy, but at the end of three months resigned. In 1884 he was elected to the State Legislature by a majority of thirty-six votes and served on the committee on the practice of medicine and bill of enrollments. He and his wife are members of the Regular Baptist Church, and he has been a minister of that denomination since 1869, when he was regularly ordained by the Red River Church Association. He has been preaching regularly ever since, and has been pastor of Canaan Church in his neighborhood every year since that time, save one year when he rusticated for a time.

WILLIAM HEMBREE. This well-known business man and successful farmer of James Township, Stone County, Mo., is a product of the Hoosier State, born in Dubois County, March 9, 1836, to the union of John and Maggie Hembree. The father was born in Knox County, Tenn., and when a young man went to Indiana, was married in Dubois County, and when our subject was six or ten years of age the family came by horse and ox teams to what is now Taney County, Mo., locating on Bull Creek, where Mr. Hembree improved a farm. Later he moved to White River in Stone County, and still later, farther up White River, where he made his home until the war broke out. He then removed to a point near Buffalo, in Dallas County, and resided there until peace was declared, when he returned to Stone County, locating just below Galena, where he died soon after. He was a lifelong and successful farmer, and was one of the pioneers of the upper White River country. He was a militiaman during the war, a man whose upright, honorable career commended him to all. His father, Drew Hembree, also came to Taney County and there died when our subject was a boy. He was probably born in Tennessee and was a farmer by occupation. The mother of our subject died in Dallas County during the war. Previous to her marriage to Mr. Hembree, she had married a Mr. Butler, by whom she had three children; John, David and James. Her second union resulted in the birth of seven children as follows: Simeon, who went to California at an early day, of whom nothing further is known; Susannah, who died when young; Richard, died during the war; William, our subject; Rachel, widow of Benjamin Pinkley who died in Stone County, resides in that county; Lewis, died in Colorado, and Benjamin is now living in Dallas County. After having been reared to the arduous duties of the farm and receiving his education in the common schools, our subject, at the age of eighteen, branched out to fight life's battles for himself. He was married at about that age to Miss Seat, who died in Stone County before the war, leaving two children, Simeon and Mary, both now deceased. Mr. Hembree selected his second wife in the person of Miss Nancy Ann Jones, daughter of Carr Jones, and their marriage took place before the war. Mr. Carr Jones came from Clay County, Ind., and settled in what is now Stone County at an early day. He was a farmer. Mrs. Hembree was born in Indiana, and by her union to Mr. Hembree became the mother of eleven children: Margaret Jane, the wife of William Huddleston, is now deceased; William Allen; Cynthia Ann, deceased; Mary, wife of William Little of Stone County; Laura Belle; Nancy A., deceased; John, deceased; Hezekiah, deceased; Ada, deceased; Rosa, who is living. On August 26, 1862, Mr. Hembree enlisted in Company G, First Arkansas Cavalry, operating in northwest Arkansas, and fought at Newtonia, Fayetteville, Springfield, and was in many skirmishes until Septem-

ber, 1865, when he was discharged at Van Buren, Ark. He then returned to his family in Dallas County, Mo., and about two years later came to White River, where he improved a farm and lived for a number of years. After this he lived on Indian Creek for a few years and, about 1890, he came to his present farm of 196 acres, one mile from the river. For three years he has also been engaged in general merchandising and is a wide-awake, thorough-going business man. He is a member of Galena Post No. 223, G. A. R. He suffered many hardships during the war and is a pensioner. His family was harrassed and driven almost to desperation, while living in Stone County, previous to Mr. Hembree's enlistment, and fled for safety to Dallas County.

B. W. HOGARD. There is nothing which speaks more eloquently of the enterprise or prosperity of a town than does the well-kept hostelry and Central Hotel, of which Mr. Hogard is the proprietor, at Gainesville, Mo., which is one of the best in the county. Its neat and orderly appearance distinguishes it among others, and the polite service which its patrons receive and the excellent character of the cuisine, has influenced their permanent custom, and the place is exceptionally popular with the traveling man. Mr. Hogard was born in Weakley County, Tenn., November 5, 1850, a son of Rev. John A. and Minerva (Miller) Hogard, who were born in Kentucky and Tennessee, respectively. Mr. Hogard was taken by his parents to Tennessee, was eventually married in Weakley County, and there resided until 1875, when he came to Ozark County, Mo., and here is still residing, having been a lifelong farmer. During the Civil War he was for about two years with Gen. Forrest, and during this time saw some active service. He has been a minister of the Methodist Church for twenty years, is a Mason of many years' standing, and as a citizen, friend and neighbor his correct mode of living has endeared him to all. His father, Byas Hogard, was a Kentuckian by birth and bringing up, but removed to Weakley County, Tenn., when it was a new country, and there he spent the rest of his life, becoming a well-to-do farmer and tobacconist. For many years he was engaged in flat-boating on the Mississippi River to New Orleans, but in the latter part of his life gave the most of his attention to the culture of tobacco and became one of the most extensive growers in the country. He died about 1886, at the advanced age of four-score years and ten. He was married twice, and his first wife, who was the grandmother of the subject of this sketch, died before the Civil War. To their union the following children were born: John A.; Asa, who died on his farm in Prairie County, Ark.; Elizabeth, who died in Weakley County, Tenn., the wife of Henry Jones (deceased); Jemimah, wife of James Mitchell, of Greene County, Ark.; Frank, wife of Thomas Stofels, of Weakley County, Tenn., and Ann, wife of John Heath, of Washington County, Ark. The paternal great-grandfather, John Hogard, was supposed to have been a Virginian by birth, although of German descent, but became one of the pioneers of Kentucky, and died in Crittenden County of that State. His father was the first of the family to come to America. Mrs. John A. Hogard is the daughter of George Miller, who became an early settler of West Tennessee, it is supposed, from Georgia. He died in Weakley County after the war, and his wife passed from life after the great conflict was over. Their family consisted of five children: John H., of Tennessee; Wiley R., also of that State; Minerva (Mrs. Hogard); Elizabeth, wife of Frank Watts, of Ozark County; and Mary, who died at McKinzie, Tenn., in February, 1894, the wife of Thomas S. Smith. To Rev. and Mrs. Hogard two sons were given: B. W., the subject of this sketch, and George Robert, a farmer of Ozark County, Mo. B. W. Hogard was reared on a farm in Weakley County, Tenn., and attended the common schools of that section until he was sixteen years of age, when he entered McKinzie College, where he faithfully pursued the paths of learning

until 1870, when he left school and the same year was united in marriage with Miss Nancy Bethany, daughter of Samuel and Sophronia Smith, the former of whom entered the Confederate service and was never afterward heard from. Mrs. Smith was born in Weakley County, Tenn., and is still living. She was one of ten children, the most of whom have become wealthy, born to Amos and Nancy (Pratt) Waddell, natives of Georgia and Virginia, respectively, the latter being a descendant of the famous Indian maiden, Pocahontas. They were married in Alabama, from whence they removed to Carroll County, Tenn., where Mrs. Waddell died in 1849 and Mr. Waddell in Hardeman County, Tenn., in 1884. The latter had removed to Franklin County, Mo., where he married Mary Brawley, but later he returned to Tennessee. He was a soldier of the War of 1812. Mrs. Hogard was born in Henry County, Tenn., and there she and her two sisters and one brother were reared: Mollie, who became the wife of Benjamin F. Miller and is deceased; Frankie, wife of John Miller, and Callie, who was killed at Paducah, Ky., in November, 1893, while a member of the police force there. Mr. and Mrs. Hogard have three children: John S., Thomas W. and Callie. Since 1875 Mr. Hogard has been a resident of Ozark County, Mo., and lived on a farm until 1882, when he came to Gainesville, and for one year thereafter conducted a mill. He then conducted what is now known as the Ozark House for three years, at the end of which time he erected the Central Hotel, which is a two-story building, 42x48 feet, containing seventeen rooms. As has been said, his establishment is remarkably well conducted and as a natural sequence is liberally patronized. In addition to this property he is the owner of a good farm. For two years he held the office of justice of the peace, and was coroner of Ozark County for the same length of time by appointment, and for the past four years has been constable and general collector. Mr. Hogard has always been a Democrat politically, and socially he is a member of Robert Burns Lodge No. 496, at Gainesville, of the A. F. & A. M.

Ranson D. Blades, Sr. In the following sketch is strikingly illustrated the force of well-directed energy, steadfast purpose and never-ceasing effort for the accomplishment of noble ends, and the successful overthrow of those obstacles which beset the progress of every young man who, unaided and alone, starts out to combat life's stern realities and hew his own way to distinction and fortune. To ambitious, struggling youths, with only the broad, perhaps cheerless, highway of the future before them, this narrative of a self-made man—a successful life—presents an example worthy of consideration and earnest emulation, and might even fill a faltering heart with strong zeal, or a youthful mind with greater determination and a fuller recognition of those attributes which constitute true manhood—natures patent of nobility—industry, integrity, temperance and consistent Christianity. Ranson D. Blades, Sr., who, since 1881, has resided in Christian County, within a quarter of a mile of Billings, Mo., came to Greene County, this State, with his parents when a boy fourteen years of age. His father, Edward Blades, and his mother, Ellen (Maynor) Blades, were natives of North Carolina, but at an early day they emigrated to McMinn County, Tenn., where our subject was born on the 29th of January, 1821. The father came to Greene County, Mo., as early as 1836 and settled in Pond Creek Township, where his death occurred in 1848. Farming was his principal occupation in life, but he also followed the hatter's trade for some time. He prospered in this new country and became fairly well off. He enjoyed hunting and had many opportunities of trying his skill as a marksman, for the woods abounded in game of all kinds. In politics he was a Democrat. His wife died on the old farm. For a number of years this worthy couple and two other families were about the only settlers in the township, and only a few

lived in Springfield or around that town. For forty miles south of them there were no settlers. The mother made all the clothing for the large family and no small task it was, for there were sixteen children, twelve of whom grew to mature years. These children were named as follows: Sally A.; R. D., subject; Nancy; Isaac; Edward; Cynthia; William; Rebecca; James; Elizabeth; Fannie and George. Sally, Nancy and Rebecca are now deceased. Our subject grew to manhood amid the rude surroundings of pioneer life and under such circumstances received but little schooling, attending only a few days in Tennessee. In 1841 he was married to Miss Frances Garoutte, daughter of Samuel Garoutte, whose father came from France to this country with Lafayette during the Revolutionary War. Mr. Garoutte was born in New Jersey and at an early day moved to Tennessee and later to Gasconade County, Mo., where Mrs. Blades was born. Thence he moved to Greene County, in 1838, and there passed the remainder of his days. After his marriage our subject settled on a piece of Government land, but soon after entered a tract. Young Blades was poor, but rich in integrity, industry and resolution. He went to work and by perseverance, industry and good management became one of the largest land owners in Greene County, at one time being the possessor of 1,000 acres of land. He and wife reared eleven children, all but one now living, as follows: Samuel A., a resident of Greene County; Nancy E., deceased, was the wife of Amos Lafayette, who is also deceased; John M., a resident of Greene County; Isaac T., on the old home place in Greene County; Sarah, the wife of James Brashears of Greene County; Patience, wife of John Gardner of the Indian Nation; Mary, wife of William Rickman of Texas; William, who lives in Christian County; Thomas B., also a resident of Christian County; Martha, wife of Henry Colter of this county, and James, living in Greene County. Mr. and Mrs. Blades reared a large family, and Mr. Blades has the satisfaction of knowing that all are doing well, and that the sons are prominent young men. He lost his first wife in 1863, and for his second wife he took Mrs. Gillie S. Davis, widow of William Davis and daughter of Samuel Williams. She was born in Lawrence County, Mo., and her father was an early pioneer. William Davis was killed by bushwhackers in 1862. The Williams family settled west of Springfield, and Mrs. Blades was the first white child born in Lawrence County. Our subject lost his second wife in 1884, but in 1885 he married Miss Mary E. Swift, a native of Tennessee and the daughter of C. W. Swift. In religion Mr. Blades was first a Baptist, but is now with the Methodist Episcopal Church. Up to the breaking out of the Civil War he was a Democrat in politics, but at that time he became a Republican and has remained with that party since. He was a strong Union man and helped to fight bushwhackers during the war. On account of being a well-known Union man he was obliged to leave home and spent three months in Kansas in the latter part of 1861 and first part of 1862. Mr. Blades has given his sons good farms and now has about 400 acres left. His life and its success affords another evidence that industry, economy and integrity constitute the keynote to honorable competency. His sons, Isaac and John, were soldiers in the war. Mr. Blades is now living a mile and a quarter north of Billings, where he has 160 acres of fine land and a pleasant home. He has always contributed liberally to churches and schools and built the first school house in Pond Creek Township. He also helped build churches all over the county, and in the neighborhood where he lived in Greene County he spent about $400 in building a church which is called Blades' Chapel. No better man makes his home in this county.

BARNETT P. PARRISH. Although almost eighty years have passed over the head of the gentleman who is the subject of this sketch, he is well pre-



R. D. BLADES,
Billings, Mo.



DANIEL N. FULBRIGHT,
Boone Co., Ark.

served, physically and mentally, and is a typical representative of the native Ohioan, honest and upright in word and deed, energetic and pushing, and of a decidedly practical turn of mind. He was born in the Buckeye State September 13, 1818, and is a son of Ira O. W. W. and Ruth (Cheneworth) Parrish. It is thought that the father was a Virginian by birth, but at an early date he was married in Ohio and, when our subject was but seven or eight years of age, he and family removed to Vermillion County, Ind., and in 1835 to Illinois. Later they left that State and settled in the woods of Polk County, Mo., improved a farm, and there passed the remainder of their lives, Mr. Parrish dying a number of years after the war, when eighty-three years of age. He was a well-to-do farmer and hotel man, and was a soldier in the War of 1812. He was of Irish descent. His wife died before the war. They were the parents of nine children: William Thomas, who died when a boy; Barnett P., the subject of this sketch; Casandria, deceased, who was the wife of Calvin Gaylor; Joseph, a soldier of the Mexican War, and also a soldier of the Confederate Army under Gen. Price, was killed while at home in Taney County; Meredith, resided in Arkansas when last heard from, was a federal soldier under Gen. John A. Logan; John, a farmer of Polk County, was a soldier in the Mexican War, and was also under Gen. Price, and in the Home Guards during the Civil War; America, is the widow of Thomas Hankins; Elijah, a soldier in the Federal Army under Col. Geiger, died in Polk County; and Washington, who also was a soldier in Col. Geiger's Company, is deceased. Our subject passed his boyhood and youth on a farm, with limited educational advantages, and came with his parents to Polk County, Mo. There he was married when twenty-two years of age to Miss Emeline Wright, daughter of William and Sarah Wright, who came from Illinois to Polk County, Mo., at a very early day. Mr. Wright was a soldier in the Black Hawk War, and died in Illinois while on business there. Mr. and Mrs. Parrish became the parents of sixteen children, ten of whom lived to an adult age: Mary, wife of William Burns, of Polk County; Ira O. W. W., a farmer of Polk County, who was orderly sergeant in the Rebellion under Gen. Sanburn; William Thomas, a soldier under Col. Geiger, died at Little Rock, Ark.; America, deceased, was the wife of Harvey Harris; John, a merchant of Forsyth, was in the Home Guards during the war; Landon is farming in Polk County; Calvin, a prominent stockman of Forsyth; Robert, also of Forsyth; Sarah, the wife of Abraham Lane, died in Texas; Lincoln, the youngest living, is in business in Forsyth; the others died in infancy. Mr. Parrish selected his second wife in the person of Miss Mary Harris, who bore him four children, all now deceased. Mrs. Parrish is also deceased. Our subject's third wife was Laura Lane, who died about eight months later. On the 5th of December, 1875, he married Miss Rebecca Frazier, a native of South Carolina, born in 1837, and the daughter of Trustom and Nancy (McDonald) Frazier, both natives of the Palmetto State. Mr. Frazier died in Georgia, and his wife in Arkansas. Our subject was in the Mexican War and assisted in building the forts around Santa Fe, and operated in the North against the Indians. After remaining North fourteen months, he started for home and was sixty-two days on the way. After returning home, Mr. Parrish farmed in Polk County until the breaking out of the Rebellion, when he joined the Federal Army and served until 1863, being then discharged on account of his age. In 1866 he came to Forsyth, and has been engaged in farming and the hotel business since. He is one of the oldest settlers of southwestern Missouri, and is very familiar with its people and the changes that have taken place in the country. No man is more highly respected.

DR. TOLMAN W. COTTON. Among those of Carter County, Mo., who successfully follow the "healing art" as a profession is Dr. Tolman W.

Cotton, who was born on the old home place in Reynolds County August 12, 1868. His grandfather, Aaron Cotton, was a native Tennesseean, who came to Missouri about 1844, and took up his home in Reynolds County. He was already quite an aged man when he came to this State, and here was passed the remainder of his days. He and his wife, Nancy, reared a large family of children, who grew up honorable men and women. His son, S. W. Cotton, was born in Tennessee in February, 1830, and was about fourteen years of age when he came with his father to this county. Here he finished his growth and assisted his father on the farm until his marriage with Miss Mary A. Barnes, of a prominent family of this county. During the late unpleasantness between the North and South Mr. Cotton enlisted in the Confederate Army and served all through the war with Gens. Price and Marmaduke. He was taken prisoner and was kept in the prisons at St. Louis and Alton. Like his father he selected agricultural pursuits as his occupation in life and in that calling met with fair success. His political views were Democratic. His death occurred in February, 1892, but Mrs. Cotton is still living. To their marriage were born these children: Vetile died young; Lee is a physician at Piedmont, Mo.; Connor is a teacher in the State of Washington, and also a farmer; Jennie, wife of A. Mann, of Reynolds County; Tolman W., subject; Tellie, wife of Walter Massie, of Carter County; Tanie; and Vest, who is in the State of Washington. On the old farm in Reynolds County our subject passed his early life, and his education was received in the district school. At the age of eighteen he began teaching in summer and fall and attending school in winter. He taught seven schools. Later he took up the study of medicine with Dr. L. W. Cotton, and subsequently entered Missouri Medical College and Beaumont Medical College, graduating with honor in the class of 1893. He then established his practice in Van Buren, and is doing well. The Doctor is a Royal Arch Mason, and, at present, master of Van Buren Lodge A. F. & A. M. He was one of the two representatives of the lodge in the Grand Lodge of Missouri in 1893. Although a single man, the Doctor is wedded to his profession and gives it all his time and attention. He is a pension surgeon of the county, examiner for three insurance companies and a member of the Southeast Missouri Medical Association, and at present counselor for the county. He serves in the dual capacity of druggist and physician at Van Buren, and carries on the business established by his brother in 1888. For three years the Doctor attended Farmington College and the College of Gravelton for a year, and is a young physician of more than ordinary ability. He has already acquired a flattering reputation as a physician, has proved himself a man of energy and uprightness, and has many friends.

ANTHONY CASEY. Anthony Casey is one of those men who faithfully served his country during the troublesome times of war and is now a prominent, law-abiding, public-spirited and patriotic citizen. He is a product of Tennessee, born in Morgan County, in 1826, and remained in that State until about eight years of age, when he came with his parents, Jesse and Martha (Coe) Casey, to Franklin County, Mo. About two years later the parents came to Johnson County, Ark., where they resided about five years and then moved to Newton County, making their home at the head of the Hudson River. There Mr. Casey purchased a farm and passed the remainder of his days, dying in 1863. He was a Southern sympathizer, but took no part in the war. For many years he was a Primitive Baptist minister, and a physician of more than ordinary ability. Although he never attended school more than three weeks in his life he possessed a naturally active brain and was a student all his days, being an eloquent speaker and an interesting conversationalist. His father, Jesse Casey, was of Irish origin and served through the Revolution-

ary war. The mother of Anthony Casey died about 1846. She was a daughter of Stephen Coe, who died in Tennessee. The twelve children born to this estimable couple were named as follows: Polly, deceased, was the wife of John Farmer; Tempa, widow of Thomas Farmer, of Texas; Elizabeth, widow of Zach. Beckam; Martha, wife of Lewis Daniel, of Newton County; Barbara, wife of Hijah Snow, of Texas; Steven, of Marion County; Elijah, of Indian Territory; Anthony; Levi, of Marion County, Ark., deceased; Ambler, deceased, was a resident of Johnson County, Ark.; Jesse, of Boone County, and Wesley, deceased, was originally of Johnson County. The youthful days of our subject were spent in farm work and he received but limited educational advantages. In the month of August, 1846, he was married in Newton County, Jackson Township, to Miss Sealey Self, a native of Illinois, and the daughter of Levi and Elizabeth Self, who came from Illinois to Newton County at an early day. Mrs. Casey died January 8, 1890. She was the mother of seven children as follows: Martha, widow of John Hudson; William U., a prominent farmer and merchant of Mt. Parthenon; Newton, of Indian Territory; Jesse; Jane, wife of Allen Hudson, of this county; Sarah, deceased, was the wife of Columbus Carlton, and Sealey, died in infancy. For a number of years Anthony Casey resided in different parts of Newton County, and in 1858 moved to Taney County, Mo., where he remained until 1862. He then returned to Newton County, and since the war has lived on his present farm, eight and one-half miles above Jasper, where he has 200 acres of good land. Agricultural pursuits have been his life's work, and the active manner in which he has taken advantage of every idea tending toward the enhanced value of his property has had much to do with his success in life. In September, 1863, he joined Company E, Second Arkansas Infantry, United States Army, and served about two years in Arkansas, participating in a number of prominent engagements. His son, William U. Casey, general merchant and farmer of Mt. Parthenon, first saw the light in Newton County, in 1849, and at an early age became familiar with the arduous duties of the farm. When twenty years of age he started out to make his own way in life, and as he was familiar with agricultural pursuits in all its details, he selected that as his occupation in life. In the year 1869 he was married to Miss Mary Elizabeth Carlton, a native of Newton County, Ark., and the daughter of Anderson Carlton. Eight children were born to this union: James Marion; Amanda Jane, wife of Henry Phillips; William Anderson; George A.; Jesse C.; Levi; Sarah, who died in infancy, and Mary E. The mother of these children died in Newton County and the father afterward married Miss Nancy Farmer, a native of Newton County and the daughter of Bird Farmer. There were four children born to this marriage: Delia, deceased; John; Jasper and Jensey. Until three years ago William Casey gave his entire attention to farming, but since then he has been engaged in merchandising at Mt. Parthenon. He is doing a good business and is a wide-awake, enterprising business man. He is the owner of 400 acres of land, a large part of which is under cultivation, and has one of the best tracts on the creek, all the fruits of his own efforts. In politics he is a Republican, but is not a politician, though he held the office of justice of the peace for a number of years. He is a member of the Baptist Church.

WALTER A. LONG. Among the bright and promising young attorneys of Christian County, Mo., is Walter A. Long, who has secured a satisfactory degree of worldly success by reason of his personal traits and the exercise of unmistakable business ability. His natural acumen, added to the thorough education he received in his youth, makes him judicious in law, and his desire to reach the highest possible position in the profession keeps him ever on the alert to add to his knowledge by observation and study. For the past six years

he has practiced his profession in this and other counties of the State, and his career thus far before the bar illustrates how admirably adapted he is to prosecute this most exalted of professions. Mr. Long is a native of this State, born near Westville, Chariton County, October 2, 1856, and is a son of L. D. and Nancy (Reagan) Long, and grandson of John S. Long. The Long family is of Irish origin, and the family tree took root in Virginia at an early day, some members of this family serving in the Revolutionary War. Later the Longs emigrated to Kentucky and settled in Madison County, where the members took up large tracts of land. In this State the father of our subject was born in 1810, and there grew to mature years. He was married there to Miss Reagan a native of that State, and together they emigrated to Missouri in 1847, settling in Chariton County, where they made their home until July 22, 1864, when the father was killed by a band of bushwhackers. He had enlisted in the Union Army, was a strong Union man, and was killed on his own farm. He had always affiliated with the Republican party, and was a public-spirited and most worthy citizen. Both he and wife were members of the Christian Church, and he was deacon in the same. He was one of the early pioneers of Chariton County, became the owner of a good farm, and was enterprising and industrious. He was well known by all as Capt. Long. Mrs. Long lived until 1883, and died in Iowa, while visiting a son. She was the mother of fourteen children. The farther of our subject had one son by a former marriage, who was named William T. Long, and he is now a successful farmer of Nodaway County, Mo. He was a soldier during the Rebellion, in the Sixth Missouri Cavalry, and fought bravely for the "Old Flag." In politics he is a Republican. The remainder of the children were named as follows: Mary, married Frederick Noldge and died leaving a family; Richard, also a soldier in the Civil War, died about 1866 (he was single); Cynthia, died in childhood; Robert, a soldier in the Sixth Missouri Cavalry, was probably killed at Lone Jack or some other battle of the war, for he was among the missing; Napoleon, died in 1876 (he was single and a farmer); John D., single and a farmer, resides in Lynn County, Mo.; Nathan H., a prosperous farmer and stockman of Nebraska, is married and has a family; Albert W., is a well-to-do farmer, residing ten miles west of Ozark (he is a man of a family, and a public-spirited citizen; in politics he is a Republican); Julia A., residing in Sioux City, Iowa, is the wife of S. Parrish, who is a prominent merchant of that place; Maggie J. and Bettie, twins (the former is the wife of J. W. Park, and resides nine miles west of Ozark, and the latter, who was the wife of S. W. Park, died in 1888); Fannie, married George Thomas, and they reside on the old home place in Chariton County; Andrew J., a railroad man, is married and resides in Webster County; and Walter A., our subject. The latter spent his early life in his native county, and was educated in the common schools of Nodaway County, whither he moved when about thirteen years of age. Leaving school, he became a teacher and followed this occupation up to 1885, studying law in the meantime. That year he was admitted to the Nodaway county bar and began practicing at Marysville, where he remained until 1887, and then came to Ozark. Since then, he has practiced all over Southwest Missouri. He is careful in the preparation of his cases, and is considered an accurate adviser and an earnest and conscientious advocate. Like all the members of his father's family, he is a Republican, and although he was too young to take part in the Rebellion, he was with the Union and the cause of his father. The mother's people were slave owners, but she was with the Union also. Mr. Long is a self-made, self-educated man, and by his own industry and application is now one of the prominent attorneys of the Southwest. As an educator he was well liked, and as an attorney he stands in the front rank of the Missouri bar. In

1890 he was elected to the office of prosecuting attorney of Christian County, and in 1892 was reëlected to that position. Mr. Long selected his wife in the person of Miss Mattie E. Alday, a native of Stark County, Ill., born April 16, 1861, and the daughter of A. and Edith (Dixon) Alday. Mr. and Mrs. Long have had three children: Walter G., Ward and Emile. The last two died young. Socially Mr. Long is a Mason, a member of Friend Lodge at Ozark, No. 352, and has held some of the offices of the order. He has his office over Robertson's store at Ozark, and owns a handsome residence in that city.

JUDGE JOSEPH SCOTT WILSON. The judges of the various courts of Arkansas have always been noted for their character and ability, and one of the most popular of the worthy men elevated to the bench in the history of Cleburne County jurisprudence is Judge Joseph Scott Wilson, judge of the County and Probate Court. He has been a resident of Cleburne County twelve years, but was born in Haywood County, West Tenn. (now Crockett County), in 1853, the son of David and Louisa (Elliott) Wilson, natives of the Palmetto State and East Tennessee, respectively. They were married in Rutherford County, Tenn., and moved from there to West Tennessee, and in 1859 to what is now Faulkner County, Ark., and took up their residence about twelve miles south of Quitman, where the father died in 1888 at the age of eighty-one years. and the mother in 1873, when sixty years of age. They were successful tillers of the soil, were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the father, was a member of the F. & A. M. While a resident of Tennessee he was a justice of the peace for some time, and during the Civil War he was for some time in the service. Two of his sons were also in the service: Fletcher who joined the first company that was raised in the county and served throughout the war, and Simon, who was in the service for two years and then retired, being disabled from a wound. To Mr. and Mrs. Wilson thirteen children were born, of whom the subject of this sketch was the twelfth. He spent his early school days in Faulkner County, grew up on his father's farm, and at the age of twenty-one years commenced to do for himself as a farmer on the old homestead in Faulkner County. He remained there and in the neighborhood until 1881, when he moved to what is now Cleburne County, on the farm of which he is now the owner, one-half mile southwest of Heber, which comprises fifty-one acres of land. Judge Wilson served as constable of this county for seven years, and was then elected to the position of justice of the peace, which he held two years. He was then elected county and probate judge, and this position is still ably filling. In 1879 he was married to Miss Betty Saunders, of Faulkner County, a daughter of John H. Saunders, and by her is the father of four daughters and one son, all of whom are living. The Judge and his wife are worthy members of the Methodist Church, he is one of the board of stewards, and is a teacher in the Sunday-school. Socially he is a Mason, and is a member of Sugar Loaf Lodge No. 414, in which he has held official position.

DR. E. B. BROWN. The gentleman, the salient points of whose history we shall endeavor to give below, is one of the most prominent physicians of Christian County, and his experience in civil life has been supplemented by the crucial one of witnessing death and the most terrible wounds with their attendant surgical operations. Dr. E. B. Brown commends himself most pleasantly to those with whom he comes in contact. He is a man of great force of character and one whose very presence would soothe a nervous and weakened patient. He is well read and informed, not only as regards his profession, but in the current topics of the day. One of the pioneer physicians of the Ozark country, he was born in Arkansas, December 5, 1845, and is a son of John D. and Jane (Bray) Brown, natives of the Old North State,

the former born in 1800 and the latter in 1804. The father was perhaps a native of Randolph County, and was of English origin. At an early date he removed to Arkansas, and soon after to Greene County, Mo., locating on a tract of wild prairie land near Henderson, which he converted into a fine farm and on which he died in 1863 of smallpox. He was a lawyer by profession and a man of tact and much natural intelligence. He was in public life a great deal, both in North Carolina and Missouri, and was district attorney in North Carolina for a number of years. The office of school commissioner he held in Greene County, Mo., for a number of years, and in politics he affiliated with the Democratic party, being an active worker for the same and for the public good. When the Civil War broke out he was quite wealthy, but lost considerable during that time. His widow is still living, and is about ninety years of age. The children born to this worthy couple were named as follows: Joseph Addison, a prominent physician, graduated from the McDonald Medical College of St. Louis, after which he entered upon the practice of his profession at Springfield, making his home there for some time prior to the war (he is one of the oldest and best known physicians of Greene County, and is a man whom to know is to respect); Emeline, wife of William Jessup, of Jamestown, Ark.; Lydia (deceased), was the wife of Anderson Pendleton, of Christian County; John D., of Lead Hill, Ark., was all through the war in the Confederate Army with Gen. Price, and was once wounded; William T., was in the Federal Army about a year, at the end of which time he was honorably discharged for disability caused by measles; and Dr. G. P. S., a practicing physician and surgeon of Christian County, and a graduate of the St. Louis College of Physicians and Surgeons. The paternal grandfather of these children, John Smith Brown, was born in North Carolina. The early days of our subject were spent in Greene and Christian Counties, and when but a boy he evinced a strong liking for the medical profession. Graduating at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Keokuk, Iowa, he began practicing his profession in 1869, at Ozark, and has practiced in this county ever since. He is president of the Medical Association of Christian County, and a member of the Southwest District and State Medical Societies. In politics he is a Democrat, has held the office of county coroner, and was United States examining surgeon for a number of years. The Doctor is public spirited and enterprising, and as a physician the county can boast of no better. He selected his wife in the person of Miss S. A. Clapp, to whom eight children were given: Mary L., a teacher in the high school of Billings; John A., who graduated as valedictorian of his class at Billings' public schools; Fred H., who is attending St. Louis College of Physicians and Surgeons; Ross, Frank, Minnie V., Ned and Joseph. The Doctor resides at Billings, and he and family attend the Christian Church. In connection with his practice Dr. Brown has a drug store at Billings. He is a Mason, a member of Billings Lodge, and is also an Odd Fellow. The Doctor has grown up in Christian County, and his practice extends into Greene, Lawrence and Stone Counties. He and family are prominent in all public enterprises of worth, and are among the leading citizens.

THOMAS L. VILES. To attain success in any calling, it is necessary that a man should be possessed of a keen and discerning mind, with the energy and determination to push his business or profession instead of allowing it to push him. These qualities are possessed in an eminent degree by Thomas L. Viles, who is the able prosecuting attorney of Stone County, in which he has made his home for many years. He is a native of Roane County, Tenn., where he was born October 3, 1850, a son of John and Martha (Roberts) Viles, who were also Tennesseeans. They left the State of their birth when their son Thomas L. was a small boy, and located in Illinois; but after remaining in

that State for two years, came to Missouri, and in 1854 took up their residence in Stone County, in the northern part of which they settled on a farm, being among its pioneer settlers. In 1862 they moved to Christian County, Mo., and there the mother was called from life the same year; she was a devoted member of the Baptist Church. The father enlisted in the Fourteenth Missouri Cavalry, and served about eighteen months, first as orderly sergeant, for a few months, and then as first lieutenant of Company F. His regiment was consolidated with the Eighth Missouri Regiment in 1863, and then, receiving honorable discharge, returned home. He saw some hard fighting during his service, and was a faithful and valuable soldier. After the war was over, he began farming in Christian County and there made his home with the three children left him by his wife (of whom the subject of this sketch was the eldest), for many years. He was a soldier of the Mexican War also, and although now in his sixty-eighth year, is yet in the enjoyment of fair health. His second marriage was to a Miss Lutterell, by whom he became the father of eight children: William, Mary, Susan, John, Ellen, Culberson, Charles and Eliza. The mother of the subject of this sketch became the mother of three children: Rachel, wife of John Belyeu of Barry County, Mo.; Mary J., wife of Peter H. Price of Christian County, Mo.; and Thomas L., who was the eldest of her children. She was a daughter of Robert S. Roberts, a pioneer of Tennessee, who died in that State. John Viles has been a lifelong Republican, and has been a prominent resident of both Stone and Christian Counties. He held the position of postmaster of Highlander, Mo., for some time, and was also assessor of Stone County. He is now, and has been for many years, a member of the Baptist Church. The early life of Thomas L. Viles was spent on a farm in Stone County, where he helped to improve and make many acres of farming land. He received no schooling in his younger days, and, although only a boy when the war came up, he had a strong desire to enlist, but other duties and his youth kept him at home until after his father received his discharge, when he enlisted in Company K, Forty-sixth Missouri Volunteer Infantry, October 4, 1864, when only fifteen years of age. He served until May 27, 1865, being principally on post duty throughout southwest Missouri, although he participated in some skirmishes. From that time down to 1874 he devoted his attention to farm work, and in 1870 was united in marriage with Miss Elmira Gideon, a daughter of F. M. Gideon of Christian County. He then moved to Galena and entered upon the duties of deputy county sheriff and county collector, in which capacity he served four years. In 1878 he was elected on the Republican ticket to the office of sheriff and collector, was reëlected in 1880, and served in all four years. He began the study of law in 1881, and in March, 1884, was admitted to the bar by Judge W. F. Guiger, of the Twenty-fourth Judicial Circuit. He then established himself for the practice of his profession in Stone County, and, as an able attorney, he soon became known throughout the county. In November, 1884, he was elected to the office of prosecuting attorney of Stone County, and held the position by reëlection for a term of six years, and in November, 1892, was again elected to the office, the duties of which he is at present discharging in a highly satisfactory manner. He has practiced in all the counties of southwest Missouri and the Ozark region, and has become well known throughout the State, for he has been in public life for the past twenty years. He has always been an active member of the Republican party. For some years he has been connected with the Masonic lodge, No. 515, at Galena, and is a member of the G. A. R. post at that place. He is very public spirited, and has been successful both professionally and financially. He and his wife have a family of four children, one of whom, Clarence, died at the age of five years. Those living

are John F., who is a man of family, and is in the furniture business at Galena; Green, who is attending school at Cassville, Barry County, Mo.; and Frank, an infant. Mrs. Viles is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and is a leader in the social circles of Galena. She is a woman of much energy and enterprise, and is the proprietress of a first-class hotel at Galena, over which she presides in an able and creditable manner.

CAPT. C. W. BROWN. This gentleman is the very efficient collector of Christian County, Mo., is public spirited, takes a deep interest in all the affairs of his section, and is popular and well liked by all classes. Since 1873 he has made his home in this county, but was formerly a resident of St. Louis, Mo., from which place he enlisted in the Federal Army in May, 1861, becoming a member of Gen. Sigel's command, under whom he served during the battles of Wilson's Creek and Pea Ridge. He was afterward in the siege of Vicksburg, and during the latter part of the war held the rank of captain. For about two years after the war closed he was on duty in Texas, and served in all about six years. After following various occupations until 1873, he came to Christian County, Ark., and engaged in farming in this county, and is the owner of a fertile farm of eighty acres six miles southwest of Ozark, where he has a comfortable residence. For the past ten years he has traveled throughout southern Missouri as a special agent, and is well known from the Kansas line to the Iron Mountain Railroad. He has been successful in business, has a sufficient amount of this world's goods to keep him in comfort the rest of his life, all of which is the result of his own efforts. He has held the position of United States timber agent, United States deputy marshal and has been postmaster at Ozark, Grant and other places. In politics he has ever been a stanch Republican and is a member of the G. A. R. post at Highlandville. In December, 1873, he was married in this county to the daughter of John Handy, and to them have been born six children. Capt. Brown is one of the best known men in southern Missouri, and has numerous friends throughout that region as well as in the northern part of Arkansas.

G. C. SOWDER. There is something essentially American in the life and character of the gentleman who is the subject of this sketch. The United States has given rare opportunities to men with courage, honesty of purpose, integrity and energy, to achieve success. The bulk of the men who have legitimately achieved fortune have been men with the above characteristics, and Mr. Sowder is surely one of that stamp. He is the owner of a magnificent farm of 400 acres where he is now living, on which he has lived since he came to the county in 1868, and 165 acres of this farm are under the plow and in an excellent state of cultivation. He has given considerable attention to the raising of stock, and was at one time the owner of a saw and grist mill and cotton gin. He is a native of Washington County, Ind., where he was born September 12, 1833, a son of John and Polly (Carter) Sowder, the former of whom was born in Pennsylvania, resided for a time in the Hoosier State, and in 1850 came to Missouri, residing for a time in Gasconade County, but eventually dying in Ozark County, where his wife also passed from life. The paternal grandfather, Jacob Sowder, was of good old Pennsylvania Dutch stock and was a soldier of the Revolution. The maternal grandfather, Jonathan Carter, was a Virginian by birth and bringing up. G. C. Sowder was one of eleven children born to his parents, nine of whom are now living, and he and his sister Sarah Young, are the only members of the family that reside in Ozark County. When the Sowder family took up their residence in Gasconade County, Mo., the subject of this sketch was but a lad, but prior to this he had received some schooling in the State of Indiana. In 1862 he enlisted in Company G, Missouri Home Guards, with which he served the most of the time

until the war closed, being in many skirmishes during Price's raid through Missouri, and proving himself an energetic and faithful soldier. He has always warmly supported the principles of the Republican party, is a law-abiding, public-spirited and enterprising citizen, is a patron of education and, in fact, all worthy enterprises, and he and his family are earnest members of the Christian Church. In 1858 he led to the hymeneal altar Miss Emily Ridenhour, who died in August, 1859. The following year he married Caroline Garner, who bore him one child, Benjamin, who died in 1874. In 1862 Mr. Sowder was again left a widower and in 1866 was married to Louisa (Ridenhour) Hinkle, a sister of his first wife, and to them were born: George W., Rosetta, Lillian (deceased), Janetta (deceased), Edgar and Eddie (twins), and Dora, but in August, 1883, father and children were called upon to mourn her death. Miss Isabella Hawkens became the fourth wife of Mr. Sowder in 1884, and three children are the result of this union: Chleo Iowa, Vertie, and Wanda M. Mr. Sowder is a member of the G. A. R., is a self-made man, and his present prosperity is the result of long continued toil, good management and sterling integrity.

THE FULLBRIGHT FAMILY. This is one of the most remarkable and worthy families of Boone County, Ark., and about the year 1700 the family tree first took root on American soil. The original founder of the family came to America from Holland, made a settlement in Pennsylvania, and was the great-grandfather of the present generation. John Fullbright, his son, is thought to have been born in the Keystone State and in all probability was a soldier of the Revolution. In 1815 he came west to Missouri from the Old North State, the journey thither being made by wagon, the larger portion of the Fullbright family coming at the same time. Here he and his wife died a short time after their arrival. Mrs. Fullbright's maiden name was Elizabeth Coulter, and to them five sons and five daughters were given, all of whom had reached maturity before leaving the East: William, who died in Springfield, Mo., in 1842; Martin, who died in Texas; Daniel, who died in Laclede County, Mo.; John, who also died in Laclede County; Judge David reared a family of nineteen children and died in Texas; Christina (Gooden); Kittie (Evans); Elizabeth (Williams); Sallie (Smythers), and Susan (Daniels). John Fullbright and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Their son William, well known as "Uncle Billy," married Ruth Hollingsworth and moved to Missouri, thence to Tennessee, and in 1829 returned to Missouri and made his home at what is now known as Fullbright Springs, in Greene County, and cultivated land almost up to what is now the public square of Springfield. He was a very highly respected citizen of his day, became wealthy and died September 22, 1842, his wife dying May 30, 1874. Both were members of the Christian Church. He was born in the Old North State January 8, 1785, and at his death left a fine property valued at $100,000 to be divided among his children, which numbered twelve sons and one daughter: Ephraim, who is living in Boone County and is now eighty-six years old; Levi, who is living in Laclede County, Mo., at the age of eighty-four years; Rhoda became the wife of Samuel Weaver and died in 1830; Henry has resided in Boone County, Ark., since the war; John L. died in Greene County in 1893; Alexander died in infancy; David lived and died in Springfield, Mo.; Wilson lived in Lawrence County, but died in Springfield; Eli died after reaching manhood; Samuel died in Springfield; William died in Lawrence County, Mo.; Elcanah died in infancy, and Daniel, the youngest son, lives at Valley Springs, Ark. Henry Fullbright was born in North Carolina November 25, 1814. He was reared to farm life in Missouri and Tennessee, and in 1829 became a resident of Springfield. About 1834 or 1835 he began the mercantile business in Springfield under the

firm name of Fullbright & Son, but when only nineteen years old was elected to the office of constable, and later to the position of county judge, eventually receiving the appointment of receiver from President Pierce in the Land Office. He held other offices in Greene County up to 1861, when he moved to Arkansas, and at the close of the war took up his residence in Boone County and started in the arduous work of rebuilding his fortune. Being a man of shrewd business views he has been successful. He was married in 1838 to Isabel, daughter of Col. William Sanders. She was born in Kentucky, was reared in Indianapolis, Ind., and with her father came to Greene County, Mo., in 1837. After living for a number of years in Springfield, she came with her husband to Arkansas, and here died July 11, 1870. She had seven children, four of whom are living: Joannah, wife of S. M. Jessup, of Texas; William S., who was killed during the Civil War in a skirmish in Christian County, Mo.; Henry A., who is a farmer and stockman, of Boone County, Ark.; Mary J., wife of Benjamin Burns, died in Stone County, Ark.; Samuel, who is blind, lives in Texas; Thomas, also of Texas, and David M., deceased. Henry Fullbright has been almost a lifelong member of the Christian Church, and he and the late Gov. Phelps, of Missouri, were great friends. Daniel N. Fullbright was born in Pulaski County, Mo., March 14, 1830, his parents being William and Ruth (Hollingsworth) Fullbright. He was but a few weeks old when the family settled in Greene County, Mo., and in the town of Springfield he attained manhood and acquired a practical education, later finishing his education in Bethany College, Virginia, where he remained two years. At the age of twenty years he left school and was married soon after to Miss Emmalet Weaver, a daughter of Joseph Weaver, Sr., and moved to Lawrence County, Mo., where he made his home until 1857, being engaged in farming and raising stock. During the time he resided there he was elected to the office of sheriff, but did not want the office and soon resigned. In 1857 he made up a wagon train and took a thousand cattle across the plains to California, which expedition he organized in company with C. H. Crawford, who was killed by the Indians and buried in the mountains of California. They started April 17, 1857, and arrived at their destination in August, and although they met with many thrilling adventures on the long journey, were not seriously delayed or molested by Indians. They purchased a claim in Plumas County, on which they lived until 1858, when they moved to Feather River to escape the Indians, and there continued to reside until the fall of that year, when they went to the Sacramento Valley. There they sold their stock and took a steamer for the States, coming home via the Isthmus of Panama. Mr. Fullbright took his wife and baby daughter, Judith R., with him across the plains and they stood the journey well, the health of Mrs. Fullbright being greatly improved by life in the open air. They located on a farm three miles south of Springfield, Mo., and there made their home until 1862, when Mr. Fullbright enlisted in Price's army and served until the war closed. In 1862 he helped raise an Arkansas regiment of Jackman's brigade, of which he was appointed lieutenant-colonel. In the battle of Pea Ridge he was wounded twice, once by grapeshot and once by a gunshot. In that engagement he also had his hand badly injured by a falling branch from a tree. He was with Price in all his engagements in Missouri, and during the forty-five days that he was out with him he lost twenty-six of his men. He was in many skirmishes, but at all times showed the utmost courage and good judgment, and his men came to place the utmost confidence in him. He had his collar-bone broken on the Missouri raid and rode 200 miles into Texas, but was there compelled to retire from the service for a short time. After the war he located in Izard County, Ark., raised a crop of cotton and in 1866 moved where he now lives,

which was then considered a part of Carroll County. He lived for one year on the farm on which his brother Ephraim now lives, then moved to the village of Valley Springs. In May, 1867, together with Capt. T. J. Morrison, he opened a mercantile store there, and they continued in business together for about sixteen years. In 1883 Mr. Fullbright became the sole proprietor and carried on the business alone until 1888, when he sold his store to S. W. Pierce, but still carried on his farming and stock business, which occupations have received his attention ever since. He has bought and shipped stock to all points of the North and South, owns large tracks of land in Boone and Marion Counties, a very large proportion of which is rich in minerals, and has 1,000 acres under cultivation. All told he has about 3,500 acres. He has been one of the most successful men in Boone County, and is one of the worthiest citizens of the county, for he gives liberally of his means in the support of worthy causes, and has helped to build up the schools of Valley Springs. He donated the ground and at his own expense erected one of the finest country school buildings in the county. No man in that entire section has done more for its improvement than has he, and the respect and regard which is accorded him is but his just due. He was also a liberal contributor to the erection of the substantial school building at Valley Springs, where some of the brightest talent of the State has been educated. In other ways, too numerous to mention, he has shown himself to be truly philanthropical and liberal. As a merchant, his many sterling traits of character won him a liberal patronage, for it soon came to be known that his word could at all times be relied upon, and he continued in the business for about twenty-five years. Mr. Fullbright has attributed much of his success in life to his amiable and intelligent wife who at all times proved a helpmate and a safe counselor. She was the first white child born in Greene County, Mo., April 23, 1831, being the daughter of Joseph Weaver. She was reared and educated in Springfield, and was married at the age of twenty. Prior to their journey to California they lost a baby daughter, Flora A., and reared only their daughter, Judith R., who married Dr. John G. Hale. Mr. Fullbright and his wife are members of the Christian Church. He is a member of the Valley Springs Lodge No. 458, of the A. F. & A. M. He has always been a Democrat. His son-in-law, Dr. John G. Hale, was born in Tennessee, September 10, 1848, to Thomas and Fannie (Wellborn) Hale, who moved to Texas in 1849, made a home in Red River County, and where the father died in 1887. He was a soldier in the Confederate Army in the Trans-Mississippi Department and became a thrifty and well-to-do farmer. His father, Guy Hale, was of English descent and was a soldier in the Creek Indian War. The mother was born in Tennessee, and died in 1869, having borne her husband four children: John G.; Elizabeth (Flemming), living in Texas; Thomas J. and Johnson W. The Doctor was educated in McKenzie College, and in 1876 took up the study of medicine with Dr. Hickerson at Valley Springs, Mo., and later graduated from the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia, Penn., taking a post-graduate course in the same institution in 1890. His first practice was done at Valley Springs, and although he practices all branches of his profession he has made a speciality of diseases of the throat, nose and ear. The Doctor has been a resident of Boone County since 1869, and was married in 1870 to Judith R. Fullbright, who was born in Greene County, Mo., September 7, 1852, and was educated in St. Louis. The Doctor and his wife have five children: Fannie E., Dan Abbott, Wilburn W., Helen and Judith G. Dr. Hale is a member of the K. of P., Springfield Lodge No. 213, and politically is a Democrat and active in politics. He and his family lived in Springfield from 1887 to 1891, and in addition to following his practice he has given considerable attention to farming and the handling of stock. Dr. Hale

and his wife move in the highest social circles, are finely educated and have a beautiful and comfortable home, the abode of refinement and good taste. Ephraim Fullbright, brother of Daniel, was born in North Carolina, January 13, 1809, and became a resident of Missouri when it was a Territory. He was married in Callaway County, that State, to Elizabeth Yount, and by her became the father of eight children, all of whom reached their majority. At the opening of the war Mr. Fullbright came to Arkansas and located on his present farm near Valley Springs. He has devoted his life to farming and stock raising and has accumulated a handsome property. His wife died February 20, 1889. He has always been a Democrat, has long been a member of the Christian Church, and is one of the most noted pioneers of southwest Missouri. He is the eldest member of the Fullbright family, is now eighty-five years of age and makes his home with his granddaughter Miss Mary E. Fullbright. His children were F. M., John Y., Henry David, William W., Telitha, Abbie (Walker), Mary and Selita Ann (Smith). F. M. lives in Boone County, Ark.; John Y. at Springfield, Mo.; Henry D. and William W. were killed during the the war; A. B. (Walker) and Mary are dead, and Selita died after her marriage with Jasper Smith.

V. C. Bratton. This gentleman is the owner of a well-conducted mercantile establishment at Marshall, and is an enterprising and wide-awake man of affairs. He was born at Wiley's Cove, Searcy County, July 19, 1860, being the eldest of a family of eight children born to James and Dicy A. (Hatchett) Bratton, who are still residents of Wiley's Cove, where they are well respected and have a wide circle of friends and acquaintances. The youthful days of V. C. Bratton were passed in learning the details of farming and in attending the common schools of the vicinity, where he secured a practical education, in every way sufficient to fit him for the ordinary duties of life. When still quite young in years he took up book-keeping, and in 1886 was elected to the clerkship of Searcy County, a position he filled with marked ability for four years, and to the entire satisfaction of all concerned as well as to that of his Democratic constituents. He has been quite active in the political affairs of his section, and has been a delegate to a number of State conventions. He is a member of Marshall Lodges of the A. F. & A. M. and the I. O. O. F., in the former order of which he has held the office of secretary, and in the latter that of noble grand. In 1889 he opened a mercantile establishment at Marshall. He has conducted his business affairs entirely alone up to the present time, and owing to honorable business methods, undeviating industry and to the fact that he keeps an excellent line of goods and is reasonable in his prices, he has built up a patronage eminently satisfactory in every way. His annual sales amount to about $15,000, and he keeps constantly on hand a stock valued at $3,500. Mr. Bratton's wife was formerly Miss Nettie Greenhaw, a daughter of G. B. Greenhaw, a sketch of whom appears in this work, and he and his wife are the parents of one child, Una R. Capt. G. B. Greenhaw has been a resident of Searcy County since 1854, but was born in Tennessee, October 19, 1841, a son of James and Usley (Brumley) Greenhaw, who came to Arkansas at the same time as their son and settled on Richland Creek, where the father tilled the soil. He was an Alabamian, and died in Marshall in 1875, his widow surviving him until 1893, when she too passed away in Marshall. They reared a family of nine children, six of whom survive, four being residents of this county. The Greenhaws are of French descent, and some of the early members of the family took part in the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812. Capt. G. B. Greenhaw was but thirteen years of age when he first saw Searcy County, and after obtaining such education as could be had in the public schools of that day he, in 1860, started out to do for himself. He was married

in October of that year to Miss Mary Ethridge, a daughter of William Ethridge. In 1862 Mr. Greenhaw took up arms in defense of the Confederate cause, for which he fought gallantly and well until the war closed. He was on the Price raid and commanded a company in that memorable campaign. Prior to this, however, he was located with his command on Calf Creek and was a participant in a number of pitched battles. In 1868 he took up his residence in Marshall, opened a well-appointed mercantile establishment and conducted the same for about twenty years, during which time he also successfully carried on farming. He has ever been a Democrat sympathizer and is a member of the Masonic order, in which he has held the office of trustee, and his wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, and they are highly respected citizens. He has been one of the leading men of the county for many years, has been a delegate to various State and National conventions, and is one of the most public-spirited citizens of Marshall. His life has been a useful, honorable and prosperous one, and of him it may well be said, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant." He and his wife reared a family of seven children to honorable manhood and womanhood: Franklin P., Nettie, G. B., Mollie, Barton, Myrtle and Ras.

WILLIAM ROBERTS. William Roberts is one of the wealthy pioneer citizens of Christian County, and has resided on his present property for the past twenty-five years. He is a native of East Tennessee, born in Hamilton County, February 15, 1823, and his parents, Jacob and Elizabeth (Groves) Roberts, were natives of Tennessee also. The grandfather, William Roberts, was a native of the Old North State and a soldier in the Revolution. He was one of the early pioneers of Tennessee, but at an early date came to Missouri and settled in this part of the State, dying in Texas County about 1850. The father of our subject came to this State with his parents, but he had married in Tennessee. He located about six miles from Sparta, then in Taney County, and died on the old home place, which was located on Swan Creek, about 1878. His wife died in Tennessee when our subject was about three years old. Six children were born to this union: Lucy, Anna, Coswell, Katie, Eliza, and William, the subject of this sketch. Only the last named and Anna are now living, both in this county, and the latter the wife of Harvey Berkhardt. All the children grew to mature years, and all but Katie married and reared families. Jacob Roberts was married the second time after coming to Missouri, but no children were born to that union. He took part in the Jackson war and was at New Orleans and Mobile on January 8, 1815, when Packenham's British Army was driven from our land. During the Civil War he was a stanch Union man, but was too old to enlist. In political matters he was a Republican; the family attended the Baptist Church. Of the children born to his first marriage, Coswell and our subject took part in the Rebellion. The former was in the State service, Company H, Seventy-second Regiment, as was also our subject, and both were in many engagements and skirmishes. Coswell died in 1890. He was a man universally respected and esteemed, and a substantial and progressive farmer. In politics he was a Republican and in religion a Baptist. In 1843 the Roberts family settled in Christian County, and our subject was then about twenty-one years of age. Previous to leaving his native State, when about nineteen years of age, he married Miss Mary Berkhardt, a native of Tennessee, where her parents died. After coming to this county, Mr. Roberts located on Swan Creek, where he followed farming for about twelve years. From there he moved to a farm about two miles from Sparta, but in 1867 he settled on the farm where he now lives, one and a half miles from Sparta, where he now owns 740 acres in one of the best farming belts in this part of the county. Over 600 acres are

under cultivation, and his farm is considered one of the best in the county. His success as a farmer and business man is due to his energy and perseverance. He advocates the principles of the Republican party, and is a member of the G. A. R. post at Sparta. Mr. Roberts lost his first wife after coming to Missouri. To this union were born nine children, as follows: Elizabeth, wife of Henry Adams; Mary, wife of H. Shipman; Mela, wife of M. Smith; Eliza, wife of Frank Hall; William, married, resides east of Sparta; Oliver, married, and residing near the old home place; Martha, deceased, was the wife of Samuel Harris; Patterson, a stockman, is residing in Sparta; and Marcina, wife of John Warner, resides in Douglas County. Mr. Robert's second union was with Miss Wrightsman. At one time our subject was engaged in the sawmill business on Swan Creek, and made a success of that, but at the same time he did not neglect his farm or stock interests. Aside from the 740 acres where he now lives, Mr. Roberts owns 180 acres east of Sparta, almost 1,000 acres of the best land in the county. It is all well improved. He is public-spirited and progressive, and a man well and favorably known throughout this section. Two children have been born to his second union, Lewis and Amy.

William R. Brooksher, Sr. It is with true interest that the biographer takes up his pen to write of the Brooksher family, one of the prominent ones of the county, and one of its members, W. R. Brooksher, Sr., who is actively engaged in agricultural pursuits. This representative citizen was born in South Carolina April 16, 1829, a son of Samuel and Nancy (Wilson) Brooksher, both of whom were born in South Carolina, and grandson of S. Brooksher, who was a soldier of the Revolution. The family was founded in this country by Surft Brooksher, who came from Germany in an early day, and located in South Carolina, where he spent the rest of his days. The maternal grandfather, Vincent Wilson, moved from near Rockbridge, Va., to South Carolina, finally to Georgia, and passed from life in that State. Samuel and Nancy Brooksher moved to Georgia from the Palmetto State, and in that State the mother passed from life. In 1882 the father came to Marion County, Ark., and was here called from life four years later. He and his wife were the parents of six children: Rachel C., William R., Lucinda, Washington B., Mary and Ann. William R. and Washington B. were soldiers of the Civil War, and the latter is now residing in Georgia. William R. Brooksher came to Marion County, Ark., in 1869, and located on the farm of 200 acres on which he is now residing, which he has since been successfully engaged in tilling, and on which he has given considerable attention to the raising of stock. He was married to Miss Hester B. Hefner, a daughter of Levi and Lavica (Jones) Hefner, who were Georgians, in which State Mrs. Brooksher first saw the light in 1836. Her union with Mr. Brooksher has resulted in the birth of the following children: Leonidas B., a farmer; Ella, widow of Worth Johnson; Edith, wife of J. J. Briggs; William R., Jr., the Doctor; Thomas D.; Samuel L.; Mollie; Ola; and Loula. Washington, Brazille and Felton are dead. Mr. Brooksher and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, and he is a member of Yellville Lodge of the A. F. & A. M. In 1862 he enlisted in Company C, Fourth Georgia Cavalry, and served three years, participating in many bloody engagements, and although the blanket which he carried was pierced by four bullets, he was uninjured during his service. Mr. Brooksher is a substantial citizen and public-spirited gentleman, and has done much to make Marion County the prosperous agricultural region that it is.

Dutton J. Reynolds. Dutton J. Reynolds, county clerk, is one of the most efficient, faithful and painstaking officers Stone County has ever had, and in discharging the functions of his office, he has shown the utmost courtesy to all with whom he has come in contact, and has won innumerable friends. He

is a product of the Blue Grass State, born in Jackson County September 9, 1861, and the son of Thomas H. and Margaret (Jones) Reynolds. The father was born in Owsley County, Ky., about 1830, of English descent, and of a prominent old Kentucky family. His father, Pleasant Reynolds, was born in North Carolina, in which State the founders of the family settled, when coming to this country. The father of our subject made his home in his native State until 1875, when he moved to Madison County, Ark., where he remained until 1880. In that year he came to Stone County and located at Carr, where he now lives and where he is postmaster. During the Civil War he served in the Forty-seventh Kentucky Volunteer Regiment and is a pensioner. While residing in Kentucky he held the office of justice of the peace, and since residing in this county he has been postmaster at Carr for nine years. In political matters he affiliates with the Republican party. Mr. Reynolds is a wealthy man and one of the county's most worthy citizens. Mrs. Reynolds was born in Kentucky and was the daughter of Dutton Jones. She died in 1869, when about thirty years of age. Four children were the fruits of this union, all but one now living: Dutton J.; John S.; William F., deceased, and Daniel A. The father is a worthy member of the Primitive Baptist Church and his wife held membership in the same. Previous to his marriage to our subject's mother Mr. Reynolds had been married, and after her death he was married the third time. Our subject, the eldest of the above mentioned family, spent his early youth in discharging such duties as fall to the lot of the farmer's boy, and after receiving a practical education in the schools of the district he spent some time in those of Huntsville, Madison County, Ark. After leaving school he became a teacher, but he also followed that profession while attending the higher schools, in order to pay his way. After teaching a few years in Stone County he took a trip to the State of Washington, also to Oregon, where he engaged in the saw-mill business, remaining there a number of years. He then returned to this county and located at Carr, where he engaged in merchandising with his father whom later he bought out. Afterward he followed the business by himself for some time and then in partnership with his brother, who is now in business in Carr. In 1888 he was elected to the office of assessor of Stone County, held that position two years, and in 1890 was elected to his present position, which he fills in a very satisfactory manner. When elected clerk, he moved to Galena, where his pleasant home is presided over by his excellent wife, who was formerly Miss Myrtle E. Graves, a native of Livingston County, Mo. Her parents, John D. and Ella (Hossman) Graves, are natives of Missouri, and now reside near Galena. Mr. Graves is a machinist and a farmer by occupation. To our subject and wife has been born one child, a daughter, Eda Lucile. Mr. Reynolds has always been interested in the welfare of the Republican party and is an ardent supporter of its principles. He is very popular in the county, having many warm friends, and was elected to his present position by a large majority. He is self-educated and self-made, and is considered one of the best business men in the county. Socially he is a Mason, a member of Galena Lodge No. 515, and has held the office of secretary of the same. He owns considerable property in Galena and a fine farm in the south part of the county.

JOHN KINTREA. Among the countless industries of the United States, there are none which attracts more universal attention than that of merchandising. Among those prominently engaged in this occupation in Taney County, is John Kintrea, who has a fine store at Kirbyville. This gentleman was born at Woodstock, February 28, 1852, and, no doubt, inherits his perseverance, industry and sturdy traits of character from his Scotch ancestors. His father, James Kintrea, was born in Glasgow, Scotland, in 1820, and when

a young man emigrated to Canada. Later he found his way to Missouri and followed the painter's trade at Springfield, while a resident of that city. His death occurred in Oregon on the 4th of July, 1893, while there visiting. Politically he was a Democrat and socially a Mason of a number of years' standing. He was well known and well respected all over Greene County. He married Miss Margaret Katna, a native of Scotland, born near Edinburgh, who died in Springfield in 1890. Ten children were born to this worthy couple, five sons and five daughters, all but two surviving: Agnes, wife of John Edgerton, of Portland, Ore.; Margaret, single, resides at Paris, Canada; John, subject; William, single, resides at Springfield where he is in the dry goods business; Belle, wife of Dr. Bissett, of Springfield; James, married, resides at Portland, Ore.; Catherine, wife of William Thompson, resides at Paris, Canada; Jennie, wife of Thomas Flittan, resides at Parsons, Kan.; while Valentine and Frank both died young. The parents of these children were active members of the Presbyterian Church. Our subject spent his boyhood days in his native county and in addition to a good common-school education, attended the Komoko Seminary in Middlesex County, Canada. When eighteen or nineteen years of age he came to Greene County and clerked in the store of J. H. Minehardt for four years. After that he was in the employ of Charles H. Heer, with whom he remained eight years, being his traveling salesman for a number of years. In 1883 he embarked in business for himself at Roy, Douglas County, Mo., and followed merchandising about two years and a half in company with his father-in-law, J. E. Smith. He then sold out and in 1886 located at Forsyth, where he remained five months. After that he came to Kirbyville and has since been actively engaged in merchandising and handling cotton. He has a cotton gin and a mill for grinding corn, and buys nearly all the cotton in this part of the county. He is doing an extensive business, and in 1892 he sold 543 bales of cotton. He also handles stock and grain and is one of the leading business men in Taney County. In merchandising he does an annual business of from $50,000 to $60,000, and also does a large business in the wholesale line. He has a line of teams between Chadwick and his store and handles a large amount of goods of all kinds. In political matters he is with the Democratic party, but does not aspire to office. All his property has been accumulated by his own efforts and he has been unusually successful. He owns a half interest in the Ferguson, Kintrea Drug Co., of Springfield, which does an extensive retail and wholesale business, and carries a stock of goods valued at $20,000. This company was incorporated in 1892, with a capital stock of $30,000. John R. Ferguson is the president, John Kintrea is vice-president, E. N. Ferguson, secretary and treasurer. This company is doing the largest business of any drug house in the Southwest. Until lately, Mr. Kintrea owned stock in the Central National Bank of Springfield. He owns considerable property at Kirbyville and a good residence property at Springfield. Fraternally, he is a member of the K. of H. order at Springfield. Mr. Kintrea selected his wife in the person of Miss Narcissa Smith, a native of Springfield and the daughter of Hon. J. E. Smith, who formerly resided there, but now makes his home at Roy, Douglas County. Mr. and Mrs. Kintrea are the parents of four children, as follows: Bertie Belle, Katie M., Frank and John E. Mr. Kintrea is doing a banking business only to accommodate the people of the neighborhood, and he is the largest taxpayer in the county.

WILLIAM A. HALLIBURTON. Few, if any, among those engaged in the occupation of farming in Stone County, Ark., maintain a higher reputation for intelligence, thrift and industry than William A. Halliburton. He was born in Jackson, Tenn., July 11, 1842, to Benjamin and Kansas P. (Holliman) Halliburton, who were natives of North Carolina and Tennessee respectively.

The father was a small child when taken by his parents to Tennessee, but he grew up and married in Jackson County. He came with his family to Arkansas in 1852, and located in the neighborhood of Bickhorn, his farm at that time being a heavily wooded tract. He was a good all-around mechanic, and could make almost anything that he undertook to do, and was especially good in building chimneys and making chairs. In 1862 he joined a company of cavalry, but was taken sick at Holly Springs, Miss., and there died, at the age of forty-four years. His widow survived him until 1890, at the age of seventy-two years. They were members of the Methodist Church and were worthy and highly-respected citizens, and reared their children to honorable maturity. William A. was the eldest of the family, and is one of the four surviving members. He received a practical common school education, but dropped his books to enter the Confederate service, and June 6, 1861, joined the Seventh Arkansas Infantry, serving in the central army until the war closed. After four years and seven days' service he returned home June 13, 1865, with the rank of orderly sergeant, having surrendered at Greensboro, N. C. He was in the battles of Shiloh, where he was shot through the hand, Perryville, Murfreesboro, Chickamauga, Mission Ridge, all the engagements of the Georgia campaign and those around Atlanta. He was captured at Jonesboro, Ga., and after a few days' captivity at Nashville was exchanged. He was shot in the face at Franklin, Tenn., which wound was a very severe one. He was also at Bentonville, N. C., and was a participant in many skirmishes. His health was always quite good, and this, together with his rebel uniform, $1.25 in money and his gun, was all he had to begin anew the battle of life. For some time thereafter he worked the Ivy farm on shares, rented land for one year, and in 1870 bought forty acres of land where he now lives, which tract was then heavily covered with timber, with the exception of eight acres. He now has something over 320 acres in the home place and 320 elsewhere, a portion of which is on the river near Conditt's store. He has been operating a cotton gin since 1878, and now owns a good steam gin at Conditt's store. He has about 250 acres of land under cultivation, and the valuable property of which he is now the owner represents many years of hard work, thrift and shrewd management. After discharging the duties of justice of the peace for ten or twelve years, he declined to fill the office any longer. In the fall of 1866 he was married to Mrs. Mary P. Ivy, daughter of J. B. Conditt, widow of Thomas Ivy, and to their union three sons and three daughters have been given: Benjamin B., William C., Washington A., Elizabeth (wife of James Evetts), Tennessee and Edna V. The mother of these children bore her husband three children: James W., Mollie and Tommy Ivy. Mr. and Mrs. Halliburton are members of the Missionary Baptist Church, and politically he is a Democrat.

COL. J. N. COFFEY. This worthy old pioneer deserves the most honorable mention within the pages of this volume, for he has ever been a representative of the honorable, industrious and law-abiding class, and has done his full share in helping to make Arkansas one of the most favored States in the Union. He was born in Lincoln County, Tenn., April 15, 1819, a son of John and Margaret (Boskin) Coffey, both of whom were born in South Carolina, the birth of the former occurring in Lancaster District. It is supposed that three brothers of the Coffey family came from Ireland and settled in this country prior to the Revolution, and it is a family tradition that John Coffey, the paternal grandfather, was a member of the Colonial Army and took part in that struggle. John Coffey, the father of the subject of this sketch, was a participant in the Florida War, was an early settler of Williamson County, Tenn., afterward of Lincoln County, and later removed to West Tennessee,

dying in Fayette County, in 1843, at the age of seventy years. After his death his widow removed to Woodruff County, Ark., in 1848. Both were members of the Presbyterian Church, and throughout a well-spent life he followed the occupation of farming. Their children are as follows: Elizabeth, William, Hugh, David P., James, Jonathan N., Jane, Susan, Isabel and Margaret, and one that died young. The subject of this sketch is the only one of the family that is now living. He made his home with his parents until he was twenty-three years old, grew up on a farm and received such education as the primitive schools of his day afforded. He was married in Tennessee to Miss Parmelia Cloyd, a daughter of John Cloyd, who died in Tennessee. After his marriage he moved to Arkansas and settled in Woodruff County, where he made his home until 1850. He then spent six years in White County, twelve years in Newton County, and then moved to the farm where he now lives, containing 100 acres, three miles southeast of Harrison on the Springfield road. When he first came to the State he entered some Government land at $1.25 per acre. He has been successful from a business standpoint, was engaged for some time in the tannery business in Newton County, but has always followed the occupation of farming. He was elected to represent Boone County in the State Legislature in 1874–5, and has always been active in the support of the men and measures of the Democrat party, with the exception of the time that he was an Old Line Whig in an early day. He is a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, is an elder in the same, is active in all church and school work, and all moral measures are heartily and substantially supported by him. By his first wife he became the father of the following children: John, Tandy, William B., David, Spencer and R. E. Coffey, and after the death of his wife in 1863, he, in 1864, wedded Elizabeth McPherson, to whom six children were given, three of whom are living: Oscar, Garland and Leno L. In 1879 the second wife was called to that bourne whence no traveler returns, and for his third wife he espoused Mrs. M. A. Wynns, a native of North Carolina, and a daughter of William and Anna (Spencer) McCarver, both of whom are dead. The present Mrs. Coffey came to this county from Texas in 1865, with her first husband, Joseph Wynns, who died in Boone County in 1867. They had four children: Bird, R. B., Fannie A. and J. C., all residents of this county.

ELIHU C. BECKHAM. The requirements necessary for the successful filling of the office of assessor are accuracy, faithfulness and energy, and all these requirements are possessed by Mr. Beckham, who is universally pronounced to be one of the most capable assessors Stone County has ever had. He was born in Hardin County, near the Wayne County, Tenn., line, July 13, 1840, a son of Joshua M. and Catherine (Hinkle) Beckman, the former of whom was born in Orange County, N. C., May 14, 1816, and died in Stone County, Ark., February 3, 1888. The mother was born in Alabama, December 26, 1819, and died here November 11, 1863. Upon the removal of the Beckham family from North Carolina to Tennessee, Joshua M. was a child of five years and grew up in Wayne and Hardin Counties, was married in the latter county, and his union resulted in the birth of six sons and five daughters. After the death of the wife and mother he married the widow Cartwright, who bore him two children and died in 1875. They were members of the Flatwoods Missionary Baptist Church, of which they were among the earliest members, and socially Mr. Beckham was a member of Zion Lodge No. 10, of Batesville, A. F. & F. M. Although always a Democrat in politics, his father and brothers were Whigs. His father, Greene Beckham, was born at about the time of the closing of the Revolutionary War, and was named in honor of Gen. Nathaniel Greene. His father was a soldier of that war. He was a farmer and died in Wayne County, Tenn., in 1863. His grandfather came to this country from England. Elihu C.

Beckham, whose name heads this sketch, was the second child born to his parents and obtained the most of his education at home, by self application. October 27, 1861, he joined Company D, Fourteenth Arkansas Infantry, and was under the command of Capt. C. C. Elkins. The following spring, when the regiment was consolidated with Lemoyne's and commanded by Col. John McCarven, he became a member of Company K, Twenty-first Arkansas Infantry, and held the rank of sergeant. He remained with this command until the surrender in May, 1865, at Marshall, Tex., having been a member of the Trans-Mississippi Department. He was in many battles: Farmington, Miss., Corinth, Iuka, Port Gibson, Baker's Creek, Black River Bridge, where he was taken prisoner May 16, 1863, and was taken to Camp Morton, Indianapolis, Ind. A short time after he was removed to Ft. Delaware, where he was kept in captivity from June 11, 1863, until September 15 of the same year. From that time until December, 1863, he was kept at Point Lookout, after which be was paroled at Richmond the first part of 1864. On the 8th of February he was caught within the Federal lines in Arkansas and was sent to Little Rock for a time, and then to Rock Island, Ill., July 6, 1864, from which place he was sent, January 17, 1865, to New Orleans, was exchanged at the mouth of the Big Red River, and in February, 1865, rejoined his command, at Shreveport, La. He traveled in twenty different States and covered over 10,000 miles during the three years seven months and thirteen days that he was in the service. October 4, 1862, he was wounded at Corinth by a ball in the back of the neck. After the war was over his sole possessions consisted of a little change, $3.60 in silver, and an old gun, but with characteristic energy he at once set to work to till the soil, but realizing the value of a good education he attended school for some time during 1866, and in 1868 became assistant teacher, at Flatwood; in 1867 he went to Hardin County, made a crop, and in the fall of that year returned home, began clerking in a dry goods store in Riggsville, continuing a few months. He then resumed farming, and after his crop of 1869 had been laid by he once more resumed teaching, and followed this occupation in addition to farming up to 1886. He is now the owner of a good farm of 236 acres, on which he lives and 100 acres in another tract, and has in all 100 acres under cultivation. For ten or fifteen years after the war he did as much hunting as anything, for game was very plentiful throughout this section. Eight years since he was elected tax assessor of Stone County, was reëlected two years later, was then out one term, and in 1892 was again elected, this time on the People's ticket. He is one of the most popular officials and as a law-abiding and substantial citizen has an excellent reputation. He is a member of Flatwoods Missionary Baptist Church, is high priest in the A. F. & A. M., Blue Mountain Chapter No. 62, and is also a member of the I. O. O. F. His wife, whose maiden name was Rhoda E. Lancaster, was born August 2, 1850, in Richwoods, this county, a daughter of William E. Lancaster, who for many years ran a blacksmith shop on Rock Bayou, in this county, whither he came from Tennessee, in 1844.

Ex-Judge Austin Brown. The object of this sketch is to place before the public the record of a well-spent life, abounding in useful and charitable deeds. Mr. Brown was born in Ray County, Mo., in April, 1835, his parents being William M. and Sidney (Cravens) Brown, who were born in Culpeper County, Va., where they were reared, educated and married. About 1830 they removed to the then far West—Ray County, Mo., but eight years later settled in Taney County, Mo., where the mother died the following year. Mr. Brown was thus left with a family of small children, and he soon after removed to Stoddard County, Mo., where he was called from life about 1845, having followed the occupation of farming with considerable success for some years,

although he was a shoemaker by trade. He had three brothers and one sister: John, who is supposed to have died in Virginia when quite advanced in years; George, who died in South Carolina; Thomas, who died in Ray County, Mo.; and Mrs. Allison, who died in Dade County, Mo. Their father, William Brown, who was of English origin, was an early emigrant to America, and was a soldier in the Colonial Army during the Revolution. To William M. and Sidney Brown the following children were born: Eliza, who died in Texas, was the wife of Bolter Teague; Lucinda died in Taney County, where Andrew and Matilda also died; Andrew Martin died at Little Rock, Ark., while serving in the Confederate Army; Daniel, a prominent farmer of Caldwell County, Mo., was a soldier in the East Missouri Militia, and was wounded at Albany, Mo., when the notorious Bill Anderson was killed; and Jackson, who went to Oregon before the war and is a miner there. Judge Brown was left an orphan at the age of ten years and was then thrown upon his own resources. As he had never seen a school house or had any educational instruction, he found it very hard for some time to make a living. For two years after the death of his father he made his home with a Mr. Rogers, a farmer in Stoddard County, Mo., and for five subsequent years he made his home with a Mr. Harty, of the same county. By this time he began to realize the disadvantages of not having an education, and he at once began the study of such books as came in his way, improving every opportunity that presented itself, through which means he became possessed of a general education considerably above the average working man of his day, and which he found to be of great help to him in his subsequent career. From Stoddard County he went to Springfield, Mo., where he spent about one year in a mill, at the end of which time he drifted back to Taney County, the home of his boyhood, where he spent about five years in a saw mill with Dr. Augustus Layton, father of A. L. Layton, the banker of Yellville. From this time on Judge Brown followed milling for a good many years in Taney and Marion Counties, and in 1857 was married in the former county to Margaret, daughter of Henry Breedlove, which family came to this section from Illinois, the father dying in Marion County and the mother in St. Louis. Mrs. Brown was born in Missouri and died near Yellville, Marion County, Ark., in 1861, leaving two children: Mary, who became the wife of John Fee, and is now deceased; and Henry, of Franklin County, Ark. After the death of his wife Judge Brown left his children with their stepgrandmother, and joined Capt. Dowd's company of the Fourteenth Arkansas Infantry as a private soldier and fought at Wilson's Creek, Oak Hill and many minor battles in Missouri and Arkansas. After an active service of two years for the cause of the Confederacy he went home to look after his children, and in 1863 married Sarah Wilson, a native of Kentucky. In 1864 he removed to Ray County, Mo., the place of his birth, and here he successfully followed milling until 1868, when he returned to Taney County, where his wife died in the early part of 1869, leaving two children: John A., of Logan County, Ark.; and Thomas Jackson, of Marion County. In the latter part of 1869 the Judge married Mary Wilson, a niece of his second wife, and by her he has two children: Joseph Daniel and Baxter Chapman, both of Marion County. In 1869 Judge Brown located near Yellville, where he followed milling until 1870, when he located where he now resides. In 1884 he engaged in the mercantile business on his farm and the same year was granted a postoffice there provided he would carry the mail without compensation. This he did once a week for some time, then a carrier was put on the road twice a week, then three times a week, and now there is a daily mail with the exception of Sundays. The office was named in honor of the then Congressman Peel, and Judge Brown has since been its efficient postmaster. He is the owner of a fine bottom farm

of 140 acres on White River, has been successful as a man of business and is now in good circumstances financially. In 1874 he was appointed one of the three county supervisors of Marion County, of which body he was made chairman, and in 1876, the law having been changed, he was elected county and probate judge, the first Democrat to be elected after the war, and was honored by a reëlection in 1878. He has also been justice of the peace for some years. He was formerly a member of the A. F. & A. M., Lodge No. 117, of Yellville, but is now a member of Polar Star Lodge No. 224, of Lead Hill. He is a member of the Christian Church, and politically has always been a Democrat, his first presidential vote being cast for Buchanan in 1856.

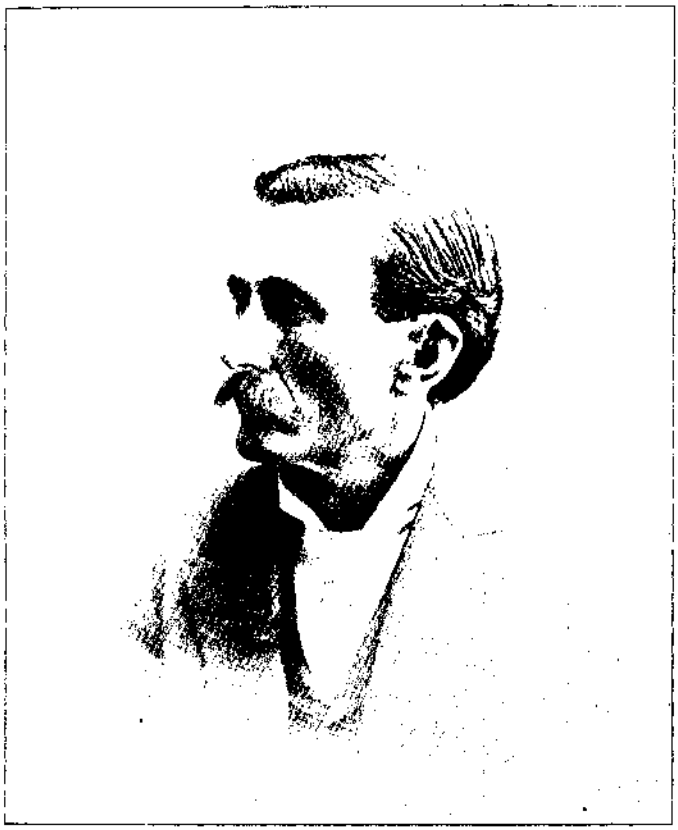
DR. JAMES W. YORK. This prominent physician has been a close student of his profession and in his mission of "healing the sick," his generous treatment of his patients, his liberality and kindness of heart, have won for him not the respect alone, but the earnest regard of the large clientele, he has gathered around him. For thirteen years be has resided in Billings and is known as a man of untarnished integrity of character and of high moral standing. His birth occurred at Richland, Keokuk County, Iowa, March 27, 1851, and he is a son of James M. and Frances C. (Ward) York, natives of North Carolina. The York family came to this country from England and settled in the Old North State, where they were classed among the best citizens. Several members of this family served in the Revolutionary War and later other members served in the War of 1812. Jacob York, grandfather of subject, was born in North Carolina and there passed his entire life. The brother of that veteran, Capt. Bill York, was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. Our subject's maternal grandparents were James and Martha Ward, and the family is of Irish descent. The first members of the Ward family to settle in America came here prior to the Revolutionary War, and Great-grandfather Ward took part in the struggle for independence. He had a number of sons in the War of 1812, the grandfather of our subject being one of them. The latter was a man of education and held the office of justice of the peace for years, that being considered quite an office at that time. He removed from North Carolina to Mooresville, Morgan County, Ind., and there our subject's father and mother were married and made their home until 1844, when they migrated to Richland, Iowa. They were among the pioneers of that State, and before the State was admitted into the Union they settled on a farm and built a house. The father died in Iowa in 1887, when seventy years of age and the mother died in the same State in 1885, when sixty-six years of age. They were the parents of seven children, all living but one, as follows: Angeline, who is now making her home at Billings, is the widow of Judge T. B. Adamson, formerly of that city; Alfred, now residing in Van Buren County, Iowa, was a soldier in an Iowa regiment. He was severely wounded at Shiloh and now gets a pension of $72 per month with a back pension of $10,000; Elias, who is in Kansas, was also a soldier in the Fortieth Infantry of Iowa, and served his country four years; William, a resident or Jasper County, Iowa, was also in the Fortieth Infantry of Iowa and served four years; James W. (subject); Calvin V., resides at Glenwood, Iowa, and one child died in infancy. For many years the family have been earnest workers in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and its members are classed among the upright, honorable citizens. The father of our subject was justice of the peace and a prominent man in the community where he lived in Iowa. In his native county Dr. York spent his boyhood days, and until sixteen years of age attended the schools of the same. He then entered a drug store and has since been in the drug business. His father being a poor man, young York saw the need of a good education and applied himself and became a well-informed man. He entered a drug store in Eddyville, Iowa, in 1867, later

taught school for some time, and with the means thus obtained, attended medical lectures in the Keokuk Medical School, graduating from that institution June 16, 1874. The following year he located in Kansas, and in 1877 he was appointed to a Government position in the Indian Nation as Government physician. Two years later, or in 1879, he resigned this position on account of ill health and took a trip to the Black Hills. In 1880 he came to Billings, began practicing medicine, and has continued this ever since. While in the Nation the Doctor had some exciting experiences. During a hunting trip with a number of Indians he was robbed by the noted outlaw, Sam Bass, as were also the Indians with him. At another time he was called to see a man who was sick, and after he had started he was blindfolded and taken to the place, many miles away. The sick man proved to be a noted robber who had been wounded, and after our subject's services were no longer needed, he was again blindfolded and taken back to the reservation. He received $50 for his trouble. His life while in the Nation was full of incidents of that character. Until 1887 Dr. York practiced at Billings and then embarked in the drug business, but still does an office practice. He is one of the prominent men of Billings and is an ardent supporter of all worthy enterprises. In the year 1880 he was married to Miss Olive Napper, daughter of George Napper, one of the largest farmers of Christian County. Mrs. York was born at London, England. To them have been given two daughters: Angie and Marie. Dr. York is a self-made man, for he started out a poor boy; educated himself and has made a good property, being one of the largest property owners in the town. In his drug store he keeps a large stock, always fresh and pure, and has succeeded in building up a business that is deservedly remunerative for the energy and labor bestowed upon it.

DR. A. B. DAVIS. The humanizing influences of Christianity are shown in thousands of directions, but in none to a more marked degree than that of medicine, and although there are pretenders in every profession who for a time may overshadow those more worthy, yet they eventually reach their level and the deserving are then shown in their true light. One of the young but already prominent physicians of Marion County, Ark., is Dr. A. B. Davis, of Powell. He was born in Adairsville, Ga., April 18, 1857, a son of P. R. Davis (see sketch of J. F. Davis). He was about twelve years of age at the time the family came to Arkansas, and the most of his literary education was obtained in this section, although his initiatory training was obtained in the State that gave him birth. When about twenty years of age he began the study of medicine with Dr. R. J. Pierce, and he received his first course of lectures at Little Rock, but gave up this work and for some five or six years was engaged in teaching school. He then for some time followed mercantile pursuits at Powell, and then went West and for six months was a resident of California. In 1891 he returned to Arkansas and again took up the study of medicine, and in 1891 took a course of lectures at Little Rock. He then located and practiced for some time at Powell, but not being satisfied with the knowledge he had obtained of his profession, he entered the Medical Department of the Nashville University, of Nashville, Tenn., and there pursued his studies in 1892-3, after which he returned to Powell, where he has since devoted his time and attention to the treatment of the many diseases to which suffering humanity is heir. He seems to have a natural aptitude for the calling, and being careful, painstaking and conscientious in his labors, he has met with remarkable success and has probably lost fewer cases in the time that he has practiced his profession than any other physician in the county. He is an active member in the Marion County Medical Association, the State Medical Association, takes a prominent part in all public doings and is secretary of Jefferson Lodge



A. B. DAVIS,
Powell, Ark.



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Harrison, Ark.

of the A. F. & A. M., of which he has long been a member. He was married in 1878 to Miss S. Magness and to their union five children have been given: Nola M., Della, P. R., J. B. and Duncan Eve. In a business way the Doctor has met with success, and he is the owner of an excellent farm of 200 acres two miles north of Powell, which is occupied and tilled by a renter. He and his wife are attendants of the Methodist Church, they have many friends in the section in which they reside, and move in the best social circles. The Doctor is built upon a broad gauge and believes it to be his duty to gain knowledge from whatever source it may come, so it be reliable and valuable. His range of information is wide, and his chief thought is the alleviation, as far as may be, of the sufferings of his fellows.

ALLEN PHILLIPS. The creditable condition of agricultural life in Boone County, Ark., is due to a great extent to the enterprise, energy and intelligence of her worthy tillers of the soil, prominent among whom may be mentioned Allen Phillips, who was born in Surry County, N. C., February 12, 1847, a son of A. and Susan (Wilburn) Phillips, who were born, reared, married and died in the Old North State. The father was a leading Democrat of his day, was a prosperous farmer, but the late war swept away a considerable portion of his property. To himself and wife the following children were born: Louisa, who is living in North Carolina; Nancy, who is dead; Susan, deceased; Robert, who is living in Henry County, Mo.; Richard, who is living in North Carolina; and Sarah E., who also resides in the Old North State. The paternal grandfather, Richard Phillips, was an early pioneer of this State, having been a participant in the Revolutionary War. Allen Phillips was reared on a farm in the State of his birth, received a practical common-school education, but the bursting of the war cloud which had so long hovered over the country put an end to his education. After he had attained his majority he started out to make his own way in the world, and in 1872 emigrated westward, and settled in Boone County, Ark., purchasing the farm on which he now resides, which at that time was heavily covered with timber. His estate comprises 160 acres, and on it are first-class improvements the buildings being substantial, commodious and sightly, the fences in good repair and the farm under excellent cultivation. He has ever been a stanch Democrat, but has never been an aspirant for office, the duties of his farm fully occupying his time and attention. His wife, whose maiden name was Sarah Staples, was born near Walnut Grove, Ark., June 4, 1854, grew up and was educated in this county, and in 1878 was married to Mr. Phillips, by whom she has had five children: Susan M., Robert P.; Mary and Martha (twins) deceased; and one child that died unnamed. Mr. Phillips and his wife are members of the Baptist Church, in which he is a deacon, and in all matters pertaining to the section or conducing to its welfare he has shown a deep interest. He is of the stuff of which good citizens are made and in the section in which he resides he commands the respect and liking of all who know him. Mrs. Phillips is a daughter of Patrick D. and Emeline (Gaither) Staples, who live on a fine farm on Gaither Prairie. The father was born in East Tennessee, June 25, 1824, a son of John and Sallie (McKinnie) Staples, who were among the early pioneers of Boone County, Ark., coming hither in 1849, accompanied by their son, Patrick D. John Staples died a few years ago, but his wife has been dead many years. He was a farmer and carpenter by occupation, by which means he acquired a competency. His family consisted of the following children: Patrick D.; William B., who lives in the Choctaw Nation; Benjamin F., also a resident of the Choctaw Nation; Alexander, who died at Fort Smith, Ark., during the war; Emeline, wife of A. Watkins; Betsey J., wife of William H. Barker; and Adaline, who married a Mr. Gaither and lives in the Choctaw

Nation. Patrick D. Staples quite well remembers the overland journey to this county, soon after which he located on Crooked Creek, and in 1870 moved to the farm where he now lives, where he has since been quite successfully engaged in tilling the soil and raising stock. He was married to the daughter of Col. Beal Gaither, by whom he became the father of three children: Belvadria, wife of S. J. Wilson; Sarah Elvira, wife of Allen Phillips, and Mary Adaline, wife of Oll Savage of Taney County, Mo. Mr. Staples lost his first wife in 1872 and afterward married Sue, daughter of L. Pateet, this union resulting in the birth of one child, William B., who is now seven years old. Mr. Staples is now seventy years of age and is yet a hale and healthy man, giving promise of many more years of usefulness. He is a natural mechanic, an excellent carpenter, and has followed the cooper's trade some during his life. He has always been a Democrat politically.

Capt. Joseph Thompson McCracken. Among the well-known farmers and stock dealers of Marion County, Ark., none has a better or more thoroughly cultivated farm than he whose name is here given. He is a product of Murfreesboro, Tenn., where he was born November 29, 1830, a son of Joseph R. and Isabelle (Thompson) McCracken, the former born in North Carolina in 1776, and the latter in Virginia about 1780. They were taken to Rutherford County, Tenn., in their youth and were there reared, married and made their home until 1851, when they came by wagon to Marion County, Ark., the journey thither occupying three weeks. The father purchased a small farm on James Creek, on which he spent the rest of his life, dying in 1865. His wife died in Tennessee and later he married a Miss Lorance, who died in 1862. He was a slave holder, a man of unblemished reputation, was for some time sheriff of Rutherford County, Tenn., and for many years was treasurer of Marion County, Ark., which office he was filling at the time of his death. He was a soldier of the War of 1812 under Gen. Jackson, and was with him at the famous battle of New Orleans. He was a Southern sympathizer during the Civil War, but took no active part in the struggle. His father, John McCracken, was a North Carolinian, where he spent all his days, and his wife, Sarah Luck, also died in that State. The great-grandfather McCracken was an Irishman and is supposed to have passed from life in the Old North State. The maternal grandfather, Joseph Thompson, was a Virginian, but an early settler of Tennessee and followed the calling of a farmer in Rutherford County until his death. He was of Scotch descent and became a soldier of War of 1812. The children of Joseph and Isabelle McCracken are as follows: Sarah, widow of John Pace, resides in Texas; Isabelle became the wife of Willis Sanford and died in Rutherford County, Tenn.; Elizabeth is the wife of F. D. Hall of Rutherford County; Minerva is the widow of Hugh Bell of Conway County, Ark.; Emily died in Marion County, Ark., the wife of W. C. Pace; Caroline is the wife of John Gum of Rutherford County, Tenn.; Joseph Thompson and Eliza Ann, widow of John Brown. The subject of this sketch was reared on a farm in Tennessee and unfortunately received but meager educational advantages. He came with his parents to Arkansas and was married in 1854 to Josephine, daughter of John and Hannah Kellough, the former of whom died in Kentucky, after which the widowed mother came to Arkansas and died at Mountain Home. Mrs. McCracken was born on Blue Grass soil, and by Mr. McCracken became the mother of nine children: Joseph R.; John N.; William, who died at the age of twelve years; Hannah Ann, wife of Matthew Mitchell; Isabelle, wife of Frank King; Thompson; Kirk; Emma and Helen. Mrs. McCracken has been a resident of Marion County since 1851. When the war broke out he was one of the first to enlist from Marion County, and in May, 1861, became a member of Company A of a Missouri regiment.

Soon after the battle of Wilson's Creek, in which he participated, his company was disbanded, and he then became a member of Company A, Fourteenth Arkansas Infantry, with which he served twelve months as orderly sergeant, after which he was in the battle of Elk Horn, where he commanded his company. His command was then sent east of the Mississippi River, and he took part in the engagement at Iuka. Succeeding this he was honorably discharged from the service on account of ill health, but at the end of about two months he joined Company F, Col. Suavel's Battalion of Gen. Jo Shelby's command, with which he remained until the war closed, acting as captain the most of the time. He took part in Price's raid, during which time he participated in many engagements, and after his captain was killed at Booneville, he was placed in command of his company and continued to hold this position until the cessation of hostilities. He was captured once in Marion County, but made his escape a few hours later. He had two horses shot from under him at different battles, and without doubt received a hundred bullet holes in his clothes, but was himself never even scarred. He surrendered at Jacksonport, Ark., June 6, 1865, and left the service in very poor health. He returned home to find his family in a starving condition, his eldest son being so weak that he could scarcely stand alone, and had it not been for the rations Mr. McCracken brought home with him, his son would undoubtedly have starved to death. Mr. McCracken at once began the work of putting in a crop and by fall was much improved in circumstances. He has since led a very active and industrious life and is one of the most prosperous men, financially, in the country. He has followed farming all his life and for the past twenty years has been an extensive stockraiser and trader. He is the owner of several fine White River bottom farms, and a fine stock ranch on which he resided, fifteen miles north of Yellville. He is a partner in business with Col. D. N. Fullbright of Boone County, and together they own about 4,000 acres of land, much of which is very valuable mineral land. During the Brooks-Baxter war Capt. McCracken was commissioned captain of a company, but was not called into service. He has frequently been solicited to run for office, but has always refused. He was formerly a Whig in politics and in 1856 voted for Gen. Fremont, but since the war he has been with the Democratic party, of which he is an active supporter. He wields a wide influence in a political way, but of late years has rather retired from the political arena and is not an active worker during political campaigns. He is a prominent member of Yellville Lodge No. 117 of the A. F. & A. M., and he and his wife have for many years been members of the Christian Church. Although he has reached the sixty-fourth milestone of his life he is very active and in robust health, being perfectly preserved. He owns some of the best saddle horses in Arkansas and frequently makes a horseback trip of sixty or seventy miles in one day. He is a great lover of fine horseflesh and takes great pleasure in caring for them and living among them.

JOHN R. B. LANCASTER. This prominent pioneer of Stone County, Ark., owes his nativity to Smith County, Tenn., his birth occurring ten miles from Carthage, February 20, 1831. His parents, John and Clarissa (Decker) Lancaster, were born in Tennessee, and came to Arkansas in March, 1844, locating in what is now Round Bottom, Stone County, where the father's death occurred March 21, 1855, at the age of sixty-one years. and the mother's in 1863, when she was a few years younger than her husband. The latter was a soldier of the War of 1812 under Jackson, and was probably a non-commissioned officer. While in Tennessee he held the office of justice of the peace, but it was under protest, and he was never an aspirant for office. He and his wife were members of the Methodist Church for many years, and in politics he was a

Whig. He was quite a skillful general mechanic, built a mill on Smith Fork, in Tennessee, and also carried on farming successfully. On coming to Arkansas he located on a fine farm on White River, at which time fifteen acres were under cultivation and the rest covered by canebreak. With the assistance of his sons he cleared this land, a portion of which the immediate subject of this sketch owns. Eight children were born to himself and wife, of whom the subject of this sketch was the fourth, and is one of the two surviving members. The other, Lemuel S., is a merchant at Mammoth Springs, Ark. John R. B. was educated in the common schools of Tennessee and Arkansas, grew to manhood in Round Bottom, and helped to clear the home place. He remained with his parents until the death of his father, and from 1850 up to that time was manager of the farm for his father, and continued to be so for his widowed mother for some time. He then commenced to farm for himself across the river in Izard County until the Civil War. In July, 1861 he joined Company G of the Eighth Arkansas Infantry, with which he served until the battle of Chickamauga, where he was severely wounded in the right thigh by a musket ball, and was released from duty on account of disability. He was also at Shiloh, Murfreesboro, and numerous skirmishes, but his health was quite poor a part of the time he was in the service. Before he had recovered sufficiently from his wound to rejoin his command the war had closed, and he once more resumed the management of the home farm, on which he made his home until twelve years ago, when he bought the 120 acres of land where he now lives, although he still owns a portion of the old place in Stone County. Although he is by no means a politician, he has always been a warm Democrat, and socially belongs to Mt. View Lodge of the A. F. & A. M. In 1855 he was married to Eliza G. Harper, who was born in Smith County, Tenn., a daughter of Alfred Harper. Ten children have been born to this union, five sons and two daughters now living: William, who is a farmer of Round Bottom; Tobias, who tills the soil near Mt. View; J. S., who is postmaster at Mountain View; Fred, who lives at Round Bottom; Margaret Lucinda; Ida and Albert. The last three are still at home. Mr. Lancaster and his wife are members of the Methodist Church, and he has for some time been steward in the same.

EDWARD COKER. This gentleman is one of the active stockmen of West Plains, Mo., and an influential and progressive citizen of the same. He is a product of Arkansas, born in what is now Boone County, at Lead Hill, August 30, 1856, to the marriage of William and Margaret (Holt) Coker. The Coker family is probably the oldest in north Arkansas. The mother of our subject was a native of Tennessee, and a daughter of William Holt who moved from Tennessee to Marion County, Ark., in the thirties. Mr. Holt was a farmer and a prominent man in his section of the State, and he and wife passed their last days there. Our subject was fifth in order of birth of six children, as follows: Sarah, died young; G. W., a merchant of Lead Hill; Winnie; Sarah and Mary. He grew up in Lead Hill, attended the public schools of that place and in 1875 started out to make his own way in life. He first opened up a store at Isabella, Ozark County, Mo., and continued in business there until 1881, when he moved to Gainesville. Later he went from there to West Plains, embarked in general merchandising by himself, and continued this successfully for six years. After that he engaged in the stock business, buying, selling and shipping, and is now one of the foremost business men of the place. Fraternally he is a Mason, a member of Lodge No. 327, and Chapter No. 108, and also Commandery No. 48, at West Plains. He has represented the chapter in the Grand Lodge. Mr. Coker has ever been prominent in politics and is a stanch supporter of Democratic principles. He has made a success of the enterprises in which he has engaged and as a business man stands second to none in the

community. He was first married to Miss Jennie Wofford, daughter of J. W. Wofford of Mississippi, but who at one time resided in Arkansas. Mrs. Coker died in 1876, leaving one child, Viola. Mr. Coker's second marriage was with Miss Jennie Noe, daughter of H. J. Noe, of Yellville, Ark. Mr. Noe was an old pioneer of that State and was a merchant for many years in Marion County, Mo. Mr. Coker owns a nice home in ———, an addition to West Plains, and is a popular citizen.

JASON F. NORMAN. Special adaptability to any particular calling in life is the one necessary adjunct to success of a permanent kind. No matter what the vim and determination characterizing a man's start in business, unless he is to the manner born, he will find to his sorrow that his line has been falsely cast, and the quicker he draws aside and takes up another, the better it will be for him. It has often been the case that a man will make a success of several different occupations, and this has been the experience of Jason F. Norman, who is not only engaged in general merchandising, but also in job printing and bookbinding at Romance, Mo. He was born in Fulton County, Ark., in 1854, a son of Abner S. and Charlotte (Orr) Norman, the former of whom was born in Georgia in 1811, and the latter in South Carolina in 1815, their marriage occurring in the former State in 1834. Their first removal was to Arkansas about 1852, and after a short residence in Conway County they removed to Fulton County in 1862, and later to Douglas County, Mo. April 9, 1864, Mr. Norman was killed in Marion County, Ark., while with the Federal Army, but of which he was not a member, being a cripple. He was a farmer and school teacher, was a justice of the peace for many years in different counties, and led an active, industrious and honest life. He was a recognized leader in social and business circles, took an active interest in all public matters, and he was ever a loyal citizen of the United States. His father, George Norman, is supposed to have been a native of Georgia, in which State he spent his entire life, dying when Abner was a lad. He was of French extraction. His eldest son, Charles, was a prominent lawyer and died in Alabama, when about ninety years of age. The maternal grandfather, Lodowick Orr, was of English and Scotch ancestry and by occupation was a Methodist minister and a school teacher. He was finely educated, was a man of much force of character, and was a leader in all enterprises pertaining to the advancement of the section in which he resided. His wife, Nancy Orr, died in Alabama. The mother of the subject of this sketch died in Polk County, Mo., in 1880, having been a member of the Methodist Church since 1822. She became the mother of eleven children: George L., who died at Ozark, Mo.; William Clark, who died at Rome, Mo.; Abner J., who was killed at Ozark, Mo., near the close of the war, having been a Federal soldier throughout the struggle; J. P. M., a teacher and farmer of Ava, Mo., was at one time the tax collector of Douglas County, and also served two terms as tax assessor; Robert F., who has been engaged in farming and teaching, is at present a lumber dealer at Republic, Mo.; Jason F.; Nancy C. (Clements) of Cincinnati, Ark.; Sarah A., who died in 1865, the wife of William Cooley; Eliza V., wife of J. A. Sagerser of John's Mills, Mo.; Mary J., wife of John Hickman of Mt. Home, Ark.; and C. Ann, wife of Taylor Lutts of Pottersville, Mo. Jason F. Norman made his home with his mother until he reached man's estate, and received the principal part of his literary education at Mt. Home, Ark., after which he was engaged in teaching in Missouri and Arkansas for some ten years. In 1879 he was married in Ozark County, Mo., to Sallie C., daughter of Barton and Mary J. Barnett, whose entire lives were spent in their native State of Tennessee. Mrs. Norman came to Missouri with her grandfather McGee, and here met and married Mr. Norman, by whom she has one

daughter, Daisy. In 1880 Mr. Norman located in Romance and engaged in general merchandising, in which he has since done a prosperous business. He handles cotton and produce, and also does a binding and job printing business, which he has found to be profitable. He is a member of the Methodist Church, is an active worker in the Sunday-school, and is now president of the Ozark County Sunday-school Association. The first church that was ever dedicated in Ozark County was built on his land at Romance at a cost of $650, nearly half of which Mr. Norman gave. He has always been a stanch Republican in politics, and cast his first presidential vote for Hayes in 1876. In August, 1894, he removed to Seymour, Mo., and established a job printing office and bindery, having leased his mercantile business at Romance to another party, who continues there.

JOHN BITTLE. No branch of commercial enterprise in Cleburne County, Ark., is more important or more representative in character than that of the merchant, and John Bittle is one of the leaders in this line in Heber. He was born in what is now Cleburne County in 1863, a son of Levi and Nancy (Huie) Bittle, who came to this State from Tennessee some time in the forties and located near Shiloh in the Little Red River bottom, the agricultural possibilities of which they were the first to discover. On this farm the father was called from life in 1872, at the age of sixty years, the mother's death occurring when the subject of this sketch was a child. They were worthy members of the Presbyterian Church, and in that faith reared their children, of whom six survive out of a family of nine, and all are residents of Cleburne County. The subject of this sketch was the seventh in order of birth and his early education was acquired in the public schools and in Clinton Academy, after which he was engaged in teaching school for three years in this county, during which time he became known as a thoroughgoing and painstaking pedagogue. In 1887 he engaged in the mercantile business at Shiloh with S. D. Morton, the firm taking the name of S. D. Morton & Co., and afterward that of Morton & Bittle, and continued business under the latter title until 1890, when Mr. Bittle came to Heber and opened an establishment of his own, which he has since conducted with marked success. Upon first entering business with Mr. Morton he had but little means, but his enterprises have prospered and he is now in independent circumstances. While attending school in Clinton he borrowed the money to purchase what books he required and swept the school building and made fires to pay for his tuition, his board being given him on credit. He deserves much commendation for the straightforward course he has pursued throughout life, regardless of the many difficulties that have strewn his path, and for the creditable manner in which he has bent the force of circumstances to his will. He is an energetic and intelligent young man, full of energy and push, and his abilities have received recognition at the hands of his numerous Democratic friends, and he is now a candidate for county treasurer, with every prospect of winning the race. In 1889 he was married to Miss Nettie Taylor, a daughter of W. S. Taylor, of this county. She was born in Waco, Tex., and has borne Mr. Bittle a daughter and son. Mr. Bittle is a member of the A. F. & A. M., and is treasurer of Sugar Loaf Lodge No. 414.

COL. S. H. BOYD was born May 28, 1828, in Williamson County, Tenn., and grew up to sturdy manhood, ambitious to excel and possessing much energy and determination, attributes which are essential to success in any calling and which have been his stepping stones to success, his parents being Marcus and Eliza (Hamilton) Boyd, the birth of the former also occurring in Tennessee. The paternal grandfather was William G. Boyd, a native of Mecklenberg County, Va., and a son of a Scotchman, John Boyd, who was the founder of the family in America. The Boyds were residents of the Old

Dominion for a number of years, but gradually branched out into different States, and those of that name in Kentucky and Tennessee are members of the same family. Marcus Boyd removed with his family to Green County, Mo., in 1840 and settled on a farm two miles east of Springfield, where they made their home for a number of years, but the mother did not long survive the removal, for her death occurred six years after their arrival in Missouri. She bore her husband eight sons and one daughter, and some time after her death the father formed a second marriage, and became the father of six more children. A number of his sons served in the Civil War, but their sympathies were with the Southern cause and they served in the Confederate Army, Dr. E. H. Boyd being a surgeon in a Texas regiment, Audley a sergeant in Campbell's regiment, and Rufus, who was also a Southern sympathizer, and after the war was Secretary of State in Alabama for a number of years. Notwithstanding the proclivities of his sons, Marcus Boyd was a stanch Union man, and being prominent and well known in Greene County, he raised a regiment for the Union service and did heroic service in various ways in upholding the Union. Prior to this he had been a slave owner, and he lost all of his property during the turbulent times of war. He followed the occupation of farming the greater portion of his life, became well known in the political circles of Greene County and repeatedly represented that county as a Whig in the State Legislature. He was also prominent in Masonic circles, and was at one time master of the State Lodge. The youthful days of Col. S. H. Boyd were spent in Greene County, and like many others who have attained prominence in American history his lot in youth gave no hint of the honors that a strong intellect, fairly used, coupled with unwearying industry, were to bring him. In 1849 he was taken with a severe case of the "gold fever" and did not rest until he had obtained a glimpse of what was then the Mecca of the civilized world. He remained in California until 1855. Upon his return home he began the study of law with William C. Price of this city, and in 1857 was admitted to the bar, and up to 1861 was actively engaged in the successful prosecution of his profession. When the war of the Rebellion came upon the country, he at once cast aside personal considerations and organized the Twenty-fourth Missouri Volunteer Regiment of Infantry, and during his term of service was with Gens. Sigel, Lyon, Davidson, Steele and Curtis and was finally given an independent position in southeast Missouri and the State of Arkansas. In 1862 he was elected a member of Congress, but continued to remain with his command until December, 1863, under the impression that he could render more effective service to his country by remaining in its active employment, then took his seat in Congress. In this position he showed so much civic ability that he was appointed by President Lincoln as minister to Venezuela, but the death of the President interfered with him taking his seat. He then returned to the seat of war, and organized the Forty-Sixth Missouri Regiment of Infantry, soon after which he resigned from the army and accepted the office of circuit judge of the Twenty-first Judicial Circuit, but a short time after resigned this position also. In 1869 he was chosen a member of Congress for the second time and in the discharge of his duties displayed the same clear intellect and unsullied integrity with which he ever met every function allotted to him. In 1867 he operated with Col. John C. Fremont in purchasing the Southwest Pacific Railroad and after building thirteen miles of railroad, operations were suspended, only to be resumed after a company had been formed of some Boston and Springfield men, and Mr. Boyd assisted in operating it until 1874. He then founded a wagon factory in Springfield, to which business his attention was devoted for two years, after which he continued to carry on a successful law practice up to 1890 and then

was appointed minister resident and consul general to Siam, but while discharging his duties his health became much impaired and being inflicted with malaria he returned home on leave of absence July 12, 1892. He has been mayor of Springfield twice, has been city clerk, city attorney and prosecuting attorney of Greene County, and being gifted with intellect of a high order and possessing a varied and extensive information he has filled these positions to the satisfaction of all concerned. He is especially gifted as a criminal lawyer and his name is well known throughout the Southwest. His career is of value, for it shows that honesty, capacity and power "to hustle" receive their reward at last and in good measure. He has a handsome residence at the corner of Washington and Chestnut Streets, where his home has been since 1866, and his grounds are beautifully laid out and extensive. He has long been a Republican in politics and has been a Mason of thirty-six years' standing. He has always deported himself according to the dictates of his own conscience, and that his career has been a model one is attested by the numerous friends he possesses. He was married to Miss M. McElhaney, daughter of Robert J. McElhaney, and by her has two children: Mrs. Thomas Delaney, of Springfield, and Robert M. Boyd, who is now consul general of Siam in his father's stead. He was born in Springfield in 1870, and received his education in Drury College and graduated from the Chicago Medical College in 1890. The ability and honesty of Mr. Boyd have been warmly recognized, and have met with their reward. He enjoys the respect of all, his friendship being considered a personal privilege and much sought after. He is socially one of the most companionable of men, and is a beau ideal citizen, for he is enterprising, public spirited and law abiding.

J. G. SHORT. The gentleman whose name heads this sketch is a good example of the public servant, for he is faithful to every duty, is accurate, painstaking and honorable and is also genial and accommodating. He is a native of the county in which he now lives, for here he first saw the light of day February 25, 1864, and, as a natural sequence, he has ever been interested in every enterprise tending to benefit the county of his nativity, and has done all in his power to make it the magnificent commonwealth that it now is. His father, John Short, was born in Tennessee, in 1824, and was one of the early pioneer families of that State. He came to Stone County, Mo., over forty-two years ago and located in the vicinity where he now lives, the journey thither from Roane County, Tenn., being made by wagon. He was married in Roane, his native county, to Miss Elizabeth Coleman, a member of an old Tennessee family, who was born and reared in Roane County, Tenn. Shortly after their marriage Mr. Short and his wife came West, and since that time he has been one of the highly respected citizens of Stone County. On July 4, 1876, his wife died, at the age of forty-three years, having become the mother of an old fashioned family of thirteen children, of whom eight are living: George W.; Nancy, wife of Andrew O'Brien, of Christian County; Sarah, wife of Joel O'Bryan, of that county; Rachel, wife of C. L. Steel, of Stone County; Jackson G. (the subject of this sketch); Lucy, wife of Charles Robertson, of Lawrence County, Mo., and Huldie and Viola at home. The father has long been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church; politically he is a stanch Republican, and has always manifested much public spirit. He is the owner of a good farm in the northern part of the county, on Spring Creek, and is much honored in the section in which he resides. During the great strife between the North and South, when his home was being raided by bushwhackers, he had been captured, and, his life being in danger, his plucky and determined wife came to his aid with an ax, and in the struggle to rescue her husband killed one of the men. The youthful days of Jackson G. Short were profitably spent

on his father's farm and in attending the district schools of that section. At the youthful age of eighteen years he was married to Miss Permelia Long, a daughter of Joseph Long, a pioneer of this section. He was born on Blue Grass soil, was reared in Tennessee, and from that State came to Missouri at an early day. He reared a family of nine children, eight of whom are now living in the northern part of Stone County, on a farm, and after a useful and well-spent life died at the age of eighty-two years, in 1892. Mrs. Short was the youngest of his family, and was born February 18, 1868, and her widowed mother now makes her home with her. She is a native of Cedar County, Mo. Mr. and Mrs. Short continued to reside on the farm until he was elected to the office of county collector, in 1892, on the Republican ticket, since which time he has resided at Galena. He is a public-spirited citizen, and is in every respect a worthy young man, perfectly capable of successfully filling the position he now occupies, and much more responsible ones. He is the owner of a good farm ten miles north of Galena and also owns residence property in the town, all of which he has acquired through his own efforts, and by good management. His wife is a member of the Methodist Church and both have the utmost respect of all who know them. They have five children, as follows: William B., Elizabeth, Fannie, Lucy and George, the two eldest of whom attend school.

JOSEPH L. WEAVER. Joseph L. Weaver is possessed of those advanced ideas and progressive principles regarding agricultural life which seem to be among the chief characteristics of the average native Tennessecan. He was born in Marshall County, of that State, on the 20th of November, 1828, to the marriage of John and Barbara (Richards) Weaver, natives, respectively, of North Carolina and Georgia. The parents celebrated their union in the latter State, but subsequently moved to Tennessee, where they settled in Marshall County, remaining there until 1840. They then came by ox-team to Missouri, starting the 19th of November, 1840, and reaching Springfield January 8, 1841, and located on a small farm near Ozark. There the father improved a good farm and became well known from the Missouri to the Arkansas Rivers. He was a great stock trader and breeder of fine horses. At one time, while in Memphis with a fine drove of steers, the butcher who purchased them had them decorated with ribbons, etc., and marched them through the streets headed by a brass band in order to exhibit them. Mr. Weaver was a breeder of race horses, fitted them for the track, and was known throughout southwest Missouri and Arkansas as "Jockey John Weaver." He was a man of positive character and was well liked by all. He died in Memphis, Tenn., March 4, 1854, while there with cattle. He was one of three sons and two daughters, as follows: Benjamin, who died shortly after the Civil War, was a corporal in the War of 1812 with Jackson, and was in the battle of Horse Shoe Bend (he was also in the Indian wars and at New Orleans); Hon. Joseph, who died at Springfield, was a prominent farmer and once represented Greene County in the Legislature (this was prior to the war); Polly, now deceased, was the wife of Durham Collins; and Jane, now deceased, was the wife of James Boone. The father of these children, John Weaver, was a native of Loraine, France, and came to America as a soldier with Lafayette. He remained in this country and made his home in North Carolina, where he married Miss Martha Sherrod, who belonged to the English nobility. Her father, Col. Sherrod, opposed the marriage on account of the mediocrity of the Weaver family. This worthy couple lived happily together until the death of Mr. Weaver, when his widow emigrated to Tennessee. This was about 1805, and the State was but sparsely settled. There she spent the remainder of her life rearing her family. She was a woman of noble mind, firm and dignified, possessing

the characteristics of her noble father, who was a British soldier in the Revolutionary War. The mother of our subject died in 1848, and Mr. Weaver selected his second wife in the person of Mrs. Permelia Clark, by whom he had two children: James D., of Springfield, and one who died in infancy. Our subject's maternal grandfather, William Richards, was born in the Old North State, but removed to Georgia, where the remainder of his days were passed. He was a farmer and miller. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. His wife died in Louisiana. They reared a large family of children---eight or ten daughters and two sons, but only Mrs. Weaver came to Missouri. Our subject was the youngest of two sons and three daughters, as follows: Martha S. was the wife of James Vaughan, and died in Texas; John R. is a prominent farmer of this county; Angeline, wife of Hon. W. A. Lawing; and Susan, widow of Allen Fielding. Joseph L. Weaver passed his days on the farm where he now resides, two and a half miles northwest of Ozark, from the age of twelve years, and secured a common-school education. When sixteen years of age he began working in the tannery with his brother and there he continued for about seven years. After this he was engaged in the boot and shoe business and in the manufacture of harness, as well as the milling business, until thirty years of age, when he married Miss Sarah Garrison, a native of Lee County, Va., and the daughter of William and Mary Garrison, who came from Virginia to Missouri in 1852, and located near Ozark. There the parents died about 1876. Both were Primitive Baptists in their religious views. Mr. Garrison followed farming all his life, and in his political views was a Whig before the war. Of the ten children born to his marriage only two are now living. One son, Daniel, served in the Union Army from Virginia. To our subject and wife have been born eight children, viz.: Martha died young; Addie P. died young; Mary is the wife of John Bingham, of Christian County; Emma married Thomas Breazale, of Berry County; Laura married Loyal Estes, of this county; Sarah A. is single; John J. and Barbara. Our subject is now living on the farm where his father located in 1841, and at one time owned 800 acres. He gave his children all good homes and now has 400 acres of well-improved and valuable land. He devoted his time principally to grain growing. During the Civil War he was a Union man and served in the Missouri State Militia. Previous to the war he was a Whig, but since then he has been an unswerving Democrat in his political views. He is no politician or office-seeker. He and wife and four eldest children are members of the Christian Church, and are well respected throughout the community.

JEREMIAH J. WOOD. Our subject is an intelligent farmer and stockraiser who keeps abreast of the times in the improvements and progress made in his calling. He is a successful farmer, using the best methods of fertilizing the soil and improving the land, and his enterprise has made him a man of note in his section. He owes his nativity to the Hoosier State, born in Martin County in 1837, and is seventh in order of birth of nine children born to James and Sarah (Pifer) Wood. The father was born in Kentucky, but when a young man went to Martin County, Ind., where he married Miss Pifer. There he died when our subject was but three years of age. He followed agricultural pursuits all his life. Mrs. Wood afterward removed to Coles County, Ill., and married one Ransom Haddock, and there she died in 1867 or 1868. She was a Free-Will Baptist in religious belief. Her children were named as follows: Irene, deceased, was the wife of George Lytle; Cynthia, deceased, was the wife of Thomas Peak; Dorcas, deceased, was the wife of Randall Haddock; John, deceased, was a soldier in the One Hundred and Twenty-third Illinois Infantry; Mary, who was the wife of Alex. Black, died in Illinois; Solomon, also a soldier in the One Hundred and Twenty-third Illinois Infantry, died at Mur-

freesboro, Tenn., in 1862; Jeremiah J. is the subject of this sketch; Barton, a farmer of Kansas, and Lillas, deceased, was the wife of Caswell Haddock. Our subject grew up on the farm with a common-school education, and when about twenty-three years of age branched out for himself as an agriculturist. This occupation he has followed ever since. In the month of August, 1862, he enlisted in Company E, One Hundred and Twenty-third Illinois Infantry, and fought at Perryville, Ky., Hoover's Gap, Tenn., and in many other minor engagements. He was wounded at Hoover's Gap by a shell, but not severely, and was discharged in the summer of 1864, on account of disability. He was transferred to the Veteran Reserve Corps, discharged, and returned to Illinois. Previous to the war, in 1859, he was married to Miss Almeda Giffin, a native of Ohio, and the daughter of George Giffin who was a native Virginian. Mr. Giffin removed from his native State to Ohio, thence to Illinois, and died in Coles County of that State. The fruits of our subject's union were eleven children, as follows: Nelson, died young; Nettie, became the wife of Elisha Miles; Ellen, married Crawford Grant; Barton; Emma, wife of William Wood; Dorcas, wife of Alex. Matthews; Charles; Louisa; James; John; and Tilly May. In 1869 Mr. Wood removed to Appanoose County, Iowa, but only remained there until 1870, when he came to Taney County, Mo., and has since improved several good farms. For about six years he has resided on his present farm, near Swan postoffice, on the Ridge, and has 200 acres with about forty acres cleared. Politically he is a Republican and his first presidential vote was cast for Abraham Lincoln in 1860. He and Mrs. Wood are members, in good standing, of the Christian Church.

De Roos Bailey. Of the younger element of our prominent, energetic and influential citizens, none are better known than De Roos Bailey, one of the distinguished attorneys of the northwestern part of Arkansas, whose home is at Harrison. During the years that he has practiced his profession here he has shown that he is endowed with superior ability, and his comprehensive knowledge of the law, together with the soundness of his judgment, secured his almost immediate recognition at the bar. Since that time to the present he has so identified himself with the affairs of his section that its history cannot be recorded without according him a conspicuous and honorable part. He was born in Carroll County, Ark., May 27, 1857, and traces his ancestry back to his great-great-grandfather, William Bailey, who came to this country from England many years prior to the Revolution and is supposed to have settled in one of the Carolinas. His son, William, however, was born in Virginia, from which State he enlisted in the Colonial Army during the Revolutionary War, at the age of sixteen years; he died at the advanced age of eighty-six years. John Bailey, the grandfatherof De Roos Bailey, was born in the Old North State, and was the first to establish the Bailey family in Tennessee. At a very early day he came with his wife, Beersheba (Cunningham) Bailey, to Arkansas and located on a farm on Crooked Creek, Carroll (now Boone) County, and died in 1876. He and his wife reared the following children: M. J. (Rosson); W. W.; M., of Walnut Springs, Tex.; Calaway, who died in 1887; Washington, of Alexander; and J. M., also of Texas, all the sons being soldiers in the Confederate Army during the Civil War. The father of these children was a farmer by occupation, and he became a well-to-do citizen. His wife died September 27, 1889, at the age of ninety-five, being the oldest person in the county at that time. The early life of W. W. Bailey was spent in Pope County, Tenn., and after acquiring a practical education in the common schools he began teaching, an occupation he followed in the Indian Territory for some time, after which he came to Arkansas in 1852. He was born in Polk County, Tenn., May 4, 1827, and when the Civil War broke out he, in 1861, enlisted in the first company that organized

in Carroll County—Company D, Sixteenth Arkansas Infantry, from which he was honorably discharged in 1863. Soon after this he again became a member of the company, and was an active participant in the engagements at Wilson's Creek, Elkhorn, Prairie Grove, Pierce Springs, and a large number of skirmishes and smaller engagements. He received one wound in the hand, and with the exception of one, all his brothers were wounded while in the service. Mr. Bailey held the rank of first lieutenant and his brother, J. M., was captain of a company. He was married in this county, in 1856, to Miss H. M. Wasson and soon after located on the old Bailey farm, a well-known landmark in the county, on which he resided until 1874, when he was elected a member of the constitutional convention of that year. Upon his return home he was elected sheriff of Boone County and took up his residence in Bellefonte for the purpose of giving his children good educational advantages. At the end of about three years he removed two miles west of that place to what was known as the Smith farm, which he purchased and on which he lived until about 1890, when he sold out and bought another farm near Elmwood, of which he is still the owner. Since 1893 he has resided in Harrison, and is retired from active business life. He has always been a Democrat, is a man strong in his convictions, and socially is a member of the A. F. & A. M. His wife was born in Tennessee in 1825, and came to Arkansas with her parents during the early history of this section. She and her husband reared two children: De Roos, and Josephine, wife of Judge Hudgins. De Roos Bailey spent his boyhood days on the old Bailey homestead, on which he learned the habits of industry and perseverance which greatly aided him in his labors in later years. He attended the common schools up to the age of sixteen years, then entered the public schools of Bellefonte, which were at that time the best in the county, and there he pursued the paths of learning for four or five years, and stood at the head of his class. After leaving school he became a teacher and after a year or so thus spent he took up the study of law and in March, 1881, was admitted to the bar. Soon after this he formed a partnership with Judge B. B. Hudgins at Harrison. After remaining with him a year or so he became associated with Col. J. F. Wilson, then of Yellville, and was a successful practitioner of that place up to 1886. He then located in Marshall, Searcy County, Ark., and after the Legislature had created the Fourteenth Judicial District, composed of the counties of Newton, Boone, Searcy, Marion, Baxter, Fulton and Izard, in 1887, Mr. Bailey became a candidate for prosecuting attorney of the same and was elected over the Republican candidate, Samuel Murphy. At the expiration of his first term he was reëlected, and soon after came to Harrison, where his home has since been. He declined the nomination for a third term as prosecuting attorney, and has since given his undivided attention to the practice of his profession in all its branches, and is with reason called one of the most successful attorneys in the State. He has conducted and given much attention to the study of cases of a criminal nature, is a man of much intelligence, and is one of the foremost in all respects in his section. He is justly looked upon as a leader of the Democratic party and is a member of the Democratic State Central Committee. He was married, while living in Marshall, in 1887, to Miss Lillie McDowell, a daughter of George W. McDowell, a merchant of Yellville, who is still making his home in that place, a widower. Mrs. Bailey was born in Rally Hill, Boone County, Ark., in 1871, and her union with Mr. Bailey has resulted in the birth of three children, only one of whom is living, Lillie L., an infant. Ruth died at the age of twenty-two months, and Edith died at the age of ten months. The mother died April 17, 1893, three days after the birth of her last child. She was reared in Marion County, Ark. Her education was gained in Yellville and she was a consistent member

of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. Her untimely death was deeply deplored, not only by her immediate family, but by all who knew her.

DR. JOHN BOLINGER. In pursuing the very important and noble calling of medicine, Dr. John Bolinger has met with a degree of success that is flattering in the extreme. He has not only shown that he is well posted in his profession, but that he can practically apply his knowledge. As a natural consequence his services have been greatly in demand, and he is kept busy most of the time. The great-grandfather on the father's side was of German origin and was one of the first settlers of Madison County, Ark. His son, Frederick Bolinger, grandfather of our subject, came from Tennessee to Madison County, Ark., with his father and followed farming and blacksmithing until some time during the war, when he was taken ill with smallpox and died. His children were named as follows: Jackson, Dr. H. H. (deceased), Bathena, Lucinda, Emily, Rachel, Mary (deccased), a daughter deceased, and Isaac H. H. The last named was born in Ray County, Tenn., but when a young man came with his parents to Madison County, Ark., and there met and married Miss Elizabeth A. Sumner, a native of Madison County, Ark., born in 1836. During the war he went to Missouri, preparatory to moving his family to that State, was captured by bushwhackers and shot by them in 1864. He was a farmer and stockman and also a school teacher. His wife is still living and makes her home in Springdale, Ark. Her father, John C. Sumner, was born in Vermont, but after growing up went to Bowling Green, Ky., where he married. Later he removed to Arkansas Territory, and soon after located in what is now Madison County, where his death occurred in 1866. He was a Union man, but took no part in the war. He was a prominent man in Madison County, held many positions of trust and honor, and at an early day represented that county in the Legislature. Mrs. Bolinger married three times and reared three families. Our subject was the second in order of birth of four sons: DeWitt C., of Waco, Tex., is a prominent attorney (he is a brilliant lawyer, was educated at the University at Fayetteville, Ark., and was for one term city attorney of Waco, Tex.); Harrison A., of Oklahoma City, is also an attorney, but at present is superintendent of schools in that county (he was educated in Madison and Franklin Counties); Walter A., the fourth child, is a successful merchant in the State of Washington. Dr. John Bolinger was born in St. Paul, Madison County, Ark., in 1858. His early life was passed on a farm where he assisted in whatever there was to be done, and his schooling was received in the public schools and later the high school of Huntsville, Ark. When seventeen years of age he commenced reading medicine with Dr. A. M. Knight, of Huntsville, and in 1882 graduated from the Missouri Medical College, of St. Louis. In 1892 he took a post-graduate course from the same institution. Previous to graduating he practiced a short time in Madison County, but since then he has been at Lead Hill, where he has a very extensive practice, being classed as one of the leading physicians of the county. Dr. Bolinger is a prominent member of the Arkansas Medical Association and of the Boone County Medical Society. For some time he has also been in the drug business. On May 4, 1882, Dr. Bolinger was married to Miss Allie Moody, a native of Madison County, Ark., and the daughter of John W. and Mary E. Moody. Mr. Moody was a Confederate soldier and was killed at Huntsville, Ark. Mrs. Moody died at Lead Hill. To the Doctor and wife were born four children: Nettie, May, Walter A. and Maude. Dr. Bolinger was a member of the Board of United States Pension Examiners under the Harrison administration. He is a member of Polar Star Lodge, A. F. & A. M., No. 224, at Lead Hill, and is a Republican in politics, casting his first presidential vote for J. G. Blaine, in 1884. His mother's second husband was Wiley

Prater, by whom she had one son, Alfred, who is now foreman of a planing mill at Fort Smith. Her third and present husband is A. L. Thompson, by whom she had three children: Milton, died in infancy; Cora and James Floyd.

J. W. GARMAN. This gentleman, who is the most efficient cashier of the Citizen's Bank of Willow Springs, Howell County, Mo., is a native of Summit County, Ohio, born in the city of Akron, June 30, 1858. His father, Daniel K. Garman, was a native of the Keystone State, but died in Summit County, Ohio, about 1888. He was a contractor by occupation. Our subject was one of nine children, and four of his brothers are farmers in the Buckeye State. J. W. Garman passed his early life in Akron, and attended the schools both at Smithville in Wayne County, and at North Springfield, Ohio. In 1884 he branched out for himself and was in a drug store for some time. Later he took up the study of medicine, and attended the Missouri Medical College at St. Louis, taking nearly a two-years' course in that institution. He had engaged in the drug business before starting for college, and after finishing his education he took the agency for the Waters Pierce Oil Company, and located at Willow Springs. He acted as the agent for this company for seven years, or up to 1892, and then helped to establish the Citizens' Bank in October of that year, with a capital stock of $10,000. The officers are: H. J. Rowe, president; J. J. Angersbach, vice-president; and J. W. Garman, cashier. The bank has been doing a good business, and the average deposit is $40,000. The directors in this bank are business men of Willow Springs. The bank has been a paying investment, and the business has been in charge of Mr. Garman since the incorporation. Mr. Garman is a member of the Masonic Lodge No. 536, Willow Springs, and a member of the K. of P., a charter member of Lodge No. 156, and also the I. O. O. F. of this county. In politics he is a Republican, and has ever been active in public matters. He has held office in the city council, and is a man who has the confidence and respect of all. Mr. Garman is a member of the Home Building and Improvement Company, of Willow Springs, the same having a capital stock of $20,000 invested in business houses, and it is doing a great deal to improve the city. Our subject has many interests in his section of the country, and is one of the best business men in Willow Springs. Always active in all public matters, no worthy movement is allowed to fail for want of support on his part. He has a fine residence on Center Street, and owns more property in the town. He also has an interest in 1,000 acres in Howell County. Mr. Garman is a self-made man, and all his accumulations are the result of earnest industry and good management on his part. He owns a farm and other interests in Kansas. Mr. Garman was married in Missouri to Miss Rose E. Coughlin, of Kansas, and two daughters have been born to them: Norma and Zoe.

WILLIAM F. EATMAN. The county of Baxter, Ark., is very fortunate in her officials and is especially so as regards William F. Eatman, who is the efficient sheriff of Baxter County. He was born in Alabama, September 28, 1868, a son of Hon. Clem A. and Jane L. (Jordan) Eatman, both of whom were born in Greene County, Ala., the birth of the former occurring October 28, 1835, and their marriage in 1867. The paternal grandparents were Reddin and Sarah (Schamblee) Eatman, who were born, reared and married in the Old North State, and soon after the latter event (1835) removed to Greene County, Ala., where they engaged in farming, the grandfather's death occurring in 1852 and his wife's shortly after the war. He was an active Democrat politically, a member of the Masonic fraternity, and while he was in sympathy with the Baptist Church, his wife was a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian. Their son, Clem A. Eatman, was the eldest of their seven sons and one daughter, and although he attended school up to the time of his father's death, the

management of the farm then fell upon his shoulders, and the duties of caring for the family occupied his time and attention until the opening of the Civil War. In 1864 he joined the Seventh Alabama Cavalry, with which he served until the war closed, being in Forrest's command. He continued to make his home in Alabama until 1868, when he came to what was then Marion County, Ark., but is now Baxter County. He gave valuable aid in the organization of this county, and although he came here as a farmer and followed that occupation until 1873, he has since filled various official positions with marked credit to himself. In 1873 he was elected county and circuit clerk, a position he held for thirteen years, then served as deputy clerk for some time and when Sheriff Byler was killed, he was appointed to fill the vacant position, and upon the expiration of the term was elected to the position of county coroner. Politically a Democrat, he has ever done all in his power to further the interests of that party and has served his constituents faithfully and well and has always labored for the best interests of his section. He and his wife are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and in that faith have reared their two sons and three daughters: William F., the present sheriff of the county, is the eldest; Oscar A., is in business with A. A. Wolf as salesman; Fanny L.; Cora, and Dove. William F. Eatman was educated in the public schools of Mountain Home and at Mulberry, Franklin County, Ark., but left school at the age of nineteen years. His leisure time was spent in the clerk's office, which his father held so long, but after finishing his education he turned his attention to farming, and later to the dry goods business as salesman and bookkeeper for B. F. Bodenhammer and James Littlefield, six years in all, and was also for a time with Samuel Livingston as collector of taxes. In the election of 1892 he was a candidate for county clerk and came within eighteen votes of being elected. He was appointed sheriff and collector of Baxter County to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Livingston (deceased), and is now ably filling this position. Mr. Eatman is a member of Mountain Home Lodge No. 225 of the A. F. & A. M. He is vice-grand of Mystic Lodge No. 80 of the I. O. O. F., and belongs to Mountain Home Camp No. 10, I. O. O. F., in which he is high priest, and he also belongs to the K. of H., of which he is treasurer. Politically he is a Democrat, and in his religious views he is in sympathy with the doctrines of the Presbyterian Church, in which he is a deacon. In November, 1892, he was married to Miss Mattie Pemberton, of Versailles, Mo.

ROBERT DOW ENGLAND. In no line of commerce or in no professional calling are the requirements more exacting than in the vocation followed by the druggist, and among the efficient men engaged in that business in Quitman, Ark., is Robert Dow England, who conducts an attractively and neatly fitted store which is stocked with a superior line of fresh drugs, medicines, chemicals, toilet articles, etc., which will compare favorably with any similar establishment in the county. He owes his nativity to Faulkner County, Ark., where he first saw the light January 18, 1860, a son of John and Lovesta (Hamilton) England, both of whom were born in East Tennessee. The mother is now a resident of Quitman, Ark., but the father died in 1871, at the age of fifty-five years. He was a farmer by occupation and his eldest son was in the Confederate service. Robert Dow England was among the youngest of a family of thirteen children, and his literary education was acquired in Quitman College. After assisting his mother on the farm for some time he became a dry goods salesman, at Conway, Faulkner County, Ark., and later was associated with the drug business at Greenbrier. In 1886 he became proprietor of a drug establishment in Quitman. In 1884 he was married to Miss Eugenia Hall, by whom he has four children, three of whom are now living—one son and two daughters. A son is deceased. In addition to his other enterprises, Mr. Eng-

land continued his farming operations in Faulkner County until 1886, on a portion of the farm left him by his father, but since that time has been one of the active business men of Quitman and has been very successfully engaged in the drug business. In 1893 he was a member of the firm that built the Roller mill at this place and for one year was the efficient secretary and general manager of the same. Mr. England also did his share in furthering the erection of the college at this place, and in many ways has shown that he is public spirited and enterprising. His establishment is well patronized, for it has been found that he is careful and accurate and his earnest desire is to please his patrons. In July, 1893, he was received in the Masonic Lodge, No. 158, and in July, 1894, was made a Royal Arch Mason, in Lodge No. 32.

JAMES S. HUDSON. This gentleman is one of the substantial residents of Newton County, Ark., and is also one of the pioneers of the same, for he has resided here since his birth, which occurred on February 4, 1857. His uncle, Samuel Hudson, was the first white settler of the county, having come to this region in 1830, and his brother, Andrew Hudson, the father of James S., came here in 1835 from his native county of Jackson, Tenn., where he was born in 1818. He settled on a farm about three miles west of where Jasper now is on Little Buffalo Creek, and so dense was the cane along that bottom that he was compelled to get out and cut a road through it. He lived on this farm for some years, but later moved to a farm one mile west of Jasper, on which his son William now resides, and where he died in the fall of 1891. He was quite successful in the accumulation of worldly goods, and was a substantial, law-abiding and public-spirited citizen. In his political views he always supported the principles of Democracy and at one time ably filled the office of county treasurer. Wild game was abundant when he first came to this section, and he and his brother Samuel became well known as hunters, for many were the deer and bears that fell victims to their unerring marksmanship. Mr. Hudson was married to Miss Sarah Holt, a native of Tennessee, who survived him about one year, having become the mother of the following children: Nancy, married I. J. Dum and died in California; Martha, widow of M. Young; Amanda, who died after her marriage with John Wammock; Henry a farmer of this county; Samuel who died in 1880; Eliza who died after her marriage with William Carter; Matilda, wife of Jesse Blackwell of Oklahoma Territory; William who resides west of Jasper; James S.; Francis M., who is a resident of Texas, and Ellen, who is the wife of Monroe Stacy of Jasper. The early life of James S. Hudson was spent on the farm near Jasper, but he afterward attended school in Harrison, Berryville and Bellefonte, thus gaining a thorough and practical education. Upon attaining his majority he went west to Nevada, and for two years worked on a stock ranch for Col. Harden, near Winnemucca, after which he returned to his old home, and with a small capital earned while working on stock ranches he engaged in the cattle business. Later he took his cattle to Kansas, where he sold them, after which, in 1885, he returned and engaged in the mercantile business in Jasper, which has since occupied his attention. He is doing a prosperous business of $8,000 annually, carries an excellent general line of goods, and is liberally patronized by the best people of the section. He has made his own way in the world and has every reason to be proud of the manner in which he has bent the force of circumstances to his will and has triumphed over adversity. June 4, 1885, he was married to Samantha Carlin, of Pierce City, Mo., by whom he has four children: Docia, Mintie, William A. and Jesse S. Mrs. Hudson is a member of the Baptist Church, and he is a member of the I. O. O. F., Harrison Lodge, and politically is a Democrat, and for some time held the office of postmaster of Jasper under President Cleveland.

DR. DAVID PERRY MARTIN. The most important science bearing upon man's happiness, comfort and welfare is that of medicine, and as Dr. Martin has ever been a close student, he has attained a wide reputation as a successful practitioner of the "healing art." He owes his nativity to Maries County, Mo., where he first saw the light in 1846, his parents being Madison and Anastasia (Perry) Martin, the former of whom was born in St. Louis County, Mo., in 1812. He is still living and is a citizen of Maries County. His wife was also born in St. Louis County, Mo., was married there to Mr. Martin and after a short time moved to Maries County, where they cleared up the fine farm on which they are now living. The Martin family many years ago removed to St. Louis from North Carolina, and in the vicinity of that place some member of the family has ever since resided. Dr. David Perry Martin was one of nine children born to his parents. In his youth he was given the advantages of the public schools of Maries County, and he wisely made the most of these opportunities. While still in his early manhood, his kindly nature instinctively turned to that broad field, medicine, for his life work, and he began fitting himself for that calling, Dr. John Blaine being his preceptor. In 1881 he attended the American Medical College of St. Louis, and in 1882 came to Arkansas and located for the practice of his profession in Baxter County. At the end of three years he took up his residence in Gassville where he has since held forth. He is an energetic practitioner, is recognized throughout the county as a friend of and laborer in the cause and advancement of the medical profession, and has acquired a flattering reputation as a physician Socially he is a member of the A. F. & A.M., the I. O. O. F., and in the latter order has held the position of noble grand. He was married in 1872 to Miss Mary C. Martin of Moniteau County, Mo., and by her he is the father of seven sons and four daughters. He and his wife are worthy members of the Missionary Baptist Church and move in the highest social circles of their section.

ROBERT CAPPS. This gentleman has been a resident of this section since 1837, coming thither from St. Louis County, Mo., where he had settled in 1836. He was born in Mecklenburg County, N. C., February 2, 1820, in which State his parents, Richard and Rachel (Barnhill) Capps, were also born and reared. After their marriage they removed to Tennessee and made a good home for themselves in Grainger County, but in 1836 removed to Missouri, and the following year came to this section of Arkansas. The father became a prominent farmer of Newton County, but was called from life in Boone County in 1867, his wife having died in Alabama in 1828, after having borne him two children: William and Robert. Mr. Capps' second wife was Pricie Brady, who resides in Indian Territory. Two children resulted from this union. Mr. Capps was a Democrat in politics. The early life of Robert Capps was spent in his native State, and in the mountains of Newton County, Ark. Following in his father's footsteps he became quite a noted Nimrod in his youth, and, while the State was in a primitive condition, he killed many bears and deer, and on one occasion in one day killed four panthers. He had many thrilling experiences and many narrow escapes from death, but his nerve and coolness carried him through safely on every occasion. He began doing for himself in 1837, and passed a very eventful life in the wilds of Newton County, a life which he greatly enjoyed on account of its freedom and independence, notwithstanding the hardships which he was compelled to undergo. He was married in Newton County, in 1839, to Miss Elvira Woody, a daughter of John Woody, a soldier in the War of 1812, her birth having occurred in Tennessee. To them a good old-fashioned family of twelve children were given: William F., who resides in this county; Mary, who died after her marriage with Thomas Taylor; Richard, who is a farmer in this county, and was a soldier in the Civil

War; Malinda is a resident of Texas and the wife of John Ingram; John farms in the vicinity of Harrison; Alvira is the wife of James Hankins of Boone County; George resides on a farm in Texas; James is also in Texas; Scott is farming in this county; and Henry resides in Idaho. Two children died in early childhood. William F., Richard and Robert, sons of Robert Capps, Sr., enlisted in Rabb's battery, Second Missouri Light Artillery, in 1862. Robert died in St. Louis in 1862, and the other two were mustered out of service at St. Louis. The mother of these children was called from this life in 1883, and in 1887 the father wedded Mary, the daughter of Samuel and Isabella (McConnell) Kennedy, the former of whom was a Virginian and removed to Tennessee, where he died. His father came from Ireland. The mother died in Boone County, Ark., in 1883, having emigrated to this section in 1852. Mrs. Capps was born in Polk County, Tenn., in 1837, a sister, Elizabeth, being a twin with her. Mr. Capps has been a resident of the section in which he now lives for nearly sixty years, has always tilled the soil, and besides the farm of fifty acres on which he resides, he is the owner of other valuable lands in Newton and Boone Counties. For the past two years he has resided at Elmwood, but continues to look after his farming and stockraising interests, having always given much attention to this branch of agriculture. He is a substantial and law-abiding citizen, was a strong Union man during the war, and while the great struggle was in progress, was a resident of Missouri. He lost heavily during that time, and his wife, her sister and their widowed mother had a hard struggle to keep the wolf from the door while the great conflict between the North and South was being waged. Mrs. Capps was one of the first teachers of Newton County, is a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, while Mr. Capps has long been a Baptist. He is a member of Bellefonte Lodge of the A. F. & A. M.

MATTHEW SOOTER. He whose name heads this sketch is one of the prominent farmers of Searcy County, Ark., for he has inherited the love of the calling which has ever characterized his ancestors and has had practical experience in this line from his youth up. His father, Eli Sooter was a Tennesseean, became a resident in Scarcy County, Ark., in 1825, and until his death was engaged in successfully tilling the soil on Bear Creek. He was called to "that bourne whence no traveler returns" when the subject of this sketch was about seven years old, and his widow, who was a native Kentuckian, married again in Searcy County and died in 1882. Her maiden name was Stacie Adams, and she was a daughter of Robert Adams, who came to this section in 1822 from Kentucky, and died here on his farm on Bear Creek. The children born to Eli and Stacie Sooter numbered seven and were named as follows: Berry, Robert, Matthew, Edward, Cynthia, Jane and Mary. The mother's second husband was Robert Waterson, by whom she had four children: Sarah, James, Benjamin F. and Arrella, the two eldest being dead. Matthew Sooter first saw the light of day in Wiley's Cove, in this county December 9, 1839, and the early common schools of this section afforded him a practical education. When the war came up he enlisted in Company F, of the Second Arkansas Cavalry, and was a participant in a number of battles that occurred during Price's raid, and at the time of his discharge, two years later, held the rank of sergeant. He is a Republican of pronounced views and in 1893 his party honored him by an election to the office of county treasurer, an office he is acceptably holding at the present time. After the war was over he located on a farm on Bear Creek, later lived for some time at Wiley's Cove and in 1882 came to the farm where he now lives, which comprises 615 acres of as good land as there is in the county. He has met with excellent success in this branch of human endeavor, has shown himself to be possessed of excellent business qualifications and as a substantial, law-abiding and public-spirited

citizen he has not his superior in the county. The cause of education has ever found him one of its stanchest supporters, and he is active in political matters also, although he cannot be said to be an office seeker. In 1868 he was united in the bonds of matrimony to Miss Mary E. Ashley, a daughter of William V. and Jane Ashley, the former of whom came to this country from New York and died in Searcy County, Ark., in 1881, having located here about 1855. His widow survives him. Mrs. Sooter was born in Pulaski County, Ark., and she and her husband are the parents of the following children: Martha A. (widow of G. W. Asby), Seth, Hester, Nellie, Jane, Edward, Hugh (who died at the age of three years) and Noble S. Mr. Sooter's farm is situated about one and a half miles from Marshall and is one of the most fertile and valuable in the county.

JAMES K. P. MCHAFFIE. Among the early families to come to this State and carve out homes for themselves in the then almost unbroken forest, were the McHaffies, who settled in the Ozark Mountains, where they identified themselves with progress and development. They were of that moral and personal integrity which go to make up the model American citizen, and were valuable acquisitions to the region in which they settled, which was then in need of honorable, substantial and permanent residents. David McHaffie, the father of our subject, was one of the early pioneers and came to the Ozark region with two brothers, John and Hugh McHaffie, and David McHaffie. He took up land in what is now Christian County. Hugh, who had a wife and child, died many years ago. John died in 1887. He reared a family and one of his sons is living on the old homestead, first settled by the father. David McHaffie was born in the grand old State of Virginia, November 4, 1806, and was a son of Andrew McHaffie, one of the pioneers of Virginia. David was a young man, twenty-eight years of age, when he started to the far West, and he made the trip by wagon from Knox County, Tenn., where he had lived from the time he was five years of age, his father having moved from Virginia to Tennessee, when David was that age. The latter learned the tanner's trade in Tennessee and was married in Knox County, a few years before coming to Missouri. He selected his wife in the person of Miss Catherine Sherrid, and this ambitious young couple were many weeks on the road, and after reaching Missouri took up a claim in Springfield. This claim consisted of 160 acres, but a year later he gave this up and moved to the old farm in what is now Christian County. His reason for leaving the claim was that he could not get the bark necessary for tanning, and his new claim was the first taken up in that country. He followed his trade the principal part of his life, and the old tanyard is still standing as a monument to his industry. He took up a large tract of land and became a wealthy man. In political matters he was a Democrat up to the late war and then became a strong Republican and was a strong Union man during the war. He never aspired for office, but was justice of the peace many years and was commonly known as Squire. In connection with his trade he also carried on farming and stockraising and was a man of sound judgment and excellent business acumen. His death occurred August 5, 1893, when eighty-seven years of age. For sixty years he had been a resident of the county, making his home in the same, except the first year, and at the time of his death was probably its oldest pioneer. He was a man universally respected and could have held any office in the county. Mrs. McHaffie was a native of Tennessee, born in 1812, and a daughter of Simon Sherrid, who was a pioneer in Tennessee. Two children, Andrew and Jane, were born to Mr. and Mrs. McHaffie while living in Tennessee and eight more after coming to Missouri. Catherine, the next in order of birth, was born in Springfield and the remainder were born on the old homestead in Christian County. Andrew is now living

in Christian County, about one mile from the old home farm, where he is engaged in farming. He is one of the influential and representative men of the county. He was a soldier in the Civil War; Jane, single, died in 1863; Catherine, was the wife of Alexander Kissee and died January 15, 1876; Elizabeth, married Sylvanus Kissee and died May 14, 1868; Simon, resides one mile from the old home place in Christian County, is married and has a family. He also served in the Rebellion; James K. P., our subject; George is married and resides on the old home place; Julia A., is the wife of J. J. Hyde of Christian County; Mary J., is the wife of John E. Stone of Linden, Christian County. The mother of these children died February 6, 1863, after having been a lifelong member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. She was a true pioneer woman and for many years spun, wove and made the clothing for her large family. The father often shot deer from his cabin door and was considerable of a hunter. He taught his four sons his trade and left a large estate, all the children owning property bought by him. His youngest son owns the old home place. The subject of this sketch was born in Greene County, Mo., about twenty miles southeast of Springfield, in what is now Christian County, March 17, 1846, and is known by all in this part of the State. He grew to mature years on the home place and attended the subscription schools of his day, receiving but a limited education. At an early age he was taught habits of industry and perserverance by his father, and following his precept and example has become one of the leading business men of the country. He remained at home until twenty-seven years of age; in 1873 went to Taney County, Mo., and locating at Kissee Mills he engaged in merchandising in company with Alexander Kissee. Three years later he sold out to his partner and located on the farm where he now lives, on Beaver Creek, where he owns 500 acres of rich bottom land. He has a good modern residence and substantial out-buildings, etc., and in connection with farming is interested in raising stock. He has made a success in a business way and is probably the wealthiest man in the county. Aside from this, he is president of the Taney County Bank at Forsyth, and is possessed of excellent business qualities. In politics he is with the Republican party, and in 1885 was elected by that party to the office of sheriff and collector. So ably and satisfactorily did he fill that position that he was reëlected in 1887 and served four years in all. Mr. McHaffie selected his wife in the person of Miss Amanda S. Laughlin and their union was celebrated January 18, 1877. Her parents, James M. and Lucy (Onstote) Laughlin, were among the early pioneers of Taney County, the father coming originally from Kentucky and the mother from Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Laughlin were married in Taney County and for many years they lived on Beaver Creek, near where Mr. McHaffie is now residing and there both died in 1877. They reared eleven children: Harvey, died in the Confederate Army during the war; Margaret, died in 1889; Elizabeth, is the wife of W. A. Pumphrey of Kansas; Emeline, the widow of L. W. Yandell, of Kansas; Eliza, wife of S. J. William, died in 1892; Amanda, wife of our subject; Cubine, the wife of Mr. Gayhart, of Kansas; Ellen, the widow of Robert Burns; William, living in Kansas and John, Henry and Thomas died when about grown to manhood. Mrs. McHaffie was born in Taney County, near where she now lives. To Mr. and Mrs. McHaffie have been born four children, only two of whom are now living: Columbus, a young man still at school and D. C., who is also in school. The two deceased were named Hester P. and Aggie J. They are members of the Christian Church, and the former is a member of the Masonic order, Forsyth Lodge No. 453. Mr. McHaffie is a man of influence, and the family is one of the leading ones of the county.



JAMES K. P. McHAFFIE,
Taney Co., Mo.



DAVID McHAFFIE,
Taney Co., Mo.

WILLIAM M. GARNER. This gentleman is a substantial citizen of Quitman, Ark., of which city he has been a resident since 1858. His uncle, W. W. Garner, was the first resident of the town, having located there in 1856. William M. Garner was born in Lawrence County, Ark., in 1844, his father, Isaac C. Garner, having been a native of South Carolina. On coming to Arkansas he first located in Jackson County, then moved to Lawrence County and finally settled in Scott County, where he died. He was a farmer and stockraiser and in 1854 took a drove of stock across the plains, the journey to California occupying ten months. He sold his herd and returned home via the Isthmus of Panama, and here, in 1856, he was called from life at the age of forty-two years. His first wife, who lived but a few months after their marriage, was a Miss Williams and his second wife was Elnora Garner, who is still living at the age of seventy-three years. She is a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, as was her husband. Of six children born to them three are now living: William M.; Mrs. Sarah Leigh, of Choctaw, Ark., and Mrs. Mary T. Allen, who resides at Sugar Loaf, Sebastian County, Ark. The subject of this sketch received his education in an old-time log school house of Lawrence County, and also attended school for some time in Scott County. His father died when he was but eleven years old and at the age of thirteen he began to do for himself. His first work was in his uncle's store in Quitman, where he remained until in July, 1861, when he enlisted in Company A, Tenth Arkansas Infantry, as orderly sergeant, with which he served until the war closed, receiving his parol at Jacksonport in May, 1865. He was at the battle of Shiloh, where he was wounded by a musket ball in the leg; the siege of Port Hudson, where he was captured and later paroled, the Missouri raid from Ironton to Fayetteville; Marks Mill, where he was wounded in the thigh, and other engagements of less importance. At the close of the war he had about $200, with which he wisely paid his way through a commercial school (the well-known Bryant & Stratton), then returned to Arkansas and located at Quitman, forming a business association with W. W. Garner at Eglantine, where he remained four years, then bought his uncle's interest in business, and for about eleven years conducted a business of his own at that place and also in Quitman. In 1874 he returned to Quitman and here has made his home ever since. He has done a very extensive business and in 1879-80 shipped 1,008 bales of cotton, the greatest number ever shipped from the county by any one man in one season. His trade extended over Van Buren, Searcy, White and Faulkner Counties also. He started in business life without means, and his success has been the result of good management and business ability. In 1875 he was elected a member of the Board of Trustees of Quitman College, of which his uncle, W. W. Garner, was one of the founders, and he has been connected with the board ever since and has for some time been secretary and treasurer. He has taken an active interest in many enterprises for the good of his section and has ever been very public spirited. May 16, 1867, he was married to Miss Pearson of this county and the following are their children: Guy, who is the manager of a coal and wood yard in Fort Worth, Tex.; Minnie, wife of G. T. Rollow, of Nevada, Tex. Mr. and Mrs. Garner are members of the M. E. Church, of which he is one of the stewards, and he is also a Royal Arch Mason. He represented his lodge in the Grand Lodge of the State and is a member of Quitman Chapter No. 30. Mr. Garner is a Democrat, and up to the time of Harrison's administration was postmaster at Quitman.

CALVIN WILSON. Douglas County is conspicuous for its magnificent farms that are faultless in way of management and the order in which they are kept. No one is to be more complimented on the perfect method and order

with which their agricultural affairs are conducted than Calvin Wilson, who has made his home in this county for the past twenty-four years. Like other representative citizens of this section he is a native Tennesseean, his birth occurring in Campbell County, January 27, 1843. His parents, Benjamin and Oma (Ridenhauer) Wilson, were natives of Tennessee. They emigrated to Missouri in 1844 and there the mother's death occurred the same year. Afterward the father returned with our subject to Tennessee, and in that State and Kentucky the latter received his early schooling. Later he attended school in Indiana. In the year 1862 he enlisted in Company E, Sixty-fifth Indiana Volunteer Infantry and served from August 12 of that year until July 9, 1865, serving in the same company and regiment all the time. Some of the important battles in which he engaged were Knoxville, Resaca, Atlanta, Franklin and Nashville. He was in many minor engagements and numerous skirmishes. During service he was wounded in the right leg, was unfit for duty for some time, and still has a slight halt in his gait from the effects of it. After being discharged at Indianapolis, Ind., he located in Pike County, and began farming, continuing the same until 1870, when he came to Douglas County. Here he located on Clifty Creek, took up a homestead, and resided there until 1887, when he sold out and bought the farm where he now lives, on Fox Creek. He is now the owner of 212 acres, a large portion of which is under cultivation, and in connection with farming is engaged in stockraising. In politics he supports the principles of the Republican party, and in the year 1888 he was elected county collector, discharging the duties of that position in an able and efficient manner until 1891. He is one of the most popular men in the county and is well known throughout its length and breadth. He has shown his appreciation of secret organizations by becoming a member of the A. F. & A. M. and I. O. O. F. He is also a member of the G. A. R. Mr. Wilson has contributed his share toward the advancement and improvement of Douglas County and is an earnest supporter of all worthy enterprises. During the war he was married in Tennessee to Miss Phœbe Housley, daughter of John and Caroline (Henchey) Housley, natives of Tennessee. To Mr. and Mrs. Wilson were born seven children; Benjaimn F., on the farm; John, who is at Ava; Martha M., deceased, was the wife of B. A. Alsup; Mary J., died young; William B., at home, and Henrietta, who died young. Mrs. Wilson who was born in Tennessee, August 15, 1847, died in February, 1891. Mr. Wilson's second union was with Miss Ida Harmon, daughter of B. Harmon, a farmer of Douglas County. She was born in Virginia. One child has been born to this union, Elmon. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson are members of the General Baptist Church, and he is a deacon in the same. Both are highly respected in the community and at their home is dispensed a most pleasing hospitality to the friends and intimates of the family.

Henry Dixon Green. The American bar offers the finest opportunities for preferment of any country upon the face of the earth, its members being privileged, if the talent is not wanting, to attain not only the grandest distinction in the profession, but it is the easiest way of approach to the highest official places in the land. What is more, the American bar can show an array of eminent talent, of profound erudition and of judicial ability equal to that of England, France or Germany. The Howell County bar has, during the past half century, been greatly distinguished for the learning and talent of its members, who know no such word as fail when pitted against lawyers of other sections. A very bright and most successful young attorney of the above mentioned county is Henry Dixon Green, who has won victories at the bar that would have reflected credit upon its oldest members. He is one of the best known lawyers of south Missouri, is affable and genial, making friends

wherever he goes, and prominent attorneys in his section say he is one of the best trial lawyers in the State. Mr. Green was born in Henderson County, Ky., in 1851. His father, H. D. Green, was a captain in the Confederate Army, and died while in service. In 1876 our subject left his native State and went to Howell County, Mo., where two years later he was admitted to the bar, having read law with Hon. A. H. Livingston, the present nominee of the Populist party for Congress. For years after this he and Mr. Livingston were law partners, and he was also in partnership with B. F. Olden for about seven years. Mr. Green acted as claim agent for the Kansas City, Fort Scott & Missouri Railroad for about a year, and afterward had charge of the claim department of the Missouri Pacific Railroad Company for the territory of Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado and the Indian Territory, but resigned and resumed the practice of law at West Plains, Mo., in partnership with George R. Chaney and W. A. Gardner. This is one of the strongest law firms in southern Missouri. In the year 1878 Mr. Green married at West Plains, Miss Mary M. Monks, the daughter of Col. William Monks, who is a gallant ex-Union soldier. Mrs. Green is a strong Republican while Mr. Green is a strong supporter of Democratic principles, but their home life is happy and peaceful. They have a daughter and three sons, healthy, vigorous children. From 1879 to 1880 Mr. Green was probate judge of Howell County, Mo. He is so well known to the people of the county that he needs no recommendation from us. His eloquence and power before the courts of this and other circuits have won for him a name and fame that is second to none in this part of the State. The following, copied from the West Plains *Gazette*, speaks for itself: "It always affords us great pleasure to speak well and commendatory of any one and every one who is deserving. The *Gazette* always aims to give honor to whom honor is due. Especially is this the case when a young and ambitious professional gentleman, one of our own citizens, performs his duty successfully, truthfully and excellently. In this connection it is our pleasure to speak of the speech made by Henry D. Green, last night, in the case of the State vs. A. H. Livingston. Mr. Green, as he said, had a double duty to perform—the defense of a gentleman who he believed to be innocent, and the defense of a friend. And right well did he do his part. His speech was of two hours' duration, and from the opening to the close he made a close, argumentative, analyzing, earnest, well-knit, connected, logical, convincing and powerful speech. We have never, in fact, heard the speech made by Mr. Green last night equaled at the bar. This is putting it broadly, but is, most emphatically, meant as said. Mr. Green has never claimed to be a criminal lawyer, but his effort last night would have done credit to any criminal lawyer."

Hon. Stephen C. Herndon. During the seventy-two years that have passed over the head of the gentleman whose name stands at the head of this sketch he has been an active observer of the trend of events, but has been not merely a "looker on in Venice" but a citizen who has, through his enterprise, his integrity and his public spirit, contributed his full share to the magnificent development of the section in which he resides. He comes of an honored ancestry, for the well-known old pioneer, George Herndon, was his father, from whom he inherited many of his most worthy characteristics. He was born in east Tennessee in 1822, but his father was a Virginian by birth, and his mother, Hannah (Cox) Herndon, is supposed to have been born in North Carolina. They were married in east Tennessee and from there removed to Lincoln County, Tenn., and later to Hopkins County, Ky. In 1850 they became residents of Ozark County, Mo., where they passed from life sometime after the close of the war, having been members of the General Baptist Church for many years. The father was of English ancestry, was a farmer

and cooper by occupation and was a soldier in one of the early wars in which this country was involved. He was one of ten brothers. The maternal grandfather, Henry Cox, died in Lincoln County, Tenn. Hon. Stephen C. Herndon was one of nine children born to his parents, their names being as follows: Jane, wife of Joseph Williams, of Tennessee; Margaret, wife of Anthony Williams, of Kentucky; Stephen C.; William was a resident of Alabama, but nothing has been heard of him since the war; Henry died in Ozark County, Mo., while on a visit to this section; Nathan was a Federal soldier and was killed in Arkansas during the war; Isaiah was killed in Webster County; Mary became the wife of William Piland, of Ozark County, and Minerva became the wife of Samuel Stone, of Ozark County. The early life of Stephen C. Herndon was spent on a farm, in the vicinity of which he acquired a practical education in the common schools. In 1843 he was married in Kentucky to Miss Phœbe Frederick, who was born in the Old North State and died in 1862 in Ozark County, Mo., having become the mother of eight children: Henry William; Susannah, widow of John McCracken; George; Hannah, widow of James McGowan, of Texas County, Mo.; James W., also of that county; Philip, who resides in the Indian Territory; Lucretia, wife of Samuel Williams, of West Plains; and Rebecca, wife of John Davis. In 1863 Mr. Herndon married Mrs. Lucinda McHowan, and by her has five children: Melissa, wife of John H. Piland; Alonzo; Delilah, wife of Thomas A. Kay, of Douglas County; Joan, wife of John Eddings, and Nellie, wife of Stonewall J. Frazier, who resides with Mr. Herndon. In 1845 Mr. Herndon became a resident of Barre County, Mo., but in 1851 took up his residence in Ozark County on a woodland tract on Spring Creek, four miles from any other settlement. He at once set to work to improve this place and has resided on the same ever since, being the owner of a fine farm of 200 acres, which is well improved and exceedingly fertile. He is one of the best known and most highly respected residents of the county, and during the forty-three years that he has resided here he has shown himself to be very public spirited. Being a stanch Union man, he joined the Home Guards at the opening of the Civil War and after a short service became a member of the Seventy-third East Missouri Militia and was later in the regular Federal service, operating in Missouri and Arkansas for some time. He was then made provost marshal, but at the end of six months he resigned this office and started to rejoin his family, but on the way met a body of the enemy and in a slight skirmish with them had his left arm shot to pieces. He has served his county in various capacities at different times, was presiding judge of Ozark County before the war, was county and circuit clerk by appointment for some time during the war and has since been associate and probate judge of the county. He is a member of Robert Burns Lodge No. 496 of the A. F. & A. M. at Gainesville, and politically is a Republican. He has been an active and industrious man all his life and up to within the last two years his health was exceptionally good, but since that time he has been unable to perform much manual labor. He is very widely and favorably known and he fully deserves the esteem in which he is held.

HON. WILLIAM A. LAWING. Within the limits of Christian County, Mo., there is not a man of greater personal popularity than Hon. William A. Lawing, whose recognized worth and progressive spirit are well known. He was born at Murfreesboro, Tenn., November 17, 1818, to the union of Robert and Mary Ann (Sublett) Lawing, natives, respectively, of North Carolina and Virginia. The parents were married at Murfreesboro, Tenn, where Mrs. Lawing died in 1843. Afterward, the father married Miss Ellen Ward, who now resides in Jasper County, Mo. While a resident of Tennessee the father followed the occupation of cotton planter and cotton-gin maker, but later moved to Missis-

sippi, where he was engaged as a planter alone. In 1856 he came to Christian County, Mo., and located on the Finley, near Ozark, where his death occurred during the war. He sympathized with the South, but took no part in the war. Honest and industrious, he was an ideal neighbor, and a representative citizen. His father was a Welshman, who came to America and passed the closing scenes of his life in the Old North State, where he reared a large family. Grandfather Sublett was a native Virginian, but an early settler of Rutherford, County, Tenn., where he spent his last days, dying about 1840. All his life he tilled the soil. He came of Irish descent. His wife was a Miss Akin, and they reared a large family. The original of this notice was the second in order of birth of eight children, viz.: Sarah, who died in Tennessee when young; Mary, who became the wife of Preston Hatchett, of Winchester, Tenn.; Allen, who died in Arkansas, and left a family; Frances, who died in Tennessee; Robert, a farmer in this county; Louisa, a resident in Ozark, and James V., who died in the Confederate Army. Our subject had several half brothers and sisters. His youthful days were passed in assisting on the farm, in Rutherford County, Tenn., and in attending the common schools. He learned the carpenter's trade, and when sixteen years of age started out to make his own way in life. He first went to Mississippi, soon after to Florida and Alabama, and about 1835 went to Texas, where he remained about two years and a half building houses at Houston and Galveston. Returning to Tennessee, in 1843, he remained there a short time and then came to Christian County, Mo., where he was engaged in mill building for some time. About 1847 he was married to Miss Angelina R. Weaver, daughter of John and Barbara Weaver, who came from Marshall County, Tenn., to Christian County, Mo., about 1841. There Mrs. Weaver died, and the father died at Memphis, Tenn., of cholera while there on business. Mrs. Lawing was born in Marshall County, Tenn. Our subject's marriage resulted in the birth of ten children, as follows: Martha Susan (deceased), was the wife of Henry Clark, who now resides at Dallas, Tex.; Mary Frances, is the widow of Dr. Joseph Bertier; William Thomas; Barbara, widow of William Wrightsman; Lela, wife of Stephen Bain; Adelaide, wife of Joseph A. Hammond, of Billings, Mo.; John R., of Cherokee Strip; Blanche, wife of Lora Horn, of St. Louis; Amie, wife of Thomas L. Robertson, and Lola, wife of L. H. Crawford, of Idaho. When first married Mr. Lawing settled in the woods on his present farm, three miles southeast of Ozark, where he now owns a fine farm of 300 acres. At one time he was the owner of 1,400 acres, all the result of his own efforts. He built many of the mills in Christian County, also the bridge and the court house at Ozark, in connection with John R. Weaver, his brother-in-law. For a number of years he owned and operated the mill at Ozark, with John R. Weaver. Soon after its erection it was taken possession of by the Confederates, who ran it for a few months. Of late years Mr. Lawing has turned his attention to farming. Although a Southern man, he was a stanch Unionist from the beginning of the war, and belonged to the Home Guards, doing valuable service for the Union, and sparing no pains or expense in informing the Federals of the movements of the enemy. He was harassed many times by both armies, was captured several times, and was a prisoner at Springfield for several weeks at one time. A few weeks after the Pea Ridge fight Capt. Gunning and about seventeen of his guerrilla band attacked his house, about 2 or 3 o'clock in the night, and demanded that the door be opened. This Mrs. Lawing, with characteristic firmness and bravery, refused to do. Preparations were then made to break down the door, but Mr. Lawing fired into the crowd, wounding Capt. Gunning quite seriously. This brought forth a general firing from the latter's men, and they made several unsuccessful attempts to burn the house; daylight, however, caused them to dis-

appear. In 1862 Mr. Lawing was elected to represent Christian County in the Legislature as a Union man. Politically, he was formerly a Whig, and cast his first presidential vote for Clay, in 1840. He voted for Bell and Everett in 1860 and for McClellan in 1864. Since 1864 he has been an uncompromising Democrat. Socially he is a member of Friend Lodge, A. F. & A. M., No. 352, at Ozark. Mr. Lawing is among the oldest settlers of Christian County, and one of its best-known citizens.

JOHN J. MORROW, M. D. Health is the most precious gift of nature, and how to retain it and how to regain it when lost are matters of vital moment. For this the physician's services are often required, and it is therefore most necessary that he should be a man of intelligence, well-posted in his profession and conscientious and painstaking in his practice. These requirements are possessed by Dr. John J. Morrow, who is an exceptionally successful physician of Gassville, Baxter County, Ark. He was born at McMinnville, Warren County, Tenn., October 27, 1861, a son of D. G. and Mary J. (Kimberling) Morrow, the former of whom was also born in Warren County. His father, John Morrow, was a soldier in the War of 1812, and was in the battle of Horse Shoe Bend. He was married three times and some of the members of his family still reside in Warren County, Tenn., one of whom held a responsible official position recently. When a young man D. G. Morrow crossed the plains (1848) with cattle to California and he returned home via the Isthmus of Panama. In 1852 he made another trip to California, and after his return East he stopped at Ozark, Mo., where he sold goods for some time. Just prior to the opening of the Civil War he made a trip to his native State, when the war opened he again came to Arkansas, and has ever since been a resident of Marion County, where he is classed among the most substantial citizens. Dr. John J. Morrow was given the advantages of a good education in his youth and besides being an attendant of the school of Yellville, pursued his studies at Valley Springs, Boone County, Ark., after which he was engaged in teaching for some time. In this way he obtained means to pursue his Medical studies, and while teaching he also read medicine, his preceptor being Dr. W. T. Bryan. In the sessions of 1887–88–89 he attended lectures in the Medical Department Arkansas Industrial University, from which he graduated with honors, being second in his class. He at once commenced the practice of his profession at Wiley's Cove, in Searcy County, but a few months later bought out J. H. Lindsey, M. D., at Glassville, and has since been one of the foremost physicians of this county. Although he is young in years and has practiced his profession but a short time, he has already won golden opinions for himself as a practitioner of the "healing art," and his clientele is already large and constantly on the increase. He is examining physician for the Equitable Life Insurance Company, of New York, and has been appointed one of the board of medical examiners of Baxter County, by the Pension Department. He has been secretary of the County Medical Association, has been vice-president and is now president of the same, and is also secretary of the District Medical Society. He commands the respect of his medical brethren as well as those who require his services, and gives every promise of becoming eminent in his profession. Socially he is a member of Gassville Lodge of the A. F. & A. M. January 5, 1894, he was married to Hattie I. Curlee, a daughter of John Curlee, of this county.

DR. LAFAYETTE HENSON. Dr. Henson is still in the dawn of the success which has attended his efforts in a professional way, but has already given abundant evidence of the ability which qualifies him for a high place in the medical profession. He is a true son of Missouri and of Stone County, his birth occurring in the western part of this county October 6, 1858. The

progenitor of this family in America was Peter Henson, who settled in Tennessee at an early date, and where his ancestors resided for a number of generations. Thomas Henson, the grandfather of our subject, was born in that State and was there married. Later he moved to Illinois and made his home there until 1835, when he moved to the wilds of Stone County, Mo. He followed farming to some extent, but was a minister of the Hard Shell Baptist Church for many years, and was well known all over southwest Missouri. He and wife reared a large family and some members are still living in Barry County, Mo, and are quite aged people. The grandparents settled on Flat Creek, within a mile of the Barry County line, and took up Government land. Zachariah Henson, the father of our subject, was born in Tennessee in 1814, and was but a child when his parents moved to Illinois. When he was twenty-one years of age they came to Stone County, Mo., and he assisted his father in clearing and improving the home place on Flat Creek. He received but a limited education, but was a man of unusually bright intellect, and became one of the prominent men of Stone County, holding the office of county judge from 1858 to 1866, and also held the office of justice of the peace. In politics he was a Democrat, and took a deep interest in the issues of the day. During the Civil War he was captian in a Home Guard company in Stone County, and was kept busy fighting bushwhackers. Mr. Henson always took a decided interest in all public improvements, was well and favorably known all over the county, and extended a helping hand to all laudable enterprises. He married Miss Armala Williams, a native of Kentucky, born in 1819, and the daughter of John B. Williams, who was a native of the Blue Grass State also, and of Irish descent. The Williams family came to Stone County about 1835, and settled at Cape Fair, where they were among the earliest settlers. They came in an ox wagon, took up Government land, and John B. Williams became prominent in public affairs, holding important offices in the county. In politics he was a Republican. The mother of our subject was a young woman when the family settled in this county, before which time she was married to our subject's father. Twelve children were the fruits of this union, eight of whom are now living: Wiley, a married man, died while in the army; Mary, wife of Judge A. Carney of Barry County; Sarah J., wife of Judge M. A. Galloway; Telitha married Berton Carney; Melvina, wife of F. M. Galloway; Marion married and resides on Flat Creek, in Stone County; Susan, deceased, was the wife of A. J. Morris; Lafayette, subject; Siegel, see sketch; and the remainder died young. The parents of these children were well respected by all acquainted with them, and on the farm where they had resided so many years, their last days were passed, the father dying in June, 1877, and the mother in August of the same year. The early life of Dr. Lafayette Henson was spent on the home farm and in a mill on this farm. He received a fair education in the common school, and early in life showed a marked liking for the study of medicine, which liking he cultivated by attending lectures in the Missouri Medical College, St. Louis. He entered that institution October 1, 1881, and graduated March 6, 1883, after which he started to practice at Flat Creek, Barry County. One year later he moved to Marionville, where he practiced a number of months and then came to Galena August 13, 1884. Here he has since made his home and built up a flattering practice. While a resident of Barry County he was a member of the County Board of Health, appointed by the County Court. At present he is a member of the Southwest Missouri District Medical Association and the Lawrence County Medical Association. He is also a medical examiner of the Northwest Masonic Association of Chicago, the Equitable Life Insurance Society of New York City, and the Mutual Life Insurance Company,

also of New York City. Socially the Doctor is a member of Galena Lodge No. 515, A. F. & A. M., of which he has been secretary for the past two years. He is a Democrat in politics, and is active in all public matters. In this county he was married to Miss Sarah Frances Melton, a native of Stone County and the daughter of E. J. and Susan (Overstreet) Melton, a prominent family of Stone County for many years. The Doctor and wife are the parents of five children, as follows: Charles L., a teacher; John E., a painter; Florence, Nellie and Myrtle. Dr. Henson owns his home in Galena, has been unusually successful in his practice, and is a thorough student. He was appointed secretary of the Board of United States Examining Surgeons at Galena, in 1889, and holds that position at the present time. Mrs. Henson is a member of the Christian Church. The Doctor is proud of the fact that he has complied with all the laws governing practice in Missouri. He believes that they are necessary, and that every practitioner should be made observe them. His name is the first on the record of registered physicians in this county, and he is the first native-born citizen of the county to graduate in medicine.

ANDREW J. COFFEY. Ozark County, Mo., is well known for the richness of its soil, and among those industrious farmers who have assisted in making this section the rich agricultural district that it is may be mentioned Andrew J. Coffey, who was born in Ashe County, N. C., in 1833, of which State his parents, Cleveland and Susan (Hayes) Coffey, were also natives. During the early boyhood of Andrew J. Coffey, he was taken by his parents to Hawkins County, Tenn., and soon after to Granger County, where the mother died some fifty years ago. Mr. Coffey remarried afterward and then returned to the Old North State, where he died about 1866, having been a farmer and mechanic throughout life. He was a man of much industry, led an active and upright life, and in religion was a Missionary Baptist. His father, Jesse Coffey, was an early settler of North Carolina and breathed his last in Burke County when Andrew J. was a small lad. He was of Irish ancestry, a farmer by occupation, and was a minister of the Primitive Baptist Church. The children born to Cleveland and Susan Coffey are as follows: Andrew J.; William, who was a soldier of the Confederate Army and was killed at Mission Ridge; Thomas was a Federal soldier, but nothing has been heard of him since the war; Martha died young; Susan E. is the wife of Aaron McGinnis, of Ozark County, Mo. The education and rearing which was given the average farmer's boy of his day was given to Andrew J. Coffey, and in 1849 he came to the conclusion that "it is not good for man to live alone" and led to the altar Louisa, daughter of Jeremiah Hutchinson. She was born in East Tennessee, and died in Ozark County, Mo., in 1871, having become the mother of eight children: Athela M., widow of Z. T. Maritt; Mary J., who died young; Thomas J., who died after reaching manhood; Susan J., who died in early womanhood; James T.; Andrew J., Jr.; Cleveland and William W. who died in infancy. January 11, 1872, Mr. Coffey took for his second wife Rachel, daughter of William and Mary Ann Imes, who were Tennesseeans, in which State the father died, and from which the mother emigrated to Ozark County, Mo., her death occurring in this region. Mrs. Coffey was born in Tennessee and by Mr. Coffey has become the mother of the following children: Joseph Ambrose, Louisa, Mahala, Avarilla, Robert (deceased), Charley, John A., Francis M., Etha, Melissa and Albert. In November, 1854, Mr. Coffey arrived in Ozark County, Mo., the journey by wagon from Tennessee occupying twenty-six days. He rented land for one year after his arrival here, then lived on Little North Fork until the opening of the war. During the great struggle between the North and South his family lived in Douglas and Webster Counties. Mr. Coffey served in the Home Guards until the fall of 1861, when he joined Col. John S. Phelps' regi-

ment of six months' troops and was stationed at Rolla the most of the time. At the end of his term of enlistment he served again in the Missouri State Militia, after which he was in the Sixth Provisional Regiment until the spring of 1864, when he was detailed home to raise a corps, and in the fall of that year joined the Forty-sixth Missouri Infantry as second lieutenant of Company I, and was thereafter in Ozark County and at Springfield the most of the time. He was a brave and faithful supporter of the Union cause, and after the war was made sheriff of Ozark County, and at the election of 1866 was elected to the office for two years and again in 1874. In 1884 he was elected to the Legislature on the Democrat ticket and served on the Committees on Retrenchment and Reform, County Boundaries, etc. Up to 1892 he had been a supporter of Democratic principles, but since that time he has cast his lot with the Republican party. His first presidential vote was cast for John Bell, in 1860. Mr. Coffey is a member of Robert Burns Lodge No. 496, of the A. F. & A. M., at Gainesville, and of the G. A. R. He was left a widower February 21, 1892, his wife having been an earnest member of the General Baptist Church, as is he. He has lived on his present farm since 1869, which comprises a fertile and well-tilled tract of 247 acres, about four miles below Gainesville.

J. E. WICKERSHAM. The evolutions in the industrial world and the improved modes of manufacturing things have been marvelous in the past half century, and scarcely an industry exists that has been left untouched by the spirit of reform. The demand of the age is for labor-saving machinery, improved tools and appliances, and short cuts generally to desired ends. The general hardware store is an excellent means of supplying the demand. An excellent establishment of this kind is owned by J. E. Wickersham, of Yellville, of which city he is a native. His parents, James and Narcissus (Hamblet) Wickersham, have resided in the vicinity of Yellville for over fifty years, the birth of the former occurring in Marion County, Ky., November 1, 1824. His parents were Daniel and Susannah (Martin) Wickersham, the former a native of Kentucky, and the latter of Virginia. The great-grandfather, Samuel Wickersham, was born in the East, but removed to Kentucky at an early day. Daniel and Susannah Wickersham first moved from Kentucky to Indiana, thence to Arkansas in 1848, and engaged in milling and farming in the vicinity of Yellville, accumulating a goodly fortune. When he had reached the age of seventy-five years his house was attacked by robbers, and in order to make him tell where his money was concealed they took him from his home and hung him to a tree, but still he would not tell when let down. He was then left with a guard and the other robbers went to the house to force his wife to tell where the money was concealed, but Mr. Wickersham managed to make his escape from the man who guarded him, although he was shot by the latter, and later died from the effects of the wound. He was a worthy and law-abiding citizen, was a mechanic of no mean order, but gave the most of his time to his mill. His wife died in 1855, having borne him ten children: Elizabeth, Nancy, Rachel, Rhoda, Susan, John, Jesse, Sally, James and Cassie, J. E. Wickersham being the only one now living. After the death of his first wife, Daniel Wickersham married again, Elizabeth Dozier becoming his wife, and to them four children were given: George, Newton, Jasper and Marion, all of whom reside in this county, except Newton, who was drowned in Crooked Creek. Daniel Wickersham was a worthy old pioneer and first came to this country on horseback, purchasing the mill which he afterward operated. He then went back to Indiana for his son Jesse and another hand; returning to Arkansas he ran the mill for one year, then returned to Indiana for his family. James Wickersham was but a lad when he came to this county, and

his early educational advantages were limited. He began doing for himself in 1846, he then being about twenty years of age, when he married Miss Hamblet, whose parents, Abner and Sarah (Inge) Hamblet, came to this section about 1842, locating on a farm on which they died in 1864 and 1867, respectively. Their children were as follows: Chesley, Edwin, George, Mary J., Richard, Narcissus and William, and only the two last mentioned are living. Immediately after his marriage James Wickersham located on a farm one mile from Yellville, but in 1853 moved to the farm on which he now resides. In addition to tilling the soil he has followed the occupation of a carpenter to some extent and has erected many substantial buildings. He is the owner of about 600 acres of good farming land and has raised considerable stock. In 1863 he went to Missouri, where he made his home for two years, then returned to Arkansas, and has since been one of the most substantial citizens of Marion County. He and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church, in which he is a deacon, and in that faith they have reared their children, who were named as follows: Daniel, a farmer of this county; Abner, an architect of Seattle, Wash.; Mary, who died in childhood; Sarah, who also died young; John, a farmer of this county; Jesse, who was killed while working on a bridge, at the age of twenty-three years; Martha, wife of Jacob Noe, of this county; James E., who is living in Yellville; George, a merchant of Bruno, Ark.; Rachel, wife of F. G. Huddleston, of Bruno; Belle, wife of William Lewallen, M. D., of Indian Territory; Ellen and Elgada. Minnie M. died at the age of six years. George Wickersham was born in Yellville, October 22, 1862, and was educated in the schools of Yellville. At the age of nineteen he began learning the blacksmith's trade in Yellville, and after working at the trade for five years, he formed a partnership with F. G. Huddleston, and opened a general mercantile business at Bruno, and in 1893 became sole proprietor and has since done a prosperous business alone. He has a stock of $2,000 and does an annual business of $6,000. He was married to Jennie Massey, and by her has two children: Jesse C. and Anna M. Mr. Wickersham is a Republican, and he and his wife are members of the Christian Church. J. E. Wickersham, whose name heads this sketch, was born August 18, 1859, grew up on a farm, and attended the schools of Yellville and Harrison, Ark. He embarked in business life in 1880, as a clerk in McChesney & Son's store, at Batesville, Ark., and for five years later was with J. H. Berry & Son, in Yellville. In 1890 he was appointed postmaster of Yellville by President Harrison, and held the office until July 12, 1893, when he embarked in the hardware business in a building owned by his father. He carries an excellent line of stoves, tinware and some hardware. Being a practical tinsmith, he has a shop in connection with his store and is making a specialty of roofing. He was a teacher in the public schools of the county for some time, and has never hesitated to turn his hand to any honorable employment he could find to do, and as a result he is making money. He has always been a strong Republican, is a member of Yellville Lodge of the K. of H., and is one of the public-spirited young citizens of the county. He was married to Miss Nellie E. Jeffries, a daughter of Robert E. Jeffries, of Springfield, Mo.; she was born in Greene County, Mo., and has borne her husband three children: Daisy P., Homer E. and Roy J. Mrs. Wickersham is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and she and her husband are very highly regarded in Yellville.

HON. J. C. FLOYD. The profession of law is a branch of human endeavor which brings into play the most brilliant talents, the most extensive knowledge, the strongest sentiments, moral, spiritual and material, and its power for good or evil is vast and invincible. In the hands of mean men its practices often become as shameful and despised as its adaptions and usefulness are



J. C. FLOYD,
Yellville, Ark.



J. J. BRUTON,
Sparta, Mo.

made, by those inspired with noble principles and generous emotions, sublime and admired. As a legal practitioner whose honor is above criticism, whose ability places him in the front rank of the Arkansas bar, and whose name is widely known and highly respected, is Hon. J. C. Floyd, who is admirably adapted to prosecute this most exalted of professions. He is the able prosecuting attorney of the Fourteenth Judicial District, and is a resident of Yellville, Marion County, Ark. He was born in Sparta, Tenn., April 14, 1858, a son of John W. and Eliza J. (Snodgrass) Floyd, both Tennesseeans by birth and bringing up. During Colonial times several brothers of the name of Floyd came to this country from Wales, one settling in Virginia, another in North Carolina and the other in Georgia, the first mentioned being the immediate ancestor of the subject of this sketch. John W. Floyd was in the Confederate service during the war, and was quartermaster of his regiment. In 1869 he came with his family to Benton County, Ark., and is now living in Bentonville, retired from the active duties of life. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and is a son of William Floyd, who was also a Tennesseean. Hon. J. C. Floyd was one of a family of seven children, the other members being: William S., who is an able attorney of Bentonville, was formerly a resident of Marion County, and held the office of county judge; J. R. is a graduate of the Memphis Medical College, took the first honors in the class of 1885, and is now a successful medical practitioner of Texas; Frank F. is a successful groceryman of Bentonville; Carrie is the wife of William Maxwell of Bentonville; Maggie died at the age of twenty-one years; and Birdie, who died in infancy. The maternal grandfather of the subject of this sketch, James Snodgrass, was of Scotch descent, and removed to Tennessee from Virginia, and there followed the calling of a merchant. His wife was a Miss McKinney. The early life of Hon. J. C. Floyd was spent in farm labor and in attending the schools of Bentonville, after which he finished his education in the Arkansas Industrial University at Fayetteville, Ark., graduating in the class of 1879, after which he engaged in teaching, and while following this occupation pursued the study of law in the office of E. S. McDaniel, at Bentonville, and in 1882 was admitted to the bar. He came at once to Marion County and opened an office at Yellville, where his ability and comprehensive knowledge of his profession placed him among the foremost lawyers of the section. In 1888 he was elected to represent Marion County in the State Legislature, in which body he served with distinguished ability, and in 1890 he was elected to the office of prosecuting attorney of the Fourteenth Judicial District, without opposition, and was reëlected in 1892, in the same way. He has been the prosecuting attorney in seven murder trials, has conducted his cases ably and with the utmost judgment, but has made no specialty of criminal practice. He has always been a Democrat in politics, was a delegate to the State Conventions in 1889 and in 1892, and has had more or less to do with the public affairs of Marion County ever since he has resided here. He has held the office of county examiner of teachers in this and Benton Counties, and he has ever been interested in the work of the public schools. In the accumulation of worldly goods he has met with success, and besides his pleasant home in Yellville he owns some fine farming land in different parts of the county. He was married in 1887 to Miss Virginia Berry, a daughter of J. H. Berry, the oldest pioneer of Yellville, in which place she was born, reared and educated. Her union with Mr. Floyd has resulted in the birth of two children: Nina B. and Rector H. Mr. and Mrs. Floyd are attendants of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

William R. Brooksher, M. D. As a successful physician Dr. Brooksher has done much for the cause of suffering humanity, and has won honor and

the evidences of deserved success for himself. While engaged in the cares of his profession, he has not forgotten to fulfill the demands of good citizenship, and no enterprise of a worthy public nature has appealed in vain to him for support. He was born in Bartow County, Ga., in 1864, a son of William R. Brooksher, Sr., a sketch of whom precedes this. Dr. Brooksher was reared on the old home farm in this county, receiving the advantages of the public schools in the vicinity of his home, and made good progress in his studies. In 1885 he took up the study of medicine, instinctively turning to that broad field of human suffering for his life work, and pursued his investigations in the office of Dr. R. J. Pierce, of this county, after which he entered the Missouri Medical College of St. Louis, where he remained for some time. In 1891 he graduated from the Kentucky School of Medicine at Louisville, with the second honors of his class, composed of 155 graduates, and in 1892-3 he took a post-graduate course in New York City, and is, without doubt, the best read medical man of the county. He makes it a point to keep in touch with every advance made in his profession, and as a general practitioner has already made a name for himself. He is a member of the State and County Medical Associations, gives all his time to his profession, and being skillful, conscientious and faithful, he has gained a large practice. In early life he taught school for some time, and was pronounced an excellent teacher. His wife was Miss Ida Cox, a daughter of P. A. Cox, of Mount Home. She was born in Baxter County, Ark., and is a graduate of Ouachita Baptist College, in the class of 1890, and is an accomplished and intelligent lady. The Doctor is a member of Yellville Lodge of the A. F. & A. M., the K. of P.; is a Democrat politically, and has long been connected with the Methodist Episcopal Church, while his wife is a member of the Baptist Church.

WASHINGTON M. WADE. Washington M. Wade, ex-clerk and recorder of Christian County, and a prominent banker of the county, was born in Carroll County, Ark., January 21, 1858, and was the youngest of ten children born to the union of Joseph and Nancy (Sivley) Wade. The father was born in Warren County, Ky., near Bowling Green, March 4, 1814, and the mother was born in Lawrence County, Ala., in 1816. The latter was the daughter of Mr. and Rachel Sivley, and was the only one of the family to come to Missouri. Our subject's paternal grandparents were Joseph Wade and his wife, formerly Miss Mounts. The father of our subject came from Alabama to Greene County, Mo., in 1840, but subsequently moved to Arkansas, where he made his home until 1861. He then moved to Rolla, Mo., for being a strong Union man his ideas did not accord with his neighbors', and he thought it prudent to leave. He enlisted in the army, but was rejected on account of his age. His wife took the family and located in the northeast part of Christian County, but after residing there one year, moved to Grand Prairie, in Greene County, north of Republic. In 1866 the family moved to the southwest point of Christian County, Galloway Township, near Highlandville, and there resided until the death of the father, on the 29th of January, 1888. The mother died on the 8th of March, 1883. They came from Alabama to Missouri by wagon, and the father entered land in Galloway Township. Mr. Wade was at one time a Whig, but later, or in 1856, he became a stanch Republican. He never cared for office, but gave his whole attention to farming and stockraising, at which he was unusually successful. He and Mrs. Wade were members, in good standing, of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was made a Mason in 1833, and at the time of his death was the oldest Mason in Christian County. He was a member of Friend Lodge No. 352. In addition to a common-school education, our subject attended Marionville College in Lawrence County, Mo., and graduated from the same June 3, 1880. He then began teaching, following that pro-

fession in Christian and Stone Counties, teaching near Ozark up to 1886, when he was elected clerk and recorder of the county by the Republican party, but received good support from both parties. After holding this office for four years, he came to Forsyth and established the Taney County Bank, with a capital stock of $10,000. He has a deposit of $20,000, and is loaning money on personal and real estate security. The stockholders of Christian and Taney Counties are J. K. P. McHaffie, president; S. W. Baswill, vice-president; W. M. Wade, cashier; and Alice Wade, assistant cashier. The bank opened up August 17, 1891, in the Taney County Court House, and Mr. Wade was instrumental in establishing this bank. He is a self-made man, carried himself through college by his own exertions, and is one of the best business men in southwest Missouri. In politics he has always been identified with the Republican party, and has ever been interested in public affairs. Fraternally he is a Mason, a member of Friend Lodge No. 352, and has held a number of offices of the lodge, being a prominent member of the same. Mr. Wade is connected with different enterprises. He deals in real estate and owns farm and town property. He married Miss Alice Maxwell, a native of Lawrence County, Mo., born March 20, 1865, and daughter of William G. and N. E. Maxwell, the mother now living in Springfield. Mr. and Mrs. Wade attend the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, of which she is a member, and both are leaders in society. Her parents came from Tennessee to this State at an early day.

T. W. Johnson. There is no country in the world in which the march of civilization is more noticeable than America, where home life is at the highest ebb of refinement and moral excellence. In every branch of life is this noticeable, the homes in particular showing the delicate touch of the housewife whose keen sense of refinement leads her to command the best and most artistic class of furniture. All classes of furniture may be found at the emporium of T. W. Johnson, who is the largest and only exclusive dealer in furniture and sash and doors in this part of the State. He has been a resident of Harrison since June, 1876, coming from Bellefonte. On first coming to the State he located at Yellville, where he followed the trade of a carpenter for two years. In 1870 he came to this country from Copenhagen, Denmark, landing at Boston; from there he removed to Marshalltown, Iowa, where he worked at his trade one year, then to Grinnel, Iowa, two years, and then came to Arkansas. After coming to Harrison he followed contracting and building for some time and erected many of the most important business buildings and private residences of the place. He is still following this occupation, is a master mechanic, a careful and painstaking workman, and that this fact is realized is shown by the large number of contracts given him. In the fall of 1885 he embarked in the furniture business with a stock worth from $4,000 to $5,000, and his annual sales amounted to from $12,000 to $15,000. When he came to this country he had very little means, and what he now has is the result of earnest, thoughtful toil. He is one of the most substantial citizens of the place, is a careful business man and the owner of a considerable amount of real estate in Harrison. He is a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and was married in 1874 to Miss Lou A. Dennis, a native of Ohio and a daughter of William M. Dennis, who is a boot and shoe maker of Harrison. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have three children: Edwin, Alfred and T. W., Jr. Politically Mr. Johnson is a Republican and has served as a member of the city council. He is of the stuff of which worthy and useful citizens are made, has been active in Sunday-school work, as well as in all enterprises tending to the benefit of the section in which he lived. He has accumulated a comfortable fortune and his furniture store has proven popular with the public and a profitable source of revenue.

J. A. WEATHERMAN. Among the prominent men of the county who have held the office of sheriff, none have filled it in a more efficient and satisfactory manner than has the subject of this sketch. He is an honored and respected citizen and, although young in years, is possessed of those advanced ideas and progressive principles which seem to be among the chief characteristics of the average Missourian. He is a product of Taney County, born December 7, 1859, and the eldest child born to the marriage of John and Matilda J. (Krithley) Weatherman. The grandfather, James Weatherman, was a native of the Keystone State, but at an early day came to Missouri, where he was among the first settlers of Taney County. He became well known all over the county and followed farming until his death, in 1885. He reared a large family (about eighteen children) and some are still living in this county, although a number moved to other States. In politics he was first an old-line Whig, but later became a Republican, remaining with the same until his death. He was a good citizen and contributed his full share toward the improvement of the county. John Weatherman, the father of our subject, became inured to pioneer life at an early age, for he was born in Missouri shortly after his parents settled here, and his education was received in the primitive log schoolhouse of those days. He was but a youth when he came with his parents to Taney County, then an almost unbroken wilderness, and as he was a great hunter, much of his spare moments were spent with his gun. His father took up Government land on Bull Creek and this farm is now owned by one of the family. Having been trained to the duties of a farmer at an early age he naturally chose that as his occupation in life when starting out for himself and followed it until his death in 1875. He left a good farm, which is still owned by the family. During the Rebellion he enlisted in the First Missouri Light Artillery, Union Army, and served three years and six months in a creditable manner. He took part in a number of hard-fought battles and received a gunshot wound in his arm. A member of the Baptist Church, he was highly esteemed in the community and was active in his support of all worthy measures. His wife was a daughter of Ambrose Keithley, who came to this county at an early day, settled at Bull Creek, but later he moved to Arkansas, where he died in 1870. Mrs. Weatherman was reared in Taney County principally and died here in 1885. She was the mother of six children, all of whom survive: J. A., the subject of this sketch; Lucy A., wife of John W. Gideon, of Christian County; Mary, wife of William Gideon, of Christian County; Martha, wife of Nathan Cochran, of Vernon County, Mo.; John F., a resident of Ozark, Mo., and Rose A., wife of Hiram Griffith, of Vernon County, Mo. The parents were worthy members of the Baptist Church, and the father was a stanch Republican in politics. Our subject passedhis early life on Bull Creek, although during the war he resided with his mother at Rolla and attended the common school, where he received a good practical education. After reaching mature years he followed farming until 1886, and then embarked in the grocery business, which he followed at Forsyth until 1888, when he sold out. In 1892 he was elected sheriff and is now the present incumbent of that office. He is fearless in the discharge of his duty and is one of the best officials the county ever had. He has ever been a stanch Republican in politics and is a public-spirited and prominent citizen. When the city of Forsyth was incorporated he was city marshal, and he has held other positions. He chose his wife in the person of Miss Anna Shute, daughter of Joseph Shute, who lives in Taney City. Mrs. Weatherman was born in England and was but fourteen years of age when the family came to the United States.

ROBERT Q. GILLILAND. This prominent citizen of Ozark County, Mo., was born here on the 22d of October, 1845, a son of Robert and Eliza (Kane) Gilliland, who came from Tennessee to this county in 1842, and settled in the northwestern part of this county, near Thornfield, on a farm. Both parents were born in Tennessee, and to that State the paternal grandfather, Robert Gilliland, removed in the early history of the State. Robert Gilliland, the father of the subject of this sketch, settled on a tract of Government land and made his home in the neighborhood where he first settled until his death, which occurred in 1891. In politics he was a Republican, and during the Civil War was a member of the Missouri State Militia. As a farmer he was successful, and as a citizen was public-spirited and helpful, and as a neighbor was kind and obliging. His wife was a daughter of James Kane, a native of Tennessee, who came to Ozark County about 1842 and settled in the same neighborhood in which Mr. Gilliland settled, and there spent the rest of his days. Mrs. Gilliland died in February, 1894. She bore her husband six children: James, who resides in this county, was a soldier during the Civil War in the Sixteenth Missouri Cavalry; Robert Q.; John H., who was also a soldier of the Sixteenth Missouri Cavalry; Rebecca is the wife of William E. Welch; William H. is living near the old home, and Eliza is the wife of G. W. Johnson. Robert Q. Gilliland was reared and educated in Ozark County, and when the war opened joined the Forty-sixth Missouri Infantry, and but shortly after was discharged on account of disability. In 1868 he was elected sheriff and collector of Ozark County, was reëlected in 1870, and two years later was chosen to represent the county in the Twenty-seventh General Assembly. He was successively elected county sheriff in 1876 and 1878, was then elected circuit and county clerk, a position he filled by reëlection for eight years, without opposition. In all he has been sixteen years in office, and during that time he has successfully managed a farm, which is located in the vicinty of Gainesville and consists of 320 acres, 150 acres being under cultivation. Mr. Gilliland was married to Miss Josephine Forrest, a daughter of Samuel J. Forrest, of this county, who is one of its pioneers and lives near Isabella. Mrs. Gilliland was born in this county, and has borne her husband the following children: John H., Samuel H., Lena, Charles, Edgar, Byron, Otis and Orena. Mr. Gilliland is a member of Robert Burns Lodge, at Gainesville, of the A. F. & A. M., for years and is a prominent member of the order. He has been successful in everything that he has undertaken, and in private as well as in public life numbers his friends by the score.

JAMES LITTLEFIELD. The subject of this sketch was for a number of years one among the many successful farmers of Baxter County, Ark., and is as conspicuous for his outspoken views in sanctioning that which is just and right as in his denunciation of that which he considers unjust and wrong. He is an intelligent citizen, and he wields considerable influence in the affairs of his section. He was born in Spartanburg District, South Carolina, April 4, 1829, a son of Joseph Littlefield, who was also a native of the Palmetto State. He moved to Caldwell County, Ky., when his son James was a lad, and there he engaged in tilling the soil until his removal to Arkansas in 1859, his death occurring here in 1880, when nearly ninety years of age. He was first a Whig but afterward a Democrat in politics. His wife, Sarah Harris, was born in South Carolina, was married there, but died in Arkansas in 1862 when sixty-three years of age. They were members of the Primitive Baptist Church, and became the parents of six children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the fifth, and three of whom are now living: Ellen is the widow of David T. Colley, and resides in Lawrence County, Mo.; Sarah Ann is the widow of Madison L. Ford, and lives in Scottsburgh, Caldwell County, Ky., and James.

The latter attended the common schools of his native county for a short time, but the most of his education has been acquired in the rough but most practical school of experience and by contact with the business affairs of life. He came with his father overland to Arkansas and located six miles northwest of where Mountain Home now is, where they purchased some land on which a little clearing had been done. When the war broke out James joined Company I, Seventh Arkansas Infantry, and attained the rank of lieutenant. During the war he engaged in farming in the neighborhood of Gassville, then went to Douglas County, Mo., where he remained two years, then took up his residence in Independence County, Ark. After a time he came to Baxter County and cleared up a farm six miles northwest of Mountain Home, on which place he erected a gin, in partnership with Fred Hargrave. In 1874 he opened a mercantile establishment with Judge Russell, but one year later removed to the mouth of Big Creek on North Fork, where his home continued to be until the spring of 1882. For a short time he then resided in Texas, after which he embarked in business with Ben F. Bodenhammer, at Mountain Home Park, with whom he continued to be associated until 1890, since which time he has not been in the mercantile business. He is an extensive land owner, and the principal capitalist in the county, a state of affairs that has been brought about by good management, energy and thrift, and in the conduct of his affairs he has ever shown the utmost honesty, correct ideas and reason. He has always taken an active part in politics and has worked and voted for the success of Democracy. He is a Royal Arch Mason and is prominent in his lodge. In 1860 he led to the altar Miss Mary Cooper, who was born in Alabama, but they have remained childless.

ANDREW R. TURNER, who for twenty-three years has lived near Rome, Mo., is a native of Polk County, Tenn., but was reared in Georgia on the Chickamauga battle-ground. His father, Joseph Turner, was born in the Old North State in 1812, and after marrying Nancy Fouts, in Tennessee, and living there until the subject of this sketch was ten years old, he removed to Georgia. His father was William Turner. Andrew R. Turner attended the common schools of Walker County, Ga., and was twenty years of age at the time of the opening of the Civil War, but he continued to attend school until 1863, being exempt under the conscript law of Georgia, but at that time he was forced to join the Confederate Army or leave the country and chose the latter alternative and went to Kentucky, where in August, 1863, he enlisted in the Ninth Tennessee Cavalry, United States Army, commanded by Col. Joseph Parsons, and served the Union cause from the time of his enlistment until the war closed, becoming sergeant of his company—Company B. He was in the engagements at Cumberland Gap, Knoxville, Greenville, Morristown, and many skirmishes, and for some time was on the sick list in the hospital at Nashville. His brother James left Georgia at the same time that he did, joining the same company, but died in the hospital in 1864, at about the age of twenty years. Andrew R. made a faithful and trustworthy soldier, and upon leaving his home in Georgia he ran much risk in his attempt to reach the Union lines. After the war was over he returned to his old home in Georgia, where he lived four years, then joined his father and mother in Douglas County, Mo., whither their Union principles and sympathies had led them. The father was a scout for Gen. Thomas during the Civil War, but after the war had closed he resumed the peaceful pursuit of farming, and followed this occupation until his death in 1894, his wife having died in 1886. Their family consisted of three children: James, Andrew R. and John D., who is residing on the old homestead in this county. He is a successful farmer, is married and has an interesting family. The father was a Democrat prior to, and a stanch Repub-

lican after the war, and he and his worthy wife were members, in good standing, of the Baptist Church. He became prominent in this and Ozark Counties and was highly honored wherever known. Andrew R. Turner first followed farming near the old homestead, but in 1884 embarked in the drygoods business in Rome, in partnership with F. M. Richards, which connection lasted four years, at which time Mr. Turner established himself in his present business, and his annual sales now amount to about $10,000. He keeps an excellent stock of general goods and has a liberal patronage among the best people of his section. He is the Republican postmaster at Rome, is a notary public, and is one of the most enterprising of the younger business men of the county and has many warm friends. Socially he is a member of Douglas Lodge No. 319, of the I. O. O. F. at Ava, and belongs to the G. A. R. Post No. 307 at Roy. While following mercantile pursuits he has also given much attention to tilling the soil and stockraising. He was married in Georgia to Miss Margaret Lietch, a daughter of Archibald and Mary (Armstrong) Lietch, the former of whom was born in Scotland, and when a boy came with his father, John Lietch, to this country. He became a resident of Georgia and afterward, in 1870, of Douglas County, Mo., where he followed farming until his death in 1890. His wife was born in Georgia and died in Missouri in 1891, a daughter of William Armstrong, who died in Alabama. Mrs. Turner was born in Georgia, and has borne her husband three children: Mary, who became the wife of H. C. Osborn, and died leaving four children—Maston H., William, Claude and Della; Nancy A., wife of M. E. Richards, the successful miller at Rome, Mo., has three children—Albert, Emmett and Gertrude; and James who is living on a farm near Rome, and is married to Fannie Sager, by whom he has two children—Lillie and Nellie. Mr. and Mrs. Turner are worthy members of the Baptist Church, in which he is a deacon.

James Wiley Salmon. The following is a brief sketch of the career of James Wiley Salmon, a man whose present substantial position in life has been reached entirely through his own perseverance, and the facts connected with his agricultural and stockraising operations, and their results, only show what a person with courage and enlightened views can accomplish. He was born February 7, 1826, in Hickman County, Tenn., and was a son of James and Nancy (Storey) Salmon, natives of Scotland and Edgecombe County, N. C., respectively. It is thought that James Salmon came to the United States when quite young, and was the only one of his family to cross the ocean. He probably married in Tennessee and located in Hickman County, where he followed farming until his death, which occurred when James was six months old (1826). Very little is known of his people. Mrs. Salmon remained on the little farm in Hickman County until about 1846, when her sons brought her to Newton County, Ark., where her death occurred in 1859 or 1860. She was a Methodist in her religious views. Her father, Daniel Storey, was a native of the Old North State, but at an early date moved to Henderson County, Tenn., where he probably passed the remainder of his days engaged in farming. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary War and had his right thumb shot off. James W. Salmon was the youngest of five children, two sons and three daughters: Margaret, deceased, was the wife of John Gray; Elizabeth, wife of James Hostettler, of Grayson County, Texas; John S. died in Barry County, Mo., in 1862, and left a family; and Martha Ann, deceased, was the wife of Earle C. Taylor. James W. remained with his mother until nineteen years of age, and although he received but very little schooling, he has by his own efforts become a fair scholar. In 1843 he came alone and on horseback to Johnson County, Ark., through a new country, the trip lasting thirteen days. He joined his brother who had preceded him. In this State he was married, May 20, 1844,

to Miss Sallie Hill, a native of Jackson County, Ala., who was two years old when brought to Arkansas by her parents, Mitchell and Nancy (Arnold) Hill. Mr. and Mrs. Hill came to this State (or rather Territory) from Alabama about 1833, and located in the woods where Clarksville now stands. This was at a very early day, and the principal inhabitants at that time were Indians. About 1845 he removed to Newton County and followed farming there until his death in 1868. His wife died at the residence of James W. Salmon. They lost three sons in the war, all in the Confederate Army: John, Henry and Robert, all single. Joseph, another son, was in the Federal Army, Company D, Second Arkansas Cavalry. He died in Polk County. To Mr. and Mrs. Salmon were born thirteen children, as follows: John; Mitchell L., a practicing physician and surgeon, is a graduate of the Keokuk Medical College; Nancy E., wife of J. C. Baker; James Henty died when eighteen years of age; Sallie M., died when twelve years of age; Joseph A., a lawyer and mill man, is at present prosecuting attorney for Newton County; Crockett died when two years of age; Emeline died in infancy; Susan F., wife of James M. Dickey; William R.; Mary M., wife of John C. Dickey, and Thomas Benton. The eldest, Martha J., died when six months old. In 1845 Mr. Salmon came to Newton and located at Mt. Hersey, following farming for thirteen years on Cave Creek, and becoming the owner of 127 acres. He also built a mill, and is a stirring, pushing, energetic citizen. He was in public life for many years and at one time knew every man in the county. In the month of August, 1855, he was elected sheriff and served two years. After that he was deputy for four years and in 1860 was elected sheriff again, serving in that capacity until the breaking out of the Civil War. In 1860 he was census enumerator and visited nearly every house in the county. When he was first elected sheriff the entire revenue of the county was $299 and a few cents. This he carried to Little Rock on horseback. On May 4, 1864, he joined Company D, Second Arkansas Cavalry, U. S. A., and operated in Arkansas, Missouri and Tennessee. He was mustered out and discharged at Memphis, August 20, 1865, after which he returned home and resumed farming. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, Dodson Lodge No. 135, and is past worthy master, being the first to hold that position in the lodge. He and wife are members of the Christian Church, and he is a Democrat in politics.

D. S. Ferguson. Nowhere within the limits of Howell County, Mo., can there be found a man who takes greater interest in its agricultural affairs than does D. S. Ferguson, who is also a prominent fruit-grower of this section. Every life has a history of its own, and although in appearance it may possess little to distinguish it from others, yet the connection of Mr. Ferguson with the agricultural and fruit interests of this region has contributed to give him a wide and popular acquaintance with nearly every citizen of the county, if not personally, then by name. His farm, one of the best in the county, consists of 220 acres, and is situated two and one-half miles west of Willow Springs. Mr. Ferguson is a native of Tennessee, his birth occurring in Greene County, May 13, 1853, and is a son of William and Elizabeth (Hogan) Ferguson, who came to Howell County in 1871, and here passed the remainder of their days. (See sketch of E. C. Ferguson.) Although the late war interfered to some extent with our subject's schooling he managed to secure a fair education, which he has since improved by observation and study. He was nineteen years of age when the family came to this county and settled on land now occupied by the city of Willow Springs. In 1876 young Ferguson started out to make his own way in life, and his first venture was to marry Miss Martha I. Young, a most estimable young lady, and the daughter of William Young, of Willow Springs. After this union they settled on the farm where they now live, and of the large

tract of land now owned by them 130 acres is under a good state of cultivation. Mr. Ferguson is engaged in general farming and stock-raising, also raises considerable fruit, and is one of the leading farmers of his section. He is a Republican in politics, and a Methodist in his religious views. Mrs. Ferguson is a member of the Christian Church. Their marriage has been blessed by the birth of three interesting children: Tennessee, Charles and Orval. Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson are well respected by all, and are leading people in their section. Mrs. Ferguson was born in Illinois, and came with her parents to Willow Springs in 1874. There the father resides at the present time. He is justice of the peace of the city.

HON. J. J. BRUTON. There are men, and the number is by no means small, who drift into what we are accustomed to look upon as the learned profession in the same way that thousands of men in the lower walks of life drift into the ordinary bread-winning occupations. Having no special preference for any calling, and without feeling that they have any particular fitness for a certain profession, they find themselves drifting in that direction as a result of associations or environment, and in the course of time they find themselves shouldering responsibilities for which they have scant liking, carrying burdens which rest heavily upon them, and laboring in a field which has for them no attraction other than what is yielded in the way of annual incomes. The prominent lawyer whose name heads this sketch impresses even those who meet him in a casual way as a man who has drifted easily and naturally into his calling, who realizes he has made no mistake in the choice of his vocation, and feels thoroughly at home in the position which he occupies. This first impression deepens as a more intimate acquaintance and familiarity with his life leads to the unbiased and impartial view that the success he has achieved is the logical sequence of talent rightly used, together with energy and industry never misapplied. Mr. Bruton is a native of this State, born in Greene (now Christian) County, February 22, 1845, to the union of Thomas and Lavina (Scott) Bruton, both natives of Maury County, Tenn. The grandparents, David and Nancy Bruton, were natives of Tennessee, and were among the early settlers of that State. The name, Bruton, is of French and Irish origin. The grandfather was a soldier in the Revolutionary War and was also in the Mexican War. About 1843 he came to Missouri and took up a claim in Webster County, near Henderson, and there passed the remainder of his days, dying October 1, 1868. His wife died in 1889. They were the parents of the following children: Thomas (subject's father); Hiram, who died in October, 1848; Dorcas, wife of Frederick Branstutter, resides in Webster County; Benjamin died just after the war; Terrell P. died while he was representing Douglas County in the Legislature, and while holding his third term; Eddie, wife of Edward Cordwill, died at Waldo, this State, April 14, 1874; Clerinda, wife of Mark Hatfield, resides in Texas; J. T., living at Carl Junction, is a prominent physician and a member of the Baptist Church, and minister of that Church; D. P., also a physician and a minister in the Christian Church, died in 1886; Miles died in Webster County in 1889; and Elizabeth, wife of Mr. Merril McDonald, resides in Webster County. The early members of this family were with the Hardshell Baptist Church, and were Whigs and later Republicans in politics. Several of the above mentioned sons were in the Civil War, and Terrell was captain of a Missouri regiment. Miles was also a soldier, and several others took part in the war. The father of our subject was a young man when he came to this part of the country, but previous to settling in Greene County he married Miss Lavina Scott. Our subject was but six months old when his father entered the land on which Sparta now stands. This was in 1845, and he made a home about a quarter of a mile south of the town, where

he reared his family. He was a Republican in politics. In connection with farming he also taught school, and was thus engaged for many years. He was well educated for his day, and being a cripple and not able to work hard, taught for the most part, being one of the first educators of the county. He owned a tract of about 300 acres and his sons carried on the farm. Mr. Bruton was a member of the Hardshell Baptist Church and a most worthy Christian. He held the office of justice of the peace and county assessor for a number of years, and took a deep interest in politics, as he did in all enterprises of a laudable nature. Our subject's maternal grandparents, Thomas and Elizabeth Scott, were of old Tennessee families. They came to this county and settled at Scott Spring in 1843, and there received their final summons. The original of this notice was one of five children, as follows: David, who died before the war; Lucinda A. married W. T. Guthery, who is deceased, but who resided in Sparta for many years, and who was a soldier during the Civil War (only one of their three children is living, Olive J., who makes her home in Sparta with her mother); James J. (subject); Benjamin B., who is a farmer, resides two miles west of Sparta, he is also a minister in the Baptist Church; and Nancy J., wife of L. R. Bramon, of Sparta. The mother of these children was a member of the Methodist Church. Benjamin B. and James J., our subject, were soldiers in the Rebellion, the latter serving in the Fourth Missouri Cavalry. He was reared on the old home place, secured a fair education in the country schools, and assisted his mother on the farm until the 7th of April, 1862, when he enlisted in Company M, Fourth Missouri Cavalry, State Militia, as a bugler. He was only seventeen years of age when he enlisted, and he was with his regiment on the Price raid through Missouri. He served principally in Missouri, Kansas and Arkansas. He participated in the Marmaduke fight at Springfield, and after that he was in many fights with bushrangers, such as the James boys, etc. He was at Jefferson City, Booneville, Independence, Big Blue, Lamar and Fort Scott, besides many other skirmishes. He was discharged April 7, 1865, after serving three years to a day. After the war he came to his old home, which he found in a bad condition, but began immediately to make improvements. He was married on the 11th of November, 1866, to Miss Margaret A. Farmer, daughter of Jackson and Nancy Farmer, a native of Christian County, born February 24, 1849. Following his marriage Mr. Bruton bought a tract of land near the old home, and built a house on Main Street, in Sparta, his being the first house in that town. He cultivated his land up to 1869, when he erected a store building and embarked in general merchandising. This he followed successfully until 1891, when he retired. He has considerable real estate and he erected the Sparta Roller Mill in company with W. G. Holland and H. H. Lee, who is an old pioneer of this place. Mr. Bruton studied law at an early day, and is now engaged in the practice of the same. He has held a number of prominent offices and has always advocated the principles of the Republican party. He was deputy sheriff for four years, and in 1892 he was elected to represent the county in the Legislature with 794 majority, thus showing his popularity. Mrs. Bruton died on the 1st of October, 1885. She was a member of the Baptist Church and a true Christian. To Mr. and Mrs. Bruton were born two children: James W. and Lillie Leotta, the latter the wife of W. G. Holland, of Sparta. The latter is manager of the roller mill and a first-class business man. James W. is a graduate of the Barnes Medical College, class of 1893, and is now practicing at Sparta. Socially the family stand high in the community, and are leaders in business and social circles. Mr. Bruton is a very popular man, has a host of warm friends, and both parties gave him their support. He has a law and real estate office at Sparta and is doing a good business. Socially he is a Mason, a mem-

ber of Sparta Lodge No. 296, and also a member of the I. O. O. F., Sparta Lodge No. 424. He has represented the latter lodge in the Grand Lodge. He is also a member of the G. A. R. Post No. 269, of which he is commander. His son, Dr. Bruton, is also a Mason, as is Mr. Holland. Our subject has one grandchild, Nora Holland, a bright little girl. Mr. Bruton is at this time a candidate for the office of prosecuting attorney of Christian County, with a good prospect before him for election.

ROBERT E. HURST. A well-known and prominent citizen of Baxter County, Ark., is he whose name heads this sketch. He was born in Franklin County, Ala., December 13, 1845, a son of William R. and Annie (Devaney) Hurst, natives of Burke County, Ga., and Franklin County, Ala., respectively. When a boy William R. Hurst was taken to Alabama by his parents, grew up in Franklin County and there made his home until about 1876, when he came to Baxter County, Ark., and located near Lone Rock, where he still resides. He has always been an extensive farmer and is the owner of large tracts of land in Baxter County and northern Alabama, in fact, he is supposed to be the owner of more real estate than any other one man in the county. When the subject of this sketch was about twelve years old he was left motherless, and he grew up and received his education in northern Alabama, being for some time an attendant of the Military College of La Grange, Ala. He made a special study of engineering and surveying, in which branches he became quite proficient. In April, 1861, he laid aside his books to take up arms in defense of the Southern cause, and became a member of Company G, Twenty-seventh Alabama Infantry, with the rank of orderly sergeant. The last year or two of the war he was with Gen. P. D. Rody's command of cavalry with which he served until captured near Athens, Ala., and taken to Camp Morton, from which he was paroled at the close of the war. He was at Fort Henry and Fort Donelson, was captured in the last engagement and taken to St. Louis and being ill was in the hospital there for some time. From there he was taken to Camp Douglas, Chicago, where he was kept a prisoner for seven months, and was finally exchanged at Vicksburg. He was at Chickamauga, Baker's Creek, Antietam, and was in various cavalry skirmishes. When the war closed his sole possessions consisted of some land in Alabama, all the improvements that had been made thereon having been swept away, but on this place he began to labor as best he could, but during this time he did not lose sight of the fact that a good education is a most necessary adjunct to a successful business career, and for two years he attended a night school. In 1869 he came to what is now Baxter County and located at the rapids on the White River, and there he has successfully tilled the soil. In 1877, about seventeen years ago, he was elected county surveyer of Baxter County, in which capacity he served three terms, and while thus employed acquired a large fund of valuable information regarding the locality of mineral lands, in this and adjoining counties, where he also did considerable surveying. He was appointed deputy United States mineral surveyor for Arkansas under President Cleveland, also under Harrison and has held the position with marked ability ever since. He has been quite an extensive dealer in mineral lands, has located many mines, and is now one of the most extensive claim owners in the State. He is well fixed financially, and is a man of excellent reputation and a favorite with his fellows. In 1864 he was married to Miss Mattie J. Sugg, of Alabama, who died in 1886, having become the mother of four children, only one of whom is now living, Hattie. Those deceased are Clara Annie, who died at the age of four years; Jessie Lillian, who became the wife of Charles Hull, and died at the age of twenty-one years, and Lulu who was eighteen at the time of her death. Mary Frances Adams of this county became Mr. Hurst's second wife

and she died in 1890, leaving one daughter, Nellie. In 1891 he married Maggie Horn, by whom he has one daughter, Lorena Agnes. Mr. Hurst is a member of the A. F. & A. M., the K. of H. and is a Democrat in politics.

WILLIAM A. CONKLIN. The gentleman whose name heads this sketch is the efficient county clerk of Ozark County, Mo., and his career thus far in life presents an example of industry, perseverance and good management, rewarded by substantial results well worthy the imitation of all who start out in life as he did, with no capital except a good constitution and a liberal supply of pluck and energy. In addition to discharging the duties of his official position with marked ability, he is also the proprietor and editor of the *Ozark County News*, a newsy and instructive weekly, published in the interests of the county and of the Republican party, of which Mr. Conklin has always been a member. He was born at Shepherdsville, Ky., September 29, 1855, a son of William and Mary J. (Neldon) Conklin, the former of whom was of German extraction and a native of the State of New York. At an early day he removed to Kentucky, was married there and in 1856 took up his residence in Pulaski County, Mo., where he made a good home for himself and family and resided until his death in 1867. He was a son of William Conklin. In the public schools of Pulaski County, Mo., William A. Conklin laid the foundation of a good, practical education, and in 1872 he entered the high school at Richland. In 1876 he started out to do business for himself and established a paper at Gainesville, Mo., known as the *Gainesville Gazette*, of which he was manager one year. At the end of that time the *Gazette* and the *Tribune* consolidated and became known as the *Gazette-Tribune*, after which Mr. Conklin had control of the same for one year more, when he sold out to F. M. Kellett and a Mr. Harlin, and they changed the name of the paper to the *Ozark County News*. In 1883 Mr. Conklin re-purchased the paper and has been sole proprietor of the same since that time. He has met with success in his business enterprises, and under his management the *Ozark County News* is a pronounced success, and is justly recognized as one of the best and most reliable county papers published in the State. Mr. Conklin has ever been public spirited, has held the office of school commissioner one term and in 1890 was elected to the office of county clerk and has received the almost unanimous nomination of his party for the same position in 1894. He has also held the office of justice of the peace, and in 1890 was appointed to the position of United States census enumerator of his district. Socially he is a member of Robert Burns Lodge No. 496, of the A. F. & A. M., Gainesville, Mo., is a member of Isabel Lodge of the I. O. O. F., both of which fraternities have honored him with the highest offices in their respective lodges, and he and his wife are members of the Christian Church. The maiden name of the latter was Sarah E. McClendon, a daughter of J. B. McClendon, but in February, 1891, Mr. Conklin was called upon to mourn the death of his wife, who left him with a family of six children: William B., Lenore, Roscoe, Posey, Lucy and Mary A.

R. G. SIMPSON HATCHETT. In order to perpetuate for coming generations the record of one who was very prominently connected with the growth and development of Searcy County, Ark., but who has now passed to his final reward, a brief account of the life of R. G. Simpson Hatchett it placed on the pages of this volume. He was born in Wayne County, Tenn., in 1837, to King and Nancy (Harris) Hatchett, whom it is supposed were born in Haywood County, Tenn. After their marriage they lived for some years in Wayne County, whence they came to Searcy County, Ark., where the father died in 1861, and the mother still lives at the age of eighty-one. The father became wealthy as an agriculturist, and became exceptionally well known throughout Searcy and adjoining counties. His father, Hubbard Hatchett, died in Ten-

nessee, having been a soldier of the Revolution and of English parentage. In his early manhood the subject of this sketch followed various occupations, for he was a man of varied talents, and for some time followed the occupation of a pedagogue, and also taught music for some time. The most of his attention in later years was given to the occupation of farming, however, and being industrious, enterprising and pushing, and a man of sound and practical ideas, he made a success of all his undertakings and became possessed of a considerable amount of this world's goods. In 1861 he died of a slow fever, eleven of his people dying of the same disease inside of three months, including his father, several of his brothers and sisters and uncles and aunts. He was married in December, 1855, in Van Buren County, Ark., to Miss Eliza Hunter, who was born in that county in 1838, and very shortly after the celebration of their nuptials they located on a farm in Wiley's Cove, on which some slight improvements had be made, and here they resided until their respective deaths, the father being taken with his last illness while teaming for Gen. McCullough during the war. The children born to him and his wife were as follows: Christopher C., who was born in 1857, is now the owner of the old home farm of 220 acres in Wiley's Cove, is a prominent farmer and stock dealer, and is one of the most energetic and substantial of citizens, and has never married (like all the male members of the family for several generations back, he is a Democrat politically); Susan S. is the wife of Samuel L. Redwine, of Wise County, Tex.; King R. G. Simpson is a farmer and merchant of Wise County, Tex., and married Mary J. York, of Clinton, Van Buren County, Ark.; and Imogene is the wife of James M. Boyd, all of whom were reared on the old home farm, where the mother and her eldest son still reside, and were educated in the district schools of the county. The family has given homes to several orphans, Miss Kate Flory, who was born in Virginia about twenty-four years ago, having been a member of the family for the past six or seven years. Nellie Euna, who was born in Wisconsin, is now eight years old, and is also one of the family. Mrs. Hatchett's father was Isaac Hunter, who was born in the Old North State in 1801, and when about eight years old accompanied his parents to Nashville, Tenn., where he was married to Rebecca Maddox, about 1834 or 1835, and later emigrated to Van Buren County, Ark., which was at that time a vast wilderness. Mr. Hunter purchased a tract of land from the Indians near where Clinton now is, and this land he greatly improved in all ways. He erected thereon a mill, which was the first in that part of the State, and which was for many years patronized for fifty or sixty miles around. He also followed distilling, farming and keeping tavern, etc., became wealthy, and became widely and well known as a man of excellent principles. He took no part in the Civil War, and tried to remain strictly neutral, and fed and sheltered both armies alike for a time, but was finally compelled to leave home on account of harsh measures taken by the Federals, was absent three years and his family knew nothing of him during that time. He spent his declining years on his old home farm on which he died in 1879, Mrs. Hunter surviving him until 1886. She was a local physician and a noble, self-sacrificing woman. His father, Elijah Hunter, was a North Carolinian by birth and bringing up, but in 1809 became a resident of Nashville, Tenn., where he became a wealthy merchant and horse dealer. He was of German extraction. The Hunter family was among the first white people to settle in northern Arkansas, and Mrs. Hatchett has a vivid recollection of many of the customs and habits of pioneer days. She is a woman of active intelligence, is an entertaining conversationalist and can relate many interesting anecdotes and incidents that occurred when the State first began to be peopled by the whites.

THOMAS LIVINGSTON, one of the prominent pioneers of southwest Missouri, is now a resident of Falling Spring, Douglas County, Mo., where he has won the respect and esteem of all by his upright, honorable career. He is a son of the Hoosier State, but his parents, Peter and Martha (Cravens) Livingston, are natives of Virginia and North Carolina, respectively. His paternal grandparents, Henry and Susan (Carmack) Livingston, were natives of Virginia, and she was taken prisoner by the Indians, although soon afterward recaptured. Henry Livingston was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. The Livingston family moved to Overton County, Tenn., at an early day, and the father of our subject moved from there to Indiana, where Thomas was born April 2, 1831. Later the father moved back to Tennessee, and there our subject grew to manhood. In 1867 the father came to Missouri and located in Howell County, where he remained a short time. He followed farming until his death, which occurred in Benton County, Ark., in 1878. His wife was a native of North Carolina, as before stated, and the daughter of Joseph and Mary Cravens, who died in Tennessee. Her death occurred in Douglas County, Mo., in 1887. To this worthy couple were born nine children: Sarah, Susan, Matilda, Thomas, Mary J., Martha, Nancy, James and Angeline. Of these children only Thomas, Martha and Sarah are now living. Martha is the wife of David Smith, and Sarah is single. The mother of these children was a devout member of the Baptist Church. Thomas Livingston came to Missouri in 1855, and located in Hutton Valley, Howell County, where he took up a farm five miles south of Willow Springs. There he resided until 1861, when he went to Indiana and remained there until after the war. He then returned to Howell County, remained there until 1871, and then came to Douglas County, locating on Fox Creek where he bought a farm one mile south of where he now lives. Mr. Livingston was married in Howell County to Miss Susan J. Alsup, a native of Greene County, Mo., born November 13, 1838, and the daughter of Benjamin and Nancy (Thomas) Alsup, both natives of Tennessee. About 1835 Mr. and Mrs. Alsup came to Greene County, Mo., but later moved to Howell County and thence to Douglas County in 1871, locating on Fox Creek. Mrs. Alsup died in Greene County in 1862, and her husband in Benton County, Ark., in 1879. In 1862 Mr. Alsup was taken prisoner by the Confederates and held for three years, three months and twenty days, in Southern prisons. He was not in service, and was taken prisoner at his home in Howell County. To his marriage were born the following children: John, William, Zachariah, Susan, Sarah, Elsie and Thomas, all deceased except Zachariah, Susan and Sarah. Mr. Alsup held to the principles of the Republican party. He was county judge of Howell County for two terms, and also represented both Howell and Douglas Counties in the Legislature. He was a man of education, and was prominent in all public enterprises. To our subject and wife were born ten children, viz.: Sarah died young; James, single, died in 1889, Z. T., married and resides on the old home farm; John, single and a carpenter, resides in the State of Washington; Nancy is the wife of William M. Greene of Douglas County; Martha is the wife of Monroe Elmore of this county; Cynthia died when fifteen years of age; William, single, is at home; Henry C., at home; and Alice, who died when nineteen months old. Mr. and Mrs. Livingston are living on the old home place of Benjamin Alsup. Aside from farming Mr. Livingston is also engaged in stockraising. He is a Republican in politics, and has ever been an active worker for his party. He is postmaster at Falling Springs, and is one of the representative men of the county. His farm is on Fox Creek, and is one of the best in his section.

JAMES M. MCGHEE. This gentleman, well known in Carter County, is at present the most efficient county clerk of the same. He came originally from

Georgia, his birth occurring December 17, 1854, and he no doubt inherits much of his vim and enterprise from his Scotch-Irish ancestors. His grandfather McGhee was an early pioneer in east Tennessee, and there John F. McGhee, father of subject, was born and reared. He was trained to the duties of the farm at an early age and received but a limited schooling, as his father died when he was young. When grown he moved to Georgia, and there married Miss Nancy Harris, a native of Georgia and a daughter of a pioneer of that State. About 1856 he and his wife moved to Wayne County, Mo., and settled near where Piedmont is now located, buying a farm and making their home there until 1860. From there they moved to Oregon County, Mo., and located in the southeast part of the same, where they made their home during the war. In 1865 they moved back to the old home in Wayne County, and in that county Mr. McGhee died in 1881 and his wife in 1884. During the war he was a lieutenant in the Confederate Army for a short time. After living on the farm in Wayne County for some time Mr. McGhee moved to Greenville, the county seat, and was elected to the responsible position of county treasurer. He served one term and was filling his second term when his death occurred. In politics he was a strong Democrat. He was well known all over the county, as well as his part of the State, and was a man possessed of much more than ordinary ability. He was a member of the Masonic lodge at Piedmont, and he and wife were earnest members of the Baptist Church for many years, he being deacon in the same. He was a good citizen, and a leader among men. He and wife were the parents of nine children, five of whom are living: Franklin P., an attorney of Texas; James M., subject; Sarah became the wife of John F. Rhodes, of Wayne County. Mr. Rhodes is a farmer and lumberman, and a prominent man in the county, having held the offices of county clerk and representative; Jennie, wife of William Warnock, collector of Wayne County; John L., a graduate of St. Louis Medical College, and now a practicing physician at Williamsville, Wayne County, Mo.; George, W., a twin brother of our subject, was killed in 1882, when twenty-eight years of age; and Martha, Mildred and Laura died young. Our subject, James McGhee, received his education in the schools of his native county and graduated at the business college of Bryant & Stratton, St. Louis. Later he was bookkeeper and operated a store at Colemanville, Carter County, for Clarkson & Mason, and managed the same for three and a half years. After that he was elected county and circuit clerk of Carter County in 1882, and held that position for two terms. In 1890 he was elected county clerk and has now been in office for twelve years. He is a Democrat in politics, is chairman of the Democratic Central Committee, and has attended a number of State conventions. Mr. McGhee is a Mason, a member of Van Buren Lodge, has been master of the order several times, and is now holding the position of district deputy grand master and lecturer of the order for the district He has also represented the lodge in the Grand Lodge. Mr. and Mrs. McGhee are members of the Missionary Baptist Church, and he is clerk in the same. Mr. McGhee selected his wife in Miss Zillah J. Dalton, daughter of Dr. Dalton, formerly of Wayne County. Four living children have blessed this union: Myrtle; May died when two years of age; Julia; Fred; William died when two years of age; and Nellie. Our subject is an extensive real estate owner in both farming and timber lands in Carter County. He has ever been one of the foremost men of the county, and he and wife stand high in the community. He is now engaged in the real estate and abstract business.

JOHN C. WAYMEYER. Special adaptability to any particular calling in life is the one necessary adjunct to permanent success. No matter the vim and determination which characterizes a man's start in business, unless he is to the

manner born he will find to his sorrow that his line has been falsely cast, and the quicker he draws aside and takes up another calling the better will it be for him. That John C. Waymeyer is especially fitted for the calling that now occupies his attention, that of merchant, cannot be doubted, for he has a large trade which is rapidly increasing. Mr. Waymeyer is a Hoosier by birth, first seeing the light in Davis County February 18, 1851, and the son of William and Henrietta Waymeyer, both natives of Germany. Led by the promises of the Western prairies of this country, the parents sold out and crossed the ocean to America in 1848, settling in Indiana. There the father followed farming until his death in 1861. The mother is still living, and makes her home on a farm eighteen miles east of Van Buren. She came to this county in 1870 and settled where she now lives. She is now the wife of Fred Richenmeyer. Our subject was one of four children and the only one reared, the others dying young. He obtained a liberal education in the schools of Indiana and after leaving school he began clerking in a store in Vincennes. Later he went with his mother and step-father to Carter County, Mo., and worked on the farm. Three years later, or in 1873, he began working in a saw mill as lumber and log scaler. In 1883 he was elected sheriff of the county and reëlected to the office of sheriff and collector, his term of office lasting six years. After that he became manager of the store he now owns, for Holland Bros., and conducted this for two years when he bought out the stock and embarked in business for himself. He is possessed of excellent business acumen and has met with the best of fortune in this venture. In politics he advocates the principles and policy of the Republican party and was elected to his official positions by that party. At present he is a member and the secretary of the County Central Committee, and a man of considerable influence. Mr. Waymeyer was married in this county to Miss Sarah Boyer, daughter of Alexander Boyer of Wayne County, and three children have been born to this union: Henrietta, died when five years of age; Henry E. and William L. Mr. Waymeyer has a farm in Wayne County and has it rented. He also owns property in Van Buren. He is a stockholder in the bridge across Current River, and is one of the pushing, enterprising young men of the town. He is treasurer of the bridge company, and is well and favorably known all over Carter County. Mrs. Waymeyer's father and mother are both deceased. For a number of years they resided in Wayne County, where Mrs. Waymeyer was born, but they came originally from Tennessee.

B. M. Estes. There is no branch of commerce in the United States or elsewhere that is of more importance and enters more intimately into the interests of a locality than the selling of general merchandise, and this important calling is that in which Mr. Estes is engaged. He is a member of the firm of Estes & Cawdrey, of Eros, Ark., which connection was made in November 1893. Mr. Estes was born at Woodbury, Tenn., September 23, 1844, being one of twelve children born to John M. and Charlotte (Elkins) Estes, the former of whom was a native of the Old North State and a son of John and Margaret Estes. John Estes was killed in the Florida Indian War and his widow survived him until 1857. John M. Estes attained manhood in Tennessee, gained a moderate education, and was married there, but in 1847 emigrated to Marion County, Ark., and until his death, March 12, 1881, was a resident most of the time of Yellville. He became well known throughout this section, was respected by all who knew him and was a man of unblemished reputation. His wife was born in Tennessee, in 1809, a member of the well-known Elkin family of that State, and is still living on her farm near Yellville, and in addition to her twelve children she has 240 grand, great-grand, and great-great-grandchildren. By trade John M. Estes was a blacksmith, but later he

became a merchant, was a strong Democrat and free trader politically, and for some time treasurer of Marion County and was also deputy sheriff for some time. He was a Union man during the war and greatly opposed to secession, but all his sons upheld the Southern cause. He remained neutral during the war, resided in Yellville and was never molested by the opposing armies, but was considerably annoyed by bushwhackers. His children were as follows: Edward was a soldier of the Confederate Army and died while in the service, leaving a wife and six children; Margaret is the widow of Gideon Thompson and resides near Yellville; John died in 1874, was a Confederate soldier; Elizabeth is the widow of H. R. Hutchison and she and Mrs. Thompson are living together; Mary C. is the wife of A. S. Wood; James is living near Yellville and was a Confederate soldier; Parolle died at the age of two years; Benjamin M.; Nathaniel was a Confederate soldier and is living near Yellville; William resides one mile from that place; Silas died at the age of three years, and Thomas J. is the editor of the *Lead Hill Sentinel*, Lead Hill, Boone County, Ark. The parents of these children were members of the Christian Church. The greater part of the life of B. M. Estes has been spent in Marion and Boone Counties. At the age of sixteen he entered the Confederate service and served faithfully from 1861 to 1865, being mustered out with the rank of lieutenant, in charge of one section of courier line from Mississippi to Trans-Mississippi Department, having participated in the engagements at Poison Springs, Mark's Mill, and others too numerous to mention. Upon his return he found his parents in a needy condition and he at once gave them his aid in the making of a crop, and was never again blessed with the opportunity of attending school. January 11, 1866, he was married to Martha Jackson, a daughter of David and P. (Brown) Jackson. She was born in Taney County, Mo., October 25, 1847, of which section her parents were among the early pioneers from Tennessee. The father was a native of North Carolina and died in Springfield, Mo., while a prisoner during the war. His wife is still living and is now nearly eighty-seven years of age. Three of their ten children are living: Nancy, David and Martha. Mr. Estes became the owner of a good farm four miles from Yellville, but at the end of five years sold out and moved to Kansas and only remained there four months. He then returned to Yellville and entered the livery business, building the stable which Mr. Wilson now owns. Later he purchased a farm seven miles from town, but sold it eventually and moved to Boone County, engaged in the nursery business, and in this occupation has ever since been interested. He purchased a fine farm three miles west of Harrison and moved his nursery to it, and was very successful in that business. In October, 1893, he formed his present partnership and they are doing a thriving business, keeping an excellent general line of goods. He and his wife became members of the Christian Church in 1867, and he is an active worker in the same and also for the causes of education and temperance. He is an earnest Sunday-school worker, being loved by the children, for whom he ever has a kind word. In fact he is a worthy man and a useful citizen. He has been active in political work, has been a delegate to various conventions, but aside from this has not been an aspirant for public favor. He and his wife have eight children: Huldah, wife of Eugene Speer, of Harrison; Ora, wife of J. A. Cawdrey, of Eros; Alice, wife of J. G. Pillow, of Harrison; Iranora; Isadora, wife of Prof. W. I. Terry, of Harrison; Martin Oliver, Essie and Nettie M. Notwithstanding the old saying that "a rolling stone gathers no moss," Mr. Estes has been successful in the accumulation of means, and although he has made many changes of residence he is the owner of a fine farm of 263 acres, also one of 100 acres near Harrison, Boone County, besides the interest in the general mercantile establishment at Eros.

J. G. SILER. J. G. Siler, county and circuit clerk and county recorder of Taney County, Mo., belongs to that army of intelligent, persevering, courageous people who have gone forth from the States of their birth to become respected and esteemed in the States of their adoption. Although of American parentage, he is of German descent, and has inherited the energy, thrift and integrity of that race of people, attributes which placed him in his present responsible position. His grandfather, Jesse Siler, was one of three brothers who came from Germany to this country previous to the Revolution, and settled in North Carolina, where they became prominent and influential people. Members of this family fought in the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, and in the Rebellion, and were brave and trustworthy soldiers. The father of our subject was born near Nashville, Tenn., and was one of the Georgia colony who came up White River in 1872 and made a landing at Lead Hill, in Boone County, Ark., whence they took wagons to the valley of Beaver Creek, where they made a settlement. The father of our subject took up a tract of land and made his home there for many years. In 1893 he moved to Webster County, Mo., where he is engaged in farming. He is a Mason and a member of the G. A. R. The early years of our subject were passed in Taney and Douglas Counties, where he attended the best schools of both counties. After attending the Walnut Grove School in 1885 he became a teacher and followed that profession in Taney, Ozark and Douglas Counties for some time. In 1887–8 he attended the Henderson Academy and became principal in 1889 of the Mansfield School in Wright County, subsequently attended Mt. Grove Academy in Wright County, Mo., and would have graduated in 1891, but instead was elected by a large majority to fill the offices which he now holds. He is a very popular young man and although a stanch Republican in politics, received a large Democratic vote. He began his duties January 5, 1891, and has discharged the same with more than ordinary ability. He was elected to that position when twenty-two years of age and will hold the same until 1895. During the three years he has held this position, he has given universal satisfaction and those who know him best look upon this much as but a preparation for even better work in the future. He is the owner of a nice residence and six lots in Forsyth, also the owner of 160 acres near Forsyth, 160 acres near St. Louis Park, and 160 acres near Protem; he also owns other and smaller tracts. In 1893 he brought from Janesville, Wis., six fine imported horses, all registered, and was the first to introduce the imported stock into the county. In April, 1894, Mr. Siler purchased the general merchandise store of R. W. Cline, which invoiced $5,000. He has refused to become a candidate for reëlection, and will, after his present term of office expires, devote his entire time to mercantile business. Mr. Siler was married June 3, 1892, to Miss Emma A. Small, a native of Dade County, Mo., and the daughter of Dr. James and Mary Small. She is a lady of education and was a teacher in the public schools of West Plains, Mo. She has filled the office of deputy recorder and has held other positions. One child, Eunice, was born to this union October 11, 1893. Mr. and Mrs. Siler are leaders in society, and he was superintendent in the Sunday-school of Forsyth. Mrs. Siler's father, Dr. James Small, was born in Tennessee in 1841, and was the seventh son born to Rev. James and Mary A. (Wallace) Small, both of whom were of Scotch descent. James Small attended the schools of his neighborhood and when the Civil War broke out he enlisted in the Union Army, Second Kansas Infantry, and later in the Sixteenth Missouri Cavalry, serving until the close of the war. In 1864 he married Miss Mary Noe, of Lee County, Va., and five children were given them: Mary J., born April 3, 1866, the wife of W. F. Patterson of Nebraska; Emma A., born March 23, 1868, now Mrs. Siler; Nellie, born June

23, 1872, the wife of J. H. Bunyard; R. Walter, born July 19, 1878, and J. Arthur, born January 12, 1884. After the war Mr. Small took charge of the old home, belonging to his father, and began the study of medicine under Dr. E. H. Mover. Later he moved to Arkansas and continued to study medicine, under Dr. W. M. Noe, his brother-in-law, and he also attended the American Medical College, graduating from that institution in 1880. Soon after this he began practicing at Isabella, Mo., but later moved to Marion County, Ore. where he remained until 1882, when he moved to Oakland, Ark., and soon after was appointed postmaster at that place. In 1887 he moved to Douglas County and built up a large practice. He established the postoffice at Smallett, Douglas County, and was one of the most prominent citizens. In 1890 he was appointed physician of the Nuyaka Mission, Indian Territory. Dr. Small has a fine farm of 120 acres in Douglas County, and owns other valuable property.

James O. Nicholson. The gentleman whose name opens this sketch is the oldest merchant in Boone County, Ark., and has given his attention to the business in which he is now engaged in Harrison since 1868. He came to this place with Capt. H. W. Fick, with whom he was in business for about two years, when he became the sole proprietor of the establishment, and has continued as such up to the present time. He carries a large stock of general merchandise, and the building he occupies at the southeast corner of the public square is a two-story structure, having a frontage of thirty-five feet and a depth of one hundred feet. He at all times keeps an excellent and extensive line of goods, and has met with well-merited success, being a leader in his line in the northern part of the State. Mr. Nicholson was born in Madison County, Tenn., March 15, 1844, being the eldest son and second child in a family of ten children born to James W. and E. J. (Newby) Nicholson, the former of whom was born in South Carolina, but was an early resident of the State of Tennessee, where he made his home until 1851, when he came to Prairie County, Ark., and became one of the first settlers of Hickory Plains. In 1858 he moved to Pope County, and in 1868 came to Harrison, where he died in 1877. He was a farmer throughout life, and member of the Missionary Baptist Church. He was a Democrat, a prominent man in all public matters, and was for some years justice of the peace of Harrison. His father, David Nicholson, an Englishman by descent, was a South Carolinian, who died in Madison County, Tenn. James W. Nicholson married a Tennessee lady. She is still living, and the following are the children born to them: Martha T., wife of H. W. Fick; Joseph A. died at the age of twenty-one years; James O.; Sally, wife of W. S. Allen of Newton County; Charles D. of Texas; Susie, wife of J. M. Daubleday of Coldwell, Kan.; and J. D. of Texas. The school days of James O. Nicholson were spent at Hickory Plains, Ark., and in Pope County, the subscription schools of that day affording him his education. While pursuing the paths of learning the war came up and he enlisted in Company K, Third Arkansas Regiment Cavalry, C. S. A., and took part in the engagements at Corinth and Iuka, Holly Springs, Chickamauga, Resaca, New Hope Church, Bentonville and the siege of Atlanta being one of about thirty-five able-bodied men out of 1,300, who came out of that siege alive. He was at one time wounded in the head by a gun shot, which unfitted him for duty for a short time, but during the entire war he was never taken prisoner. He was a private during most of his service, but finally became orderly of his company. After the close of the war he returned to his home in Pope County, then came to Boone County at the date above mentioned. During the last eight or ten years, in addition to conducting his mercantile establishment, he has been engaged in farming, and has a fine estate of 240 acres, a mile and

a quarter south of the public square. He has also other land in the county amounting to 360 acres, which is fertile and valuable, and the stockraising industry has received much attention at his hands. He is an officer and member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, is a stanch Democrat, is one of the substantial men of his party, and a worthy and progressive citizen. He was married to Miss Sarah L. Evatt, daughter of Wright Evatt, a Georgian by birth, but a resident of Harrison since 1869. By her he became the father of eight children: Cora L., wife of J. T. Tipton, M. D., of Lead Hill; Wright, a farmer of Texas; James; John; Frank; Blondie; Hugh; and Columbus, who died at the age of two years. The mother of these children died in February, 1891. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Miss Loretta Kirby, a sister of Dr. Kirby, became Mr. Nicholson's second wife, and is an earnest member of the Christian Church. The annual sales of Mr. Nicholson's mercantile establishment amount to from $15,000 to $20,000. His stock is valued at $10,000. He is a wide-awake business man, is shrewd, yet strictly honorable in his methods, and the respect accorded him is universal.

J. H. Berry. This gentleman is one of the oldest residents of Marion County, Ark., and through his enterprise, energy and push he has done much to make that section the prosperous region that it is. He was born in Washington County, Va., April 26, 1824, being the third of eight children born to Samuel and Sarah (Hickey) Berry, the former of whom was born in Washington County, Va., in 1796, his parents being William and Elizabeth (Duff) Berry. William Berry was a Virginian also, but his father, John Berry, was a native of the State of New York, and in his day was in many engagements with the Indians. Elizabeth Duff was born on the ocean when her parents were on their way to this country. In 1843 Samuel Berry emigrated to Missouri, the journey thither bring made in a wagon which he himself had made, and a location was made in what is now Webster County, the father taking up a tract of Government land. In tilling the soil and raising stock he acquired a good property and became a highly-respected and honored citizen. He was a stanch Democrat, a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in 1844 was called to that bourne whence no traveler returns. The maternal grandparents of the subject of this sketch were William and Rachael Hickey who spent their lives in Virginia, in which State Mrs. Berry was born in 1794, her death occurring in Missouri in 1856. The children she bore were named as follows: William E., who died in 1880, was a soldier in the Confederate service, was circuit clerk of Taney County, Mo., for a number of years before the war, was at one time postmaster at Forsythe, and became well known in southwest Missouri and northern Arkansas; John B., died when five years old; James H.; Robinson D. is living near Mansfield, Wright County, Mo., of which he is a prominent citizen; Carson M. was killed by bushwhackers during the early part of the Civil War; Patrick C. is a farmer of Stone County, Mo., and for six years was circuit clerk of that county, and has been a member of the Missouri Legislature two terms, and Margaret E. is the wife of Hiram Crider, of Wright County, Mo.; John B., who died in Virginia, and an infant that died in that State. J. H. Berry was educated in the schools of his native State and later those of Tennessee, in which he gained a liberal education for a youth of his day. In 1851 he started out for himself, and upon his arrival in Yellville he engaged in business under the firm name of J. P. Vance & Co., but from 1854 until the opening of the war the business firm of Vance & Berry was in existence. After remaining in Yellville for a short time Mr. Berry went to Izard County, where he remained until the war closed, after which he returned to this place and was in business with L. Ellenburg. Four years later this partnership was dissolved and the business was carried on under the name of J.



J. H. BERRY,
Yellville, Ark.



M. T. BRISCO,
Jasper, Ark.

H. Berry & Co., John S. Cowdrey, his son-in-law, being a partner. In 1886 the name became J. H. Berry & Son, and still continues as such. Mr. Berry has been one of the progressive merchants of this section for forty-two years and has become well and favorably known throughout northern Arkansas. He has been successful in the accumulation of worldly goods and has abundant means to keep him in comfort the remainder of his life. He is a strong Democrat in politics, is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. He was first married in this county to Miss Eliza Wilson, a daughter of I. C. Wilson, her birth occurring in North Carolina in 1839, and her death in Arkansas in 1862, having become the mother of three children: Martha H., wife of John S. Cowdrey; Bell, wife of J. N. Griffin, of Oakland, Ark.; Harriet L. who died in infancy. Mr. Berry's second marriage took place in 1863 and was to May H. Milam, daughter of James Milam, who died in Johnson County, Ark., in 1845. The second marriage resulted in the birth of six children: James C., who is associated in business with his father, was born December 1, 1863, was educated in the public schools of Yellville and State University at Fayetteville, in 1885 became associated in business with his father and is married to Miss Edna E. Layton, daughter of A. S. Layton, and by her has three children: Augusta H., Eula, and Lelia, who died at the age of one year; James C. Berry is a wide-awake young business man, is a member of the Knights, of Yellville, and he and his wife attend the Methodist Episcopal Church South: Ewaldus L. was born April 12, 1866, was educated in the schools of Yellville, Quitman College and Emery and Henry College, Virginian, he was appointed to the office of private secretary to Senator Berry of Arkansas at Washington D. C., after which he secured a position in the United States Navy, and is now clerk in the House of Representatives at Washington. He is a man of family and has two children: Fred and Madaline M.; Virgie is the wife of J.C. Floyd of Yellville, by whom she has two children: Nina and Rector: Mary is the wife of W. I. Gear, who is engaged in the manufacture of pressed brick at Springfield, Mo., and by whom she has two children: Idris and Sarah and Robert L., who is attending the Yellville Institute. One child died in infancy. Mr. Berry has seen much of the progress that has been made in Marion County, and has been one of its most substantial, law-abiding and progressive citizens.

James M. Risner. Among the most intelligent and highly-respected families of Stone County, Ark., we may well note that of which Mr. Risner is the head, for he is one of the substantial citizens of the county, and has a beautiful and fertile farm of 480 acres in the heart of Richwoods Township. He was born in what is now Stone County, October 5, 1853, a son of George and Margaret (Young) Risner, who were Tennesseeans by birth, but who came to Arkansas when still unmarried, and were united in wedlock in what was then Izard, but is now Stone County. The father died in 1875, at the age of forty-six years, and the mother in 1859, when still quite a young woman. The subject of this sketch was the fifth of six children born to this worthy couple, and after the death of his mother he made his home with his uncle, Christian Young, who was killed during the war, after which he made his home with the widow for a short time. He then ran away and made his home with Robert Cagle until almost grown, when he lived with Walter Cagle for a short time. He was given the advantages of the common schools during his boyhood, and upon starting out in life for himself was totally without means. He, however, was strong and well, and was determined to make a success of his life, and with this capital, which is by no means an insignificant one, he began his independent career, and, owing to the care and thought he has always given them, his enterprises have been attended with good results,

and he is now in independent circumstances. He has over 200 acres under cultivation, and has always given considerable attention to stockraising, an occupation that he has found to be both profitable and pleasing. He has been quite extensively engaged in the purchase and sale of horses, cattle and hogs, and has become well known throughout the county as a successful, but always an honorable and upright dealer. May 1, 1889, he was married to Miss Fanny Chambers, of this county, and they have a pretty and hospitable home. Mr. Risner is a Democrat in his political views, and being a decidedly public-spirited citizen, does all in his power to benefit the community in which he lives, or Stone County. He is what may be termed a "hustler," and deserves great credit for the honorable position in business and social circles which he has gained.

ALFRED H. PURDY. Among the enterprising and successful produce merchants of Billings, Mo., Alfred H. Purdy holds a prominent position. He has been in business in this city since 1880, has developed a permanent patronage, and his house is one of the creditable monuments to the business circles of this place. He came originally from south Illinois, born December 28, 1857, to the union of Henry I. and Mary (Varnum) Purdy. Our subject passed his boyhood and youth in his native county, and in addition to a common-school education attended college at Carbondale, where he was thoroughly educated. For a short time he clerked in Carbondale, but later came to Missouri, and clerked in a store in Joplin for a number of years. In 1880 he came to Billings, leased the mill, and was engaged in the milling business from that time until 1884, under the firm name of Purdy & Goesling. After that he and his brother, C. E. Purdy, embarked in the grocery business, which they followed for about six years, when our subject bought out his partner. Later he sold this, and still later branched out in the produce business with L. M. Wolfe, now the vice-president of Billings Mercantile Company. In 1890 Mr. Purdy and George M. Scott bought out Mr. John Seide, mercantile store, also the store of C. E. Purdy, consolidated the business, and followed it until 1892. Since that time he has been engaged in the produce business, buying all kinds of produce and game, shipping to all points, and doing a large business. Mr. Purdy is a young man, but experience has brought him reflection, coolness and judgment. He is held in much esteem for his many excellent qualities, and for his straight and manly action. This worthy young man has held a number of offices in the town, and was the one who presented the petition to the court to make Billings an incorporated town. Since then he has been one of the trustees, and has held the office of city clerk three terms. He has also been assessor of the town. He is one of the prominent men of the county, is active in political matters, and has been at the head of the Republican ticket. Socially he is a member of the A. O. U. W., Select Knights of the A. O. U. W., and also the Sons of Veterans. June 18, 1882, he selected his wife in the person of Miss Minnie M. Scott, a native of Iowa, born in 1865, the daughter of Dr. J. Z. Scott, who has been a resident of Billings since 1881, with the exception of one year, and who served in the Mexican War. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Purdy: Clarence, born May 1, 1885, and Ollie, March 5, 1888. Mr. Purdy and wife are members of the Christian Church, and they are much respected by all.

HON. PATRICK C. BERRY. The position occupied by Patrick C. Berry as one of the prominent and influential citizens of Stone County, Mo., has been gained by personal worth and unquestioned integrity. He is well and favorably known all over the county, few men more so, and is now enjoying the fruits of a well-spent life. In the grand old mother of States, Virginia, he was born, August 22, 1830, the seventh son and next to the youngest of the

eight children of Samuel and Sarah (Hickey) Berry, both natives of Washington County, Va. Our subject's grandfather, William Berry, was born in the Emerald Isle, but at an early date came to this country and settled in Virginia or Pennsylvania, dying in the former State. He was a farmer, and the old homestead in the Old Dominion is now owned by members of the family. Samuel Berry was born on this old farm in 1799, grew to manhood and married Miss Hickey. All his children were born in that State, and he remained there until 1843, when he started for Missouri, arriving here the following year. He located in Wright County and died there the same year. The family bought an improved farm, on which they resided many years and on which the mother died in 1856, when about sixty years of age. Her parents, William and Rachel (Martin) Hickey were early settlers of Washington County, Va., the former having been born in South Carolina, of a prominent family of that State. Mr. Berry was a wealthy citizen and a man who took an interest in all public doings. He and wife were members of the Protestant Methodist Church. To their marriage were born eight children, as follows: William C., a merchant, died at Augusta, Ark., in 1879, previous to the war, in which he served as a Confederate soldier, he was clerk of the court in Taney County; John B. died when five years of age; James H., a merchant of Yellville, Ark., where he has resided since 1850, is a cripple and did not serve in the Rebellion (he is a stanch Democrat and a wealthy, influential citizen); Robison D. residing on the old home place in Wright County, Mo., is a prominent man and has held a number of responsible positions; Carson M., also an influential citizen of Wright County, of which he was judge for some time, was killed during the war (he was married); a son died in infancy; Patrick C., our subject, and Margaret, who is widow of Hyman Crider, reside in Wright County. Until the age of thirteen years Patrick C. Berry remained in Virginia, and he well remembers the trip made to Missouri. His educational advantages were limited, but as his mother was a lady of more than ordinary ability, she taught him in the common branches, and this, together with what he learned in later years, with his native good judgment and sense, has placed him among the best posted men of the county. After reaching mature years he branched out as a merchant at Forsyth and remained there for three years. In 1853 he moved to Galena and was a merchant there for five years. In 1858 he was elected clerk of the county and held that position down to 1862, when he was elected to represent the county in the Twenty-second and Twenty-third General Assembly. Again, in 1866, he was elected clerk of the court, holding that office until 1870, and in 1878 he once more represented the county in the Legislature. Ever since casting his first vote he has affiliated with the Democratic party, and is one of the leading men of that party in the county. During the war he enlisted in the First Arkansas Cavalry Volunteers of the United States Army and served two years and seven months, receiving his discharge February 5, 1865. The same year he represented his county in the Legislature, and, on returning home, he raised and organized a company of State militia, being elected captain of the same. Most of the time he was stationed in southwest Missouri and Arkansas, but he had poor health during service. In 1866 he was appointed assessor of the county and has held the office of director of schools in his district. He has been postmaster at Galena and at Cape Fair and has held other local positions. In 1866 he moved from Galena to a farm on Flat Creek, and thence to his present farm about 1884. While on Flat Creek he followed milling, and in connection with this he is now engaged in farming and stockraising. He is a charter member of Galena Lodge No. 515, A. F. & A. M., and also affiliates with the Farmers' Alliance. Mr. Berry was married at Galena to Miss Evaline Stone, a native of Polk

County, Mo., and the daughter of Judge William Stone, after whom the county was named. The Judge brought his family to Missouri in 1832, and in Stone County Mrs. Berry grew to womanhood. To Mr. and Mrs. Berry were born five children, as follows: William C. C. resides with our subject and has a family of five children; James S. is at the old home in Stone County; Henry D., residing on a farm near the father; Martha died when five years of age; and John R. died in infancy. The mother of these children died February 23, 1892. She was a member of the Christian Church and a lady whose many estimable qualities endeared her to all. Mr. Berry can see many changes in the county since he first came here in 1853, many of the townships being without a settler then, and he has contributed his share toward its advancement.

ROBERT A. SMITH, better known as "Mac" Smith, is a prominent farmer and stockraiser of Swan Township, Taney County, Mo., and is classed among the wide-awake, progressive men of his section. His birth occurred in Christian County, Mo., January 1, 1846, and he is one of eight children born to William and America (Bryant) Smith, both natives of Cumberland County, Va., where they were reared, educated and married. Later they left their native State and moved to Kentucky, but remained there only a short time, and then settled in Hickory County, Mo. The following year they removed to Christian County of that State and settled in the woods on Swan, near Cedar Creek, where Mr. Smith began improving a small farm. Thence they removed to a point near Sparta, where Mr. Smith improved another farm, and there died in 1865. He was very successful as a tiller of the soil, and was also quite a prominent horse raiser. During the war he was a Union man, but took no part except to serve in the Home Guards. He was a pioneer of Christian County. His grandfather, Spencer Smith, a native Virginian, and a mechanic who followed farming in that State, passed his entire life there with his wife, Sarah Crecy. He had three sons and one daughter. On the maternal side, his grandfather, Eli Bryant, was also a native of the Old Dominion. The mother of our subject died in Christian County about 1860. Eight children were born to her marriage with Mr. Smith, as follows: Sallie A., widow of Washington Burkhart; George H., died in Nebraska several years before the war; William, was a militiaman and was killed in Christian County by bushwhackers in 1863 and his body left in the woods to be eaten by hogs (he left a wife and one child); Thomas J., of Christian County, who is engaged in farming (he was a soldier in the Twenty-fourth Missouri Infantry, serving three years and operating in Missouri, and was at Rolla most of the time); Robert A., subject; Alvira, died when young; Washington was killed at Swanville, October 11, 1869; and James died at the home of our subject. The latter was reared on the farm in Christian County, with no education worth speaking about, and in the fall of 1864 joined Company M, Seventy-third Missouri Cavalry, as flag bearer or fifth sergeant, serving until the close of the war, principally in Arkansas. He was in many skirmishes and was discharged at Forsyth after the war. As he had been reared to agricultural pursuits it was but natural that he should select that as his calling in life. He purchased land in Taney County, and has added to this until he is now the owner of 270 acres of good land, 70 acres cleared, on which are good buildings and improvements. He is also the owner of a good farm of 156 acres near Sparta, all the fruits of his own perseverance. He is well known as a stock dealer and annually handles many cattle, shipping to St. Louis and other points. He is also one of the leading farmers of his section and is considered authority on all subjects relating to agricultural pursuits. In the year 1865 he celebrated his nuptials with Miss Permelia Roberts, a native of Christian County and the

daughter of Williamson and Mary Roberts, who came from Tennessee to Christian County. In this county Mrs. Roberts died in May, 1889, but the father is still living and is a wealthy farmer. He served in the militia during the war. The following children were born to our subject and wife: Mary L., died in infancy; William, died when twenty-one years of age; Robert; Rosetta, who died in infancy; Albert; one died unnamed; Maggie; Ina; Sanford and Laura. Mr. Smith is a member of the Masonic fraternity in Forsyth, Lodge No. 453.

DAVID B. PRATT. The name mentioned above is well known in the agricultural districts of Douglas County, Mo., and is a synonym for all that is pushing, enterprising and successful. Mr. Pratt was born in Maury County, Tenn., September 10, 1828, a son of Joseph and Mary (Buchanan) Pratt, the former of whom was born in Georgia, but when a young man removed to Tennessee, where he spent the remainder of his days. He was a cabinet maker by trade, was a soldier of the War of 1812, and was an upright and honorable man. His wife was born in Tennessee and was a daughter of David Buchanan, who was a participant in a number of the early Indian wars in Tennessee. She died in 1870, having become the mother of six children: Andrew J., who was killed in the battle of Monterey during the Mexican War; Margaret, who died after her marriage with H. S. Blakemore; David B.; and Fidelia A., who is the wife of G. W. Reese, of Tennessee, being the only ones who reached maturity. The early life of David B. Pratt was passed on a farm and his advantages for obtaining an education were very meager indeed. In 1849 he began farming on his own responsibility, but in 1850 was severely attacked by the "gold fever" and he made the overland trip to California, where he remained fourteen months engaged in mining. He then went to Oregon, but about one year later returned to Tennessee by water, and in that State continued to make his home until 1853. He then took up his abode in Greene County, Mo., near Springfield, where he made his home one year, then moved to Laclede County, thence to Taney County, and then back to Greene County. He served in the Missouri State Militia for about two years during the war and was in the battle of Springfield when Marmaduke made his raid. He saw some hard service during the war and was a useful and faithful soldier. After the war he resided in Greene County until 1866, when he came to Douglas County, later removed to Taney County and in 1890 came to the farm on which he now lives, which consists of 197 acres and where he has since devoted his attention to farming and stockraising. He was married in Greene County, Mo., to Sarah Hartin, a daughter of A. N. Hartin, an early pioneer of that section. Mrs. Pratt was born seven miles east of Springfield, June 4, 1839, and has borne her husband nine children: Joseph M., who died young; John, who is in the West and is a man of family; David N., who is living near Roy, this county, and is a man of family; William A., who died at the age of twenty-two years; Fidelia A., who is the wife of Thomas Osburn, of Ozark County; Addie B., who is the wife of James Garrison, of Ozark County; George W., who is living in Douglas County and is a man of family; and Emma, who is at home. Mr. and Mrs. Pratt have every reason to be proud of their family, for they are intelligent, progressive and law-abiding citizens. The parents are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and Mr. Pratt is a Republican politically and is active in all public matters. They have a comfortable and pleasant home four miles from Rome and have many friends in the section in which they reside.

R. V. LASATER. The American people not only travel more extensively than any other nation, but they patronize to a greater extent the numerous establishments for the hire of horses and carriages. One of the best known, most deservedly popular and liberally patronized livery stables in this city is that

conducted by R. V. Lasater, a wide-awake, thorough-going business man. Mr. Lasater was born in St. Francois County, Mo., November 28, 1858, and is a son of Reuben and Elizabeth (Govreau) Lasater. The father was born in Tennessee, and when but a boy came to Missouri. About 1868 he located in Howell County, at West Plains, and became the owner of a large farm on which a considerable portion of the city now stands. Farming was his principal occupation in life, but he was public-spirited and progressive and was holding the office of sheriff and collector at the time of his death, which occurred in West Plains in 1874. He served in the Union Army all through the Civil War, was in many hard-fought battles, and was one of the best of soldiers. Politically he was a Republican and socially a Mason. He gave the Oak Grove —— to both lodges. Mr. Lasater was a man of considerable means and a good, law-abiding citizen. He was a good judge of fine horses and made a business of raising fine animals. No man was more highly esteemed than he, for he had the happy faculty of making friends wherever he went. The farm he owned is now in city lots, and is the handsomest part of West Plains. Mr. Lasater was about sixty years of age at the time of his death. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mrs. Lasater is still living in West Plains. She was born in St. Genevieve County, Mo., and was the daughter of Charles Govreau. By her marriage she became the mother of twelve children, six daughters and six sons, as follows: Frank, living on a farm in Oregon County, Mo.; John, a farmer in the same county; Mollie, wife of Gideon Thomas, of the West Plains planing mill; Clara, was wife of William Bollind, of West Plains; Julia, wife of Daniel Galloway; Reuben V., subject; George, who died when twenty-three years of age; Joseph, who is running a stock farm in Howell County; Marion, also a farmer; Addie, the wife of Charles Brown, of Illinois; Jennie, single, at home; and Lillie, single. R. V. Lasater comes from one of the old and prominent Missouri families. He passed his school days in West Plains, and received his primary education in the first school building erected in the city. This was a log building but his educational advantages were limited, as he only attended about six months. In 1885 he began business in the livery stable he now owns, and later he sold out, but in 1891 purchased it again. He is now in business with his father-in-law, Mr. Henry, and is manager. The barn is a well-regulated one and the leading one in the city. Mr. Lasater is a member of the K. of P., the subordinate and uniform ranks and the ———— Lodge. He married Miss Alice Henry, and five children have been given them: Gertrude, Ruby, Jess M., Effie and Samuel. Mrs. Lasater is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In politics Mr. Lasater is a stanch Republican, and he is a public-spirited, successful young business man.

ELIJAH FRIEND. The estate of which this progressive tiller of the soil is the owner comprises 190 acres advantageously located near Theodocia, Mo., on which he has resided for the past fifteen years, and which he has put in an excellent state of cultivation. Mr. Friend inherits many of the most sterling traits of his Scoth and Irish ancestors and is a man on whose word one can rely at all times. He was born in Marion County, Ark., about sixty-three years ago, but his parents James and Mary Jane (Millwood) Friend, were born in Maryland. The father removed with his parents to Scott County, Mo., and was there married a few years later, after which he removed with his wife to Marion County, Ark., and a few years later to Ozark County, Mo., where he improved a good farm and made his home on the same for fifteen years. At the end of this time he removed a little west of that place and after improving a good farm there died on the place in 1883, at the age of seventy-two years. He was a lifelong farmer, a man well known for his honesty, and in religion was first a Missionary Baptist, but later became a

General Baptist. He was a Union sympathizer during the war, but took no active part in the service, although he was formerly a participant in the War of 1812 and in the Black Hawk War. His father died in Scott County, Mo., and the maternal grandfather also died there, having been a soldier in the Revolutionary War. The wife of James Friend died in 1867, having become the mother of five sons and five daughters: Charley, who died very young; Sallie, who became the wife of David Jones and is deceased; Louie, who became the wife of Alva Graham and is deceased; Elizabeth, who became the wife of James Tabor and is deceased; John, of Ozark County, was a soldier in the Sixth Missouri Infantry, United States Army; Susan, died unmarried; Elijah, the subject of this sketch; Elisha, who died before the war; Thomas, was a soldier in the Sixteenth Missouri Cavalry, and died at Lebanon, Mo.; and Rusha. The subject of this sketch had very poor advantages for schooling in his youth, for he was reared in the wilds of Ozark County, but this deficiency he greatly remedied in later years by much varied reading, and he is now justly considered one of the well-informed men of the county. He was first married in June, 1852, to Miss Nancy Brown, a daughter of Gideon and Sallie Brown, the father being killed before the war in Taney County, Mo., but Mrs. Friend was called from life in 1862, having become the mother of one child, a daughter, Elizabeth, who became the wife of Bennett Tabor. In 1865 Mr Friend took for his second wife Mrs. Mary Haskins, a daughter of Marlan and Ruth Heard, who removed from their native State of Tennessee to Arkansas, and finally came to Ozark County, Mo., where they both passed from life. Mrs. Friend was born in Arkansas, and died in 1877, after having become the mother of five sons and one daughter: John, Jesse, Mary (wife of Thomas Mahan), Thomas, Calvin, and Asa (who died in infancy). Since 1881 Mr. Friend has been married to Ruth (Graham) Pelham, a daughter of John D. Graham. At the opening of the great Civil War Mr. Friend joined Company D, Seventy-third East Missouri Militia, which operated in Missouri and Arkansas until May 20, 1863, when he became a member of Company D, Sixteenth Missouri Cavalry, with which he served until the close of the war, in Missouri, Arkansas, Kansas and the Indian Territory, during which time he participated in many skirmishes. He received his discharge at Springfield in July, 1865, after which he returned home and followed farming and carpentering for a livelihood for some time. He is a Republican in politics, a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and in his religious belief is a General Baptist.

Beverly B. Evetts. The pages of history fail to disclose an older or more honorable calling than that of the farmer, and among its most honorable votaries is Beverly B. Evetts, who is a product of Smith County, Tenn., where he was born April 2, 1847, to James H. and Sarah A. (Hubbard) Evetts, who were also natives of Smith County, and where they were reared and married. In 1847 they came to Arkansas and located in Wallace Township, Stone County, of which section they were among the very first settlers. After making several changes they located on the farm on which the subject of this sketch now resides, the most of which was woodland at the time of their purchase. This land Beverly B. Evetts helped to clear and improve, and it is now one of the finest places in the county. The father was born in 1819 and died in 1871, but the mother, who was born in 1823, is still living, and makes her home with the subject of this sketch. She is a member of the Methodist Church, is a worthy woman and has many friends. The father was a Democrat politically, was a soldier in the Confederate Army for some time, and was a participant in the battle of Helena. His family consisted of three children: Andrew J., who was in the Seventh Arkansas Infantry, and

died in the service; J. M., who resides on the old home place; and Beverly B. The latter spent his school days here, and at the age of seventeen years enlisted in Anderson's regiment, C. S. A., was in the Missouri raid, and took part in all the engagements of that memorable campaign, and was also a participant in the battle near Fayetteville. At the close of the war he began to do for himself, and took the management of the old home farm into his own hands, and cared for his father until his death. The family own a fine farm of 300 acres, with 100 acres under cultivation, and Mr. Evetts and his brother are quite actively engaged in the raising of stock as well as farming, and are justly classed among the wide-awake farmers of their section, and as law-abiding and public-spirited citizens. Beverly B. has held the office of constable of his township, and in 1886 was elected to the responsible position of county sheriff, and was reëlected in 1888, and made a faithful and efficient official. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., and belongs to Buckhorn Lodge No. 303 of the A. F. & A. M. Politically he has always been a Democrat, and has always faithfully supported the measures and men of that party.

HON. MELVIN NATHANIEL DYER. Prominent in the ranks of the foremost of the brilliant circle of lawyers of Baxter County, Ark., stands the name of Melvin Nathaniel Dyer, who has a most thorough and practical knowledge of the complications of law. He was born near Lawrenceville, Gwinnett County Ga., in 1833, and reared in Walker County, Ga., a son of Edwin Dyer, who was a native of Virginia, and was reared on Blue Grass soil. His father, Wiley Dyer, made fifty-three moves during his lifetime and died in Texas. He was a farmer by occupation, was quite a Nimrod in his day, and while in Kentucky, developed some salt wells, from which he netted a good income while boating up and down the Big Sandy and Ohio Rivers. In 1849 he went to Texas, where he was called from life in 1850, at about the age of seventy years. Edwin Dyer was a minister of the Missionary Baptist Church, became well known as an eminent divine, and when the subject of this sketch was a boy preached at Lafayette, Ga., Rome, Ga., and Chattanooga, Tenn. He afterward came to Arkansas and for some time preached at Mountain Home, after which he removed to Texas and died at Breckenridge in 1876, at the age of seventy years. His wife, Nancy Austin, the mother of the subject of this sketch, is still living and has attained to the advanced age of eighty-eight years. She resides in Rome, Ga. There were born to her marriage with Mr. Dyer five sons and three daughters, and four of these sons took part in the great Civil War as members of the Confederate Army. Edwin belonged to the First Arkansas Rifles, Churchill's old regiment, and was at the battles of Oakhill, but later died from exposure. He was a graduate of the Macon Medical College. Wiley, another son, was inspector general with the rank of captain of Reynold's brigade, was for some time a prisoner of war at Johnson's Island; he is still living. Simpson was a member of the Dalton Guards, served in the Army of Virginia and died during the war. In 1862 Melvin N., the subject of this sketch, joined Company E, Fortieth Georgia Infantry, but after serving with that regiment one year went into the Third Georgia Cavalry, which was a part of Wheeler's command, and saw some hard service. At the close of the war he surrendered at Kingston, Ga. In 1856 he graduated from Mercer University, at Penfield, Ga., and after some preparation he was, in 1858, admitted to the bar, and from that time until the opening of the Civil War he was engaged in teaching school and practicing his profession. When hostilities ceased he located in Gordon County, Ga., where he taught school and operated a sawmill until 1870, when he moved to near Salem, Fulton County, Ark. Since 1874 he has been a resident of Mountain Home and has since been a successful legal practitioner and

farmer. In 1882 he was elected prosecuting attorney for the Third Judicial District, when this district was among the largest in the State, and this position he filled with marked ability until 1886. In 1861 he was married to Miss Annie Field of Georgia, by whom he has four children: Wiley M., who is an attorney and is associated with his father in the practice of law. Mr. Dyer is a Royal Arch Mason, has represented his lodge in the Grand Lodge of the State, and also belongs to the I. O. O. F., in which he is a member of the Encampment and has served as noble grand. He and his wife are members of the Missionary Baptist Church and he was very active in the organization of the Baptist College of Mountain Home. He is an excellent citizen, a shrewd lawyer and a man of much intelligence and force of character.

HON. M. T. BRISCO. In reviewing the various professional interests of Newton County, Ark., the name of M. T. Brisco cannot be ignored, for he is one of her most successful legal lights. Although it is a known fact that, given the ordinary average education and good judgment, any man may make a success in the avenues of trade, yet in the profession of law he must be endowed with superior intelligence and have gone through years of careful study and training to be able to cope with the brilliant minds which do honor to the bench and bar. Mr. Brisco is a gentleman of well-known ability, and one who is an ornament to the profession. He owes his nativity to Searcy County, Ark., where he was born January 1, 1846, a son of Isham and Rebecca (Parker) Brisco, who were born in North Carolina in 1816 and Tennessee in 1823, respectively. The father was a lad of about twelve years when he became a resident of Washington County, Ark., coming thither with some of his elder brothers, and, as wild game was very plentiful in the region at that time, he and his brothers became quite noted hunters. He was a thoroughly self-educated man, was a successful school teacher, and was an exceptionally skillful penman, but the most of his life was devoted to tilling the soil, in which occupation he met with a good degree of success. In 1836 he took a trip to Texas, traveling over that country on horseback, but owing to the unsettled condition of the country he did not locate there, but returned to Arkansas, and for the past forty-two years he made his home in Newton County, with the exception of a short time spent in Benton County, Mo., during the war. Prior to the great Civil War he was a Democrat in politics, but since that time he has supported the men and measures of the Republican party. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and, although now seventy-eight years of age, is in the enjoyment of good health. His wife was left an orphan when about twelve years old, and was brought to Arkansas by an uncle, and was here reared, educated and married, and for some time thereafter resided on a farm in Searcy County. After a time they purchased property four miles north of Jasper, where they lived a number of years. Mrs. Brisco was almost a lifelong member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and bore her husband the following children: Martin T., the subject of this sketch; William N., a successful merchant of Marble City, Ark.; John M., who is a farmer in the northern part of the county; E. A., also a farmer in this county; Sarah, who is living near Harrison, in Boone County, the wife of Joseph Hawkins; Martha J., wife of W. M. Keeton, and Susan, who is the wife of Luther Keeton of this county. Angeline, Mary and an infant are deceased. The immediate subject of this sketch spent his early life in this county about four miles north of Jasper, and his early knowledge of the world of books was acquired in the subscription schools which were then in vogue. When the war came on he was but fifteen years of age, but he became a soldier in the spring of 1864, joining Company L of the Second Arkansas Cavalry, with which he served until the war closed, being a participant in Price's raid and in a large

number of battles in Tennessee and Mississippi. He was quite severely wounded in the left hip at Booneville, Mo., but he continued to remain with his command until he had recovered. On September 13, 1865, while returning home from the army, and when within four miles of his home, he was halted by two rebels who had covered him with their guns. He was walking and leading his horse, as the ground was rough, and did not see them until within a few feet of them. They ordered him to drop his pistol, which he did by unbuckling his belt. They then took what money he had, together with some clothing he was taking home to his family, and made him sit down by a tree, when they pulled off his boots. He was then ordered to mount his horse and follow one of the men. The man led the way down a steep bank into a ravine, keeping Mr. Brisco covered with his own revolver. Entering some thick woods together a halt was ordered, and the man who carried the prisoner's revolver raised it to fire at Mr. Brisco, who thought his time had come. He threw up his hands and asked the man to wait a moment, as he had something to say. The man caught the hammer of the pistol and replied: "Well, be d——d quick about it." "I want you to know," continued Mr. Brisco, "that I had rather be in my place than yours." The man asked the reason why, and was told that he was about to commit a cowardly crime in murdering a defenseless boy in the woods like a dog, and would have to answer for the deed. Continuing, he said: "I am not afraid to die, as I know I will find a place with my God, and all will be well with me." This remark seemed to unnerve the would-be assassin, and he turned pale for a moment, when he called to his companion who had halted some distance away. The two held a whispered conversation, and then, after robbing their prisoner of everything of value he had, hurried away and left him alone in the woods. Mr. Brisco reached the old homestead in the evening, thankful that even his life was spared. He continued to make his home with his father, whom he assisted in the work of the farm until September 8, 1867, when he was married to Mrs. America C. Wright, a native of Tennessee, and a daughter of William and Frances (Cheshire) Cross, the former of whom died in Tennessee. Some years ago the widow and her family removed to Lonoke County, Ark., and later settled in Newton County, the mother's death occurring here in 1887. Mrs. Brisco was born in Tennessee December 15, 1845, and after her marriage she and Mr. Brisco engaged in farming, an occupation which received their attention up to 1890, when they took up their residence in Jasper. In 1879 Mr. Brisco commenced the study of law by his own fireside, and in August, 1882, was admitted to the Newton County bar, and has since practiced in all the counties in his district. Although he has practiced his profession but a short time, he has already become well known as an able criminal attorney, and he has conducted some of the most important cases in the State to a successful issue. He defended William Keith, charged with the murder of John Clark; the Smiths, charged with the murder of Thomas Nichols; and a Mr. Brasfield, in Baxter County, charged with a like offense. He prosecuted James Tennison in this county for the murder of one Cross, also J. E. and Wesley Waite for the murder of Mr. Henderson, and has taken an active part in numerous other important cases. He was first associated in his practice with W. S. Moore, and was later with W. A. Carlton, of Jasper. He is now associated with W. L. McPherson, the firm being known as Brisco & McPherson. In politics Mr. Brisco has always been an active Republican, and in 1882 was elected to represent the county in the State Legislature, was reëlected in 1886, and again in 1888, his popularity, intelligence and ability thus being warmly attested. In 1890 he was nominated by his party as a candidate for the State Senate from his district, but was defeated by 500 votes,

the Democratic majority in his district being usually 15,000. In 1892 he was nominated as a Congressman from his district, but refused to make the race. He is a member of the F. & A. M. and R. A. M. of Jasper, is a member of the G. A. R. at that place, Isaac Murphy Post, and was for some time its commander. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he is steward and trustee, and he has been class leader in the same for some years. He and his wife are the parents of the following children: James I. resides on the old home farm, is married to Tennie Pillow and has two children, Ethel and Bessie; Frances E. is the wife of Thomas A. Chaffin, a farmer of the county, and has three children, John M. (deceased), Ida B. and James G. B.; Mary J. is the wife of W. L. McPherson, an attorney of Jasper, by whom she has one son, Roscoe C.; John M. and William S. still remain with their father.

M. C. Reynolds, the most prominent merchant in Douglas County, has made his home in this section of the country since 1856, but was born in Roane County, East Tenn., December 30, 1844, a son of J. A. G. and Eliza (Miller) Reynolds, who were also Tennesseeans by birth. The mother died when the subject of this sketch was about eight years old, a daughter of Dobson Miller, who was one of the early settlers of Tennessee. J. A. G. Reynolds was a member of an early family of Tennessee, but in 1856 became a resident of Douglas County, Mo., settling on a farm six miles north of Ava. He served in the State militia during the war, and died in 1892, at the age of sixty-six. He and his wife became the parents of three children: Mary J. is the wife of W. C. Kelton and lives in Berry County; M. C., and Mira, who became the wife of William Hartley and is now dead. For his second wife Mr. Reynolds took a sister of his first wife, and two children were born of this union, only one of whom grew to maturity, J. D., who is a merchant of Mansfield, Mo. The subject of this sketch passed his boyhood days in Tennessee, and after coming to Missouri was engaged in tilling the soil until after the opening of the Civil War. When the town of Ava was established he came to the place and opened a mercantile establishment, to which he has given his time and attention up to the present. Although he started in business in a modest way, he now has a large and well-stocked establishment, his goods being valued at $10,000, and he does an annual business of $40,000. He does the largest business of any merchant in the county, keeps a general line of goods, and has a fine brick business house, 40x90 feet, which he erected in 1893. He is also associated in business with his brother at Mansfield, and the annual income derived from these establishments is very satisfactory. He has been very prominent in the political affairs of his section and has held the office of county treasurer three terms, or seven years. He was the postmaster at Ava from the time the office was established up to the time Harrison was elected for president. Socially he is a member of the I.O.O.F. lodge at Ava, and has held office in the same. He is a stanch Democrat and is one of the upright citizens of the county, is well known to its citizens, and is a man of noble principles and of great public spirit. He owns several farms in Douglas and Ozark Counties, being one of the largest land owners in the county. He was married in this county to Miss Elizabeth, daughter of James Hailer of Ava, and to their union three children have been given: W. F., J. A. G., and Mary B., who is the wife of H. S. Wilson, the bookkeeper in her father's store. Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds are members of the Baptist Church, and move in the best social circles of their section. Mr. Reynolds has resided in this section from the time it was a wild and unsettled district, and has seen and aided in its development. Mr. Reynolds is the president of the bank of Ava, the only institution of the kind in the county. It was established in June, 1890, by J. M. Adams, and was a private bank with

a capital stock up to 1893, when a change was made and M. C. Reynolds became president, J. G. Reynolds cashier and J. M. Adams vice-president. They are doing a general banking business and the output of the institution is about $10,000. They loan money on personal securities and are doing a prosperous business. The bank building, located on the public square, is owned by them. J. M. Adams was born in Pennsylvania in 1853, a son of Jesse Adams, who died in the East, was educated in the public schools of his native State, and began life for himself as a real estate dealer. Later he engaged in the banking business in Kansas and also in his native town, and has a thorough knowledge of the business. He is engaged in the real estate business, has a complete set of abstract books of Douglas County, and is a wide-awake, shrewd and practical man of business. J. A. G. Reynolds was born in this county October 24, 1870, a son of M. C. Reynolds, president of the bank. He was educated in the best schools of this section and at Quincy, Ill., and when quite young entered his father's store. In 1892 he was elected county treasurer, held the office until 1894, and in 1893 was elected cashier of the Bank of Ava. He is a shrewd young business man, honest, upright and conscientious in the discharge of every duty and no more fitting person could be found for his present position. He is a member of Ava Lodge No. 26 of the A. F. & A. M., and is a Republican in politics. He is married to Miss Leota Curnutt, a daughter of J. M. Curnutt of Ava, and they move in the best social circles of the place.

ALEX. CAMPBELL MCCUTCHEON. Alex. Campbell McCutcheon, our subject, is an energetic and enlightened farmer and stockraiser of Newton County, Ark., and one whose career thus far has been of gratifying success. He is a native of Tennessee, and although that State has produced many excellent citizens, she has contributed to Arkansas none more highly respected than Mr. McCutcheon, who has been a resident of the latter State many years. He is one of the leading farmers of his section and has followed that calling since his earliest boyhood, being initiated into its mysteries by his father, E. Norris McCutcheon. The latter was a native of Tennessee and was there married to Miss Nancy Hale, also a product of that State. About 1844 they came to Arkansas, making the journey by ox-team and being two months on the way, and were among the first settlers of this section. Here Mrs. McCutcheon died about 1869 or 1870, and the father followed her to the grave in 1872. All his life Mr. McCutcheon followed agricultural pursuits, and when he first settled in Arkansas he was quite fond of hunting. His father, James McCutcheon, was born in Giles County, Tenn., and was of Irish origin. The maternal grandfather of Alex. Campbell McCutcheon, a Mr. Hale, died in Tennessee when Mrs. McCutcheon was a little girl. Afterward Mrs. Hale married. Of the thirteen children born to his parents Mr. McCutcheon was fifth in order of birth. The others were named as follows: James, of Searcy County; William R., of Newton County; Andrew J., of Newton County, who enlisted in Company D, Second Arkansas Cavalry, Federal Army, and served two or three years; Elizabeth, deceased, was the wife of L. L. Goats; Sallie Ann, wife of William Goats, of Texas; Polly, deceased, was the wife of Randolph Payne; Priscilla, wife of Henry Ruff, of Searcy County; Emaline, wife of J. R. Taylor, of Newton County; Margaret, wife of W. M. Hill, of Newton County; Mariah, wife of James Hill, of Newton County, and Rebecca, wife of David Ruff, of Searcy County. Our subject was reared amid the wild surroundings of Newton County and received but limited educational advantages. Early in 1863 he enlisted in Company D, Second Arkansas Cavalry, Federal Army, and was in the Price raid through Missouri, Arkansas, etc., but was never captured or wounded. He was discharged at Memphis, Tenn., in August, 1865, and went home, where

he was married, in about 1868, to Miss Tobitha, daughter of Joshua Reeves, who came from Tennessee to Searcy County at an early date and is now residing in Conway County, Ark. Mrs. McCutcheon was born in Searcy County, Ark., and died about 1870, leaving two children: Andrew Carroll and Joshua. In August, 1870, Mr. McCutcheon married Mrs. Fannie (Cook) Dickey, a native of Searcy County, Ark., and the daughter of Thomas Cook, who was born in Tennessee, but who came to Arkansas about 1844. He first resided in Searcy County, but subsequently moved to Newton County, where his death occurred before the war. His wife died in 1885. To Mr. and Mrs. McCutcheon were born two children: Lovina E., wife of Jasper Martin, and Nancy. Mrs. McCutcheon's first husband was Leander N. Dickey, by whom she had three children: James; Tennessee, wife of Paris Ray, and Elizabeth, wife of John Hamilton, of this county. Mr. McCutcheon has lived on his present farm since boyhood and is one of the leading farmers of the county. He owns 160 acres on the creek and 80 acres on the mountains, all the fruits of his own exertions. He is one of the oldest settlers and one of the best known men in the county. He and Mrs. McCutcheon are members of the Christian Church.

J. A. TRUEX, editor of the *Journal* and postmaster of West Plains, was a native of the Buckeye State, and was born in Marion County, November 6, 1843. The Truex family is of Dutch origin and an old Colonial one. The father of our subject, Benjamin Truex, was a native of Pennsylvania, and a farmer and carpenter. He raised a family of eight children, of whom our subject was third in order of birth. The latter grew to mature years in his native country, received his primary education in the schools of the same, and subsequently entered the High School at Goshen, Ind. Later he attended the Reading College at Abingdon, Ill., and the Kalamazoo Baptist College. About the year 1856 the family moved to Elkhart County, Ind., and settled on a farm in Lock Township. Early in life young Truex became a teacher, and continued this until 1869, when he emigrated to Kansas. There he located in Geary County and taught school until 1874, when he was elected county superintendent of schools and held that position up to 1884, five terms of two years each, thus showing his popularity. During that time the county took the premium three times for the best display at the State fair. In 1881 Mr. Truex established the *Davis County Republican* and edited it until 1884. In that year he bought the *Journal* and moved to West Plains, where he has since owned and edited that paper. He has had about fifteen years' experience as a newspaper man, is very successful as such, and his paper commands an ever widening area of circulation. In April, 1890, he was appointed postmaster at West Plains under President Harrison, and that position he still holds. He has ever been a strong Republican and has been active in county conventions. In 1893 he was elected mayor of the city of West Plains, the only Republican elected to that office in ten years. Mr. Truex is one of the live business men of the place and no worthy movement is allowed to fail for want of support on his part. He is on the Board of Education Committee, and is a wide-awake man in all public matters. He is a member of the Baptist Church, a trustee and deacon in the same, and has been superintendent of the Sunday-school for years. Mr. Truex edits *The West Plains Daily and Weekly Journal*, one of the most popular papers in south Missouri. While it is stanchly Republican it is courteous in its treatment of other political parties, and is one of the spicy, newsy, useful organs of this section. He was married in Kansas, in 1876, to Miss Addie M. Merriam, a native of Ohio, and they have one son, Howard, a bright boy of sixteen, who is attending college. Mr. Truex resides on Cherry Street, where he owns a neat residence, and he and family are highly esteemed by all.

WILLIAM H. PAYNE. One of the best known and generally admired Democrats of Alton, Mo., is William H. Payne, who is now the most efficient and capable collector of Oregon County, that State. He has earned deserved prominence and an enviable reputation as one of the leading citizens of the county. Oregon County cannot claim him as an original son, but he was only ten years of age when he came here. Mr. Payne was born in Giles County, Tenn., in 1847, and he is the son of John and Martha (Williamson) Payne, natives also of that county and State. The parents were married in that county, and there passed their entire lives, the mother dying in 1847, when nineteen years of age, and the father in 1851, when twenty-four years of age. He was a farmer. His father, Charles Payne, died in Tennessee. After the death of his father William H. Payne was taken by his Grandmother Payne and reared in Giles County until ten years of age. The grandmother brought him to Oregon County, Mo., then, and here received her final summons. The most of his educational training our subject received in the common schools of Tennessee, for after coming to Missouri he tried to make a living for his grandmother, and his schooling was neglected. The grandmother located near Garfield, and our subject still lives there. He rented land until 1871, when he bought 200 acres, mostly in the woods, and it took many years of hard labor and economy to get a start. He has been farming and stockraising ever since, and owing to his industry and good management has become one of the wealthy men of the county. He owns 330 acres of land in Oak Grove Township in one tract, and has 175 acres under cultivation. He held the office of coroner of the county, and in 1875 was elected collector, being now the nominee of the Democratic party for the second term. He has filled that position in a most satisfactory manner, and his worth is recognized by his constituents. In the year 1871 he was married to Miss Virgia A. George, a native of Lincoln County, Tenn., and five children are the result of this union, one son and four daughters, all at home. Mr. and Mrs. Payne are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, and he is a steward in the same. In politics he supports the principles and policy of the Democratic party.

HON. A. S. J. LEHR. The gentleman whose name heads this sketch is the present representative of Carter County, Mo., and he is unquestionably one of the ablest and best posted young men in the same. He resides three and a half miles east of Hunter, this county, is a farmer and teacher, and has for a number of years taken a prominent part in political matters. Born in Jacksonport, Ark., January 30, 1867, he is the son of Richard H. and Sarah J. (Hardin) Lehr, and the grandson of John F. Lehr, who came from Germany to the United States in an early day. Richard H. Lehr was born in Alabama, but about 1855 came to Carter County, Mo., and when the war broke out he enlisted in the Confederate Army. He was made captain of a company and served throughout the war. He held a number of offices in Carter County, was an excellent public speaker, and was universally respected. His death occurred in Doniphan, Ripley County, about 1871. Mrs. Lehr was born in Tennessee, and was the daughter of Burgess Hardin, who died in Marshall County, Tenn. They were the parents of four children, as follows: Emma, wife of James A. Croak, a farmer of this county; Clara K., wife of William E. Croak, of Ripley County; John H., a farmer and a teacher and a leading man in the county; and A. S. J., our subject. On a farm in this county our subject grew to manhood, and what time he could get from the duties necessary on the same he attended the common schools. Most of his education has been received by his own exertions. He started out in public life in 1889, and was elected to the office of county school commissioner, and served two terms. In 1892 he was elected to represent Carter County in the Legislature, and he is the

present Democratic nominee for reëlection. Mr. Lehr is one of the best known young men in the county. Pleasant, genial, talented and attractive, with always a pleasant word for all, high or low, rich or poor, it is not strange that he should be so general a favorite. Politically he is a stanch Democrat, and socially a Mason, a member of the Van Buren Lodge.

JUDGE W. W. LUNA. Ozark County, Mo., is an Eden of fine farms and agricultural tracts. There are comparatively few very small tracts, and each farmer tries to outdo his neighbor in the cultivation and improvement of his land. Of the many fine, attractive places none are more conspicuous than that belonging to Judge W. W. Luna, comprising 280 acres of fine bottom land, of which he has been the owner since 1883. The place is well improved, is principally river bottom land, and everything about his estate indicates to the beholder that a thorough and experienced hand is at the helm. Judge Luna was born in Marshall County, Tenn., December 11, 1852, a son of Elisha and Eliza (Gray) Luna, who were also born in Marshall County, Tenn. The father served throughout the Mexican War under Gen. Taylor, attained the rank of third sergeant, but lost his eyesight during the latter part of the war from becoming overheated. He has now been blind for about thirty-five years. He came to Ozark County, Mo., in 1855, opened up a farm on Pine Creek and has made his home there up to the present time, being now in his seventy-fifth year. He has always supported the principles of the Republican party, and his sons are stanch supporters of that party also. To him and his wife a family of sixteen children were given, all of whom are living, with one exception: Harriet, wife of H. N. Shepherd of this county; Nancy (Mrs. Upton) resides in the Choctaw Nation; Linnie (Upton) resides in this county; John T. resides here; James died in 1890 in this county, having been a soldier of the Civil War; Eliza (Mrs. Cochran) lives in this county; R. T. is living near Dora, Mo., P. P. resides on Bryant Creek, this county; E. J. is a resident of this county; W. W., the subject of this sketch; A. H. lives here; S. P. lives near Dora; A. C. resides on Cane Creek; M. J. lives on Pine Creek; L. C. lives with his father on Pine Creek; and Amelia lives near Dora. The subject of this sketch was but a lad when his parents became residents of this county, and here he obtained a fair education in the common schools. He was married in this county to Miss Sarah Patrick, a daughter of Dr. Patrick, one of the pioneer physicians of the county, who died in 1883, and in time the following family gathered about their hearthstone: Tesley, Lizzie, Austin, Everett, Arthur and Agnes. Four children are deceased: Samuel, Homer, Leonard and Alton. Judge Luna has always been a Republican in politics, and in 1890 was elected to the office of probate judge, and at the present time is a candidate for the office of county sheriff, with every promise of being elected. He is a substantial citizen, public-spirited and law-abiding, and he and his wife are attendants of and members of the Christian Church.

N. J. MCBRIDE. With the advance of time, civilization, wealth and population, it becomes necessary that a large number of men should turn their attention to the general mercantile business and make the wants of their patrons their constant thought and study. A gentleman who is engaged in this line and whose reputation for intelligence and integrity materially adds to his success, is N. J. McBride, whose principal place of business is in the town of Marshall, although he is also the owner of well-conducted establishments at Springtown and Snow Ball. He was born in Yell County, Ark., September 2, 1847, a son of A. J. and Nancy D. (Hensley) McBride, the former of whom was born in Alabama. He settled in Yell County, Ark., and was there killed by guerillas in 1864. He was a farmer by occupation, and a man who possessed many worthy traits of character. His wife was born in Wayne County,

Tenn., and is now living at Snow Ball. She bore him the following children: Abner W., who was a soldier in the Union Army, and died after the close of the war; Martha J., who is also dead; N. J., the subject of this sketch; Marietta, who is living in Searcy County, and Juniatta, also of this county. The mother's second marriage was to Jesse M. Hodges. To this union were born three children: Paulina E., William P. and L. T. When a child five years of age N. J. McBride came with his parents to Searcy County, Ark., and here he had but few opportunities for obtaining an education. In 1863 he enlisted in the Second Arkansas Cavalry, United States Army, and with Col. Phelps followed up Gen. Price through Missouri, taking part in many important battles. After the war was over he came back to Searcy County, and here followed agricultural pursuits until 1878, when he opened a mercantile establishment in Marshall, which he has conducted with marked success up to the present time. His business so prospered that he later established a store at Springtown and one at Snow Ball, all of which he has operated very successfully ever since. Besides looking after his mercantile interests he is also engaged in farming, and is the owner of a large tract of 2,500 acres of land, of which over 1,000 acres are under cultivation. He is the proprietor of a distillery, and owns a mill at Springtown and one at Snow Ball. In fact, he is one of the wide-awake and enterprising business men of the county, keenly alive to his own interests, but never at the expense of his self-respect or of others. He has had the good judgment to make the most of every opportunity, and as a result he is now one of the wealthiest men of the county. In 1880 he was elected to the office of county sheriff, was reëlected two years later, and in 1892 held the office by appointment, and discharged his duties with the greatest credit to himself. He has ever been an active member of the Republican party, and in the support of all enterprises of a worthy nature has been extremely liberal, both as regards influence and money. He is the largest tax payer of the county. Socially he is a member of the A. F. & A. M., Campbell Lodge No. 115, and Marshall Chapter No. 96, and he also belongs to the G. A. R., McBride Post No. 69. He was married in 1867 to Miss Lizzie Ray, a daughter of James Ray, who was formerly a resident of this county, but has now been dead many years. Mrs. McBride was born in this county and has borne her husband seven children: Toccoah A., wife of Silas K. Looney, of Snow Ball, by whom she has one child, Grace; Emma T., wife of J. F. Henley, of Marshall, who has one child, Eugenia; Noble A.; Martha J.; Hugh D.; Bessie F., and Jacob A. Mr. McBride and his family reside at Springtown.

JAMES SMALL, M. D. The physician is one who inspires confidence because he is worthy of it. His humanity is expressed in the interest he takes in his patient's welfare, as well as for the experience he may gain while pursuing the paths of this his arduous profession, in order to benefit future sufferers. Dr. Small is one of the old practitioners of southern Missouri, and is living in Smallett. He was born in McMinn County, East Tenn., October 28, 1841, a son of James and Mary A. (Wallace) Small, the former of whom was born in Kentucky about 1802. He was a minister of the Missionary Baptist Church for many years, and from 1854 until his death in 1861 resided in Dade County, Mo. He and his wife were married in Kentucky, lived there for some time, then removed to Tennessee, and from there to Missouri in the above-mentioned year. In addition to his ministerial duties the father also followed agricultural pursuits, and was highly honored in the section in which he lived. He was a Republican politically. His father, Thomas H. Small, was born in Scotland, and came to the United States prior to the Revolution, in which struggle he and a brother participated. The early home of the Small family was in Virginia, but Thomas H. became one of the early pioneers of Kentucky.

The maternal grandfather, George Wallace, was also born in Scotland, and took part in the war of the Revolution, was wounded in battle, and afterward became a pensioner of the Government. He died in Kentucky. His daughter, Mrs. Small, died in Dade County, Mo., in 1865, after having become the mother of ten children, seven of whom are living: John, who died in 1892, held the rank of major of the Sixteenth Missouri Cavalry during the war, and left a family; T. H., died in early boyhood; Henry, who died in 1891, was a farmer of Ozark County, Mo., and left a family; Jane died in Greene County, after her marriage with James Hill; Elizabeth, the wife of Mr. Arthur, died in Texas; Joseph B. died in boyhood; George W. also died young; R. S. is a successful physician of Gainesville, Ozark County, Mo.; James and Matthew, the latter who resides in Dade County. Dr. James Small passed his school days in Dade and Greene Counties, and in 1866 took up the study of medicine, but prior to this had been a soldier of the Civil War, and after serving for some time in the Missouri State Militia, he joined the Sixteenth Missouri Volunteer Cavalry, and was a participant in the battles of Newtonia, Springfield, Booneville, Jefferson City, Lexington, Independence, Kansas City, Oletha, and was in the second battle of Newtonia, besides many skirmishes, and saw some hard service. After the war he took up the study of medicine, as above stated, his preceptor being Dr. W. M. Noe, and did his first practicing at Yellville, where he lived for three years. He then removed to Ozark County and lived in Isabella from 1871 to 1881. In 1880 he graduated from the American Medical College of St. Louis, after which, in 1881, he removed to Oregon, where he continued his practice for about one year. At the end of that time he returned to Missouri, established the town of Oakland, Marion County, Ark., and there lived from 1882 to 1887, when he came to Douglas County, Mo. Here he owns a farm of 120 acres, but almost his entire attention is given to his profession. He is thoroughly posted and well read, and is popularly known in Ozark, Marion and Douglas Counties as a successful medical practitioner. The Doctor has been active in the political affairs of his section, is a stanch Republican in politics, and has been postmaster at both Oakland, Ark., and Smallett, Mo. He has been a member of Yellville Lodge of the A. F. & A. M. since 1869, is past noble grand in Isabella Lodge No. 373 of the I. O. O. F., and has represented his lodge in the Grand Lodge of the State. The Doctor was married in Greene County, Mo., to Miss Mary Noe, daughter of Charles and Jane (Dunlap) Noe, the former of whom was born in Virginia and died in Kentucky, after which his widow removed to Marion County, Ark., and died at Springfield, Mo., near the close of the war. She bore her husband the following sons and two daughters: A. J., postmaster at Yellville; L. H., who was killed during the war; F. C., who died in 1880; William M., a physician at Yellville; H. J., a resident of Virginia; Eliza, wife of E. McGuin, died in 1876 in Kentucky; C. W., who died young; and Mary (Mrs. Small). The latter was born in Virginia March 16, 1844, and has borne her husband the following children: Jennie, wife of W. F. Patterson, of Nebraska; Emma A., wife of J. G. Siler, of Forsyth, Mo.; Olivia, who died at the age of three years; Nellie, wife of J. H. Bunyard; Laura M., who died at the age of two years; Robert W. and James A.

Dr. William C. Singletary. Among those who from early manhood have devoted their lives to the cause of suffering humanity, William C. Singletary may be regarded as among the foremost, and in pursuing the noble calling of medicine he has made fame and fortune for himself. He owes his nativity to Bladen County, N. C., born in 1829; a son of Rev. John and Mary Ann (Johnson) Singletary, both natives of the same county and State as their son. In that State they were liberally educated, afterward married, and in

1830 moved to Carter County, Tenn., where they passed the closing scenes of their lives, the father dying in 1860 and the mother in 1893, the latter about eighty-one years of age. She was a devout member of the Methodist Church. Mr. Singletary was a Methodist minister of considerable prominence for a quarter of a century. He was also a Mason in good standing, and for eight or ten years was circuit clerk of Carter County. He was a man of more than ordinary ability and influence, and was of English origin, his father having been born in that country. The latter was probably a Revolutionary soldier. The mother of our subject was a first cousin of ex-President Andrew Johnson, but nothing is known of her parents. Five children were born to the parents of our subject as follows: William C., subject; Elizabeth, widow of George W. Ryan; Hester A., widow of Rev. Peter W. Emmett; Thomas V., died in Carter County, Tenn., long before the war; and Ferdinand A., died in Kansas about 1884. He was all through the war, and served as first lieutenant in the Fourth Tennessee Infantry, Federal Army. Dr. William C. Singletary received a good collegiate education and graduated from Holstine College, Jefferson County, Tenn. When eighteen years of age he began the study of medicine with Dr. Joseph Powell and Dr. G. T. McGee at Elizabethton, Carter County, Tenn., and subsequently began practicing in Yancey County, N. C. Later he returned to Carter County, Tenn., and practiced his profession there until 1857, when he came to Independence County, Ark., and the next year to what is now Boone County, where he practiced until the war. In 1862 he was forced into the Third Confederate Infantry of Arkansas troops as a private, but was detailed as assistant surgeon until near the close of the war. He then received a furlough and returned to Tennessee, where he remained until cessation of hostilities. After that he practiced there for three years and returned to Boone County, where he has since practiced with his usual success, and is perhaps the oldest physician in the county. In the year 1880 he graduated from the Medical Department of the Arkansas Industrial University at Little Rock, and afterward devoted his entire time to his profession until a few years ago, 1886, when he located at Elixir Springs for his health. He was a prominent member of the Boone County Medical Society. He owned several farms, about 1,700 acres in all, in Searcy, Marion and Boone Counties, all the fruits of his own efforts. While residing in Elizabethton, Tenn., he was superintendent of public instruction for two years just after the war. On the 20th of March, 1850, he was married to Miss Mary C. Wilson, a native of Yancey County, N. C., and the daughter of James and Mary Wilson, both natives of Yancey County, N. C., where they still reside. Mrs. Singletary died in September, 1854, in Carter County, Tenn. She was the mother of two children: Elizabeth Jane, wife of B. M. G. O'Bryant, of Carter County, Tenn.; and Thomas V., of Yancey County, N. C. In 1859 Dr. Singletary married Miss Mary Jane Hicks, a native of Carroll County, Ark., and the daughter of Jonathan A. and Susan Hicks, natives of Tennessee and Carroll County, Ark., respectively. Mr. and Mrs. Hicks have been residents of Boone County, Ark., for many years. To Dr. and Mrs. Singletary was born one daughter, Flora Belle, who is now the wife of William Keener, of Taney County, Mo. Mrs. Singletary died in 1869, and on 23d of July, 1871, the Doctor married Maria R. Luty, who bore him three daughters: Virginia A., Mary C. and Julia H. Mrs. Maria R. Singletary died January 31, 1885. On the 10th of December, 1886, the Doctor married Mrs. Anna H. Bagley, a native of Kentucky. Dr. Singletary was a Mason, a member of Polar Star Lodge No. 224, Lead Hill, and was a member of the Methodist Church for many years. His wife is an Episcopalian. At one time the Doctor was a Whig in politics, but since the formation of the Republican party he affiliated with the same, although he voted for but one



W. Q. SEAWEL,
Yellville, Ark.



R. B. WEAVER,
Boone Co., Ark.

president in his life, Gen. Grant, in 1872. He was well known throughout Boone and adjoining counties, one of its most energetic citizens, and his many friends and acquaintances mourned his death May 2, 1894. He owned a store at Elixir, and his wife is postmistress.

W. Q. SEAWEL. This gentleman has for years devoted his attention to mercantile pursuits, is a practical, experienced man, thoroughly conversant with the business in all its branches, and his establishment is a most reliable one at which to deal. He was born in Cannon County, Tenn., January 31, 1844, and since 1869 has been a resident of Yellville, whither he came from Buffalo City, Ark., where he had located in 1867. His parents were Francis M. and Anna E. (Bates) Seawel, who were born, reared and married in Tennessee. They removed to Arkansas in 1856, and here the father engaged in tilling the soil and also in church work, becoming a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and later of the M. P. Church. He lost his life in Prairie County, Ark., during the war, but the exact cause of his death was never known. He was at that time about forty-two years old. At the commencement of the war he was in sympathy with the Union and opposed to secession, but he became chaplain of a Confederate regiment. The paternal grandfather, Jesse Q. Seawel, was a Virginian and an early pioneer of Georgia and Tennessee, but died near Webb City, Mo., about 1885, having been a manufacturer of tobacco. The founder of the family in this country was a Scotchman, who came thither during Colonial days. The maternal grandfather, William Bates, was for many years a resident of Cannon County, Tenn., where he eventually passed from life. He was by calling a contractor and builder, and came West from Pennsylvania and became a wealthy man. The brothers and sisters of the subject of this sketch are as follows: William Q.; John, who died some ten years ago, was a farmer of White County, and had been a soldier during the war; Thomas, who died about eight years ago, was a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church; Francis M. died about six years ago, and was a farmer of White County; Sarah is the wife of George Morris of White County, Ark.; Elvira is living at West Plains, Mo., the wife of Daniel Stockman; Catherine is living in Marion County, the wife of William Sowell; Leonard is living in Yellville; Lavinia is the wife of H. A. Young of Yellville; and Samuel, who died some four years ago. The mother of these children is still living, and is a devout member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and is connected with the church at Yellville. Mr. Seawel passed his early life in Tennessee, and was ten years of age when the family came to Arkansas. At the age of seventeen years he enlisted in the Confederate service in Company E, Tenth Arkansas Regiment, and served four years and three months, participating in many long and toilsome marches and engagements. He was at Shiloh and Port Hudson, was taken prisoner at the last mentioned place after which he was paroled and returned home to remain until exchanged. He stayed three months and helped to organize a company, then entered the cavalry service, with which he remained until the war closed, taking part in the engagement at Devall's Bluff, besides other engagements and skirmishes, a notable one being at West Point Landing. Just before the Price Raid, Mr. Seawel was sent with a dispatch from Batesville to Camden, and later joined his command, and eventually surrendered at Jacksonport in 1865. He was wounded in the left cheek and also in one ankle, but not seriously either time. A few months after the close of the war he went to Memphis, but after a short time began farming in White County, Ark., continuing for one year. He then clerked in a store until he came to Marion County to engage in business at Buffalo City. He has been a resident of Yellville for a quarter of a century, and has been a successful and honored merchant of the place since 1875. He keeps a stock

of goods worth $10,000, and does an annual business of $30,000. In addition to this he is engaged in mining and the real estate business, and has farming and mineral land in this county to the amount of 2,000 acres. He is an influential Democrat, is a prominent member of the A. F. & A. M., and at one time was a member of the I. O. O. F. After coming to this county he was married to Arkansas, the daughter of Thomas Wilson (deceased). To this union four children were given: George A., who is married to Bertie Jones; Thomas M., who graduated from an eastern law school before he was nineteen years of age, is now a successful attorney of Little Rock, and the youngest practitioner in the State; Walter L. and Augustus C. The death of the wife and mother occurred in 1887, at the age of thirty-seven years, she having been an earnest member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Frances, daughter of Mr. Prudden, of New York State, became his second wife. She was born at Lockport, N. Y., and has borne her husband one child, Mabel. Mr. Seawel has a handsome residence in Yellville, and he and his wife move in the highest social circles.

JOHN C. CHILTON. To preserve the lineaments of our companions we engrave their portraits; for the same reason we collect the attainable facts of their history. Nor do we think it necessary, as we speak only truth of them, to wait until they are dead, or until those who know them are gone; to do this we are ashamed only to publish to the world the history of those whose lives are unworthy of public record. By the introduction of an admirable system of local biography every man, though he has not achieved what the world calls greatness, has the means to perpetuate his life, his history, through the coming ages. James Chilton was born on the Chilton farm, on the banks of Current River, eight miles southeast of Van Buren, in the year 1828. He was a son of Mark Chilton, who came to this State at a very early date. James Chilton was a farmer all his life and owned a good farm of 100 acres, all of which were under cultivation. He was Democratic in his political views and held the office of sheriff of Carter County one term, being well and favorably known all over the county. Mr. Chilton was married in Washington County, Mo., to Miss Martha Johnston, a native of Washington County, Mo., born in 1835, and their union was blessed by the birth of five children: Benjamin F., a merchant residing at Alton, Orange County, Mo.; Lillie, wife of Henry Detmer, of Wayne County; Lizzie, wife of James Moseley, M.D., of Alton; John C., subject; and Viola, who is the wife of William Partney, of Carter County, and they have two children: James and Mattie. The father died in 1875. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity. Mrs. Chilton is still living on the old home place. John C. Chilton, the youngest son, is living on the old home place. He was born in Carter County in April, 1865, and attended the schools of this section of the county. Later he entered upon his career as a farmer and this has since continued to be his chosen occupation. He has met with the best of success and has an excellent home. To his marriage with Miss Emma Bales three children were born: Bessie, James and Benjamin H. Mr. Chilton is a Democrat in politics and is deeply interested in the welfare of his party. The old home place is a river farm and was one of the first settled in Carter County.

J. W. BRADY. This successful tiller of the soil is a Georgian by birth, and first saw the light of day June 19, 1843, his parents being Hiram J. and Charity (Cook) Brady, a notice of whom is given in the sketch of James P. Brady. J. W. Brady was given the advantages of the common schools of his native State, and on his father's farm obtained a practical knowledge of agriculture. In April, 1861, he enlisted in the Second Georgia Infantry, in which he held the office of sergeant, and with which he served until the surrender, being with

Gen. Longstreet. He was at Wilderness, Richmond, Gettysburg, Spottsylvania and all the engagements in Virginia, and was wounded at the battle of Gettysburg by a gunshot in the right shoulder, and was on the sick list for about two months. He was almost constantly under fire for eleven months, but at all times showed the utmost courage and faithfulness to the Southern cause. At the time he was wounded he was captured by the enemy, but he soon managed to effect his escape and returned to his command at Staunton, Va. He was in the second battle of Bull Run and in most all the other engagements of Virginia, with the exception of the first Bull Run fight. At the close of the war he returned to his home in Georgia on horseback. He commenced farming there, which occupation he followed up to 1870, when he came to Marion County, Ark., and took up a homestead claim on Sugar Orchard Creek, later purchased property and is now the owner of 540 acres of fine farming land, located in section 25. He is the owner of some valuable mineral land, and has bought and sold desirable property of this kind. He has also given some four years of his time to the saw mill business on Sugar Orchard Creek, about six miles north of Powell, but does not follow this business at present, the most of his attention being given to farming and stock-raising. He has always supported the principles of Democracy, and for the past six years has ably filled the office of deputy county surveyor. He is one of the substantial and public-spirited men of the county, and is a decided acquisition to the section in which he resides. He was married in Georgia to Miss Nancy E. Morgan, a native of North Carolina, and a daughter of Moses Morgan, and he and his wife are the parents of these children: Martha, wife of M. F. Richardson, of this county; E. J., who is a farmer of this county; Mary E., wife of Richard Richardson; Harriet, Eliza, Amanda and James A. Mr. and Mrs. Brady are members of the Baptist Church, and they have a beautiful home two miles north of Powell.

JASPER N. RAY. Jasper N. Ray belongs to that class of American citizens who are enterprising, thoroughgoing and industrious, and who rise in a few years from a condition of dependence to one of prominence and the possession of considerable wealth. In fact, he is a self-made man in all which that much-abused term implies, and the property he has accumulated is the result of his own honest industry. He first saw the light of day in what is now Maries County, Mo., his birth occurring in 1846, to the union of Hubbard and Vashti (Moon) Ray, the father, a native of Grainger County, Tenn., born in 1820, and the mother born near Indianapolis, Ind., in 1826. Then young Mr. and Mrs. Ray went with their parents to what is now Phelps County, Mo., where they grew to mature years and were married. Afterward they came to what is Maries County, Mo., but, a few years later, moved to Greene County, where they resided for about five years. Their next move was to Barry County, where they were among the pioneers; but they only remained there about three years and returned to what is now Phelps County. From 1861 to 1865 the family resided in Arkansas, and then returned to Phelps County, where Mr. Ray died in 1867. He was a successful farmer, and was upright and honorable during his long career. The following incident is one instance of his honesty when a young man: Soon after he and his parents started for Missouri, and before they reached Nashville, while Mr. Ray, father of subject, who was then a lad of seventeen, was driving the cattle which they were bringing with them, he found a pocket-book which contained $3,000. It was placed in the wagon for safe-keeping until some one made inquiry. In the evening they met a man on horseback who inquired if they had found a pocket-book and being answered in the affirmative, gave a description of its contents. He then called up the boy who had found it and gave him the liberal (?) sum of 25 cents.

The man was a sheriff from one of the eastern counties, en route to Nashville, to make his annual settlement with the State treasurer. Our subject's grandfather, Thomas Ray, was a native of Ireland, who came to the United States after the Revolutionary War, and settled in the Hiawassee Purchase, where he married an Indian woman. He came with mule-teams to Missouri in 1837, and was one of the first settlers of what is now Phelps County, where he died in 1854. He was a farmer and miller, became quite wealthy, and was universally respected. His wife, who was quarter Cherokee, died in Missouri about 1843. Her maiden name was Lucinda Ragsdale, and she was a native of the Hiawassee Purchase. Our subject's maternal grandfather, John Moon, was born in Ohio, whence he migrated to the Hoosier State, at an early day. About 1842 he came to what is now Phelps County, Mo., and later to Maries County, where his death occurred about 1856. He was a Quaker for many years, but later became a minister in the Christian Church. He was also a farmer. His wife died in Wright County, Mo., about 1881. They reared seven children to mature years. To the parents of our subject were born eleven children, as follows: Jasper N., subject; Ellen, wife of W. L. Phillips, of Phelps County; Dialtha, wife of W. H. Troxell, of Phelps County; Mary, died in Phelps County; John was killed in Phelps County; Thomas J., of Maries County; James died in Phelps County; Austin, residing in Phelps County; William, of Gasconade County; Lucinda, died in Phelps County when young, and one died unnamed. During his youth our subject received about eight months' schooling and assisted on the home place until the latter part of 1862, when he joined Company A, Eleventh Missouri Cavalry, Confederate Army, of the Trans-Mississippi Department. He was in many fights and skirmishes in Arkansas, Louisiana, and Texas, and was wounded and captured on Grand Prairie, Ark., August 30, 1864. He was taken to Hickory Plains Hospital, from which he made his escape about seven weeks later, and joined his command in what is now Boone County, Ark. Subsequently he went with his command nearly to Mexico, and then returned to Arkansas and surrendered near Clarksville, that State, June 16, 1865. He was a brave and faithful soldier and fought valiantly for the Lost Cause. After the death of the father, Mr. Ray took care of the family until twenty-three years of age, and was then married to Miss Nancy David, daughter of John and Jane (Shackley) David, who were then living in Phelps County, but who removed to Texas, where Mr. David died. He was a Free-Will Baptist minister for many years, and was of Welsh extraction. His widow is still living. The ten children born to Mr. and Mrs. Ray were named as follows: John H.; Martha; Lewis; Mary, wife of Willis Keithley, of Taney County, Lawrence, Jane, Hiram, Andrew, Charley and Grover. Mr. Ray made his home in Phelps County until 1884, when he moved to Taney County, where he rented land for one year. He then came to his present farm of 280 acres, three and a half miles above Forsyth, and this he has largely improved since locating here, having one of the finest farms in his section. He started with nothing and with the assistance of his good wife has made a comfortable competence. Mrs. Ray worked in the field when necessary, wove all the clothing for the family for many years, and while she did the carding, Mr. Ray would spin in the evenings. The latter has ever affiliated with the Democratic party and his first presidential vote was cast for Horace Greeley, in 1872. He is a member of the A. F. & A. M. Forsyth Lodge No. 453, was junior warden, and has held nearly all the offices in the order. He is also an Odd-Fellow, and past noble grand of Forsyth Lodge. He was formerly a Granger. He and wife are Free-Will Baptists in religious belief.

J. H. ADAIR. This gentleman was born in Independence, Autauga County, Ala., on March 3, 1828. His father was James Adair, born in Morgan

County, Ga., in 1806, a successful merchant in Alabama for ten years, then a farmer of Talladega, Ala., until August 5, 1845, when he died, leaving a widow and nine children—five sons and four daughters. His widow, Sarah Adair, remained there until after the late war, when she returned to Georgia, where she now resides in Gainesville, and is in her eighty-fifth year. Her maiden name was Sarah Dean. She was born February 19, 1810, in Twiggs County, Ga., and was married to James Adair, the boy merchant, in 1826. Her sons all did noble service through the war. Two are dead, three are living—two in Atlanta, Ga., and one in Arkansas; one daughter in Atlanta and three in Gainesville, Ga. J. H. Adair now lives near Harrison, Boone County, Ark. He lived with his mother until he was twenty-three years old, superintending a small farm with a few slaves and his four younger brothers, and on September 3, 1850, was married to Ellenore Pace, a beautiful girl of eighteen summers, the daughter of Bartly M. Pace, a well-to-do planter. J. H. Adair bought a small farm four miles from his old home, and farmed four years. In the fall of 1854 he emigrated to Texas with his wife and one child, two years old. They traveled in a wagon drawn by a mule-team, and carried two likely young negro women with them. He settled in Smith County, Tex., south of Tyler, the county seat, bought a farm and succeeded in making a respectable living on it until the war. He has been a member of the Missionary Baptist Church forty-five years, and has never failed to vote the Democratic ticket since 1849. He has used neither coffee, whisky, nor tobacco for over forty years. He entered a regiment of volunteers in 1862 commanded by Col. Dick Hubbard, since governor of Texas. He served four months and was taken with the measles, when he hired a substitute for $1,000, and went home. After raising a crop, and when the State troops were called out, he volunteered, and was elected captain of a company. He was assigned duty at Camp Ford, near Tyler, to guard Federal prisoners, of whom there were 5,000 at one time. After six months' service there the State and Confederate service were blended. He went to the coast and joined Col. Bates' regiment, Thirteenth Texas Infantry, Company H, and was elected second lieutenant. He served till the surrender in May, 1865. He surrendered at Marshall, Tex., with an honorable discharge, so far as a poor rebel could, and returned to his wife and children in Smith County, Tex., to find his all swept away except a little home. He continued to farm until the fall of 1871, when the annoyance of free negroes and chills and fever proved so great, and having lost six children out of nine, he decided to go to the Ozark region in search of health, fruit and vegetables. He arrived here in December, 1871, with his wife and three children—two daughters and one son, all still living in Boone County. The eldest daughter, W. E., married J. A. Jackson in October, 1872, and had two sons, one died at the age of four years, and the other is still living, aged three years; W. D. Adair married Ada Martin in August, 1888, and has a son three years old and a daughter eighteen months old (W. D. was born September 18, 1857); S. E. Adair, born October 20, 1867, was married to M. M. Dickson, of Drew County, Ark., October 24, 1890, but now live in Harrison, Ark., and have two children, a son, Carrol Adair Dickson, three years old, and a daughter, Ellenore Beulah Dickson, one year old. M. M. Dickson is a native of Drew County, and was raised a farmer by a widowed mother. His father was killed in cold blood by a Federal mob of renegades during the war. J. H. Adair bought land of William Stroud in January, 1872, unimproved, on Gaither Prairie, two miles due south of Harrison, for $10 per acre, upon which he has resided ever since. Seventy acres are under cultivation, thirty of which are in orchard, and during the last ten years has yielded an average of 2,000 bushels of fruit per annum. For the last fifteen years he has been engaged in stockraising (as well as fruit), principally horses,

with a few cattle, hogs and asses. He believes in a fruit and stock farm for an independent, honest living, and that diligence, prudence and industry in any calling is essential to success. He was made a Royal Arch Mason in Tyler, Tex., in 1857. His eldest brother, H. W. Adair, was for four years a member of the Tenth Alabama Regiment Infantry, was in twelve regular battles under Gen. Robert E. Lee, and was taken prisoner and kept at Elmira, N. Y., twelve months, where he died one day after Gen. Lee's surrender at Appomattox, Va. Green B. Adair was a member of same regiment, in seventeen battles, and received only one slight wound. He surrendered with Lee at Appomattox. A. D. Adair was on Gen. Forrest's staff during the last two years of the war. W. D. Adair, J. H. Adair's youngest brother, was in the Tenth Alabama Regiment, and had one hand shot off in battle. He was discharged just before the close of the war. The Adair family are numerous in the United States, all having sprung from three brothers who came from the north of Ireland before the old Revolutionary War, one of whom married a Cherokee Indian woman, the other two white women. J. H. Adair is the offspring of the white race, his great grandfather being Scotch-Irish. J. H. Adair is a man of determined will, firm in his principles, and is a Baptist, a Mason, and a Prohibition Democrat.

W. G. HOLLAND. When a grain of wheat is cut across the middle and examined under a glass the central parts are found to be composed of a white substance; if the grain is dry this interior readily becomes a pearly powder. Near the outside of the kernel the texture is more compact, and at the surface it becomes horny. This added firmness is produced by the increasing quantity of gluten as the analysis advances from center to circumference. Understanding the structure of the grain, it has been the object of the miller to separate the various parts, so as to get different grades of flour. It is the gluten which gives to flour its strongest property, and it is in the nice separation of this constituent that the roller process excels. As one of the finest examples of the application of this process and machinery generally to the manufacture of fine flour the Sparta Roller Mill deserves a detailed description. This concern was established in 1891 and is owned by H. H. Lee, J. J. Bruton and W. G. Holland. The cost of erecting the mill was $7,000 and it is well equipped with the full roller system, having three double set of rollers. The capacity per day is fifty barrels, the power being a forty-horse power engine. The brands, especially the "Extra Patent" and Belle of Sparta, are well known in the south part of Missouri and north Arkansas. The mill is located a quarter of a mile east of Sparta, is three stories in height, and its owners are doing a good business. Mr. Lee resides near the mill and Mr. Bruton, who is one of the representative men of the county, understands every detail of the business. Our subject, W. G. Holland, was born in Christian County, Mo., August 19, 1862, the son of James M. and Ann (Jones) Holland, natives of Tennessee. The parents were reared in their native State, but after marriage removed to Missouri, and were pioneers of Christian County. Mr. Holland has a good farm six miles north of Sparta and he and wife are highly esteemed in the community. They reared a family of eight children, five of whom are still living: Jasper N., who is engaged in farming near the home place; John R., who resides in Springfield; Lucy A., wife of J. W. Chaffin, resides near the old place, and Mary, who is the wife of James W. Cox, resides near Ozark. The original of this notice was next to the youngest of the family. He was early trained to the duties of farm life and attended the schools of his neighborhood, securing a fair education in the same. In 1880 he began clerking in a dry goods store for Vinton Bros., and remained with them four years, when he came to Sparta. Here he clerked in the store of John Harebeck for three years and

then embarked in the drug business at that place, continuing the same for th :e years. After this he opened a store, put in a stock of clothing and gent's furnishing goods, and carried this on for two years, after which he became a member of the firm that built the Sparta Roller Mill. In politics Mr. Holland is a Democrat, and an active, public-spirited citizen. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, Sparta Lodge No. 296. He selected his wife in the person of Miss Ottie Bruton, daughter of Hon. J. J. Bruton, and one child has been born to this union, Norah Ann. Mr. and Mrs. Holland reside in Sparta, and are highly esteemed there. The families are all members of the Baptist Church, except our subject, who is undenominational in religion. Mr. Holland's push and energy have brought him to the front, for he started out with limited means and what he has accumulated is the result of his own industry.

ELBERT H. BUTLER. Neely Butler, the grandfather of our subject, was a native of North Carolina, where he grew to mature years and married Miss Amy Osier, also a native of that State, where he lived for several years until he moved to Tennessee, from where he came West with his family, locating in Stone County, Mo., some years prior to the Civil War. Subsequently he moved to Carroll County, Ark., where he remained until the secession of the State from the Union. Being substantially in favor of the Union of States it became necessary for the protection of his life and property to migrate to the North, which he did, but returned soon after the close of the war to Stone County, Mo., where he made his home until his death in 1880, in which county his wife, the grandmother of our subject, also died but a few years previous, both being quite aged. Wilson S. Butler, father of our subject, was also a native of the Old North State, where he was born in 1819. While yet a young man he came West with his parents to the State of Missouri and soon after was married, in Wright County, to Miss Margaret P. Dedman, a native of Virginia. Mr. Butler chose for himself the occupation of a farmer and became a successful tiller of the soil, and at his death in 1881 (on his farm in the south part of Stone County) was a well-to-do and influential citizen. In politics he was a Republican, but never aspired to office, preferring to give his undivided attention to farming and stockraising. He was well known in Arkansas and Missouri and was well liked for his many estimable qualities. Mrs. Butler's father, Seneca Dedman, was a native of Georgia, but later became a resident of the Old Dominion. He moved to Wright County, Mo., and there passed the remainder of his days. His widow is still living. Of the twelve children born to Mr. and Mrs. Butler seven survive: Martha J., deceased; Elbert N., our subject; James L., a farmer of this county, was a soldier in the Rebellion; Bedy A., the wife of John Butler; Neely, a farmer of Stone County and a man of family; Seneca died young; Wilson died young; John, a farmer, resides in Carroll County, Ark.; Reuben, a farmer of Stone County; Allen, single, resides in Stone County; Margaret married Columbus O'Neal and resides in Carroll County, Ark., and Ellen, wife of John Doggens, resides in Carroll County, Ark. Our subject was reared a farmer and remained on the home place until 1863, when he enlisted in Company B, Forty-sixth Missouri Infantry, and served six or seven months. He was a private and was on detached duty most of the time at Springfield. After the war he engaged in farming, carried this on for some time, and, in 1865, was married to Miss Margaret T. Pittman, daughter of James and Julia (Martin) Pittman, natives of Tennessee, who came from Illinois to Dallas County, Mo. Mrs. Butler was born in the latter county in 1848. After his marriage Mr. Butler farmed for a number of years and then engaged in the milling business in the south part of the county, on Indian Creek, where he had a steam saw mill. For about ten years he was engaged in sawing fine lumber and met with success in this occupation. In

1883 he was elected sheriff and collector of Stone County on the Republican ticket, and then moved to Galena, where he has since made his home. He filled the position in a most satisfactory manner for four years and later was elected to the office of county collector, holding that position two years. He has also held the office of deputy collector and deputy sheriff. Aside from his large and well-improved farm Mr. Butler is the owner of town property and is a substantial and influential citizen. During his youth Mr. Butler was favored with good educational advantages and for some time taught school. He is a member of Galena Lodge No. 515, A. F. & A. M., and has held office in the lodge. He and wife have resided in Galena since 1883 and have won many warm friends in the city.

M. H. Osburn, M. D. There are always in the medical profession some individuals who become eminent and command a large patronage, and among those who deserve special recognition is Dr. M. H. Osburn, whose face is a familiar one in the home of the sick and afflicted. He has practiced his profession in his section of Missouri for twenty years and his name has become almost a household word. He is a Georgian by birth, born March 27, 1838, a son of Ectyl and Cynthia (Nelson) Osburn, who were born in the Palmetto State and Georgia, respectively. The paternal grandfather, William Osburn, was born in South Carolina also, was of English-Irish descent, and throughout life followed the occupation of farming, to which occupation he reared his son, Ectyl. The latter, with his wife, emigrated to Missouri in 1867 and settled on a farm three miles from Rome, but eventually died in Ozark County, Mo., in 1886. He was a minister of the Missionary Baptist Church for a number of years, and during the great Civil War was a member of a Tennessee regiment. His wife, who was a daughter of Wiley Nelson, died in 1883, after having borne him ten children, the following of whom are living: Dr. M. H., G. W., J. H. E., Howell C., Mariah, Frances and Mary A. Those deceased are William N., Sarah J. and Cynthia C. The boyhood days of Dr. Osburn were passed in the State of his birth, and there he received such education as could be obtained in the common schools of that section and period. At the age of twenty-two years he went to Ohio, thence to Illinois; in 1867 located in Berry County, Mo., and at the end of five years came to Douglas County and has made his home at Roy ever since. His professional education was acquired in the St. Louis Medical College, and in the year 1870 he did his first work as a physician, and has since practiced all branches of his profession. His experience as a medical practitioner has extended over a period of twenty-two years and during this time he has had many difficult cases under his care, in the conduct of which he has always acquitted himself with credit. He is always quick to see and prompt to act, is accurate in the diagnosis of his cases and in his treatment is bold and prompt, yet always sure. In 1864 he served four months in the One Hundred and Forty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and since the war has been a stanch Republican in politics, and for some time has been a member of Roy Post No. 307 of the G. A. R., and holds the position of post surgeon. He was married in Georgia to Miss Eliza J. Dodd, a daughter of William and Eliza Dodd, both of whom died in that State, and in which State Mrs. Osburn was born. She and her husband have six children: Almer O., Cynthia E., William H., Emily, Alice and Sarah. The Doctor and his wife are members of the Missionary Baptist Church, and are prominent in the social circles in which they live. The Doctor owns a good farm of eighty acres and also has other valuable property.

George W. Pearcy. Ability, when backed by enterprising business measures and progressive ideas, will accomplish more than any other professional or commercial requirement. An illustration of this is found in the mercantile

establishment owned and conducted by George W. Pearcy at Thornfield, Mo. This gentleman was born in Platte County, Mo., in 1848, but his parents, William H. and Jane (Henry) Pearcy, were born in Kentucky in 1813 and Indiana in 1818, respectively. After their marriage, which occurred in Indiana, they came to Platte County, Mo., later removed to Dallas County, and when the subject of this sketch was four or five years old they came to Ozark County, locating on a farm on Bryant's Fork where the mother died in 1858. The father afterward removed to Benton County, Ark., and later to Johnson County, where he died in 1877, having been a farmer throughout life, and in every sense of the word a self-made man. His father, George Pearcy, was of English descent, was a music teacher by occupation, and died in Platte County, Mo. Nothing is known of the maternal grandfather. After the death of his first wife, William H. Pearcy married again, his second wife being Eliza Scrivner, by whom he had two children: Samantha and Lafayette of Laclede County. George W. Pearcy, the immediate subject of this notice, is the fifth of eight children born to his parents: John W., who died in Indian Territory in 1862; Mary A., who resides in Texas; Sarah J. (Mrs. Baker) of California; Isabella, who died in Ozark County in 1862; George W.; Winfield Scott, who died in Dallas County in 1864; Bathena, who became the wife of Elijah Jones and died in Ozark County; and William H., who resides in the Indian Territory. George W. Pearcy received a common-school education and was also an attendant of Berryville and Mountain Home Academies in Arkansas. In August, 1864, he joined Company C, Forty-sixth Missouri Infantry, with which he operated in the southwestern part of the State, participating in many skirmishes. He was honorably discharged at Springfield, March 6, 1865. After the war he finished his schooling and taught for some years in Webster and Greene Counties. In 1877 he led to the altar Miss Mary E., daughter of Samuel Turner, a native of Missouri. Mr. Pearcy was left a widower the same year of his marriage, and in 1881 married Josephine, daughter of Joseph and Sarah Lyon, the former of whom was killed at his home in Douglas County during the war, and the latter is still living. Mrs. Pearcy was born in Douglas County and has borne her husband two children. In 1877 Mr. Pearcy engaged in the mercantile business at Thornfield, and has done a very prosperous business there ever since, his annual sales at the present time amounting to $12,000. He also built and has operated a saw mill for some years, and in addition to these enterprises owns and superintends nearly 900 acres of land, a considerable portion of which he devotes to the raising of stock. He is one of the best-equipped business men in the Ozark region, is strictly self-made, for he started in life with no means whatever, and his success is due to his own excellent business qualifications, keen discernment, energy and honesty. He is the efficient postmaster of Thornfield, and has been for over seventeen years, is a notary public, and socially belongs to the I. O. O. F. He has always been a stanch Republican in politics, and cast his first presidential for Abraham Lincoln, at Buffalo, Dallas County, Mo., in 1864, while in the army and when but sixteen years old. He has never been an aspirant for political honors, but has always supported his party liberally.

JESSE N. NELSON. The business in which Jesse N. Nelson is engaged is a most important one, and he has found that since engaging in it his time has been fully occupied. He is the proprietor of a mill and cotton-gin at Buford, and as a means of livelihood he has found that this occupation has been reasonably successful. He is a native of Pontotock (now Lee) County, Miss., born February 8, 1858, a son of William and Martha (Carter) Nelson, both of whom were born in Mississippi, and were there reared, educated and married. In 1870 they removed to Arkansas and located in the vicinity of Buford on a

woodland farm which he cleared and tilled until his death, being also engaged in cotton-ginning and merchandising. He was a shrewd and far-seeing man of affairs, made a success of nearly everything he undertook, and eventually became wealthy. He met with some reverses, for his mill and gin were once burned downed and at another time they were blown down; but his energy soon retrieved these losses. Throughout the Civil War he was a member of Forrest's cavalry, serving in the capacity of captain part of the time, and was a participant in many battles. He returned to the pursuits of civil life after the war was over, became well and favorably known throughout the northern part of the State and counted his friends in his own community by the score. It was largely through his influence that the postoffice at Buford was established, and in other ways he showed himself to be a public spirited-citizen. He was a Democrat, was a Mason socially, and for many years he had been an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The mother of the subject of this sketch died in Mississippi, after having borne her husband eight children —five sons and three daughters—of whom the subject of this sketch was the third in order of birth and four of whom are now living. After her death Mr. Nelson married her sister, Amelia Carter, with whom he moved to Arkansas in 1870, her death eventually occurring in this State. She bore him eight children, three of whom are now living, and by his last wife, whose maiden name was Ann Adams, he became the father of one child. Mr. Nelson died a few years ago, at the age of fifty-nine years. Jesse N. Nelson was educated in the public schools in the vicinity of where he now lives, and while growing up became familiar with the details of ginning, and after the death of his father he purchased his mill and gin of the other heirs. His time is fully employed, for his custom is large and he does considerable sawing also. Until recently he was in the mercantile business with his brother G. N., but has lately been alone. In addition to milling and ginning, he has been engaged in farming also, and owns a good farm of 160 acres near Buford and is joint owner of a farm of 500 acres on the river. He is well fixed financially, and much of his prosperity is due to the fact that he has always been energetic and has been wise enough to see and take advantage of all opportunities for bettering his financial condition that have presented themselves. He has always been a Democrat, has served two years as justice of the peace, and is a deacon in the Christian Church, of which he has long been a member. December 5, 1883, he was married to Miss Elizabeth Adams, of this county, by whom he has one son and two daughters living and two daughters dead.

MAJ. R. B. WEAVER. The facility with which the American soldier laid down the implements of war, at the close of the great conflict between the Northern and Southern States, and adapted himself to the pursuits of civil life, has been the wonder of all nations, and scarcely less surprising than gratifying to the American people themselves. While not a few very profound citizens of the republic were speculating as to what was to become of the thousands of men mustered out of the armies, the question was solved by the ex-soldiers themselves, who quietly stepped into the ordinary walks of life, bent the force of circumstances to their will, and became the chief promoters of a national progress which is without parallel in history. Whenever an attempt is made to write the history of a great enterprise or the successful career of any man, it has been found ability, backed by energy and push, has been the basis of it all, and this fact cannot fail to impress itself upon the writer of history proper, or that branch of history which consists of the biographies of those who have achieved sufficient distinction to make the record of their lives of interest to the public. R. B. Weaver is one of those who has become eminent in the affairs of his State, and owes his success in life to his own good fighting qual-

ities. He was born in Maury County, Tenn., October 9, 1829, the fourth child of Joseph and Juda (May) Weaver, who came to Greene County, Mo., from Tennessee about 1830, the journey thither being made overland. They settled on a farm about a mile and a half southwest of the public square at Springfield, and on this farm the boyhood days of Mr. Weaver were spent in assisting his father to till the soil and in attending the district schools in the vicinity of his home. At the age of twenty he started out to fight life's battles for himself, and began dealing in stock; this occupation he has made one of his chief pursuits in life, although his attention has been profitably given to other occupations. He made his home in Greene County, up to February, 1862, residing on a large tract of land in the vicinity of Springfield, then moved with his family to Arkansas and joined the State Guards under Gov. Jackson, with which he remained for one year. In 1863 he enlisted in the Confederate service in the Third Arkansas Regiment of Shelby's Brigade under Gen. Marmaduke, and took part in the battle of Devall's Bluff, after which his command was sent to Springfield. He was wounded by a minie-ball while with Price on his raid through Missouri, in 1864, and on the 13th of April, 1865, he surrendered at Jacksonport, Ark. After the termination of hostilities he came to Boone County, Ark., after having spent two years in White County, and here he has ever since made his home. While a resident of Greene County, Mo., he married Miss Lucy A. Lipscomb, a daughter of one of the early pioneers of Greene County, but she died in 1859, leaving him with three children to care for: Ann Eliza, wife of James Hickerson, M. D., of North Carolina, by whom she has four sons; Felix, a man of a family and a successful farmer of Texas; and Thomas R., who is engaged in farming in Jasper County, Mo. Maj. Weaver's second marriage was to Miss Cornelia A. Brown, a daughter of W. E. Brown, who is a resident of this county, and she owes her nativity to the State of Tennessee, where she first saw the light of day January 27, 1846. She has borne her husband the following children: Walsie, wife of Robert F. King, of Harrison; Edward S., who is engaged in stock dealing and still makes his home with his parents; Joseph L., also at home; Fannie P., an accomplished young lady of much musical and artistic ability, and Marcus. In 1867 Maj. Weaver located on the farm where he now lives, which consists of 320 acres of fine land, and embarked extensively in stock dealing and farming, making a specialty of the raising of mules, which he ships South, and of horses and cattle for Northern markets. He has been successful in the accumulation of worldly goods, and besides the fine farm on which he lives at Rally Hill, he controls other lands in the county amounting to about 450 acres. His beautiful home is situated about twelve miles southeast of Harrison, and there he and his amiable wife dispense a refined, yet generous hospitality to the many friends who gather beneath their rooftree. He is one of the leading Democrats of the State, and the first office to which he was elected in the State was that of representative to the General Assembly in 1876, to which he was reëlected in 1879. In 1881 he was chosen a member of the Senate, serving with ability for two sessions, and in 1885 he was elected to the presidency of the Senate, which office he filled with distinguished ability. In 1889 he was appointed by President Cleveland as one of a committee to negotiate with the Ute Indians in regard to their removal from their reservation in Colorado. His intelligence and ability were again recognized when he was made one of the World's Fair Directors for the State of Arkansas. To him lies the credit of having selected the fine mineral display during the great Exposition, and one fine piece weighing 12,700 pounds gained a prize. He has always manifested the greatest activity in political matters, and as a legislator he showed that he was not only able but incorruptible, and while serving his

section in this capacity he labored earnestly for its interests and helped to advance laws calculated to benefit the State. He is widely known throughout the State, is one of the wealthy citizens of Boone County, and is at all times generous, friendly and open-hearted. Socially he is a member of the Bluff Lodge of the A. F. & A. M. of Newton County, and he and his family are attendants of the Christian Church.

L. O. Hailey, attorney at law. This wide-awake man of affairs, in addition to practicing his profession, is also the able editor of the *Farm Record* of Douglas County, Mo., and is a prosperous real estate and exchange broker of Ava. He has a large list of improved lands for sale, and makes a specialty of the purchase and sale of timber tracts. He has under his control thousands of acres of fine farming land in Douglas County alone, the most of which is well improved with good farm buildings and has more or less land under cultivation. For those who wish to purchase a home it would be to their interest to call on Mr. Hailey, for he is thoroughly posted on realty matters, is to be relied upon at all times, and it is his earnest desire to please those who patronize him. Although he is shrewd and far-seeing in the conduct of his affairs, and is keenly alive to his own interests, he is the soul of honesty in his transaction, is always anxious to give full return for value received, and as a result he has all the business that he can properly attend to. He is a son of James Hailey, one of the early pioneers of this section, and was born here March 7, 1864. As he grew to manhood in this section he became thoroughly familiar with its resources, and realized that if properly advertised the region would become a very popular one to home seekers, and upon starting out in life for himself he turned his attention to this line of human endeavor. He had been fitted for a successful business life in the public schools of Ava and the Arno Academy, and when quite a young man he began to study law, and in October, 1892, was admitted to the bar of Missouri. He has practiced in all the courts of this section of the State, is a far-seeing and keen lawyer and should he give his entire time to his profession would have all the cases that he could properly attend to. In 1887 he established the *Douglas County Democrat*, which he successfully managed up to 1890, and in the fall of 1893 became one of the owners of the *Farm Record*, which is published in the interests of the Democrat party, and has a large circulation throughout the county. He has always interested himself in the political affairs of his section and has held the office of deputy sheriff and collector of the county, probate clerk, county and circuit clerk, and recorder, which speaks eloquently as to his popularity in his section. He is a favorite with his party and was elected a delegate to the National Convention held in St. Louis in 1888. Miss Belle, the daughter of Dr. W. R. Harper, of Pope County, Ill., became his wife, and to their union four children have been born: Effie, Bertha, Bessie and Elsie. He and his wife have a pleasant and comfortable home in Ava, and they have become well known for the generous hospitality which they extend to their friends. Mr. Hailey is a member of the A. F. & A. M., of which he has been master of his lodge, and in the I. O. O. F. has held the office of secretary. He has a convenient and well-appointed office near the postoffice and is prepared to devote himself to his patrons' interests.

Joseph B. Moss. This wide-awake merchant of Jasper, Newton County, Ark., has been successful in the conduct of his affairs from a pecuniary standpoint, and is a liberal, generous and high-minded gentlemen, whose correct mode of living has gathered about him a large circle of friends and well wishers. He was born in Georgia, August 8, 1849, and in the section where he was born, was reared and educated, although he was for some time an attendant of the schools of Tennessee. He was brought up on his father's farm, and when

the great strife between the North and South came up, he was but a lad in his thirteenth year. In 1874 he came to Newton County, Ark., and his first business venture was after he reached this section, as a clerk in the store of Mr. Hudson, at Mount Parthenon, with whom he remained two years. In 1881 he became the Republican nominee for representative to the State Legislature, and after being elected and filling the office with ability until his term expired, he turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, which he followed with fair results until 1884. At the end of that time he moved to Montana and during the seven years he remained there he was engaged in the mercantile pursuits and continued to follow this occupation after his return to Arkansas. He has been successful in every enterprise to which he has devoted his attention and is now doing an annual business of $25,000. He at all times endeavors to supply the wants of his patrons, is courteous and accommodating in his attendance upon them, and being reasonable in his prices, his patronage is deservedly large. In addition to this thriving business he is the proprietor of a flouring mill which has a capacity of thirty barrels per day, and is kept going day and night. He has always been a public-spirited citizen, is well known throughout the county and is very popular with the Republicans of this section. He is a member of Mount Parthenon Lodge No. 366, of the A. F. & A. M. He was one of the early teachers of the county and became widely known as a thorough and practical educator. He was married in this county to Miss Arminda Slusher, a daughter of William and Sirene (Stallcup) Slusher, the former being a soldier during the Civil War. Mrs. Moss was born in Missouri, but was reared in Newton County, Ark., and here has reared the following children that have been born to herself and Mr. Moss: William Lewallen, Henry Beecher, Cora, Cara, (who died young), Mattie, Josephine, Tany, Bessie and Jessie. Mr. Moss was one of the following children: Martha, wife of Milton Goss, of Georgia; Elizabeth, wife of Solomon Young, of this county; Joseph B.; Isaac H., of this county; Charlotte, who died young; Rufina, who is the wife of John Guinn, of this county; William B., who is the efficient clerk of Newton County; Sarah, wife of Isaac Henderson of this county; Ida, who is at home with her parents; and four children died in infancy. The parents of these children, L. C. and Eliza (Millsap) Moss were both born in the Old North State, were taken to Georgia when young and there grew to maturity, married and made their home until about 1879, when they came to Newton County, Ark., and here the father has since made his home, being the owner of a fine farm, although he has retired from the active duties of life. He is one of the oldest citizens of the county, being in his seventy-fifth year, and throughout a long and active life he has ever conducted himself in an upright manner and with the utmost self-respect. He was born in Culpeper County, Va., in 1818 (August 21), soon after the death of his father, James Moss, and was the only child born of his parents. He was afterward taken by his mother, Nancy (McEntere) Moss, to North Carolina, but in early manhood he accompanied his mother and stepfather to Georgia, and was there married in 1845. He and his wife moved to Tennessee in 1863, and were engaged in farming in McMinn County until 1871, at which time they took up their residence in Kentucky, from which State they came to Arkansas in 1879. His wife died in Boone County, this State, October 21, 1893, her birth having occurred December 9, 1825, and her union with Mr. Moss was a happy and prosperous one. After he became a resident of Jasper, Ark., he was made postmaster of the place, had the mail contract, and for some time was proprietor of the Jasper Hotel. He is a man of sound intelligence, is a Republican in politics, and while residing in Tennessee ably discharged the duties of chancery clerk. He has been a faithful member of

the Methodist Episcopal Church for over half a century, and is a highly honored citizen of Newton County. He comes of Irish stock and the name was originally spelled Morse, the founder of the family tree in this country being James Morse, who was a soldier of the Revolution, his son, the great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch, Howell Moss, being a soldier of the War of 1812. The Millsaps came to this country from England, and Thomas Millsap, the great-grandfather of Joseph B. Moss, was a Revolutionary soldier. The latter's grandfather was in the War of 1812 and the Mexican War; he also bore the name of Thomas. The maiden name of his wife was Polly Sullivan.

Preston A. C. Wallace. An active and progressive system in any profession or line of business, when based upon principles of honor, is sure to bring success, and an illustration of prominence gained through these means is seen in the record of Preston A. C. Wallace, of Heber, Ark. He was born in Williamson County, Tenn., in 1841, and is a son of Alfred F. and Ann (Moore) Wallace, who were born in Alabama, from which State they moved to Tennessee, thence to Arkansas in 1841, locating in Independence County. The father died there in 1848, after which his widow married Archibald Burns, and died in Stone County. Mr. Wallace was a well to-do farmer, and during the Mexican War was captain of a company in Col. Yell's regiment. Preston A. C. Wallace was one of four children, was the youngest of the family and is the only one now living. He spent his boyhood in the vicinity of Batesville, in Independence County, and owing to the early death of his father saw many ups and downs before the war, and since the early age of thirteen years has fought the hard battle of life on his own responsibility. In April, 1863, he joined an independent company, which formed a part of Maj. Christman's battalion, and held the rank of orderly sergeant throughout the war. He was in all the engagements of the Missouri raid, from Ironton to Fayetteville, was a brave, faithful and useful soldier, but was compelled to leave the service in the spring of 1863, after which he returned home and commenced anew the occupation of farming in the vicinity of Batesville. He continued this occupation in Independence and Stone Counties up to 1874, when he took up his residence in Franklin County. In 1887 he made a location in Cleburne County, near Heber, and after farming the R. R. Case farm for three years, he bought the farm of 123 acres on which he is now residing, and sixty acres of fine bottom land about one mile away. His success has been the result of his own good management and energy, and he is deserving of great credit for his upright and manly walk through life, as well as for the property of which he has become the owner. In 1860 he led to the altar Miss Elizabeth Fullbright, a daughter of Andrew Fullbright, and of ten children born to them, eight are now living, all of whom are at home with the exception of one who resides in Indiana. Mrs. Wallace is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and Mr. Wallace has always supported the men and measures of the Republican party.

Judge Matthew K. Arnyx. This gentleman is descended from good old Irish stock, for on the green Isle of Erin his paternal great-grandparents were born, but they afterward became residents of this country prior to the Revolutionary War, in which struggle the great-grandfather participated as a member of the Colonial Army. For many generations back the family have devoted their attention to tilling the soil, and this occupation was successfully carried on by Matthew Arnyx, the grandfather of the subject of this sketch, who was a Virginian by birth. Preston Arnyx, father of Judge Matthew K. Arnyx, was born in the Old Dominion, and when a lad was taken by his father to Kentucky, of which region they were among the pioneers, and there he grew to manhood, married, and made his home until 1870, when he came with

his son, Matthew K., to Ozark County, Mo., and here he breathed his last two years later. His widow, who was born in the Blue Grass region of Kentucky, is still living, and makes her home with the subject of this sketch. Her maiden name was Eliza B. Harvey, and she is a daughter of James Harvey, who was a North Carolinian by birth, but one of the early settlers of the State which Daniel Boone made famous. His people were of English extraction and settled on American soil before the War of Independence, in which struggle the maternal grandfather took an active part. The Harvey family eventually became residents of Moniteau County, Mo., and there James Harvey was called from life. Mrs. Arnyx is now seventy-four years old, but her general health is good and her mind is clear and active. She became the mother of nine children, six of whom are living, as follows: Matthew K.; Olive J., wife of W. C. Morrison, collector of Ozark County; Oletha, who is the wife of J. S. Bushong; Clarissa V., wife of D. M. Bushong; and Mittie G., wife of J. F. Owen. Thursey died young; Marion J. died in 1862, at the age of twenty-one, and another child died in infancy unnamed. Judge Arnyx passed the early part of his life in the county of his birth, obtained a thorough and practical education in the common schools, and about the time that he started out to make his own way in the world the war came up and he cast aside personal considerations to enlist in Company A, Twenty-seventh Kentucky Mounted Infantry, under C. S. Henson, and took part in numerous engagements and skirmishes. While participating in a skirmish in Virginia his horse fell upon him and injured him quite seriously. In all he served about eighteen months, at the end of which time he held the rank of sergeant. A short time after the war he was married to Miss Martha P. Davis, a daughter of J. H. Davis and Betsey (Harvey) Davis, who were among the early families of Kentucky in Warren County, of which State the father still lives, although his wife died many years ago. Mrs. Arnyx was born and reared in Kentucky, and she and her husband made their home there until 1870, when they came to Ozark County, Mo., and bought the farm where they now live, eight miles from Gainesville, on Pine Creek, comprising 320 acres of fine land, a large part of which is under cultivation. He has been a successful farmer, gives considerable attention to the raising of stock, and has at all times shown himself to be wide-awake and enterprising. He was elected by the Republican party, of which he is a strong member, to the office of associate county judge in 1882; held the office of presiding judge four years, and also that of probate judge the same length of time, and discharged the responsible duties of these positions in a manner to win him the highest respect and esteem of his fellows. He has been a delegate to different conventions, is a member of the G. A. R. Post at Gainesville, and he and his family are attendants of the Christian Church, in which he is a deacon. To himself and first wife a family of seven children was given: Lovina H., wife of L. C. Capus; Sidney F., Luther H., Lockie L., Alonzo G., Lucretia M. and Maria S. The mother of these children died in 1887, and for his second wife Mr. Arnyx took Miss C. M. Mayberry, daughter of George Mayberry, who was killed during the war. His present wife has borne him two children: Partha A. and Curtis S.

WILLIAM ARNOLD. This gentleman is one of the thrifty and energetic farmers for which Searcy County, Ark., has become well known, and in the conduct of his affairs has shown good judgment and business foresight. He was born in Wabash County, Ill., September 18, 1822, a son of Jacob and Rebecca (Thompson) Arnold, natives of Kentucky, from which State they removed with their parents to Illinois, when that was a new country. There they married and made their home until 1838, when they started for Texas, but upon reaching Ft. Smith, Ark., became discouraged by reports from the

Lone Star State, and the next spring started back to Illinois, with the intention of locating on Crowley's Ridge, but on reaching what is now Searcy County, Ark., was so well pleased with the outlook here that he decided to locate, and he at once "pitched his tent" at the mouth of Bear Creek. Here he made his home until his death eight years later, but during this time he managed to greatly improve his place in many ways. He was a man of great energy and push, was a great lover of hunting and all athletic sports and was a soldier of the Black Hawk War. The maternal grandfather of the subject of this sketch was a soldier of the Revolution, and like the Arnolds, was a very early settler of Illinois from Kentucky, and died in that State. The widow of Jacob Arnold survived him until 1854, when she died, leaving a family of seven children: Abbie, who died in Illinois, the wife of John McClure; Thomas, of Illinois; Nancy, who became the wife of a Mr. Painter, and is now deceased; William; John, who was a Federal soldier and is now a resident of Missouri; Jacob was also a Federal soldier and died at Louisburg, Ark.; James died at Corinth while serving in the Confederate Army. William Arnold came with his parents to Searcy County, and August 17, 1839, was married to Elizabeth, daughter of Eleazer and Elizabeth Dean, who also located in the farming districts of Searcy County, Ark., in 1837, coming thither from Illinois. On the farm on which they settled the subject of this sketch now resides, and is one of the most fertile and well-improved places in the county. Mrs. Arnold was born in Edwards County, Ill., February 3, 1824, and died July 23, 1878, after having borne her husband the following children: Mary J., who died in 1893; Martha M. is the wife of Harmon Hodge, of Kansas; Eleazer D., of Searcy County; Jacob, of that county also; John, who died in 1889; Member, who died in 1874; Andrew J., Jasper N., William J. and Martin G. In February, 1879, Mr. Arnold took for his second wife Caroline, daughter of Thomas and Mary Owens, natives of Georgia, but early settlers of Arkansas, the former of whom died in Pope County, and the latter in Searcy County, Ark. In 1850 Mr. Arnold crossed the plains to California, being nearly five months in making the journey, and while in that State he was engaged in mining and saw milling until 1853, when he returned home via the Isthmus of Panama and New York City and has since resided in Searcy County, being one of its best and most favorably known citizens. He was in the Confederate service for about eighteen months during the latter part of the war, as a member of Company M, Third Arkansas Cavalry, which command operated on the Arkansas River, and he was a participant in a number of skirmishes. He was discharged at Louisburg, Ark., at the close of the war. Mr. Arnold was a Democrat prior to the war, but since that time has supported the men and measures of the Republican party. He is a member of St. Joe Lodge No. 317, of the A. F. & A. M., and has long been an active member of the Primitive Baptist Church. Mr. Arnold is one of the oldest settlers of Searcy County and well remembers the hardships and privations which the early settlers of the region were compelled to undergo, and has seen almost the entire development of the section in which he resides.

JUDGE JAMES P. INCE. This gentleman is the associate judge of the Western District of Douglas County, Mo., and no better man for the position could be found than he, for he is intelligent, well posted, imbued with the milk of human kindness, and has always shown the utmost impartiality in his decisions. The Judge has resided in Missouri since 1843, and has been a resident of Douglas County since 1862, taking up his abode in the vicinity of Rome. He was born in Overton County, Tenn., March 28, 1828, a son of John and Elizabeth (Clark) Ince, the former of whom was born in Ireland and came to the United States in his youth, locating in South Carolina, where he lived

for about five years. He then spent eight years in Overton County, Tenn., after which he became a resident of Lawrence County, Ark., and there was called from life about 1833. After his death his widow returned to Tennessee, and in 1843 came to Missouri and settled in Greene County, about twenty miles south of Springfield, where she resided until 1863, when she moved to Pike County, and died in 1887. She was a native of the Old North State and a daughter of John Clark, who lived and died in that State, a farmer. The subject of this sketch was one of eight children: Thomas, Jesse, Matthew, Levi, Harvey, Agnes, James, John. The Judge is supposed to be the only member of the family living. He was sixteen years old when he went to Greene County, Mo., and he received no schooling save what could be obtained in the pioneer schools of this State. When twenty years of age he started out to do for himself, and for some time followed the occupation of farming in Berry County. He was married in 1849 to Miss Sarah, daughter of John and Catherine (David) Whittington, who came to Missouri in 1845 from Indiana. The father was a farmer, and in 1863 was killed by guerrillas. His wife died in Berry County in 1885, having borne ten children. Mrs. Ince was born in Indiana, and after her marriage with Mr. Ince they settled on a farm in Berry County, but five years later moved to Webster County, and about 1862 settled in Douglas County. The same year Mr. Ince enlisted in the Seventy-third Regiment of Missouri Militia, and served until the fall of 1863 as sergeant of Company B. He was in a number of engagements with the bush-whackers, and was at one time taken prisoner. After the war he resumed the peaceful pursuit of farming, and until 1888 resided on a farm on Little Beaver. He then spent some time on a farm near Roy, but in 1891 came to the farm on which he now lives, consisting of 120 acres, which he devoted to the usual farm products and to the raising of stock. In 1863 he was elected to the office of judge of this district when it was a part of Taney County, was reëlected in 1865 and again in 1890, and also in 1892. He has always taken a deep interest in the progress and development of the county, has been very public spirited, and has always voted the Republican ticket. He has been a member of the Baptist Church for forty years, and is a highly respected old citizen. By his first wife, who died in 1856, he became the father of six children: John, a farmer of Taney County; William, who died at the age of six years; Elizabeth is the widow of N. Adams; Julia is the wife of A. Morgan, of Greene County; Millard F. and Benjamin (deceased). The maiden name of his present wife was Matilda Jenkins, and she is also a member of the Baptist Church. The Judge is well known throughout southwest Missouri, for he is one of the representative men of the section, and his present honorable position in life has been gained through his own efforts, and he is deserving of great credit therefor.

GEORGE W. JOBE, M. D. Man when well boasts that he has no need of the doctor, and is pleased to indulge in gibes and sneers concerning the skill of the members of the profession, and those who rail loudest are the first to send for the physician at the sound of danger. At least this is true in many cases, and the long-suffering physician, anxious to benefit mankind, responds to all calls no matter what the weather may be, and often endangers his own health in caring for that of others. Dr. George W. Jobe is an active medical practitioner, has been successful in his efforts to relieve the sufferings of mankind, and as a natural result his services are largely in demand. He was born in Yellville, Marion County, Ark., September 30, 1872, a son of Dr. George W. and Minnie A. (Wilson) Jobe, the former of whom was born in Georgia in 1828, a son of David Jobe, also of that State, and of Scotch descent. The father of the subject of this sketch took up the study of medicine when a

young man, and graduated from the Medical Department of Vanderbilt University at Nashville, Tenn., after which he came to Marion County, Ark., locating at Rally Hill, where he practiced until about the close of the war, when he moved to Yellville and there spent some years, moving to a farm on King's Prairie in 1880, and there made his home until his death in April, 1892. He was at one time president of the County Medical Association, was a well-read and able practitioner, and was first a Whig and afterward a Republican in politics, and during the war a Union man. He served in the Forty-sixth Missouri Volunteer Infantry as second lieutenant of Company F, took part in many minor engagements, and at one time was taken prisoner by the Quantrell band, who placed a rope around his neck, threw the other end over a tree, and would undoubtedly have been hung, had it not been for the timely intervention of a neighbor. He was married in Texas to the daughter of Thomas Wilson, was a Baptist in religious belief, while his wife was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. She was a native of the Old North State, and bore her husband six children: Una, wife of F. W. McChesney of Honolulu, H. I.; Azelia, wife of Fount King of King's Prairie; Dr. George W.; Mettie and Clara. The immediate subject of this sketch passed his boyhood days in Yellville, but acquired the principal part of his education at Rally Hill. He began the study of medicine with his father in 1890, and has pursued his medical studies in his father's alma mater—Vanderbilt University of Nashville, Tenn. He began practicing in April, 1893, and already has a patronage of which he has every reason to be proud. He is a member of the County Medical Association, is well posted and up with the times in his profession, and his future is bright with promise.

BENJAMIN F. MCKINNEY. The incidents in the early life of the original of this notice were not materially different from those of other boys living on farms. He was taught to work, to make himself useful around the pioneer homestead, and, in common with other boys, to attend the winter schools at intervals, and to assist in improving the farm during the summer. His birth occurred in Smith County, Tenn., in 1838. He was the eldest of six children born to R. S. and Ann S. (Roe) McKinney. The other children were named as follows: William died in infancy; Jordon Stokes died in Tennessee; Mary, wife of Richard Moore, died in Taney County; Sarah, wife of William Hinsley, resides in this county; and John died in Taney County. The mother of our subject was a native of Smith County, Tenn., and resided there for some time after her marriage. Later the parents came by ox-team to Cedar County, Mo., and a few years later settled in Taney County, where they purchased a claim a few miles east of Forsyth. They were among the pioneers of Taney County, and contributed their share toward its improvement and advancement. Mr. McKinney was the only one of his family to settle in Missouri. He was never much of a hunter, although the woods abounded in game when he first settled here. After living for many years on their farm, Mr. and Mrs. McKinney removed to Forsyth, where the mother, born August 18, 1814, died on December 28, 1858, and the father, born August 29, 1811, died June 13, 1860. Mr. McKinney was a carpenter by trade, but also followed farming. Although a native of Tennessee, our subject has resided in Taney County since a mere boy, and all his recollections are of this county. His educational advantages were limited, but he possessed any amount of good common sense and judgment, and, being a close observer, is perhaps as well posted as one-half the men. In the year 1861 he was married to Miss Belveretta C. Casey, daughter of Levi and Mary Casey, who were natives of East Tennessee, where they were reared and married. About 1830 Mr. Casey and family moved to Greene County, Mo., and subsequently to Taney County, locating near Forsyth,

on Swan Creek. There Levi Casey, born April 23, 1805, died on January 10, 1859, when fifty-four years of age, and Mrs. Mary Casey, born December 10, 1803, died on January 18, 1881, when seventy-eight years of age. The father was a farmer by occupation, and a colonel in one of the early wars, being known as Col. Casey. He was a man of considerable prominence, was county judge at one time, and was a popular man. He was the father of six children, three sons and three daughters, as follows: Marion, of this State, was a soldier in the Confederate Army; Sarah is the widow of Henry Laughlin; William, deceased, left a family; Amanda is the wife of Andrew McHaffie; Newton died young; and Belveretta is the wife of our subject. The last named was born in Taney County. In 1862 Mr. McKinney joined Company B of Col. Green's regiment of Price's army, and remained with the regiment until the close of the war, operating principally in Arkansas and Missouri. He was in the Missouri raid, and surrendered at Shreveport, La., at the close of the war. Following the war, he resumed farming, and for twenty-eight years has lived on his present property. He has 300 acres, with about 100 cleared, all fine bottom land, and he has made nearly all the improvements himself. He started out for himself with nothing, and what he has gained in the way of this world's goods has been the result of his good fighting qualities. He and wife have no children of their own, but they have reared six children. Mr. McKinney handles considerable stock, and is considered one of the most substantial and prominent citizens in the county. Honest, industrious and persevering, no man is more universally esteemed. Socially he is a Mason of Forsyth Lodge No. 453, and he and wife have been members of the Methodist Episcopal Church for a number of years.

Col. Eli Dodson. This gentleman is the intelligent, trustworthy and efficient county and probate judge of Boone County, Ark., and in his official capacity has comported himself with dignity, good sound judgment and judicial fairness. He has resided in the county since 1881, but has been a resident of northwest Arkansas since 1852, whither he came from Madison County, Ark., in 1834. He was born on his father's farm in White County, Tenn., May 22, 1828, the only child of Eli and Mary (Goad) Dodson, the former of whom was born in Virginia in 1798, a son of William Dodson, who helped free this country from British rule by serving in the Revolutionary War. Eli Dodson, the father, died before his son was born and he was also left motherless when two and a half years old. He was reared by his uncle, Alexander Goad, and came with him to this State. His boyhood days were characterized by farm labor, for he unfortunately received no educational advantages until he reached manhood and after his marriage, which event took place in 1847, and was to Miss Rhoda C. Cantrell, daughter of Abner Cantrell, to which marriage twelve children were given: William Y., Mary, Margaret, James A., Elizabeth, Martha D., Rhoda A., Virginia, Eli S., Alice, Melvina R., and Leota B., all of whom are living except the last mentioned. The mother of these children was called from this life April 14, 1870, and Mr. Dodson took for his second wife Mrs. Mary E. Hastings, who lived only a few months after her marriage, dying in February, 1871. Mr. Dodson's present wife was Mary C. Cantrell, a sister of his first wife, and to them nine children were given, three of whom are living: Lena M., Missouri and Katie. Those deceased are Ellen C., Hattie G., Lillie D. and Rosa M. (twins), Louetta A. and Floyd R. Lena M. is the wife of James Bridwell, and Missouri E. is the wife of John Dees. All the children of the first marriage are married. Abner Cantrell, the father of Mrs. Dodson, settled in Madison County, Ark., in 1835 and later moved to what is now Boone County in 1855, but died at Yellville, in Marion County, in 1891, his wife's death having occurred in 1873. He reached the advanced age of ninety-

seven years and was the oldest man in the county at the time of his death. Until he was twenty-four years old Mr. Dodson resided in Madison County, but he then moved to a farm near where Lead Hill now is, where he made his home for four years, then removed to Yellville, having been elected clerk of the circuit court. After holding this office four years he entered the army, becoming colonel of the Fourteenth Arkansas Infantry, C. S. A., and commanded his regiment at Pea Ridge, in which engagement he was wounded in the hip so severely that he was unfitted for duty for some time. After convalescing he again joined his regiment at Memphis, just after the bloody battle of Shiloh, and was in command at the siege of Corinth. He was in the different engagements all the way from that place to Tupelo. He was then at Iuka and in the second engagement at Corinth. His health became so broken down that he resigned his commission in the fall of 1863 and returned home with the consciousness of having served the Southern cause with fidelity and courage. He commanded his regiment all the time that he was in the service and was successful in four or five engagements. After returning home he located in Yellville, and having been admitted to the bar began the practice of law at that place in 1865, continuing until 1881, when he came to Boone County. In 1866 he was elected to the State Legislature and served with ability until he was displaced during the reconstruction period. He was elected county and probate judge of Marion County in 1878 and served till 1880. Being elected to the position he now holds in 1892, he, in 1893, left his farm in the vicinity of Bellefonte and came to Harrison, of which place he is one of the foremost citizens. Physically he is strong and active, is prepossessing in personal appearance, and is a good conversationalist. He is a forcible and convincing pleader at the bar, is thoroughly posted in his profession, and has been successful in its practice. He is a Democrat politically, is a member of Bellefonte Lodge of the A. F. & A. M., and has for years been connected with the Free Will Baptist Church while his wife is a Missionary Baptist.

J. F. Davis. Prominent among the names which give strength and importance to the town of Powell, Ark., as a thriving trade center, is that of J. F. Davis, well known as a successful dry goods merchant. He has by his energy, honesty and close attention to business, built up a large trade and is regarded as a leader in his line in Marion County. An average stock of goods valued at $2,000 is carried, and is well selected to meet the demands of the public, and an annual business of from $9,000 to $10,000 is done. He was born in the Palmetto State, November 17, 1855, a son of P. R. Davis, a North Carolinian of Irish descent, who was born February 2, 1833. The latter attained manhood in the State of his birth, but in 1856 moved to Georgia, and in 1869 became a resident of Marion County, Ark. He engaged in farming in the vicinity of Powell, and was a successful tiller of the soil. At the opening of the Civil War he very naturally espoused the cause of the South, and became a member of the Eighth Georgia Battery, and was at Mission Ridge, Jackson, Miss., and many other battles, and proved a faithful and efficient soldier. He was married in North Carolina to Miss Eliza McLean, a daughter of Lauchlin and Sarah McLean, and like her husband she was born in North Carolina. To this worthy couple a family of eleven children were given, nine of whom are living (two twins having died in infancy) and are honorable and useful members of society: J. F., the subject of this sketch; Dr. Alexander B., of Powell; Sallie J., wife of John T. Gillie, a successful teacher; Eliza is the wife of J. H. Davenport, a very successful farmer and resides in Prairie Township; William L. is a farmer and school teacher; R. L. is a school teacher of Texas; Stell is a physician of Indian Territory; Oscar is a teacher of Wise County, Tex.; and Anna is the wife of Floyd Magness, of Powell. All the sons are married with the exception



J. F. DAVIS,
Yellville, Ark.



F. T. STOCKARD,
Billings, Mo.

of the doctor in Indian Territory. P. R. Davis has ever been a Democrat. He is now retired from the active duties of life, and he and his wife have long been devoted members of the Protestant Methodist Church. The paternal grandparents of J. F. Davis were Rollin Davis and Lauchlin McLean, the former of whom was born at Chapel Hill, N. C., and died while serving in the Mexican War. The maternal grandparents were Sarah Davis and Sarah McLean, the latter of whom was of Scotch descent. J. F. Davis, the subject of this sketch, passed his early boyhood and manhood in Georgia and Arkansas, and he was fortunate enough to secure a good education in the common schools and the high schools of Marshall and Valley Springs, Ark. When first starting out to fight the battle of life for himself, it was as a farmer and school teacher, and as an educator and disciplinarian he acquired an excellent reputation. After a time he located on a farm in Prairie Township, and after tilling it successfully for some five years, he, in October, 1885, established himself in the mercantile business in Powell, a place which owes much of its growth and prosperity to his push and enterprise. He was first associated in business with T. W. Milum for some five years, and Mr. Milum was succeeded by G. W. Young, who was Mr. Davis' partner in business for two years. Since that time Mr. Davis has been in business alone, and the steady increase of his patronage has shown this move to have been a decided success. He is a man who has wisely profited by what experience has shown him, and one whose quick perception and good judgment have made a thorough business man of him, as well as a valuable member of society, and a credit to the community in which he resides. In the course of events he has taken advantage of opportunities favorable to himself, and is now the owner of some valuable farming and mining land, besides his stock of general merchandise. He has ever been an active worker for the Democratic party, and has taken a deep interest in the cause of education. He has given his children good educational advantages. Both himself and wife are worthy and respected members of the Protestant Methodist Church. The maiden name of Mrs. Davis was Mary Ellen Stanley. She is a daughter of James D. Stanley, who is living on Clear Creek in Prairie Township, Ark. Mr. and Mrs. Davis have five children: Alexander Waldo, Henry Ward B., Frank Blaine, Vida, and Clay King.

ROBERT P. LAWING. This well-known pioneer, who is everywhere respected for his sterling worth, came originally from Rutherford County, Tenn., where his birth occurred August 4, 1825. He is a son of Robert and Mary A. (Sublett) Lawing, and the grandson of Andrew Lawing who was a native of the Old North State, where he received his final summons. The Sublett family came to Tennessee from Virginia, and our subject's grandfather, William Sublett, was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, being captain of a company. He was of Irish descent. Mrs. Lawing was but seven years of age when the family moved to Tennessee, and in that State she died in 1843. The father of our subject was born in Mecklenburgh County, N. C., in 1787, but came to Tennessee at an early date and was here married to Miss Sublett. Ten children were born to this marriage, eight of whom grew to mature years and four are now living: Sarah, now deceased; Mary, now resides in Tennessee; Allen died in Arkansas in 1881; Susan resides in Springfield and is the mother of Judge Vaughan; Robert P., subject; Frances, married a Mr. Sibley, and died in Tennessee; Louisa is still a resident of this county, and is single, and James B., who died in Texas. The father of these children came to Christian County, Mo., in 1856, and located on a farm where he resided until his death, in 1864. He was a farmer, considerable of a mechanic, and became well and favorably known all over this section. In politics he was a Democrat. His second marriage occurred in Tennessee to Miss Ellen Ward,

of Kentucky. Four children were born to this union: John W., Steven A., Emma and Smith, the latter deceased. Our subject with his brothers, William and Allen, came to this county from Tennessee in 1843, and Robert and William engaged in the saw mill business, following this for the first three years. Theirs was one of the first mills in the county, and was operated by horse power. About 1847 our subject came up to near where he now lives and in 1847 married a Miss Margaret B. McDaniel, daughter of Samuel McDaniel, a native of North Carolina. She came to this county in 1842. After marriage Mr. Lawing settled in this county about two miles north of Ozark, and there resided until 1866, when he moved to the farm where he now lives, two miles northwest of town. He has always followed farming and stockraising, and has met with fair success. His wife died on the 19th of November, 1891. Thirteen children were born to this marriage: Sarah, wife of G. M. Wrightman, became the mother of six children, and died in 1883; Robert J. resides in Ozark; John O. is living three miles north of Ozark; Marshall M. lives in Ozark; Samuel S. is a farmer of Webster County; F. V., single and a farmer; Mary C., at home; William E., married and resides three miles northwest of Ozark; Effie, wife of William L. Woody; George, at home; Fred H., a clerk in the bank of Springfield; and two, Susan and Marion, deceased. Some members of this family are united with the Christian and others with the Baptist Church. In political matters Mr. Lawing supports the platform of the Democratic party. Early in life he was a Whig. He was with the State troops during the Civil War. He reared a large family and has twenty-two grandchildren. He has witnessed many changes in the country since he first settled here and has contributed his share toward its advancement. In the milling business he and his brother were successful, and he is now the owner of 240 acres, although at one time he owned 800 or 900 acres. He started his children with farms and money, and they are all doing well. His farm is on the railroad and is nicely located. It is one of the best in the county. The place where he now lives is one of the oldest places in the county, having been settled sixty-four years ago.

Dr. Wesley B. Wasson. The value to any community of a professional man is not marked merely by his learning and skill, his proficiency in medical and surgical practice, but also by his character both private and professional, his honorable adherence to medical ethics and his personal integrity and benevolence of purpose. When a physician combines these characteristics it is with great pleasure that we record his life-work, and such a man do we find in Dr. Wesley B. Wasson. Although but just starting on his career in the medical profession, this young physician and surgeon has already become prominent in his calling and has the confidence of all. He was born on Spring Creek, in Stone County, in 1862, and is a son of John T. and Caroline (McCullah) Wasson, the former born in Darke County, Ohio, February 29, 1820, and the latter in Tennessee, March 10, 1830. Although the father received but a limited education in his youth he was a man possessed of a great amount of good common sense and good judgment. About 1852 he came down the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers to the mouth of Arkansas River, then up that stream to Ft. Smith, and then by land across the country to Stone County. There he stopped for a time with Alex. McCullah, and soon after married his daughter. From that time until 1867 he remained in Stone County, and then moved to Christian County, locating on Finley River, where he now has a good farm. He is one of the honest, industrious and well-to-do farmers of his section, and has made his property by honest toil. During the war he served for a time in the Home Guards, but later was in the Missouri State Militia, doing considerable service. He was greatly harassed by both armies. The Federals were

camped on his farm for some time, destroying his stock, fences, etc., but he never received any compensation for his losses. Mr. Wasson was one of five sons and four daughters, and he and his sisters Serena Gibson and Isabella Hoover are the only ones who came to this State. His father, David Wasson, was born in Ireland, and soon after marriage came to the United States, locating in Darke County, Ohio, where he followed farming until his death. There his wife died also. Our subject's maternal grandfather, Alexander McCullah, was born in Virginia, but was married in Tennessee, and about 1849 came to what is now Stone County, where he tilled the soil until his death in 1856. His wife died a number of years previous to this. Dr. Wesley B. Wasson was the fifth in order of birth of five sons and four daughters, as follows: Lucy, wife of George E. Hawkins, of Stone County; James A., farmer and stockraiser, of Christian County; John C., a prominent farmer of Christian County, as is also William A., the fourth child in order of birth; Wesley B., our subject; Frank M., a miller; Flora, a teacher; Nannie and Gertrude. Until nineteen years of age our subject remained under the sheltering home roof, and received his scholastic training in the common schools, to which must be added two years in Marionville College. He then branched out as a teacher, and followed that profession for six years in Christian County. He had always evinced a strong liking for the medical profession, and, as early as sixteen years of age, all his spare moments were spent in reading medical works. After he had ceased teaching, he passed some time in a drug store with R. N. Gray, of Ozark, and read medicine with Dr. J. H. Fulbright. Later he took three courses in the Kentucky School of Medicine, at Louisville, and in 1890 graduated from the University at that place. After practicing a short time at Nixa, in Christian County, he located at Crane in 1888, and now has a lucrative practice. He is president of the Crane Milling Company which took possession of the mill in March, 1893. This is the most complete and best-operated roller mill in Stone County, having a capacity of thirty barrels per day. It has three sets of rollers, and manufactures the "Nancy Hanks" and "White Satin" brands of flour, all sold in the local markets in Stone, Barry, and Christian Counties. Dr. Wasson was married April 2, 1890, to Miss Ella Keltner, a native of Greene County, and the daughter of Frank Keltner, of Christian County. Mr. Keltner came from Tennessee when young, and is one of the early settlers of that section. He resided for a number of years in Greene County. There were born to this union two children: Blanch Patterson and Carl Forbis.

JOHN L. COOK. In scanning the lives and careers of the citizens of Swan Township, it is pleasant to note the exercise of enterprise in every walk of life, and the achievement of success in every department of business. Thus one is enabled to discern in the career of Mr. Cook, who has for many years been a successful farmer and stockraiser of Taney County. He was born one mile from where he now lives in 1841 and is a son of James and Catherine (Steward) Cook, natives of Simpson County, Ky., the former born about 1805 and the latter in 1803. The elder Cook was reared in his native county, secured a fair education for his day, and was there married to Miss Steward who accompanied him in 1838 to Taney County Mo., the journey being made by wagon and occupying six weeks. They located in the woods on Swan Creek, when that region was sparsely settled, and improved a good farm on which he lived half a century, the wife dying about 1879 and he in 1888. They were Methodists for many years and no people were better respected in the community. Honorable and upright in every walk of life, the father's character was above reproach. He was a Democrat in politics and was in sympathy with the South during the war, but did not take an active

part. He was one of the first settlers of Taney County and assisted materially in its improvement and development. His father, James Cook, was a North Carolinian, but was an early settler of Kentucky, where he remained until 1838 and then came to Taney County; here he improved a good farm on Swan Creek, now a part of Christian County. There he lived until the Rebellion when he removed to near Ozark, where he died about 1864, when nearly one-hundred years old. He was a lifelong farmer. He was the father of nine children, five sons and four daughters, only one of whom is now living, Polly Cunningham, of Christian County. The maternal grandfather, Daniel Steward, and his wife, Mary Steward, were natives of Scotland but early settlers of Kentucky, where Mr. Steward died when about sixty years of age. His widow then moved to Taney County, Mo., with her daughter, Mrs. Cook, and there died a number of years before the war. Mr. and Mrs. Cook became the parents of eight children, three sons and five daughters, as follows: William A., died when sixteen years of age; Mary, wife of Geo. W. Jackson, died about 1868; James D., a farmer of Taney County; Elvira, wife of William B. Sims of Taney County; Missouri C., widow of William D. Casey; John L., subject; Angeline, wife of William D. Hodges of Taney County, and Elizabeth, wife of John L. Thomas of Taney County. Amid the rude surroundings of pioneer life our subject passed his youthful days, and as might be supposed his educational advantages were rather limited. In the year 1863 he was wedded to Miss Mary J. Clemens a native of the Buckeye State and the daughter of William and Margaret Clemens, who were born in Pennsylvania. About 1859 her parents left Ohio for Taney County, Mo., and there Mr. Clemens died soon after. Our subject's marriage resulted in the birth of seven sons: Calvin L., Leander H., William L., John D., Elverton C., Thomas B., and D. J., who is known as "Doc." being the seventh son. In the year 1864 Mr. Cook joined Company F, Seventy-second Missouri Infantry, under Col. John S. Phelps, and was stationed at Springfield most of the time or until a short time before the close of the war. Afterward he resumed farming, residing for four years in Greene County, and then came to his present home on Swan Creek, eight miles above Forsyth, where he has 172 acres with about 75 acres under cultivation. In 1888 he was elected sheriff of Taney County and so well and satisfactorily did he fill that position that he was reëlected in 1890. He has ever been a Democrat in his political views and is the second Democrat who has held that office in Taney County since the war. Although not a politician he is a liberal supporter of his party.

William J. Turner. The life narrative of the head of a family is interesting not only to his posterity but also to the citizens of the section in which he has resided, and this truth is doubly true when such a man has established for himself and his children a reputation for integrity, character and ability, and has been of value in the development of that portion of the country which was his home. Such a narrative do we have in this sketch of Samuel Turner, who was born in Indiana in 1836, and in 1844 was brought to Douglas County, Mo., by his parents, William and Hannah (West) Turner, and with them located five miles south of Ava on Spring Creek. The father was a Virginian by birth, moved from his native State to Indiana, and from there to Missouri, dying in Linn County of this State, after having devoted many years to the occupation of farming. Samuel Turner was nine years old upon the arrival of the family in Missouri, and was the eldest of ten children born to his parents, the other members of the family being: Elizabeth, Lee C., James M., Jesse, Nancy, Matilda, Anna and two that died in infancy. He grew to manhood in Douglas County, attended the common schools here and became familiar with the duties of farm life and was engaged in that occupation until the opening of

the Civil War, when he enlisted in the United States Militia and served until the war closed, from 1862 to 1865, being a member of the Seventy-third Regiment of Missouri Volunteers, U. S. A. After the war was over he became a clerk in the store of Henry Shepherd & Co., of Springfield, and about six months later formed a partnership with Mr. Shepherd and established a mercantile business at Arno, where he remained successfully engaged in that line of work up to his death in 1892, accumulating a comfortable fortune. He was a Republican in politics, at one time served in the capacity of county treasurer, and was always noted for his public spirit and correct morals. Like his father, he always carried on farming in addition to his other business. He was a member of the A. F. & A. M., the I. O. O. F. and had long been connected with the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was married in his county to Miss Sarah J. Lyons, a daughter of Joseph Lyons, who came from Ohio to this State at an early day and settled in Barry County. About 1850 they came to Douglas County, and here in 1861 the father was killed by bushwhackers. He was a miller by trade and owned a good mill on Beaver Creek, seven miles southwest of Ava. He was a Republican in politics also. Mrs. Turner was born in Barry County, and was one of the following children: Orvil, Sarah J. Irvin, Hannah, Josie, Joseph M. and Minnie. Mrs. Turner still resides at Arno where she owns a store, which is managed by her son, Samuel E. The children born to her and her husband are here given: William J., Mary (deceased), Louise, Ida, Samuel, Edward, Sallie, Lillie, Frank and Lois. Lou is married and lives in Oklahoma City, and Ida is the wife of John Maloy of Ava. These children grew up at Arno, and William J. was educated in the public schools of the place and at Mt. Dale, Webster County, finishing his education in Drury College, Springfield. He started out in business life for himself in 1891 in Ava, and his enterprise has been attended with success. He has a stock of goods valued at from $8,000 to $10,000, owns the store building in which he does business and some land in the county. He is a wide-awake young man, pushing and enterprising, and will no doubt one day be wealthy. He has been active in all public matters, and is a stanch Republican in politics. Socially he belongs to the A. F. & A. M. and the I. O. O. F. He was married to Miss Enola Burrows, of this county, a daughter of Ed. R. Burrows, of the State of Michigan. Mr. and Mrs. Turner have two children: Joe and Kate. Mr. Turner has a pleasant and comfortable home in Ava, and he and his wife move in the best social circles of that section and are much liked and respected.

DR. J. C. B. DIXON. One of the old and honored medicine men and citizens of Howell County, Mo., is Dr. C. B. Dixon. This gentleman was born in Tennessee, August 20, 1823, and is a son of Thomas and Ann (Maybury) Dixon. The grandfather, Edam Dixon, was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. He moved from North Carolina to Tennessee while the Indians were still in that section, and was one of the nine pioneers in East Tennessee. The father of our subject was born in North Carolina, became a substantial farmer, and died in Tennessee, as did also his wife, when the Doctor was but a child. The latter was the youngest of seven children, and from an early age was obliged to make his own way in life. He grew to boyhood among the Cherokee Indians in Tennessee, secured but a limited education, and at an early age began working on a farm. As he grew older he saw the need of a better education and began to apply himself. In the year 1845 he took up the study of medicine under Dr. Miles of Kentucky, and subsequently attended the Louisville Medical College of Kentucky. Five years later he began practicing in Bullitt County, Ky., and made his home in that State until 1865. During a part of that time he was engaged in merchandising, and met with

excellent success in that industry. From there he went to Minnesota, resided in St. Paul a short time, and then located at Quincy, Ill., where he made his home until 1866. From there he came to Howell County, Mo., located in Hutton Valley, twenty miles west of West Plains, and resided there until 18 2, when he came to West Plains. Since 1850 he has practiced medicine, always with flattering success. The Doctor is a member of the South Missouri Medical Association, and is one of the oldest physicians in the county. He has met with success in his different occupations, owns a large amount of property in West Plains—many business houses on the square—and is one of the strongest men, financially, in the city. In his political views the Doctor is a Democrat, was president of the county court two terms, and was probate judge two terms. During the war he was major of a State military regiment, and was a Union man during that eventful period. He served seven years as President of the Board of Examining Surgeons of Howell County, and for four years was mayor of West Plains. Dr. Dixon is a Knight Templar in the Masonic fraternity, has been with the order many years, and has held office in the same. He is also an Odd Fellow, and takes a deep interest in the workings of that order. The Doctor was a soldier in the Mexican War, and was a member of the Fourteenth United States Infantry of the Regular Army, serving until the close of the war, and fighting many guerrillas and Indians. He was wounded in a skirmish, and is a pensioner of the war. A pioneer in his profession in this State, he traveled many miles on horseback here and in Arkansas. In religion he is a non-sectarian, of St. Louis, Mo. Dr. Dixon was married in Kentucky to Miss Catherine Weolch, and two children were reared: Edam, who is a commercial man and resides in West Plains, and Nancy M., the wife of Hon. A. A. Van Warner of West Plains. Our subject has witnessed the entire growth of Howell County, for when he came here there were not over fifty families in Howell County. He is a self-made man in all that the words imply, and is one of the leading men of the county. Generous and free-hearted, he gives freely to churches and all charitable purposes.

J. E. Wood. This gentleman is a member of the well-known mercantile firm of Wood & Reed, of Gainesville, Ozark County, Mo. He was born in Washington County, Tenn., July 18, 1846, but came to this county in 1871 from Bradley County, Tenn. His parents, Jesse and Margaret (McCracken) Wood, were honest, industrious and law-abiding tillers of the soil, and the father was born in the Old North State about 1820, where he was a member of one of the early and prominent families. When a young man he removed to Tennessee, was married there, and there made his home until 1870, when he removed to Kansas and resided there for about one year before coming to Ozark County, Mo. Upon his arrival here he located upon a farm about four miles west of Gainesville, where he made his home until his death, which resulted from being accidentally thrown from a hack. He was a Republican politically, was a strong Union man during the war, and was a farmer, mill wright and carpenter by occupation. He held the office of justice of the peace two or three times after coming to this county, and was long and prominently connected with the Methodist Episcopal Church. His widow resides in this county and makes her home with her children, who are as follows: Emeline, wife of Thomas Wattenberger, of Gainesville, and formerly the wife of Alvin Reed, of Tennessee, by whom she became the mother of John R. Reed, of Gainesville, and Mattie E. Herd; John Wood is a blacksmith of Gainesville and served throughout the war as a member of Company A, Eighth Tennessee Cavalry; James E.; Mattie, who is the wife of Samuel A. Farmer, of this county; Henry, who is the owner of a shingle mill and cotton gin at Gainesville; Nancy, the wife of Gordon Hill, of this county. The following children are deceased: Mary, who

married and died in Tennessee; William also died in that State; Samuel died in early childhood Landon H. died while serving in the Civil War; M. A. died young in Illinois, and Leander also died in that State. James E. Wood, the subject of this sketch, was reared in his native State of Tennessee, and was married there to Miss Rebecca, daughter of F. G. Gibbs, and soon after the celebration of his nuptials he came to Ozark County, Mo., and settled on a farm about four miles west of Gainesville, where he lived two years. He then came to Gainesville and began operating a cotton gin, but in connection with this also tilled the soil in the vicinity of that place until 1881, when he formed a partnership with J. R. Reed, and the mercantile firm of Wood & Reed was established. They have been very successful in this business, their annual sales being very large, and they have the patronage of the best people of their section. Mr. Wood is a Mason, a member of Lodge No. 496, of Gainesville, is a strong Republican politically, and he and his family are attendants of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he is a trustee. July 3, 1863, he enlisted in Company C, Third Tennessee Cavalry, with which he served until near the close of the war, participating in a number of hard battles and skirmishes. He was captured at Athens, Ala., and after being kept a prisoner for six months was exchanged in March, 1865. He was on the boat "Sultana" when it was destroyed by fire on the Mississippi River, and although he received some quite severe burns, he managed to swim to shore, landing some eight or ten miles down the river from where the boat burned. His brother, Landon H., lost his life at that time. Mr. Wood is a member of the G. A. R., Gainesville Post No. 275, and is the officer of the day for 1894. Mr. Wood is a public-spirited citizen, has made what he has by his own energy and enterprise and is highly esteemed throughout Ozark County. He and his wife have two children: Leandrew, who resides on a farm one mile from Gainesville, is married and has two children—Laura and Clarence; and Alice, wife of Alexander Crumley, of Gainesville, by whom she has two children—Ora and Blanche. Six children born to Mr. and Mrs. Wood died in infancy.

J. R. Reed, of the firm of Wood & Reed, Gainesville, Mo., has for the past twelve years been one of the most enterprising and successful business men of the county. He owes his nativity to Bradley County, Tenn., where he was born January 21, 1861, the eldest child born to Alvin and Emeline (Wood) Reed, native Tennesseeans, the former of whom was engaged in tilling the soil, and was killed near the close of the war, during which struggle he served in the Confederate Army. He was a son of John H. Reed, one of the early pioneers of Tennessee, and his marriage resulted in the birth of two children: John R., whose name heads this sketch, and Mattie E., wife of J. M. Herd, of Theodosia, Mo., who is the manager of the branch house of Wood & Reed at that place. The mother, Emeline (Wood) Reed, was a daughter of Jesse Wood, mention of whom is made in the sketch of J. E. Wood, and is now the wife of Thomas Wattenberger, of Gainesville, by whom she is the mother of one child, Olie. John R. Reed, the subject of this sketch, attended the schools of his native county, and was a lad of ten years when the family left Tennessee and settled in Kansas. After the removal of the family to Ozark County, Mo., he engaged in tilling the soil, but also attended the schools of this county, and when still quite young began clerking in a store, continuing until he formed his present partnership in 1881 with his uncle, J. E. Wood. They carry a stock of goods valued at about $6,000 in Gainesville, and have two branch stores, the stock at Isabella being valued at about $4,000, and that at Theodosia at about $5,000 or $6,000. Messrs. Wood & Reed are the most extensive merchants in this part of the State, are wide awake, pushing, enterprising and, above all, honest, and their annual sales amount to from $30,000 to $40,000. In connec-

tion with their business they handle hardware and farming implements of all kinds. Although their business was commenced about twelve years ago in a small way and has several times had some serious backsets, yet on the whole they have been remarkably successful. Their stock at Isabella was consumed by fire in 1884, with a loss of $2,000 or $3,000, and they also lost a mill and lumber yard at Gainesville in the same way, amounting to several thousand dollars. Mr. Reed has always been a stanch Republican, was elected to the office of county treasurer in 1884, and for four years was postmaster of Gainesville under President Harrison. He is a member of Robert Burns Lodge No. 496, A. F. & A. M., of Gainesville, Mo., and was master of this lodge during 1892 and 1893. He and his uncle, Mr. Wood, own a fine farm of 400 acres south of Gainesville on Lick Creek, a large portion of which is under cultivation, and they also own other valuable lands and property in the county. The flouring mill of which they are the owners at Theodosia has four double sets of rollers, and has a capacity of fifty barrels per day, being in operation day and night. The product of this mill is of the most excellent kind, has a large local patronage, and is very popular with housewives and bakers. They have a saw mill located on Lick Creek two miles north of Gainesville, where they manufacture pine and oak lumber for the market. Mr. Reed is president of the Bank of Gainesville, of Gainesville, Mo., and one of the principal stockholders of the institution. He was married to Alaska Elliott, daughter of Jarrett Conkin, of this county, and to them two children have been given: Flo, who is four years old, and Ros, six months old. Mr. Reed and his wife are members of the Christian Church, in which he is an elder. He is one of the shrewdest and most practical business men of the county, and the success which he has achieved in a business way is but the natural sequence of the upright business methods he has always pursued. He and his wife move in the highest social circles, and are highly honored by all.

John W. Hess. Stone County, Ark., can well be proud of the amount of brains and energy possessed by her representative citizens, for, taken as a whole, there are none brighter, more intelligent, or with more ability or push in any direction, and among the number is John W. Hess. He was born near Batesville, in Independence County, April 2, 1840, a son of James and Elizabeth (Wells) Hess, natives of Arkansas and Franklin County, Tenn., respectively. James Hess was born within two and a half miles of Batesville in 1814, and died in Stone County, Ark., in 1874. His father, Samuel Hess, was born, it is thought, in Illinois, near Cairo, and finally located in Arkansas with his brothers Solomon and William and were among the first to settle near Batesville. Samuel Hess moved to Boone County when the subject of this sketch was a lad and afterward came to Richwoods, and died in this county after having spent a successful career in farming. The widow of James Hess is now about seventy years of age and is a member of the Missionary Baptist Church, of which she and her husband were among the very earliest members in this section. The father was a member of the Masonic fraternity, and a Democrat. He became the father of seven sons and four daughters, of whom John W. is the eldest. He received his education in Boone County, and in 1862 joined the Third Arkansas Cavalry, U. S. A., and was quartermaster sergeant of Company A throughout the war. He received his discharge at Norristown, Pope County, Ark., in the spring of 1865, and returned home with the consciousness of having performed his duties faithfully and well. He was in the battles of Camden and Saline, and at the last-mentioned place was wounded in the face by buckshot, had his hip broken and his horse shot from under him. He was wounded near Mount Ida while carrying dispatches from Gen. Steele to Gen. Blount, and on another occasion had a horse shot from

under him. He was on scouting duty during his entire service and had many thrilling experiences and many narrow escapes from death. In 1867 he came to Richwoods and located on the farm which he now owns. This place was then totally unimproved, but by many days of hard labor he at last succeeded in clearing it, and now has one of the finest farms in the county, well improved and well cultivated. April 4, 1867, he was married to Elizabeth Cottrell, of this county, by whom he has four sons and two daughters: Gilbert R., who is a farmer of Johnson County, Texas; Lena, wife of Robert Brewer; James; Nancy, wife of John Maloy; John B., and Samuel. Mr. and Mrs. Hess are members of the Missionary Baptist Church, and he belongs to the Blue Lodge of the A. F. & A. M. at Mount View, and has been a life-long Democrat.

GEORGE NEWTON NELSON. This successful general merchant of Buford, Ark., is also the efficient postmaster of the place, a position to which he was appointed by President Cleveland in 1885. Although young in years, he has shown commercial ability of a high order, and has proven it to be a fact that good management, fair dealing and application to business will result in profit to the parties at interest. Failure rarely, if ever, comes to him who devotes himself conscientiously to his work, and to him who would succeed energy and perseverance are leading essentials. Mr. Nelson was born in Lee County, Miss., October 21, 1866, to William and Martha (Carter) Nelson (for a history of whom see the sketch of Jesse N. Nelson), but his education was received in Buford. He was reared in his father's store, and after the latter's death in 1885 he and his brothers, Jesse N., J. A. and W. B., then engaged in business together, and successfully carried on the business so ably inaugurated by their worthy sire, for a number of years. Then George Newton Nelson became the sole proprietor by purchase, and in addition to looking after his store carried on farming also, having a half interest in 500 acres of fine river bottom land. He is an enterprising young man, honest and industrious, and is in every way deserving of the success which has attended his efforts. He has held the position of notary public for four years, and has been postmaster of Buford a like length of time. He is a member of E. M. Tate Lodge No. 320, at Fairview, of the A. F. & A. M., and politically is a Democrat. July 1, 1891, he was united in marriage with Miss Nannie Davis, who has resided in this State but a short time, having come here from her native State of Alabama.

C. C. HUDSON. Many of the most active and enterprising residents of Newton County are natives of the same, and have here spent the greater part of their lives. In them we find men of true loyalty to the interests of this part of the State who understand as it were by instinct the needs, social and industrial, of this vicinity, and who have a thorough knowledge of its resources. They are, therefore, better adapted to succeed here than a stranger could be and are probably without exception warmly devoted to the prosperity of their native place. Mr. C. C. Hudson, a successful farmer and stockraiser of Jackson Township, Newton County, Ark., was born in this county, in 1858, and is a son of Samuel and Nancy (Billah) Hudson, both natives of Tennessee, the former born about 1811, and the later in 1818. When about seven years of age the father was brought by his parents to Lawrence County, Ark., and he there grew to mature years, married and made his home until 1832, when he came to what is now Newton County, Ark. He cut his way through the unbroken forest, then inhabited by Indians and wild animals, and located on the creek that bears his name, three miles above Jasper, where he was the first white settler. He became one of the wealthiest and best known citizens of the county, and followed farming and stockraising exclusively until 1860, when he built a grist mill above Mount Parthenon. This he operated until 1873, when he built a mill where Matlock's Mill now stands, and conducted this for eight years, or

until his death in 1881. In connection he followed farming and merchandising. In 1856 he represented Newton County in the Legislature, and in 1861 he was elected to the Confederate Legislature to fill a vacancy. For a number of years he was commissioner of public buildings of Newton County prior to the war. Socially he was a Royal Arch Mason and politically a Democrat, having affiliated with that party all his life. In religion he affiliates with the Methodist Episcopal Church South, and is a man who is interested in all that pertains to the public welfare. Mr. Hudson was an expert marksman and delighted in hunting, thus assisting materially in clearing the country of the wild animals once so numerous. His greatest day hunting was when he killed four bears and five deer. After he had first settled in the country he had an experience with a panther which he did not soon forget. He and his eldest son, then but a young lad, went into the woods about two miles from the house to cut down a bee tree. Mr. Hudson had just begun work when, happening to glance up the ravine, he saw an immense panther gliding along. He waited until the animal was within a few yards of him and then thinking he could kill it with a rock, threw three or four times but missed it. Each time the panther would jump and snap at the stones, but as yet he had not observed Mr. Hudson. The latter made a slight noise to attract its attention and was successful. It stood still for an instant gazing at him, seemed about ready to spring, and Mr. Hudson grasped his ax ready to meet it. Slowly the panther approached, its long tail waving from side to side, and after crouching for a moment launched itself through the air and on Mr. Hudson, seizing the latter's head in its jaws. Mr. Hudson dealt it a desperate blow but the ax slipped from his hands and did not touch the animal. He pushed the panther from his head and a desperate struggle took place. He had a knife in his pocket, but could not reach it but fortunately he had brought a butcher knife, a thing he had never done before, this the boy handed him. It was his last chance and he plunged it time after time into the side of the animal before it loosened its hold and fell dead. Mr. Hudson's arms and body were severely lacerated and he came near bleeding to death. The panther was one of the largest of its kind ever killed in the section, measuring nine feet from nose to end of tail. Mr. Hudson's own brothers and sister were named as follows: Andrew J., who died in this county; William Carroll, died in Johnson County, Ark., and Rentha, who married Samuel Bellah, of Lawrence County, Ark. Mr. Hudson had several half brothers and sisters. Mrs. Hudson was but an infant when brought by her parents to Lawrence County, Ark., and there she was reared principally. Very little is known of her parents but her mother was killed by a falling tree. Mrs. Hudson died in 1873. She was the mother of thirteen children, viz., Mary, wife of Israel Clem, died in Montana; Carroll of Wyoming, went to California in 1857, and our subject never saw him; Letha of California, is the wife of S. W. Kelley; James J.; Reuben, served in the Confederate Army two years, and was killed while in service; Cynthia, died young; John, deceased; Levi, died young; Allen, of this county; Andrew J., also of this county; and our subject. A son and daughter died in infancy. After the death of his first wife Mr. Hudson married a Mrs. Blackwood, and three children were born to them: Samuel, Cyrus and Matilda who died young. The original of this notice was reared on the farm in this county, two miles above where he now lives, and educated in the home schools and at Marble, Madison County and Bellefonte, Boone County. In the year 1880 he was married to Miss Nancy Blackwood, daughter of William and Sarah Blackwood, who came from Georgia, to Newton County, Ark., before the war. In this county the father was killed in war times, while at home. He was a Federal soldier. Mrs.

Hudson was a native of Newton County, Ark. By her marriage she became the mother of six children: Letha Ann, Walter, Oliver, Matilda (deceased), Harvey and Mattie B. Since his marriage Mr. Hudson has lived on his present farm of 180 acres, one of the best in the county. He has made many improvements and has followed agricultural pursuits all his life. Socially he is a Master Mason, Buffalo Lodge No. 366, and is past worshipful master, etc. In 1880 and 1884 he was a delegate to the Grand Lodge. He is also a member of E. S. Chapter No. 21. In his political views Mr. Hudson is a stanch Democrat, and in his religious views a Baptist. Mr. Hudson belongs to one of the oldest families of this entire region and his father experienced all the hardships of pioneer life. Our subject's brother James J., was born in the year 1838. In the month of July, 1861, he enlisted in Company E, Fourteenth Arkansas, Confederate Army, and served two years, or until the fall of Port Hudson, as first sergeant. He fought at Elk Horn, Iuka, and Port Hudson, where he was captured and paroled. He then returned home and remained there until the close of the war. In November, 1863, he was married to Miss Delpha, a native of Tennessee, and the daughter of John and Mary Norris, natives of the Old North State. The parents are now residing in this county. Mrs. James Hudson died in 1878, in full communion with the Baptist Church. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Hudson: Dennis; Perry D.; Rentha, wife of C. B. Carlton; and Sereptha, who died when two years of age. In October, 1878, Mr. Hudson married Miss Victoria Boatman, a native of Missouri, and eight children have blessed this union: Dora, Rhoda, Belle, Effie, Oscar Lee, Edna, Pearl and Hugh. Like his brother, our subject, James Hudson is a Mason, Buffalo Lodge No. 366, Jasper Chapter No. 75, and is past worshipful master of Blue Lodge.

FENTON T. STOCKARD. In this country where so many young men are thrown upon their own resources at an early age and are often obliged, while yet inexperienced and unfamiliar with their own tendencies and inclinations, to choose their occupation in life, it can not be expected that the most suitable or congenial pursuit will be selected. Consequently it should be impressed upon the minds of youth that they ought to begin at an early age to practice introspection and seriously study the famous Delphic oracle, "Know thyself." They will thus find as suitable an occupation as did Fenton T. Stockard, who from an early age evinced a strong liking for law, which was apparently just suited to his qualifications and desires. Mr. Stockard is now one of the prominent attorneys of Billings, and has been a resident of that city for the past twelve years. He came originally from Gibson County, Tenn., his birth occurring December, 16, 1867, and is one of a family of six children born to C. H. and Patience E. (White) Stockard. The father is also a native of Gibson County, Tenn., and is now a prominent farmer and highly esteemed citizen of Christian County, residing near Billings. The Stockards are of Irish origin, and our subject's great-great-grandfather was born on the ocean while his parents were coming to this country. William Stockard, grandfather of our subject, was one of the very early settlers of west Tennessee, and was a soldier and officer in the War of 1812. He was also in the Seminole War and lived to be eighty-six years of age. The father of our subject came to Christian County in 1879, and has since been identified with the interests of this county. Public-spirited and progressive, no man in the county is more highly esteemed. He enlisted in a Wisconsin regiment under Gen. Thomas, served through the entire war and was in a number of severe engagements. He received a gunshot wound in the head while in service and has never fully recovered from the effects of the same. The mother of our subject died in 1884. She was born in Tennessee and was a daughter of M. White, who came

originally from North Carolina, and who was one of the first settlers of the Big Bend State. The White family is of French descent, as were also the Bryants, Mrs. White being a Bryant and a relative of William Cullen Bryant. Some of the early members of the latter family were prominent in the Revolution and War of 1812, and were very wealthy when they settled in Tennessee. The six children born to our subject's parents are named in the order of their births as follows: Fenton T., subject; William J., died in 1892; John S., attending the Missouri State University and studying for the ministry; Sarah Elizabeth, at home; Rutherford H., attending school, and James P., also attending school. The mother was a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and the family still cling to the same. The father is active in political matters and is an ardent supporter of Republican principles. The early members of this family were Whigs. Clement H. Stockard has a well-improved farm two and a half miles from Billings and is a substantial farmer of his section. Our subject assisted his father on the farm and attended the district schools of his native county until 1879, when his parents moved to Christian County. Here he attended the district schools, but supplemented this by attending Marionville Collegiate Institute, Springfield High School and Northern Indiana Normal at Valparaiso, Ind. In the year 1890 he began the study of law with Hon. H. E. Howell, of Springfield, and was admitted to the Springfield bar in 1891. He began practicing at Billings and Ozark and has offices at both places. He has taken part in some important cases, is well posted in his profession, and, although still in the dawn of a successful career, has already won an enviable reputation. Mr. Stockard was married at Republic, June 21, 1893, to Miss Mignonette Gregory, daughter of George A. and Ellen (Marple) Gregory, of Republic, Greene County, Mo., where Mrs. Stockard was born. The Gregory family came to Missouri from Canada, and Mr. Gregory was a soldier and a naval officer in the Civil War. His father, Thomas B. Gregory, was captain of the "St. Clair" and other ships of the navy during the Rebellion. The mother of Mrs. Stockard came from the Buckeye State. She was the mother of four children, of whom Mrs. Stockard was the eldest. The others were: Rosie, who died in infancy; Maggie, who died when five years of age, and Olive. Mr. Gregory is a farmer and fruit grower of Republic, and a man well and favorably known. In political matters Mr. Stockard is a strong advocate of Republican principles. He is a public-spirited and promising young man.

GEORGE M. FOLLETT. The creditable condition of business life in West Plains, Mo., is due in a great extent to the enterprise, energy and intelligence of her prominent merchants and manufacturers. Among these may be mentioned the firm of Holt & Follett, manufacturers. George M. Follett was born and reared just outside of the city of New York, his birth occurring February 25, 1852, son of D. B. and Eliza (Mason) Follett. The father was a farmer and resided on the Delaware River. Our subject passed his boyhood and youth on the old home farm and received but limited educational advantages. Early in life he started in the lumber business, working in the lumber fields of West Pennsylvania and those of Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota, and continued there until 1883, when he came to south Missouri. Here he took a position with the South Missouri Land Company, and had charge of a planing mill at Willow Springs. A year later he took charge of the Burnham Mills as engineer. He is a practical engineer and electrician. He remained at the Burnham Mills until September, 1888, and then went to Winona, Mo., where he took a position with the Ozark Lumber Company, holding the same one year. Following this he bought a saw mill south of Winona and continued this until 1891, when he came to West Plains and opened a lumber yard, in company with Mr. Holt. Since then they have

been in business together and are doing well. Mr. Follett has been in lumber business about twenty-five years and thoroughly understands the same. The firm is doing all kinds of mill work and running a retail lumber yard. Socially he is a Mason, a member of West Plains Lodge, and politically he is with the Democratic party. He is a self-made man, has ever been industrious, and has met with well-deserved success.

JAMES AUGUSTUS CARTER. This gentleman is the able and efficient editor of the *Baxter County Citizen*, a paper published in the interests of the section and of the Democrat party. It is a breezy, spicy sheet and from its columns something useful and interesting may always be gleaned, especially in the editorial department, for Mr. Carter is a forceful and elegant writer and does not hesitate to give his unbiased opinion of all matters of public interest. He is a native of Pontotoc County, Miss., where he was born October 30, 1858, a son of Benjamin F. and Mary C. (Dixon) Carter, who were born in Mississippi and South Carolina, respectively. The father died in 1861 while serving in the Confederate Army at the untimely age of twenty-seven years, and his widow afterward married J. M. Wylie, with whom she moved to Arkansas in 1868, locating seven miles south of Mountain Home, where she died a few days after her arrival. The subject of this sketch received his education in the Mountain Home High School, and after finishing his scholastic course he was engaged in teaching for a few years. In 1882 he was elected county assessor, was reëlected in 1884, and after the expiration of his term of office he engaged in mercantile pursuits with A. A. Wolf, with whom he was associated eighteen months. He then purchased the *Baxter County Citizen* in July, 1886, at which time the circulation of the paper was but 350, but under his management this has increased to 1,000 or more, and the patronage is continually growing. Mr. Carter has always worked for and advocated the principles of Democracy and through the columns of his paper has wielded a wide influence in favor of this party. All reforms find an able advocate in him; in fact, his patronage and support is extended to all enterprises of a worthy nature and he has proven himself a useful citizen and the proper man to have the management of a paper. He is a member of the Blue Lodge and Chapter of the A. F. & A. M., and has represented both in the Grand Lodge of the State and is also a member of the K. of H. He is vice-dictator of the K. of H. and is Sunday-school superintendent of the Methodist Episcopal Church South and has always taken an active interest in church affairs, having held the office of steward for several years and has four times been elected delegate from his district to the annual conference. In 1885 he was united in marriage with Miss Sallie Hogan, daughter of Griffin Hogan, and by her is the father of one child, Carrie. Mr. Hogan is a prominent citizen of the county, residing near Mountain Home, but owes his nativity to Stewart County, Tenn., where he was born in 1822. His father, David Hogan, was also a Tennesseean, and, when Griffin was but a lad, moved to the western part of the State with him, where he attained the age of fifteen years. The family then moved to Independence County, Ark., and located on Black River, east of Sulphur Rock, on a tract of woodland. He was a Whig in politics, a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church from early boyhood and while in Tennessee was a church official. He died in 1840 after a well-spent life. Griffin Hogan was one of a large family and received a practical education in the schools of Stewart County, Tenn., and Independence County, Ark. Upon reaching manhood he began farming and stockraising on his own account and before the war was very successful in this business. Upon commencing life for himself his sole possessions consisted of one horse, but by good management he became wealthy. He owned a number of slaves, sold them for Confederate money, and consequently lost

all. He spent one year as a member of Capt. Washburn's company and assisted in the capture of the Federal soldiers on the Arkansas River, below Little Rock, and was also on the Missouri raid under Gen. Price. After the war he again resumed farming in Independence County, where he remained until 1875, when he came to Baxter County, and has lived in one neighborhood for nineteen years. He has made many improvements on his place and has a sufficient share of this world's goods to keep him in comfort the rest of his life. He held the offices of constable and justice of the peace in Independence County, but has never accepted official position since, though often urged to do so. In 1843 he married Miss Caroline Lander, who was born in Missouri, and who died in 1862, having become the mother of ten children, six of whom are living: Andrew, the eldest, was a soldier of the Confederate Army for three years. In 1864 Mr. Hogan married Amanda Browning of Independence County, though born in Tennessee, and by her became the father of five children, four now living. Mr. Hogan and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and he has been a trustee of the church property at Mountain Home for years. He is a member of the A. F. & A. M., in which he has attained to the Chapter and Council and has represented the Blue Lodge in the Grand Lodge of the State. Politically he is a Democrat and as a citizen is one of the most substantial of the county.

WILLIAM C. MORRISON. This gentleman is the efficient collector of Ozark County, Mo., a position he has held since 1889, and from 1887 to 1888 he discharged the duties of county assessor. He owes his nativity to the Blue Grass State, his birth occurring in Barren County, June 10, 1842, his parents, Joseph S. and Nancy J. (Low) Morrison, being also natives of that State. The paternal grandfather, Steptoe Morrison, was a native of the Palmetto State, but was an early emigrant to Barren County, Ky., and later to Arkansas, in which State he spent his last days. Solomon Low, the maternal grandfather, was a Virginian, and became a pioneer settler of Barren County, Ky. Joseph S. Morrison was born in 1826 or 1827, and when the Civil War came up he enlisted in the Fifth Kentucky Cavalry, and being a skillful blacksmith, he was made chief of the blacksmith corps of his regiment. He served from July, 1861, until his death which occurred at Nashville, Tenn., in 1863, having proved himself a brave, faithful and conscientious soldier. He was a Master Mason, was a stanch Republican in politics, and was a man of unblemished reputation. His widow died in Barren County, Ky., in 1886, having become the mother of eight children: William C.; Sarah E., who died at the age of fifteen years; John, who also died young; Abigail resides in Barren County, Ky., and is the wife of R. Rinick; Martha A. became the wife of John T. Fords, and died in Barren County, in 1892; Solomon M. is a resident of Metcalf County, Ky., and the two other children died in infancy. William C. Morrison passed the early years of his life in Kentucky, and at the age of nineteen years became a soldier of the Civil War, and served from May until October, when he was honorably discharged. He was married in Kentucky to Miss J. Arnyx, a daughter of Preston Arnyx, and sister of Judge Arnyx. Mr. Morrison came to Ozark County, Mo., in December, 1870, and located about four miles above the mouth of Pine Creek, on a farm, and after making several changes he came to the fine farm of 500 acres on which he now lives and turned his attention to farming and stocktrading, to which he has devoted his attention up to the present time. In the conduct of his affairs he is decidedly progressive in his views, is thrifty, pushing and industrious, and as a natural result is in possession of a fair share of this world's goods. He has always been a pronounced Republican, has always taken a deep interest in the political affairs of his section, is a patron of education, and he and wife are

active members of the Christian Church. He is in every particular a self-made man, for he began life for himself with no means whatever, and is one of the intelligent and well-to-do citizens of the county. He is a member of Robert Burns Lodge No. 496, of the A. F. & A. M., at Gainesville. The children born to himself and wife are as follows: Marcella E. is the wife of Paul Patrick; Cornelia F. is the wife of George B. Hunt; U. H. is engaged in tilling the soil on a farm near his father; Joseph P. is a farmer of the county; Nancy B., Aaron P., Aurora B. and Izora, at home.

JAMES CLAIBORN MCNAIR. The subject of this sketch is an intelligent and enterprising gentleman, who from boyhood has been interested in agricultural pursuits. He is a thorough master of his business, has spent many years of his life in developing the country, and is now in comfortable circumstances. He was born in Knox County, Tenn., August 24, 1822, a son of Col. Jack and Mary Ann (Sherertz) McNair, who were born in Sullivan County, Tenn., in July, 1784 and February 5, 1803, respectively, and were married in Knox County, July 12, 1821. They removed to the Cherokee Nation, now Bradley County, Tenn., and in 1851 to Union County, Ill., where the father died in October, 1852. His widow and children then removed to Pleasant Hill, Mo., and in this State the mother still resides at the advanced age of ninety-one years, her home being with her son James. The father was a well-to-do farmer, liberal and generous in the use of his means, and was proverbially kind-hearted and liberal in his views. He was captain of a company during the War of 1812 and some of the Indian wars, afterward he was colonel of militia, and during the war with the Creek Indians acted in the perilous capacity of a spy. His father, James McNair, was one of the pioneers of east Tennessee, in which State he died; he was a soldier of the Revolution and was for many years a Mason. His father was an Englishman, and his mother was of Welsh extraction. James McNair became quite a noted Indian fighter and hunter; his wife was also an excellent shot with the rifle. On one occasion, during the absence of her husband, she heard the dogs barking at some little distance from the house and started out to learn the trouble, and soon discovered that they had treed a large bear. She returned to the house for her gun, and very soon the bear fell a victim to her marksmanship. She skinned the animal without assistance and made meat of bruin. Mr. McNair returned home one night, after quite a protracted absence, to find that his horses had been stolen by Indians. Early the next morning he started in pursuit, and after following their trail for three days, he came upon them in camp, the horses grazing some little distance away. He succeeded in catching his bell-mare, muffled the bell and led her a short distance away, then returned for vengeance. He managed to get his rifle in range of two Indians, fired, and brought them both to the ground, and the rest fled, after which he captured the rest of his horses and returned home with them. The maternal grandfather, Coonrod Sherertz, was a German and was one of the early settlers of east Tennessee, where he followed the occupation of farming. He died in Knox County when James was a lad, leaving a large family. The children born to Col. Jack and Mary Ann McNair are as follows: Myra, wife of Alfred Davis, of Bradley County, Tenn.; James Claiborne; Martha M., who died in Searcy County, the wife of William Manes; John W., of Fulton County, was a Mexican soldier and a soldier of the Civil War; Price, who died in boyhood in Tennessee; Hepzebah is the wife of James Carter, of Missouri; Delilah is the widow of George Elam, and resides in Kansas; David H. was a Confederate soldier, and was killed during the war; Harriet died in Boone County, the wife of John Manes; Nicholas N. was a member of an Arkansas regiment of the C. S. A., and was killed in battle at Chickamauga; Lee Bruce served in the Confederate Army four years, and was

in many engagements; Josiah, who died in Missouri soon after the war, was first in the Confederate Army, but was captured by the Federals and afterward joined the Northern forces; Irena, who makes her home with her mother, has been blind for nearly a quarter of a century; and McMinnless resides in Searcy County, Ark. James C. McNair spent his early days in tilling the soil, and received but little schooling. In November, 1847, he joined Company C, Fifth Tennessee Volunteer Infantry, and started for Mexico, going down the Tennessee River on a flat-boat. At Mussel Shoals the boats collided, and the men seeing their danger, jumped into the river for safety, the result being that one man was killed and one man drowned, and nothing more was ever seen of the boats. The men made their way on foot to below Florence, where they took passage on board a boat bound for Vera Cruz, which place they eventually reached. Mr. McNair was in but one engagement, and that was with guerrillas. At the end of about nine months he was discharged at Memphis, Tenn., after which he returned home, and September 14, 1848, was married to Harriet, daughter of George and Malinda Manes, natives of Tennessee, from which State they came to Searcy County, Ark., in 1851, the father dying here about one year later, and the mother in 1864. They were Methodists in their religious views, and the father was a well-to-do tiller of the soil. Mrs. McNair was born in Rhea County, Tenn., August 24, 1832, and has borne her husband fourteen children: Martha Delilah, wife of B. F. Henley; Polly Ann, wife of Napoleon Rainbolt; Price Marion McDonald died during the war at about the age of thirteen years; Thela is the wife of L. Q. Thompson, of California; William Asbury; Jack, who died in Missouri; Harriet Susan, wife of Clinton Pruitt; Sarah Hepzebah, deceased; James C. W., also dead; Ida Jane is the wife of Dr. William Rogers, of Texas; John F.; David Bruce; Clementine, who died in infancy; and one that died unnamed. March 26, 1866, Mr. McNair came by wagon to Searcy County, Ark., the journey thither occupying two months. He located on the farm on which he now resides, at which time a few improvements had been made, and here he has made his home ever since, with the exception of two years during the war, which was spent in Greene County, Mo. Mr. McNair is one of the leading farmers of Searcy County, and his estate embraces 240 acres of valuable farming land. He also feeds considerable stock each year, and throughout his section he is regarded as authority on agriculture. He was first a Whig in politics, later became a Republican, and has voted for every Republican candidate for president since the time of Henry Clay in 1844. He was a Union man during the war, but took no part in the struggle. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Church. Mr. and Mrs. McNair have fifty grandchildren, all living except five; and eleven great-grandchildren living. Mr. McNair's mother, Mary Ann McNair, died in May, 1894, being ninety-one years, three months and four days old. Mr. McNair has been active in church work since he was twenty-six years old, and has held some office in his church for a good many years. He has been a school director, justice of the peace, and overseer of roads. When the war broke out he was ordered to the county seat to take the oath of allegiance to the Confederate States. Instead of obeying the command he resigned his local offices and took refuge in the mountains. In 1864 he went to Missouri, and May 1, 1866, returned home, where he has since lived, and has earned the respect and admiration of all who know him.

HENRY MCMILLAN. This gentleman has been a resident of Arkansas since 1826, and a resident of Boone County since 1835. He was born in Smith County, Tenn., December 19, 1814, being one of a family of ten children born to Malcom and Joanna (Jacobs) McMillan, who were born and brought up in North Carolina, and removed to Smith County, Tenn., in 1805. The father

died in Boone County, Ark., in 1837, and his widow in 1872. The father was a soldier under General Jackson, in the battle of New Orleans, in the War of 1812; in politics a Democrat, and he and his wife were Presbyterians in faith. Their children were as follows: Edward, a minister of the Presbyterian faith, was chaplain of an Illinois regiment in the late internal war, died at Atlanta, Ga., in 1864; John, second son, who settled in Boone County, Ark., in 1836, was a minister of the Presbyterian order, died in April, 1863; Robert, third son, settled on a farm in Boone County, Ark., in 1836, died in 1852; William, fourth son, a minister of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, was accidentally killed in a mill in 1855; Malcom, fifth son, died in Lawrence County in 1829; Henry, sixth son; Josiah died in Texas in 1877; Jason is a resident of Columbus, Kan. All the sons brought up families. Jane, eldest daughter, became the wife of Rev. Stevenson, and died in 1827. Joanna, who became the wife of John Sanderson died in Boone County, Ark., in 1893. The McMillans came to Arkansas at a time when the country was in its primitive state, having to undergo many hardships and privations of early pioneer life for years. Henry McMillan attended the schools of his day, first in Tennessee until he was twelve years old, and later in Arkansas. He was married in Boone County to Miss Frances Gaither, daughter of Col. Beal Gaither, who died in 1863. Mrs. McMillan died in 1855, leaving eight children: Jasper, not a soldier, was murdered at the time of the late war; Marion, who was a soldier during the late war, died in 1880; Franklin, a resident of Indian Nation; Mary J. (Martin), widow, with three children; Joanna died in Sebastian County in 1879; Eliza N. Roberts died in Sebastian County, Ark., in 1873, leaving one son; Lafayette Mc, killed accidentally in 1882; and Mason, died in 1884. In 1859 Henry McMillan married Miss Elizabeth M. Douglass, daughter of Wm. R. Douglass, of Sebastian County, Ark. She was born in Monroe County, Tenn., in 1832. They had one son born to them, William H., who is a farmer and lives with them. He is married, and is the father of one child. Henry McMillan located on his farm in 1842, a part of which he now owns. He accumulated considerable property, the greater portion of which was swept away during the late war. He has long been a ruling elder in the Presbyterian Church, of which his wife is also a member, and is a substantial, law-abiding citizen. For twelve or fourteen years he filled acceptably the office of county surveyor. He has been a patron of education, and for years held the position of county commissioner under the first system of common schools in Arkansas.

JUDGE JOHN Q. ADAMS. This gentleman is the worthy son of a worthy father—Lynn Adams—an old pioneer of this section whose sketch appears in this work. Judge Adams was born on December 22, 1858, on the old Adams homestead in this county, and here arrived at man's estate, having acquired a good education in the district schools and the school of Marshall, as well as that of Rally Hill, Boone County. In 1879 he started out to fight life's battles for himself and at first was engaged in teaching the "young idea," and connection with tilling the soil, and these occupations he continued to successfully follow for five or six years. From the time he attained his majority he was always actively interested in politics, and in 1881 was elected on the Democrat ticket to the office of justice of the peace in Hampton Township, an office he filled with marked ability for eight years, and in 1892 he was elected to the responsible position of county and probate judge, and is now (1894) a candidate for reëlection. Since 1881 he has been almost constantly in office, and in every position to which he has been elected he has faithfully discharged his duties and has shown himself to be in every way capable and efficient. He has been a member of various county conventions and was nominated and

elected a delegate to the congressional convention the last time it met. In addition to his official duties he has looked after his farming interests also, and his estate of 180 acres four miles from Yellville is one of the best and neatest in the county, and shows that its owner is a young man of thrift and energy. He was married in 1879 to Miss Nancy E. Keeter, a daughter of Ex-sheriff J. J. Keeter. Mrs. Adams was born in Marion County, on the 31st of August, 1861, and in the neighborhood of where she now lives she was reared and educated. Her union with Judge Adams has resulted in the birth of seven children: Ethel E., Arthur V., Ezra A., Mary S., John W., James L. and Joseph W. Two children are dead, Vilas G. and an infant. Judge Adams has prospered in all his undertakings and has never been defeated in an election, a fact which speaks highly as to his many worthy traits of character and popularity. He has been a dealer in real estate, has bought and sold a large amount of property, and has probably made more money in this line than in any other business. He helped to form the school district where he lives, has ever been a patron of education, and is a stanch supporter of the temperance cause; in fact, he is an upright, worthy and law-abiding citizen.

REUBEN S. BRANSON. This gentleman, who is the ex-county clerk and recorder of Taney County, occupies a conspicuous place among those who have achieved eminence solely by excellence of character, without any of the modern appliances by which unworthy persons gain undeserved and transient popularity. He is a native of Missouri, born in Gasconade County in 1853, and the son of Valentine and Alpha M. (Sherrill) Branson, natives of Bledsoe County, Tenn., the former born in 1810 and the latter in 1819. The parents were married in that county, and soon after removed to Gasconade County, Mo. This was about 1844, when they located in the woods, and improved a good farm, on which Mr. Branson died in 1876. Mrs. Branson, who was a Baptist in her religious views, died in Greene County in 1885. The father followed farming all his life, and became quite well-to-do. He was a soldier in the Mexican War and served in the militia during the Rebellion. In politics he was a Republican, and was quite prominent in supporting his party. His father, Andrew Branson, came to Gasconade County, and died there before the war. He was a farmer, and inherited a great amount of push and energy from his Dutch ancestors. Our subject's maternal grandfather, Samuel Sherrill, came from Tennessee at an early date and located in Maries County, where his death occurred before the war. He was also a farmer. The thirteen children born to our subject's parents are named in the order of their births as follows: Alfred P., who resides in Mansfield, Tex., was captain of the State militia during the war; Olivia C. was the wife of Joseph H. Barbarick, of Gasconade County; Galba E. was killed at Kirbyville July 4, 1889, while sheriff of the county, he was also in the State militia during the war; Hannah M., deceased, was the wife of J. H. Barbarick; Lewis F., a farmer of Taney County, served three years in the Tenth Missouri Cavalry with Gen. A. J. Smith; Thomas J. is a farmer of Greene County; Mary, deceased, was the wife of Nicholas Young; Valentine, a farmer of Gasconade County; Reuben S.; William H., of Springfield; Samuel K., of Dent County; Louisa C., wife of Ernest Lloyd, died in Springfield; and Chrissa A., died when young. Our subject, who was ninth in order of birth of the above-mentioned children, became familiar with the duties of farm life at an early age. He received a common-school education and, being a student naturally, and a great lover of books, he applied himself at every opportunity to study, and in this manner obtained a superior education. He attended school at his own expense after attaining his majority, and subsequently taught school in Osage and Gasconade Counties. In the year 1877 he

celebrated his union with Miss Mary T. Cooper, a native of Osage County, and the daughter of John B. and Lucy Cooper, who were, probably, natives of Gasconade County. Later, Mr. and Mrs. Cooper removed to Osage County, and there both passed the closing scenes of their lives many years ago. Mrs. Branson is the only one of the family now surviving. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Branson: Lucy M., deceased, and James M. They raised a niece, Mary E., daughter of Valentine Branson, who married A. L. Parrish in 1890. After his marriage Mr. Branson went to Brookline Station, Greene County, and was in the drug business there for a few months. He then brought his stock of goods to Taney County, and located about seven miles above Forsyth, where he established a general store, and the same year also established Branson postoffice, of which he was postmaster for some time. He continued in business there until 1884, when he was elected assessor of the county, serving in that capacity one term. After that he was elected county and circuit clerk and recorder, and served four years with credit to himself and profit to the people. After this he was in the Forsyth distillery, which he operated one year, and then engaged in milling at that place for the same length of time. A boarding house next occupied his attention, and he continued this until 1893, since which time he has been residing in Oliver Township, where he owns an interest in a tract of land. He also owns 160 acres in Newton Township, about forty acres of which have been cleared. Socially he is a member of Forsyth Lodge No. 453, A. F. & A. M., and is politically a Republican, and an active supporter of his party.

GEORGE F. MCKINNEY. No State in the Union gives greater encouragement to a man who desires to devote himself to agriculture than does Arkansas. Its resources are almost inexhaustible, and its climate is adapted to the cultivation of varied crops. Among the prominent and enterprising farmers of Boone County is George F. McKinney, who owes his nativity to Franklin County, this State, his birth having occurred on the 28th of January, 1843. His parents were John A. and Lucetta (Fleeman) McKinney, the former of whom was born in Alabama in 1800, a son of George McKinney, who was one of the very early residents of Arkansas, and who lived and died in Franklin County, leaving a large family. John A. McKinney was the eldest but one of his father's family, and was but a boy at the time he came to Arkansas. He grew up in Franklin County, became a well-to-do planter, and after the death of his first wife, the mother of George F. McKinney, he married a Miss Bourland, and by her became the father of five children: William, who is living in Washington County, Ark., and was a soldier in the Civil War; Lavinia, who lives in Franklin County, Ark.; Charles, who resides in Ozark, Ark.; Belinda, wife of R. Lesley, resides in Franklin County, and Sterling, who is living in Harrison, Ark. Mr. McKinney became a member of the Northwest Fifteenth Arkansas Regiment, C. S. A., and had been in the service but a short time when he was killed at the battle of Elkhorn. He and his family were members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. George F. McKinney was educated in the common schools, and although but a boy when the Civil War broke out he enlisted in the first company that left Franklin County, and took part in the battles of Elkhorn, Corinth, Iuka, Port Gibson, Baker's Creek, Vicksburg and others. He was wounded at Mark's Mill, Ark., by a gun shot, which unfitted him for duty for a time, but aside from this was always at his post. After the war closed he returned to his native county, and was engaged in mercantile pursuits until 1874, when he bought and located on the farm where he now resides, which farm consists of 350 acres of fertile land. The place is well improved, with a good residence and other buildings, and 250 acres are under cultivation. He has given

considerable attention to stockraising, and has found this a profitable branch of agriculture. He is one of the county's most substantial men, is very public-spirited, a Democrat in politics, and is a member of Bellefonte Lodge of the A. F. & A. M. He was married in Franklin County to Miss Sarah F. Webb, a daughter of P. F. Webb, of Ozark, Ark., who came to this State from Tennessee, dying here in 1885. Mrs. McKinney was born in Franklin County, Ark., and has borne her husband the following children: Etta, wife of William H. McMillan; Ida, wife of William Bower, of Harrison; John A., who is a successful school teacher; Lloyd, who is the wife of W. D. Chauncy, of Franklin County; Garland, Nellie, Jean, Charlie (a girl), William, George and Joe. Mr. and Mrs. McKinney are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and he is an elder in the same.

JOHN A. GIBSON. No theme has greater interest to the biographer than that of pioneer times, and the life history of those who have passed through that trying period and have made their way to comfort and prosperity through hardships and privations, is appreciated by every reader. Such a history do we have in the life of the one whose name is given above and who has been a resident of this county since the age of ten years. Mr. Gibson was born in Giles County, Tenn., December 14, 1824. His parents, John K. and Ann (Knox) Gibson, were natives of the Old North State. They were early settlers of Tennessee, and the father died in that State in the year our subject was born. They were the parents of four children: Nanny C.; Ann B., who is living in Lawrence County, Mo.; Joseph K., a resident of Boone County, Ark.; and John A., our subject. Mrs. Gibson came to this county with the family in 1840, and in this county passed the remainder of her days, dying in 1873, when quite aged. A few years after coming to Christian County our subject started out to fight his own way in life, and as he was obliged to work hard in youth his educational advantages were rather limited. He chose his companion in life in the person of Miss Sarah J. Wilks, daughter of W. S. Wilks, who was an early pioneer of this county. After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Gibson settled where they now live, on a farm of 40 acres and began to clear and make improvements. As the years passed by he added to his original tract until he is now the owner of 354 acres of as good land as is to be found in the county. From 1866 to 1876 he was engaged in the manufacture of tobacco and his sons are now successfully engaged in that business. At the same time Mr. Gibson did not lose sight of the farming and stockraising industry and has been unusually successful. He is a self-made man and all he has accumulated is the result of his own hard work and good business acumen. In politics he is a Democrat and in religion he and wife are members of the Christian Church. Seven living children are the fruits of their marriage: Mary B., William K., C. P., L. P., A. B., Mattie and Ella. Although he experienced many hardships and privations in early life, and was many times without means, working one week for a pair of shoes worth a dollar, Mr. Gibson's industry and thrift brought him to the front and he has made a success of life. Mr. Gibson has one child at home and she is not married. The eldest daughter, Mary B., married Frank Cotten and Ella married N. Shananhan.

HON. ALFRED PETERS. A traveler journeying through Pierce Township about a mile and a quarter southwest of Crane postoffice, will see the attractive home and beautifully cultivated farm of our subject, which evidently shows the hand of a practiced and systematic farmer. Mr. Peters was born in western Virginia in 1826, and is a son of Jacob and Keziah (Gardner) Peters, also natives of the grand old Mother of States. Mrs. Peters died there in 1828, and after the father's second marriage, he moved to Clay County, Ky., where he remained three years. Returning to Virginia, he passed the remainder

of his days, dying when our subject was but a boy. He was a farmer, and although uneducated, was an honest, industrious citizen and a man with a host of warm friends. The grandfather, John Peters, was a Pennsylvania Duchman, but an early settler of western Virginia, where he lived for some time in a fort, and where he spent his days engaged in farming, until his death about 1847. Grandfather Gardner died in Virginia. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Peters, as follows: Nancy died in Baton Rouge, La.; William is a farmer in Virginia; Alfred our subject; and Matilda, who died in Arkansas. By his second marriage, Jacob Peters became the father of four children: Mathias and Isaac, twins, and Susan and Jacob both of whom died young. Mathias and Isaac both died young, the former before the war and the latter in the hospital at St. Louis during the war. Our subject's early life was not very different from that of any boy reared on a farm, only he was left an orphan at an early age. He received but limited educational advantages in youth. On November 11, 1850, he was married to Miss Catherine Grizle, a native of Virginia, who died in Missouri in 1855, leaving two children: Amos James, who went to Colorado fifteen years ago and has not been heard from for ten years, and Sarah Ann, who is the wife of Peter B. Gibson of Stone County. On November 11, 1855, Mr. Peters married Miss Eleanor Hilton, a native of Virginia, and the daughter of Enos and Anna B. Hilton, who came from Virginia to Barry County, Mo., in 1841, reared a large family, and died here. For many years Mr. Hilton was a Primitive Baptist preacher. To Mr. and Mrs. Peters were born nine children: John B. of Stone County; Anna C., wife of John M. Neill of Wyandotte Nation; Isaac A., died when a child; Enos Franklin, of the Chickasaw Nation; Mary V., wife of William Neill of Stone County; Alice E., wife of O. F. Douglas of Stone County; Nancy Cordelia, wife of Walter S. Cuthburth of Cherokee Nation; William S. of Stone County, and Albert Newton. In 1854 Mr. Peters moved to Barry County, Mo., where he made his home until 1865, when he came to Stone County and made his home for one year on the present site of Crane postoffice. Thence he moved to his present farm and has since added to the original tract, until he now owns 183 acres with about 160 acres cleared. For a number of years he worked at the carpenter's trade. During the Civil War he served about two years in the Enlisted Missouri Militia, Company A, of Allen's regiment, and operated in southwest Missouri and northwest Arkansas, being in active scouting expeditions most of the time. He was never captured or wounded. He had previously served as corporal in the Home Guards. In 1866 he served in the registration office of Stone County, and in 1882 he was elected county judge from the North District. He served two years and in 1886 was elected presiding judge for four years, holding that position with credit and honor. His decisions were noted for their fidelity to just principles and law, and no other county judge was more prompt in the discharge of his duties than Judge Peters. He is a Republican, but not a politician. He and his wife are now active workers in the Methodist Episcopal Church, though he was formerly a Baptist.

PROF. G. M. SILER. This able, experienced and successful educator of Douglas County, Mo., is a native of Holt County, this State, where he was born July 28, 1864, a son of Granville L. and Nancy J. (Bohart) Siler, for a history of whom see the sketch of J. G. Siler, of Taney County. Prof. George M. Siler received his education in the schools of Arno, Ava and Silver Shade, and eventually graduated in the teacher's course from the well-known Bradleyville School. He was brought up on a farm, and while following the plow or wielding the hoe he learned lessons of perseverance and industry which were of the most material use to him when he started out to fight life's battle

for himself, as well as strengthened and improved his naturally strong constitution. He began teaching school in 1882 and has followed that occupation in this and Taney Counties up to the present and has won an enviable reputation as an educator, being thorough, painstaking and firm in his management. At the present time he presides over the school at Rome, and as he has given much attention to school work and has taken every means of improving his methods of instruction, he has made a success of this work. In addition to teaching he has given considerable attention to farming and owns a fine tract of land, comprising 160 acres, near Rome, a considerable portion of which he devotes to the raising of stock. He has always supported the principles of the Republican party, has been active in the political affairs of his section, and in 1888 was elected to the office of county assessor, a position he filled with ability for two years. He led to the altar Miss Rachel A. Jennings, a daughter of Dempsey C. and Martha A. (Curtis) Jennings, the former of whom was born in Kentucky and the latter in Tennessee. They came to Missouri with their parents and settled in Lawrence County, were married there, and are now living in Stone County, at Ponce de Leon Springs. They formerly lived on a farm near Rome, were accounted among the leading farmers of this county, and still own their farm at this point. The children born to them are as follows: Rachel A.; Mary E., wife of James Maxwell, of Stone County; William, who resides in Stone County; Thomas H., Tela J. A., Ethel T. and Elender. Mr. Jennings was a soldier in Company D, Sixth Missouri Cavalry, and served throughout the war, and owing to the hard service he experienced he has since lost his eyesight, for which he receives a pension of $72 per month from the Government. He was a strong Union man during the war, and was a participant in thirty hard battles. He is a Democrat politically. Mrs. Siler was born in Lawrence County, on March 24, 1869, and she and Mr. Siler have two children: Clyde and James C. They lost one son, Irl. They are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and are highly esteemed in the county in which they live.

G. W. McDOWELL. This gentleman is one of the oldest and most reliable merchants of Yellville, and is in every way deserving the large patronage which he commands. He has been a resident of the town since 1868, but owes his nativity to the Old Dominion, where he first opened his eyes upon the light April 12, 1832, his parents being Thomas and Rebecca (Lytle) McDowell, the former of whom was born on the Isle of Erin, and came with a brother to the United States about 1800. He settled in Virginia and his brother in one of the Carolinas, and he became a very wealthy farmer and trader. He was a finely educated gentleman and of unblemished reputation, and left the heritage of an honorable name as well as a goodly property to his descendants. He was born in 1780 and died in 1840. He was married after coming to the United States to a Miss Patton, who bore him five children, two of whom are living: John, of Batesville, Ark., and Elizabeth, of Texas. His second marriage took place in Virginia, and was to the mother of the subject of this sketch, by whom he became the father of ten children, four now living: Mary, of Summerville, Ore.; G. W.; Cyrus D., who is also in Summerville, Ore.; Virginia, of Howell County, Mo. Four of the others grew up, David, Thomas, Sarah and Missouri, and two died young. None of the sons took part in the Civil War except Cyrus D., who was a soldier in the Union Army. Thomas McDowell emigrated to Missouri in 1835, and after five years' residence in Scotland County, died there in 1840. His widow, while making the journey to Oregon with her daughter, in 1865, died and was buried on the plains. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. G. W. McDowell grew up in Missouri, and was given the advantages of the schools of St. Louis, the



G. W. McDOWELL,
Marion Co., Ark.



LEONIDAS KIRBY,
Harrison, Ark.

Edward Wymans English and Classical High School, and the Jones Commercial College, from which he graduated. He first embarked in business in St. Louis in 1850 as a wholesale merchant, and after remaining there actively employed for some thirteen years he came to Yellville and remained a short time. He then returned to St. Louis, and in 1864 went to Decatur, Ill., but at the end of three years returned to St. Louis, from there moved to Covington, Tenn., and in 1868 once more came to Yellville, and has since been a successful merchant of the place, a part of the time being associated in business with others, but the most of the time has been by himself. Although he has at times met with business reverses, he has in the main been successful, and is now considered one of the most successful, pushing and enterprising business men of northern Arkansas. His stock of goods amount to from $3,000 to $5,000, and his average sales amount to from $6,000 to $10,000 annually. He is one of the oldest merchants of the northern part of the State, and has given forty-four years of his life to the mercantile business, and is now in good financial circumstances. He has always been a prominent Democrat, and is the present treasurer of Marion County, and is a very able and efficient one. He is a member and trustee of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, and for a number of years has been connected with the honorable order of Masons. He was married in Yellville to Miss Rachel Wilson, a daughter of I. C. Wilson, and a family of four children have been born to them, two of whom are living: Hallie, who is the wife of Neal Dodd, of Yellville; Lillie, who was the wife of De Roos Baily, died in April, 1893; Maud, the youngest, is living in Yellville, and John, who was the eldest of the family, died at the age of eighteen months. The mother of these children died in March, 1866, a worthy and consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Hon. Benjamin F. Williamson. A man's life-work is the measure of his success, and he is truly the most successful man who, turning his powers into the channel of an honorable purpose, accomplishes the object of his endeavor. In the study of every man's life we find some main-spring of action, something that he lives for, and in Benjamin F. Williamson it seems to have been an ambition to make the best use of his native and acquired powers and develop in himself a true manhood. He was born in Moore County, N. C., near Carthage, in 1856, to William W. and Molsie A. (Cravens) Williamson, the former of whom was a tiller of the soil, and during the great Civil War was a member of an Arkansas regiment of the Confederate Army. He died while in the Federal prison at St. Louis in 1863, and his widow in 1871. To their union two sons and two daughters were born, and upon the death of the husband and father they were left in very destitute circumstances. Wyatt, one of the younger members of the family, is a graduate of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of St. Louis and of the Vanderbilt University of Nashville, Tenn., his way through these institutions being paid with money which he himself had earned by the sweat of his brow and by some help from his brother, Benjamin F. The latter grew up in Stone County, near Mountain View, and during his boyhood and early manhood he worked on farms or at anything honorable he could find to do, and when opportunity presented itself he attended school and made the best use of his time. After the death of his mother he began to save his money, $8 in winter and $10 in summer, and after accumulating a sufficient amount he entered the Arkansas State University at Fayetteville, which institution he attended one year. He then returned home and was engaged in teaching for a time, after which he entered the Collegiate Institute at Bellefonte, Boone County, which he attended one year. Two or three more years were then spent in teaching, after which he purchased some law books and began the study of that science

but at the same time continued to teach until 1884. He was then admitted to the bar and at once entered actively upon the practice of his profession, which he has continued up to the present time. He was appointed county examiner in 1878, and after serving with ability for one term he was elected to the State Legislature, at which time he was but twenty-four years of age, the youngest member of the House. He was chairman of several very important committees, served with distinction on them all, and won golden opinions for himself as an able and incorruptible legislator, from political friends and foes alike. He was honored by a reëlection to the Legislature, this time as a Senator, in 1882, from the Sixth District, comprising Stone and Independence Counties, and served in 1883–4, and was a member of the Committee on State Charitable Institutions, was chairman of the Committee on Engrossed Bills, the Committee of State Lands, and various others. He was one of the most active members of the Senate, and in 1885 was made a member of the Judiciary Committee of that body. He served two terms as a member of the Senate, and his career was marked by faithfulness to the interests of his party and section and to the welfare of the State. Since that time his attention has been strictly devoted to his profession, in which he holds high rank, and he has all the cases that he can properly attend to. He has always been a stanch Democrat, true to the interests of his party, and an enthusiastic supporter of its men and measures. In 1887 he led to the altar Miss Emma B. Barnes, of Independence County, Ark., by whom he has two sons and one daughter.

JOHN PERCY CAMPBELL. The subject of this sketch is a son of Samuel P. Campbell, a native of North Carolina, who removed to middle Tennessee when quite a young man and resided there until 1868, when he removed to Stoddard County, Mo.; from there he moved to Ripley County in 1871. He served as corporal in Company C, Sixth Tennessee Cavalry, in the Union Army, during the late war. He is still hale and hearty, though having reached his threescore years and ten, and resides with his good wife near Gatewood, Mo., where they are surrounded by a large circle of admiring friends. They are both consistent members of the Christian Church. John P., the youngest of nine children, was born in Hardin County, Tenn., on the 28th day of July, 1866, and has therefore just passed his twenty-eighth birthday. He was educated in the common schools of the county and a grammar school at Warm Springs, Ark., where he displayed an aptitude far beyond his years. He began teaching at the age of sixteen, and achieved marked success as a teacher. After three years as a pedagogue he took a position as "devil" in the office of the Doniphan *Prospect*, where he remained until that paper and the *Current River News* were consolidated. He then accepted a position as salesman in the grocery store of H. H. Hart, of Doniphan. He afterward served other firms as salesman until August, 1887, when he accepted a deputyship in the office of the county clerk, which position he held for three and a half years, when he resigned that position to accept a position on the staff of the engrossing clerk of the Lower House of the Thirty-sixth General Assembly of Missouri. Upon the adjournment of the Assembly Mr. Campbell returned to Doniphan and accepted a position in the hardware house of J. R. Wright. In the spring of 1892 he made a trip overland to northern Texas, returning during the summer of that year, and resumed his connection with J. R. Wright, where he remained until November, 1893, since which time he has been employed by the tax collector and the county clerk, in which latter office he is now engaged. Mr. Campbell, besides being an industrious and energetic young man, has always been free from the excesses and frivolities that so often beset young men starting out to earn a place and a name. Being free from the use of strong drink, tobacco and other like evils, he, in casting his first vote in

March, 1888, when a proposition to adopt local option in Ripley County was submitted, placed himself on record as in favor of the proposition. In 1890 he was a candidate before the Democratic primary election for the nomination for the office of clerk of the Circuit Court, and although his competitor had made a model Circuit clerk for more than fifteen years, and though the incumbent had an overwhelming advantage in the campaign, yet so popular had this young man become that when the votes were counted it was found that a change of only 77 votes out of a total vote of 975 would have given him the nomination. In 1894 he made the race for the same position and won by a handsome plurality over two of the best young men of the county. Therefore, as the nomination is equivalent to an election, barring Providential intervention, Mr. Campbell will on January 1, 1895, assume the duties of clerk of the circuit court of Ripley County. Mr. Campbell is not a member of any church, yet, while he differs from his father (who is a Republican) in politics, his "leaning" is toward the religion of his parents. He is a member of Doniphan Lodge No. 111, Knights of Pythias, and is prominent in the local councils of the fraternity, holding at present the office of master of finance of the lodge. He is unmarried.

ALBERT HODGES. Albert Hodges is an attorney at law of wide reputation, a man of unquestioned integrity, a close reasoner and a profound thinker. He is a Missourian by birth, and has inculcated in him the sterling principles of the better class of citizens of the State. He was born in Taney County (afterward Douglas County), November 2, 1848, and is a son of Edmond and Sarah (Garrison) Hodges, the former a native of Kentucky, and the latter of Warren County, Ind., born in 1827. The grandfather, John Hodges, was a native of Kentucky, and the family moved from that State to Indiana at an early date, and thence to Missouri in 1835. After reaching the latter State, the grandfather settled at the mouth of Beaver Spring Creek, in Taney County, afterward Douglas and Taney Counties, and followed farming the rest of his life. He was one of the earliest pioneers of that section. His son, the father of our subject, followed in his footsteps and became an agriculturist. He is still living on the tract of land where he settled many years ago, in Douglas County. In 1846 he married Miss Sarah Garrison and immediately afterward began his career as an agriculturist. He has met with unusual success and has a fine farm of 360 acres, the same being an ornament to the county. During the Civil War he enlisted in the Union Army, Twenty-fifth Regiment, and served for six months. Mr. Hodges is one of the influential men of his section, is public-spirited and enterprising, and gives his hearty support to all worthy movements. Mrs. Hodges died in May, 1862. She was the daughter of Abner Garrison, who was one of the early pioneers of Stone County, coming from Indiana and settling in this county in 1832. Originally he was from Virginia, where his birth occurred in 1808. Mr. Garrison was one of the prominent men of Taney County and held the office of assessor and deputy sheriff as well as many other prominent positions. He is now a resident of Douglas County, and in 1876 he was elected to represent that county in the Legislature. He reared a large family. Mrs. Hodges was but five years of age when her parents came to this county. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Hodges: Albert (subject); Susan, wife of John Carr; Masshach, a resident of Douglas County; John, also of Douglas County; Edmond, the same county; Abner, Rachel and Sarah. The three last named are deceased. Mr. Hodges selected his second wife in the person of Mrs. Stone, daughter of Bill Prier, an early settler of Greene County. Three children were the fruits of this union: Rose, Flemming and Lois. The boyhood days of our subject were passed in Taney County on his father's farm, and he secured

a fair education in the common schools. When the Civil War broke out he was only about sixteen years of age, but he was filled with a patriotic desire to fight for the Stars and Stripes, and enlisted in Company B, Sixteenth Missouri Volunteer Cavalry, under Col. John McMahan and Captain James H. Sallee. He was in some of the prominent engagements of Gen. Price's raid, but most of the time he was fighting bushwhackers and guerrillas in southwest Missouri and Arkansas. In a skirmish on White River he was injured by a falling horse and crippled for life. He was a good soldier and served eighteen months, being among the first soldiers to enlist from his section. After being discharged Mr. Hodges came back to Douglas County and worked on the farm, and finished his common-school education. In 1872 he went to Oregon and resided three years in Union County, where in connection with farming he also taught school. Later he entered Christian College, at Monmouth, Ore., remained in the same a year, and then again taught school. In 1878 he returned to Douglas County, and after teaching a year went to Texas, where he remained another year. He then went to Arkansas, taught school for some time, and subsequently returned to Taney County, Mo., where he began the study of law, under J. J. Brown, being admitted to the bar in 1881. He immediately began practicing at Forsyth and remained there until 1882, when he decided to locate at Galena. Since then he has made his home here, has met with more than the average success, and practices over a wide scope of country. In 1882 he was elected prosecuting attorney of Stone County, and held the office again in 1890. In politics he is a Republican and a man of influence. He is a member of the G. A. R. Mr. Hodges has made a success of life in a financial way, and aside from a large farm he also owns considerable town property. He was married, in this county, to Miss Hattie Moore, a native of Kentucky, and the daughter of M. P. Moore, who was one of the early settlers of Platte County, Mo. To Mr. and Mrs. Hodges have been born three children: Mattie, Edmond M. and Albert T. Our subject is of French descent on the father's side of the house and of English on the mother's side. Mr. Hodges is well posted in the organic and pioneer history of his county. He tells that Crawford County embraced nearly all southwest Missouri as known January 23, 1829. Taney County was organized January 6, 1837, and Douglas County, October 19, 1857; so that his father's farm was in three counties, being in Douglas now. He believes Solomon Yocum to have been the first white settler in what is now Stone County, for he settled at the mouth of James River in the fall of 1816. Joe Philibert settled at old Delaware Town, Greene County, in 1822, ten years before a store was opened at Springfield. In conversing with Philibert before his death, in 1882, Mr. Hodges obtained a succinct history of pioneer days from the pioneer.

JAMES T. PENN. Among the prominent men of Harrison, Ark., and among its most worthy and esteemed citizens, may be mentioned James T. Penn. He is a man interested in the public welfare, and, while he pays strict attention to his private affairs, he shirks no duties as a loyal citizen. He was born in Newton County, Ark., August 27, 1854, a son of John Penn, who was one of the pioneers of this State from Tennessee, first residing in Johnson County, then Newton County, and is now a resident of Boone County. He was born in Virginia, September 22, 1822, and his wife was born in Indiana, March 13, 1825. Of ten children given to them, seven are living: Elizabeth, wife of John Murphy; Martha, widow of John T. Wilson, of Texas; John H., who is a resident of Dale, Oklahoma Ty.; Mary, wife of John Miller, of Oklahoma Ty.; Absalom, who died in infancy; George W., who is in the postoffice at Harrison; James T.; Louisa A. (deceased); Jasper M. (deceased); and Alexander L., a resident of Oklahoma. John Penn has always followed the occupation

of agriculture, and prior to the war succeeded in accumulating a considerable amount of worldly goods, but the most of it was swept away during the great struggle between the North and South. Long ago he was a Whig in politics, was a stanch Union man during the war, and since that time has supported the men and measures of the Republican party, but has never been an office seeker. He is now living retired from the active duties of life, is a local preacher of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and is a man who has given a large part of his life to religious work, and has many warm friends in this section of the country. James T. Penn grew up on his father's farm in this section, and owing to the fact that the war came up at about the time he should have been in school, the early education which he received was not of the best. He started out to make his own way in the world in 1873, and engaged in contracting and building, but in 1875, with his brother George, started on foot for the then Territory of Washington, but after reaching his destination he remained but a few months. In 1876 he came to Harrison, Ark., and entered the land office as clerk, but in 1880 embarked in the mercantile business, and continued to follow this line of human endeavor until 1887. He has also given considerable attention to mining, and has now a large tract of mining land in Boone and Marion Counties which is very valuable. In 1891 he was made postmaster of Harrison by President Harrison, but resigned in 1893, and has since given his attention to other occupations. He has been the proprietor of the Arcade Hotel since 1891, and is also the owner of other desirable property in Harrison. He is an active member of the honorable order of Masons, is a member of the Chapter and was commander of the Commandery in 1893. He was united in marriage with Miss Fannie M., daughter of A. S. and Lucinda Reeder, both of whom died in Harrison, Ark. Mrs. Penn is a native of Illinois. She and her husband have four living children: Lulu R.; Nellie R.; Lottie L.; Merrell N.; and Blanche O., Lida F. and James R. (deceased). Mrs. Penn is an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and is also very much interested in temperance work, being president of the W. C. T. U. at Harrison. Mr. and Mrs. Penn stand high in society, and their friends are many and devoted. Mr. Penn has always been an earnest Republican, and in 1880 was elected as an alternate delegate to the National Republican Convention and has served on the State Central Committee for the past ten years. In 1886 he was nominated on the Republican State ticket for the position of chancery clerk, and in 1888 was elected as one of the delegates from Arkansas to the Republican National Convention. As a business man he is esteemed for his unimpeachable honor, and as a citizen for the interest he takes in the welfare of the section in which he makes his home.

JAMES MARTIN. Industry, uprightness and intelligence are characteristics which will advance the interests of any man, and will tend to the prosperity to which all aspire. Such are some of the traits of the gentleman whose name heads this article, one of the prominent farmers and stock-raisers of the county. James Martin was born in 1835, in Tennessee, of which State his parents, William and Leatha (Hart) Martin, were natives. Both were born in the year 1812, the former in Warren and the latter in Bedford County. The parents were married in their native State, and about 1843 moved with ox team to Missouri, locating in what is now Texas County, where they passed the remainder of their lives, Mr. Martin dying in 1858 and his wife in 1869. Farming had been Mr. Martin's occupation through life, and he was an honest, enterprising and prosperous tiller of the soil. He was third in the order of birth of nine children born to the marriage of James Martin. The others were named as follows: Col. George W., Alex., Samuel, Polly Douglas, Elizabeth Ross, Mrs. Mahala Johnson, Mrs. Nancy Hilderband and Mrs. Hannah

Barnes. The father of these children was probably a native of North Carolina, and of Irish origin. He located in Texas County, Mo., many years ago, and died there previous to the Rebellion. Henry Hart, James Martin's maternal grandfather, was an Englishman, and died in Bedford County, Tenn., where he was engaged in farming. The brothers and sisters of James were named as follows: Nancy Caroline, wife of A. J. Douglas, of Texas County, Mo.; Eleanor J., who died young; Catherine died young, as did also Octavia B. and Mahala; Hannah, also deceased, and Perlina, wife of James E. Stewart, of Texas County, Mo. James Martin was reared in the wilds of Texas County, Mo., where there were no free schools, and as a consequence he received but little schooling. In the year 1856 he was married to Miss Nancy Sanders, a native of Illinois and daughter of Capt. Peter and Jane Sanders, natives of Bedford County, where both were born in the year 1818. Capt. Sanders was with Gen. Price's army during the war, held the rank of captain, and was once wounded in the left shoulder. His death occurred in Newton County, Ark., in 1882, he and wife having moved there in 1866. Mrs. Sanders is still living. Her eleven children were named as follows: Mary, Nancy, Thomas, Susan, Jasper, Sarah, Angeline, Elizabeth, Harry, Melissa and Newton. Mrs. Sanders is a member of the Christian Church, and her husband held membership in the same, and was a master Mason in Dodson Lodge No. 135. To Mr. and Mrs. Martin have been born an old-fashioned family of eleven children: Dialpha Josephine, wife of J. H. Dickey; Jeff Davis; Susan C., wife of J. S. Dickey; Jasper; Frances J., wife of John Bowlin; Leatha Catherine, wife of G. W. Yates; Sarah A., wife of Job C. Heffley; Ephraim T.; Thomas P.; and two, Elizabeth and Bartholomew, died young. In 1862 Mr. Martin refugeed to Newton County, Ark., after serving six months in the Missouri State Militia, Confederate Army, and in 1863 he joined the United States Army, Company D, Second Arkansas Cavalry, and was rejected on examination, although he remained in the service, in first one command and then another, as it was not safe to remain at home. When the war ceased he returned to his family at Cave Creek, and there he has since resided, actively engaged in farming and stockraising. He is the owner of 279 acres of excellent land, nearly all under cultivation, and nearly all the improvements on the same have been placed there by Mr. Martin. For a number of years he held the office of justice of the peace, and he has held other local offices. Mr. Martin is a Royal Arch Mason, Dodson Lodge No. 135, at Cave Creek, and was worshipful master five years. He was also a member of Jasper Chapter, and represented his lodge in the Grand Lodge twice. Previous to the war he was a Democrat, but since that time he has been a Republican and is a liberal supporter of his party. He is a Universalist in his religious views, but Mrs. Martin and others of the family belong to the Christian Church.

M. M. Pease. This resident and prominent citizen of West Plains, Mo., came originally from the Granite State, his birth occurring January 15, 1855. At an early date he came with his father to Missouri, and in this State he has since made his home. In the year 1877 he started out in business for himself and engaged in saw milling in Douglas County. This business he has followed for the most part ever since. He is also doing business at Dora, Ozark County, where he is a member of the Pease Milling Company. The members of this firm are: C. E., M. M. and A. M. Pease. The mill is operated by steam and has a capacity of forty barrels per day. Three hands are employed. Our subject and his brother A. M. are also members of the concern known as the Pease Lumber Company, located four miles west of Salome Springs, in Ozark County. They manufacture lumber and the mill has a capacity of 15,000 feet per day. Our subject has made a success in a business way and is possessed

of an unlimited amount of energy, perseverance, and industry. Mr. Pease is a member of the A. O. U. W., and is with the Populist party. Since 1876 until recently he has been a Greenbacker, and he has ever been active in political matters and a leader in his vicinity. He has been a delegate to the State conventions, is chairman of the Congressional District, and is a prominent man in the party. Mr. Pease first married Miss Winnie Johnson, of Laclede County, and daughter of John A. Johnson. Seven children were born to this union, but only three are now living: Walter A., Myrtie M. and Oliver R. The others died young. After the death of his first wife, Mr. Pease married Miss Eva White, a native of Ohio, and the daughter of W. S. White, of Douglas County. Three children have been given them: Norton, Byron and Susan M. Mr. Pease owns real estate in West Plains and a good farm in Douglas County. In a business way he has made a complete success, and seems to prosper in whatever enterprise he attempts. He is public-spirited and takes an interest in all worthy movements.

GEORGE W. OSBURN, M. D. The life of the popular, successful physician is one of incessant toil, self-denial and care, yet all true followers of the "healing art" strive to attain prominence in their profession, regardless of added burdens which will rest upon their shoulders. Such a man is George W. Osburn, who was born in Gwinnett County, Ga., November 15, 1841, a son of Ectyl and Cynthia (Nelson) Osburn (see sketch of Dr. M. H. Osburn). George W. attended the common schools of Georgia, was brought up to the healthy and useful life of the farmer, and when the great Civil War came up was forced into the Confederate service, but shortly after managed to make his escape and refugeed to Ohio, making his home in Cincinnati from 1863 to 1864, when he went to Chicago, later to the city of New York, and then back again to Chicago, where he made his home until 1868. He was engaged in carpentering and helped to build many of the early houses of that city. In 1868 he became a resident of Berry County, Mo., but two years later located at Thornfield, in Ozark County, and in 1871 on the farm where he now lives in Douglas County, ten miles south of Ava. His farm consists of 690 acres, and he has now 200 acres under cultivation, although but small improvement had been made on the place at the time of his purchase. His farm is an exceptionally valuable one, and is especially well adapted to stockraising, to which much of his attention is devoted. In 1868 he began the study of medicine with his brother Dr. M. H. Osburn, and in 1871 began practicing that profession in Douglas County, and has met with a more than ordinary degree of success. He has had many very difficult cases under his control, has handled them with skill and ability, and is a very popular practitioner in the south and west part of the county and in Ozark County. He has always been a stanch Republican in politics, has held the office of coroner for several years, and is popular with his party. He was married in July, 1872, to Miss Mary E. Gilliland, a daughter of S. L. and Mary (Grithfus) Gilliland, who were born in Tennessee, the former being a son of Alexander Gilliland, a native of South Carolina, who was probably a soldier of the War of 1812. The Gillilands are of Scotch-Irish descent and the family is an old one in this country. Mrs. Osburn's maternal grandfather, John Grithfus, was a South Carolinian also, and at a very early day located in Greene County, Mo., where he died in 1841. Mrs. Osburn had one sister, Sarah, who was the wife of N. S. Imes, of Greene County, but she and her husband are both dead. After the death of Mr. Gilliland, his widow married T. J. Hawkins, who is living in Stone County, Mo., and died in 1856, after having borne Mr. Hawkins one child, George. Mrs. Osburn was reared and educated in Greene County, and has borne her husband five children: Minnie, born October 17, 1874; Clarence, born June 19, 1880; Maude, born February 21,

1882; Victor, who died at the age of five years, and another child that died in infancy. The Doctor and his wife are among the substantial people of the county, and in a business as well as professional way he has been remarkably successful.

NATHANIEL ESTES. This gentleman is prominently connected with the farming and mining interests of Marion County, Ark., and he has justly earned the reputation of being one of the most enterprising and progressive men of the section. He was born in Cannon County, Tenn., November 8, 1847, a son of John Estes, a history of whom may be found in the sketch of James Estes. Nathaniel Estes came to Arkansas at an early period with his parents and has resided here since he was one year old. His early days were spent in attending school in Yellville, but the last few years of his school life were much interrupted by the great conflict which was being waged between the North and South. In 1864, at the age of sixteen, he dropped his books to become a votary of Mars, and enlisted in Company A, Col. Snabel's regiment, Jackman's brigade, and was with Price on his raid through Missouri and northern Arkansas. He was wounded at Boonville, Mo., but remained with his regiment and most of the time was on active duty. He was one of the very youngest members of his regiment and served about one year before the war closed. He then returned home, and after attending a school for a short time he started out for himself, at about the age of twenty, and for three years was engaged in farming. He then began working at the carpenter's trade, and during the twelve or thirteen years that he followed this occupation he erected many handsome and substantial buildings throughout the county, making his home a portion of the time at Yellville. About eleven years ago he located on the farm where he now lives, and in 1887 he became interested in zinc and lead mining and is the owner of a valuable mine known as the Big Buffalo, the claim comprising sixty acres. This mine he first opened in 1891 and has about 500 tons of zinc on the dump. The Peal Mine, of which he is the owner, is located near the Big Buffalo and is also valuable; besides these he has other valuable mining property in that section. He has done as much as any man in the county to open up and develop the mineral wealth of Arkansas and a large portion of his time is given to this occupation. He has been successful in the accumulation of worldly wealth and is the owner of a good farm of 160 acres, besides valuable property in Yellville and considerable mineral land in Searcy County. He was married in 1868 to Miss Lydia Cantrell, a daughter of William Cantrell. Mrs. Estes was born in Madison County, Ark., October 19, 1852, and was brought by her parents to this county when three years old. She and Mr. Estes have eight children: Mary, wife of John Hothcock, of Lead Hill; Kenner L., one of the clerks in the land office at Harrison; John T., a blacksmith, of Yellville; Ambrose W., who is in school; Neal, May, George and Percy. Mr. and Mrs. Estes are giving their children good educational advantages and are themselves intelligent and well informed, Mrs. Estes being quite highly accomplished. She is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Yellville, and Mr. Estes is a stanch Democrat.

JAMES W. ROBERTSON (deceased). There is little need to portray the virtues or defend the memory of this gentleman, for he lives in the affection of his family and friends as a devoted husband, kind neighbor and public-spirited citizen. During the many years he resided in Christian County he was to the people all that is required in good citizenship, public enterprise and sympathetic friendship. In the love of his estimable wife he found his cares lightened, and in the respect of his fellow-citizens received the reward of his faithfulness. Mr. Robertson was born in middle Tennessee May 15, 1830, to Lindsey Robertson, whose ancestors came from England at an early date.

The first member of the family to cross the ocean was Thomas Robertson, who located in the Old Dominion. The original of this notice left his native State and came to Greene County, Mo., in 1837, locating near Republic with his parents. There he grew to mature years and assisted his father in clearing a tract of Government land, for they were among the pioneers. He obtained such educational advantages as those days afforded, and when about twenty-two years of age branched out for himself. He and his brother, T. E. Robertson, went to the mouth of the Finley Creek and bought the old Lochmer Mill, following milling from 1854 until 1861, when the war put a stop to the business. Our subject enlisted in Company F, Fourteenth Missouri Cavalry, and was appointed captain of the same, serving about a year in that capacity. He was then discharged on account of disability, and after returning home took his family and moved to Iowa, residing in Washington County for about a year and following farming for the most part. In 1864 he returned to Christian County and located at Ozark, where he opened a store and engaged in general merchandising. The business was first conducted under the title of Robertson, Adams & Co., but in a year or so this was changed to Robertson & Yoachum. Business was conducted under this title down to 1878, when Mr. Yoachum retired, and T. L. Robertson, the eldest son of our subject, came into the firm, the name being changed to J. W. Robertson & Son. Again the firm name was changed in 1884, the next elder son, W. L. Robertson, coming in, and it has since continued as J. W. Robertson & Sons. Our subject was well and favorably known all over the Ozark region, and had the confidence of a long and steadily increasing line of patrons. He accumulated a good property, and by his upright, honorable career won a host of warm friends. In 1886 he was one of the organizers of the Christian County Bank and the first president of the same, holding that position at the time of his death. He owned a large tract of land in this county, and was largely engaged and deeply interested in agricultural pursuits. He was also interested in the lead and zinc mines of the district. He was ever interested in political matters, being a stanch Democrat, and held a number of public offices, among them being county judge. Fraternally he was a member of Friend Lodge No. 352, A. F. & A. M., and was at one time master. This esteemed and most worthy citizen passed away on the farm near Ozark in August, 1887. He was married in Greene County, Mo., to Miss Martha J. Payne, a native of that county, born in 1835, and the daughter of Larkin and Rebecca Payne, who came to Greene County at an early day. Mrs. Robertson is now residing in Ozark, and is a lady who is highly esteemed. She and family are members of the Christian Church, in which the father was deacon for many years. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Robertson, as follows: T. L., W. L.; Mary E., who died when two years of age; Sarah A., who was the wife of Dr. A. M. Smith, died August 27, 1893; Lucy J. is the wife of Len Walker, of Springfield; Anna M. is the wife of Rev. W. F. Turner, of Lexington, Ky.; Rebecca B. resides with her mother in Ozark; John W., who is also with the mother; and James A. is a student in Drury College. Honest, industrious and enterprising, Mr. Robertson will long be remembered in the county.

James D. Stanly. The farming class of America, and especially of the Western States, is noted for the degree of intelligence that is possessed among its representatives. Mr. Stanly is one of the most progressive of men, and as a tiller of the soil, as well as a merchant, he has been successful, pushing and enterprising. He was born in Perry County, Tenn., to Henry T. and Jane (Dickson) Stanly, who were born and spent their lives in Tennessee, and inherits English blood of his father. He is the eldest living member of the children born to his parents, and he and his brother Harrison L. are the only

ones living in Marion County, Ark. He came to this section with an ox team, and upon his arrival here had but $150 in money. Having been brought up to a knowledge of farming, he began following this occupation upon starting out in life for himself, and in 1857 purchased a portion of the farm on which he is now residing, which at the present time consists of 700 acres of fine arable land, well adapted to the raising of all the products of that section. For some five or six months he was a soldier of the Civil War, and during that short time he was a participant in seventeen engagements, among which were Devall's Bluff, Iron Mountain, and all the engagements of the Price raid in Missouri. In the fall of 1864 he returned to Arkansas, and located on White River, remained there two years, and in 1865 he and his neighbors fought a hard battle with some guerrillas. In 1866 he returned to his present farm, and on this farm in 1870 he opened a general mercantile store, and has successfully conducted the same ever since, a period of twenty-four years. He has always been a substantial and enterprising citizen, held the position of postmaster before the war, and has long been a member of the Baptist Church, in which he holds the offices of deacon and clerk. Mr. Stanly was first married in Tennessee in 1854 to Miss Margaret Blackburn, and a family of fourteen children were given them: Carson W., William H., Albert L., Mary E., Joseph H., Nancy J., Thomas W., Marion T., Parthena A. (deceased), John C. (deceased), and the others died in infancy unnamed. The wife and mother died in 1878, and in 1882 Mr. Stanly wedded Sally H. Lancaster, who was born in Tennessee, a daughter of William H. Lancaster, and by her has five children: Matilda A., David B., Frances A., Lillie M. and James B. Mr. Stanly is a shrewd and practical business man, and he has the satisfaction of knowing that the property which he now has, has been acquired through his own unaided efforts.

Hon. William A. Pearce. The practical value of shrewdness and discrimination combined with strict probity is exemplified in the prosperous condition of those who transact business on these principles. Mr. Pearce is a man who has kept fully abreast of the times in the matter of enterprise, and is considered one of the most substantial and useful citizens of the town of Doniphan, Mo. He is a native of the Prairie State, born in Vienna in 1861, and is the son of I. N. Pearce, formerly a prominent merchant of Vienna. The father came to Missouri in 1878, settled in Butler County, and has held the office of probate judge almost ever since going there. He is now about seventy-nine years of age. William A. Pearce grew up in Vienna, Ill., received his education in the public schools, and then branched out as a printer, working on the *Old Yeoman*. He left there in 1878 and came to this county, where he became a printer for the *Prospect*. Mr. Pearce was but seventeen years of age when he came here and he had but 35 cents to his name. He worked for Pinckney Mabrey, was in his office two years, and then went with T. W. Mabrey, who established the *Prospect* and the *News* and consolidated them as the *Prospect News*. In 1887 Mr. Pearce sold his interest and formed a partnership with T. M. Thannisch and opened a general store. Two years later he engaged in business with R. E. Lee under the firm name of Pearce & Lee, and they have since built up an extensive trade. They are both live, enterprising business men and well deserve the success that has attended their efforts. In 1886 Mr. Pearce was elected to represent the county in the Legislature and was chairman of the Committee on Printing and Library and a member of the Committee on Accounts. In 1892 he was elected county treasurer and in 1894 will be reëlected. He is keenly alive to his responsibilities, fulfills them in the most prompt and thorough manner, and even his political enemies have come to understand that he is "the right man for the right place." Politically he has

always been in strong sympathy with the Democratic party. In the year 1884 he was married to Miss Kate S. Holbrook, a native of Hartford, Conn., and two sons and a daughter have been born to this union. He is a member of the K. of P. and the A. O. U. W. Mr. Pearce by his energy, industry and honorable dealing has been unusually successful. He has many friends and the respect generally of the best class of Ripley County citizens.

DR. L. KIRBY. In performing the arduous labors of the general medical practitioner, Dr. Kirby has been very conscientious in the discharge of his professional duties, is well up to the times in medical lore, and has the intelligence to properly apply his knowledge. As evidence of his skill and ability to adapt himself to circumstances, when he first commenced the practice of medicine, a child of G. J. Howells accidentally got a grain of corn in its windpipe and was in a dying condition from the same. Dr. Kirby met the father with his child in the street and performed the operation of cutting open the windpipe (tracheotomy), thus saving the child's life. He has become one of the foremost practitioners of the State, and the people of Boone County, Ark., are fortunate in having him as a citizen of their section. The Doctor was born on the Greene and Polk County, Mo., line December 1, 1850, the eldest child of B. F. and Serena (Bender) Kirby, the former of whom was born in Warren County, Ky., about 1828, a son of Tully C. and Nancy C. (Harrington) Kirby. The grandfather was also born in Warren County, November 11, 1802, his parents having been Jesse and Sophia (Choice) Kirby, the former being a Virginian and a son of David and Elizabeth (Torrent) Kirby, Virginians also. The founder of the family came from England and settled in Virginia long before the Revolution. He had three sons, David, Henry and Frank, the first mentioned of whom married in Virginia and became the head of the branch of the Kirby family to which the Doctor belongs. Several members of the family served in the Colonial Army during the Revolution, also in the War of 1812, John and Isaiah Kirby taking part in the last-mentioned struggle. The Kirbys located in Kentucky in 1795, where they accumulated a competence as farmers. Tully C. Kirby was one of the early pioneers of Dade County, Mo. (1840), and there passed from life in 1889, a well-to-do tiller of the soil. He was first an Old Line Whig in politics, afterward became a Republican, and during the great Civil War was a consistent Union man. He had a natural taste for medicine and often cared for the sick in his neighborhood without charges. He reared the following children: Benjamin F., Choice, John, James, Elizabeth, Jesse, Lucinda, Tully, Nancy and Fred. He and his wife were members of the Baptist Church, and her death occurred at about the same time as his own. B. F. Kirby, the Doctor's father, was a lad when brought to Missouri, and the common schools afforded him an education. With his brother Choice he enlisted in the Mexican War under Gen. Phil Kearney, and was in several engagements. After his return home he married and took up the study of medicine with his wife's father, Dr. Samuel Bender, and in 1854 graduated from the old McDowell College of Medicine in St. Louis, after which he began practicing at Dadeville, Mo., a calling he successfully followed until his death, in 1858. In politics he was a Whig, became a leader in the affairs of his section, was a warm patron of education and helped to establish the first school in his town, temperance movements also receiving hearty support from him. Dr. Samuel Bender, the maternal grandfather of the Doctor, was born in Maryland in 1795, a son of Henry Bender, who was born in Germany and who came to the United States about 1785. The family afterward moved from Maryland to Pennsylvania, thence in 1818 to Madison, Ind., and there, in 1820, Dr. Bender married Miss Mary A. Dawes, a native of Boston, a daughter of Caleb and Susan Dawes, who came to this country from England in 1778 and

settled first in New York and later in Boston. Dr. Bender was by trade a carpenter, was a skillful workman, and built the first winding stairs west of the Alleghany Mountains. He fitted himself for the practice of medicine in the Medical Department of the Transylvania University, did his first work in this line in Tennessee, and in 1841 became a resident of Dade County, Mo., and eventually one of the most successful physicians of that section, his services being called into requisition for many miles around. He died in 1867, having first been a Whig and later a Republican in politics. He was a surgeon in the Union Army for a short time during the war, was a member of the Christian Church and an active worker in the same. He reared the following children: Samuel, Selina, Clay, Serena, Ormal, Cerella, Oscar and Anneta. After the death of F. B. Kirby, his widow made her home with her brother, H. C. Bender, and there she was married in 1861 to Allen Scott, and died in Jasper County, Mo., in 1887, a worthy member of the Christian Church. To her first marriage three children were born: Dr. L.; Loretta, wife of J. O. Nicholson, of Harrison, Ark.; and an infant that died unnamed. The second marriage resulted in the birth of three children: Clarence L., Benjamin and Izora M. The boyhood days of Dr. Kirby were spent on a farm, and at the age of six years he entered the common schools, which he continued to attend up to 1867, with the exception of a considerable portion of the time during the war. He made his home with his step-father up to 1867, then went to Greenfield, Mo., to make his home with his grandfather Bender, but the death of the latter occurred one year later, and he then went to Mound City, Kan., and lived with an uncle, Dr. O. C. Bender, who was a graduate of Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia, Pa. He attended the public schools of Mound City and worked in a drug store, the while studying medicine, of which he finally took full charge and conducted the same successfully up to 1869, at which time he moved to Pleasanton, where he continued to conduct a drug store. In 1870 he returned to Dade County, Mo., and having commenced the study of medicine in 1868, he began practicing in Boone County in April, 1871, and here has since made his home. He graduated from the St. Louis Medical College in 1876, and he has since become one of the most prominent medical men of the State. He is a member of the State Medical Society, the Boone County Medical Association, and throughout life he has been an active and leading Republican politically. He was married in Harrison to Miss R. V. Crump, a daughter of Beverly Crump, of Virginia, and to the Doctor and his worthy wife the following children were born: Royal (deceased), Nora, Frank, Leonidas, Leander B., Hodgen H. and Alexander C. Dr. Kirby and his wife are members of the Christian Church and they stand high in the social circles of Boone County, as does he also in medical circles. He has practiced in all the counties of northern Arkansas, and has been very successful in the noble art of healing, and at the present time has by far the largest practice of any physician in the county. He has always taken much interest in education, and all material and moral interests of the country.

WILLIAM E. MCDOWELL. Given the ordinary average of intelligence and good judgment and a fair education, any man may make a success in the avenues of trade. In the profession of law he must be endowed with superior intelligence and have gone through years of careful study and training to be able to cope with the brilliant minds which do honor to the bench and bar. William E. McDowell, attorney at law, of Galena, Mo., is a gentleman of well-known ability and one who is an ornament to the profession. He is a native of Stone County, born one mile above the mouth of Flat Creek, at the old town site of Cape Fair, January 31, 1840. That town was undermined and fell in, and was completely destroyed during a big flood, about the year 1855. He

is a son of Wiley and Margaret (Williams) McDowell. The former was born in Simpson County, Ky., in 1814, moved to Stone County, Mo., in 1838, and settled on a farm one mile below the mouth of Flat Creek, near where the town of Cape Fair is now situated. There he lived until 1854, when he moved to another farm three miles southwest of Galena, on which he made his home until his death in January, 1875, at the age of sixty-one years. His father, John McDowell, of English descent, was for many years a resident of Simpson County, Ky., and died there in 1873. The mother of William E. McDowell was born in Simpson County, Ky., and in 1830 was married to Wiley McDowell, with whom she came to Missouri in 1838. She was called from life in 1852, after having become the mother of twelve children: John C., Elvira A., William E., Zachariah, Nancy J., Elizabeth, Henry, Robert, Elijah and Joseph, and two others, the last three having died in infancy. After the death of the mother of these children, the father re-married in 1854, Nancy Dennis becoming his wife. She was the widow of Hugh Dennis, an early resident of the county. To this second union four children were born: George W., Rebecca, Eliza E. and Nancy M. Wiley McDowell was always a Democrat in politics, and as a citizen he was highly respected by all. The boyhood days of William E. McDowell were spent on a farm near Cape Fair, Mo., and he was energetically engaged in tilling the soil and sawing lumber when the Civil War came on, but he abandoned the plow and saw-mill to take up arms in defense of the American flag, and on May 16, 1861, he enlisted in Capt. Wm. A. Carr's Company B, Stone County, Mo., Home Guards, from which he received honorable discharge November 6, 1861. In the spring of 1862 he pitched a crop on White River, four miles below the mouth of the James River, but divided his time about equally in plowing and hiding in the brush, during which period he was taken prisoner twice by the bushwhackers, but each time he successfully evaded their grasp. Growing tired of a mixture of farming and warfare, he on August 10, 1862, enlisted in Company G, First Arkansas Cavalry, under the celebrated Capt. R. E. M. Mack, with which he faithfully served until September, 1865, ranking part of the time as non-commissioned officer. His first engagement was at Yocum Creek, Ark., where the Federals were badly used up. He also took part in the fights at Cassville, Mo., Berryville, Ark., and the three hard-fought battles at Newtonia, Mo., all in the early fall of 1862, and at Prairie Grove in December, 1862, where his regiment lost their entire wagon and ambulance train, with their loading, teams and all, except one ambulance which carried the regimental flag. His regiment lost, in killed and prisoners, sixty odd men on that memorable day. He was in the battle of Ft. Smith, Ark., in 1863, and was in numerous other engagements and skirmishes, being with his command at the notorious battle at and retreat from Saline River, under Thayer and Steele, where they lost most of their train and heavy artillery. After that his regiment returned to Fayetteville, Ark., where a post was established which was held through seven different engagements. The last engagement in which he took part was with General Fagan at Fayetteville, Ark., when Price was returning from his last raid in Missouri. On that occasion his regiment alone held the town against seven thousand assailants, and on that day he fired eighty-four rounds, the enemy surrounding the town, driving the regiment into the fort at 8 o'clock A. M., and keeping them there until night came and gave relief. He was wounded in the right thigh and calf of the same leg at Van Buren, Ark., which kept him from active service for some time. He was taken prisoner three different times, but managed to make his escape and rejoin his command. On the last occasion he was watched with such vigilance that he barely escaped while his captors engaged a small squad of Federals in the darkness of night. On

being discharged in 1865 he returned to farming and saw-milling. In 1873 he was elected justice of the peace, which office he held most of the time until 1878, when he was elected judge of probate for Stone County. In 1882 he was reëlected to the same position, holding it until January, 1887. During that time he took up the study of pension laws under King Brothers, of Washington, D. C., and after a thorough and exhaustive preparation he was admitted to practice in the Interior and Pension Departments in 1890, and is now a successful practicing pension attorney and the only lawyer of Stone County who has donned the strait-jacket of the Interior Department. He informed me that he had 170 claims on his books, the majority of which are already allowed. He is considered one of the well-informed men of his county, not only in his profession, but on all subjects, and he has a sufficient patronage to keep him constantly employed. He has always been a Democrat in politics, and has at all times interested himself in the success of his party, but the President's veto of the seigniorage bill shook the very foundation plank of his platform, and it is not known how many more such shocks he can stand and be a loyal Democrat. William E. McDowell was born and reared in Stone County, is fifty-four years old, has never resided outside of Stone County. Although he at one time owned land in Arkansas, he never established his residence there. He now owns twenty acres of land near the celebrated Galena Medical Springs, on which land there is a sixteen-room hotel building erected, where the people gather in great numbers to drink the water and to take baths during the hot season. Mr. McDowell himself, being an invalid since 1867, finds immense relief in these springs. He is a loyal and consistent member of the Church of Christ, having been buried with Christ in baptism on August 13, 1873, since which time he has not turned to the right or to the left, but has continued (as he says) to keep his face set toward Jerusalem.

William Harrison Cecil, is a dry goods merchant in Harrison, Ark. (July 9, 1894), and was born in Newton County, Ark., on July 9, 1854. His parents were Riley and Sarah J. (Harrison) Cecil, the former born in Arkansas July 10, 1829, the latter in Tennesse, April 11, 1835. Riley was a son of Solomon Cecil, who was born in Tennessee in 1786, and who was married to Sally Hatfield, in Tennessee, in 1814. There were born to them seven sons and two daughters, Riley being the fifth child. Two sons and one daughter are now living in Visalia, Cal. Solomon Cecil moved to Arkansas in 1827, and settled in Newton County, on what is now known as Cecil Fork of Buffalo River, he being among the first settlers in this part of the country. At that time there were no settlers nearer than what is now called Yellville, then called Shawnee Town, being forty miles away, and this was where he had to do his milling. On Buffalo River the cane grew very thick and tall, growing as high as fifteen to twenty feet, on which horses and cattle would live throughout the winter without any other food; hogs would live there on the mast. He had to raise only corn and vegetables for the use of the family, wheat not being raised, as there were no wheat mills. Honey was plentiful in the woods, as was also game, such as bears, deer and turkeys, and his family were never without bear meat, venison and turkey. There were also wolves, panthers, wildcats and other wild animals. It was a frequent occurrence for bears to come near the house in daylight and catch his hogs, it being so frequent that when he heard a hog squeal he would get his gun and go to the hog, expecting to see a bear. When he went to mill he had to leave his wife and children alone, and one can imagine how lonely they were, the wolves howling around the house and the family expecting every moment that they would break through the clapboard door into the house. To show how plentiful deer were, on one occasion he and his brother went hunting on Monday morning and re-

turned Wednesday, having killed fourteen deer and several turkeys. At this time money was very little in use here, bear skins, peltry and furs being used in exchange for merchandise. At this time calico sold at 75 cents per yard and sheeting at 50 cents. He lived on Buffalo River two or three years before they had any preaching. When the preacher came (who was a Methodist), it was on the week-day, and the entire settlement would turn out to hear him, the services being conducted at some of the neighbors' houses (schools being unknown there at that time). In a few years, however, a school teacher moved into the settlement and opened a school in a house which was vacated by one of the neighbors. Occasionally an Indian would come into the settlement, ostensibly looking for something that he or his family might have left on their journey toward the setting sun, but he would disappear as mysteriously as he came, without molesting any of the settlers. After twenty-nine years of pioneer life, he died in 1856. After the death of Grandfather Cecil, his widow, Sally Cecil, together with all her children, except one son, and the most of her relatives, started, in the spring of 1857 on an overland journey to California, and was in the wagon train of which a part was massacred in Utah by the Mormons and Indians, known in history as the Mountain Meadow Massacre. Two days before the massacre she and her sons and a few others took another trail and thus escaped a horrible death. Sally Cecil died at Visalia, Cal., about 1880. Riley Cecil was married to Sarah J. Harrison September 10, 1852, she being daughter of R. W. and Clerinda (Austin) Harrison. He lived on Buffalo River, on a farm where he had spent most of his days. He was a successful tiller of the soil. Two children were born to them: William H. and Mary Jane (the latter on July 11, 1856). On February 10, 1856, Riley Cecil died, and was buried at the family burying ground. When Grandma Cecil left for California, Sarah J. Cecil went to live with her father. In 1858 R. W. Harrison, with his family, moved to Bluff Springs, Ark., in order to send his children to school, it being then the school center of this country. William H. attended school there about two years, going to one five-months' term without missing a single day. During the time he attended school he completed the first and second readers. At the approach of war, in 1860, Grandfather Harrison moved back to Jasper, Ark., where he remained until the winter of 1864, when he moved to near Springfield, Mo., on the Widow Eastham's farm, which farm he cultivated one year. The next year, 1866, he moved on Lewis Crenshaw's farm, three miles south of Springfield, Mo. During the summer William H. attended the public school. He had to commence again at the "ab, ac, and ad's," for during the war he had forgotten most all he had learned at Bluff Springs. In the winter of 1866, Grandfather Harrison moved back to Jasper, to find his farm grown up with briers and bushes and his houses burned, but he went to work with a will and soon had a house for his family and the farm cleared up. Grandfather Harrison was born September 26, 1810, died March 15, 1882. Clerinda (Austin) Harrison is still living and enjoying good health. She was born October 4, 1816, and lives with her daughter, Mrs. A. F. Davis, in Harrison. After returning from Missouri, William H. being thirteen years old, Sarah J. Cecil decided to leave her father's house and battle with the world for a living. Mr. A. F. Davis, her brother-in-law, had preceded her father from Missouri, and had rented a double log house and some land. He offered her one room and what land William H. could cultivate. She accepted the offer and took ten acres to cultivate in corn, William H. doing the plowing and she the hoeing. On one occasion when part of the crop needed plowing very badly, Mr. F. S. Baker closed his store one afternoon and kindly helped plow. The next year the grandfather gave Sarah J. Cecil some town lots in Jasper and

built her a house on them. She rented land near by, and William H. cultivated it, and by this means made support for the family. William H. attended the public schools, which were then taught in Jasper, in July, August and September, and attended subscription schools during the winter. In this way William H. and Mary J. secured a common-school education. On September 14, 1874, Mary J. was married to John Womack, of Harrison, Ark., where they now reside. They have had eight children, all living except two. Mr. Womack has lost his eyesight, but he has means to support his family. After the marriage of Mary J., mother and son continued to live together, and she still lives with him. On March 11, 1875, William H. was married to Virginia Letitia Baker, daughter of Andrew and Polly Baker. Mrs. Cecil was born in Virginia, October 9, 1854. (See sketch of F. S. Baker.) There have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Cecil six children, three sons and three daughters, of whom all are living except one daughter. Their names are as follows: Hattie Vivian was born December 19, 1875; Riley Bently was born April 20, 1880; Mintie Ora was born November 19, 1885, and died February 26, 1886; Walter Wesley was born August 26, 1887; Troy Otis was born February 13, 1890; Lulu Evangel was born June 2, 1893. Hattie Vivian attended the public schools of Harrison, and in June, 1892, she graduated in the high school department, under the instructions of Prof. H. P. Burney. In September of the same year she attended Stephens' Female College, at Columbia, Mo., and in June, 1893, graduated in the school of English, degree of B. L. Returning home in the same year, she was employed as a teacher in the public school of Harrison. This school employs seven teachers, of which Prof. C. L. Scott was superintendent. During the two years William H. was eighteen and nineteen, he taught two three-months' terms of public school. He commenced his business career by selling groceries for John Womack at Jasper, for which services he received $16.66 per month, boarding himself. In March, 1877, together with his mother, he moved to Harrison, Ark., and in August of the same year accepted a position as assistant in the postoffice under Mr. F. S. Baker. With what he had saved from his wages, and from the sale of some stock, his wealth consisted of $300. When he came to Harrison he invested $150 in a house and two lots for a home, and the other $150 he invested, together with an equal amount by Mr. F. S. Baker, in a stock of groceries. At this time they paid 25 cents per pound for green coffee and 13 cents per pound for brown sugar. In the spring of 1880, Messrs. Baker and Cecil bought Mr. E. Stillwell's stock of groceries and hardware, amounting to about $1,300, for which they went in debt to him for $700. They soon reduced the stock and paid the $700. They continued this business until the fall of the same year, when Mr. Z. W. Murphy was taken into co-partnership with them, and they added a stock of dry goods. On account of his wife's ill health, Mr. Murphy did not continue in business but a few months, selling his interest to Messrs. Baker and Cecil, who continued the business in connection with the postoffice until the spring of 1883, when Mr. Cecil sold his interest in the store to Messrs. Phillips and Baker, for whom he worked two years as salesman and book-keeper. In April, 1885, Mr. Cecil engaged in the dry goods business alone, employing James A. Flinn as salesman, who remained with him until June, 1890. In May, 1888, Mr. Cecil took as a partner in his business Mr. A. F. Davis, at the same time buying the entire stock of merchandise and the business house of Messrs. J. T. & G. W. Penn, the transaction involving $9,000, at this time employing J. N. Paul as salesman, who is still with him. In the fall of 1890, Messrs. Cecil and Davis mutually dissolved partnership by dividing their stock of merchandise, Mr. Davis moving in an adjoining house. In October, 1892, both of their store buildings were burned, they saving most of

their goods. In May, 1893, Mr. Cecil built the one-story brick building, 22x80 feet, on the southwest corner of the public square, which he now occupies. He carries a $6,000 stock of merchandise, consisting of dry goods, notions, boots and shoes, hats, and men's and boys' ready-made clothing. He is doing a good business, amounting to from $12,000 to $15,000 per year. He buys for cash, getting the very lowest prices and all discounts that are offered. Besides his valuable town property, he is the owner of 319 acres of excellent farm land near Harrison, all of which has come into his possession by his own efforts. He is recognized as being one of the leading business men of Harrison. Although a stanch Republican in politics, he is not a politician. He has held a few city offices, but is not inclined to want office. He and wife and oldest son hold their membership with the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, of which he is an elder. He is also the superintendent of their Sunday-school. All measures educational, religious and moral are heartily supported by him. He attributes his success in business, first, to selecting a business and sticking to it; second, by exercising economy in his business; third, by asking his Heavenly Father to help him in temporal as well as in spiritual things.

Z. M. Horton was born in territory now embraced in Stone County, Ark., September 27, 1858. Moved with his parents to North Carolina in 1861, and returned to Arkansas in 1869, and has ever since resided in Baxter County, Ark. Was educated at Mountain Home Male and Female Academy, of Mountain Home, Ark. Quit school at the age of eighteen, and began to teach in the public schools of the country, and read law at night and on Saturdays. Continued this course most of his time until he was twenty-one years of age, when he was licensed to practice law in 1879. Began the practice of the law at his present location, Mountain Home, Ark., in January, 1880, and has been very successful, both from professional and financial standpoints. Has accumulated considerable property. In politics a Democrat; never held any office, except that of Democratic presidential elector for Fifth Congressional District of Arkansas in the campaign of 1888. Has never been an office-seeker. Has devoted his time to the study and the practice of the law. Married Miss Kate Paul Hicks October 9, 1887. Has two children: a girl, Lucille, five years old, and Paul, a boy of two. A man of medium size, light complexion, and has always enjoyed splendid health. Second son of Dr. M. W. Horton, an old pioneer of Arkansas, who was one of the first settlers of Searcy County. His father was born and reared in Yancey County, N. C., and came to Arkansas when quite a young man.

David Magness. It matters little what vocation a man selects as his life occupation so long as it is an honorable one. If he is an honest, upright man, courteous in his intercourse with his fellow-men, and possessed of the average amount of energy and perseverance, he is bound to make a success of whatever he undertakes. One of the most noted and successful firms in Newton County is that of Cantrell, Magness & Co., general merchants, cotton buyers, etc., of Western Grove. David Magness is a native of this State, born in Marion County in 1845, and he is a son of Samuel and Almira (Onstott) Magness. The father was a native of the Old North State, born in 1818, and came with his parents to Marion County, Ark., at a very early day. There he grew to mature years, received a limited education, and married. A prominent and successful farmer and stockraiser, and an honest, industrious citizen, no man in the county had more friends. His death occurred in Marion County in 1857, when in the prime of life. He was a Free-Will Baptist in his religious belief. His brothers and sisters were named as follows: Joseph, William, Wilshire, Robert, Hugh, Teaff, Elizabeth, Annie, and Jane, who is the wife of Mr. Pumphry, of Lead Hill, the only one now living. Their father, Joseph Magness,

came to Marion County in a very early day and settled in Pawpaw thickets, where he improved a good farm, and died many years ago. He was a prominent farmer and stockraiser. The mother of David Magness died in 1875, when fifty-three years of age. She held membership in the Christian Church. Her father, David Onstott, came to Taney County, Mo., in a very early day, located at the mouth of Beaver Creek, and improved a good farm. There his death occurred many years ago. He had two sons: Mariam, who went to California in an early day, and Henry, who died before the war. He also had several daughters. David Magness is the eldest of seven children, as follows: William, of Lead Hill; Parthena, deceased, was the wife of Peyton Keesee; Eliza, deceased, was the wife of Isaac Keesee; Annie, wife of Isaac Keesee; Patsey, deceased, was single, and Margaret F., deceased, was also single. Owing to circumstances over which he had no control Mr. Magness received a very limited education in his youth. When the war broke out he served a short time in the Confederate Army, and then took a trip to Texas, where he remained for some time. Returning, he was married in 1872 to Miss Savannah J. Hefner, a native of Georgia, and the daughter of Levi Hefner, who came to Marion County in 1868. Mrs. Magness died in 1890, leaving three children: Horace R., Bertie M. and Ottus H. In 1890 Mr. Magness married Miss Paralee Roland, daughter of Robert and Jane Roland, old settlers of Boone County, where Mrs. Magness was born. In the year 1853 Mr. Magness began merchandising at Powell, Marion County, and six years later moved to Lead Hill, where he had a thriving business until 1880. He then moved to Western Grove, where he farmed for eight years, and then the present firm was established. This is the strongest mercantile firm in the county, and one of the most prosperous in northwest Arkansas. Mr. Magness is a thoroughgoing and live business man, and all his enterprises meet with success. During the year 1893 the firm's sales amounted to over $35,000, and thus far this season has handled 535 bales of cotton. Mr. Magness has full charge of the business, as Messrs. Cantrell and Pumphrey are established at Lead Hill. He resides one-half mile north of town, where he has a fine farm of 148 acres, well improved and well stocked. He started in business in 1870 with $250, and his success is due to his energy, perseverance and good management. He is a member of the Christian Church, as was also his first wife, but the present wife holds membership in the Methodist Church. In politics he is a Democrat.

L. G. EBLEN. Coming to Howell County, Mo., when ten years of age, L. G. Eblen has since made for himself an honored position among the representative men of the county, and has been closely identified with many of its best interests. He is at present the county collector and his reputation is not merely local, but extends over a wide stretch of country. Mr. Eblen is a native of Tennessee, born in Weakley County, July 17, 1859, and the fourth in order of birth of seven children born to Isaac and Sarah (Harvey) Eblen. The elder Eblen was born in Henry County, Tenn., in 1824, and is descended from an old and honored family in this country. He grew up in Tennessee, attended the early schools of that State, and there remained until 1870, when he came to Missouri and located northeast of West Plains. He homesteaded a farm and is still living in the same part of the county. He has always followed agricultural pursuits and is a well to-do, useful citizen. Before leaving Tennessee he was married to Miss Harvey, whose father was an early settler of that State, and she died in January, 1892. Their children were named as follows: Mexico, now the wife of J. W. Weatherly, a farmer of this county; Rufus died in infancy; Oscar died when twenty years of age; L. G., subject; Francis C., a farmer near the old homestead; L., a farmer in the same neighborhood, and Joseph is living at Alton, Oregon County, and is editor of the

south Missouri paper. The elder members of this family were Hardshell Baptists, but the younger were with the Missionary Baptist Church. L. G. Eblen passed his boyhood and youth on the old home farm and gained a good practical education in the schools of his district. When twenty years of age he began teaching in Howell County, followed this for three years, and was then elected sheriff of the county. This was in 1882, and as he was but twenty-three years of age, he was the youngest sheriff in the State. This did not prevent him from making a very efficient and capable official and during the two years he was in office he had some important criminals in his charge. In 1887 he was appointed postmaster at West Plains under President Cleveland and held the office three years and three months. In 1890 he was elected to the office of county collector and reëlected in 1892, filling the office with credit to himself and his constituents. He has always been a strong Democrat in politics and is active in public matters. Mr. Eblen is a member of the First Baptist Church of West Plains. He has stock in the Farmers' and Merchants' Bank of West Plains, owns real estate in the city and has a farm one mile west of this place. He is living in the southeast part of West Plains, where he has a neat residence, and this is presided over by his wife, formerly Miss Elizabeth Williams, of Oregon County, daughter of W. D. and Alphie (Simms) Williams, now of this city, but formerly of Oregon County. Mr. and Mrs. Eblen have two living children: Carrie and Ona. They lost a son, Clarence G. Mr. Eblen is a deacon in the church and his wife holds membership in the same. He contributes liberally to all church and school organizations and is a public-spirited citizen.

Samuel Turner, deceased, one of the leading merchants and most prominent citizens of Douglas County, Mo., was born in Indiana, November 3, 1836, a son of William and Hannah (West) Turner, and grandson of James Turner, all of whom settled near Arno, Mo., in 1839, or 1840, and there engaged in farming. The grandfather was a soldier in a number of the early Indian wars, and died in Missouri, in 1861, when quite advanced in years. His wife, Mary, died in Arno, a few years after his death, at the age of eighty-four. William Turner located in Lynn County, Mo., after the war and there he breathed his last in 1876. Capt. Samuel Turner, when a mere child, moved with his parents to Spring Creek, Douglas County, Mo., and soon moved to the present site of Arno, where he lived until his death, with the exception of two years. When his country's honor was assailed, he proved his loyalty to his country by going to the front as a volunteer. He enlisted in the Webster County Missouri Home Guards, and served for some time; was enrolled in the Seventy-third Regiment of enrolled Missouri Militia, under Col. Parmer, and served six months, when he enlisted in the Sixth Provisional Regiment of Missouri Volunteers, under Col. Sheppard, during which time he was assistant quartermaster-general, and at the termination of this service he joined the Sixteenth Missouri Cavalry, and served until the close of the war as quartermaster-general, ranking as captain. At the close of the war he returned to his home at Arno, entering into the mercantile business and farming and stockraising. He carved out of the valleys of Cowskin, Beaver and Prairie Creek one of the largest and best farms in the county. He was a member of the G. A. R., and socially he was a member of the A. F. & A. M. and the I. O. O. F. He was a very successful and honorable business man, and in politics a firm and steadfast believer in the principles of the Republican party. He was deeply interested in the educational interests of his country, and, at his own expense, fitted up and successfully run the Arno Academy, the nursery of the educational interests of the Ozark Mountains. His wife, Mrs. Sarah (Lyons) Turner, is a daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Page) Lyon, the

former of whom was born in Ohio, a son of Joseph Lyon, who is supposed to have been killed in the War of 1812. The father of Mrs. Turner came to Missouri in 1838 and for about five years lived on a farm on Crane Creek in Stone County, Mo., and was there married to Miss Page, whose father, John Page, was a pioneer of St. Louis, was a miner and was one of the first to do any work of this kind in Stone County. Mrs. Turner's mother was born in Missouri, and is still living, making her home with her children; but the father of Mrs. Turner was killed in 1862 by guerrillas, while a member of the Home Guards. He was a miller by trade, and also operated a carding machine, and to him is due the credit of having built the first flouring mill in Douglas County, but he was also engaged in tilling the soil. He was twice married, first to Sarah Vorse, before coming to this State, and by her had one child, America, who is living in Dade County, the wife of Mr. McLamor. By his second wife he became the father of the following children: Hannah, wife of John Clinkingbeard, of this county; Mary F., wife of Solomon Cox, of Ft. Smith, Ark.; Irving, of California; Louise Davis, of Ava; Joseph McClurg, of Taney County; Josephine, wife of George Pearcy; Matilda, who died at the age of eighteen; Minerva, wife of John Kirk, of Taney County; Orval, married and became the father of four children, two of whom died. To Samuel Turner and his wife the following children were born: William J.; Mary, wife of George Pearcy, died soon after her marriage; Louise is the wife of Amos Gibson, of Oklahoma Territory; Ida is the wife of John Moloy, of Ava; Samuel Edward is in business at Arno; Sallie J. is attending school at Drury College; Lillie, Frank and Loice. Mrs. Turner has an abundance of this world's goods, and has many friends in the section in which she resides, as did her husband, who was one of the most worthy men of Douglas County.

WILLIAM C. MCENTIRE. This substantial citizen owes his nativity to the Old North State, where he was born February 5, 1838, a son of Champion and Sarah (Waters) McEntire, both of whom were born in North Carolina in 1806, and on January 10, 1846, landed in Yellville, Ark., in which place they lived for one year prior to moving to Bruno. They purchased a claim near this place, and here made their home until the father's death, March 2, 1879. He was a Union sympathizer during the war, and at that time was a resident in Greene County, Mo. After the war he returned to Arkansas, and prior to his death became the owner of an excellent farm of 238 acres, and was well and favorably known throughout northern Arkansas. He was a public-spirited citizen, and was a member of the Baptist Church, as was his wife who died May 2, 1888. Their children were as follows: John, who died at Salt Lake City many years ago; James was killed while with Price on his Missouri raid; Lawson was killed in the Mountain Meadow Massacre; William C., the subject of this sketch; Joseph, who died in 1873, was a farmer of this county and was a soldier in the Union Army; Rachel D. is the wife of Dr. Elam; and Arch, who is living in this county. The maternal grandfather, John Waters, was a Revolutionary soldier. William C. McEntire came from North Carolina to Arkansas, with his parents, in a wagon, the journey thither occupying about three months. He received a fair education in the common schools, and at the age of twenty-one years enlisted in Company I, Twelfth Texas Cavalry, with which he served faithfully and well for four years, taking part in the battles of Mansfield, Pleasant Hill, Yellow Bayou, and was with Gen. Banks on his raid of twenty-eight days in Louisiana. He served as corporal part of the time, and after the war located in Williamson County, Tex. He remained there but a short time, when he came to Marion County, Ark., and in 1871 was married to Miss Sarah A. Cash, whose parents were Newton and Lee Ann (Mays) Cash, the latter of whom was called from life when her daughter,

Sarah A., was quite small. The father is living in Searcy County. Mrs. McEntire was born in that county March 19, 1854, and she and Mr. McEntire have a family of eight children: Pat O., Sarah A., Thomas, James, Lorenzo, William L., George M. and Turner. Mr. McEntire has a fine farm of 160 acres, on a portion of which the town of Bruno is located, and he has done much to build up and improve the place. He has a good mill and cotton gin there, is active and wide awake, and has succeeded in accumulating a good property. He is a man of good business ability, a substantial and worthy citizen, and his friends are numerous. He has always been a Democrat.

E. G. FRIEND, who was born near his present home near Sparta, Christian County, Mo., August 29, 1833, is one of the prominent farmers and stockraisers of his section, and a man well posted on agricultural topics. He is a son of William and Elizabeth (Grimes) Friend, and a grandson of James Friend, who was a native of Scotland. The latter crossed the ocean with his two brothers to America at an early date, and settled in the grand old State of Virginia, where he was married and raised a large family. Later he moved to Ohio, and from there to Missouri, where he settled near New Madrid. There he resided for some time and then moved to Marion County, Ark., but remained there only a few years, when he died there in the twenties, at the age of one hundred and ten years. He reared a large family as follows: Andrew, Gabriel, James, Augustine, Jessie and William, and others forgotten. His wife died while he was residing in the Buckeye State or in Virginia, and was of German origin. Our subject's father, William, who was a native of Ohio, moved to Minaberton, Mo., and resided there a short time and then moved to Linden, on the classical Finley, a stream running through Christian County, after the death of his father, and made his home there until 1853, when his death occurred at the age of sixty-nine years. His wife, who was a native of the Hoosier State, passed away in 1847. William Friend was one of the most noted hunters of his day, and killed many deer and bears, panthers and elks and other smaller game; he has also killed elks in the vicinity of where the town of Sparta is situated. When the family first located at Linden it was a camping ground for the Indians, and neighbors were few and far between. Our subject's father, William Friend, was the first white settler in Christian County, Mo., his nearest neighbor being fifty miles away. Later on Jeremiah Pearson moved and located where the town of Waldo, Webster County, is now situated, and he was the nearest neighbor at that time. Another neighbor, Thomas Paterson, moved in the neighborhood and settled at the little Indian village on the James River called Delaware Town, fifteen miles away; this place was named after the tribe of Indians that resided in it. William Friend was a soldier in the Indian wars, was in many battles with the Indians, and was taken prisoner by the Indians several times, but always made his escape. William Friend owned a large tract of 300 acres of land on both sides of the Finley, where the town of Linden is now situated. Thirteen children were the fruits of his marriage: Isaac died young; Hannah died young; James, who died in 1858, was married and the father of a number of children; Andrew died in Taney County in 1850, was married and raised two children; Elsie was the wife of Joseph Murray, raised a large family, was a member of the Baptist Church and is now deceased; Catharine married John Martin, raised a large family and is now deceased; Reason, residing three miles from Sparta, is seventy-four years old, was in the late Civil War and is able to travel about; William, who died in 1868, raised a family of three children, served as first licutenant, Seventy-Second Regiment, Company H, of Missouri, and was sheriff of Christian County about the close of the war; Armetta, deceased, was the wife of Robert Stubbs, raised a large family, and was a member of the Baptist Church; Hiram was a married man, raised no children,

devoted the greater part of his time to the study of the Scriptures, was a member of the Methodist Church for a number of years, and died in 1884; Elizabeth was the wife of Garrett Harrison, raised no children, was the youngest girl of the family, and is deceased; and our subject, E. G. Friend, who is the youngest of the family. In the common schools of the county our subject passed his school days, and assisted on the home place until the father's death in 1853. From there, in 1855, he went with Gen. Pool on the plains, searching for the discovery of Pike's Peak, but failed to find it and returned home, and in the spring of 1857 he in company with William Cloud and John Thrower and families crossed the plains to California, not knowing they would ever return to their native State again, as the plains at that date were lined with red men, who were seeking the lives of all the whites they could find, scalping men, women and children. He arrived safely in California, stayed in that country until 1861, became the possessor of some wealth and then returned to New York on ship and then to Missouri. As the war question was becoming somewhat agitated he became dissatisfied with Missouri and returned to California by the way of New York, and from there on ship to San Francisco. Returning to Missouri the second time from California on the ocean and then enlisted in the Seventy-second Regiment, Company H, Missouri Volunteers, serving until peace was declared. He was in a number of prominent engagements and numerous skirmishes, and was taken prisoner at one time. At the close of the war he got a sub-contract from Joseph Weaver to buy mules, horses and cattle for the Government, following this for some time; he then located on his farm, and since that time has been farming and handling stock, and has 440 acres of good farming land; his farm is one of the best in Christian County. All his life Mr. Friend has advocated the principles of the Republican party, and the members of this family were strong Unionists during the war. On the 7th of October, 1863, E. G. Friend was married to Miss Charlottie Tyndall, the oldest daughter of William V. Tyndall, who raised a large family in Christian County, Mo. She was born in 1843, she is a member of the Sparta Baptist Church. The following children were the fruits of this union: William V. died when young; Elias G., Jr., single, is a farmer and stock dealer, was elected to the important and responsible office of public administrator of Christian County, Mo., for two terms, is a Mason and belongs to Friend Lodge No. 352; Elizabeth died when young; Tima Dec., born December 5, 1869, died February 24, 1894, was a member of the Sparta Baptist Church; Hiram, single, is a farmer and stock dealer; Hannah, the youngest child, single. E. G. Friend joined the Masons, Chico Lodge No. 111, A. F. & A. M., Chico, Cal., in 1860; he moved his dimit to Springfield, Mo., to United Lodge. He afterward helped organize the first Masonic lodge in Christian County, at Ozark. The lodge was named for Mr. Friend, Friend Lodge No. 352. He was a member there a number of years, and was a strong supporter of Masonry having taken out his dimit from Friend Lodge No. 352, and helped organize the first lodge in Sparta, Mo., Sparta Lodge No. 296, of which he is still a member. He is also a member of Capt. Robertson Post, G. A. R., Ozark. Being one of the pioneers of the county, Mr. Friend has witnessed all the wonderful changes that have taken place, and has contributed his share toward its advancement. He is a self-made man and one of the representative citizens of the county. He belongs to the Church of Christ.

JOHN MALOY, deceased. Although the gentleman whose name heads this sketch has "passed to that bourne whence no traveler returns," his walk through life was characterized by so much honor and such an earnest desire to benefit his fellows and the section in which he resided, that his memory will remain green in the hearts of the many citizens of Stone County, Ark. He

was born in Bengal, County Tyrone, Ireland, and when but a lad crossed the stormy ocean to America and landed at Quebec, thence to New York, from which place he went to Memphis, Tenn., and in 1844 to Sylamore, on the White River in Arkansas, where he built, if not the first, one of the very first stores ever erected in that place. He afterward cleared a farm on White River, near his store, and embarked in the raising of stock, and at that time the only thing that prevented the stock business from being a paying one, was that bears and wolves made too many raids on his flocks. Later he moved near Mountain View, and at a still later period to the headwaters of the Sylamore, where his career was closed by death in 1891, at the age of eighty-five years. His wife, Ann Finley, survives him with seven children, but bore him eight children: James, the eldest son, was killed in a street car accident in St. Louis in January, 1894; Isaac F. was a merchant and postmaster at Mountain View for some time, but is now a farmer; John resides in Richwoods and is a farmer; W. F. resides on the old homestead; Mary is the wife of Judge Cothron of Stone County; Nancy is the wife of David Dodson, of Mountain View; Ireland is the wife of S. N. Cooper, who farms near Mountain View. J. L. Maloy was born on May 21, 1859, and in his youth was given the advantages of the common schools of Stone County, and after reaching manhood taught school for some time. He was then engaged in farming on the old home place for a few years, then located in Timbo, and with his brother James, opened a general mercantile store, which partnership lasted until 1888, since which time J. L. Maloy has been in business by himself, and for some time ably discharged the duties of postmaster of Timbo under Harrison's administration. Mr. Maloy also gives considerable attention to farming, an occupation to which he had been reared, and has found this business to be both profitable and pleasing. In 1887 he was united in marriage with Miss S. N. Tubbs, a daughter of Dr. Tubbs, of Timbo, and they have a comfortable and hospitable home. Mr. Maloy is a stanch Republican, but has never been an office-seeker.

Capt. James T. Hopper. This gentleman is one of the very oldest residents of Boone County, Ark., and resided in this vicinity long before such a town as Harrison was thought of. He is a product of Warren County, Tenn., his birth occurring on his parents' farm, January 3, 1832, being the fifth in a family of nine children born to Moses and Rebecca (Hicks) Hopper, the former of whom was born in Kentucky in 1802, his father, Gillum Hopper being of English birth. Upon coming to this country he settled first in Virginia, then in North Carolina, then in Kentucky, and finally in Tennessee. He was a Democrat, as was also Moses Hopper, and the latter was, like his father, a tiller of the soil. He was a man of education, was liberal, generous and high-minded, and prior to his death, which occurred in 1862, he became possessed of a comfortable competency. He was killed by bushrangers near Harrison, in Boone County, Ark., on account of his Union principles, although he took no active part in the war. He was very charitably inclined, and is still gratefully remembered by many a poor man whom he generously assisted along the hard pathway of life. He came thither from Tennessee in 1851, and made a good home one mile north of Harrison. His wife was a daughter of A. Hicks, a Virginian by birth, who at an early day became a resident of Tennessee, where he died. He was a soldier of the War of 1812, and is supposed to have been with Jackson at New Orleans. Mrs. Hopper was born in 1804, and died in 1862, shortly before her husband was killed. She became the mother of nine children, all of whom reached maturity, six being still alive: Archibald, who is living on Long Creek, in Boone County; Nancy, who married Hiram Cantrell, of Tennessee, and died in this county in 1881 or 1882; William, who died July 12, 1893, having been a successful stock dealer of Kansas; Eliza,

wife of Luke Holmes, of Polk County, Mo.; James T.; Paralee, who is the wife of W. McCormick, of Taney County, Mo.; Jane E., who is the wife of Joseph Spear, of this county; Gillum, who is living one and one-half miles north of Harrison; Ruth, who was the wife of Henry Thomason, of this county, died in 1879. The mother of these children was an active worker in and member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was a woman of Christian fortitude and bravely bore her share of the hardships and privations of life in a new and unbroken country. She and her husband reared their children to industrious manhood and womanhood and left them with a competency at the time of their death. Capt. Hopper spent his early life and school days in his native county in Tennessee, and after coming to Arkansas entered Fayetteville College. After leaving school at the age of nineteen he began doing for himself and embarked in the raising of stock. In 1859 he married and located on a farm on which a portion of the town of Harrison now stands, which portion is known as Hopper's Addition. This farm comprised 100 acres on Crooked Creek and Mr. Hopper was successfully engaged in tilling it for many years before the town was founded. In 1862 he was commissioned a recruiting officer by Col. Johnson of the First Arkansas Infantry, was located at Springfield, and operated in southwest Missouri and northwest Arkansas. He was in a number of spirited engagements in Carroll County, Ark. After the war the Captain came home and located on his farm, and is now living in a handsome and comfortable home, probably one of the finest in the county. The entire farm is laid out in town lots and a large portion of it has been built up. At various times he has also been engaged in merchandising and he is now giving considerable of his time to the milling business, his mill being known as the Little Jersey and is located on Crooked Creek, whose waters operate it. It is fitted up with the buhr system and has a capacity of seven barrels per day. Besides the property above mentioned he has a good farm in the country and a tract of timber and grazing land, besides a large amount of stock. The Captain has always been a Republican in politics, and his first presidential vote was cast for Bell, of Tennessee. He held the office of registrar during the reconstruction period, and was elected to represent Carroll County in the State Legislature, and while a member of that body introduced a bill for the division of Carroll County, and Boone County was formed. He was a member of the assembly of 1868–69, has always been interested in public affairs, and is liberal in his support of worthy causes. He is a member of the A. F. & A. M., and he and his wife, whom he married in 1859, and whose maiden name was Millie Deshazo, are members of the Christian Church. She is a daughter of James and Nancy (Turbyville) Deshazo, the former of whom became a resident of this county before the war, and was killed in 1863, while serving in the Confederate Army. He was born in Tennessee about 1799, and became a resident of Arkansas in 1851, his wife's death occurring in this county in 1886, her birth having occurred in 1809. Mr. Deshazo was of French extraction and he and his wife were members of the Christian Church. Their children were as follows: Mary, the deceased wife of Perry Magness; Benjamin was a soldier of the Confederate Army and is deceased; Elizabeth is living in this county, the wife of John Baker; Allen was killed in the Mountain Meadow Massacre by the Mormons; Eliza died in 1867, the wife of William Patts; Richard died while serving in the Confederate Army; Millie (Mrs. Hopper); Bird was a soldier in the Union Army, and was killed in Texas in May, 1889; Docia' is the wife of Thomas Bains, of Harrison, Ark.; Garrett, also resides in Harrison; Tennessee is the wife of Dennis Mosely, of Harrison, and Victoria, who resides in this county, is the wife of William Straud. Capt. Hopper began the battle of life as a school teacher and in every occupation to which he has given

his attention he has met with the best of success. His business career has been marked by the most honorable methods. He has been charitable, public-spirited and law-abiding and he fully deserves the respect and esteem which is accorded him by all who know him.

JUDGE W. G. MATHES. Reynolds County, Mo., has the distinction of being the place where, on September 4, 1839, Judge W. G. Mathes came into this world to make a record for integrity and uprightness which will be remembered as long as Stone County lasts. For over fifty years he has resided in this county, is a representative citizen of the same, and perhaps has done as much for its advancement as any other man. His parents, David and Elizabeth (Allen) Mathes, were natives of Warren County, Tenn. The father was reared in that State, and in 1843 came to Missouri, where he passed the closing scenes of his life. The mother moved to Stone County the same year that he died and settled on what is known as the McCord farm, where she resided about sixteen years. Her family consisted of these children: James, Polly, Rebecca, Nancy, Elizabeth, John, William, Wilson, Margaret, W. G. Mathes. (the subject of this sketch) and Minerva. The mother died about 1867. She was a member of the Baptist Church, in which the father also held membership. He was a lifelong farmer, and, in the early settlement of this county, underwent many hardships and privations. This family is of Scotch-Irish origin, and, on the paternal side, descendants of a soldier of the Revolution and of the Black Hawk War. For the father's service in the former war the mother secured a land warrant. The Allens were early settlers of Tennessee. Our subject was but an infant when the family moved to Stone County, and here he grew to sturdy manhood. On account of the nearest school being four or five miles distant, he received but a limited education and devoted most of his attention to tilling the soil, for he decided to make that his life's calling. In 1859 he was married to Miss Dorcas Anderson, a daughter of Samuel and Mary (McKinsie) Anderson, and a native of White County, Tenn., born September 14, 1836. Her parents came to Missouri in 1837, located in Greene County, about four miles east of Springfield, and resided there four years. Thence they moved to James River, in Stone County, about four miles above Galena, and resided there for many years. In 1860 they moved to Douglas County, where the mother died three years later, and the father returned to Stone County, and died in 1865, close to where he first settled. He was the father of seven children as follows: Martha, Elizabeth, Sarah, Anna, Helen, Dorcas and Eliza. The parents attended the Christian Church, and the father was a Republican in politics. The latter came from old Revolutionary stock, his father having fought bravely for independence. Mrs. Mathes was but a year old when brought to this State by her parents, and she early became familiar with the duties of pioneer life. After his marriage our subject moved to Douglas County, Mo., and, after living on a farm there for three years, moved to Webster County, where he remained until 1868. He then returned to Stone County, settled on the James River, three miles north of Galena, where he resided for nineteen years. Thence he moved to the northern part of Stone County, and, three years later, came to his present property. He is the owner of 279 acres with 160 under cultivation, and is an extensive stock-raiser and practical farmer, having made a decided success in both. In political matters he is with the Republican party. During the Civil War he enlisted in Company B, Sixth Missouri Regiment, and served about six months. After this he enlisted in the Ranger service under Capt. Green, served eighteen months, and then enlisted under Capt. Gardner and served until the close of the war. He was in active service for three years or more and was made a prisoner of war in Douglas County, but soon after discharged. Mr. Mathes

was elected to the office of probate judge in 1890 by a large majority, and has ever been active in political matters. He is a member of the Baptist and his wife is a member of the Christian Church, and both are active workers in their respective churches. Six children have been born to our subject and wife: Mattie, who died when small; Mary F., the wife of Bent May, resides north of Galena and has four children (William, Benjamin, Vernice, and an infant, Atta Ed Kes); Nancy E. married James Hunt, and resides on Wilson Run, four miles from Galena (they have six children—Vedie, Edwina, Walter, Oscar, Edna and Roma, an infant); William, a single man, runs a livery stable at Galena; James died when nineteen years of age; and John is married and living on James River. The Judge and family are classed among the best citizens of the county.

CAPT. J. W. STORY. This able attorney at law has his office at Harrison, Ark., and in every branch of his profession he is meeting with marked success. He has a decided veneration for the law, and this, combined with the accuracy of his legal knowledge, lucidity of statement and felicity of illustration has given him the confidence of all his patrons. He is a native of Tennessee, and a son of N. W. and Katie Story, who lived and died in White County of that State. His father was a successful farmer, a man of pure and exalted character, who enjoyed in a high degree the confidence and esteem of his neighbors. The subject of this sketch was one of a family of four sisters and three brothers. The other two brothers are now prominent lawyers of Sparta, Tenn. The early life of Capt. J. W. Story was spent in his native State, and there he obtained his education. He graduated from the Law Department of Cumberland University at Lebanon, Tenn., in 1868, and entered upon the practice of his profession in that city the same year. In 1873 he went to Sherman, Tex., but since 1885 he has been a resident of Harrison, Ark., and one of its most successful practicing attorneys. He has devoted himself exclusively to his profession and is justly considered one of the foremost attorneys of Boone County. Since locating here he has been connected with the most important cases that have come up in the courts of his section and has conducted them with dignity, discretion and ability. In politics he has always been a stanch Democrat. In religion he is a Cumberland Presbyterian. He is an active and interested worker in the cause of education. In the honorable order of Masonry he is a Knight Templar. Capt. Story was married in 1876 to Miss Mollie Goree, a highly refined and accomplished daughter of Dr. J. L. and Mary E. Goree. Her parents settled in Arkansas County, Ark., in 1852, where they resided until the death of her father after the war. Her father was a prominent physician and planter. Mrs. Story's only surviving brother is Dr. J. L. Goree, who is now a leading physician of Pine Bluff, Ark. Capt. and Mrs. Story have three children: Katie, Goree and John. Their residence is on Vine Street, in the northern part of Harrison, where they dispense a refined yet generous hospitality. Capt. Story is a safe and successful business man and has accumulated considerable property. In 1861 Capt. Story enlisted in the Confederate Army and served in Company I, Fourth Tennessee Cavalry, to the close of the war. He took part in the battles of Fishing Creek, Stone River, Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, Resaca, New Hope Church, Bentonville, N. C., and many other important engagements. He served as a private until near the close of the war, when he was promoted to the command of his company for distinguished gallantry upon the field of battle.

JOHN A. BUNCH. This gentleman is the receiver of public moneys in the Government Land Office at Harrison, Ark., and is a native of this State, born in Newton County, September 15, 1860, a son of Capt. Larkin and Eliza (Maxwell) Bunch, the former of whom was born in Overton County, Tenn.,



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a son of Nathaniel Bunch, who came to Arkansas in 1840, and made a home for himself and family in the northwest corner of Newton County, being one of the first to settle in that region. He also was a native of Tennessee, and was a soldier in the War of 1812 under Jackson, and after his death his wife received a pension for the services he rendered the Government. He was a farmer and died in 1858. Larkin Bunch was a young man when he came to Arkansas with his parents, the journey thither being made by wagon. He followed in his father's footsteps, and became a farmer and stockman, and when the Civil War came up he left home and joined the command of Gen. Price, with whom he took part in the Missouri raid. He assisted in organizing one of the first companies in Newton County, of which he was elected captain, and died while serving the Southern cause, at Pilot Knob. He was a member of the Free-Will Baptist Church. His wife was a native of Illinois, and a daughter of John and Clarissa Maxwell. She died April 12, 1892, on the old home farm in Newton County, which is still owned by the family. John A. Bunch was one of five children: S. B., who is living on the old home farm in Newton County; J. W., who is a farmer and merchant of Madison County, has represented his county in the State Legislature; Clarissa E. is the wife of J. P. Stamps; John A., and William L., a merchant of Kingston, Ark. John A. Bunch was reared on the old home farm in Newton County, attended the common schools, and at the age of eighteen years entered Clarke Academy at Berryville, where he finished his education in 1880. He then engaged in merchandising at Kingston, and remained associated in business with his brother for about eight years. In October, 1888, he was elected county and circuit clerk of Madison County, and held the office two terms, the last two years being only circuit clerk. In 1892 he again entered business in Kingston with his brother, and after following that occupation for six months was appointed receiver in the land office at Harrison by President Cleveland, and has since held the position. He has always been a Democrat, has attended State conventions, was a delegate to the Congressional Convention at Eureka Springs in 1892, and has been prominent in the political affairs of his section. He is a member of the A. F. & A. M., the I. O. O. F. at Harrison, has always been interested in the schools of his section, and is a public-spirited man. He was married to Miss Ala F. Ogden, a daughter of W. R. Ogden, and their union has resulted in the birth of six children: Jahel B., Irno, Vera, Sada, Avo, and an infant. The mother of these children is a member of the Free-Will Baptist Church. Mr. Bunch has made his home in Harrison since October, 1893, and is one of its most public-spirited citizens.

LEMUEL R. JONES. Among the most esteemed and respected citizens of the town of Western Grove there is not one who has been a more faithful soldier, a more pleasant or agreeable member of society, or a more thorough and sagacious business man than Lemuel R. Jones, who is now notary public and postmaster at that place. His life of industry and usefulness, and his record for honesty and uprightness have given him a hold upon the community which all might well desire to share. He is a native of the State of Missouri, born in St. Francois County, February 1, 1833, and ninth in order of birth of a large, old-fashioned family of children born to Solomon and Elizabeth Burmam Jones, natives respectively of North Carolina and Tennessee. The parents were married in the latter State, but later moved to Missouri, where they made their home until 1834, when they came to Pope County, Ark. There Mrs. Jones died about 1836. Mr. Jones afterward moved to Searcy County, and about three years later moved to Newton County, where he married Miss Elsie Lane, and here passed the remainder of his days, dying about 1856, when seventy-six years of age. He was a farmer and one of the pioneers

of Arkansas, residing here nearly a quarter of a century. His children were named as follows: Elizabeth; Nancy, Fannie, deceased; Benjamin, a farmer of Newton County, who was a soldier in the Civil War, Company D, Second Arkansas Cavalry; Thomas, who died in Searcy County, was in the same company, as was also John W., who was killed in the Mud Town battle, Arkansas, August 30, 1863; Isaac died young; Maria, Maberry and three other children died before the birth of Lemuel R. Jones, who passed his youthful days in assisting his father on the home place, receiving limited education, and is mainly self-educated, and that since the war. He selected his wife in the person of Miss Cevina Gillmore, a native of Big Creek, Newton County, Ark., and their nuptials were celebrated August 26, 1853. Her death occurred in 1888. Eleven children were born to this marriage, viz.: William Riley, postmaster at Red Rock, Newton County; Benjamin; Jesse Newton; Sarah, wife of George W. Chambers; David C.; John Kelsey, sheriff of Newton County; Alabama, wife of James Wellis, of Cherokee Nation; Columbus L.; Paralee; Uriah S. and Garfield. In August, 1888, Mr. Jones married Mrs. Elizabeth Osborn, daughter of John Sanders. He located on Big Creek, resided there until 1876, and then moved to Limestone Valley, where he followed farming and mercantile pursuits until 1884. He then went to Deadwood, Dak., and on to Montana, for his wife's health, expecting to locate if agreeable. But he was not satisfied, and later he sold out and returned to Arkansas, where he has since made his home in Western Grove. July 19, 1863, he joined Company D, Second Arkansas Cavalry, and for nine months served as a private. After the company was completed he was made second lieutenant, and served nine months, when he resigned November 11, 1864, and returned to his family in Newton County. In 1868 he was elected sheriff, but served only a short time, when he was obliged to resign on account of his health. December, 1868, he was appointed by Gov. Clayton justice of the peace of White Township, held that position twenty years, and was considered by many as the best informed justice of this section of the State. October 2, 1890, he was appointed notary public and the following year postmaster, and has held both positions since. He is a member of the A. F. & A. M., Bluff Springs Lodge No. 103, Western Grove, and has been a member since 1858. He is also a member of the chapter at Jasper, and was a delegate to the Grand Lodge in 1883. He was Worshipful Master eight years in all. Aside from this he is a member of Vanderpool Post, G. A. R., No. 47, at Western Grove, and is adjutant. Both he and Mrs. Jones are members of the Church of Christ. He was appointed president of the Board of Registration in 1866 and 1867.

D. F. Martin, circuit clerk of Howell County, Mo., is closely identified with the welfare of West Plains, widely known as a politician, popular as a citizen and who has been a resident of south Missouri since 1851. Born in Lincoln County, Tenn., December 9, 1833, he is a son of St. George and Emaline (Gaither) Martin, natives of Virginia, the former born in 1806, and the latter in 1807. The grandfather, George Martin, was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, and a friend of George Washington. He was born in the Old Dominion, but moved from there to Georgia, and thence to Tennessee, and was an early pioneer of that State. Settling in Lincoln County, he practiced medicine there the remainder of his days, and in connection carried on farming. He reared a family of four sons and two daughters, and all the sons became physicians. The Martin family is of English origin. St. George Martin was reared in Georgia and Tennessee, secured a medical education, and practiced this profession all his life. In 1851 he emigrated to Oregon County, Mo., and resided there until the breaking out of the war, when he moved to the

Lone Star State. In the year 1868 he started to move back, but died in Arkansas while on the way. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, and was a man universally esteemed and respected. In politics Dr. Martin was a Whig, but he subsequently became a stanch Democrat. He was married in Lincoln County, Tenn., to Miss Gaither, daughter of Col. Thomas Gaither, of Tennessee, who was probably a soldier in the War of 1812. His brother, Col. Beal Gaither, of Boone County, Ark., named the Gaither Mountains in that county. Mrs. Martin died in Iron County, Mo., in 1869. To her marriage were born seven children: Charles T., who died in Texas in 1870; Robert J., died in this county in 1892; D. F., subject; Henry B., died in Iron County, Mo., in 1872; and three died in infancy. D. F. Martin obtained a good business education in the Academy at Fayette, Tenn., and after coming to Missouri, became a teacher. In 1852 he was elected commissioner of schools in Oregon County, and while engaged in teaching studied law and in 1853 was admitted to the bar. After that he began practicing in Ripley County, but later located on the Osage River in Miller County, where he remained about four years. In 1860 he came to Shannon County and located in south Missouri, where he practiced in all the courts of the district. In 1861 he enlisted in the Confederate Army, Second Regiment of McBride's division and was promoted to the rank of major. Before enlisting in the army he was recruiting officer. Mr. Martin participated in the battles of Wilson Creek, Lexington and Dry Wood and after that he was on detached service up to 1863, when he resigned on account of ill health. He was never wounded and was only a prisoner for a short time. Following the war he located at Pilot Knob, Iron County, and was employed as book-keeper, cashier and merchant for the Pilot Knob Iron Company of that place, as he could not practice on account of the iron-clad oath. He remained at Pilot Knob until 1872, and was then elected sheriff and collector of Iron County, and reëlected to the same position in 1874. Two years later he was elected county treasurer, held that position nearly two years and then resigned. In 1878 he moved to Howell County and located at Siloam Springs on account of his wife's health. There he made his home until 1886, when he was elected to the office of president of the County Court and probate judge for four years. From there he moved to West Plains and in 1890 was elected to the office of circuit clerk, a position he holds at the present time. He owned the medical springs and was successful in the cure of many chronic cases. In 1891 he sold the springs. In 1893 he was elected a delegate to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, of which he and his wife are members, and in which he is a trustee. Mr. Martin has ever been a Democrat in politics and is an active supporter of his party. He is a Master Mason, a member of the Chapter and Royal Arch, and has not only held all the offices in the lodge, but has represented the lodge in the Grand Lodge. He was married in Iron County to Miss Emma Franks, a native of Missouri and daughter of Robert and Eliza (Hardin) Franks, who are natives of Kentucky and Georgia, respectively. Mr. and Mrs. Martin have had six children, five of whom are living: George R., married, is a merchant of Piedmont, Wayne County; Charles W., resides at Thayer and is a railroad man; May, the wife of George, Williams of Elkhart, Ind.; Jean and Jessie, daughters, are at home, and one died in infancy. Mr. Martin and family are living on Missouri Avenue, West Plains. Our subject is president of the Farmers' and Merchants' Bank and is a stockholder in the same. He owns property in West Plains, also some in Siloam Springs, and is a representative man of the county. He has ever been interested in school work and has been on the school board in West Plains.

JAMES P. M. NORMAN. One of the most popular and widely known of Douglas County's county officers is James P. M. Norman, who has been identified with the growth and the interests of the county for many years. Mr. Norman was born in Carroll County, Ga., April 27, 1847, and is a son of Abner S. and Charlotte (Orr) Norman, natives respectively of Alabama and South Carolina. George Norman, grandfather of our subject, came from Scotland to this country, and brought with him the sturdy habits so characteristic of those of that nationality. Settling in Alabama, he there reared his family, and after a long and useful life passed to that bourne from whence no traveler returns. Abner S. Norman came to Douglas County, Mo., in 1863, and the following year was killed by bushwhackers near Yellville, Ark. He was with the army, but was not a soldier. Mrs. Norman died in 1881. Both were worthy members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. The father and mother had emigrated from Georgia to Arkansas, and settled in what is now Baxter county in 1853. In 1863 they came to this county, as above stated, being obliged to leave Arkansas on account of sympathizing with the Union. There was a family of eleven children born to this worthy couple: Nancy C.; Sarah A., deceased, was the wife of W. J. Cooley, of Arkansas; George L. lost his life in the late war, dying in 1863; William C. died in the army in 1862; Abner J. was a soldier in the same regiment, and was killed by accident at the close of the war; Eliza V. is the wife of Jacob A. Sagerser, a farmer of this county; James P. M. (subject); Mary J., wife of John Hickman, of Baxter County, Ark.; Robert F. is engaged in the lumber business in Greene County, Mo.; Jason F., a merchant, of Romance; and Charlotte A., the wife of Taylor Lutts, of Howell County, Mo. The father was at one time a Whig, but later he espoused the principles of the Republican party. He was well and favorably known in the county, and while a resident of Arkansas held the office of justice of the peace. He was one of the good old pioneers, so many of whom have passed away, and was a noted deer hunter. The early life of our subject was passed on a farm, and his early or rudimentary education was received in the common schools of the county. Later he attended school in Christian county, and after reaching his twenty-first year entered the Mountain Home College, where he remained for three years. In 1869 he came to Douglas county, and for eleven years followed teaching in that and other counties. As a successful and thorough educator he became well known, and followed that profession until 1878 or 1879. Early in life he began farming, and carried this on in connection with school teaching. He now resides near Arden, and has a farm of 167 acres, besides 40 acres near Ava, eighty acres in Webster County, and a third interest in eighty acres of mining lands in this county. Mr. Norman has been unusually successful as an agriculturist and stockman, and is one of the leading farmers of the county. He is with the Populist party, and in 1880 was elected to the office of county assessor, to which position he was reëlected in 1882. In the year 1890 he was elected to the office of county collector of Douglas County, and while discharging the duties of this office made his home in Ava. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and is a Mason, a member of Ava Lodge. Mr. Norman was married first in 1869 to Miss Mary F. Ellison, daughter of A. M. and Frances Ellison, of this county. The father is deceased, but the mother is still living. Mrs. Norman was born in 1846, in Webster County, and died in 1886, leaving four children: Lucy J., wife of William E. Banks; Minnie B. is a prominent teacher; Ada F. married Fred J. Hartin, of Dallas, Tex.; and Robert M. Mr. Norman's second marriage was with Miss Mary O. Carrick, daughter of James and Ruth (Skein) Carrick, who came to this country at an early day, and are now living near Cedar Gap, Webster County. Mr. and Mrs. Norman have three children:

Homer J., Clyde E., and Quincy E. Mr. Norman has a fine farm, and is one of the most successful tillers of the soil in the county. He is a leading man in his section, and not only takes a deep interest in educational matters, but in all other worthy enterprises.

CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS HUGHES. This prominent and successful tiller of the soil owes his nativity to Jefferson County, Ark., where he was born, in 1840, to Matthew and Clara (Hill) Hughes, who were born in Crittenden County, Ky., and Maryland, respectively. Their marriage occurred on Blue Grass soil, and in Crittenden County, where Mr. Hughes has spent his entire life, with the exception of a few years when he resided in Jefferson County, Ark. He is now over eighty years of age, has been a lifelong and successful farmer, and prior to the war had accumulated a comfortable fortune, but lost heavily during that time. His life has been active, industrious and honorable, and he has long been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and socially a member of the A. F. & A. M. His father, William Hughes, removed to Crittenden County, Ky., from South Carolina in a very early day, and there died in 1852, a wealthy farmer. He served in the Revolutionary War when quite young, and was also a participant in one of the later wars. He was of Irish origin. His wife, Nancy Rowe, died in Kentucky after bearing him a large family. The maternal grandfather, William Hill, came from Maryland to Kentucky with his second wife, engaged in farming in Crittenden County, and here passed from life. His first wife, the mother of Mrs. Hughes, died in Maryland. Mrs. Hughes was a worthy lady, an earnest member of the Methodist Church, and died in 1879. The following are the children born to her and her husband: Melvina (deceased); Arminta Isabelle, the deceased wife of William Crow; William, of Illinois; Harvey, of Crittenden County, Ky.; Andrew Jackson, of Illinois; Thomas, of Crittenden County; Christopher C.; Francis M. died young; Sidney K. died young; Joseph resides in Crittenden County; Ann is the widow of Benjamin Roach; and Caroline is the wife of James Duvall, of Dyer County, Tenn. The early life of Christopher C. Hughes was spent on a farm, with very meager opportunities for acquiring an education. During the Civil War he served in all about two years, and was part of the time with Gen. Forrest, and was a participant in many skirmishes in Kentucky and Tennessee. In 1867 he was married to Amanda, daughter of Samuel and Narcissa Heath, who were all born in Crittenden County, the father's birth occurring in 1812. He is still living. To the union of Mr. and Mrs. Hughes ten children have been given: Ambiazeller; Augustus; Ernest; Rebecca, wife of Letis Thompson; Andrew Jackson; Minnie, wife of William Cline; Jennie; Mary; Charley and Gertie. Mr. Hughes made his home in Kentucky until 1870, when he came to Ripley County, Mo., and in this section has improved two good farms. He now resides near Naylor, where he has a good and well-improved farm of 160 acres of rich bottom land. He is strictly a self-made man, for he had nothing on commencing the battle of life for himself, and is now one of the leading farmers of the county. Although he has been a lifelong Democrat and has warmly supported his party on all occasions, he has never been an office seeker. His first presidential vote was cast for Seymour in 1868. Socially he is a member of Faithful Lodge No. 304, of the A. F. & A. M.

I. C. WILSON. This gentleman is one of the oldest pioneers of Marion County, and his name is so inseparably mixed with its progress and welfare that to leave it out of this work would be like the play of Hamlet with Hamlet left out. He was born in North Carolina February 2, 1814, and of that State his parents, James and Celia (Askew) Wilson, were also natives. In 1845 they turned their faces westward, eventually landed in Arkansas, and here they

breathed their last, the father's death occurring in Yellville at about the age of sixty-seven years, and the mother's at the age of seventy-nine years. Of them I. C. Wilson inherits Scotch-Irish blood, and was one of the seven children born to them. He came to Marion County, Ark., in 1849, making the journey overland. He had married in North Carolina, and some of the older members of his family were born in that State. He located on a farm in what is now Boone County, then Carroll County, and lived there up to 1851, when he moved to Yellville, entered the mercantile business, and also kept an hotel. At the beginning of the war he went to St. Louis, but his stay in that city was of short duration. He rented a farm about twenty-five miles south of the city, on the banks of a small stream, where he remained until the cessation of hostilities, when he returned to Yellville. Soon after, he moved to his farm east of that place, where his home has since been. He had amassed considerable means during ante-bellum days, but nearly all of this was swept away during the war, his buildings and fences destroyed, and ten negroes whom he owned, freed. His estate comprises 153 acres, the most of which is under cultivation and finely improved, with excellent buildings of all kinds. He was married to Martha, the daughter of Simeon and Mary Burlison, of North Carolina, and was called upon to mourn her death in 1875, she having borne him six children: Dr. William C., of Yellville; Mary A., wife of J. H. Berry, a leading merchant of Yellville, who has been there since 1852, and who has been closely identified with the progress and development of the town; Evaline, widow of G. W. Hensley, of Searcy County; Sophronia, wife of G. W. McDowell of Yellville, is deceased; Mosoria, wife of A. S. Lofton, a banker of Yellville; and James B., a merchant of that place. Mr. Wilson is a member of the A. F. & A. M. lodge of Yellville, and is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. He is a highly honored citizen and has done much to build up and improve Marion County. His present wife was the Widow Layton, whose maiden name was Lydia A. Stover.

JOHN MCCOY (deceased). All people of true sensibility, who have a just regard for the memory of those who have departed this life, cherish the details of the history of men, whose careers have been marked by uprightness and truth and whose lives have been filled up with acts of usefulness. It is, therefore, with gratification that we present to our readers a sketch of John McCoy, whose life in this county has been such as to make his memory justly respected. He was a native of that grand old Mother of States, Virginia, his birth occurring in 1799. When about two years of age he was taken by his parents to east Tennessee, where he was reared in the then wild country, without the advantages of an education, just merely learning to read. He was married in Hawkins County, Tenn., and made his home there until 1841, when he came by wagon to what is now Christian County, being six weeks and two days in making the journey. He at once purchased a portion of the present home, having sixteen or seventeen acres in cultivation, upon which was a rude log cabin. This was about three miles southeast of Ozark, and there Mr. McCoy improved a good farm and spent the remainder of his days, until his death in 1875. For many years he operated a distillery, and soon after the war built a flouring mill, which he and his sons carried on until 1875. He was active, industrious and honest and made a good property. Although a Union man during the war he did not enter the army. A man of good habits, he was highly respected in the county where he was one of the first settlers. He had two brothers, James and Joel, and four sisters: Elizabeth, deceased, was the wife of John Hayes; Sallie, deceased, was the wife of George Hayes; Nancy, deceased, was the wife of Jeremiah Wilson; and Polly, deceased, married a Mr. Ferguson. The two brothers settled in Christian County prior to

the time our subject came and here passed the remainder of their days. The first three sisters died in this county, too, but Polly died in Tennessee. Their father, Archibald McCoy, was probably born in Virginia, where he was reared and married, but he was one of the first settlers of east Tennessee. In 1841 he came to Christian County, Mo., and there followed farming until his death a few years later. He was but a boy during the Revolutionary War and took no part. His parents came from the Emerald Isle to Virginia a few years prior to his birth. His wife, whose maiden name was Phœbe Hill, also died in Christian County. The wife of our subject, Barbara Wolf, was a native of Hawkins County, Tenn., born in 1797. She died October 10, 1882. Her father, Charles Wolf, died in Tennessee many years ago, and but little is known of the family history. To Mr. and Mrs. McCoy were born six children, as follows: Andrew, deceased, was a soldier in the Civil War. He left a family; Phœbe is the wife of Jeff Wolf, a prominent farmer of this county; Eliza, deceased; William, born in Hawkins County, Tenn., was a soldier in the Federal Army (for about two months he was in the Sixth Missouri Cavalry, but later joined the Sixth Provisional and was a scout in south Missouri and north Arkansas; he was never in a regular engagement); Charles, who is now on the old farm, served a short time in the militia, being unfit for active service, owing to disability (his wife was Delphi McGinnis, daughter of James McGinnis, of this county; he and his brother William own the old farm of 430 acres, one of the best tracts of land in the county, and are engaged in stockraising); and Catherine is the wife of J. T. Tillman, a farmer of Christian County. All these children were born in Hawkins County, Tenn. The father and sons were Whigs prior to the war, but after that were stanch Democrats. The McCoy family is one of the oldest and most respected in the county. The two sons are occupying the farm on which their father settled fifty-two years ago, and are classed among the county's representative citizens.

JOHN STONE. Among the prominent farmers and stockraisers of Sugar Loaf Township, Boone County, Ark., stands the name of John Stone, whose fine farm and surroundings show what perseverance and industry will accomplish. Mr. Stone was born in Lauderdale County, Ala., in the year 1829, to the marriage of Noble and Mary (Simmons) Stone, natives of the Palmetto State. When both father and mother were children they went with their parents to Alabama, grew to mature years in that State, married, and when our subject was about six months old they removed to Marion County, Tenn. There the mother died in 1850. She was a worthy member of the Methodist Church. Mr. Stone selected Miss Nancy Crow as his second wife, and about 1861 they came to what is now Boone County, Ark., where the father passed the remainder of his days, dying in 1863, when over sixty years of age. Farming had been his life's occupation. In religion he was a Baptist. His father, Solomon Stone, was a Revolutionary soldier. The latter was of Irish origin and probably a native of South Carolina. He moved from that State to Alabama, thence to Tenn., where he followed farming until his death in 1839, when quite aged. He was a wealthy slave owner and an influential citizen. Our subject's maternal grandfather was also a native of South Carolina and moved from that State to Alabama and from there to Tennessee, where he died. The following children were born to the parents of our subject: Berry died in Newton County, Ark., during the war; Ashley Greene died in infancy; Abraham, a Confederate soldier, died in Tennessee the latter part of the war; Solomon died in Texas in 1893 (he was in the Confederate Army, was all through the war, and was captured and held a prisoner at Fort Delaware for some time; John, subject; William, of Missouri, was a Federal soldier, and although captured several times, managed to make his escape, once by swim-

ming the Tennessee River after night; Ruth, wife of Obediah Havner, died in Tennessee; Irene, wife of Solomon Gross, died in Tennessee; Elizabeth, wife of John Blizzard, died in Tennessee; Jane is the wife of George Tedford, of Montgomery County, Ark.; and Lucy is the wife of Timothy M. Turner, of Missouri. During his youth our subject received but little schooling and in the winter of 1852–53 he arrived with an ox team in what is now Boone County, Ark. He made the trip with another family and was about six weeks on the road. For about three years after reaching this State he worked as a farm hand, and in 1856 was married to Miss Elizabeth McCord, a native of Indiana, born in 1832, and the daughter of John and Ann McCord, who went from Ohio to Indiana, and from there to north Arkansas about 1837. They passed the remainder of their days in what is now Boone County, the father dying a few months after coming to this State, and the mother in 1863. She was a native of Pennsylvania. To Mr. and Mrs. Stone were born seven children: Mary Ann, widow of Mordaci Lovelady; James W., of Texas; Martha Jane died in childhood; John died young; Jennie P. died young; Richard Lee and Ida, who died in infancy. Since his marriage Mr. Stone has lived in this neighborhood and since 1881 on his present farm, one mile west of Lead Hill, where he has 140 acres of productive land, 100 acres cleared. Like his father and grandfathe ragricultural pursuits have been his principal occupation in life, and he has handled and fed a great deal of stock. For two years he was in the Confederate Army, enlisting early in 1862, and operated principally in Arkansas in the Ordnance Department, driving teams with ammunition, etc. In January, 1864, while the army was on the way to Little Rock, he was taken sick below Clarksville and came home. He did not return to the army, but in the fall went to northwest Missouri, where he remained until the war was over. Mr. Stone is a charter member of Polar Star Lodge No. 224, at Lead Hill, and he and wife are consistent members of the Christian Church. He was a Whig in politics at one time, voting for Gen. Scott in 1852, but he is now a Democrat.

THOMAS H. SMITH. The prosperity of any locality depends almost solely upon the character of the people who inhabit it, and if the citizens are pushing, energetic and intelligent the country will prosper accordingly. Tennessee has given to Missouri many of her most progressive and prosperous citizens, prominent among whom is Thomas H. Smith, who is a product of Marion County, where he was born on August 7, 1850, a son of Ransom and Mary (Hendricks) Smith, the former of whom was born in Campbell County, April 7, 1820, and the latter in Marion County April 14, 1826, both of Tennessee. Ransom Smith was taken to Marion County by his father, Thomas Smith, when he was about four years of age, and still resides on the old home farm on which the father settled. The great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch, Ransom Smith, was born in the Old North State and was a soldier of the Revolution. He was at one time a man of wealth, but he lost heavily through becoming security for his friends and afterward, with his sole possessions in a two-wheeled cart, moved into the wilds of Tennessee, in which State his descendants are now numerous. Ransom Smith, the father of Thomas H., was reared to a farm life, and, owing to temperate living, has reached the good old age of seventy-three years. He was for many years a Republican in politics, but is now a stanch Prohibitionist. He has accumulated a fair share of this world's goods and an estate of 1,000 acres. He has always been a loyal citizen and during the Civil War was first lieutenant in Company I, Tenth Tennessee Infantry, but was afterward discharged on account of disability. He was left a widower in 1878, his wife being a daughter of Squire Hendricks, who was a pioneer of Marion County, who died many years ago. Mr. and

Mrs. Smith reared nine of the ten children born to them: Sarah A.; Ruth, who died at the age of twelve years; Thomas H.; Tennessee Catherine; George W.; Margaret E., who died after reaching womanhood; Dorcas, Ransom, Mary and Lassie L. George is a resident of Stone County, where he has taught school for the past four years. The father is, as was the mother, a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Soon after the birth of the subject of this sketch his parents removed to Arkansas, where they made their home for several years prior to the war, then moved back to Tennessee. Thomas H. received a common-school education, but, while still pursuing the paths of learning, the war came up and interfered with his studies for some time. Later he attended the Masonic Institute in Tennessee and then the Sequatchie College, in which he gained a fair education. After leaving school he began following the occupation of farming in his native State until 1876, when he moved to Kansas and in the vicinity of Coffeeville continued to till the soil. In 1877 Greene County, Mo., became his home and he continued to farm in the vicinity of Republic until 1878, when he settled on Crane Creek, Stone County, where he worked in a saw-mill for two years. He then took up his residence on his present farm of 260 acres one and one-half miles from Galena, and this farm he continues to look after although his residence proper is in the town of Galena, where he has resided since 1893. Mr. Smith has always been a stanch Republican and on this ticket was elected to the various responsible offices he has held. In 1886 he was elected to the office of county clerk, also that of Circuit Court clerk and ex-officio recorder, in each and every one of which capacities he served with marked ablity and to the satisfaction of all concerned. He has at all times manifested much public spirit and has been successful in a business way, notwithstanding the fact that in early life he met with some financial reverses. At the present time he gives considerable attention to the raising of stock and grain and is a shrewd and practical farmer. He was married in Tennessee to Miss Martha J. Maxwell, a daughter of Griffin and Nancy (Tedgue), Maxwell, both of whom were born in Marion County, Tenn., and were schoolmates of Ransom Smith. The Maxwells were early residents of Tennessee and Mrs. Smith was one of a family of twelve children. She has borne her husband nine children, eight of whom are living: Allah F., Emma G., Mary K., Roma E., Robert R., George, Alice L., Mattie and Stella. Emma died at the age of one year. Mr. Smith and family are attendants of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, of which the wife is a member. They are among the first citizens of Stone County and have gathered about them a host of warm friends.

JUDGE B. B. HUDGINS. The present circuit judge of the Fourteenth District of Arkansas is Judge B. B. Hudgins, who was born in Taney County, Mo., August 15, 1854, the eldest child born to Dr. John W. and Malinda (Byrne) Hudgins, who were born in Jackson County, Ala., and Marion County, Tenn., respectively. The paternal grandparents were Benjamin and Martha (Ellis) Hudgins, and were born and reared on the Atlantic coast, and Benjamin was a young man when he came West. He was descended from one of three brothers who came to this country from England. Dr. John W. Hudgins was a young man when he removed to Tennessee, but prior to this he was married in Alabama to Eliza Proctor, by whom he had three children: William L., James and Cynthia, the two sons being now residents of Texas. Their mother died in Missouri, and Dr. Hudgins afterward married Miss Byrne, a daughter of Brice and Ann (Rawlston) Byrne, natives of North Carolina, but who were reared and spent their lives in Tennessee and later in Arkansas. William Byrne, the father of Brice, came from Ireland when a young man, married in North Carolina, and later moved to Tennessee, his

death occurring in Jackson County. In 1848 Brice Byrne located in Carroll (now Boone) County, and there made his home until his death in 1869. He was a prominent man in public affairs, held the office of county surveyor, was a Democrat politically and socially a Mason. He was a wealthy farmer. His wife was born in Tennessee, a daughter of James Rawlston, who was a colonel in the War of 1812, under Jackson, with whom he was at New Orleans. His wife died in Boone County in 1880, having become the mother of nine children, all of whom reached maturity, of whom Mrs. Hudgins was the third in order of birth. The parents settled on Government land about one mile from Harrison, and this farm is now owned by the subject of this sketch. Dr. Hudgins was a successful medical practitioner and came from Taney to what is now Boone County, settling about ten miles south of where Harrison now is. He finally settled on Crooked Creek, where he died in 1858, having been one of the first medical practitioners of this section of the country. He was a Mason, a Democrat politically, but gave but little time to politics. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and was successful in the accumulation of wealth. His widow, who is living in Harrison, is in the enjoyment of good health. She has been a resident of Arkansas since eighteen years old, and has spent the most of her life in the vicinity of Harrison. Her union with Dr. Hudgins resulted in the birth of three children: Brice B.; Martha A., who is a teacher in the schools of Harrison, and Mary M., who is the wife of Samuel Bradley. Mrs. Hudgins has long been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, reared her children with good judgment after the death of her husband, and is still keeping house. Judge B. B. Hudgins was reared in what is now Boone County, first attended the common schools but later entered the high school of Valley Spring. He engaged in school teaching after the war, the family having lost all they had during that time, and as the Judge was the eldest, he became the mainstay of the family. When he could afford to do so and could find the time he attended school also, and during the four years that he was engaged in teaching he became well and favorably known as a pedagogue. He took up the study of law in 1877, and two years later was admitted to the bar and immediately thereafter he opened an office in Harrison and at once started on a lucrative practice. He was first elected to the General Assembly of 1885, was reëlected in 1887 and again in 1889, serving the last term as speaker of the house. He became well known in the session of 1889 from his efforts to secure what was considered a fair election law. He was elected to the office of circuit judge of the Fourteenth Judicial District in 1890 and is still discharging the duties of this important office with distinguished ability. This district covers seven counties, and is one of the largest in Arkansas, and has not a mile of railroad in it. As a juror Judge Hudgins is well liked and has tried many important civil and criminal cases. At an early age he was elected to the office of county examiner of schools, and almost from the commencement of his independent career he has held some office or other. He has been successful in all branches of his law practice and has followed his profession in all parts of his district and is widely and favorably known. He has always been a Democrat in politics, is active in public matters and has canvassed the district for his party. He has been successful financially, and, in addition to pursuing his calling, he has given considerable attention to farming, being the owner of the land which was entered by his grandfather. He was married in Harrison to Miss Josephine Bailey, a daughter of Capt. W. W. Bailey of Harrison. Mrs. Hudgins was born in Boone County, in 1859 (March 21) and was reared in the town of Harrison. To them six children have been born: Oscar W., Ora M., Ben Hill, Jellie M., Joie and Lucy. The family attend the Methodist Episcopal Church of Harri-

son, of which Judge and Mrs. Hudgins are members. They are highly respected people of the county, and have a sufficiency of this world's goods to make life enjoyable and easy.

KELSEY GILLMORE. Kelsey Gillmore has been a resident of Newton County all his life, his birth occurring here in 1834, has identified himself with the interests of his section, has won numerous friends, and has built up a reputation for honesty and fair dealing that is in every way merited. His father, Levi Gillmore, was a native Vermonter, and in that State grew to mature years and secured a fair education. When a young man he started West, and stopped in the Hoosier State, where he met and married Miss Sallie Lindsey. Later he removed to Missouri, where he followed rafting on the Gasconade River a number of years, and then moved to Newton County, Ark. There he located on Cave Creek, was one of the first settlers, but subsequently moved to Big Creek, where he improved a good farm, and remained until a few years before the war. From there he moved to Texas, and died in that State in 1862. Of him it may be said that he was truly a pioneer of Newton County, for he located here when most of the inhabitants were Indians. For the most part he followed agricultural pursuits, but on account of exposure in early life was blind for about twenty years. He was a Baptist in his religious views, and was the only one of his family who came to Arkansas. He was a soldier in the War of 1812. Mr. Gillmore was twice married, but no children were born to his last union. Nine children were the fruits of the first union, as follows: Miranda, deceased, was the wife of John Flood; Asa, died in Texas; Jane, widow of John Tennison; Elizabeth, deceased, was the wife of Green Davidson; Salina, died single; Alabama, died in Arkansas; Clarinda died in Fayetteville during the war (she was the wife of G. P. Ewing); Sallie died when quite young; and Lovina, deceased, was the wife of L. R. Jones. Our subject was fifth in order of birth of the above-mentioned children, and was about nine years of age when his mother died. He was reared on Big Creek with but very little schooling; and in 1854, when about twenty years of age, he married Miss Emily Maberry, a native of Tennessee. Her father, David Maberry, came from Tennessee to this county at an early day, but subsequently moved to Texas, where his career ended. Mrs. Maberry died in Newton County. To our subject and wife were born the following children: Asa; George, David, deceased; Miranda, wife of Harman Cooper; Mary Isabel, wife of Moses Boatman; Levina died young; Louisa is the wife of W. A. Ewing; John; Albert Monroe, who died when five years of age; and several died in infancy. Mr. Gillmore has resided in Newton County all his life, and is one of the leading farmers and millers of Big Creek, owning a good steam grist, saw mill and gin. For six years after the war he sold goods on Big Piney, but aside from that he was engaged in farming almost exclusively until recently. During the last two years of the war he served in Company D, Second Arkansas Cavalry, Union Army, and served in Missouri, Arkansas and Tennessee, participating in many skirmishes. He was discharged at Memphis, Tenn., August 20, 1865, and soon after returned to his home. Mr. Gillmore is a member of Red Rock Lodge, and is a member of the Chapter at Jasper. He is also a member of the G. A. R., and he and wife are members in good standing in the Christian Church. Mr. Gillmore belongs to one of the oldest families of Newton County, and is one of its wealthiest, honorable and industrious citizens. He well remembers pioneer days, and the privations endured by the early settlers.

S. H. HENRY, a poineer of this section and the man who established the first planing mill business in West Plains, came originally from Coffee County, Tenn., his birth occurring there December 9, 1836. His father, John

Henry, who was also born and reared in Coffee County, Tenn., came to Howell County, Mo., in the year 1857. He was a son of Samuel Henry, who was a native of South Carolina and an early pioneer in Tennessee. The Henry family is of Irish origin. The grandfather was a soldier in the War of 1812, and was with Gen. Jackson at New Orleans. He died soon after the war. The father of our subject was married in his native State to Miss Sallie Sane, a native of Tennessee, and soon after emigrated to Missouri. Mrs. Henry is still living, a resident of West Plains, but the father died in this county in 1886. He was a prominent farmer and a citizen much respected by all. In religion he was a Methodist and in politics a Democrat. Our subject was the eldest of twelve children, ten of whom a reliving: D. C., a soldier in General Price's Army, is now living in Thornville, this State; Martha, who died after rearing a family; I. P., who is living in Peace Valley, was also a soldier in the Confederate Army; Nimrod, a hunter, resides in Oklahoma Territory, and is a man of a family; George, lives in Gunter Valley; James, a farmer in Shannon County; Mary, the wife of O. N. Barnett of West Plains; Thomas who is living in Peace Valley; and John Q., also in Peace Valley. The others died young. Mr. Henry probably set out the first orchard in Howell County. In his native State and county our subject received his schooling and grew to mature years. He came to Missouri with his parents and here followed farming and stockraising up to 1882, when he started in the lumber business. He erected a planing mill in West Plains, and engaged in the manufacture of lumber, sash, doors, blinds, and although he started in business in a small way he met with success from the start. Later he erected the building he now uses, a large brick structure, 40x100. Mr. Henry is also engaged in the livery business, the same known as Laster & Henry, and has the largest and best equipped stable in town. In political matters he is a Democrat, but is conservative in local affairs. He is interested in all public matters, and is one of the leading men of West Plains. Mr. Henry is a member of the I. O. O. F., West Plains Lodge No. 263, and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, in which he is an officer. He was married in this county to Miss Margaret Thomas, daughter of B. C. Thomas, and they have six children: Thomas, who is interested in the mill business; Alice, wife of R. V. Laster the liveryman; Emma, wife of John Goss of West Plains; Sally, wife of William Summers a farmer; Nettie, wife of Albert Thornburg; and Bessie, at home. Mr. Henry is a good business man and a credit to the town.

Prof. Thomas A. Kay. This gentleman is one of the oldest and most successful educators of Douglas County, and is well known over a large territory. He is a Georgian by birth, his natal county being De Kalb, where he first saw the light December 12, 1853, a son of William T. and Lucretia (Cardar) Kay, the former of whom was a native of South Carolina and a son of Alexander Kay, who was a Virginian by birth and a farmer by occupation. William T. Kay was married in South Carolina and in 1850 took up his residence in Georgia, and from there enlisted in the Confederate Army, in which he served eighteen months. In November, 1870, he came to Missouri and is still living on the farm on which he first settled in the southern part of Douglas County. He has always been a Democrat, is a substantial citizen, is a successful farmer and a worthy member of the Baptist Church, as is also his wife, who was born in the Palmetto State, a daughter of Thomas Cardar, who was of French descent. Some of the early members of this family served in the Revolutionary War. To William T. Kay and his wife the following children were given: Sarah J., wife of J. J. Dickerson of this county; Tempy is the widow of J. D. Haden; Mary E. died at the age of two years; Julia E. is

the widow of S. H. Sellers of this county; Thomas A., the subject of this sketch; Frances I., wife of R. M. Haden; William P., who died at the age of four years; Louise, who first married W. R. Hawkins, sheriff of Ozark County, and after his death wedded Charles Mackey, and is living in California. Prof. Thomas A. Kay is one of the most prominent educators of the county, and laid the foundations of his present education in the public schools of Georgia. He also attended the schools of Mountain Home, Ark., and in 1872 became a teacher of Douglas County, and has taught over sixty terms of school. In 1890 he took charge of the schools of Ava, and has had the management of them ever since, having been for three years prior to that time a teacher in these schools. He was for some time principal of the Silver Shade and Arno schools, and to him the credit is due of having established the Good Hope College in Ozark. He was elected superintendent of the schools of Douglas County, and held the office four terms, eight years in all, and made a very zealous and efficient official. In April, 1893, at the expiration of his term of office, he abandoned school work on account of ill health, and engaged in the stock business, in which occupation he has been quite successful. He owns a good farm near Ava, which he rents, and has fifteen acres of town property in Ava, with a large and fine orchard. As a man and citizen, Prof. Kay is one of the leaders in the community in which he resides. He is active on political matters, is a Democrat, and for some time has held the office of elder in the Christian Church, of which he is a worthy member. The Professor was first married to Carrie Milne, of Ozark County, a school teacher, and by her became the father of five children: Homer A., who died at the age of two months; Ora, who died at the age of seven months; Luin died at the age of twenty months; Ethel, and Dewey. The mother of these children died in 1887, after which the Professor married Delilah Herndon, daughter of Judge Herndon, and three children have been born to them: Hattie, Burney, and Florence. Prof. Kay is well known throughout southern Missouri, and stands at the head of school work in his section, having had twenty-one years' experience in this line of human endeavor. He established an institute for the teachers of this county, in the conduct of which he showed himself well posted and up with the times. He has done much to elevate the standard of schools in his section, and is a regular attendant of State institutes. He is self-educated, has made his own way in life but by hard and conscientious work, has made a name for himself as an educator, and has won a fair share of this world's goods.

ALEXANDER C. KISSEE. A descendant of good old Virginia stock, Mr. Kissee inherited the fundamental principles of industry, integrity and determination of purpose which became the attributes of his whole after life. He is a native of the Prairie State, born in Edgar County November 2, 1834, and the son of Arter and Ufins (Bledsoe) Kissee and grandson of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Weddill) Kissee. The grandparents were both natives of the Old Dominion and early settlers of Kentucky, where they passed their latter days, the grandfather living to be over one hundred years. The great-grandfather, Stoball Kissee, was a native of Virginia, but it is thought was of French descent. The family emigrated from Kentucky, to Indiana, and thence to Illinois, but later returned to Indiana, and settled in the northwest part of the State, where the father of our subject took up land. He was born in Pulaski County, Ky., in 1810, and was married in Kentucky, to Miss Bledsoe, who was born in North Carolina, October 14, 1805. Mr. Kissee made his home in Indiana, until 1846 and then came to what is now Christian County, settling on Swan Creek, and later near Ozark. Thence he moved to Sparta and there passed the remainder of his days, dying in 1887. Formerly a Whig in politics he espoused the principles of the Republican party later, and was obliged to leave

home on account of his political views. He served eight months in the twenty-fourth Missouri Infantry, and was in a number of skirmishes in this section. He was well known in southwest Missouri, and by his industry and good management became the owner of much valuable property. He reared a family of eight children as follows, Elizabeth, deceased, was the wife of Jacob Propes, of Indiana; Mary J., residing in Christian County, is the widow of Milton Eldridge, Willis was a soldier in the Civil War and fought all over the southwest country; he commanded a company in guerrilla fighting and was noted as a brave and valiant soldier; he returned to his farm in Taney County, became well and favorably known all over the section, and accumulated considerable wealth; later, he moved from Taney County, to Colorado, and engaged in mining, but was also in the liquor business; he was shot and killed by a man named Kellogg, whom he killed at the same time; during his time, as a soldier he killed thirty-two guerrillas, Alexander C. our subject; Nancy Jane was married four times, died a number of years ago; Sylvanus, who is living three miles northeast of Sparta, in Christian County, is married and has a family; he was a soldier in the Union Army during the Rebellion and was in twenty-six engagements, Caroline, is the widow of Steven Bolar; George W., who is living in Ozark County, volunteered with his father in the army and was a good soldier, fighting in twenty-seven engagements. Mrs. Kissee's parents, Benjamin and Elizabeth (Morton) Bledsoe, were early pioneers of Kentucky. Mrs. Kissee died in 1878, and was a worthy member of the Christian Church. Mr. Kissee was a member of no church. The youthful days of our subject were spent in Indiana, attending the early schools, but he learned to read, write and figure by his own efforts. When a young man of twenty he started out for himself, splitting rails at 55 cents per hundred. On January 21, 1855, he was married to Miss Catherine McHaffie, daughter of David McHaffie, who was born in Springfield, Mo., on December, 15, 1837. Ten children were born to this marriage, six of whom survive: David, died when two years of age; Arter is married and has a family of three children, and is in the mill business with his father, Mary U. married C. C. Casey of Kissee Mills, Catherine G. married James K. Davis, a farmer of the Indian Nation; Elizabeth J. is the wife of William R. Stuart, a farmer of Kissee Mills; Julia A., wife of James R. Wyatt, resides in Kissee Mills; Schuyler C. is a farmer and is with his father in the store at Kissee Mills. He is married; Abraham L., Emily and a daughter who died in infancy, when the mother died, January 15, 1876. Our subject's second marriage was with Miss Cordelia M. Davis, daughter of Louis and Nancy C. (Hammer) Davis, both of whom were natives of Greene County, Mo. The Grandfather, John L. Davis, was a native of Tennessee, as was also Grandfather Hammer. The Davis family came to Taney County at an early date and settled near Kissee Mills, where the father and mother died in 1887. Nine children were born to them, five of whom are living: Susan T., wife of Spenser Tate; James K., resident of the Indian Nation; William S., living in Arkansas; Louis B., residing in Arkansas, and Frances, who died when fifteen years of age. The remainder of the children died young. Mrs. Kissee was born in Greene County, Mo., March 12, 1861, and was seven years of age when the family came to this county. She married Mr. Kissee in 1876, when fifteen years of age. Eleven children were born to this union: Alexander, Ulysses S. G., William S. and Robert L. (twins), Cordelia, Hiram Obiff, (deceased), Alfred C., Benjamin H., Ethel and two daughters who died young and were not named. The six eldest children died young, but four were named. Our subject came to Kissee Mills in 1869, and is now the owner of a large tract of land, all well improved, and also the owner of the old home in Christian County, where the father lived many years.

In 1886 he started to lay out the town of Kissee Mills, but later sold out and went to California where heremained but a short time. He then returned and bought back some of the land he had owned. There are now two stores, a grist mill, saw mill and cotton gin, for which Beaver Creek gives good water power. Fraternally Mr. Kissee is a Mason, a member of Forsyth Lodge No. 453, and Mrs. Kissee has taken the wife and daughter degree and also the Eastern Star degree. He is also an Odd Fellow. In politics he has ever been identified with the Republican party. During the war he resided in Christian County and served in the Home Guards, and was second lieutenant in Company H, Seventy-second E. M. Militia. He participated in the battle of Springfield, the Marmaduke fight, and was stationed at Ozark during most of the war. Mr. Kissee is a liberal contributor to all worthy movements, and is one of the progressive, wide-awake men of the county. For about three years he published a paper called the *Taney County Times*, which was considered the best paper in the county at that time. Pushing and enterprising, he got the postoffice in Kissee Mills in 1870 and became the leading business man of his neighborhood. He was postmaster at Kissee Mills for some time.

FRANK KENTLING. In the midst of the failures and disasters of life it is a real pleasure to review the career of a man whose efforts have been crowned with success and whose life has been honorable in every particular, as has that of Frank Kentling. He is now a general merchant, farmer and stock dealer at Highlandville, Mo., and is one of the foremost business men of his section. He possesses all the thrift and perseverance of his Teutonic ancestors and has met with the success that is sure to follow. Mr. Kentling was born in 1841 in North Germany, as were also his parents, Dr. Bennett and Johanna Kentling, the father dying there about 1883. He was a physician for many years. The mother is still living in the old country. Eight children were born to them. One child, Francis, came to the United States about 1875 and died in St. Louis, while attending the St. Louis Medical College. Our subject received a good collegiate education in his native country and for some time clerked in a grocery and dry goods store. In 1865 he came to the United States and spent two years in the grocery business in Chicago. Later he spent the same length of time in the same business at St. Louis and in 1870 came to Highlandville, where he established a store. About a year later a postoffice was given the thriving little village and Mr. Kentling was postmaster there for about seven years. He began business with a capital of $350, but by his energy and good business acumen soon built up a thriving trade. He does an annual business of from $15,000 to $20,000 and is the owner of about 300 acres in this and Stone Counties, all the fruits of his own efforts. He handles grain, cattle, hogs, etc., and has been the means of building up quite a village at Highlandville, in which there is a good school, a hall, and three churches. Mr. Kentling was married in St. Louis, in 1869, to Miss Catherine Sherch, a native of Hungary. There her parents died and she crossed the ocean to the United States alone. In this country she met and married Mr. Kentling, by whom she has had eight children: Amelia, Frank, Bennett, Johanna, Joseph, William, Antonius and Charles. Mr. Kentling belonged to the German Army for some time and was in the Reserve, from which he received a permit to visit the United States for one year prospecting, etc. During this time his country was at war with Prussia and he was summoned home. Calling on the German consulate at Chicago, he was a little too late, for the war was at an end. During the short time he was in this country he had seen enough to satisfy him that he could do better here than in the "Fatherland" and he concluded to remain. He is a member of the Highlandville Lodge, I. O. O. F., No. 331, and a man well liked by all who know him.

WILLIAM G. PUMPHREY. This prominent citizen and retired farmer and stockraiser of Sugar Loaf Township, Boone County, Ark., was born in Rutherford County, Tenn., in 1824. His grandfather, Larkin Pumphrey, was probably born in North Carolina, but at an early date moved to Kentucky, and from there to Tennessee, dying in Rutherford County, of the latter State, where he had followed farming. It is thought that he was a Revolutionary soldier. His marriage resulted in the birth of six sons and three daughters, of whom our subject's father, Lewis Pumphrey, was one. The latter was born in North Carolina, but in after years went with his parents to Kentucky, where he finished his growth and married Miss Polly Thompson, a native of the Blue Grass State. From there he and family removed to Rutherford County, Tenn., and in about 1835 Mr. Pumphrey came by wagon to what is now Fulton County, Ark., where his death occurred two or three years later. His wife had died in Tennessee, and he afterward married again, his second wife dying in Fulton County, Ark. Mr. Pumphrey was a well-to-do farmer and trader. Our subject's maternal grandfather, Meredith Thompson, was probably a native of North Carolina, but was also an early settler of Kentucky. From the latter State he moved to Rutherford County, Tenn., and followed farming until his death in 1836. His wife died there the same year. They had four sons and three daughters. The following family were born to the parents of our subject: Meredith, died in Fulton County, Ark., nearly fifty years ago; Nancy Jane, died in Tennessee when seventeen years of age; Franklin, of Fulton County, Ark.; Matilda, of Fulton County, widow of James Baker; William G., subject; Eliza Jane, died in Springfield, Mo., widow of George Thompson. Like the average country boy our subject passed his boyhood days in assisting his father on the farm and in attending the common school, where he received the rudiments of an education. When still but a boy his parents moved to Arkansas, where there were no schools, and the limited scholastic training he received in Tennessee was all that he ever obtained, although by self-application and observation he became a very well-informed man. He was married in Ozark County, Mo., about 1842, to Miss Fannie Holt, daughter of William Holt (see sketch of R. L. Holt). Mrs. Pumphrey was born in Cannon County, Tenn., came with her parents to Missouri, and died April 19, 1846. By her marriage to Mr. Pumphrey she became the mother of two children: Mary, wife of Byron Wells, of Webster County, Mo., and Lewis, who died when five years of age. On the 7th of August, 1847, Mr. Pumphrey married Miss Elizabeth C. Hawkins, a native of Tennessee, and the daughter of Dennis and Hepsey Hawkins, who came from Tennessee to Fulton County, Ark., where Mr. Hawkins died a few years later. Mrs. Hawkins is still living. Our subject's marriage resulted in the birth of six children: Benjamin, who died when about twenty-one years of age; Eliza is the wife of Thomas Brown, of Fulton County, Ark.; George resides in Ozark County, Mo.; Sarah Ann, wife of George Hicks, of Ozark County, Mo.; Thomas, of Fulton County, Ark., and Willie, who died in infancy. In the year 1865 Mr. Pumphrey was married to Miss Phœbe M. Compton, a native of North Carolina. Five children were the fruits of this union: John, James, Jarrett, Fidell and Ollie I. The last two were twins, but Ollie I. is deceased. The first three are residing in this county. In the month of September, 1873, Mr. Pumphrey married Mrs. Pemelia Casinger, daughter of John and Minerva Hawkins, who came originally from Tennessee. Mrs. Pumphrey was born in Ozark County, Mo., and by her union with Mr. Pumphrey she became the mother of three children: Elijah Lee, Elbert E. and William W. After his last marriage Mr. Pumphrey located in Ozark County, Mo., and made his home there until 1887, when he came to Boone County, Ark., and has since been a prominent farmer.

He resided two miles northwest of Lead Hill on a well-improved farm of 320 acres, and although at one time he was the owner of 600 acres he gave a great deal of land to his children. He started in life with nothing, but by industry and strict attention to every detail, has been unusually successful. For thirty-eight years he lived on one farm in Ozark County, and agricultural pursuits have been his principal occupation. Mr. Pumphrey was opposed to secession, but otherwise remained neutral and took no part in the war. He and his wife have been members of the Christian Church for many years, and in politics he has been strictly independent, supporting whom he considered the best man regardless of their political affiliations. Honored and respected by all, Mr. Pumphrey is one of the county's best citizens.

ISAAC H. A. DANIEL, a Union soldier during the Civil War, and now a prominent farmer and stockraiser of Washington Township, Stone County, Mo., Isaac H. A. Daniel is a native of Franklin County, Tenn., where he was born September 30, 1830. He is a son of Reuben and Susan (Watts) Daniel, natives of North Carolina and Franklin County, Tenn., respectively. When a boy Reuben Daniel went with his parents from Georgia to Franklin County, Tenn., and there he grew to manhood and was married. About 1839 he moved to Wayne County, Tenn., and then to Washington County, Ark., where he died in April, 1863. He was a soldier in the First Arkansas United States Army, but was home on a furlough at the time of his death. His entire life was passed in agricultural pursuits. His father, Job Daniel, was probably born in England, and was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. His death occurred in Franklin County, Tenn. Our subject was but four years old at the time of his father's death and there were seven children left fatherless. The mother died in 1891, when about eighty-one years of age, her death occurring in Stone County. She was the daughter of Robert Watts, who was a drum-major and was killed at the battle of Horseshoe Bend. Of the eleven children born to his parents our subject was the eldest. The next was William James, who died in California many years ago; Melvina E., widow of Isaac Ellis; Levi Thomas, of Texas, was a soldier in the Civil War and a teamster in the Federal Army; Rachie Gilbert died in Stone County, in August, 1892 (he was a soldier in the Rebellion); Andrew Baxter was a soldier in the Twenty-fifth Illinois Infantry, and was killed at Missionary Ridge); William B., of Washington County, Ark., was also in the Twenty-fifth Illinois Infantry, and was all through the war; Rebecca Jane, wife of James Wells, of Stone County; Jefferson, of Washington County, Ark.; Spencer, died when quite young, and Elias Alexander died in Tennessee when an infant. Our subject's educational advantages were rather limited during youth, but since reaching mature years he has become a well-posted man. From an early age he became familiar with the duties of the farm and it was but natural, perhaps, that when starting out for himself he should choose agricultural pursuits as his occupation in life. On September 12, 1854, he was married in Hardin County, Tenn., to Margaret Butler, a native of Bedford County, Tenn., and the daughter of Brazman and Charlotte Butler, natives also of Bedford County, Tenn. Both were members of the Presbyterian Church and passed their last days in Hardin County, where the father followed the carpenter's trade. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Daniel: Alice, wife of Uriah Croombs of Mt. Vernon, Mo.; William James; Andrew J.; Mary E. died when a child; Susan C., wife of Constantine Forrester; Benjamin F., Cary L., John Brazman, Pearl E. and Ida May. In 1859 Mr. Daniel removed to Washington County, Ark., where he resided until 1865, when he removed to the northwest corner of Stone County. There he made his home until 1886 when he moved to his present farm three miles above Galena, where he has 187 acres of excellent land, 115 acres of which are under

cultivation. He is an honest, industrious man, and what he has accumulated in the way of this world's goods has been made by the honest sweat of his brow. He affiliated with the Republicans until a few years ago, but is now independent. While residing in Arkansas he was a member of the Masonic fraternity. He and Mrs. Daniel hold membership in the Missionary Baptist Church. On the 20th of June, 1862, Mr. Daniel enlisted in Company B, First Arkansas Cavalry, Union Army, and a few months later was made company sergeant, which position he filled until the close of the war, operating in northwest Arkansas and southwest Missouri, and in active service all the time. He acted in all the ranks up to major, commanding the company for several weeks at a time, and was a brave and faithful soldier. He had many narrow escapes, at one time having his horse shot from under him in Washington County, Ark., by thirteen bushwhackers. One shot slightly grazed his leg. He was mustered out at Fayetteville, Ark., August 23, 1865, and soon after returned to his family, who had removed to Stone County in April of that year.

THE HARRISON ROLLER MILL COMPANY. This company is comprised of L. R. Smilie, W. F. Ryan and J. B. Houck, who became proprietors in September, 1891. The plant is valued at about $9,000, and is fitted up with three double sets of rollers and has a capacity of fifty barrels per day. Employment is given to five hands the year round and the working hours of the mill are about ten hours per day usually, but press of work often compels them to operate day and night. The mill was erected in 1870 or 1871 by Fick & Baker, and was at that time only a buhr mill, and still has a buhr for the grinding of corn. This company, in connection with its grist mill, is engaged in operating an extensive planing mill, and deals heavily in the finest class of building lumber. The brands of flour which it manufacture are the "Full Patent," "Straight Patent," and "Gold Dust," all of which are very popular within a radius of fifty miles of the mill, and are especially popular with housewives in the immediate vicinity.

Mr. L. R. Smilie, one of the proprietors, is a native of Pennsylvania. In early childhood he moved with his parents to Livingston County, Ill., and in 1866 they again turned their faces westward, locating in Crawford County, Kan. Mr. Smilie was a successful farmer, and remained at this place until 1884, when he went to Boone County, Ark., where he first engaged in the saw milling business and later in flour milling. He has two sons: Robert Percy and Charles Oscar Smilie.

W. F. Ryan, another of the proprietors, has been a resident of the county since 1885, having come thither from Kansas, but was born in Clark County, Ill., February 12, 1858. His father, Jacob M. Ryan, was born in Ohio, but at an early day became a resident of Clark County, Ill., later moved to Kansas, and in 1882 came to Boone County, Ark., where he died in June, 1893, having been an extensive lumber dealer of Harrison. He was a soldier in Company G, Fifty-fourth Regiment of Volunteers, during the war, belonged to the Republican party, and while a resident of Crawford County, Kan., held the office of sheriff two terms, and justice of the peace several terms. He followed merchandising and farming in Illinois, and while in Kansas tilled the soil. His widow, whose maiden name was Abbie Ann, divides her time between her daughter, Mrs. L. R. Smilie, and her son, W. F. Ryan. She bore her husband the following children: Mary R., wife of J. B. Houck, a member of the milling company; Robert O., who is living in Newton County, Ark.; Wilbur F., of the above-mentioned firm; Reginald C., who is a farmer of the State of Washington; Annace L., wife of L. R. Smilie, of the milling company; O. W., who is a lumberman of Harrison, Ark.; Rose J. Pearl died young, and T. J. was the wife of R. H. Lawton at the time of her death. They were all reared in the

faith of the Methodist Episcopal Church. W. F. Ryan received his initiatory training in the common schools of Kansas, and when twenty-one years of age began doing for himself as a farmer in that State. Upon first coming to this county he gave his attention to saw milling in the northern part of the county, but gave that up when he began grist milling. He is doing well financially, is a wide-awake and progressive man of affairs, and a credit and acquisition to the county. He has followed in the footsteps of his worthy father and is a Republican, and a member of the Sons of Veterans. His wife was Miss Ruth A. Barkdwell, who was born in Iowa, and by her he has two children: Myrtle A. and Mary A. Mrs. Ryan is a worthy member of the Baptist Church.

Mr. J. B. Houck, like Mr. L. R. Smilie, was also a native of Pennsylvania, and in early life moved with his parents to Illinois, thence to Missouri, and then to Kansas. While residing in the latter State he married Mary R., daughter of J. M. Ryan. He was engaged principally in farming until 1884, when he went to Boone County, Ark., where he became a member of the Harrison Roller Mill Company, and where he has since resided.

G. B. THOMAS is manager of the large establishment of S. H. Henry & Co., dealers in sash, doors, blinds and lumber. This company was established in 1882 by S. H. Henry, and two years later B. T. Henry, son of S. H., entered the business. The elder Henry is the pioneer lumber dealer of this city. He came here in 1857 from Tennessee where his birth occurred, and first branched out as a carpenter when a young man. Mr. Henry has taken a prominent part in city improvements, is interested in many of the prominent business enterprises, and is one of the city's most prosperous business men. The Plains' mill business grew with the city, and in 1888 a large brick building, 40x130, was erected. This was two stories in height, with a large power room with twenty-horse power, and from twelve to fifteen hands were employed. This mill is doing shop work, such as bank furniture, besides other fine work, and is a credit to the city of West Plains. Mr. G. B. Thomas became a member of this establishment in 1890 and is the book-keeper and manager of the plant. He is a native of Greene County, Mo., born there March 7, 1848, and the son of B. C. Thomas, who located in that county in 1843, but who came to Howell County in 1859 and located ten miles north of West Plains. During the war he returned to Springfield, but in 1866 came back to Howell County and there died in 1891, when seventy-three years of age. He was born in Rutherford County, Tenn., and was a son of William Thomas who was a native Virginian. Our subject's father was one of the founders of Calvary Presbyterian Church, of Springfield, Mo., and an active man in church affairs. Farming was his principal occupation in life, but after he removed to West Plains in 1875 he lived a retired life. He became wealthy and was a selfmade man. In politics he was an old-line Whig, but after the war he affiliated with the Democratic party. He was a self-educated as well as selfmade man, and educated his children. His wife, whose maiden name was Hannah Reynolds, died in 1882. She was a native of Tennessee and of Scotch-Irish origin. The Thomas family is descended from the original Thomas family that came over with Lord Baltimore. To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas were born twelve children, six of whom grew to mature years and three are now living: Samuel J., who died when a young man; Harriet A., the mother of Dr. Chandler; Margaret E., wife of S. H. Henry; Eleanor A., now Mrs. Broughts, of this county; James F. died when small; John W. was a soldier in Company D, Eighth Missouri Cavalry; two or three died in infancy; G. B., subject; and Susan A., died in 1861. In his youth our subject attended the schools of Springfield, and in 1869 branched out in business life. Previous to that he was in the commissary department under Capt. See at Springfield. In 1869 he began merchan-

dising at West Plains with Mr. C. T. Bolin, of the firm of Bolin & Thomas, and continued in business two years. The firm of Bolin, Thomas & Galloway was then started and opened up with a stock of general merchandise. After this Mr. Thomas embarked in the drug business with H. T. Smith, the same continuing two years, and our subject was then elected clerk of the county and circuit court and recorder. He served from 1874 to 1878 and was then elected president of the county court. This office he held four years and in 1882 he again entered the drug business, serving as book-keeper for S. J. Longston & Bro. for six years, after which he came into the present business. Politically he is an advocate of Democratic principles. He is one of the live business men of the place and has made a good property. Mr. Thomas was married to Miss Mary E. Lasater, daughter of Reuben R. Lasater, formerly of this city, who died in 1875. She died in 1891 leaving four children: Beatrice C., Mary H., Maggie E. and Blackman T. These children are at school. Mr. Thomas and his son are the only ones to carry the good old name of Thomas. Mr. Thomas is a Master Mason, and is the owner of considerable real estate in West Plains.

JOHN R. GAULDING. As a dealer in stock and a successful tiller of the soil, Ozark County, Mo., is well represented by John R. Gaulding, who is the owner of an exceptionally fine farm of 300 acres situated on Barren Fork, it constituting one of the best-improved and most valuable farms in the county. He is a native of Davidson County, Tenn., where he was born in 1834, a son of John and Polly Gaulding, Virginians, who were reared in the State of their birth, and there also married. They eventually removed to Davidson County, Tenn., where the mother died when the subject of this sketch was an infant, and where Mr. Gaulding passed from life after the close of the Civil War. He followed the calling of an overseer throughout life, having learned this occupation while on the old plantation in Virginia, his father, John Gaulding, having been a large slave owner. The latter was the father of the following children: Philip, who died a farmer in Oregon County, Mo.; Walthall died while farming in Iron County, Mo.; Richard died in Alabama; Catherine died in Oregon County, Mo., when quite advanced in years, the wife of Andrew Work; Lucy died in Oregon County, Mo., the wife of Rufus McClelland; Nancy died in Davidson County, Tenn., the wife of Edward Wyatt; and John, the father of the subject of this sketch. John R. Gaulding was the youngest of five children born to his parents: Frances, wife of Jack Pitts, of Hickory County, Mo.; Mary Ann, the widow of Meekin Pitts; Lucy, the wife of William Campbell, of Hickory County; Sally Taylor, wife of Lemuel Bentley, of Bloomington County, Ala., and John R. The first ten years of the life of John R. Gaulding were spent under the roof of his uncle, Philip Gaulding, and with the latter he came to Douglas County, Mo., when about eighteen years old. In that county he made his home for seven or eight years with Thomas Brown, who afterward became his father-in-law. He was engaged in tilling the soil until the opening of the Civil War, after which he served for three months in the Home Guards, and then became first lieutenant of Company C, Seventy-third East Missouri Militia, with which he was in active service in Missouri for about one year. He was then appointed to the position of county and circuit clerk and ex-officio recorder of Douglas County, which position he resigned at the end of four years to engage in milling and merchandising, which occupations he continued to follow in Douglas County for about seven years, but since that time has devoted his time and attention to farming and stock dealing. In 1874 he was married, on the farm on which he now lives, to Mrs. Julia Gardner, widow of Louis Gardner, whom she married in 1862, and to whom she bore one child, Parrot Gardner, born in 1863. Louis

Gardner died in 1864. Her father, Hon. Thomas Brown, came from Indiana to Missouri at an early day, and is still living here over eighty years of age, having, during the active years of his life, followed the occupations of farming and blacksmithing. He was a man of considerable prominence, and held the office of justice of the peace, and was judge of Ozark County for some years. During the Civil War he was a Federal soldier in the Forty-sixth Missouri Infantry. Mrs. Gaulding was born in Indiana, and she and her husband, John R. Gaulding, are the parents of three children: Baxter, Landon and Mary Frances. Since his marriage Mr. Gaulding has resided on his present farm, of which he has become the owner through hard and unvarying industry. He has been quite an extensive feeder and shipper of live stock for some years, in fact is enterprising and progressive in all things, and a highly honored citizen of the section in which he resides. He owes much, if not all his success, to his Grandmother Gaulding, who had charge of his bringing up for many years, and who took all pains possible to educate him at her own expense, and fit him for the hard battle of life. So far as lay within the power of any one, she supplied the place of his dead mother, and her memory will ever be treasured by him. She died in Douglas County, a true Christian in every sense of the word. Mr. Gaulding is a member of Robert Burns Lodge No. 496 of the A. F. & A. M. at Gainesville, and politically has always been a stanch supporter of the principles of the Republican party.

Elias Keesee. This gentleman is one of the leading agriculturists of Franklin Township, Marion County, Ark., and has followed this calling from his earliest boyhood, being initiated into its mysteries by his worthy sire. He was born about fifteen miles from his present place of abode in 1824, but his parents, Payton and Nancy (Graham) Keesee, were born in Virginia in 1800, and in Kentucky in 1797, respectively. While in their youth they became residents of the Territory of Arkansas, and in 1818 were married in what is now Marion County, but very shortly afterward removed to what is now Ozark County, Mo., and here spent the rest of their lives, the father's death occurring in 1856 and the mother's in 1863. They were members of the Missionary Baptist Church for many years, and became highly honored citizens of Ozark County, of which they were among the very first white settlers. In those early times they suffered many privations and inconveniences, and were compelled to do their marketing at New Orleans, going thither on flatboats. Sometimes several neighbors would combine, build a boat and ship their produce together, and frequently one man would have enough for one load himself. Their marketing was done about once a year. The young people of that day had no educational advantages for there were no schools; in fact, the country was in a very primitive condition. Mr. Keesee had one brother and sister: Richard, who died in Ozark County, and Patsey (Davis) who died in Newton County, Ark. Their father, who also bore the name of Elias, died in Virginia, when they were children, after which his widow married Frederick Fulkerson, and in the early part of the present century they removed to Arkansas, soon after to Missouri, and in Ozark County the mother and stepfather died. The Keesees were of French origin. Peter Graham, the maternal grandfather, came in a very early day to the upper White River country, and lived for a time in what is now Marion County, and later in Washington County, Ark., where he followed the occupations of farming, hunting, etc., and eventually died. He was a Kentucky pioneer, residing in that State when the people were obliged to live in forts to protect themselves against Indian depredations. He was of Welsh descent and is supposed to have come from Virginia originally. He and his wife, who died in Marion County, Ark., reared a large family of children. The children born to Payton and Nancy Keesee were named as fol-

lows: Huldah, who died in Marion County, Ark.; Lucinda, also died there, the wife of Wendall Lance; Hettie died in Ozark County, Mo., the wife of Samuel Johnson; Elias; Silas, who died after reaching manhood; Peter, a resident of Taney County, Mo.; Zinney V., who died in Marion County, Ark., the wife of Thomas Copeland; Payton, a resident of Texas; Richard, also of Texas; Telitha, who died in Marion County, Ark, the wife of John R. Copeland; Nancy, widow of Thomas Copeland, resides in Texas, and William, who was killed in Ozark, County, Mo., in 1862. by guerrillas. Elias Keesee, the subject of this sketch, was reared in the wilds of the Ozark country, at a time when there were no schools, and in all his life he attended school but a few days. He learned to read after he had reached manhood and in every sense of the word is a selfmade man and is justly accounted one of the most intelligent men of his section. In 1846 he was married to Mary Jane, daughter of Isaac Copeland, who came to this section from Indiana. Mrs. Keesee was born in Indiana and died in Marion County, Ark., in 1876, the mother of ten children: Peter, of Texas; Isaac, of Marion County; Payton, of Texas; Reed, of Marion County; Serepta, wife of Isaac Eoff, of Marion County; Margaret, wife of James McBee, of Marion County; John T., a merchant of Protem; Henrietta, wife of George McMannus, of Marion County; and two children, Lucinda and Nancy, who died young. In 1877 Mr. Keesee married Mrs. Sarah Lance, a daughter of Allen Tremble. She was born in Arkansas, and died in that State in 1878, leaving one child, William. In 1879 Mr. Keesee was married a third time, his wife being Eliza, daughter of Lewis B. Hunt, who came from Ohio to Missouri, and died in Taney County. Mr. and Mrs. Keesee have two children: Alice and Hattie. Mr. Keesee resided in Ozark County, Mo., until 1866, save a few years during the war which he spent in Dallas County, and since that time has resided on his present farm at Keesee's Ferry on the White River in Marion County, Ark., six miles from Protem, Mo. He has been a life long farmer and stockraiser, but for some time past has been rather feeble and in delicate health. He is one of the oldest native-born citizens of the Ozark country, and well remembers the trials, hardships and inconveniences of the early settling of the country. He is universally esteemed, and during the active and industrious life that he has led, naught has ever been said derogatory to his honor, and he has reared a large family of children to responsible and worthy manhood and womanhood. He is a charter member of the Polar Star Lodge No. 224 of the A. F. & A. M., and has ever been an active worker in and a member of the Christian Church. He has ever supported the principles of Democracy and cast his first vote for Gen. Cass in 1848.

M. V. GIDEON. The gentleman whose name is given above is the popular and efficient circuit clerk and recorder of deeds, and one of the representative men of this county. Integrity, intelligence and system are the characteristics which tend to the prosperity to which all aspire, and such are some of the traits of Mr. Gideon, who is well and favorably known throughout the county, his birth having occurred here February 22, 1860. His father, William C. Gideon, who was an early pioneer of Missouri and a man whose uprightness and honesty were well known, was killed by the bushwhackers in this county in 1863. The mother, whose maiden name was Malinda Bird, is still living in Christian County, two miles south of Highlandville, and is now about sixty-six years of age. She is the mother of seven sons and two daughters, all now living except one daughter, Mary, who died when five years of age. The eldest child, T. J., is a prominent attorney of Springfield; Judge J. J. also resides at Springfield; F. M. is attorney for the Southern Pacific Railroad Company, and resides in Washington, D. C.; W. W. resides at Springfield, and is manager

of the Gideon Mercantile Company of that place; Dr. J. M. is a successful physician of Ozark; Mary is deceased; Matilda, now Mrs. Hammond, of Highlandville, Christian County; M. V., our subject, and George B., who is deputy clerk of Christian County. This family, among the oldest and best respected ones of Christian County, came originally from east Tennessee. The father of our subject was a soldier in the Civil War, and served from 1861 until he was killed. He was a farmer by occupation and an extensive dealer in live stock, becoming quite well off. At an early date he settled on the farm where the mother is now living, two miles south of Highlandville, and there some members of the family have since resided. The youthful days of our subject were spent on this farm, and he secured a fair education in the schools of Ozark and at Marionville College, where he remained for four years. After finishing his education he was engaged in the real estate business for two years, and soon after that was appointed deputy assessor of Christian County, holding that position for two years. He again engaged in the real estate business, continued this two years more, and was then appointed deputy collector. For two years he filled that position in a very satisfactory manner, and in 1890 was elected to his present position. In politics he is a Republican. He is a man of marked intelligence and broad information on political and other leading topics of the day, and his integrity and reliability give him the confidence of the community. He is a member of Finley Lodge No. 206, I. O. O. F., at Ozark, and attends the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which his wife holds membership. This lady was formerly Miss E. F. Nelson, born August 27, 1864, in Christian County, daughter of John T. Nelson, who now resides in this county. Four children have been born to this union: Lulu May, deceased; Thomas Roscoe, John Byron and James Lovell. Mr. Gideon and family make their home in Ozark, and Mr. Gideon has been quite successful in a business way, being the owner of a good property. He is also interested in the Gideon Mercantile Company, of Springfield, Mo., and is a thorough business man. He is filling his present position in a very creditable and efficient manner, and has won many warm friends by his upright, honorable career. His father-in-law, John T. Nelson, is one of the prominent men of Christian County. He was born in Tennessee September 3, 1839, and is a son of Samuel D. and Elizabeth (Berry) Nelson. Samuel D. Nelson was born December 29, 1812, and in 1839 came to what is now Taney County, Mo., where he built a mill on Beaver Creek. Later he removed to Stone County and there died in 1863. John T. Nelson was reared in the wilds of Taney and Stone Counties, with such educational advantages as the country afforded in that day, and on the 23d of September, 1863, married Miss Louisa C. Keltner, who was born January 7, 1839, in what is now Christian County. Two children, Mrs. Gideon and Samuel D. (deceased) were born to this union. Mr. Nelson resided for a number of years in Greene and Stone Counties, and in 1888 built one of the best flouring mills on the James River at Griffin. This he has since operated, and he also owns a distillery at Ponce de Leon, Stone County. He is one of the most progressive and industrious citizens of Christian County.

W. K. Johnson. The public services of Mr. Johnson, the efficient and capable treasurer of Christian County, Mo., have been characterized by a noticeable devotion to the welfare of his county, and his ability and fidelity in his present position have been seen and appreciated by all. He is a native of Tennessee, born in Grainger County September 22, 1837, and is a son of Joshua and Sarah (Dent) Johnson, both natives of Tennessee, the father born in Hawkins and the mother in Grainger County. They came to Christian County, Mo., in 1868, and here both passed the remainder of their days, the mother dying in 1877 and the father in 1881. Both were worthy members of

the Missionary Baptist Church. Of the eleven children born to this worthy couple, five are still living: Lavesta, who married, died when twenty years of age; Mariah is a widow and resides in this county; John M. died in Tennessee; Luanna died in Missouri; Thomas died in Christian County; James died when small; G. B. Johnson died while in the army; Amanda married H. H. Roy and is living in Stone County; Tempy married W. C. McCraskey and resides in this county; and Frances, who married A. H. Soloman, also resides in this county. The Johnsons are descended from an old pioneer family of Tennessee, and the Dents are of Irish extraction. Our subject remained in Tennessee until 1859, and was there married to Miss Nancy J. Matthews, a native of Hamilton County, Tenn. In the last mentioned year he brought his family to Missouri and located in Christian County, buying land about twelve miles from Ozark. On this he has resided for the most part ever since, but lately he has rented the farm and has resided in Ozark. In his political views he is an ardent Republican and has ever been interested in the welfare of his party. In the year 1892 he was elected to the responsible position of county treasurer, winning the election by a large majority, and he is now discharging the duties incumbent upon that position. The confidence which the people have in him is almost unbounded, and that he fully deserves their trust, respect and esteem cannot for a moment be doubted. He has always been interested in all public matters, and in all enterprises for the benefit of the county, particularly those relating to education, for he was a teacher for a number of years. Fraternally he is a Mason, a member of Friend Logde No. 352, at Ozark. On the 7th of March, 1862, Mr. Johnson enlisted in the army and served until April 12, 1865, in the Eighth Missouri State Militia first, and subsequently in the Eighth Missouri Volunteer Cavalry. He participated in the fight at Springfield, in the only fight at Ozark, and in a number of skirmishes, but was never wounded. His service was mainly in Missouri and Arkansas in the Ozark Region. He is now a member of the G. A. R. post at Ozark. At an early age Mr. Johnson united with the Baptist Church, has been a preacher for twenty-two years, and is well known all over the county. He is one of the few men who passed through the war and came out as strict in his religious views as when he entered. Ten children were born to his marriage: Sarah, now Mrs. J. C. Erwin, of this county; Isabelle, Mrs. D. L. Peeblers, of this county; James T. resides on a farm in this county; Robert lives on the old farm; Amy, now Mrs. J. T. Solomon, of this county; Frances, now Mrs. W. T. Frazier, of this county; Savilla, at home; Lula, also at home; and two who died young. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have fifteen grandchildren. The family holds membership in the Baptist Church, and the sons are all Republicans in politics.

PRESTON T. MOODY. Among the thoroughgoing, wide-awake farmers and stockraisers of Christian County, Mo., stands Preston T. Moody, whose intelligence, perseverance and industry have brought him good returns. Like so many of the representative citizens of the county, he came originally from Tennessee, having been born in the eastern part of that State in 1822. His parents, Thomas and Elizabeth (Belyew) Moody, were natives of Kentucky, and there they were married. Until 1852 Mr. and Mrs. Moody resided in different counties of east Tennessee, and then came by wagon to Maries County, Mo., where both died within four years afterward. Mr. Moody was a life long farmer, but in connection also carried on the shoemaker's trade. He was never a very strong or healthy man. In politics he was a Whig. His three brothers and one sister were named as follows: John, a wealthy man of east Tennessee; James and Martin, who died in Georgia; and Rhoda, who married Peter Belyew, probably died in Kentucky. James Moody, the grandfather of our subject, it is thought, was a native of North Carolina, and of French origin,

while the maternal grandfather, Samuel Belyew, was of Irish extraction. Of the seven children born to his parents, our subject was fourth in order of birth. They were named as follows: Joseph, served as body-guard for Gen. Wool, when the Indians were being removed to the Territory, and afterward was in business there (for many years nothing has been heard of him); William, a farmer, died in Maries County, Mo.; Andrew Jackson resides in Texas (he served about a year in the Confederate Army, was captured and imprisoned at Rock Island for some time, and then joined the Federal Army, with which he remained until cessation of hostilities; he was also a soldier in the Mexican War); Preston T., our subject; Jane, who was the wife of Henry Green, died in Maries County; Nancy A., died in Taney County (she was the wife of Joseph Birdsong); and Rhoda, wife of James Eddington, of Maries County. Although our subject received but very little schooling in his youth, he has ever been a man of observation, and is considered well informed on all the events of the day. In 1844 he went along to what is now Maries County, Mo., first going down the river to New Orleans and then back to St. Louis. He followed rafting from Texas County down Big Piney and on the Missouri River to St. Louis, for a number of years. In 1847 he married Miss Sarah Ann Elrod, a native of Lawrence County, Ind., born about 1826, the daughter of Thomas and Mary Jane Elrod, natives, respectively, of North Carolina and Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Elrod were married in Lawrence County, Ind., about 1822, and in 1844 they removed to Maries County, Mo., where Mr. Elrod died about 1856, and his widow in 1861. They reared three sons and seven daughters. To Mr. and Mrs. Moody twelve children were given: William and Jane (the latter the wife of John L. Cunningham), are twins; John resides in Ozark County; Col. P., in Christian County, Mo.; Sarah Ann, wife of Amos Bateman, of Taney County; Mary, wife of Daniel Bateman, also of Taney County; Serilda, wife of Volney Clark, of Taney County; Isabel, wife of John Clark, of the last mentioned county; Julia Ann, wife of Isom Case, of Taney County, and the remainder who died in infancy. During the Civil War Mr. Moody served 133 days in the Missouri State Militia, and although on duty all the time, was in no general engagement, nor was he taken prisoner nor wounded. In 1869 he came to Christian County, bought his present farm, and has here made his home down to the present. He has 240 acres, 100 acres under cultivation, and is engaged principally in trading in stock, etc. He is one of the leading farmers of his section, and is highly esteemed as a citizen. Socially he is an Odd Fellow of Forsyth Lodge No. 293, and has filled nearly all the chairs in the order. He and his wife belong to the Baptist Church.

WILLIAM C. DARROW. A noble class of men have built up the agricultural interests of Douglas County, and among those who have been active and efficient in the work is he whose name stands at the head of this sketch. Mr. Darrow now resides about three miles from Arno and five miles from Ava, and is classed among the successful and prominent farmers of the county. He came originally from Nashville, Tenn., his birth occurring September 7, 1849. His parents, Joseph and Lavina (Morris) Darrow, were natives of Tennessee, as was also the grandfather, Christopher Darrow, who was a soldier in the War of 1812. The Darrow family is of German-Irish origin. Joseph Darrow was born in the year 1828 and grew to manhood in his native State. He was a mechanic by trade, and was a man well informed on political and general topics. He held many county offices and discharged the duties of all in a very satisfactory manner. Socially he was a Mason and an Odd Fellow. His death occurred in the year 1882. Mrs. Darrow died in the year 1867. Her father, Lemuel Morris, was a native of the old country, and lived to be a very aged man. Our subject was one of eight children, who are named as follows:

William C.; Mary E.; Nancy, wife of E. N. Clinkingbeard, resides on a farm in this county; G. W. resides in Tennessee, where he has been in a mill for twenty-one years; Christopher C., a carpenter, resides near Nashville, Tenn.; Henry T., a mechanic, resides near Nashville, Tenn.; Josephine A., married; and Huldah L. is the wife of Mr. Feltz, of Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Darrow were members of the Christian Church, and the former was prominent in all county affairs and very popular. Our subject passed his early life near the city of his birth and attended the schools of the same. When twenty years of age he came to Missouri and located on the farm with Charles Binkley up to 1874. There he met and married Miss D. A. Gentry, a native of Douglas County, Mo., born September 9, 1856, and the daughter of Oliver and Elizabeth (McKinzie) Gentry, early pioneers of Webster County, Mo. The grandfather, Bartlet Gentry, was one of the early pioneers of Webster County, and at one time owned the land on which Seymour is now located. He died in Texas County when ninety-one years of age. This family came to this section as early as 1839. Oliver Gentry is residing in this county, and is one of the first farmers of the same. He lost his wife in 1882. They reared a family of twelve children, eleven of whom are now living: Mary J., D. A., J. B., O. H., William J., Sarah P., R. F., P. G., J. L., Martha, Charles, and Bell. To our subject and wife were born five children, who were named as follows: Mary E., Sarah L., Josephine A., William C., and Anna D. After marriage our subject engaged in farming, and this has since continued to be his principal occupation, although he is also engaged quite extensively in stockraising. When he first came to this county he taught school from 1878 to 1885, and in connection carried on farming and stockraising. In 1880 he located on the farm where he now lives, and has 212 acres of well-improved land. At one time he owned about 500 acres, but sold a portion of it. Public spirited and progressive, Mr. Darrow is one of the leading men of the county, and is universally respected. In politics he is a Republican and an active worker for his party. Mr. Darrow is a self-made man, for he started with nothing but a pair of willing hands and a stout heart, and is now very comfortably fixed indeed.

RAMSEY & SMITH. Prominent among the leading business men of West Plains stand the names of Ramsey & Smith, dealers in soft lumber, building material, coal, ice and agricultural implements. They are also shippers of hay and grain. This business was established in September, 1892, by Richard Ramsey and W. K. Smith, and from the start they had a good business. The company owns the warehouse of large capacity with a large cold storage room. This is on the Gulf Railroad, a very convenient location, and the annual business will amount to $50,000. Ice is handled, and they deliver to all parts of the city. Mr. Smith, the general manager of the business, is a native of South Dakota, born February 10, 1867. He gained a good education, and in 1892 came to this city, where he took the management of this business and continued it since. He is a Mason, a member of the West Plains Lodge, and in politics he is a stanch Republican. Mr. Smith has made a success in a business way, and is one of the prominent young men of the Plains. He and wife have a pleasant and handsome residence in West Plains, and are well respected by all. Mr. Ramsey is a young man, a son of S. G. Ramsey (see sketch), and inherits much of his father's good business management and enterprise.

JOSEPH VOOHERS. In reviewing the leading industries of the town of Willow Springs, the mercantile interests claim special attention. Mr. Joseph Voohers, one of the leading merchants of the place, is esteemed on all sides for his enterprise and just methods, and has many warm friends. He is a native of Missouri, born January 24, 1853, and the son of Dr. James B.

Voohers, who was an early pioneer of Missouri. The Doctor was born in the Buckeye State, and practiced his profession many years in Springfield, Ill., Booneville, Mo., and St. Louis. His death occurred in 1855. Our subject received his education in the schools of Illinois, and when but a boy started out to fight his own way in life, first as a clerk. This he followed up to 1879, when he became a member of the general merchandising company of J. M. Gibberson & Co., of Elsah, Ill., continuing with the same for two years. After this he moved to north Missouri, clerked for some time, and then on account of poor health emigrated to Howell County, located at Burnham, where he was engaged in general merchandising for four years. Following this he went to Kansas and for four years was engaged in the lumber business. In 1888 he returned to Howell County, and as his health was better there, he opened up a clothing business on First Street, and later a general mercantile business. In 1890 he built the store building on the corner of Center and Second Street, a two-story brick, 24x103, and he has a large stock of general merchandise. He carries a stock of goods valued at $7,000 and does an annual business of $30,000. He is one of the leading business men of the place and his honest, square dealings have made him a host of friends, who rejoice in his prosperity and success. In politics Mr. Voohers is a Republican and he has held a number of prominent offices in the town, being city treasurer for some time. He has made his own way in life and is a good representative of a business man, being upright, honorable and reliable. Fraternally he is an Odd Fellow, and he is also a member of the A. O. U. W. at West Plains. Mr. Voohers was married in Illinois to Miss Flora E. Landon, who was born near Delhi, Ill., in 1864, and educated at Monticello Seminary. They have a daughter, Fay, who is a bright intelligent girl and a graduate of the High School at Willow Springs in 1894. She carried off the honors of her class although only twelve years old. The name Voohers is of French origin and is an old one in the United States. The mother of our subject, who is now living in Willow Springs, as above stated, was born in Kentucky. Three of her five children are living: Sarah Esther, who is living in Willow Springs; John, an attorney at Marshall, Mo., and our subject.

S. G. Ramsey. Our subject is a man whose business career is a decidedly interesting one, showing the shrewdness, executive ability and competency which can be attained when one is so determined. Among all the industries that are carried on in the flourishing city of West Plains none succeeded so well as the ones that are conducted by practical men. An instance in mind is the success attained to by S. G. Ramsey, one of the prominent and influential citizens of that city. Mr. Ramsey was born in Franklin County, Mo., October 20, 1836, and his father, J. A. Ramsey, who was a native Kentuckian, was one of the pioneers of Missouri. The grandfather, John Ramsey, was a native of Scotland, who came to this country and first settled in Virginia. Later he moved to Kentucky and from there to Missouri, where he died in 1845. Some of the early members of the Ramsey family served in the Revolutionary War. The father of our subject was a single man when he came to Missouri in 1830, and he first located in Franklin County, and tilled the soil for many years. He was an influential citizen and was county surveyor at one time. His death occurred near New Haven, that county, in 1852. Mr. Ramsey married Miss Naoma Miller, who was a native of Franklin County, where she was born in pioneer days. Her father, Phillip Miller, was a native of the Keystone State and an early pioneer of Franklin County, where he settled long before there was a steamboat on the Missouri River. The town New Haven was called Miller's Landing for many years. Mr. Miller had a good farm on the Missouri River, and there he passed the closing scenes of his

life. The mother of our subject died in Franklin County in 1878. She was born in the same county in 1816. Of the nine children born to her marriage all were sons but one, viz.: B. A., a resident of Missouri; S. G., subject; L. A., a soldier in the Confederate Army, resides in Kansas; J. W., a merchant in Missouri; J. P. resides in West Plains; Rachel died after marriage and the others died young. Mr. and Mrs. Ramsey held membership in the Christian Church. Amid the rude surroundings of pioneer life our subject passed his youthful days. Of course there were few schools at that time and his educational advantages were limited. Early in life he started out for himself as a business man, and although he had not heard Greeley's advice as yet, he turned his face toward the great West in 1857 and located at a trading post on the Old Santa Fé trail. About the time of the breaking out of the Civil War he returned to Missouri and settled in Franklin County, where he engaged in the lumber business and handled railroad ties. In 1864 he began merchandising at New Haven, Mo., continued this for four years, and then bought a large flouring mill. During the financial panic of 1873 he lost nearly all his property and he subsequently engaged in the railroad tie business on the Gasconade River. Again he lost all. After this he went to work on a salary and continued this from 1876 to 1887, when he was made one of the company for whom he was working—the Sedwick, Phillip & Co.—dealers in railroad ties and lumber. This company is now operating all along the Gulf Railroad in Missouri and Arkansas. Mr. Ramsey sold out his interest in that business in 1894 and is now interested in the West Plains Bank of the city. Since he came to West Plains in 1883 with small capital Mr. Ramsey has met with signal success. Much of his good fortune is due to his good judgment and fine executive ability. He is a man of sterling integrity and deserves his success. Politically he is a Democrat. In August, 1860, he married Miss Hutton, who died in 1876, leaving five children: Bell, Emma, Alice, Richard and Nellie. Mr. Ramsey has given his daughters good educational advantages. He was again married in 1879 to Miss Anna Hull, of Osage County, Mo., and three children have been given them: Stanley, Bessie and Irene. These children are still at school. Mr. Ramsey has ever been active in political matters and for six years was chairman of the County Central Committee. He has ever been active in all public matters, is upright and honorable, and no better citizen finds his home in the county. He is the owner of an orange orchard in California, where he is now preparing to move, probably to spend the remainder of life.

WILLIAM W. KIMBERLING. It is owing to the enterprise and push of such men as Mr. Kimberling that Stone County, Mo., owes much of its prosperity, for he has been one of its thrifty, industrious and intelligent agriculturists for many years, and is at the present time the proprietor of a fine and well-improved farm of 110 acres on the south side of White River. He was born in Franklin County, Ark., April 16, 1840, a son of Nathaniel and Nancy (Birchfield) Kimberling, native Tennesseeans. The father became a resident of Stone County a few years after the disposal of the land by the Indians, and here made his home, the greater part of the time, although he resided for about a year in Texas and Arkansas. His death occurred in the Lone Star State in 1862, at the age of sixty years. He was of German descent, a Republican in politics, a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and, throughout life, he followed the honorable occupation of farming, at which he obtained a comfortable competency. He was truly one of the pioneers of Stone County, and as he was a skillful marksman and fond of hunting, had numerous opportunities of gratifying this taste, and many a bear fell a victim to his unerring aim. He was married in Stone County to a daughter of John Birch-



S. G. RAMSEY,
West Plains, Mo.



GEORGE F. ELAM,
Marion Co., Ark.

field, who was an early settler and the owner of a good farm on the James River. He died many years ago. Mrs. Kimberling died in 1865, having become the mother of fourteen children, only four of whom are living: Caroline, wife of James Mayes, of Moniteau County, Mo.; Benjamin, who is a resident of Stone County; California A., married, and a resident of Moniteau County, and Eliza, who is living in Christian County, the wife of Jesse Gardner. Those deceased are Peter, John P., Rebecca, James J., Melissa, Sophia, and several infants. Four of the sons were soldiers in the Civil War: James J., Benjamin, Peter, and William W. The latter was reared in the county of his birth, and as schools were few and far between, he received but a limited education. When the great conflict between the North and South opened, he first joined the Home Guards, but in 1862 enlisted in Company F, Fourteenth Missouri State Militia, afterward becoming a member of the Eighth Missouri Militia, and took part in the engagement at Springfield, and was also engaged in fighting bushwhackers and in following up Price through the State. He received an honorable discharge in April, 1865, and for one year thereafter resided in Colorado, after which he returned to Missouri and located in the upper part of Stone County on a farm. In 1870 he located on his present farm on the White River, where he also conducts a ferry, known as the Mayberry Ferry on the Wilderness road. Mr. Kimberling has always affiliated with the Republican party, and, for one term, held the position of postmaster of Radical. In a business way he has been reasonably successful, and is now the owner of a comfortable and pleasant home. At the close of the war he married Miss Phœbe A. Cox, a daughter of John Cox and a sister of Judge Cox of Stone County, and to them the following children have been given: John; Nancy, wife of Thomas F. Biles; Susan, wife of William Biles; William W., Lula A, James H., Charles B., Frederick, Nettie, Bessie, Myra, and two who are dead—Columbus and Mirtie May. Mr. and Mrs. Kimberling are members of the Baptist Church, and he belongs to the G. A. R. post at Galena.

GEORGE A. and C. M. PEASE, owners of the Enterprise Roller Mills, of West Plains, Howell County, Mo., are conducting one of the largest concerns of the kind in south Missouri. The mill was built in 1889, at a cost of $10,000, by Dr. Pitts and George H. Carter (who is now of the Howell County Bank), and was operated by the above-mentioned gentlemen from July until October, 1889. G. A. and C. M. Pease then bought the mill and since that time have successfully operated it. In 1893 the present owners increased the capacity from 75 to 125 barrels, and changed the bolting system to that of plansifter, and probably adopted the first full plansifter mill used in the United States. The mill has six sets of rollers, and has all the equipments to do first class work. Work is done both day and night with two sets of hands, and a first-class grade of flour is turned out. The mill is located on the Gulf Railroad tract, west of the depot, and consists of the mill proper, 32x60 feet, two stories and basement. It is operated by a 75-horse power Corliss engine. The elevator stands fifty feet from the mill, and has a capacity of 12,000 bushels. The grain used is raised in the section, and the brands of flour are Plansifter Patent, Fancy Patent and Harvest Queen, and are equal to any brands made in the State. The mill turns out about 38,000 barrels per year, and for the past four or five years has been run almost constantly. Ten hands are employed. The Pease brothers, G. A. and C. M., are the sons of Miles and Susan (Metcalf) Pease. The grandfather, Christopher Pease, was a native of Vermont, and the family is of old Puritan stock, the ancestors coming from England and settling in the East. The father of our subjects was born in Vermont, and all his life was engaged in the milling business, superintending a mill in Lowell, Mass., and another in Burlington, Vt. He emigrated to the West in 1854 and located in

Winona County, Minn., where he made his home for four years. He was a pioneer of that State, and hauled the first printing press ever taken to St. Paul up the Mississippi River from La Crosse. He came to Franklin County, Mo., in 1859, and located near St. Clair, where he engaged in the manufacture of woolen goods. There he remained until 1861, when he moved to Gasconade County, and engaged in the grist mill business, using steam power, until 1865, when he moved to Rolla and embarked in the hotel business. Two years later he went to Arlington, the same county, and engaged in the same business for a short time. The same year he moved to Douglas County, engaged in saw milling and also conducted a grist mill on the north fork of White River. This was one of the first mills built after the war in that section of country, and it was patronized for a distance of forty and fifty miles. There he made his home until his death in September, 1879, but he had sold his business the year previous to his death. In politics he was a Republican, socially a Mason, and in religion a Methodist. He was a man of energy and led a life of great activity. His wife was a native of New Hampshire, and a daughter of Moses Metcalf, who was also a native of that State. Her mother was a Williams, and Grandfather Williams was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. Mrs. Pease is still living in Howell County, and finds a comfortable home with her children. Her children were named as follows: Clarence, farmer and a miller, resides at Dora, Ozark County; G. A., one of our subjects; Ida Wilson, resides in Douglas County; Clinton M., another subject; Myron M., a member of the mill firm at Dora, Ozark County, and also a prominent saw mill man, resides in West Plains; Alando M. resides at Salome Springs, and is also in the milling business; Ella L. married a Mr. Stephenson, of Texas; Minerva, now Mrs. King, resides in Texas. George A. Pease was born in Vermont May 30, 1849, and is mainly self-educated, having attended school only about nine months. He started in the milling business with his father, and was engaged in the same mill, after his father had sold out, until January 1, 1880, at which time he went to the State of Michigan in the interest of a patent right, but after six months of unprofitable effort returned to Ozark County, Mo., and associated himself with C. M. They embarked in the saw mill business without any other capital than willing hands and a reputation that enabled them to buy machinery and equipments, with only money enough to pay freight from the factory to Springfield, Mo. From there they hauled them seventy-five miles with ox teams. For four years, in different localities in Ozark and Douglas Counties, they engaged in the saw mill business and made a few thousand dollars. Tiring of the surroundings of a pine woods life, in 1884, they went to Pottersville, Howell County, and built a custom grist mill, and engaged in a prosperous mercantile business. In 1887 they formed a partnership with M. M. and A. M. Pease (brothers) in a saw mill venture, in which they lost between $4,000 and $5,000 by the failure of the parties to whom they sold. This so crippled them financially that they could not meet their obligations, and their creditors took charge of their mill business. After a few months, however, they resumed in their own names, and soon paid 100 cents on the dollar. Some time after they came to West Plains, and with very little capital started in business. They were careful and economical, and met with unusual success. Later they invested a large amount in the present mill, and success has rewarded their efforts. G. A. is an Odd Fellow, A. O. U. W., and a local minister in the Methodist Episcopal Church. In politics he is a Republican. Aside from their mill they own good houses in West Plains which are presided over by their wives. George A. was married, May 27, 1893, to Miss Susan J. Carson, daughter of James Carson, one of the first families of Virginia. Seven children were given them: Kingsley E.,

George F., Ida M., and William A. Three died in infancy. Mrs. Pease was born in Jacksonville, Ill. Her Grandfather Carson built the first house in Jacksonville, Ill., a log house, and it is still intact a few blocks from the square of the city. She is a worthy member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Clinton M. Pease was born in R. H. September 26, 1852, but received his education in Missouri. He was married the first time in Douglas County to Miss Sophronia E. Rice, a native of Missouri, and daughter of Thomas Rice. To this union were born five children: Clinton M., deceased; Fredrick E., Ada B., Ida and Moses. Mrs. Pease died in 1886, and his second union was with Ina Root, a native of Ohio, and daughter of G. W. Root. She lived but two months after marriage, and his third union was with Miss Sidney Moore, a native of West Plains, and the daughter of Henry Moore. Two children have been given them: Victoria and Helen. Mrs. Pease is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, as is also her husband. He belongs to the A. F. & A. M., the I. O. O. F. and the A. O. U. W. In politics he is a Republican.

E. J. Rhodes. Among the reputable men of Harrison, Ark., who in their conduct of business matters, and the duties belonging to the various relations of life, have acquired a worthy name, is E. J. Rhodes, who, although but in the prime of life, is old in experience. The record of his life is one of interest, for it shows what can be accomplished when one possesses the determination to forge ahead, and has the wisdom to make the most of the opportunities which present themselves. He was born in Jefferson County, Iowa, March 17, 1845, the second of eight children born to Ira G. and Ann E. (Botts) Rhodes, who were born in Trumbull County, Ohio, and Kentucky, respectively. He is of German descent and traces his ancestry back through his grandfather, Joseph Rhodes, to his great-grandfather, John Rhodes, who was a native of Connecticut. In 1815 the Rhodes family took up their residence in Ohio, but later were among the very first settlers of Jefferson County, Iowa, at which time that now flourishing common wealth was a Territory. Ira G. Rhodes settled on what was known as Congressional land, which he still owns. He has been a lifelong Republican, has been treasurer of Jefferson County and is very prominent in the affairs of his section. Although now eighty years of age, he is still interested in the welfare of the county in which his home has been so long, and in his old age enjoys the comforts and luxuries which his early industry has brought him. The maternal grandfather of E. J., Joseph Botts moved to Hancock County, Ill., from Kentucky, at which time Mrs. Rhodes was but sixteen years of age, and there he died, having been a Virginian by birth. Mrs. Rhodes is a hale and hearty old lady, and although advanced in years she and her husband visited the World's Fair in 1893. Their children were named as follows: Lucilia, wife of R. H. L. Barricklow, of Stuttgart, Ark.; Eugene J.; Luther G., who has for twenty years been a fruit grower of California; Mary S., wife of A. S. Bailey, of Shenandoah, Iowa; William E., who is a merchant of Sweetwater, Ala.; Myrtle G., wife G. G. Sampson, principal of the schools of Agency City, Iowa; Florence A., wife of Nathan A. Heacock, of Burlington, Iowa and Homer E., who is a hardware merchant of Stuttgart, Ark. A fact worthy of mention in connection with that worthy old pioneer, Ira G. Rhodes, and to which he, in a great measure attributes his long life and good health, is that he never took a drink of intoxicating liquor nor a chew of tobacco in his life, and in this respect his sons have followed in the worthy footsteps of their sire. The district schools of his native State afforded Eugene J. Rhodes a good, practical education, and during his sixteenth year he attended the high schools of Brighton and Washington, Iowa, and at the age of twenty-one graduated from the well-known Eastman Business College. He then entered the Iowa State

University, from which he graduated in 1869, and in July of that year located in Johnson County, Ark. After a time he removed to Fayetteville and at the end of two years was appointed register of the United States Land Office, and removing the office from Clarksville to Harrison, began business in 1871. After filling this office very acceptably for three years he went to California, where he was engaged in teaching for four years, and also labored as a bookkeeper for some time. In 1878 he returned to Boone County, Ark., and was married here to Miss Mattie Keener, a daughter of Judge Keener. Mrs. Rhodes was born in Pennsylvania September 23, 1859, was reared in Missouri and Arkansas, and after her marriage for some time resided in Harrison. Later they moved to the pinery, where they are at present residing. Here Mr. Rhodes has a tract of land comprising 3,100 acres and many acres of mining land and is engaged in farming, stockraising and operating his mines, besides discharging the duties of United States Mineral Surveyor for the State of Arkansas. He has held the offices of justice of the peace, notary public, is a stanch Republican and is an active member of the County Central Committee. He is a director in the Boone County Bank, and being the owner of 2,000 acres of pine land, is largely interested in the manufacture and sale of pine and oak lumber, and is president of the Arkansas Zinc and Lead Company, which was incorporated in 1890 to operate in the mining regions of Arkansas, and which is a very substantial concern, having control of 1,200 acres of rich mining land in Marion County, alone. Mr. Rhodes is the half-owner of the well-known Diamond Cave, of Newton County, Ark., and it can with truth be said of him that he has done as much as any man in Arkansas to push forward the zinc and lead industry. He is one of the successful business men of the county, has a beautiful and comfortable home, and on his place is one of the largest and finest orchards in the county. He is well and popularly known in Boone County, and he and his family move in the best circles of society. He has four sons and two daughters as follows: Ethel; Eugene J., William, Clarence, Lena and Clyde, to whom he is giving every possible educational advantage and for whom he employs a private tutor.

HENRY H. STONE. If industry, hard work and ceaseless activity, united with a strong and determined perseverance can accomplish anything in this world, then Mr. Stone is bound to succeed, for in him are to be found all the characteristics mentioned, and indeed he is deserving of more than ordinary credit for his career thus far in life. He is a product of the Sucker State, born in Johnson County February 12, 1845, and a son of Thomas and Esther (May) Stone, both natives of Kentucky. The grandfather, Reuben Stone, was born in North Carolina, but at an early age emigrated to Kentucky, where his son Thomas grew to manhood. The latter is a mechanic by trade and has followed that all his life. He moved from his native State to Johnson County, Ill., where he married Miss Esther E. May, and made his home there for a number of years, holding while there the office of justice of the peace for some time, moving thence to Jackson County, where the subject of our sketch was raised and educated. About 1889 he came to Billings, and there his wife died in October, 1892. She was a worthy member of the Baptist Church and Mr. Stone holds membership in the same at the present time. He is still living in Billings, and is retired from the active duties of life. In politics he is a Republican. No man is more highly respected in the community than he. His marriage resulted in the birth of nine children, seven of whom are living as follows: Henry H. (subject), the eldest; Sarah E., wife of James Murray, of Simpson, Ill.; John, who is living in Marion, Williamson County, Ill.; Jennie, the wife of W. S. Taylor, of Centralia, Ill.; Mary, the wife of J. H. Kastendrick, of Billings; William, who is

living in the West, single; and Fannie, the wife of Benjamin Newson, of Carbondale, the latter being editor of a paper. Two children died young. In the neighborhood where he was born our subject spent his early days, and supplemented a common-school education by attending Carbondale College. In 1874 he engaged in the milling business at Billings, but previous to this he was married to Miss Amanda E. Purdy, a native of Jackson County, Ill., born January 6, 1851, and the daughter of Henry and Jane (Davis) Purdy. She was left motherless when four years of age, and her father died a soldier at Bowling Green, Ky., during the war. She was then reared by an uncle. Shortly after their marriage, which occurred on the 25th of October, 1874, this young couple came to Billings, where Mr. Stone embarked in milling, as before stated. He built the mill now standing in that city, it being the first in this part of the county, and in company with John Owen erected it at a cost of about $2,500. After operating this for about four years Mr. Stone sold out and engaged in the saw mill business in Stone County, continuing this for about seven years. During this time he was also operating his farm, forty acres, which he bought soon after coming to this county. This tract of land is located only half a mile from the depot of Billings and is as well improved as any place in the county. He has one of the finest homes, too. In the milling and lumber business he was successful, and after leaving the saw mill, he with J. W. Sanders engaged in the lumber business. They continued together about five years, when our subject bought out Mr. Sanders and continued the business alone for about two years. He then sold to Mr. John Tiede, the present owner, and engaged in the manufacture of paving brick, following the same for four or five years. In the lumber business he was successful, but did not do so well with the brick business. He is engaged in farming and makes a complete success of this. He has a lovely home and everything about the place shows taste and good judgment. In political matters Mr. Stone is a strong supporter of the Republican party. He is a member of the A. O. U. W. He and Mrs. Stone are members of the Christian Church, in which he is deacon, and both are highly esteemed in the community. Three children are the fruits of their union: Arthur H., born April 25, 1879, is at school; Eloise A., born February 22, 1882, and Paul Purdy, born June 22, 1888. In connection with farming Mr. Stone also gives his attention to fruit growing. He was elected to the office of associate judge and served in that capacity from 1882 to 1884. He has been director of Billings high school and has held other local positions.

WILLIAM P. NORMAN. There is nothing which adds so much to the prestige of a city or town, in the estimation of the public, as a first-class livery stable. In this respect Harrison is certainly to be congratulated. Among her establishments of this kind are found men of great business tact and enterprise, and none more so than William P. Norman, who conducts one of the busiest, best-managed livery stables in the county. Mr. Norman came originally from Mississippi, his birth occurring in Marshall County in 1853, and he is a son of Jesse L. and Mary Ann (Clayton) Norman, natives of South Carolina, where they were reared and married. From there they removed to Mississippi some time in the forties and there passed the closing scenes of their lives, the father dying in 1874 and the mother in 1892. Both were Missionary Baptists for many years and were well and favorably known over the section in which they lived. He followed the occupation of a planter, and at the time of the breaking out of the Civil War was quite wealthy. Then he lost all. In politics he was a Democrat, and for a number of years he held the office of justice of the peace. His father died in South Carolina many years ago and left a large family. Grandfather Fielding Clayton was a planter, and

died in Mississippi. To the parents of our subject were born four sons and four daughters, as follows: John was a soldier in the Confederate Army, and died in Mississippi; Thomas died in Mississippi from a wound received at Atlanta; Jesse, of Marshall County, Miss., was also a soldier in the Confederate Army, serving over two years; and our subject. The daughters were named Mary Ann, deceased, was the wife of A. W. Wilkins; Elizabeth, deceased, was the wife of T. G. Henley; Caroline is the wife of T. J. Carter, of De Soto County, Miss., and Sallie, deceased. The original of this notice grew to manhood on the farm, received a limited education on account of the war, and when twenty-one years of age branched out for himself as an agriculturist. He was married in Marshall County, Miss., in 1874, to Miss Octie O. Moore, a product of Marshall County, Miss., and the daughter of Charles and Sarah Moore, natives of Tennessee. From that State Mr. and Mrs. Moore removed to Mississippi, where Mr. Moore died before the war. His wife is still living. Our subject's marriage has been blessed by the birth of nine children, viz.: Olivia, Irby, Howard, Clayton, Clifton, Jesse, Chester, Kinlock and William. Mr. Norman resided in Marshall County, Miss., until 1886 and then moved to Boone County, Ark., locating four miles south of Harrison, where he rented land for one year. After that he purchased a farm and conducted the same until 1891, since which time he has been engaged in the livery and transfer business. He is the only one of the Norman family who moved to Arkansas or the West. Mr. Norman is a Mason, a member of Boone Lodge No. 314, at Harrison, and in politics is a Democrat, casting his first vote for Tilden in 1876. He and wife hold membership in the Missionary Baptist Church.

HENRY OSWALT. This gentleman, who resides on section 1, William Township, owns a fine farm, which attests by its value and productiveness the excellent qualities of thoroughness and system which mark the owner. The prudent ways and careful methods of the Teutonic farmer are conspicuous in this county, where so many representatives of the German race have settled and Henry Oswalt is no exception to the rule. His great-grandparents on the paternal side were natives of Germany, and came to this country at an early date, settling with many others of that nationality in the Keystone State. Our subject was born in Mercer County, Ill., April 27, 1840, and was second in order of birth of ten children born to H——— and Rachel (Flora) Oswalt, natives of Pennsylvania and Ohio, respectively. The grandfather, Hagle Oswalt, was also a native of Pennsylvania. The father of our subject grew to manhood in his native State, but then went to Ohio, where he remained until 1838, going from there to Illinois. He took up Government land and carried on farming through life. While residing in Ohio he married Miss Flora, a daughter of Jonas Flora, who was an early pioneer of the Buckeye State, and also of German origin. This young couple made the trip from Ohio to Illinois by wagon, were early settlers there, and experienced many hardships and privations. They reared a family of ten children, all but three of whom survive. In 1869 the family emigrated from Illinois to Missouri, and located in Barton County, where the father bought a farm and tilled the soil until his death in 1876. He was a Democrat in politics. The mother is still living, is seventy-six years of age, and makes her home in Barton County. Their children were named as follows: John, a carpenter of Mercy County, Ill.; Henry, our subject; Michael, killed in the Civil War; Rachel, married and resides in Barton County, Mo.; Samuel resides at Leavenworth, Kan.; Lydia, widow, resides in Barton County; Catherine, married and lives in Barton County; Franklin, a farmer of Barton County; Mary J., married and a resident of Barton County, and Edward, who died young. Our subject spent his early life in the Prairie State, received but a common-school education, and was

twenty-four years of age when he came to Missouri. While under the parental roof he was drilled in the duties pertaining to farming, and as a natural consequence when starting out for himself he selected that as his occupation in life. He selected his wife in the person of Miss Felesha Raker, a native of Missouri, born in 1848, and the daughter of Joseph Raker, who was a native of Missouri. After coming to Missouri young Oswalt bought a farm in Barton County and entered actively upon his career as an agriculturist. About 1888 he came to Stone County, where he has since continued to till the soil, and where he has met with good returns. He has good buildings on his place, especially his residence, which is one of the best in this part of the county, and he is giving much of his attention to stockraising, his farm being well adapted to that. He is considered one of the representative farmers and citizens of the county, and his family is well respected. To his first marriage were born four children, three of whom are living: Finley, married, resides on a farm on White River; Luther, married, resides on the farm with his father; Annie, single, at home, and Stella, who died young. Mrs. Oswalt died in 1876. Our subject's second union was with Miss Viola Van Gundey, a native of Illinois, born in 1860, and daughter of Nelson and Lucinda (Frankenberger) Van Gundey, formerly from Ohio but early settlers of Illinois. Three children have been born to the second union: Minnie, Roy and John.

FRANCIS MARION YOUNGBLOOD. There is something essentially American in the life and character of the gentleman who is the subject of this sketch. The United States has given rare opportunities to men with courage, honesty of purpose, integrity and energy to secure success. Francis Marion Youngblood has all the above characteristics, and his success as an agriculturist and citizen has come as his devotion to right and his tenacity of purpose. Mr. Youngblood was born in DeKalb County, Mo., about 1838, son of Ambrose and Martha (Fanning) Youngblood, who resided for many years in Tennessee. From that State they moved to Illinois, and thence to northwest Missouri. When our subject was about six years old the parents came to Carroll (now Boone) County, and settled on Long Creek, where the father improved a good farm, and where he passed the remainder of his days, dying about 1882. His wife died in the same county a few years before. Mr. Youngblood was considerable of a hunter, and one of his reasons for settling in this section was on account of the game. The grandfather, James Youngblood, was probably a Revolutionary soldier, but very little is known of him. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Youngblood were named as follows: Nancy, wife of John Sharp, of Kansas; Jeremiah McClinton, a soldier in the Federal Army, now resides in Missouri; James resides in Boone County; William, a soldier in the Federal Army, makes his home in Carroll County; and Francis M., our subject. The latter received but very little schooling in his youth, only a few months each year, for he had several miles to walk and most of his time was spent in assisting on the home place. In the year 1861 he was married to Miss Elizabeth Hulsey, who was born in ————, and who was the daughter of Hiram and Nancy Hulsey, early settlers of Boone County. Ten children were the fruits of this union: William Riley; Mary, wife of John Thomas Philips, of Colorado; T. S., a graduate of Marion Medical College, St. Louis, and is now a prominent physician of Adair, I. T.; Carrie, wife of Andrew Hayhurst, of Carroll County; James; Martha Delaney, wife of William Vowel; Cordelia; Mac. Noah, of Indian Territoy; Ida and Hattie. Since a boy our subject has made his home on Long Creek, near Shaver Postoffice, where he has one of the best farms to be found. He has 390 acres, the old farm owned by his father, and has always followed farming and stockraising, being one of the best known men in his part of the county. In the month of July, 1862, he

enlisted in Company K, First Arkansas Cavalry, Federal Army, at Springfield, Mo., and operated in Missouri and Arkansas. He was captured in Carroll County in the fall of 1862, but was released after about a month, and was mustered out at Fayetteville, Ark., in February, 1864. After the war he resumed farming and has followed it ever since. He and wife have been members of the Christian Church for many years, and he has been a Republican since he first commenced voting.

DR. N. C. BERRY. Our subject, a prominent and leading physician of West Plains, Mo., was born April 5, 1838, in Union County, Ky., of which State his father, Dr. J. T. Berry, was also a native. The elder Berry was born in Fayette County in 1810, and was the son of John Berry, who was a native Virginian and an early settler of Kentucky. Dr. J. T. Berry took up the practice of medicine nearly sixty years ago in Kentucky, and came to Missouri in 1869. He located in Camden County, but subsequently moved to Carthage, where he is now practicing. He is about eighty-four years of age, a prominent physician, and member of the board of pension examiners at Carthage. He was married in Kentucky to Miss Susan M. Hodge, daughter of James Hodge, formerly of Kentucky, now deceased. She is still living, and is seventy years of age. Of their seven children our subject is eldest in order of birth. The others are as follows: C. L. and H. A., residents of Carthage; John J., deceased, was a soldier in the Fourth Kentucky Infantry, Confederate Army; C. C., who died when a child, and two daughters who died young. Our subject passed his boyhood and youth in his native county, attended the schools there and the high school in his native town, and early in life began the study of medicine with his father and an uncle, Dr. J. W. Berry. Later he entered the Jefferson College, of Philadelphia, Pa., and there finished his education. Following this the Doctor enlisted in the Confederate Army, Fourth Kentucky Infantry, in September, 1861, and was with that regiment during the battle of Shiloh. Later he obtained a position with Gen. Lyon, and was with him until the close of the war. He was an army surgeon, and was first with Col. Cypert's regiment. Later he was promoted to senior brigade surgeon of Turner's Brigade, Gen. Lyon's cavalry, and continued in that position during the latter part of the war. He was with Gen. Forest at Johnsonville, Tenn., and was in the army nearly four years. He was taken prisoner by Gen. Mitchell, but soon escaped. Following the war he located in Kentucky and resumed the practice of medicine with his father, and continued with him up to the time he came to Missouri. Upon reaching this State Dr. Berry settled at West Plains, Howell county, and since 1871 has made his home in this town. He is a member of the county and Southwest Missouri Medical Association, and has shown his appreciation of secret organizations by becoming a member of the I. O. O. F., West Plains Lodge No. 263, K. of P., Crotona Lodge No. 137, at West Plains, and A. O. U. W. No. 231. The Doctor has held numerous offices in the organizations. He has been district deputy grand master of the I. O. O. F., has represented his lodge in the Grand Lodge of Missouri, also in the encampment of the State, and has ever been an active Odd Fellow. In politics the Doctor is a Democrat, and is a strong man in his party. He has ever been interested in political affairs. He has held the office of secretary of the board of health of West Plains for a number of years, and he has been a member of the educational board of the town. The Doctor has a cheerful and pleasant home on Main Street, and this is presided over by his estimable wife, who was Mrs. Green, daughter of Payne Dixon, when he married her. They have one daughter living, Sudie C., a young lady, and two other children deceased: Ernestine, who was the wife of Edward Hely, of West Plains, died when twenty-one years of age, and William, who died when seven months old. Dr. Berry is

one of the leading physicians of southwest Missouri, and has a large and paying practice. His office is on Washington Avenue.

JOHN H. MIDDLETON. John H. Middleton, general merchant, farmer and postmaster at Omaha, Boone County, Ark., is a worthy citizen in all the relations of life, and has always been interested in the advancement in the different affairs of his section. He is a successful business man; his generosity keeps pace with his prosperity, and he contributes liberally of his means to the advancement of worthy enterprises, in which respect his generosity has been recognized and appreciated. Mr. Middleton is a product of Bolivar, Mo., born January 9, 1854, and is a son of William J. and Lovina J. (Beckley) Middleton. The father was born in Tennessee in 1830, and when seven years of age went to what is now Stone County, Mo., with his mother, and settled near Galena, on James River, where he remained until the breaking out of the Mexican War. He then enlisted and served all through that war as a private. After his return to Missouri he was married in St. Clair County to Miss Beckley and at once located in Bolivar, where he followed merchandising until about 1856. From there he removed to Linn County, Kan., and engaged in business at Centreville for a few years. In 1859 he went to Pike's Peak, but about a year later returned to St. Clair County, Mo., where he engaged in the pottery business, following the same until the next year when he put in a crop. The war then broke out and he abandoned his enterprises and enlisted in Company G, Seventh Kansas Cavalry, and served three years and three months in the Army of the Cumberland with Grant and Sherman. He held the rank of sergeant and fought at Corinth, Miss., Florence, Ala., Chickamauga, Lookout Mountain, and many others, twenty-six battles in all. He was never captured nor wounded and was only home on a furlough twice. No braver soldier fought for the old flag or trod the red sod of a bloody battlefield. At the close of the war he moved from Lawrence, Douglas County, Kan., to Linn County, that State, and engaged in business at Linnville, where Mrs. Middleton died in 1866. Mr. Middleton afterward spent two years in Wyandotte County, Kan., after which he returned to Linn County, Kan., and farmed, etc., until 1874, when he made his advent into Boone County, Ark. Two years later he moved to Tarney County, Mo., engaged in farming, and there he resides at the present time. He is a man possessed of more than ordinary ability and judgment and is a representative citizen. He has been an Odd Fellow for many years, and is a Methodist Protestant in his religious views. His father, James Middleton, died in Monroe County, Tenn., when his son, W. J. Middleton, was but seven years of age. W. J. Middleton's wife died in Linn County, Kan. They were the parents of one son and four daughters. Grandfather Beckley died in St. Clair County, Mo., in 1866. He was a farmer. His wife died in that county also. The father of our subject is now living with his second wife, formerly Mrs. Martha J. Bryant, and has one son by this union, William. The children born to his first union were named as follows: Maggie, wife of Benjamin F. Miller, of Crawford County, Kan.; John H.; Florence, wife of Joseph Noel, of Crawford County, Kan., and Jennie, wife of Dudley Richards, of Douglas County, Ore. John H. remained with his father until grown and never attended school more than six months altogether. As his father was unfortunate in business and was left without means, young Middleton was compelled to work when he should have been in the schoolroom. In the year 1876 he was married in Boone County, Ark., to Miss Alice Noel, a native of Johnson County, Kan., and the daughter of Reuben E. and Delila Noel. Her parents moved to Missouri at an early date and from there to Boone County, Ark., where Mr. Noel died in 1891. He was a farmer. His wife is still living. To John H. and wife have been born eight children. After

living at Kirbyville, Mo., for some time after his marriage Mr. Middleton moved to Omaha in 1884, took up land, and also engaged in the mercantile business which he has followed up to the present time, doing an annual business of over $5,000. He has 170 acres of land, about fifty acres cleared, and has made many improvements. When he came to Omaha he had $80, a pony and two cows, and what he has since made has been the result of his own industry and enterprise. Mr. and Mrs. Middleton are members of the Missionary Baptist Church.

MILTON G. PATTILLO. He whose name heads this sketch is a fair representative of the better class of men who began life's battle at the lower rounds of the ladder, and through his own efforts he has gained a substantial place near the top. Practically speaking, he is to-day in comfortable financial circumstances, and the position he now occupies is direct evidence that he possesses the confidence and esteem of his fellow-mortals. He was born in Gallatin County, Ill., February 11, 1826, a son of John S. and Mary (Trawsdale) Pattillo, the former of whom was born on Blue Grass soil in Kentucky, and the latter in Tennessee. They were among the very early settlers of Illinois, and there they tilled the soil successfully and reared a family of nine children; but when the Lone Star State was opened up to settlers Mr. Pattillo was one of the first to emigrate there, and there died. His widow survived him until a few years ago, and breathed her last in the State of Illinois. The subject of this sketch was reared on a farm in the State of his birth, and there continued to make his home until 1872, when he moved to Jackson County, Ark., later to Baxter County of the same State, and in 1874 came to Ozark County, Mo., his home being situated about eight miles from Gainesville. He is the owner of an excellent tract of farming land on Bryant River, about three-fourths of a mile from its mouth, and ever since starting out to fight the battle of life for himself he has followed blacksmithing in connection with farming, and is an excellent workman. He and two brothers served in the late Civil War, he being a member of the One Hundred and Twentieth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, with which he served faithfully for three years, participating in the engagements at Vicksburg and Gun Town, being afterward sent to Nashville with his regiment. He saw some hard service, and his health has never been good since that time. He is a member of the G. A. R. at Bakerfield, this county, has long been a Republican of pronounced type, and is an active and earnest member of the Christian Church. He was married in Illinois to Miss Margaret Sherwood, and by her became the father of the following children: Mary J., Alice, Johnson, Walter, George, Hugh and Leonora, Johnson and Walter being the only ones now living. After the death of the mother of these children, Mr. Pattillo took for his second wife Mary Houston, and eight children were the result of this union, only four of whom are living: Adrian S., Lorenzo D., Edgar and Hester. Mr. Pattillo's children reside near him, and they are all highly esteemed citizens of the section in which they reside.

J. P. PIGG. The gentleman whose name heads this sketch possesses those qualities of industry and energy so necessary to success in any calling, and as a tiller of the soil he is ranked among the most successful in the county. He owes his nativity to Warren County, Tenn., where he was born November 25, 1844, a son of John and Melvina (Newby) Pigg, the former of whom came to this county about 1851 or 1852, but was a resident of Marshall, Webster County, Mo., at the time of his death, his wife having passed from life in Tennessee. To their union the following children have been born: Richard, of Christian County, Mo.; Thomas M., of Polk County, Mo.; J. P.; Susan (Mrs. Clark), lives in California, and Melvina (Stonesephen), who lives

in this county. Six children are deceased. John Pigg was residing in Taney County, Mo., when the war opened; he was taken as a prisoner to Springfield, but after being released made his home in Illinois until after the war closed. He then located in Webster County, Mo., and there died in 1882. J. P. Pigg and his brother Richard were Confederate soldiers under Gen. Price, and afterward under Pemberton. After the surrender of Vicksburg they came to Boone County, Ark., and joined Jackman's army and was with Price on his Missouri raid. He was at Devall's Bluff, Baker's Creek and Newtonia, besides numerous sharp skirmishes and minor engagements. While in the infantry he was a private, but became a sergeant after he joined the cavalry. After the war ended he settled in Marion County, and has now a fine farm of 280 acres, of which 200 acres are under cultivation and well improved, with good buildings, fences, etc. Mr. Pigg has always been a strong Democrats has held the office of commissioner of Marion County, has ever been interested in school work, and is giving his children good educational opportunities, his own chance for obtaining an education being limited on account of the war. He is a member of Jeffries Lodge No. 284, of the A. F. & A. M., and for the past twenty years he has been a member of the Methodist Church, to which his wife also belongs. Mrs. Pigg was born in Searcy County, Ark., November 2, 1842; she was the daughter of Vinton Robinson and the widow of William Angle, who was killed in the battle of Pea Ridge. Her father was an old pioneer of this section from Tennessee; he owned and conducted a mill on Clear Creek many years before the war. Mrs. Martha Pigg had one daughter by Mr. Angle, Charlotte, who is the wife of James B. Glynn, and her union with Mr. Pigg has resulted in the birth of the following children: John H.; Lucind, James T., Sally C., Samuel C., Arminda C., living, and the following who are dead: Martha E., Cynthia C., William R.; Frances M., Mary F., and Ira G. John H. is married and has one child, Lesley. The Robinsons are of English descent, and Mr. Robinson was born in 1799, and died December 29, 1865, in Marion County, his widow's death occurring August 27, 1877, at the age of about seventy-three years. Some of the early members of the Pigg family were soldiers of the Revolution.

GEORGE F. ELAM, M. D. The physician is a man who inspires confidence because he is worthy of it. His humanity is expressed and his interest in his patients is intensified by reason of the concern he has for them, as well as for the experience he may gain that may be for the benefit of future sufferers. A student who loves knowledge and a physician devoted to his profession, he is a careful investigator, and gives all the time he can find in his busy life to books and periodicals devoted to medicine and surgery. Such a man cannot fail to grow steadily in experience, usefulness and in public confidence. Among the eminent physicians of Marion County Ark., Dr. George F. Elam is well worthy of mention, for he is such a man as has been described. He was born in Cleveland County, N. C., April 15, 1847, a son of William T. and Cornelia (Royster) Elam, of North Carolina, and grandson of Dr. Anderson Elam, of Virginia. The latter rose to eminence in his profession, became a soldier of the Mexican War, and died in the Old North State at the extreme old age of ninety years. He was of Irish extraction and became the father of a large family. William T. Elam was reared in the State of his birth, was married there, and in 1851 emigrated to Arkansas, settling on a good farm in the vicinity of Yellville, where he successfully tilled the soil and raised stock. He came thither by wagon, became extremely well known, and was elected to the office of justice of the peace ten years and county assessor four years. He was a Democrat in politics, was a soldier in the Confederate Army, and died in 1884, much regretted by all who knew him. He was married twice and by his first wife, who was a

native of Virginia, and was left an orphan at an early age, he became the father of three children: Mary J., wife of M. Pile, of Texas; Dr. George F., and Margaret, wife of C. C. Lowry, of this county. The mother's death occurred in 1853, after which Sarah Pruett became Mr. Elam's wife, and the mother of his five children: David L., of Boone County; William D., of this county; Dulcina, wife of O. Massie, of this county; Philip of this county, and John F., who resides in Polk County. The Doctor's father and mother were members of the Baptist Church. Dr. Elam has resided in this county since his fourth year, and in the common schools of this county he was educated. He began the study of medicine in 1867, but prior to this was a soldier in the Civil War, enlisting at Fayetteville, in the First Arkansas Cavalry, United States Army, under Col. Harrison, serving from January, 1863, until the middle of 1864, taking part in the engagement at Fayetteville, and followed Price through Missouri, participating in a number of important engagements. After the war he located three miles from Springfield, Mo., and after living there one year came back to Marion County, Ark., and as above stated began the study of medicine in 1867 with Dr. G. W. Jobe, and began practicing two years later. After practicing his profession for some time he entered the Medical Department of the Arkansas Industrial Academy of Little Rock, where he earnestly pursued his studies for some time. In 1887 he graduated from the Little Rock Medical College, and during the twenty-five years that he has practiced the healing art, he has gained a widespread reputation and a liberal patronage among the best people of the county. He is recognized by his professional brethren as an exceptionally well-read physician and a surgeon of the best judgment, as a safe practitioner and an able counselor, and a citizen whose reputation is above reproach. He is president of the Marion County Medical Association, and is a member of the State Association. Politically he has ever been a Republican, and was appointed under Judge Owen as medical examiner of Marion County, and president of the board. He is the owner of a good farm of 207 acres near Bruno, which is farmed by his son, and in a business as well as professional way he has been successful. In 1866 he was married to Miss Rachel D. McEntire, daughter of Champion and Sarah (Waters) McEntire (see sketch of William C. McEntire). Mrs. Elam was born June 5, 1840, and she and the Doctor have nine children: Mahuldah S., wife of Prof. R. B. Garrett; Mary N., wife of William E. Angle, of Bruno; William O., Bishop L., George L., Alice M., John F., Robert W., and Cornelia A. Dr. Elam and his wife are members of the Missionary Baptist Church, and he has always taken an active part in church and school work, and is a public-spirited and useful citizen. Prof. B. R. Garrett, son-in-law of Dr. Elam, was born in the vicinity of where he now lives April 20, 1858, a son of T. H. and Henrietta (Hinson) Garrett, and grandson of Thomas Garrett, who died in Tennessee a few years ago. T. H. Garrett was born and reared in that State, and in 1852 became a resident of Arkansas, the journey being made by wagon, and from that time until he was killed in 1864 he was engaged in tilling the soil in this county. Being exempt from army service he remained at home and was killed by Union scouts. He was a Democrat, a man of excellent reputation, and acquired considerable property. His widow is still living and makes her home with her children, being now in her seventy-eighth year. She was born in Tennessee, a daughter of George Hinson, of that State, and to her marriage the following children were given: William and Wesley, who were killed during the war while serving in the Fourteenth Arkansas Infantry; Lizzie, wife of Henry A. Fullbright; Parasiada C., wife of John Angle, of Bruno; Nancy A., wife of J. D. Wilson, of Harrison, Ark.; Jasper N., of Texas; James, of Washington County, Ark.; Sarah, the deceased wife of Hilary Wilburn; Charity is the widow of Frank Dobbs.

and resides in Arkansas; B. R.; and Margaret, wife of Mr. Phillips, of Eros. Prof. Garrett was reared on the farm on which he now lives, was educated in the country schools, the Hindsville, Ark., school, the school at Valley Springs, and the State University at Fayetteville, after which he took up the profession of teaching in addition to farming. He has had many years' experience as an educator, helped to establish the Prairie Grove Academy in 1893, and is the capable principal of that institution which has a large attendance. His farm consists of 150 acres, and is tilled in an admirable and intelligent manner. He is in every sense of the word a self-made man, for he not only put himself through school, but at the same time supported his mother and sister. He is a Democrat politically, and has held the office of county examiner of teachers. He is a member of the Christian Church, as is also his wife, whom he married in 1885, and by whom he has four children: Una V., James A., Willard W., and an infant.

A. T. Yoachum. Many minds labor under the misapprehension that real patriotism is peculiar to men of high genius or the favorites of fortune. The true patriot is one who, from love of country, does, or tries to do, in the proper sphere, all that appears necessary to promote her honor, prosperity and peace. The substantial elements of this precious virtue which underlies the welfare of every nation, and especially of one professing to be free, like our own, are furnished by men in every walk of life, who step out of the realm of mere self-love, and seek to further and augment the common weal. Among those who fill the highest seats, and prove themselves most deserving of public gratitude, many have been the farmers of the land, who have redeemed this great country from the wilderness and made even the rocks drip with fatness and blessing. Among the prominent pioneers of the State of Missouri stands the names of Solomon Yoachum, grandfather of our subject, and George W. Yoachum, father of our subject. The latter was a native of the Buckeye State, who came with his father to Missouri at an early day. Later they moved by boat down the Mississippi River and settled on the White River, where they were among the first settlers. At that time the Indians were the only people in the county. After residing there for some time they came up the White River, then up the James, and settled in what is now Stone County. It was then all Arkansas. The father farmed at the mouth of Fidley Creek, on the James River, until his death in 1848, when forty-eight years of age. He was at that time the owner of 600 acres, and was a very successful agriculturist. In politics he was a Democrat. Before leaving Ohio he married our subject's mother, whose maiden name was Alcy Friend, daughter of William Friend, another early settler of Missouri, but who subsequently moved to Arkansas, where he died. The mother of our subject passed away when the latter was but a small boy. Five children were born to this worthy couple as follows: William, a farmer, died in 1888 in McDonald County, this State; our subject and Solomon were twins (Solomon is residing on a farm in Harper County, Kan.); George died when eighteen years of age, and Josina, who married James Walker, died in 1861. After the death of his wife Mr. Yoachum married again, and five children were the fruits of this union: J. Harvey, Marion J., Augusta, Jacob and Sarah, all now living but the latter. The family held membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the father was a prominent man of the county, holding many public offices. At that early day the country was full of game, the table was well supplied with wild meat, bee trees were thick, and the early settler lived well. The father had a mill and he would take his flour down the James and White Rivers to the Mississippi River and sell it in the towns along the river. Our subject took many trips with his father, as it was the only way to get the goods into the market. The latter hired a teacher

to instruct his children, but young Yoachum received only a limited education. He was born on the White River, in Arkansas, February 7, 1827, and in 1848 he branched out to make his own way in life. He first began managing the old mill at the mouth of Finley Creek, on the James, carrying this on until 1855. Previous to that, in 1852, he began farming, and since that time much of his attention has been given to that occupation. In 1861 he enlisted in Company F, Fourteenth Missouri Regiment, under Col. John M. Richardson, and served out one year. He was in a number of skirmishes with Marmaduke and was in the fight at Springfield. After leaving the army he started a store at Ozark, but at the same time continued to till the soil. For fifteen years he sold goods in Ozark, and was then engaged in farming and stock trading up to 1887, when he and John Schonook, of Springfield, built the mill at Ozark. This mill has the full roller system and the capacity is eighty barrels a day. The principal brands are the Fancy————, Daisy ———— and Snowball, making three grades. He ships to Texas and Arkansas and supplies a large local trade, doing an annual business of $50,000. Mr. Schonook sold his interest to our subject, who is now the owner and president, T. L. Robinson being vice-president, Benjamin Larkins secretary, and S. G. McCracken stockholder. Mr. Yoachum has been one of the largest land owners in the county, but has only 300 acres here at present. He resides at Ozark and is highly esteemed by all. In politics he is a Republican. Public spirited and active in his support of all worthy measures, he is one of the county's most influential citizens. All his property has been accumulated by hard work, for he has ever been industrious and enterprising. Socially he is a member of Lodge No. 352, A. F. & A. M., at Ozark. He was married in what is now Christian County to Miss Mary F. Glenn, a native of Marshall County, Tenn., and the daughter of W. A. and Mary M. Glenn, who came from Tennessee to Missouri in 1856. Both parents are now deceased. He was a farmer by occupation. Mr. and Mrs. Yoachum attend the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and contribute liberally to its support. Our subject was treasurer of Christian County from 1874 to 1878, and during Gen. Grant s administration was postmaster at Ozark. He is president of the Christian County Bank and also director, being one of its largest stockholders. He is also somewhat interested in the grocery business with Mr. McCracken, and is a first-class business man. At one time Mr. Yoachum was engaged in buying grain and stock in Springfield, and he built the elevator now owned by the mill company in 1881.

GEORGE W. ADAMS. One of the prominent and well-to-do agriculturists and stockraisers of Marion Township, Christian County, Mo., was born in Letcher County, Ky., in 1841, to the union of George and Sarah (Frazier) Adams, both natives of Kentucky, it is thought. This worthy couple married in Letcher County, Ky., and made their home there until 1854, when they came, by wagon, to Taney, now Christian County, Mo., being two months on the road. Locating on a small farm, they at once began making improvements, and as the years passed by became the owners of an excellent farm. For one year, in 1859 and 1860, Mr. Adams resided in Arkansas and then returned to Missouri, where his death occurred December 15, 1869. Mrs. Adams died eight days later. Mr. Adams has been twice married and reared a family by his first wife. Our subject was second in order of birth of five children born to his father's second union. The others were named as follows: Jane, wife of Thomas Nicholl, of Colorado; Margaret, wife of D. C. Walker, of Douglas County; Ezekiel resides in this county, and Isaac, also of this county. During his youthful days our subject was trained to the duties of the farm and received his education in the common schools. In the year 1863, he was married to Miss Jane Nance, a native of Lawrence County, and

the daughter of Samuel and Susannah (Adams) Nance. Mr. Nance was reared in what is now Christian County and died in Lawrence County before the war. To Mr. and Mrs. Adams were born eleven children as follows: Alfred G., Sarah (who died young), Robert, Newton, George, Melvina (who died when a child), John, Bergin, Margaret, Carrie and Harrison. In the fall of 1864 Mr. Adams joined Company M, Missouri State Militia, as corporal of the Seventy-third Regiment, and operated in southwest Missouri and Arkansas until the close of the war. He was in almost every skirmish. Previous to entering the service, January 7, 1863, he was captured at his home, but was released soon after being taken to Sparta. After the war he settled near his present residence and improved a good farm, but for the past ten years he has been on his present farm near Garrison Postoffice, eight miles south of Chadwick. He has 350 acres of fine land and his house and outbuildings are in first-class condition. By industry and close attention to his own affairs, Mr. Adams has reached his present enviable position, and although he started in life with a horse and cow, he now has a good property. For a number of years he has dealt largely in live stock, cattle, hogs, etc., and has been unusually successful in that pursuit. A stanch Republican in his political views, he voted for Abraham Lincoln in 1864. He has never aspired for political positions, but attends strictly to his farming and stockraising interests and perhaps that accounts in a large measure for his success. He is a Mason, a member of Rome Lodge No. 314, Douglas County, now of Ava, and a member of Corporal Doke Post No. 306, at Garrison. Although not a politician he earnestly supports his party and is public spirited and enterprising. He is acknowledged by all to be one of the leading farmers of his township.

YOUNG N. PATTERSON. This prominent and highly-honored citizen of Baxter County, Ark., was born on King's Creek, three miles from King's Mountain in Lincoln County, N. C. in 1840, a son of Alfred and Eliza (Ferguson) Patterson, who were born, reared and married in the Old North State, and from there moved to Itawamba County, Miss., where the father died at the age of fifty-two years, and the mother is still living on the old homestead. The father met with success in his farming operations, was practical and shrewd in the conduct of his affairs, and succeeded in accumulating a comfortable competency before the close of his earthly career. He was in the Black Hawk War of 1832, and helped to capture the noted chieftain of that name. In the common schools of Mississippi Young H. Patterson received a practical education, after which he finished his scholastic education in an academy of that State. In August, 1861, he enlisted in Company H, First Mississippi Infantry, and served in that regiment for nearly a year. At the fall of Ft. Donelson he was taken prisoner and for seven months was a captive at Camp Morton, Indianapolis. He was then exchanged and rejoined his old regiment, with which he served until Vicksburg fell when he became a member of Roddy's cavalry. Three months later, at the battle of Selma, he was wounded in the leg by a pistol ball, and was later taken prisoner at Plantersville, but was soon discharged. As this was just prior to Lee's surrender he did not reënter the service but returned home and began teaching school and farming, continuing both occupations there until 1874, when he came to Baxter County, Ark., and here has in his home place 200 acres of valuable land, besides being the owner of several other tracts in the county. His home place is very pretty, well improved, and everything about it indicates thrift and energy. He commenced anew the battle of life at the close of the war, with a bullet in his leg, some very poor clothes, and a wife to take care of, but through sheer force of native ability he has bent the forces of circumstances to his will, and has been successful in the accumulation of a

bountiful living and some property. While in Mississippi he served in the capacity of justice of the peace one term, and has filled the same position a like length of time in Baxter County, to which position he was elected by his numerous Democratic friends. He was married in the latter part of 1864 to Miss Caroline Thompson, of Monroe County, Miss., a daughter of William Thompson, and by her has three sons and seven daughters, all of whom are living. Mr. and Mrs. Patterson are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and socially Mr. Patterson is a Mason and a member of Fairview Lodge, in which he has held official position. He is a substantial citizen and deserves great credit for the manly way in which he has surmounted the many obstacles that have strewn his path.

WILLIS F. MILES. Petty difficulties of Young Township, Boone County, Ark., wend their way to the office of our subject and find in him an arbiter that as a rule sends the respective parties away in better humor with themselves and with the world in general than on coming to him, for he is a gentleman who, although having an extended knowledge of the prosaic aspects of life, is prone to see the humorous side, and gild the baser metal with the brightness of wit. Willis F. Miles was born in Lincoln County, Tenn., in 1831, and is a son of Hosea and Nancy (Mayfield) Miles, natives of the Palmetto State, the former born in 1802 and the latter in 1801. Previous to her union with Mr. Miles, the mother married a Mr. Cownover, and after his death she came to Tennessee, where she was subsequently married to Mr. Miles and passed the remainder of her days, dying in Giles County in 1849. Mr. Miles died in Lawrence County, Tenn., about 1868. Both were members of the Christian Church. Mr. Miles was engaged in agricultural pursuits all his life. The grandfather, Isaac Miles, was born in South Carolina, and there passed his entire life, dying when our subject was a boy. He was but a small boy during the Revolutionary War and his father, Thomas Miles, was a soldier in the same. The latter's house was used as a hospital for some time, as there was a battle fought near by. He was born in Virginia, but was of English parents, who came to America in Colonial days. William Mayfield, the maternal grandfather, died in South Carolina, where he had probably spent all his life. The parents of our subject had born to their union six children, the first two of whom died in infancy. The first child died before named. The second was Elvira; Willis F., our subject; Francis Marion, a physician, of Boone County, was in the Confederate Army during the war; Newton, also a Confederate soldier, was killed at Chickamauga; and Isaac, was in the Federal Army, Company H, First Arkansas Cavalry, and served as orderly sergeant all through the war. He now resides in Grand View, Tex. Our subject passed his boyhood on a farm, received a limited education, and in 1850 was married to Miss Martha Estes, a native of Lawrence County, Tenn., and the daughter of John and Sarah Estes. Mr. and Mrs. Estes were born in Tennessee, but both were of Irish origin. Five children were born to our subject and wife, viz.: William, of Carroll County; James, of Boone County; Hosea died when about twenty years of age; Fannie, wife of Lawson Munley, of Carrollton, and Isaac. Mr. Miles resided in his native State until 1860, when he came by wagon to Searcy County, Ark., and remained there until 1864, when he moved to Greene County, Mo. There he remained three years and then moved to Carroll County, Ark., and settled on Long Creek. In 1886 he settled on his present farm on the bluffs of Long Creek, in the woods, and has already cleared about seventy acres of the 200 acres he owns. He was justice of the peace for some years while residing in Carroll County, and he has served in that capacity nearly all the time since residing in Boone County. He is a well-known, industrious and well-respected citizen. In politics he is an ardent supporter of Republican principles.

JOSEPH LEBOW. The original of this notice is a Tennesseean by birth and has inculcated into him the sterling principles of the better class of citizens of that State. He was born in Hawkins County in 1833, and is the son of Isaac and Sarah (Gray) Lebow, both natives of Tennessee, the father born in Grainger and the mother in Washington County. Both parents received limited educational advantages and after marriage located in Hawkins County, where the mother passed away in 1865 and the father in 1882. Both were worthy members of the Methodist Episcopal Church for many years. Mr. Lebow was a well-to-do farmer, and, when only eighteen years of age, was a a soldier in the War of 1812, under Jackson. His father, John Lebow, was a native of the Keystone State, but removed to Grainger County, Tenn., at an early date. There he was engaged as a farmer and distiller until his death. Our subject's maternal grandfather, Robert Gray, lived in Tennessee nearly all his life, and was of Scotch-Irish origin. He reared a large family. The eleven children born to Isaac and Sarah (Gray) Lebow were named in the order of their births as follows: Mary was the wife of George Bassett, and both she and her husband are now deceased; the next two were twins and died in infancy; John and Robert, twins, are deceased, the former died at Kingston, Ga., while in the Confederate Army and Robert died at home; Joseph, subject; William; Albert died in Hawkins County, Tenn.; Jefferson died during the war; Sarah Catherine, deceased, was the wife of Jacob Johnson, and Fannie, single, died in Hawkins County. A common-school education was received by our subject, and he was early trained to the duties of the farm. In 1856 he married Miss Rebecca Harris, a native of Virginia, who died about 1859, leaving a daughter, Sarah Catherine, who has since died. Our subject's second marriage occurred about 1867, the lady being a native of Hawkins County, Tenn. During the Civil War Mr. Lebow served in the Eighth Tennessee Infantry a short time, and was then in the East Tennessee Battery until the cessation of hostilities. In 1870 he came to Christian County, Mo., and for about six years lived near Sparta. Later he moved to his present farm, consisting of 108 acres, three miles southwest of Highlandville, and has now one of the best tracts of land in his section. Industrious and ambitious, he has done a great deal of hard work in his day. At one time he was a member of the Masonic fraternity, but he is not an active member now. His brother, William, came to this county with our subject, and they live together. William has one child.

JOHN MALLOY. It would be hard, indeed, to find a man better fitted to successfully fill the office of county clerk than John Malloy, and this fact the citizens of Douglas County, Mo., most thoroughly realize. He is conscientious in his work, capable, accurate and faithful, and is courteous and accommodating to all with whom he comes in contact. He is a Kentuckian by birth and bringing up, and first saw the light of day June 19, 1867. His father, P. A. Malloy, was born on the Isle of Erin, and when about six years old was brought by his parents to the United States and for some time thereafter they resided at Madison, Ind., but later moved to Kentucky. Upon the arrival of the Malloys in Douglas County, Mo., they located at Arno, and there the father followed his trade of carpentering until 1888, when he decided to push farther westward, and for some time was a resident of the State of Washington. In 1892 he returned to Douglas County, Mo., and located at Ava where he died in March of the following year. In whatever locality he resided, he was well and favorably known and his genial and agreeable and accommodating ways won him many friends. He showed his approval of secret societies by becoming a member of the A. F. A. M. lodge of Ava, and the I. O. O. F. lodge of Arno. He always supported the men and measures of the Democrat

party up to within a few years of his death, when he deemed it his privilege to vote as he chose and he became independent. He was married in the State of Kentucky, to Miss Hellen H. Wise, a native of the Blue Grass State, and to their union three children were given: John; James, who is living in the State of Washington, and Sarah K., who also resides there. The mother of these children died in Washington in 1890, after a useful and well-spent life. The youthful days of John Malloy were spent at Arno, and there he acquired a practical, common-school education. He was thrown on his own resources at the age of sixteen years, and began following the calling with which he was most familiar and for about seven years thereafter was engaged in tilling the soil, in connection with which work he followed the occupation of school teaching. He was successful in both callings, for it has always been a rule with him to "do with all his might" what he had to do, and he is still the owner of a good farm neaa Arno His intelligence, energy and enterprise were soon recognized and in 1890 he was elected to the office of county clerk on the third party ticket, and he is now a strong Populist, and a young man who bids fair to make his mark in the world. Like his worthy sire before him, he is a member of the A. F. A. M. and the I. O. O. F., Ava Lodges, and he has always taken a deep interest in all matters of a public nature and has already become known for his public spirit and liberality in aiding worthy causes, both as regards purse and influence. He was married in this county to Miss Ida Turner, a sketch of whose parents appears in this work, and to their union two children have been given: Ercell and Sarah H. Mr. Malloy has a pleasant and comfortable home in Ava, where he and his wife dispense a free-hearted hospitality, besides which property he owns 160 acres of land at Arno, that is considered quite valuable. His father, P. A. Malloy, was a soldier in the Twenty-fourth Kentucky Regiment, C. S. A., and served until the war closed. He was wounded in an engagement in Tennessee by a gunshot, but not seriously, and was soon again on active duty.

J. B. THOMAS. There is no enterprise of equal importance in Howell County, Mo., than that of insurance. Among those engaged in this business is our subject, J. B. Thomas, one of the representative men of Willow Springs and abstractor and notary public of that city. Mr. Thomas came from southern Iowa and has made his home in Willow Springs for the past five years. He is a native Kentuckian, born in Mason County August 27, 1859, and his father, James C. Thomas, is farming in that county at the present time. The latter is also a native of that State, and a son of one of the early pioneers. J. B. Thomas passed his school days in Kentucky and Ohio, where he attended college at Yellow Springs. In 1886 he went to Iowa and embarked in merchandising, which he continued until he came to this city. After locating in Willow Springs he followed merchandising about a year, and in 1890 engaged in the insurance business. The same year he was elected notary public. Subsequently he was elected to the office of alderman of Willow Springs and police judge, and he is also coal oil inspector of the city, appointed by Gov. Francis. Mr. Thomas is engaged in loaning money and is agent for the Missouri Guarantee Savings and Building Association. He is one of the directors in the Citizens' Bank at Willow Springs, and an energetic, enterprising and public-spirited citizen. Mr. Thomas has shown his appreciation of secret organizations by becoming an Odd Fellow and a Knight of Pythias. Of the former he is a charter member of Willow Springs Lodge No. 136, and a charter member of the latter organization, Willow Springs Lodge No. 156. He is grand outer guard in the Grand Lodge and has represented his lodge in the Grand Lodge of the State two times. In politics he is a Democrat and has ever been active in politics. In a business way he has been unusually

successful and no man stands higher in the estimation of the people than he. Mr. Thomas is the owner of considerable property in Willow Springs, having forty acres within the city limits. He was married in Trenton, Mo., to Miss Lizzie Power, of that city, and he and wife are leaders in the society of the city. Mr. Thomas' office is over the dry goods store of Mr. Wilkinson.

FRANCIS M. HENSON, who lives on the old homestead of the Henson family on Flat Creek, about a mile from the Barry County line, is a native of Stone County, Mo., and the seventh in order of birth of twelve children born to Zachariah and Armala (Williams) Henson, both natives of Tennessee. Grandfather Thomas Henson and family came to Stone County, Mo., in 1835, when there were very few settlers, and located on land now owned by our subject. The Williams family came here at the same time and on the way the father of our subject, who was then twenty-one years of age, was married to Miss Williams. The journey to this State was made in a two-wheeled cart drawn by oxen, and on arriving here Zachariah built a rude log cabin in which he and his bride began housekeeping. They had very little to start with, but they were ambitious and enterprising and soon decided improvements were made. They resided in the log cabin for a number of years, but Mr. Henson, who had cut pine logs up the creek, rafted them down and had them sawed with the old-fashioned sash saw. With this lumber he built a house which still stands and which has the date of 1850 on the old stone chimney. When they first settled in this county it was almost a wilderness, inhabited principally by Indians and wild animals, and here the father became prominently identified with every enterprise of importance. He was judge of Stone County for eight years and held other local positions of note. During the Civil War he was captain of the Home Guards, and he was kept busy protecting the homes and fighting bushwhackers. He built a water mill on his place and was engaged in milling for a number of years, or up to 1877, and also had a large carding machine in the mill. In connection with the milling business he carried on his farming operations, but was a prominent stockman. He died in 1877, as did also his worthy companion. Both were esteemed and respected throughout the county. The original of this notice grew to manhood on the old home place, attended the schools of the county and obtained a good common-school education. After leaving school he branched out for himself as a farmer and stockman, and has always lived on the old home place. After the death of the parents he bought part of the old home, and is now living on one of the oldest settled farms in the county. He is the owner of eighty-two acres, but at the present time is giving much of his attention to stockraising. He is one of the prominent young farmers of the county, and has held a number of local offices, among them assessor, which position he filled in a very creditable manner. He is a strict adherent of Democratic principles, and has ever been active in politics. His birth occurred on the 28th of March, 1854, and in 1874, when twenty years of age, he married Miss Alice J. Baker, a native of this county, born on the James River, near Galena, May 27, 1857. She was the daughter of Enos and Martha (Stone) Baker, both natives of Stone County. Her maternal grandfather, William Stone, was one of the original settlers of the county which was named after him. Mr. Enos Baker while a soldier in the Rebellion was taken sick at Springfield, and lived only a few hours after reaching his home in Stone County. His father, William Baker, was an early pioneer here. Mrs. Henson's mother is still living, and is the wife of Price Summers, of this county. Our subject and wife have reared a family of six children: Seigle F., Eddie C., Rose Ella, Claude, Cuma and Bessie. Like every member of the Henson family, our subject is a public-spirited man, and one who extends a helping hand toward all worthy enterprises.

JOHN W. FRANKS, deceased. In every community some men are known for their upright lives, strong common sense and moral worth rather than for their wealth or political standing. Their neighbors respect them, the young generations heed their example, and when they go to the grave posterity listens with reverence to the story of their quiet and useful lives. Such a man was John W. Franks, who was born in Hardin County, Tenn., July 13, 1837, and died on his farm near Timbo, in Stone County, Ark., November 20, 1886. His father, Jack Franks, died in Tennessee. John W. Franks received no educational advantages in his youth, and at the time of his marriage could hardly write his name, but at odd times thereafter he applied himself to his books and became reasonably well posted in the three R's. From Tennessee he went to Mississippi; in 1859 came to Baxter County, Ark., and located near Big Flat, which was one of the roughest places in that part of the country, but the soil was rich and fertile, and there he determined to "pitch his tent." He was industrious, made good crops, and was ably assisted by his young wife who was as ambitious as he. They had a young yoke of oxen, a few household articles, and in this way commenced their married life. During the Civil War Mr. Franks became a member of an Arkansas regiment, C. S. A., with which he served for some time. He continued to live in Baxter County until 1879 or 1880, when he moved to the splendid farm near Timbo which he had bought about four years before. This farm comprised 464 acres, and had 300 acres under cultivation. One year after locating here he opened a general store near Timbo in a little log house 18x20 feet, and although he commenced on a limited scale he succeeded in that as he did in everything. He afterward built a larger house, as his increasing business demanded it, and was following this business at the time of his death. He was a member of the A. F. & A. M., the I. O. O. F., and was prominent in both orders. His wife, Etha Malinda Welch, was born in Tennessee, and is still living, an earnest member of the Presbyterian Church. To their marriage nine children were born, the two eldest of whom died in infancy. Those living are: Nancy E., wife of James H. Rose, of Big Flat; Eliza Jane, who also lives there; Mahala, wife of W. A. Williams, of Searcy County; William M.; J. W., who is a member of the business firm of Franks Bros.; Christopher C. at home, and Charles. William Martin Franks received his education in the home schools, and was brought up in his father's store and on the farm. He continued to till the soil until September, 1892, when he was married to Miss Palestine, daughter of William H. and Elizabeth Bolinger, of this county, and engaged in the mercantile business, being associated with his brother as a member of the firm of Franks Bros., of Timbo, where they are doing a profitable business, and have a well-stocked establishment.

ISAAC ADAMS. Among the prominent business men of Christian County, Mo., stands the name of Isaac Adams, who is a practical, experienced man thoroughly conversant with merchandising in all its branches and a most reliable one with whom to enter into commercial relations. He was born in Letcher County, Ky., in 1850, the youngest in order of birth of five children born to George and Sarah (Frazier) Adams. He was but four years of age when he was brought by his parents to Taney, now Christian County, Mo., but owing to the breaking out of the Civil War his educational advantages were limited. When about nineteen years of age he started out for himself as a farmer and when no older was married to Miss Sarah Garrison, a native of Christian County, Mo., the daughter of William and Malinda Garrison, who came from Tennessee to what is now Christian County at an early date. Here both died since the war. Mr. Garrison was a farmer and followed that occupation for the most part during life, but he also followed the blacksmith's

trade in connection with agricultural pursuits. He and wife were among the pioneers of Christian County. The fruits of our subject's union have been ten children: George, deceased; Jane; William; Mary Belle, wife of Robert Luthco; Emma, Margaret, Ella, Charley, Frederick and Alfred. After marriage Mr. Adams located in the eastern part of Christian County and there tilled the soil until January, 1893, when he located at Garrison Postoffice, where he has since been engaged in merchandising. He is doing a good business and has the confidence and respect of all who know or have dealings with him. He is also postmaster at that place. Mr. Adams still owns his fine farm, consisting of 201 acres, on which considerable lead has been found, and is a representative man of the county.

CAPT. OLIVER E. HINDES. There are few men in business circles who show as much fitness for their avocation in that they are wideawake, reliable, experienced and energetic as does Capt. Oliver E. Hindes, and there are none who have a more thorough knowledge of the wonderful mineral wealth and fine agricultural lands surrounding Lead Hill, Ark., than has he. The Captain has explored the entire mineral region of north Arkansas and south Missouri, and is perhaps more familiar with that field than any other man. He is one of the prominent farmers and land speculators of Lead Hill, and has spent much of his time and means to advertise and interest people in this section. Capt. Oliver E. Hindes was born November 11, 1836, in Louisville, Ky., to the union of Silas and Jane (Bell) Hindes, natives of the Keystone State, where they were reared and married. Later they removed to Louisville, Ky., and thence a few years later to New Jersey, where they remained until our subject was about six years old. They then went to the Empire State and there passed the remainder of their days, the mother dying when the Captain was about eight years of age, and the father a few years later. Farming was the latter's occupation in life, and he was a soldier in the War of 1812. The grandfather, Esau Hindes, was born in Ireland, but at an early date came to America with two brothers and served in the Revolutionary War. He died in New Jersey. Capt. Hindes was one of thirteen children, seven now living, as follows: Susan E., wife of Reuben E. Bishop, of New York; Decatur, who went to sea at an early age and became captain of a whaling vessel; Esther, wife of James R. Harrison; of New York; Jane, wife of Alex. Lockwood; Ann, wife of James Thomas, whose father commanded a ship on the lakes during the War of 1812; Abbie, wife of George Hall, and Oliver E. The latter received a limited education in his youth, and when but thirteen years of age went West to seek his fortune. He was in the Lake Superior country when copper was discovered and made some investments by trading, etc., in the mines. Later he sold out and wandered off southwest, and at Ft. Leavenworth fell in with the celebrated Kit Carson, with whom he went to the mountains. He spent four years with him, was all over the Northwest, and became a famous hunter. He became familiar with the various Indian languages, also with mining, and this experience benefited him greatly. He assisted in raising the first house in Denver, and remained in the mountains until 1861, when he returned to Ft. Leavenworth, where he was engaged in the livery business until burned out. After that he engaged in the saddlery trade, and was an Indian trader for a number of years. From there he removed to Indian Territory, where he engaged in the wholesale and retail saddlery and harness business at Muscogee, and was meeting with the best of success when he was prevailed upon by J. E. Turner and L. G. Gore, capitalists, to come to this section. They had the utmost confidence in the ability and judgment of Mr. Hindes, as to the location of mineral, etc., by his experience in the West, and furnished him a buyer for his business in the Territory. He then came to Arkansas under their instruction

and was soon convinced that north Arkansas was a rich field. He lays no claim to being a mineralogist or geologist, but his wide experience has given him a practical knowledge of the same, and in the fifty-three shafts that he has sunk in the counties of Boone, Marion and Searcy, mineral has been found in every one of them, which he thinks is in paying quantities. He is interested in perhaps 3,000 acres of mineral and improved farm lands, and for eight years has been a resident of Boone County. For a time he was in Gen. Price's army and fought at Springfield, Prairie Grove, etc. Later he returned to the mountains, but soon afterward returned to Missouri, where he joined the army as captain of Company H, Eighth Missouri, Gen. Price's army, and fought at Westport, the last fight in Missouri. In the year 1865 he was married to Miss Sarah E. Smith, a native of Platt County, Mo., and the daughter of Charley Smith, a native of Ohio, who first came to Missouri, but later moved to Kansas where he died on a farm. Mr. Hindes is a member of the Knights of Honor at Muscogee, and is a prominent and substantial citizen.

KEMMER F. CANTRELL. The general mercantile firm, of which this gentleman is a member, Cantrell & Angle, is well-known throughout Marion County, and enjoys a liberal patronage. Mr. Cantrell is a member of one of the pioneer families of Arkansas, and was born November 8, 1853, a son of William P. and Elizabeth (Payne) Cantrell, and grandson of Abner and Mary (Maxey) Cantrell. In 1830 the grandfather's family emigrated from Alabama, taking up their abode in Madison County, Ark., but in 1854 removed to Boone (then Carroll) County, and located on a farm three miles from Lead Hill, but settled eventually in Marion County. There the grandfather died in 1889, at the advanced age of ninety-seven years, being probably the oldest man in the county at that time. He enjoyed remarkably good health all his life, was active and energetic, and was a thrifty and highly-respected farmer. To himself and wife, who died in 1870, a large family of children were given, of whom William P. Cantrell was the eldest, the others being Thomas, Henry, Marian, John, Edward, Caroline, Adaline, Melissa, Jane, Catherine and Elizabeth. Edward is the only son living and Caroline is the only daughter who is dead. William P. Cantrell was fourteen years of age when he became a resident of Arkansas. He was married in Madison County. In 1854 he came to Marion County, and on the farm near Lead Hill he lived during the war. He was for a short time in the Confederate service, was captured by the Federals, and after taking the oath of allegiance he moved to Pulaski County, Mo. He returned to Arkansas in 1867, but in 1875 moved from his farm near Yellville to the farm on which he died in June, 1893. His death was sudden, occurring while he was sitting in a chair reading, and resulted from heart disease. He had held the office of justice of the peace, was deputy county clerk, but for a long time prior to his death he had been retired from active public life. He was a local minister of the Baptist Church, was a successful farmer, was a Mason of Yellville Lodge, and was a highly-respected citizen. His widow is living on the old home farm near Yellville, and is now about sixty-two years of age. She became the mother of fourteen children: Mary A., Eliza, Amanda, Lydia, Kenner; Alonzo, who died in infancy; Martha, Charles E., John, George, Alice, Ambrose, who died young; William W.; Elizabeth, who died at the age of one year. Mary is the wife of L. Bench; Eliza is Mrs. T. M. Rea; Amanda is Mrs. J. G. Dillahunty; Lydia is Mrs. N. Estes; Martha is Mrs. Dr. J. M. Coker; Alice is Mrs. Jesse Horner. Kenner F. Cantrell was reared and educated in Marion County, and after finishing his education in the schools of Bellefonte and Yellville he became a school teacher and followed this occupation for some time in Marion County. In 1878 he was elected to the office of county clerk, a position he held four years. He is a Democrat, has been



K. F. CANTRELL,
Bruno, Ark.



CAPT. JOHN HALSTEAD,
West Plains, Mo.

active in the public affairs of his section and interested in all good works, and for a number of years was very successfully engaged in the stock business in the southern part of the county. He was appointed postmaster at Bruno during Cleveland's first administration, resigned when Harrison was elected, was reappointed under Cleveland's second administration, which position he now holds. In 1887 he engaged in merchandising in Bruno, in partnership with John Angle, and has successfully operated in that line ever since. He carries a stock of goods worth $5,000 and does an annual business of $20,000. These gentlemen are also cotton dealers and handle from 300 to 600 bales per year. Mr. Cantrell is a Mason and a member of Jefferson Lodge No. 317, and has held nearly all the offices in that lodge. He is in every sense of the word a self-made man, and has every reason to be proud of the success which he has achieved. He was married March 24, 1878, to Miss Sarah J. Hudspeth, a native of this county, and to them a family of eight children has been given: John G., Daisy E., Elizabeth, Ollie, Walter T., George, Melburn G., (who died in infancy) and Effie C., all of whom are attending school except the two youngest.

O. W. Anderson. Among all the industries that are carried on in any community, none succeed so well as the ones that are conducted by practical men. An instance in mind is the success attained by O. W. Anderson, who is a member of the firm of Anderson & Keightley, practical blacksmiths, of Billings, Mo. He was born in Erie County, Penn., November 18, 1850, was reared and educated in Crawford County of that state, and there also learned his trade. His parents were Robert and Harriet (Yates) Anderson, the former of whom was born in the State of New York, soon after his mother had landed in this country from Scotland, his father having died on the ocean en route, and was buried at sea. Robert Anderson died in Ohio, but his widow survives him. Their union resulted in the birth of eleven children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the third in order of birth. Just at the time when O. W. Anderson should have been in school, the great Civil War came up and he was compelled to leave school to earn his living. At the age of thirteen years he bought his time of his father for $300 and started in business as a saw miller, an occupation which he followed until 1869, when he began learning the blacksmith's trade, serving an apprenticeship of three years. In 1875 he opened a shop of his own in his native State and worked with success at his trade up to 1883, when he came West to Missouri, and the following year located in Billings, and here, in company with a Mr. Bodey, was in the blacksmithing business until 1891. Mr. Anderson then sold out and embarked in the hardware business with J. B. McHenry, the firm being known as McHenry & Anderson, and carried on that business until the fall of 1892, when he bought out Mr. McHenry and conducted the business alone until 1893, when he disposed of the entire stock to the Billings Merchandise Company. In June, 1893, he returned to his early occupation—blacksmithing—and the firm has since been Anderson & Keightley. Mr. Anderson has ever been a stanch Republican in politics and is a public-spirited, law-abiding and useful citizen. He has held some minor offices and has been a delegate to various conventions. Socially he is a member of the A. O. U. W., in which he has held offices, and he also belongs to the A. F. & A. M. Mr. Anderson has been successful in the accumulation of worldly means, owns considerable real estate in Billings, and has a handsome and comfortable home where he and his wife dispense a free and cordial hospitality. Mr. Anderson was married in 1873 to Miss M. J. Connick, daughter of David and Adaline Livernore Connick, and to their union four children have been given: Lynn, Leroy, Tresa and Ralph. The family attend the Methodist Episcopal Church and are highly-esteemed citizens of that county.

MARCUS E. BENSON, manufacturer and lumber dealer of West Plains, Mo., like many of the prominent and successful business men of the town, was reared to farm life and there learned habits of industry and energy that have remained with him thus far through life. He was born September 15, 1856, and his parents, J. R. and Julia (Jones) Benson, were natives, respectively, of Vermont and New York. Grandfather Benson was in the battle of Lundy's Lane. The father of our subject moved to Michigan at an early date, but in 1865 came to this State, and settled in Monroe County, where he resides at the present time. He has always followed farming, is a stanch Republican, and has been a prominent politician in that county. Our subject attended school in Michigan, Missouri and Illinois and came to Missouri with his parents in 1865. In this State he finished his growth and subsequently branched out in business for himself, meeting with excellent success thus far. He was a candidate for the Legislature from Monroe County when a young man, and was well and favorably known in that section. In 1885 he came to this county and embarked in the manufacture of yellow pine lumber, making a success of this, while many other men in the same line of business failed. For about seven years he continued this business, and in 1893 he was made manager of the World's Fair Fruit Company which had the exclusive right to sell fruit at the Fair. There he remained all through the Fair, making a financial success of a very difficult undertaking. At present Mr. Benson is engaged in the machine business and has a shop for the manufacture of novelties. He owns and built the Grand Opera House of West Plains, the first one erected in the city, and he is a stockholder in the Howell County Bank. He was a candidate for representative from Howell County and is now a candidate for the nomination for Congress from the Fourteenth Congressional District. Mr. Benson has always been successful in a business way, and is an energetic, enterprising and public-spirited citizen. His business qualifications are of the highest order and he is recognized as one of the leading business men in this part of the State. He is erecting a fine residence on Garfield Avenue, and is the owner of considerable real estate in West Plains. Mr. Benson has always adhered to the principles of the Republican party, for which he is an active worker, and carries considerable influence in the county. He was married in the State of Illinois to the daughter of Rev. John Gilispie, and one child, Beatrice, has blessed this union.

GUY T. HARRISON. The protection afforded by the laws of a country are inestimable. When the people overturn the jurisdictions of their nation, a chaos prevails in which the good is lost sight of in the terrible mobs and riots of the liberty-drunken citizens, as exemplified in the bloody revolution in the city of Paris. A wise people is that which abides by the edicts of its head, and employs agents to explain the methods of that body. Prominent in the ranks of the intelligent and successful lawyers of Ozark County, Mo., is Guy T. Harrison, who has a most thorough and practical knowledge of the complications of law. He was born in Tazewell County, Va., November 20, 1863, a son of Henry and Rebecca (Brewster) Harrison, both of whom were born and spent their lives in Virginia, with the exception of a very short time which they spent in West Virginia. The father was prominent in the affairs of his day, and at one time represented McDowell County in the State Legislature of West Virginia, and was county and circuit clerk of that county. He was engaged in farming and the real estate business, was a shrewd speculator, and at his death, which occurred in 1887, he left property valued at about $40,000. During the great Civil War he was a scout in the Confederate service for a short time. He was a member of the well-known old Harrison family of Virginia, and added honor to the name which he bore. His father,

Guy T. Harrison, was a substantial farmer. The subject of this sketch was one of an old-fashioned family of thirteen children, two of whom are deceased, and is the only one of the family who has come to Missouri. He was educated liberally in the schools of his native county, and in the Concord Normal School, and in February, 1885, he came to Ozark County, Mo., and opened a general mercantile establishment, which he conducted successfully for about two years. During this time he was also engaged in farming, but upon being elected to the office of circuit clerk and recorder in 1890, he leased his property to Arnold & Harlan, and has since devoted his attention to the duties of his office. He took up the study of law in 1892, and in October, 1893, was admitted to the bar. The men and measures of the Republican party have always found in him a stanch supporter, and in the public affairs of his section he has always manifested much interest, and has given a liberal and hearty support to all measures of a worthy nature. He is a member of Lodge No. 496 of the A. F. & A. M., at Gainesville, in which he is an active worker. He was married to Miss Minnie E. Daniel, of Gainesville, a daughter of A. B. Daniel, and to their union three children have been given: Henry G., Averill D. and William M.

HON. ANDREW J. MCCOLLUM. The State of Missouri is well represented by the native Tennesseean, among whom are found many prominent and influential citizens, our subject not being classed among the least. He is now the most efficient circuit clerk of Ripley County and a man thoroughly posted and informed in the duties of his office as well as all other matters of moment. He was born in Hickman County, Tenn., September 23, 1842, and the son of John and Susan (Caruthers) McCollum, natives of middle Tennessee. The father resided in Tennessee all his life and spent his days engaged in tilling the soil. He held the office of justice of the peace many years, also other positions of trust and honor, and was universally respected. He moved from Hickman County to Perry County, Tenn., about 1851 and there died in 1877, when sixty-five years of age. After his death the mother moved to Ripley County, Mo., and found a comfortable home with her son Andrew J. until her death in 1879, when fifty-six years of age. In politics the father was a Democrat. Andrew J. McCollum was a lad of nine years when he moved with his parents to Perry County, Tenn., and in Hickman and that county he secured a fair education. In August or September, 1861, he joined the Forty-second Tennessee Confederate Infantry, Company H., as sergeant and remained with that regiment until the close of the war. He preferred to remain with his comrades and refused office, although it was tendered him. He served in Louisiana, Mississippi, Georgia, Alabama and Tennessee and was in the battles of Fort Donelson, Jackson, Atlanta (Georgia), Campaign, Kenesaw Mountain and others. He was taken prisoner at Fort Donelson and conveyed to Camp Douglas, where he remained a prisoner seven months, when he was regularly exchanged. At Vicksburg and Atlanta he was twice wounded by spent balls, but not badly. His command consisted of sharpshooters. At the close of the war he returned to Perry County and turned his attention to farming. In 1871 he came to Missouri and bought a farm near Doniphan. Three years later he was elected circuit clerk and recorder and entered the office January 13, 1875. That position he has filled up to the present time and it speaks for itself as to his popularity. Mr. McCollum was married in March, 1866, to Miss Alice Harrington, of Perry County, Tenn., and she died in May, 1879, leaving two children: Mary E., wife of E. Dalton, of Randolph County, Ark., and William T., at home. In November, 1879, Mr. McCollum wedded Miss Emma Borth, of this county, and they have three interesting children: Oscar H., Albert C. and Flora H. Mr. McCollum is a member of the Cumberland

Presbyterian Church and is an elder in the same. He is a Mason, Composite Lodge No. 369, Chapter at Poplar Bluff, is a master workman in the A. O. U. W., is a K. of P. and K. of H., and holds office in the latter.

WILLIAM H. PAINE. Mr. Paine is accounted a prosperous farmer and stockman of Lincoln Township, Christian County, Mo., and like the native Tennessecan he is progressive in his views and of an energetic temperament. He was born in Warren County in the year 1820, the fourth of eleven children born to Larkin and Rebecca (Huddleston) Paine, natives it is thought of Georgia and South Carolina. When both were young they moved with their parents to Tennessee and were married in Claiborne County of that State. Later they removed to Warren County, where they continued to make their home until 1829, when they made another move, this time to Independence County, Ark. In 1831 they came to Greene County, Mo., and located in the woods on James River, six miles southeast of Springfield. There they improved a good farm, but in 1834, on account of ill health, they moved to Kickapoose Prairie, six miles southwest of Springfield, and there Mr. Paine died in 1857. He had followed farming all his life, and as a citizen and neighbor was highly esteemed. He was with Gen. Jackson in the Creek War, and at an early day was elected by the Legislature as president of the bank at Springfield. A self-made man, with but limited education, he was a good calculator and seldom failed to unravel a complicated mathematical problem. He delighted in reading, and by his own perseverance and love of books became well posted on all the topics of the day. Mr. Paine was one of the very first settlers of Greene County, and experienced all the privations incident to pioneer life. His father, Daniel Paine, removed from Tennessee to Illinois, when the subject of this sketch was but a boy, and probably died there. He reared a large family. The mother of our subject died about 1887, near Ozark. She was a member of the Christian Church. Her father, David Huddleston, was a farmer and died in Claiborne County, Tenn. Our subject's brothers and sisters were named as follows: Anderson, died in Arkansas during the war, and left a large family; Daniel, a farmer of Greene County; Gavin, died when two years of age; William H., subject; Col. John W., of Texas, was in the Confederate Army in a Missouri Cavalry as colonel under Gen. Price (he is now a retired lawyer of considerable repute); Houston R. is a farmer of Greene County; Martha Jane is the widow of James Robinson; David M. died at Ozark about 1891, where he was engaged in the practice of law (he was quartermaster in the Confederate Army during the war;) Lucy was the wife of Levin McNatt; Mary A. was the wife of Lafayette Britton, and died in this county during the war; and Thomas Benton died during the war (he was a solder in the Eighth Missouri Cavalry, Federal Army). The original of this notice grew to manhood principally in Greene County, but his educational advatages were limited, as he never attended school over three months all together. This was on account of the pioneer times, for he was reared in the wilds of this county when they beat their corn meal with a pellet, and when there were no public schools. He well remembers when the Indians were thick in this section, and when the woods swarmed with wild animals. In those days our subject with other pioneers would haul goods from Boonville and St. Louis with five yoke of cattle, and was generally two weeks or more on the road, camping out at night and doing his own cooking. He took hides, etc., as did his neighbors, and traded them for groceries, etc. Nearly everything they wore was made at home. The first pair of pantaloons our subject had made in Missouri was made from the fiber from nettles he had gathered in the bottoms. The finer fibers were made into shirting and the coarser in other articles. These ambitious pioneers made boxes for family use by taking the bark of the buck-

eye tree and setting it together with strings of bark, etc. People went ten miles visiting, and often fifteen miles to church. To walk five or six miles to church was considered nothing. During one fall four of the family killed fifty-two deer and one wolf. Great delight was taken in hunting in those days. Indians were plenty then and Mr. Paine can say:

> "My footsteps press where, centuries ago,
> The redmen fought and conquered, lost and won,
> And where whole tribes and races are gone like last year's snow."

In the year 1848 Mr. Paine was married in Madison County, Ark., to Miss Almira Harp, a native of Warren County, Tenn., and the daughter of Hardy and Ruth A. Harp, the former dying in Tennessee and the latter in Arkansas. To Mr. and Mrs. Paine were born an old-fashioned family of thirteen children, as follows: John, of Franklin County, Ark.; Hardy K., of this county; Larkin, of Stone County; Jane, wife of L. L. Phelps, of Greene County; Houston, of this county; William, justice of the peace, of Stone County; Thomas, of Greene County; Lincoln, of Christian County; Frank, of this county, as are also D. Burden, Rebecca and Joseph D. Mr. Paine made his home in Greene County until about 1856, but since then he has resided in Christian County. He has a farm of 180 acres seven miles east of Billings, and has ninety acres under cultivation. With the exception of a few months when he was in the grocery trade in Billings, Mr. Paine has farmed all his life. In April, 1862, he enlisted in Company F, Fourteenth Missouri State Militia, and operated in southwest Missouri until April, 1863. He was then transferred to the Eighth Missouri State Militia and was in the Marmaduke fight at Springfield. He was also at Jefferson City, and was captured there, but was paroled four days later. In April, 1865, after three years' service, he was mustered out at Springfield. He was lieutenant of the Home Guards in 1861, was wounded in the leg in July of that year, and has never fully recovered. His wife died May 1, 1893. She was a devout member of the Christian Church, and Mr. Paine holds membership in the same.

James Harlin Hale. In all ages of the world industry, perseverance and energy, where intelligently applied, have achieved results which could only have been gained by having one end in view, and by improving every opportunity of ultimately attaining that object. Mr. Hale is an example of what can be accomplished when the spirit of determination is exercised, in connection with the every-day affairs of life. His farming and stockraising operations have resulted most satisfactorily, and he is one of the substantial men of his section. Like so many of the representative men of Christian County, Mr. Hale is a Tennesseean, born in Washington County, October 10, 1832. His parents, Mark and Polly (Mulkey) Hale, were natives of that county also, the former born in 1809 and the latter in 1811. They were reared and married in that county, and, when our subject was a boy, they removed to Barren County, Ky., where Mrs. Hale died two years later. Mr. Hale returned to Tennessee, and was married in McMinn County, that State, to Miss Long. Soon after, he removed to Barren County, Ky., where he made his home until 1850, at which date he removed to McMinn County, Tenn., and thence to Bradley County the following year. In 1852 he came to what is now Christian County, Mo., but later settled in Stone County, where he remained until 1858, when he returned to Barren County, Ky. His death occurred about 1870. He was a blacksmith, and followed that trade all his life. He was married three times. His second wife became the mother of two children: John and Henry. She died in Missouri, and her sons returned to Barren County. His last marriage took place in Kentucky, but the name of his wife is not known to the writer. Mr. Hale had four brothers and one sister, as follows: Archibald, Jackson,

Chinneth, Henry and Frances, none of whom came to this part of the country. Their father, Thomas Hale, was probably a native of Virginia, but an early settler of East Tennessee, where his death occurred. Our subject's maternal grandfather, Isaac Mulkey, was born in Washington County, Tenn., and there followed farming. He was also a Baptist preacher. Of the five children born to his parents, our subject is third in order of birth: Elbert, a blacksmith, died in Kentucky; Nelson was killed during the war; Isaac, deceased, was a soldier in the Federal Army, and Elizabeth, died when eight years of age. During his youth our subject assisted on the farm and in the shop, and received only about six months' schooling in his life. He came with his father to Missouri, and was married in this State in 1855 to Mrs. Nancy Margaret (Messenger) Estes, a native of Morgan County, Tenn., and daughter of John C. and Elizabeth (James) Estes, natives of North Carolina. After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Estes removed to Roane County, Tenn., and there remained until about 1852, when they came to Stone County, Mo. There he died in 1882, aged eighty-six, his wife having died the year previous, when eighty-five years of age. Both were members of the Missionary Baptist Church, and well-respected citizens. Eight children have been born to our subject and wife, as follows: Martha Jane, died single; Julia Alice is the wife of Silas Gold, of Polk Township; Almira Elizabeth, wife of Martin Meacham, of this county; Amanda Melvina, wife of Gideon McBride, of Stone County; Nancy Margaret, wife of Boone Wright, of Stone County; Minnie Clementine; James Slaughter and John Grant. Mrs. Hale was first married to Birdick Messenger, by whom she had one daughter, Esther, wife of Benton Mitchell. Mr. Hale lived in Stone County until 1865, and since on his present farm of 160 acres, five miles southeast of Billings. He followed blacksmithing until 1860, but since has given his entire attention to the farm. He was in the State Militia for some time, but in 1864 he joined Company K, Forty-sixth Missouri Infantry, and was made corporal, operating in southwestern Missouri until the close of the war, being mustered out at Springfield May 22, 1865. Early in the war he was shot in the wrist, and captured by some Confederate soldiers near home. He was kept a prisoner about nine days, and was released at Wilson Creek. He is a member of the Baptist Church, and of Billings Post, G. A. R.

ANSELM C. BRALLEY. This gentleman has been a useful citizen of Douglas County, Mo., since 1865, but was born in Greene County, Mo., October 7, 1839, a son of Jonathan and Margaret (Bogel) Bralley and grandson of James Bralley, who came to this country from Ireland. They took up their residence in Virginia, and there Jonathan Bralley was born, reared, and moved to Missouri, in 1839, after which he moved to Greene County, Mo., and settled on the James River near Galloway. Later he removed to Webster County and there died in the spring of 1866. He was a Democrat in politics and for many years held the office of justice of the peace, and socially was a Mason. He was quite a hunter in his youth, and was successful in amassing a comfortable fortune. His wife was born in Virginia also, and was the only one of her family to come to Missouri. She died in December, 1892, having become the mother of twelve children: Sanders was a soldier of the Twenty-Fourth Missouri Infantry and died at the age of twenty-five years; Elizabeth became the wife of Melvin Smith and died at the age of forty-five years; Anselm C.; John C., who died at about the age of twenty years in Lebanon, Mo., while a member of the State Militia during the war; Franklin was about eighteen years old at the time of his death; Louise is living on the old home farm in Webster County; Oliver is married and lives on the old home farm; George is also there; Margaret J. and Guy. Two children died young. The parents of these children were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, were old settlers of this section,

and passed through many hardships on first coming to the State. Anselm C. was reared on a farm in Webster County and was educated in the common schools. In 1860 he began doing for himself and was soon after married to Rebecca, daughter of William and Susan (McMahan) Jinkins, who came from Tennessee to this State in 1842, and after several changes settled in Douglas County in 1865, the mother dying here in 1885 and the father in 1890. Their family consisted of thirteen children: Matilda, Blackburn, Gilbert, Harriet, Rebecca, Lavicie, Thomas, Elizabeth, Henry, Ruth, James, Margaret, and one that died young. Mrs. Bralley was born in Tennessee, October 12, 1840, and to herself and husband the following children have been born: Samantha, wife of James Nash, of Sparta, Mo., has three children: Chester A., Ada and Clarence; Luhana is the wife of Carl Barnes of Sparta and has four children, Anselm, Arthur, Bertha and Effie, one died in infancy; Louisa wife of W. B. Schoggin, Mountain Home, Ark., has three children: Elmer, Stella and Garland; Effie and one that died. Clarinda died at the age of eighteen years; Letitia is the wife of A. M. Ellison, a farmer of this county and has one child, Hattie; Artilia died at the age of fifteen years; John C. Lilly, wife of C. D. Dewhurst, has one child Lester; Edith, and Daisy. Mr. Bralley, was a member of the Home Guard and State Militia during the war and was a participant in the battle of Lawrenceport. After the war he became a farmer, has followed that occupation ever since and is the owner of one of the finest farms in the county, consisting of 480 acres, which he purchased in 1883. He is said to have the best improved farm in the county and this fact is borne out in glancing over his broad acres and his neatly kept farm buildings, etc. He is quite extensively engaged in buying and selling stock, in fact is a thrifty and progressive farmer and owes his success to his own good management and energy. He is an active Democrat, is public spirited to a degree, and socially is a member of Ava Lodge of the I. O. O. F.

William T. Lamkin. The bar of Christian County is given much force and power by the membership of William T. Lamkin, who has made his way to the front in the profession of law and is a prominent and useful citizen. He is a sincere, direct, positive man, a true man in the best and highest sense, and his standing at the bar is deservedly high. Mr. Lamkin is a product of this State, born in Linn County, June 15, 1848, and is a son of R. H. and Sarah H. (Hurt) Lamkin, natives of Kentucky and Missouri, respectively. The Lamkins were early settlers of Kentucky, as were the Hurts of Missouri. The father of our subject came to Missouri in 1830, and settled in Howard County, thence he moved, shortly afterward, to Linn County, where he was among the first settlers and active in all enterprises for the good of the county. During the Civil War he was recruiting officer for the Union Army. In politics he was a Democrat, and in religion a Baptist. During his life he held many public offices, such as justice of the peace, and county judge, and for many years was a member of the County Court. His death occurred at his home in Linn County, in 1871, but his wife had died many years previous, in 1856, when forty-two years of age. Nine children were born to this estimable couple: Fannie M., J. B., Lucy, J. C., William T., R. H., L. D., G. W., and one who died in infancy. Six of these children are living. J. C. was with the Union Army during the Civil War and died at Ft. Donelson near the close of the war. The Lamkin family is of English extraction and of a prominent family. The members of the family who came here at an early date took part in the Indian wars. Until the age of twenty-six years the original of this notice passed his life on a farm and received a good education in the common schools. When eighteen years of age he became a teacher, and taught eight years successively. In 1871 he attended the William Jewell College at Liberty,

Mo. After leaving school he returned to the farm, but left the same in 1876 and went to Illinois, spending a year in Schuyler County, that State. In December of the same year he came to Christian County, Mo., and located on a farm near Billings, where he remained for several years. In the spring of 1887 he located in the town and began the study of law, being admitted to the bar in 1891. He then established an office at Billings, and up to the present has been unusually successful as a practitioner. He is an able attorney, a wise consellor and a man who has won the respect of all with whom he comes in contact. He is a Democrat in politics and is active in his support of all laudable enterprises. He has been a delegate to many conventions, and is an active worker in the cause of temperance. For five years he was lecturer in southwest Missouri and deputy grand master of the Masonic order of Missouri. For four years he has held the office of justice of the peace, and in 1880 he was the nominee for representative of the county on the Democratic ticket. In all educational matters he takes a deep interest. He is the owner of considerable real estate and with his family resides on twenty acres northeast of the city. He also owns forty acres farther in the country. In 1880 he bought land at Ponce de Leon, Stone County, and there built a hotel, but the scheme was not successful and he lost much of his means. In selecting his companion for life, Mr. Lamkin chose Mrs. Mary E. Perkins, of Linn County, daughter of David and Susan (Wear) Perkins, natives of Virginia, where Mrs. Lamkin was also born, but where she remained until only three years of age. To Mr. and Mrs. Lamkin was born one daughter, Nora L., who died when sixteen years of age. Mrs. Lamkin is a member of the Baptist Church, and she and her husband are highly respected by all. The latter was instrumental in establishing the Masonic order, at Billings, Lodge No. 379, and he has also been one of the leading members of the Baptist Church at that place. He is active in all good work, and the city has in him a most excellent citizen. He is a member of the Royal Arch Chapter at Marionville, Mo., and for one year was high priest of that chapter. In 1892 he was candidate for prosecuting attorney of the county, but was defeated by the Republican candidate, W. A. Long, the Republicans being in a large majority. He is never too busy to attend his church service, with him church first, Masonry second, and politics third. Charity never makes an application to him in vain, for he is ever ready to assist the needy and distressed.

S. J. Holt. S. J. Holt, manager of the West Plains Electric Light Company, of which Holt & Fallett are the proprietors, is one of the most successful and prominent business men in the city. The above mentioned business was established in 1889. This company is running the city lights and is doing a milling business, in all about $20,000 per year. Mr. Holt is a native of Grand Rapids, Mich., and his father being a prominent saw mill man, our subject grew up in that business. He became interested in a saw mill at that place, but left there and came to West Plains and bought out the planing mill business here. He has made a success of this venture, and Mr. G. M. Fallett, who came to this section from the Empire State, became connected with him in business. Both are honorable and energetic business men who have been active supporters of all measures for the benefit and upbuilding of the localities in which they live. Mr. Holt came to south Missouri in 1883 and first took a position as general manager for the South Missouri Lumber Company at Burnham, this county. He continued with this company a number of years and then embarked in the saw mill business at Birch Tree, Mo., continuing this one year. After this he was general manager for the Kansas City Lumber Company at Sedgwick, Ark., for some time, so that when he embarked in business for himself he had had a wide experience. The enterprise he and

Mr. Follett now carry on is one of the largest in the city and is a credit to the same. They have a sixty-horse-power engine and employ many assistants. In his political views Mr. Holt is a Republican. He is married and has six sons. Socially he is an Odd Fellow, a member of Rockford Lodge No. 247, in Michigan.

M. A. McMonigle. Although not one of the old settlers of Stone County, Mo., Mr. M. A. McMonigle has been here for ten years, or since he purchased the farm where he now lives. He is thoroughgoing and progressive, and is classed among the wealthy and influential men of this section. During the short time he has resided here he has made a record for uprightness and honesty, and won the confidence of all. He is not only a prominent farmer of the county, but one of the leading stockmen as well, and his fine farm of 231 acres on White River, in the rich bottom lands, is an ornament to the county. In the Blue Grass regions of Kentucky our subject was born August 27, 1853. His parents, Aaron and Sarah (Allison) McMonigle, were natives of the same State. Both are now living in Stone County, on Indian Creek, and are much respected old people, who since 1881 have made their home in that part of the State. They remained in their native State until 1857, then moved to Platt County, Mo., and thence to this county. Mr. McMonigle has always followed farming and is a substantial and worthy citizen. He and his estimable wife reared a large family of children, eleven in number, of whom six are now living: M. A., our subject; William, in Platt County; Joseph, in Stone County, with whom the father and mother make their home; Madison, at Kansas City, Mo.; Edgar, in Platt County, and Oliver, in Stone County. The other children died in youth. The McMonigles may look back to the third century for their history, for then the Dalrindans went from Ireland to Scotland to possess northern Britain. Our subject was reared in an economical way, going to school in the winter and working on the farm in summer, as did the other boys of the vicinity, and in this manner he grew to mature years with habits of industry and a fairly good common-school education. Possessed of a roaming disposition he made a trip to Colorado and later to California, going by land. He remained in the West for several years. For some time he was located at Leadville, and subsequently at other places, following farming in connection with other enterprises. He settled in Stone County about 1883, purchased the farm where he now lives, and is a substantial citizen and a wide-awake farmer. He was married in Stone County to Miss Lizzie Rider, daughter of Jacob Rider of that county, who at an early date came from Illinois to this section. Two children have been given our subject and wife, Ethel and James. The family attend the Christian Church and are active workers in the same.

George W. Coker. In compiling an account of the mercantile establishments of the town of Lead Hill, Ark., it is the desire of the publishers to particularly mention those classes of houses which are the best representatives of each special line of trade, and which contribute most to the city's reputation as a source of supply. As one of the leading representatives of general merchants and cotton dealers, the firm of G. W. Coker & Co. may well be quoted, for the extensive trade they have built up is the outgrowth of enterprise and commercial sagacity. Mr. Coker was born in Marion County, Ark., in 1850, and is a son of William and Margaret (Holt) Coker, both born in the year 1821, the former in Marion County, Ark., and the latter in Cannon County, Tenn. Previous to her union with Mr. Coker, the mother of Geo. W. Coker married Thomas Pumphrey in Tennessee, and in 1839 came to Ozark County, Mo., where she remained a few years. From there she moved to Fulton County, Ark., where Mr. Pumphrey died. After the marriage of Mr. and Mrs.

Coker they resided in Marion County, Ark., until the Civil War, when they refugeed to Greene County, Mo. There Mr. Coker died in 1865. He was a successful farmer and stockraiser, a prominent Mason for a good many years, and a Democrat in politics. He was a Southern sympathizer, but took no part in the war. Geo. W. Coker's paternal grandfather, Edward Coker, came with his parents to northern Arkansas when that State was wild and unsettled, inhabited chiefly by Indians and wild animals. His death occurred in 1865, and he left a large family well provided for, being a thrifty and enterprising man. His father, William Coker, better known as "Buck" Coker, was one of the first white men to settle in the wilds of northern Arkansas, where he located nearly eighty years ago (1814), being the first settler of whom there is any record. He landed on White River in what is now Marion County, Ark., the day the battle of New Orleans was fought, and was well known by many of the old people now living here. He was a farmer, and followed that with more than ordinary success until his death, which occurred when our subject was a boy. The mother of George W. died in 1860. She was the daughter of William Holt, who came from Cannon County, Tenn., and settled in Ozark County, Mo., in 1840. Nine years later he settled on White River, Marion County, Ark., and there improved a good farm, on which his death occurred in 1860. Mrs. Holt died in Lead Hill in 1882, when about eighty-five years of age. Geo. W. Coker is the eldest of five children: Winnie, wife of William Magness, of Lead Hill; Edward, of Howard County, Mo.; Mary, wife of E. P. Kelly, who is the other member of the firm; and Casandra, wife of W. L. Brown, of Lead Hill. He was reared on a farm, and his educational advantages were interfered with by the war. After the death of the father he began for himself as an agriculturist, and followed this until 1871, when he embarked in the mercantile business at Lead Hill, under the name of Pumphrey & Coker. This he carried on for nine years, when he removed to Harrison and sold goods there for seven years. Returning to Lead Hill, the present firm was established, and since that time they have done a thriving business of between $20,000 and $25,000 per year. They carry everything the farmer needs, including farm implements, etc., and they also own extensive farming and stock interests. Mr. Coker was married in 1873 to Miss Ruth Kelly, a native of Tennessee, and the daughter of A. L. and Adeline Kelly, who came from Tennessee to this county about 1869, and are still living. Mr. and Mrs. Coker's union resulted in the birth of nine children. Mr. Coker is a Mason, a member of Polar Star Lodge No. 224, Lead Hill, and he has always been an active Democrat in politics, his first presidential vote being cast for Tilden in 1876.

CAPT. JOHN HALSTEAD. This gentleman is regarded as one of the most influential and worthy citizens of Howell County, and it is a pleasure to here chronicle the events that mark his life as one of usefulness. Capt. John Halstead, whose name was originally spelled with two L's, was born in Pickaway County, Ohio, October 8, 1841. In tracing back the genealogy of this family we find that it originated in England, and that the first immigrants to this country settled on Manhattan Island, where they were among the pioneers. Alabartis Halstead, father of our subject, was born in the Empire State in 1808. His father, Abraham Halstead, was a native of New York State, born at Harlem June 12, 1783. The latter married Miss Magdaline Scribner, and these children were born to them: Alabartis, John, Isaac, Catherine and Hallstead. Abraham Halstead was a son of John and Sarah (Myer) Halstead. This worthy couple reared these children: Abraham, John, Isaac, James Sarah, Elliott and Catherine. John Halstead was a son of Thomas Halstead, who was born in 1825. The latter married Phœbe Bogardus and passed his

entire life in the Empire State, dying there in 1808. He reared these children: John, Edward, Elizabeth, Jacob, Margarite, Isaac, Jonas and Phœbe A. The Halstead family lived in New York State until the grandfather of Capt. Halstead moved to Ohio and settled in Pickaway County, where he died. The members of this family were large land owners in New York State. The father of our subject, Alabartis Halstead, came to Pickaway County, Ohio, with his parents, and was married to Miss Altkire, who bore him the following children: Eliza J., Phœbe A., Benjamin F., Sophia A., Elliott, George W., Edson B., Alburtis, Sarah and John. The father of these children was an upright, earnest farmer and an excellent citizen. His death occurred in Knox County, Ind., in 1867. His wife is also buried in that State. John Halstead, now Capt. John Halstead, was reared in the Hoosier State, and in Green County, that State, he met and married Miss Lavinia Bogard. Three children were born to them: Luther F., George and John B. Mrs. Halstead died in Indiana, and Miss Louisa Plummer became Mr. Halstead's second wife. Four children were born to the second union: Nellie, Thomas, Charles and Maggie. Capt. Halstead attended the subscription schools of Indiana in his youth and assisted on the home farm. When twenty years of age he started in business in Knox County, and the same year, 1861, he enlisted in Company K, Eightieth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, under Col. Brooks, as a private, and was promoted to the rank of corporal, then to lieutenant, and finally to captain of his company. He served up to the battle of Perryville, Ky., when he was taken sick and went home on furlough. He continued ill and was discharged in the spring of 1863. The principal engagements in which he participated were Perryville, but he was in numerous skirmishes and on many scouting expeditions. At one time he was wounded in the left leg and is troubled with the same to this day. He was in charge of 100 men who went to Harrisburg, Ky., where they captured 105 prisoners. Following the war Capt. Halstead engaged in shipping and handling stock and continued this a number of years, making his home in Knox County, Ind. From there he moved to Green County, Ind., and still engaged in the stock business, living there till 1880, when he came to this county and engaged in the real estate business in West Plains. This he has since continued, and has met with good success, being the owner of real estate in West Plains and land in Howell County. He has handled most of the additions to West Plains and is the leading real estate man in that city. In politics Capt. Halstead is a Democrat and a strong supporter of his party. He was mayor of West Plains four years, a member of the council two years, and has done much to build up the town of West Plains. He is a master Mason, a member of the chapter, and he was a charter member of the K. of P. lodge at West Plains. Mr. Halstead has a lovely home in the town and is one of the leading men of the county.

WIAND TUNNELL. Among the prominent business men of Linden none stand higher in the community than Wiand Tunnell, who is manager and one of the proprietors of Linden Roller Mills. This mill is owned by Mr. Tunnell, B. A. Stone and T. J. Stapp, and was built about the year 1840, being probably the first mill erected in the county. It was put up by John Hoover and operated by that gentleman until 1886, when the present owners took possession. The firm is known as Tunnell, Stone & Stapp, as William Park owned an interest up to 1892, and in 1888 it was remodeled, a full set of double rollers put in and every thing arranged in first-class condition. This mill is constantly working, the capacity per day is fifty barrels, and the best known brands are the Imperial Snow Flakes and the Gold Dust, both equal to all brands and superior to many in the State. The mill is set in motion by water power and fed by the water of the Finley. Steam power is used in dry seasons, but this

is seldom necessary. This mill is called the best in the county and has the largest capacity of any mill in this section. The brands are made of native wheat, and the mill is operated by two or three experienced men, and first-class flour is made. The proprietors of the mill all live near its location, and are wide-awake, thoroughgoing business men. Mr. Stone is a farmer and a prominent man in the county. Wiand Tunnell was born in Macoupin County, Ill., September 8, 1853, and is a son of William V. and Tirzah (Rhoads) Tunnell, natives of Tennessee. The father moved from his native State to Illinois and followed agricultural pursuits and carpentering until his death. There the mother died too. In addition to a common-school education our subject attended the school at Carlinville, and early became familiar with the duties of the farm. When first starting out for himself he learned the trade of tinner and followed that at Ozark for some time, coming to that city in 1874. There he resided until 1886, engaged for some time in the hardware and tinware business, and then moved to Linden, where he engaged in milling. To this he has since given his entire attention and has made a complete success of the industry. Socially he is a Mason and an Odd Fellow, and politically a Republican. He selected his wife in the person of Miss Susan A. Chestnut, a native of this county, and daughter of William Chestnut, and grand-daughter of old Judge Chestnut, one of the early judges of the district. Mr. and Mrs. Tunnell have a family of two children, Clara and Harold. Mr. Tunnell owns one-third interest in the mill and is one of the leading business men of the county.

DR. R. J. PIERCE. The medical man is held in the greatest esteem by savage as well as civilized people, and deservedly so, because in his hands are the issues of life and death. All honor is due to the profession of medicine, because it is composed of so noble an army of men, and among those whose skill has shed luster upon the profession is Dr. R. J. Pierce, who is known in medical circles throughout the State, and is universally recognized as a ripe scholar and a practitioner of renown. He was born in Hall County, Ga., August 23, 1837, the eldest of eight children born to Reuben H. and Sarah (Baker) Pierce, the former of whom was born in South Carolina, a son of James H. Pierce, a native of New Hampshire. The name is English. The family were among the very early settlers of New England, and the grandfather was a participant in the Revolutionary War. Reuben H. Pierce grew up in the State of his birth, and when a young man moved to Georgia, and in 1878, after his marriage, came to Arkansas and located near the home of his son, Dr. R. J. Pierce, who had come thither in 1869. The father was a soldier in the Confederate Army, serving in the Fifty-second Georgia Regiment, and was in many hard battles. He was a lifelong teacher, and obtained a wide reputation as an educator and disciplinarian, and the fine education which he obtained was the result of his own persistent efforts, for in his youth he had few advantages. He died in the faith of the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1890, and his wife in Pope County, Ark., in 1889. She was a daughter of Silas Baker, a Georgian of Irish descent, and the children she bore her husband were as follows: Dr. R. J.; William L. came to Arkansas in 1873, was a soldier of the Confederate Army, and is now a farmer of Washington County; Martha is the wife of George Villyard, of this State; Jane is the deceased wife of Robert T. Croy; Levi R. is a farmer of this county, whither he came in 1876, and was a soldier of the Confederacy; Elizabeth is the wife of J. B. Alman, of Adkins, Ark.; Reuben H. is a farmer of Hamilton, Tex.; and Missouri is the wife of Thomas Bell, of Potts Station, Ark. The early days of Dr. Pierce were passed in Georgia, where he received his initiatory training in the common schools. In 1856 he began the study of medicine under Dr. Russell, a

graduate of the old Philadelphia Medical College, and after studying with him for two years, and having no means to take him through college, he went West with a company of thirteen to Colorado, and they made a settlement on the land on which Denver is now located. The journey was made overland and they experienced many hardships while en route. During the three years that the Doctor remained in that vicinity he was quite successful as a miner, but continued his medical studies and assisted in many cases that required the services of a surgeon, thus obtaining considerable practical experience. He was the part owner of the noted mine known as Russell's Gulch, and while in Colorado passed through some thrilling experiences. In 1860 he returned to Georgia, and was there engaged in farming up to 1862, when he enlisted in the Confederate service as a member of the Fifty-second Georgia Regiment, and was made hospital steward by appointment, being assistant surgeon the last two years of the war. The Doctor is without doubt one of the best-posted surgeons in northern Arkansas, and had practical experience on many a bloody battlefield. He was at Vicksburg, was with Hood at Nashville, and finally surrendered with Johnston's army at Greensboro, N. C. After making one crop in Georgia he came to Arkansas, and December 31, 1869, settled in the neighborhood of where he now lives, and is now the owner of 320 acres of fine farming land, some of which is richly underlaid with valuable minerals. He has given some attention to mining, and has opened up several paying mines in Marion County. He is a member of the Marion County Medical Association, and has kept in constant touch with medical thought, being one of the best-posted and most successful medical practitioners of the northern part of the State. Politically he is a Democrat, has been a delegate to various conventions, and socially is a member of Yellville Lodge of the A. F. & A. M. He was married in Georgia to Miss Mary McAfee, daughter of Hugh and Mary (Roe) McAfee, South Carolinians, the former of whom died in 1862, and the mother is still living. Mrs. Pierce was born August 4, 1841, was one of a large family of children, and has a brother, Joseph, and a sister, Mrs. W. G. Perry, who resides in this county. The Doctor and wife have three children: Frances B., wife of L. B. Brooksher; Adonis, married daughter of V. Stillville; Lenna and Ella. The Doctor and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, and are widely and favorably known throughout the section in which they reside.

J. C. Woody. The bustling towns, thriving villages and cultivated farms of Christian County, Mo., have so long been common objects to our sight, that it seems almost beyond belief that we have in our midst an honored citizen, one of those hardy pioneers who saw this county when the settlers were few and far between. J. C. Woody was born in east Tennessee, November 26, 1834, and was only six years of age when he came with his parents, Abraham and Anna (Vaughan) Woody, to this county. The father and mother were born in Tennessee, married there, and about 1829 started for the Lone Tree State with their family. They intended making the trip by wagon, but when they arrived at a place about two and a half miles from Ozark, Mo., they camped on the old Antelope trail, and there the mother was taken sick with a fever. Mr. Woody went to Springfield for old Dr. Sheckelford, who told him he would have to stay until she got better. He was advised to locate, and after looking around he selected the farm where our subject now resides and which is known as the Woody Cave Spring farm. He was among the early settlers of the county, and by industry and thrift became quite well to do, owning large tracts of land and many slaves. He became well known all over the county and had many warm friends. His death occurred in May, 1855. The mother was the daughter of Archibald Vaughan, who was also one of the

pioneers of this part of the county, as well as an early settler of Kane Hill, Ark., and his was one of the seven families murdered when the Wright family was, in 1836. He then left that part of the country and located in Greene County, Mo., now Christian County, where his death occurred during the war. He was well and favorably known all over the county, and was an old-time Baptist in his belief. Five children were born to his marriage, and Mrs. Woody was third in order of birth. The others were: William, who held the rank of captain during the Rebellion; Greene, who was a resident of this county, is now deceased; Celia, now Mrs. Oliver, of Arkansas, and Malinda, now Mrs. Kelley. Our subject's parents had twelve children born to their union, six sons and six daughters, as follows: Mary J.; Celia A., wife of James Caves, of this community; James C., subject; William M., who died in California in 1862; Fannie, single, died in this county; John H., living in Tulare County, Cal.; Abraham N., was a resident of Ft. Worth, Tex., but died in this county; Sarah T., wife of Capt. Flag, died in this county; Allie E., deceased, was the wife of J. W. Abbott, of this county; Malinda, wife of William Abbott, resides at Sparta, this county; Henry C., resides at Los Angeles, Cal., and Mallard F., a prominent man of Texas, but is now residing in Los Angeles, Cal. The parents of these children understood thoroughly all the hardships of pioneer life and contributed their share toward the development of the county. Mr. Woody was an expert with the rifle and as the country was full of game, time did not hang heavily on his hands. The first night he settled here he shot four turkeys. As might be expected, more attention was given to clearing the farm than to education in those days, and our subject attended school only a few days, in the rude log schoolhouse. Later he obtained a good business education and in 1855 went to California, where he engaged in mining. He also tilled the soil there until 1859, when he returned East, via the Isthmus and New York City. Later he married Miss Rebecca C. Wills, a native of Lee County, Va., born in 1839, and the daughter of L. and Elizabeth (Crabtree) Wills, who came to this county about 1843. After marriage, our subject returned to California overland and was five months on the road. He met with many adventures, killed a buffalo while on the journey and at one time was chased by two Indians, having a very narrow escape. Arriving in the Gold State he engaged in mining on his own account, and also tilled the soil there until 1871, when he returned to Missouri, and bought the old home, where he has since resided. He is the owner of 186 acres, having sold off 226 acres, and was one of the large land owners of the county, having at one time 600 acres in one tract. He has given much of his attention to stockraising and made a complete success of this occupation. His place was visited by the Marshfield cyclone and he and family saved their lives by running to the cave. In 1878 Mr. Woody was elected sheriff of the county and so well did he discharge the duties of that office that he was reëlected in 1880. He was an able and most efficient officer. In political matters he is now with the People's party but was elected to his office by the Greenback party. In his social relations Mr. Woody is a Mason, a member of Ozark Lodge, and holds membership in the Christian Church. He and wife have reared the following children: Alice, single and living with the grandmother at Springfield; Eleanor, also single, is in Springfield; William L., a liveryman of Ozark; Charles C., who is now in California; and Mabel E., who died when twelve years of age. Mrs. Woody is now making her home in Springfield, where she has charge of the "Woody House," and Mr. Woody is on the farm looking after its interests.

JOHN ANGLE. This shrewd, practical and successful business man is a member of the well-known mercantile firm of Cantrell & Angle, of Bruno,

Ark., and since 1852 has been a resident of Marion County, coming thither from middle Tennessee in 1850, and for two years was a resident of Van Buren County. He owes his nativity to Tennessee, where he first saw the light February 5, 1841, being one of a good old-fashioned family of fourteen children born to James and Elizabeth (Ward) Angle, the former of whom was a native of Hickman County, Tenn., and a son of John Angle, a North Carolinian by birth, but one of the early pioneers of Tennessee. The great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch came from Ireland and settled in North Carolina, and made a substantial citizen. The grandparents came to Marion County, Ark., about 1853, and here both passed from life in 1863. They reared four children: William, who lived and died in Sebastian County; James; John, who died in Tennessee, and Benjamin, who also died in Tennessee. James Angle and wife became residents of Marion County in 1852, purchased a farm on Clear Creek, which the father was successfully engaged in tilling until he was killed during the war, his wife's death occurring in 1863. They were both members of the Baptist Church. Their children were named as follows: Martha A., wife of Mr. Jones, of Texas; William was wounded and died at the battle of Pea Ridge, Ark.; Eli is a farmer of Johnson County, Tex., and was soldier in the Confederate Army; Mary J. (Casey) is living in Marion County Ark.; John; Elizabeth (Potter) is living in Texas; James died in Little Rock during the war, a soldier of the Confederacy; Lucinda (Richardson) of Texas, Levi is a farmer of Texas; Temple died in Texas; David also died there; Kizzie lives in Texas; Sarah (Casey) lives in Marion County, Ark.; and Nancy (Casey) is deceased. John Angle was a lad of ten years when he came to this county. He obtained a common-school education, and when the Civil War came up he enlisted in Company B, Fourteenth Arkansas Infantry, Confederate States Army, and was a participant in the engagement at Pea Ridge, Iuka, Corinth, the siege of Port Hudson, and was with Price on his raid through Missouri. At the termination of hostilities he returned to Marion County, and for the following eight or ten years he tilled the soil on the old homestead, being also engaged in handling stock. In 1874 he purchased a farm near Bruno of 300 acres, on which he is living, but he also owns other valuable farming land in the county. He has been successful in everything he has undertaken. At the present time he is giving much attention to his mercantile operations, which are proving successful. He is a Democrat, is very public spirited, and is a deacon in the Baptist Church, of which his wife is also a member. He was married in 1866 to Miss Clementine Garrett, a daughter of Temple Garrett, an early settler of the county. She was born in Tennessee and has borne her husband the following children: William, who is living on a farm three miles from Bruno; Julia A.; Samantha, wife of Frank Burns, of this county; Marian, Wilson, Thomas, Ethel, Laura, Bertha, Maud, and Wesley, who died at the age of eight years.

SIGEL HENSON. This gentleman, who is a prominent merchant at Cape Fair, is a descendant of one of the early pioneer families of Stone County, his parents, Zachariah and Armala (Williams) Henson, having settled on Flat Creek, this county, in 1835. He is a product of this county, born August 20, 1861, but just ten days after the battle of Wilson Creek, and the youngest in an old-fashioned family of twelve children. His youthful days were passed in attending school (taught in the old Jones' schoolhouse of his district) and assisting on the farm. When sixteen years of age he was left an orphan, his parents both dying the same year, the father in June and the mother in August, 1877. For some time after this he did not attend school, but later he entered Marionville College, where he attended one term, working his own way through the school. Afterward he began clerking in Marionville, where he

continued as clerk in the store about six years, then entered a partnership with Mr. David, firm name being Henson & David, which firm remained in business for two years. When Aurora began to build up he sold out, expecting to start in business there, but he gave that up and took a position in that town, remaining there until the death of his wife. He was married October 23, 1888, to Miss Pelonia E. Lewis, a native of Indiana, born November 22, 1864. August 9, 1891, a daughter, Hortense, was born, and this child died September 26, 1892. Mrs. Henson's parents, John and E. A. Lewis, were natives of the Hoosier State, who moved a number of years ago to Newton County, Mo., where they resided until a few years ago, and then came to Aurora. There the mother makes her home at the present time. Mrs. Henson was but six years of age when she came with her parents to Missouri, and in Newton County she received a good education. After growing up she became a teacher and taught in the home school and in the public school of Marionville for two years. She was a lady of amiable disposition, superior attainments and was a very successful teacher, winning the respect of the parents and the love of the pupils. Her second baby was born January 14, 1893, and Mrs. Henson died January 22, of the same year. The child lived until the 9th of July, 1893. It was named Estella N. After the death of his wife Mr. Henson moved to Cape Fair and, in partnership with George L. Stone, owns a general store, the only one in the town. They are doing a good business and are wide-awake, progressive business men. They also buy corn, grain and stock, and are doing well. Fraternally Mr. Henson is an Odd Fellow, a member of Marionville Lodge, and has held the different offices in the same. In politics he is with the Democratic party and takes a deep interest in its welfare. Mr. Henson's farm is on the east bank of the James River, about three-fourths of a mile from Cape Fair, and consists of ninety-nine acres of excellent land, all well improved and well cultivated. As a young business man and a public-spirited citizen Mr. Henson has won the respect and good will of all, and in a financial way is making a success of life.

J. H. WALTERS. To attain happiness we strive for the acquisition of wealth or position, and, if one is possessed of the first and has native ability and ambition, the second falls to him as his natural heritage. In the acquirement of wealth fortune smiles on those alone who are watching for the opportunity she offers, and J. H. Walters is one of those who has shown himself to be a wide-awake, systematic business man, and has made the most of every opportunity that has presented itself. He was born in Virginia, October 26, 1823, a son of William and Tally (Ingram) Walters, who were of Irish and English descent, the former a native of Virginia. The paternal grandfather was a captain in the Revolutionary War. J. H. Walters spent his youthful days on a farm, was married in the State of his birth, and in 1847 moved to Yalobusha County, Miss., where he made his home until after the war, in which struggle he participated, and during which time he lost the handsome fortune which he had accumulated. He has devoted his attention to merchandising the greater part of his life and is still to some extent engaged in this occupation, his home being in Bellefonte. He has been largely engaged in the buying and selling of cattle and mules, and is the owner of about 15,000 acres of land, a large portion of which is under cultivation. He is one of the wealthiest men of Boone County, and what he has has been earned through his own good judgment and energy. Although he received no schooling in his youth he is a man of keen intelligence, and actively interested in the public affairs of his section. He was married in Virginia at the age of twenty-four to Martha Dodson, to which union three children were given: Alexander J.; William S., and Martha A., wife of John Eagel. William S., the youngest son is a man of brilliant

mind, with a warm heart and patriotic nature. He married Miss Cora Perkins, of Springfield, Mo., and with his accomplished wife and their four bright children, lives on one of the best cultivated farms in the county. Mr. Walters has been a Democrat all his life, is a member of the Missionary Baptist Church, in which he is a deacon, and he is a Royal Arch Mason. His first wife died in this county, and he afterward married Miss Virginia Harrison, daughter of Rev. Robert L. and Mildred Harrison, of Irish and English descent; she was born in North Carolina. With her Mr. Walters resides on one of the finest improved places in the county. Although he has passed the allotted age of three-score years and ten, he is yet actively engaged in business and looks after his valuable property. Mr. Walters and his wife attended the World's Fair at Chicago in 1893, and also traveled over many of the southern and eastern States, enjoying their trip very much. His son, Alexander J. Walters was born in Virginia, September 2, 1848, but was reared in Yalobusha County, Miss., and has been a resident of Boone County, Ark., since 1868. During the war he was a soldier in the Home Guards, enlisting in 1864 at the age of sixteen, and serving until the close. In 1868 he became a resident of Bellefonte, or rather settled on the site of that place, for the town was not then known, and purchased a tract of land in the vicinity, on which he at once began the labors of the agriculturist. In 1870 he embarked in the mercantile business with the best stock of goods ever brought to Boone County, and he has made it a point to always keep an excellent line of goods. In 1874 Matt Tyson became a member of the firm, and it was conducted under the name of J. H. Walters & Co. for two years, at the end of which time the business was suspended for a time. For some time thereafter Mr. Walters clerked for I. Eoff, but at the end of one year he became a member of the firm, which became known as Eoff & Walters. In September, 1878, this partnership was dissolved, and in October of the same year J. H. Walters & Sons opened up a well-appointed establishment, which continued until 1880, when the younger son retired, the entire management of the house now falling on the shoulders of Alexander J. A business of from $15,000 to $30,000 is done annually, and they keep on hand a stock valued at about $5,000. Alexander J. Walters has entered heart and soul into this business and has clearly proven to all that he is a thoroughly capable business man. He is an expert book-keeper, is shrewd, practical and far-seeing in the management of his affairs, and, as a result, cannot fail to be successful. He has held the office of justice of the peace and has been appointed chairman of the Democratic Central Committee several times. He is a Royal Arch Mason, has taken a deep interest in the success of the order at Bellefonte, and is active in all enterprises of a public nature. He is the owner of a large tract of land and has a pleasant and comfortable home. In 1870 he was married to Miss F. B. Hart, who was born in Tennessee, a daughter of D. G. Hart, and to their union two children have been given: Virgie and Alexander J., Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Walters are members of the Missionary Baptist Church, as are also their children, and the daughter is a graduate of the Bluett School in St. Louis and is now engaged in teaching elocution and music in Yellville College. The son is a clerk in his father's store and is a young man of excellent business qualifications. J. B. Eagel, son-in-law of J. H. Walters, has been a resident of Boone County, Ark., for the past ten years, but was born in another part of the county August 25, 1853, the second of twelve children born to Dock and Serena (Swain) Eagel, the former of whom was born in Maury County, Tenn., in 1824. In 1839 he came to Arkansas, and until his death in 1873, resided in Lonoke County. He was an uncle of ex-Gov. Eagel of the State. He was a Mexican soldier, a soldier in the Civil War, was a Democrat in politics and throughout life followed farm-

ing. He was married in Lonoke County, and his wife was a daughter of Jerry Swain, who came from Tennessee to Arkansas about 1840, and she still resides on the old homestead in the county where she was married. Her children were: William, who, with his father and Robert Engel, a brother of Gov. Eagel, was killed by a party of negroes whom they were trying to arrest for stealing, was but twenty-one years old at the time of his death; J. B.; Jennie, who died when young; Joseph, who is living on a farm in Lonoke County; Frances, wife of L. H. Halloway of Lonoke County; James, who lives with his mother; Charity, widow of Goodman Swain; Robert; Thomas; George, who was killed by accidental discharge of a gun; Pettus, and two children that died in infancy. The father, Dock Eagel, and James Eagel, father of Gov. Eagel, were quite noted Nimrods in the early history of the State and sold large quantities of game in Little Rock. While Dock Eagel was serving in the Mexican War he had a hand-to-hand fight with a Mexican soldier and the man bit one of his fingers off. Joseph Eagel, his elder brother, was a soldier in this war also, was killed in battle and was buried in that country. J. B. Eagel received but a limited education, for the war ruined the father and the old home was destroyed by fire twice during that struggle. Being the eldest of the family the principal burden of their support fell upon his shoulders after the death of his father and brother. In 1875 he came to Bellefonte and after attending school here for about two years he returned home and remained there for three years. In May, 1880, he wedded Mattie Walters, and after five years spent in farming and stockraising in Lonoke County they came to Bellefonte and here have since made their home. They have three children: Dock, Hugh and Clyde. Mrs. Eagel was born in Yalobusha County, Miss., July 5, 1857, and was given an excellent education. Mr. Eagel is well to do, has a good farm of 160 acres at Bellefonte, besides other valuable property, and for the past year has been a salesman in the store of J. H. Walters & Son. He is a Mason, a member of Bellefonte Lodge No. 165, and in his political views is a Democrat of pronounced type. He and his wife move in the best social circles, have numerous friends and are highly respected by all who know them.

Taylor Bray. The Bray family is of Irish extraction and the family tree took root on American soil at an early date. Our subject's grandfather, William Bray, was a native of North Carolina, in which State he passed his entire life. His son, Mark Bray, father of our subject, was also a native of the Old North State, born December 21, 1796, and died December 19, 1869. The latter was married in his native State to Miss Margaret Patterson, also a native of North Carolina, and there their nine children were born. About 1840 or 1841 they, in company with about sixty of their friends, among whom were the McDaniel and Marley families and others, emigrated to Christian County, Mo., and settled near Sparta. The McDaniels and Marleys settled near Ozark. Mr. Bray, who settled near Sparta also, bought a tract of land, which was afterward known as the Bray settlement, and subsequently became the owner of a large tract of land and one of the wealthiest men in the county. The Bray family became very prominent in this section and were highly esteemed by all. Mr. Bray was an excellent shot and killed many deer and turkeys, for the woods abounded in game at that time. Mrs. Bray did her own spinning and weaving. In political matters Mr. Bray was a Democrat and previous to the Civil War he voted against secession. In connection with farming he carried on the Old Linden Mill, but the principal part of his time was given to farming and stockraising. The mother died in July, 1887. They were the parents of nine children as follows: Loesa, deceased, was the wife of T. Tillman Patterson; Arren; Cadmus, single, was killed in the Confederate Army; Merrica,

died young; Lynn, a soldier, was killed at the close of the war; William, resides in Greene County, north of Springfield; Taylor (subject); Isaac, who is living on the old home place. William was also a soldier, enlisting in Company H, Sixteenth Missouri Cavalry. Taylor Bray, the original of this notice, was born in the neighborhood where he now lives, near Sparta, March 31, 1844. His early life was spent amid the rude surroundings of pioneer life and he attended the district school until the breaking out of the war, being at that time seventeen years of age. In 1864, when twenty years of age, he enlisted in Company H, Sixteenth Missouri Cavalry, and served until the close of the war. He was in Gen. Price's raid and was in the battle at Booneville and in many skirmishes. He was never wounded or taken prisoner and was discharged at Springfield in July, 1865. After the war Mr. Bray came home and engaged in farming. In 1867 he was married to Miss M. J. Marley, daughter of Eli Marley and Tennessee (Wisener) Marley. Eli Marley was born in North Carolina and is a son of Benjamin Marley, who came to this county with the company in 1840 or 1841 and took up a home west of Ozark. He was in the Southern Army during the Civil War and died of wounds received at Vicksburg. He had sons in Gen. Price's army. Mrs. Bray was born on the old home place in this county August 22, 1849. Mr. and Mrs. Bray have had ten children, five of whom are living: William A., Mettie E., Della A., Howard M. and Jessie E. Those deceased are: James C., Samuel E. and three who died in infancy. Our subject moved to the place where he now lives soon after the war. He has 158 acres of good farming land and in connection with agricultural pursuits is actively engaged in stockraising. He has made a complete success of his chosen occupation. In political matters he was formerly with the Democratic party, but is now with the Labor party. Mr. and Mrs. Bray are both members of the Baptist Church and the family is well respected in the community.

W. F. Cook. In looking over a comparative statement of the institutions of a financial character doing business in Willow Springs, we find them, in comparison with the same class of organizations elsewhere, solvent, prosperous and useful in the highest degree. The Willow Springs Bank adds no little to this, and is one of the best and most substantial of its kind in the county. Mr. W. F. Cook, its well-known cashier, was born in Lewis County, Mo., February 2, 1868, son of Dr. J. F. Cook, who is president of La Grange College, at La Grange, a position he has held many years. He is the oldest educator in the State of Missouri, and has held his present position twenty-eight years. The elder Cook is a native of Christiansburg, Ky., born in the year 1834, and a son of Joseph Cook, who was a pioneer farmer of Shelby County, Ky. The Cook family came from Virginia to Kentucky, and the grandfather of our subject was a soldier in the early Indian wars. Still farther back his people were Revolutionary soldiers. W. F. Cook's grandmother was a Flood, another of the early families. The father of our subject passed his early life in his native State, and secured a good education in Georgetown College. When still quite young he branched out as a teacher, and followed this in Kentucky until 1866, when he came to Missouri and took charge of the college he now controls. The building had been used as a hospital during the war, but he soon had things in order, and his college became noted throughout the State. He is a minister in the Baptist Church, and was chaplain in a Mississippi regiment during the war. In politics he is a Democrat, and he is probably one of the best known educators in the State. Mr. Cook was married in Kentucky to Miss Sue G. Farmer, a native of the Blue Grass State, and the daughter of John G. Farmer, a merchant and pioneer settler of Christiansburg, Ky. The mother of our subject died in Missouri in 1889. She was a worthy

member of the Baptist Church. Mr. and Mrs. Cook became the parents of four children, all living: Ernest, pastor of the Watertown Baptist Church in St. Louis, is a graduate of La Grange College and the Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky., he is married; Lula is the wife of Rev. W. H. Stone, a professor in the La Grange College; William F. (subject); Cecil, who is attending the Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky., will follow the ministry. The youthful days of our subject were passed in La Grange College, from which he graduated when nineteen years of age, and he then attended the law school at Washington University, St. Louis, taking the junior year. After leaving school he was appointed under Gov. Francis as one of the clerks in the Missouri Legislature. In 1889 he located at Willow Springs and established this bank, after he had traveled over a large scope of country to find a suitable location. He has taken a deep interest in the affairs of the city and has held many offices. He has been a member of the town board, is at present a member of the school board, and assisted in building the fine schoolhouse in Willow Springs. In politics he is a Democrat, and has represented the county in the State conventions. He is an active business man and a leader in all enterprises for the good of the county. Mr. Cook was married in December, 1889, to Miss Lulu Sturgeon, of St. Louis, and they have one daughter, Gladys. He and wife own a fine residence on Fourth and Harris Streets in Willow Springs. Mr. Cook is interested in the Willow Springs Lumber Company, and is treasurer and secretary of the same. He also owns a fruit farm ten miles east of Willow Springs, and has real estate in the city. Mr. Cook is one of the most successful business men in the city, and owns considerable stock in the bank.

The Willow Springs Bank. This, the oldest bank in the city, was established in February, 1891, by W. F. Cook, and incorporated under the State law with a capital stock of $15,000. W. F. Cook is cashier, James A. Ferguson president and James M. McGhee vice-president. The stockholders are residents of the city of Willow Springs. This bank is doing a general banking and discount business and loaning money on personal security and real estate, and buying and selling school bonds. Mr. Cook has always had the management of the business and is a thorough business man. The bank is in a building erected by the banking company, and has a fire and burglar-proof vault. The building is a two-story brick, a handsome structure with all the modern improvements, and is one of the strongest of its kind in this section of the country. The average deposits is $40,000. The help in the bank is Mr. Cook, cashier; E. T. Wells, assistant cashier, and W. F. Downs, book-keeper. The bank is located on the northwest corner of Second and Center Streets.

Price Summers. In the history of the Rebellion the name of our subject will be found as not having borne an unimportant part in that eventful struggle. He was about twenty-two years of age when he enlisted in Company E, First Arkansas Volunteer Cavalry, and he served over three years in the United States Army. Many of his battles were in Missouri and Arkansas, and he was in the bloody fight at Fayetteville, in the latter State. He was in many fights under Maj. Charles Galloway and Col. E. R. Harrison, but was never wounded or taken prisoner. On August 23, 1865, he was discharged at Fayetteville, Ark., and returned to Stone County, where he has followed agricultural pursuits up to the present. Mr. Summers was born in Franklin County, Tenn., February 24, 1839, and is a son of Samuel P. and Charity (Wells) Summers, natives of Tennessee. The former was born in Warren County and moved to Alabama with his father, also Samuel Summers, where he remained until 1855. He then came to Stone County, Mo., and settled on James River, just below Cape Fair, where he tilled the soil until after the war.

Thence he moved to Carroll County, Ark., and there died in 1884. He gave most of his attention to agricultural pursuits during life and was a well-to-do citizen. He was also a carpenter and chairmaker at an early day. In Alabama he was married to Miss Wells, daughter of Robert Wells, who passed his entire life in that State. She was born in Tennessee and died in Carroll County, Ark., in 1882. Eight children were born to this union, and were named in the order of birth as follows: James, a farmer of Carroll County, Ark., was a soldier in the Rebellion; Price, our subject; Andrew, also a soldier in the Civil War, died in Carroll County and left a family; Elizabeth, single, died in Stone County; William, a farmer of Carroll County, Ark.; John, a farmer of the same county, and two other children. Our subject was a young boy when he moved with his parents to Stone County, where, for various reasons, he received but a limited education. As above stated, he engaged in farming after leaving the army, and about 1886 came to his present location where he has seventy-eight acres of well-cultivated land. He has been very successful as a tiller of the soil, and is an energetic and wide-awake citizen. He is a member of the G. A. R. post at Jenkins. In politics he has been with the Republican party since the war. In 1863 he married Mrs. Martha Baker, a native of Stone County, born July 18, 1838, and the youngest of eleven children born to the marriage of Judge William Stone, an early settler and the man after whom the county is named. Mrs. Summers was first married to Mr. Baker, a brother of Judge Baker. He was a soldier and died during the war. Three children were born to Mrs. Summers' first marriage: William B., Cordelia E. and Alice J., and five to her second union: Martha E., wife of Thomas Hudson of Berry County; Charity F., wife of John Hudson, also of that county; John C., at home; Harry C., and another died unnamed. Mr. and Mrs. Summers are members of the Christian Church. This family is well known and highly esteemed in the county, and interested in all worthy movements.

FRANK PACE is one of the youngest, but none the less one of the ablest, attorneys of northwest Arkansas. He has improved every opportunity for gaining knowledge and has availed himself of every chance for the betterment of his condition and reputation, and more than this cannot be said of the most successful man who has ever lived. He owes his nativity to Boone County, Ark., born here, he first saw the light July 25, 1871, being a son of the well-known attorney, Capt. W. F. Pace. Frank Pace, after receiving his initiatory training in the public schools of his native county, finished his education in the State University at Fayetteville, Ark., which institution he left at the age of sixteen, while in his junior year, and at once took up the study of law with his father, in Harrison, and on the day he was nineteen years old he was admitted to the bar. He at once began practicing in Harrison, but after a short time located in Yellville, where he has since been located and where he has built up an exceptionally large practice, in fact one of the largest in that section of the State. He is also the leading attorney of the county, is keen, shrewd and quick-witted, and presents his cases with masterly skill before judge and jury. He is a candidate for prosecuting attorney of the Fourteenth Judicial District, and owing to the prominent position which he holds and to his popularity will without doubt be elected. The most of his attention is given to criminal law, in which he has been exceptionally successful. He has always been a stanch Democrat in politics, has faithfully supported the men and measures of that party, and as a citizen is decidedly public-spirited and gives substantial aid to all worthy enterprises.

THOMAS GOLD. This worthy gentleman, who is one of the pioneers of Stone County, Mo., is now retired from the active duties of life and resides in

Billings, where he has a comfortable and pleasant home and where he expects to pass the remainder of his days. As the case with many of the best citizens of Christian County, Mo., he came originally from Tennessee, where his birth occurred August 12, 1819, and where he was reared, growing to manhood in Lincoln County. His father and mother, Jonathan and Sarah (Riles) Gold, were natives of North Carolina and Tennessee respectively. The father served in the Creek Indian War. He followed farming all his life and was fairly successful in this occupation. At an early age he went to Tennessee, and was there married to Miss Riles, who accompanied him to Christian County, Mo., in 1853. There his death occurred soon after the war. He and wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and highly esteemed in the community in which they lived. She passed away soon after the war, too. Fourteen children were born to this estimable couple, twelve of whom are living at the present time. The original of this notice was over thirty years of age when the family came to Christian County. Prior to leaving his native State he was married to Miss Mary J. Cavanaugh, a native of Tennessee, and after locating in this county he took up a farm, erected a cabin and entered upon his career as a pioneer settler. Eleven children blessed his marriage as follows: James T., Margaret, William, Mary and Martha (twins), Lorenzo, Silas, Allen, Joseph, Francis and Elizabeth. Margaret and Martha are the ones deceased. Of the nine children living, some make their home in Stone and others in Christian County, and most of them in the neighborhood where our subject resided for many years. In the year 1876 the mother of these children died, and Mr. Gold chose his second wife in the person of Miss Catherine Wright, a native of Tennessee and the daughter of Aaron and Nancy Wright. Mrs. Gold was reared in her native State until thirteen years of age, and then came to Christian County, where she has resided since. Her father died in Tennessee and her mother afterward migrated to Stone County, Mo., where her death occurred in 1876. On his farm in Christian County our subject resided until about 1866, when he moved to Stone County, and was a resident of the same up to 1892. During that time he accumulated a fair share of this world's goods, and then moved to Billings, where he is retired from active business life His children are all doing well, he is comfortably fixed and can pass the closing scenes of his life in peace and quiet. In politics he is a stanch supporter of Republican principles, and his sons all vote the same ticket. During the Civil War he enlisted in Company G, Eighth Missouri Volunteer Regiment, under Col. Gregor. This was in 1862, and he was discharged in 1864, serving about two years. He was in the battle of Prairie Grove, but was sick and in hospital service for some time. In all public matters Mr. Gold has ever taken a decided interest, and has extended a helping hand to further all worthy enterprises. In religion he is a member of the Christian and his wife of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and both are highly esteemed. He was considered one of the best and most progressive agriculturists in his county, and was also actively engaged in stockraising. He has several brothers living in Stone County. Socially he is a member of Billings Post, G. A. R.

WILLIAM R. GREESON, M. D. This gentleman is one of the successful physicians of Van Buren County, Ark., and as he has ever been very conscientious in the discharge of his professional duties, is well up with the times in medical lore, and as he has the ability to apply his knowledge at the proper time and in the proper place, it is not to be wondered at that he has always had a large patronage. He was born in Tennessee, January 5, 1850, and received his literary education in the schools of Clinton. In 1872 he took up the study of medicine in the University of Louisville, Ky., and graduated from the Vanderbilt University class of 1881–82. Immediately thereafter he came to Clinton, Ark.,

and established himself in the practice of his profession, which he continued exclusively up to 1887, at which time he entered the mercantile business with his father, although he did not allow this occupation to interfere in the smallest degree with his practice. In 1894 his father retired from the business, and C. W. Patterson took his place, the firm taking the name of Greeson & Patterson. The Doctor has always done a general practice and during the twenty-two years that he has been a follower of the healing art he has made both name and fortune for himself. He is a member of Patterson Lodge No. 111, of the A. F. & A. M., and politically has always been a strong Democrat, serving as postmaster of Clinton from 1886 to 1890 under President Cleveland. He has ever been interested in the cause of education and is one of the trustees of Clinton Academy. He and his wife, whom he married in 1874, are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. Her maiden name was Sarah Pate, a daughter of W. J. Pate, Sr., one of the early pioneers of the county, and she and the Doctor have four children: Maud and Myrtle (twins), Paul and Bruce, all of whom are students in Clinton Academy. The Doctor and his wife have many friends in the county and especially so in the town of Clinton, where they have so long made their home. Hartwell Greeson, the father of the Doctor, has made his home in Van Buren County since 1852. He was born in Bedford County, Tenn., near Shelbyville in September, 1819, and was the third child born to Henry and Elizabeth (Cook) Greeson, the former of whom was a North Carolinian and a son of Isaac Greeson, also a native of the Old North State, and the son of native Germans who came to America prior to the Revolutionary War, in which the great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch was a participant. Henry Greeson was a tiller of the soil and died in the State of his birth. Upon reaching manhood he removed to Kentucky, where he married, after which he settled in Tennessee, where he made his home until his death in 1859, after a lifetime devoted to the pursuit of farming. His wife was a Kentuckian by birth and a daughter of John Cook and his wife Elizabeth, who were also natives of the Blue Grass State, and her death occurred in Wayne County, Tenn., in 1869, after she had borne her husband the following children: Martha (deceased); Dorothy, who is living in Tennessee; Hartwell; David (deceased); W. R., who is living in Hot Spring County, Ark.; John W. (deceased); Lucinda (deceased), and Henry, who was a soldier during the Civil War, is now living in Tennessee. Hartwell Greeson is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, as was his wife, and he was formerly an Old Line Whig in politics, but has long been a Democrat. His youth was spent in his native county, but his educational advantages were exceedingly limited. He started out for himself in 1841 as a tiller of the soil, but in 1844 became a blacksmith and wagonmaker. In 1852 he came to Van Buren County, Ark., and located on the Middle Fork of the Red River, where he for a long term of years devoted himself to farming and his trade, that of a mechanic. He is a man of natural skill in this direction, and can do almost anything to which he turns his hand, in a workmanlike manner. In 1856 he moved to Clinton, and three years later erected an hotel at this place, of which he has since been the proprietor. During the war he removed to the country and resided on a farm until the war closed, after which he returned to Clinton. He has witnessed the most of the growth of this place and has always interested himself in every movement tending to its improvement and advancement. He is the owner of a good farm of 165 acres, one-fourth of a mile from Clinton on the Red River, all the result of his own efforts, besides which he owns other valuable property. He is a pronounced Democrat and has long been a member of Patterson Lodge No. 111, of the A. F. & A. M., and is a steward in the Methodist Episcopal Church South. He was married in Ten-

nessee to Miss Flora Harrison, daughter of J. S. Harrison, who died in 1861, after having become the mother of the following children: Mary, widow of William York; Lucinda, wife of J. R. Patterson; George, who was killed during the war; William R., who is a physician at Clinton; Margaret, who is a widow, and James (deceased). Mr. Greeson took for his second wife Miss L. Harrison, a sister of his first wife, and their children are: Martin W., who is a successful lawyer; Sally, wife of Dr. Guthrie of Quitman; Luther, who died at the age of three years, and Louise G. Mr. Greeson and his family are highly respected residents of their section and are well known throughout northern Arkansas.

CAPT. GEORGE W. MOORE. Among the many prominent eastern families who at an early day migrated westward with a view to bettering their fortunes was the Moore family, an honored and respected member of whom, now residing in Stone County, is the subject of this sketch. His father, James M. Moore, was born in North Carolina May 13, 1811, and when about five years of age moved with his parents to Tennessee, where they remained until 1829. There James M. grew to mature years and married Miss Rachel W. Patton, a native of Tennessee, born in 1817, and the daughter of John and Sarah Patton, both Tennessee people, who came to Missouri as early as 1830, or near that time, settling in Lawrence County, where they passed the remainder of their days. In 1829 James M. Moore moved to Lawrence County, Mo., and there remained for thirty-six years, becoming one of its respected and highly-esteemed citizens. In 1861 he moved to Stone County and made his home here until his death, which occurred in Jefferson City, March 5, 1873, while a member of the Twenty-sixth General Assembly. Previous to the war he was a Democrat in politics, but during that eventful period he became a Republican, and ever after remained a stanch supporter of that party. In 1862 he was made captain of a company in the Enrolled Missouri Militia and served in that capacity for fifteen months, when he was promoted to major of the Fifty-second Regiment. He was often detached for duty with the Fifteenth Missouri Volunteer Cavalry, and was very active during the war, much of his fighting being with the guerrillas in southwest Missouri. Down to the time of his death he carried scars received in his battles with them. His principal occupation in life was farming, and he owned a fine tract of land in the north part of Stone County on Crane Creek, also a farm in Lawrence County. He and wife held to the Baptist faith, and he was an officer in that church. Fraternally he was a Mason, and a member of the Advance Guard of America. Although he made a good property, he lost much during the war. He was deeply interested in all public enterprises, and held a number of local offices, such as presiding justice of the County Court, sheriff, and, as before mentioned, represented the counties of Lawrence and Stone several times in the Legislature. His marriage resulted in the birth of nine children, as follows: John P., a farmer residing in the northern part of Stone County, who was a soldier during the war; William A., single, died in the service; George W., subject; Irene C., wife of William Neece, resides at La Porte, Colo.; Mary J., deceased, was the wife of Calvin McCullah; Henry J. resides on a farm in Stone County; and Sarah; Rachel and an infant died young. The wife and mother died at Marionville, Mo., about the 12th of March, 1893. Capt. George W. Moore was born in Marionville, Mo., July 25, 1842, and was reared in Lawrence and Stone Counties. In 1857 he went overland with his father to California and remained there until 1860. Returning to the East he enlisted in the Home Guards before he was eighteen years of age and served three months. He then entered the volunteer service, Company B, Sixth Missouri Cavalry, and served one year in that company, being promoted to the rank of captain of Company



GEORGE W. MOORE,
Galena, Mo.



C. E. PURDY,
Billings, Mo.

M, in the Second Arkansas Cavalry under Col. John E. Phelps. He remained with this company until the close of the war, and was a stirring officer in the field, and a faithful soldier. He was wounded at Spring River Swamps and was disabled for some time. He helped to recruit the Second Arkansas Cavalry, and led an active life as a soldier. After the war he located at Marionville, Mo., remained on a farm until 1866, and then started to school in Springfield. Later he attended the Allegheny College at Meadville, Penn., and then went to Lorain County, Ohio. There he engaged in the stone quarry business, which he conducted until 1876. Previous to that, in 1868, he was married in Pennsylvania to Miss Ida M. Barton, daughter of Charles W. and Harriet B. (Smith) Barton, both natives of the Keystone State. The mother died in 1864, but the father resides on a farm in Crawford County, Penn. Mrs. Moore was born in Crawford County, Penn., September 18, 1845, and was one of a family of seven children, of whom four are living: Emma, wife of George L. Campbell; Arcilla, wife of C. S. Allen; Martha A., wife of Eli Ingraham; Mrs. Moore; and the three that died were Mary N., Rose C. and Devilla. Our subject moved from Ohio to Stone County, Mo., locating on James River, near the White River, where he farmed up to 1887. He then came to his present place of residence, about one mile from Galena where he has 216 acres of well-improved land. He also owns a farm of eight acres north of this in Stone County. Mr. Moore is a good business man and annually raises a large amount of stock. He was first elected to office in 1888, holding the position of county treasurer of Stone County for four years. In 1892 he represented his county in the General Assembly and holds that position at the present time. In politics he has always been a Republican, and his first presidential vote was cast for Abraham Lincoln. He is a member of the G. A. R., Post No. 223, at Galena, and his wife holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church. Six children have been born to their marriage, as follows: Frank A.; C. W., who died in infancy; Chester H.; Louis W.; Ida M.; and Hattie R. The Captain and family are highly respected and are leaders in the county.

Hon. John W. Cypert. Ability, when backed by enterprising measures and progressive ideas, will accomplish more than any other professional requirement, an illustration of which may be seen in the career of Hon. John W. Cypert, who is the efficient county and probate judge of Baxter County, Ark. He was born in Wayne County, Tenn., April 22, 1826, a son of John and Nancy (Anderson) Cypert, the latter of whom was born in Virginia and the former in Tennessee. They were married in their father's native State and partly reared their family there, but in 1850 took up their residence in Searcy County, Ark., where the mother breathed her last in 1862, at the age of seventy-two years. The father died three years later in his seventy-fifth year, having held the office of justice of the peace while in Wayne County, Tenn. He was quite an active politician, and was a deacon in the Baptist Church for many years. Hon. John W. Cypert was one of the youngest of twelve children born to his parents, and in the schools of Wayne County, Tenn., he received his education. March 13, 1845, he was married to Sarah Lloyd, a daughter of F. W. Lloyd, and by her became the father of eleven children, seven of whom are living: Thomas F., a farmer and stonecutter of Baxter County, Ark.; Minerva, wife of John Weaver, a farmer of this county; John H., a farmer and stonecutter of this county, who is now serving in the capacity of deputy county sheriff; James R., who is a farmer of Morrow County, Ore.; Mary E., wife of Hezekiah McCourtney, of Lead Hill, Boone County, Ark., and Nancy E., wife of M. B. Parks, a farmer of this county; Sarah is the widow of Henry C. Lewallen and is living with her father. Judge

Cypert. Those dead are William F., who was about fourteen years of age; Newton L., who was about twelve; Louisa A. was the wife of Dr. W. C. Parks, of this county, and Alice T., wife of W. E. Green, of this county. In 1850 Judge Cypert moved to Izard County, Ark., where he purchased a woodland claim and with the able assistance of his wife and growing family he improved it in many ways. At the opening of the war he was in good circumstances, but during that time his losses were very heavy, and after hostilities had ceased for several years he moved to that part of Fulton County which eventually became the eastern part of Baxter County. In July, 1861, he became commissary of McArver's Confederate regiment, but, on account of the measles, was discharged from the service, after which he joined J. T. Coffee's regiment as captain of Company E, and was with Price on his Missouri raid, his eldest son, Thomas, being also in this raid. He (Thomas) was taken prisoner at one time, but at the end of nine days was discharged. Judge Cypert, when a resident of Izard County, served ten years as county treasurer and two years as justice of the peace and associate judge. In 1874 he was elected to represent Baxter County in the Constitutional Convention, and in 1882 was elected probate and county judge, in which capacity he served four years, and after a lapse of four years was elected for another term, and reëlected for second and third terms. He and his wife are members of the Missionary Baptist Church, and socially he is a Royal Arch Mason, and for a long term served as master of his lodge. In the chapter he served several years as high priest, and has represented his lodge and chapter many times in the Grand Lodge of the State. Politically he is a Democrat. He is eminently capable of filling any position within the gift of the county, and is very popular in a political, social and business way.

HENRY G. PARSONS. Among the representative agriculturists and stock-raisers of Pierce Township, Stone County, Mo., we are pleased to present a sketch of the gentleman whose name appears at the head of this paragraph, and whose pleasant home and excellent farm are to be found on Crane Creek. He claims Alabama as his native State, his birth occurring near Tuscumbia in November, 1853. He is a son of Hiram and Martha (Goode) Parsons, natives respectively of Tennessee and Mississippi. The parents were married in the latter State and removed thence to Alabama. Later, or in 1854, they settled in Jefferson County, Ark., but moved to Johnson County, that State, in 1860, and four years later moved to Polk County, Mo., where they remained for one year, and then settled in Stone County, on Crane Creek. Onthis farm Mr. Parsons died August 12, 1874, when about forty-eight years of age. He was a farmer and carpenter and followed overseeing for a number of years in Alabama. During the war he served in the Home Guards in Arkansas and Missouri. He was a member of the Missionary Baptist Church. His father, Jonathan Parsons, was a native of the Old North State, but died in Mississippi about the beginning of the Rebellion. He was of Irish descent, reared a large family, and followed farming for a livelihood. Our subject's maternal grandfather, Nathan Goode, was killed in Mississippi during the war. The mother of our subject is still living and makes her home in Stone County, Mo. Her eleven children were named in the order of their births as follows: Mary J., deceased, was the wife of W. B. Cox; Thomas J., died in Oregon; R. G., resides in Stone County; Henry G., our subject; Hiram Nathan, of Stone County; William C.; Sarah F., wife of James T. Moore; Nancy, deceased, was the wife of George S. Moore; Sarah C., single, and two girls who died in infancy. Henry G. Parsons passed his boyhood and youth principally on Crane Creek, and received but a limited education, the most of it after reaching his twenty-first year. When twenty-five years of age he began farming for himself, and in 1883 celebrated his nuptials with Martha E. Guthrie, a native

of Tennessee, daughter of Hugh and Martha Guthrie, who came originally from Tennessee, and first settled in Greene County, and then in Stone County, Mo., where Mr. Guthrie followed farming. He was a Federal soldier during the Civil War. To Mr. and Mrs. Parsons were born four children: Ernest, deceased; Omer K., Everett and Earl. The mother of these children died December 17, 1892. She was an earnest and worthy member of the Methodist Church. After his marriage Mr. Parsons located on his present farm and now has 153 acres on Crane Creek, and 120 in another tract. He is engaged for the most part in farming and stockdealing, and is taking considerable pains to improve his stock. He is one of the county's thrifty, energetic young farmers and is one of the most prosperous men of his section. He is a member of Galena Lodge No. 515, A. F. & A. M., and in religion is a Methodist.

LEWIS R. PUMPHREY, of the well-known firm of Pumphrey & Cantrell, general merchants and cotton dealers, of Lead Hill, Ark., was born in Cannon County, Tenn., in 1839, to the marriage of Thomas and Margaret (Holt) Pumphrey, also natives of Tennessee. The parents were reared and married in their native State, and about 1839 moved by wagon to Ozark County, Mo., where they were among the first settlers. There they resided for six or seven years and then moved to Fulton County, Ark., where Mr. Pumphrey died soon after. Mrs. Pumphrey then moved to what is now Boone County, Ark., where she died about 1859. Mr. Pumphrey was a successful and enterprising farmer and a man of conservative views and habits. He was one of seven or eight sons and daughters born to the marriage of Lewis Pumphrey, who also came to Missouri in 1839, but subsequently settled in Fulton County, Ark., where he died when quite aged. He was also a farmer. The maternal grandfather, William Holt, was a native Tennesseean, but in 1838 he came to Ozark County, Mo., subsequently settling in what is now Boone County, Ark., where he followed farming and stockraising successfully until his death in 1859. He was a pioneer of the Ozark Region and a man universally respected. His wife died at Lead Hill about 1888. They were the parents of thirteen children, three of whom served in the Confederate Army: R. S., William and James. After the death of her husband the mother of Lewis R. married William Coker, by whom she had six children. Three children were born to her first union as follows: Lewis R., William, now of Fall River, Kan., and Joseph R., of West Plains, Mo. Mr. Pumphrey's half-brothers and sisters are: George, William, Edward, Nina and two who died in infancy. Amid the wilds of Missouri and Arkansas he grew to manhood, and as there were no free schools his education was limited. After the death of his father he made his home with Grandfather Holt until grown, and then engaged in farming for himself. He was married in 1860 to Miss Jane Magness, a native of Marion County, Ark., of which her parents, Joseph and Patsey Magness, were very early settlers, being obliged to cut their way through the cane to locate on White River. There they improved a good farm and spent the remainder of their lives, dying before the war. They reared twelve children. To Mr. Pumphrey and wife was born one child, a daughter, now Mrs. Thomas R. Cantrell. During the war most of Mr. Pumphrey's time was spent at Springfield, Mo. He was not subject to military duty, as he had had poor health for five or six years. After the war he returned to Arkansas and lived in Marion County, on White River, where he followed farming and stockraising until 1872. He then came to Lead Hill and engaged in the mercantile business under the firm name of Pumphrey & Coker, continuing this for a number of years. They then took in William A. Pumphrey, and in 1881, the present firm was established, since which time a flourishing business has been done, this being one of the strongest firms of the county. Aside from this Mr. Pumphrey is engaged quite

extensively in farming and stockraising. He started in life with little else than a pair of willing hands and a determination to succeed, and is now one of the substantial men of the county. He is also a member of the firm of Cantrell, Magness & Co., general merchants, cotton buyers, etc., at Western Grove, Newton County, Ark., and is doing an annual business of $35,000. He is very conservative in politics, voting for the man regardless of party, and has never cared for office. He is a member of the A. F. & A. M. Polar Star Lodge No. 224, at Lead Hill.

JOHN SHORT. John Short, who is a native of east Tennessee, born in Roane County in 1826, but who has long been a resident of Stone County, is a son of Willis and Nancy (Kindrick) Short, who were also natives of east Tennessee, where they owned the farm upon which our subject was reared. The parents were hard-working, industrious people, and by their thrift and enterprise accumulated a fair competence. They passed their entire lives in their native State, the mother dying in 1873. Aaron Short, grandfather of our subject, was a native of Kentucky, but early moved to Tennessee, where he was an early settler. He was a Revolutionary soldier. Grandfather Kindrick was a farmer of Roane County, Tenn., and there he and his wife passed their last days. To the parents of our subject were born fourteen children as follows: Franklin, an old settler and farmer of Stone County; Elias B., of Greene County; Melsena, the wife of Wesley McCullah, died in Stone County; Samuel, of Christian County; John, our subject; Jasper, died in Tennessee; William, was in the Federal Army and died in Virginia; Edom, of Tennessee; Julius, died in Clinton, Mo., since the war; Jackson died in Tennessee; Lauriett of Tennessee; Diannah, died in Arkansas, and two others of whom no record is extant. In the district school our subject received a limited education and remained with his parents until 1850, when he married Miss Lydia Coleman, a native of Roane County, Tenn., and the daughter of William and Elizabeth Coleman, natives of Tennessee. The following children were born to this union: George W., a prominent farmer of Grant Township this county; Jackson C., county collector; Nancy, wife of Andrew O'Bryant, of Christian County; Sarah, wife of Joel O'Bryant, of Christian County; Rachel, wife of C. Steele, of Stone County; Lucy, wife of Charles Robertson, of Marionville; Huldah, single; Viola, and others died in infancy. In 1850, Mr. Short came by water to Memphis, then down the river to Searcy County, Ark., from which he walked to Greene County, Mo., got a team and went back after his family. The first year after coming to Greene County he worked as a laborer and then settled on a small claim adjoining his present farm, where he remained for nearly thirty years. Then nearly all his improvements were destroyed by the Marshfield cyclone and one of the deeds to his farm was found nine miles beyond Marshfield. Being rather discouraged at his loss Mr. Short sold that farm and purchased the one just below and on this he now resides, owning 200 acres of the best land on Spring Creek. He is one of the county's best known and much esteemed citizens, and as a farmer and stockraiser has built up quite a reputation. During the war he was a stanch Union man and served for some time in the militia. He was in numerous encounters with the enemy during that time and at one time was captured by the guerrillas, at his house, and taken to the James River ten miles away. There he was shot in the head, robbed of his effects, and left for dead. After he had been shot, he lay quiet but conscious all the time, and he heard one of them remark that they had better shoot him again to make sure work of it, but some thought he was dead and so they left him. This was late in the evening and soon after they left he got up and started for home. Darkness overtook him and he stopped at a neighbor's, had his wound dressed and remained all night. The next day he returned home.

Another band, after killing Mr. Short's brother-in-law, Wesley McCullah, at his home, came on to our subject's house, yelling and shooting as they approached. He was shoeing a horse and on seeing them ran for his gun and fired among them, wounding one who was carried off. He followed after some of them but a number slipped around to the house, took everything they could find and fired the beds. The fire was soon extinguished by a neighbor woman who was present, but it was fired again and the men left soon after. Once after that two of Price's men rode up and called Mr. Short out. They dismounted and attempted to take away his pistol, but Mr. Short resisted and a severe struggle took place. Mrs. Short, seeing her husband's danger, came to his rescue and pleaded with them to let him alone. Paying no attention to her they continued the struggle and the brave woman seizing an ax struck at them, grazing one man's head. The latter fled, but the other man continued the struggle and Mrs. Short buried the ax in his back and he fell to the ground. Mr. Short then shot him and finished his career. This brave wife and mother died in the year 1886. Mr. Short and wife came to this county with little or nothing, and what they accumulated was the result of industry and good management on their part. Mr. Short is highly esteemed in the neighborhood and classed among the best citizens. He is a Methodist in his religious views

R. S. Hogan. No man in West Plains is more respected and liked than R. S. Hogan, who has achieved distinction in politics, and who has made a name for himself as a public-spirited citizen and a promoter of new enterprises. Greene County, Tenn., was the birthplace of Mr. Hogan, as it was also of his parents, James H. and Amanda F. (Loutrell) Hogan. James H. Hogan was the son of Hiram Hogan, who came from Ireland to this country at an early day, and died when his son James was but four years old. The latter grew up with a farm experience in Greene County, Tenn., attended the log schoolhouse of his native county, and farmed there until 1872. From there he went to Kansas, but one year later he came to Howell County and located near Willow Springs. He bought a good farm and resides there at the present time. During the Civil War he served in Longstreet's command. In politics he is an ardent supporter of Democratic principles, and has held the office of justice of the peace twelve years. While a resident of Tennessee he married Miss Amanda F., daughter of James Loutrell, who died when she was a child, but who was an early settler of Tennessee, coming from North Carolina. Mrs. Hogan died in 1886. They were the parents of eleven children, all reared, and eight now living as follows: R. S., subject; David, a farmer, resides near Willow Springs; Sarah, now Mrs. Smith, of Willow Springs; John, a farmer near Willow Springs; Thomas, farming near Willow Springs; Alice, now Mrs. Daniels, of Willow Springs; Bettie and Walter at home. Three of the children died, James many years ago, and two daughters, Mary and Louie. Mary married Mr. Holliway and Louie became Mrs. Farris. R. S. Hogan was born September 1, 1852, and grew up to an active farm life. In 1875 he began farming for himself, and was married the same year to Miss Bettie Pulliam, a native of Ripley County, Mo., and the daughter of William Pulliam, who was a pioneer in southeast Missouri. Following their marriage our subject and wife located on a farm near Willow Springs and tilled the soil there for ten years. He met with good success as a farmer and then took a position as deputy collector in Howell County under William C. Green. In 1886 he was elected to the office of county clerk by the Democratic party, of which he has long been an ardent supporter, but he also received many votes from the Republican party. In 1890 he was reëlected to the same office by a majority over the four candidates in the field. He is a very popular man in the county,

and as a public servant has pleased his constituents. Mr. Hogan is vice-president of the West Plains Bank, and has been connected with it for about seven years. He is a representative man of the county and probably knows more men within its borders than any other man. He has been a master Mason since 1872, or since his twenty-first year, and has held office in the lodge. He represented the commandery and chapter in the Grand Lodge of Missouri in 1894, and is now holding the office of king in the chapter and warden in the commandery. Mr. Hogan lost his first wife in 1886. She left three children: Flora, Mary and Dick. His second marriage was with Miss Christa Minnich, of Oregon County, a daughter of Philip Minnich, who is deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Hogan have three children: Edward, Jack and David.

CAPT. JARED E. SMITH. This prosperous merchant of Roy, Mo., was born in Tennessee, October 8, 1826, a son of William P. and C. (Patterson) Smith, who were born in North and South Carolina, respectively, were pioneers of Tennessee and moved from that State to Texas in 1851, settling in Ellis County, where both were called from life. They reared eight children; Jared E.; Benjamin Franklin (deceased); Henry W. (deceased); William H., who is a resident of Texas; Melissa, and the following daughters, who are dead: Mary J.; Eliza A. and Ona. The subject of this sketch is the only living member of the family except William H. and Melissa, both of whom were alive in 1873. Jared E. grew up and was married in Maury County, Tenn., to Miss Sarah R. Mack, a daughter of John and Sarah Mack, the former of whom was a resident of Greene County, Mo., and died in Springfield in 1854. In the spring of 1851 Capt. Smith came to Missouri and located in Springfield, where he made his home until 1882, at which time he became a resident of Roy. His attention was first given to the building business, and to him is due the credit of having put in operation the first steam power in southwest Missouri in March, 1858, consisting of a planing mill, grist mill, foundry and machine shop, the machinery of which, bought in St. Louis, was with much labor conveyed to Greene County. He operated this mill until the opening of the war and in 1864 sold it to John Smooke. At the first call for troops he entered the three months' service and was in the battle of Wilson Creek. He served in the State Militia in southwest Missouri and was captain of Company D, Seventy-second Regiment, E. M. Militia. After the war was over he was elected registrar of lands of the State of Missouri, in which capacity he served four years. In 1862 he was elected to represent his county in the Legislature and again in 1866, and was county treasurer in 1872. After a time he embarked in the wholesale and retail drug business with his son-in-law, J. R. Ferguson, in Springfield, which business he successfully carried on until 1872, when he sold his drug interests and engaged in general merchandise. In 1883 he came to Roy and bought the farm of 280 acres on which he now lives. He also owns a dry goods store at this point, which he conducts very successfully and which nets him a neat sum annually. He has always been a stanch Whig and Republican in politics and by the Republican party he was elected to the State Legislature in 1888 from Douglas County and served with distinction in that body. He and his first wife became the parents of six children: Christiana, wife of J. R. Ferguson, of Springfield; Florence J., wife of R. J. Patterson, a merchant of Branson, Taney County, Mo.; Eliza Narcissa, wife of John Kintrea, a merchant of Bradleyville, Taney County, Mo.; Laura J., wife of Louis Huffman, of Douglas County; William F., who is a merchant of Indian Territory, and John M., who is clerking in a bank in Springfield. Capt. Smith is engaged in farming, stockraising and merchandising and is one of the wide-awake, prosperous business men of the county. In whatever section he has resided his influence has been felt and he was one of the men who were in-

strumental in the establishment of the Frisco and Fort Scott & Memphis railroads. He chose for his second wife Miss M. A. Hartin and their nuptials were celebrated on October 8, 1890. The Captain is a member of the Christian Church and socially belongs to the Springfield Lodge of the I. O. O. F. and the G. A. R., being quartermaster of Roy Post No. 307, Department of Missouri.

HENRY C. THOMAS. James Township, Stone County, Mo., has its full quota of vigorous, enterprising, thoroughgoing agriculturists, whose popularity is based upon both their social qualities and their well-known integrity and unusual industry. None among them is more popular or has worked more perseveringly than he of whom we write. Like at least one-half of the citizens of the county, Mr. Thomas is a native of Tennessee, born in Monroe County, in the month of December, 1848, to the union of George W. and Sarah A. (Smallin) Thomas, both natives of Monroe County, Tenn., the father born September 15, 1819, and the mother March 11, 1819. They were married in their native county and resided there until 1854, when they came by wagon to Greene County, Mo., and rented land on Grand Prairie for two years. After that the father purchased a farm on Wittenberg Prairie and there spent the remainder of his days, as a successful agriculturist. He served ten months in the militia during the war, and was in the Springfield fight. In religion he was a Baptist and in politics a Democrat until the war, after which he espoused the principles of the Republican party. His father, Jonathan Thomas, was born in North Carolina, and died in Monroe County, Tenn., in 1857. He was of Irish descent. Grandfather Smallin and wife died in Monroe County, Tenn., and left their children considerable property. The mother of our subject died on February 7, 1880, and for many years was an earnest member of the Baptist Church. Her husband, George W. Thomas, died August 29, 1892. Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, as follows: James M., a farmer of Greene County, served three years in the Civil War, first in Company E, Fourteenth Missouri Cavalry, and later in the Eighth Missouri Cavalry, Company M, remaining in the same until close of war (he was wounded in the battle of Neosho, Mo.); Jonathan was in Company E, Eighth Missouri, and was killed in southwest Missouri, while pursuing 300 bushwhackers; Lavina is the wife of Robert Mason, of Dallas County, Mo.; Lucretia, single; Henry C., subject; William, a farmer of Greene County, Mo.; Trophenia, wife of Simon Dodd, of Greene County; Elizabeth, wife of Hiram Hardman, of Greene County; Harrison, a merchant of Greene County, and Lorenzo, of Greene County. The early education of our subject was received in the common school. He assisted on the farm until 1869, when he went to Carroll County, Ark. On the 23d of December, same year, he was wedded to Miss Almeda M. Surber, a native of Mexico, Mo., and the daughter of H. B. and Elizabeth Surber, who moved from Kentucky to Mexico, Mo., at an early day. Later they settled at Springfield, Mo., remained there until after the war, and are now living at Ash Grove. Mr. Surber has followed milling nearly all his life and has met with fair success. He is the father of five children: David Wiley; Nannie, wife of James Doss, of Ash Grove; Mrs. Thomas; Bettie, wife of O. W. Perryman, of Ash Grove; and Eliza, who died young. The father of these children was born in 1829 and his wife in 1830. Our subject's union has been blessed by the birth of six children, viz.: Florence E. (wife of T. I. Jennings, of Stone County, to whom one child was born June 20, 1892, which died September 30, 1893); Henry W., who died September 10, 1873; Nora A.; James W.; William O. and Ida E. Mr. Thomas resided in Arkansas until 1871, when he moved to his present farm on White River, twenty miles south of Galena, where he has 173 acres, upon which he has made the most of the improvements.

From 1882 to 1890 he lived at Galena, and during that time was deputy sheriff and collector under E. N. Butler. He is a genial, social gentleman and has many friends. Socially he is a member of Galena Lodge No. 515, A. F. & A. M., and politically he is a Republican and an active worker for his party. His farm is rich bottom land and very productive.

HON. HENDERSON MASSIE, whose fine farm in Pike Creek Valley, Carter County, is an object of admiration to the section, came originally from the Buckeye State, his birth occurring in Jackson County in 1833. His parents, Lewis and Sarah (Mackley) Massie, were natives of Virginia and Ohio respectively, the father born in 1797, and the mother in 1807. Mr. Massie came to Ohio when a young man, married there, and there made his home for many years. Late in life he moved to Carter County, Mo., and here his wife died in 1875, and he in 1888, when about ninety years of age. They were members of the United Brethren Church until they came to Missouri, when they became Methodists. Mr. Massie followed farming all his life, and was an active, industrious and honest citizen. Aside from farming he was also in the iron works for some time. His father, Moses Massie, probably died in Ohio, and our subject has no recollection of him. He and his wife came from Virginia at an early day, and were the parents of a large family. Grandfather, John Mackley, came from Pennsylvania to Ohio, and died in Jackson County when his grandson, Henderson, was a small boy. He was also a farmer. One of his sons, David Mackley, was a prominent lawyer, and for some time edited the *Jackson Standard* at Jackson, Ohio. Henderson Massie was second in order of birth of twelve children, ten sons and two daughters: Anderson, who died in Reynolds County, Mo., in 1893; Elihu, died young; Nathan, a farmer of Carter County; Loudon, of Lawrence County, Ohio, was a soldier in the Civil War, as were also Isaac, Gaines P. and Adam of the same county; Vincent, of Carter County; Alfred, died in Shannon County, Mo.; Mary, died in Lawrence County, Ohio, when a young lady, and one died in infancy. On his father's farm in Jackson County, Ohio, Henderson Massie grew to manhood, and in that county he received a limited education. When twenty-two years of age he was married in Lawrence County, Ohio, to Miss Margaret Evans, a native of Wales, but who came with her parents to this country when young. She was a member of the United Brethren Church, and died in Iron County, Mo., in 1868. Mr. and Mrs. Massie had born to their union eight children, as follows: Mary Frances, deceased; David Lewis, of Colorado; Jane, wife of Chris. Rumberg, of Shannon County, Mo.; Octavia, wife of Marion Vermillion; Maggie, wife of W. P. Thomason, of Shannon County; Sampson, died in infancy; Nathan, died young, and Henderson. On the 11th of February, 1869, Mr. Massie was married to Miss Sarah E. Stevenson, a native of Kentucky, and the daughter of John and Mary Stevenson, natives of the Blue Grass State also. Mr. and Mrs Stevenson came to Missouri in 1868, and the father died in Shannon, and the mother in Carter County. Mr. Massie's second union resulted in the birth of four children: Sarah Ann, wife of John W. Thomas; Mary F., wife of John B. Vermillion; Rosa B., wife of Newton B. Smith; and Laura M. In 1865 Mr. Massie came to Iron County, remained there one winter, and then removed to Carroll County, where he remained one year. He then returned to Iron County, worked in the Pilot Knob Iron Furnace for about a year, after which he came to Carter County. Here he has since lived, engaged in farming, on his 240-acre tract. He also owns 160 acres in Shannon County, and has about 100 acres under cultivation. While a resident of Ohio Mr. Massie followed making charcoal, and his property is the result. For fourteen years he was an almost constant member of the Carter County Court, eight years of which he was presiding judge. He has always been a Republican in his political views,

but has been no politician, never caring for office. He and Mrs. Massie are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and he is a Mason, a member of Van Buren Lodge No. 509.

HARRISON A. HOLLAND, of the firm J. Holland & Co., merchants and farmers of McDonald, Carter County, Mo., is widely and favorably known, both as a business man of great capacity and unquestioned standing and integrity, and a prosperous farmer and honorable citizen. He came originally from Lawrence County, Tenn., his birth occurring in 1854, and is a son of Thomas and Catherine (McCaskill) Holland, natives of Alabama and Tennessee respectively, and both born in the year 1827. Mr. and Mrs. Holland first met in Lawrence County, Tenn., whither their parents had moved, and there they were married. In that county Mr. Holland spent the remainder of his days, engaged in farming, and there died in 1870. He took no part in the Civil War. His father, Harrison Holland, was probably a native of North Carolina, but went to Alabama and there tilled the soil until his death. Our subject's maternal grandfather, Allen McCaskill, was born in North Carolina, but removed from there to Tennessee, and thence to Shannon County, Mo., in 1855, and there died in 1868, when about eighty-four years of age. The mother of our subject came to Carter County, Mo., in 1871, and there died in June, 1888. Her children, seven in number, were named as follows: William, of Texas County, Mo.; Rebecca, single, died in Carter County; Harrison A., subject; James; John; Matthew, died young, and Mollie C. Harrison A. Holland received very little schooling while growing up, on account of the war and the death of his father. He came with the rest of the family to Carter County and was there married in 1878 to Miss Lucinda Larimore, who was adopted and reared by Mrs. Allen McCaskill. Seven children have been born to this union: Mary, John Thomas, Rebecca, Harrison, Poletta Jane, Lydia Bell, and Orta, died in infancy. Since his marriage Mr. Holland has lived on the old farm, three miles above McDonald, where he and his brother own 300 acres of excellent land. He and his brothers have also been engaged in merchandising for about nine years, first at Van Buren and since the railroad was built, at McDonald, under the firm name of J. Holland & Co. They also own a grist mill at McDonald, and for some time were in the lumber business. Mr. Holland is postmaster at Peggy and McDonald, and he and Mrs. Holland are members of the Methodist Church. He is a Democrat in politics and cast his first presidential vote for S. J. Tilden in 1876.

GEORGE NAPPER. Many of the residents of Christian County, Mo., are of British birth and have engrafted upon western ways the habits of the sturdy Saxon race. George Napper was born in England about fifty-nine years ago, and when young learned the blacksmith's trade, following the same for about thirty-two years. For some years he was in the service of the British Government, but about 1870 he came to the United States and for about three years resided at Rock, Wis., where he worked at his trade. Thence he moved to Christian County, Mo., and located north of Billings, where he resided for two years, when he moved two and a half miles southeast of that town and made his home there until a few years ago, when he removed to Verona. His farm of 400 acres, near Billings, is one of the best improved tracts in southwest Missouri and on it is a good dwelling. Everything about the place indicates that an experienced hand is at the helm, for the house and farm are in the best of order. Mr. Napper also owns considerable real estate at Billings and more at Verona. He is a thoroughgoing, active business man, and, although he came to this country with very little capital, by industry and good management he has become one of the substantial men of the county. He was married in the old country to Miss Mary A. Peters, who died in 1883. She was an excellent

woman and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Their daughter is now Mrs. Dr. York, of Billings. Mr. Napper selected his second wife in the person of a Miss Brown.

J. S. Johnson. It is always a pleasure to deal with the history of one of those grand old families that have for generations been distinguished for patriotism, genuine Christianity and strong characteristics which have made them prominent wherever they have settled. J. S. Johnson, who has been a resident of this State since 1868, and of Ozark since 1873, is descended from an old and prominent Virginia family. His grandfather Johnson was a native of the Old Dominion, and a soldier in the Revolutionary War, as were other members of this family. David Johnson, the father of our subject, was also born in Virginia and was a soldier in the War of 1812 under Gen. Harrison. He took part in the battle of Tippecanoe. All his life was spent in farming and he became fairly well off. In politics he was a Whig. He was married to Miss Frances McDaniell and subsequently emigrated to Indiana, where six children were born, our subject being one of these. By a previous marriage the father reared a family of twelve children. The father and mother of J. S. Johnson passed their last days in Indiana, the former dying in 1875, and the latter ten years later, both quite aged. J. S. Johnson first saw the light in Indiana, July 1, 1829, and his early life was spent on a farm. He secured a good education in the colleges of Indiana, and was married in that State to Miss Hannah Dean, a native of Ohio, and the daughter of William G. Dean, who was of a prominent Virginia family. Six children were born to this union, namely: William D., who died in this county in 1884; Z. A., ex-sheriff of the county; Clara J., the wife of David Wolff, of Ozark (see sketch), and three who died young. Our subject lost his first wife in 1872, and her remains were interred at Carthage, Mo. Mr. Johnson's second marriage was with the eldest daughter of Judge Samuel Boyd. Previous to his first wife's death Mr. Johnson moved to Iowa, and in 1868 to Carthage, Mo., where he resided until 1873. He then came to Ozark and was engaged in the mining business. The same year he was appointed postmaster at Chadwick, and in 1889, was appointed to the same position at Ozark, holding the same until July 17, 1893, and giving his whole attention to the office. He has ever been an ardent Republican and as a citizen and neighbor no man is more highly esteemed. He is a member of Friend Lodge No. 352, A. F. & A. M., at Ozark, and also of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Johnson held membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church. She has associated herself with her husband in church relations. At the present time Mr. Johnson is engaged in the meat business at Ozark, and is succeeding fairly well at this. During the late war he was so badly afflicted with rheumatism that he was not able to become a soldier. In the spring of 1894 he was elected mayor of the city of Ozark, being the recipient of every vote cast at said election. He is a man well posted on all the current topics of the day, a great reader, and a pleasant conversationalist.

Henry I. Purdy. In the year 1842 some eight or ten families emigrated from Vermont and settled in Jackson County, Ill., forming what was and is known to-day as Vergennes Colony. Isham Purdy's family, consisting of father, mother and seven children, formed a part of this colony—three boys and four girls, Henry I., the subject of this sketch, being the oldest son. Edwin P. married and has made his home in Carbondale, Ill., and has been extensively engaged in the lumber business for the last twenty years. Charles W. Purdy, the third son, married and settled in the old neighborhood and has resided on his pleasant and fine farm ever since the war. He enlisted at the beginning of the war and marched by the side of his eldest brother, Henry, and his sixteen-year old son, John W., making music with his fife and the father

and son with their drums through many a weary and dangerous day. He was discharged as disabled in 1863, and was sent home to his family, where he resides to-day. The girls of the family all married prosperous farmers of the neighborhood and still reside in the vicinity of their father's old home. After buying land and making a small payment thereon the Purdy family, like all new settlers, found themselves very poor and with many obstacles to discourage them in their undertaking. But that true blue Yankee blood in their veins gave them determination to do or die. After living for a winter on a dirt floor they managed to build themselves a comfortable house, and shelter for their stock, from proceeds earned by the boys teaching school in neighboring districts. After this they prospered and in a few years Isham Purdy was a prominent man in his county. He retired from active farm life at sixty-four, and went to live at Duquoin, Ill., where he resided at the time of his death in 1883. He was from early recollections a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and politically was for benefiting his fellowman. His boys all grew up in the Republican doctrine. The mother, Miss Roxeea Wiley, came of one of the first families, and was married to Grandfather Purdy in 1821, in their native village, Vergennes, Vt., her family being prominent in politics in the early settlement of Vermont, one brother, Clement Wiley, having served nineteen terms in the State Legislature. She lived to raise all her seven children and see them settled in homes of their own, and her grand and great-grandchildren were always welcome visitors to her. She died at their home in Dupuoin, Ill., in 1874. Of the seven children, six taught school for their neighboring counties. After settling in their new home the subject of this sketch, Henry I. Purdy, then nineteen years old, worked for his father on his farm during the crop season, teaching school during the winter months, the proceeds of which he gave to his father. He was born in Vergennes, Vt., February 19, 1823. He was married to Jane Davis in 1846, and, like his father, he commenced life on a dirt floor and slept on a borrowed feather bed until he could buy one. He bought land on time, worked for his neighbors for the money to make his payments, and many were the moonlight nights that he put in grubbing out his farm, so that when in 1862 he was called to defend his country he left his family 240 acres of land out of debt, with plenty of stock and tools to carry it on and money in the bank, and his children can point back to-day and say, "Our father owed only $3 at the time of his death, and that was to his minister." To his union with Miss Davis were born three children, viz.: John Westley, who entered the army at the age of sixteen as a drummer boy and served to the end (he now lives on his farm near Makanda, Ill.); Elvira I. married R. A. Hall; Amanda E. married Henry H. Stone, and both reside at Billings, Mo. After the death of his first wife he married Polly Ann Varnum, who was a member of the Vermont Colony, resulting in the birth of George, who died in infancy; Alfred H. and Charles E., who are married and live in Billings, Mo., and Alice M., who married David M. Owen and died in 1885. When the Civil War broke out Mr. Purdy enlisted in Company K, Seventy-third Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and was in active service until he died in the hospital at Bowling Green, Ky., January 22, 1863. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, a stanch Republican, a man who took a deep interest in the welfare of his fellowman and his country. His widow married Phillip Griffin in 1865; moved to southeast Missouri, where their only child (David) lives now. Mrs. Griffin died at Clarkton, Mo., July 15, 1872.

CHARLES E. PURDY. Among the reputable men of Billings, Mo., who, in their conduct of business matters and the duties belonging to the various relations of life, have acquired a worthy name, is Charles E. Purdy, the

efficient, intelligent and energetic mayor of that place. Although young in years he is old in experience, and is one of the leading spirits of the city, guarding its interests and furthering all worthy enterprises. Mr. Purdy came originally from Jackson County, Ill., born April 5, 1860, and is a son of Henry I. and Polly A. (Varnum) Purdy, natives of Vermont. His grandfather, Isham Purdy, was born in Vergennes, Vt., in the year 1800, and died in Illinois when eighty-three years of age. His wife, Roxcea (Wiley) Purdy, who was also a native of the Green Mountain State, died in the same house. They were the parents of seven children: Henry I. (subject's father), Edwin P., Chas. W., and four daughters. Grandfather Purdy followed the occupation of a farmer, and in 1850 came to Illinois, where he entered land. The Purdy family is of Puritan stock, the ancestors settling in New England at an early date, and were prominent in the early history of the colonists. Henry I. Purdy came with his father to Illinois in the forties, and there a small colony was formed from the people from their native town in Vermont. Henry I. married Miss Polly Ann Varnum, whose parents came from Vermont with the colony, and when the Civil War broke out he enlisted in Company K, Seventy-third Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and was appointed corporal. Soon after he enlisted he was taken sick and died in the hospital at Bowling Green, Ky., in January, 1863. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in politics was a strong Republican. He held a number of offices in Jackson County, and was a man who took a deep interest in all worthy matters. His father was a noted musician in his day, and was probably a drummer boy in the War of 1812. The mother of our subject died at Clarkton, southeast Missouri, July 15, 1872. Four children were born to her marriage to Mr. Purdy: George, who died in infancy; A. H., a prosperous business man of Billings; Charles E. (subject); and Alice M., who died in 1885, and who was the wife of David M. Owen, of Billings. The mother was married the second time to Phillip Griffin, and one child was born to this union, David. Our subject spent the first five years of his life in his native town, and then went with his mother to Missouri, settling with her in Clarkton, Dunklin County, where he remained until thirteen years of age. His mother's death occurred at that time, and he and the other children went to Illinois to live with an uncle, Edwin P. Purdy. There he grew to manhood, and was educated in the public schools of Carbondale and the Southern Illinois Normal University. Later he worked at the lumber and saw mill business, and still later engaged in merchandising, continuing the same until 1884, when he came to this city. In January of that year he opened up a general store, and continued this successfully until May, 1893, when he sold his entire business to the Billings Mercantile Company. Previous to this, in April, 1892, he was elected to the office of mayor of Billings, and the same spring he was made a member of the school board. He has also been appointed justice of the peace and notary public, which positions he now fills with credit. He is also at the present time in the real estate, loan and insurance business, and is making a complete success of this. He has large additions to the city, embracing about ninety choice building lots, which are building up quite rapidly, and besides he owns considerable town and farm property. Mr. Purdy is an experienced, practical man of business sagacity and tact, and has developed a solid connection in all branches of the real estate business. Socially he is a member of the A. O. U. W., and of the Select Knights of the same order, and is one of the most prominent members of that order. He is also a member of the Knights of the Horse. On the 9th of May, 1886, he was married to Miss Mollie Stow, a native of Christian County, Mo., born January 27, 1869, and the daughter of S. H. and Louisa (Green) Stow, the mother only now living. Mrs. Purdy is one of ten children, all of whom

are living in southwest Missouri. Mr. and Mrs. Purdy have a fine home on Pine Street and Washington Avenue, and are the parents of three children: Lola, Irene, and Roxcea Wiley. Mayor Purdy and wife attend the Christian Church, and the latter is a member of the same. In political matters Mr. Purdy is a strong Republican, and the family for a number of generations were Republicans and Whigs. He is one of the leading men of the city, has its interests at heart, and is filling his present position with credit to himself and his constituents.

HENRY C. AMBROSE. A large class of the farmers of Stone County, Mo., lead such modest and quiet lives as to be seldom heard of outside of their own townships. They are doing fine work in their own community, but do not care to mingle in the more public matters of political life, as they wish to devote all their time and energies to the cultivation of their farms and the development of the resources of their lands. Such men deserve more mention than they ordinarily receive, and we are pleased to present here one of them, in the person of Henry C. Ambrose, who resides in James Township. His parents, Merida and Ann (Clark) Ambrose, were natives of Kentucky, born in 1805 and 1803 respectively, and in that State spent their entire lives, the former dying about 1881, and the latter March 16, 1891. Mrs. Ambrose was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church. Mr. Ambrose was a farmer, and although left an orphan at an early age and reared by an uncle, was possessed of an unlimited amount of perseverance and industry which brought him in good returns and left him in easy circumstances. In politics he was a Whig until after the war, when he beame a stanch Democrat. Our subject's maternal grandfather, Henry Clark, was born in Tennessee, but moved to Clay County, Ky., where he followed farming. He was of English extraction and for many years a minister in the Primitive Baptist Church. He died about the time our subject grew into manhood. His wife died during the war when more than eighty years old. Henry C. Ambrose was born in Clay (now Owsley) County, Ky., in 1837, and was the fourth in order of birth of their nine children. William died in Kentucky many years ago from disease contracted during his service in the army; Sarah Jane was the wife of Jasper Morris and died in Carroll County, Ark.; John, died in Daviess County, Mo., about 1891 (he was elected a lieutenant in the Rebellion, but was rejected for physical reasons); Henry C.; Mary, wife of John Wilson, of Kentucky; Marion died in Carroll County, Ark., he was a soldier in Company C, Forty-seventh Kentucky Infantry, during the war; Barton P., of Kentucky, was a soldier in the same command; Martha, wife of Delaney Wilson, of Kentucky; and Catherine, wife of Thomas Scrivner, of Kentucky. The original of this notice was educated in the common schools and for eight years, after reaching his eighteenth year, practiced dentistry. He then gave that up and engaged in agricultural pursuits. In 1858 he came to Daviess County, Mo., and the following year was married in Ray County, to Miss Emily Slater, a native of Ray County, and the daughter of Thomas and Catherine (Moore) Slater. Twelve children were the fruits of this union: Franklin B., of Stone County; Merida, of Carroll County, Ark.; John F. of Barry County, Mo.; Dora A., wife of Robert Rose, of Stone County; William J. went to Arkansas a few years ago and nothing is now known of him; Mary C.; James M.; Martha J., wife of Andrew Turner, of Stone County; Clement, Thornton, Myrtle and Henry. After his marriage Mr. Ambrose resided in Ray County for a year or two and then returned to his native State for his health. In 1875 he moved to Carroll County, Ark., and in 1889 came to Stone County, Mo., where he has since resided on his present farm. This consists of 180 acres, twenty miles south of Galena on White River. It is the result of his industry and labor.

In connection with farming he is also engaged in stockraising and is doing well. In 1863 he enlisted in Company C, Forty-seventh Kentucky Infantry, and served as quartermaster sergeant. He enlisted for twelve months, or during the war, and served about eighteen months in Kentucky, being mustered out at Richmond, Ky. For eight years he was postmaster at Polo, Ark., and is now justice of the peace of James Township. He was formerly a Mason for many years. In religion he is a Primitive Baptist and in politics a Democrat, although formerly a Whig, casting his first vote for Bell and Everett in 1860.

JUDGE WILLIAM KEENER. Success in professional life is cautiously bestowed upon people by the goddess, who, in a measure, guides and invariably decorates man's efforts. And this success is more apt to come because of the pursuer's genius or adaptability for his calling than from any other cause. This is particularly the case in law, a profession which Judge William Keener's talents caused him to adopt when starting out for himself. He is now a prominent attorney at Lead Hill, Ark., and United States commissioner for the Western District of the State. Judge Keener came originally from the Keystone State; born in Slate Lick Armstrong County, November 30, 1833, and is a son of John and Sarah (Hetselgeser) Keener, also natives of that State, the father born in 1804 and the mother in 1821. The grandfather, John Keener, was also a Pennsylvanian by birth and passed his entire life as a farmer in that State. He served his country in the War of 1812. His father, Christian Keener, also a native of Pennsylvania, was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. The Keener family originated in Switzerland, eleven brothers of that name having emigrated to America at an early day and located in Pennsylvania. Our subject's maternal grandfather, William Hetselgeser, was a Pennsylvania Dutchman and a wealthy and influential farmer and stockman. He reared a family of fourteen children. His wife's parents, William and Sarah Beatty, were natives of the Emerald Isle, but came with their parents to America and settled with them in Pennsylvania. The six children born to our subject's parents, two sons and four daughters, were named as follows: John B., a farmer of Pennsylvania; Jane, wife of Joshua Galbraith; Sarah, wife of Abe Weaver; Lavina, wife of Linton Wilson, and Malinda, wife of Wilson Linton, of Missouri. Judge William Keener, the eldest of the above-mentioned children, received a good common-school education and when twenty-two years of age began to read law, being admitted to the bar two years later. He practiced in his native county until 1865, when he emigrated to Missouri and practiced in that State until 1870. He then came to Yellville, Ark., and since 1876 has been a resident of Lead Hill, where he continues his practice and where he is well known as the best-posted attorney in northern Arkansas. He has been a notary public ever since he came to Arkansas. In 1874 the Judge was appointed United States commissioner of the Eastern District of Arkansas, but he now holds that position in the Western District, having held the office for twenty years. In the year 1884 he was the Republican candidate for Congress of the Fourth District and received 3,000 more votes than any other Republican ever received in the district. In 1890 he was a candidate for circuit judge and carried three Democratic townships in Boone County and also carried two out of the five counties in the district. He has always been a stanch Republican and an active worker for his party. Formerly he was an Odd Fellow, but has not affiliated with that order since living in Arkansas. Judge Keener was married in 1856 to Miss Sarah Sarver, a native of Butler County, Penn., of which State her parents, Jacob and Leah Sarver, were natives also. To Judge Keener and wife were born eight children: Emma L., died in 1893 (she was the wife of Jack Smith, of Aurora, Mo.); Sarah A., a

brilliant and accomplished young lady, died at Yellville, when sixteen years of age; Martha A., wife of E. J. Rhodes; Linnie, wife of James H. Gray (see sketch); Carrie; William J.; John E. and Milton M.

WILLIAM THOMPSON. The man from Tennessee has always been a potential element in the civilization and development of Missouri, and in early days along the woodsman's trail came men of all avocations and of every degree of social life. No better blood ever infused pioneer life; no sturdier arm ever set about the task of subduing the wilderness and no less vigorous mental activity could have raised a great commonwealth, amid the unbroken elements of nature, within the limits of half a century. William Thompson, who is one of the pioneers of the county, is now retired from the active duties of life and is living in peace and quiet at Billings. He was born in Williamson County, Tenn., May 10, 1832, and is a son of Thomas and Lucinda (Baker) Thompson, natives respectively of Indiana and Kentucky. The parents moved to Tennessee at an early date and there passed the remainder of their days. The Thompson family is of Scotch-Irish and the Baker family of Irish descent. Our subject was one of nine children as follows: Hugh, Elizabeth, Joseph, Nancy, Richard, Alexander, Jane, William and Lucinda. Joseph, Alexander and our subject were in the Civil War, while Hugh, Joseph and Richard participated in the Mexican War. The only ones now living are Alexander, Richard, William and Lucinda. Richard resides on the Wilson Creek battleground in Christian County, and is engaged in farming. During his youthful days our subject attended only private schools and when he had reached mature years he married Miss Mary A. Meacheam, a native of Tennessee and the daughter of Green and Elizabeth (Cowen) Meacheam. Mr. and Mrs. Meacheam died in Tennessee and after marriage their daughter came with our subject to Missouri. This was in 1854, and they settled in Dunklin County, where they remained until 1856, when they moved to Greene County, locating on Wilson Creek. In 1862 Mr. Thompson enlisted in the Home Guards at Springfield and was on guard during the Wilson Creek battle. After this he enlisted in the Fourth Missouri Cavalry of volunteers and served three years, ranking as sergeant and taking part in the Marmaduke and Springfield fights. He was disabled in the former fight, his horse falling with him and breaking his arm between the elbow and wrist, but he was not discharged until the expiration of his term. After this he followed farming and part of the time was engaged in merchandising in Christian County, near Billings. He was with Kelson on the campaign after bushwhackers through Christian, Taney and other counties, and was in many a skirmish and fight under that leader. Mr. Thompson retired from active farm life about 1879 and came to Billings, and part of the time since has been engaged in the hardware business. He has also been engaged in general merchandising and the harness business, and has been successful in all. He and his wife are worthy members of the Congregational and Christian Churches respectively. They have reared five children as follows: Joseph G., a farmer on James River; D. F., the county sheriff; William, a painter of Billings; Ozias, clerk in store; Nancy, the wife of Mr. Thornton. Since the war Mr. Thompson has been a Republican in his political views, but previous to that was a Democrat. He is a G. A. R. man and commander of Billings Post No. 266, and he is also a Mason, a member of Lodge No. 379 at Billings. In 1875 he was elected to the office of county assessor, served two years and has held other positions of trust. On the 4th of January, 1893, he fell and broke his arm in the same place where it was broken during the war, and it had to be amputated. He is receiving a pension from the Government. Mr. Thompson is the owner of real estate in Billings principally, and is a wide-awake, energetic citizen. He is deeply interested in all worthy

movements and is at present building up Billings Woman's Relief Corps No. 111, and also a soldiers' home, and is looking for a location for the same at the present time.

F. M. Richards. The calling of the merchant is one of the utmost importance in any community, and one of its most successful followers at Rome, Douglas County, Mo., is F. M. Richards, who has been a resident of the county since 1857. He was born in Monroe County, Tenn., March 31, 1836, a son of Frederick and Elizabeth (Renfro) Richards, the former of whom was born in Kentucky, a son of John Richards. Mrs. Richards was also born on Blue Grass soil, and was a daughter of William Renfro. The subject of this sketch was but two years old when he was left fatherless, and was but fourteen years of age when his mother died. He was one of five sons and three daughters: Samuel, John, Halloway, Peter, F. M., Mallissa, Margaret and Martha. Halloway and the subject of this sketch were soldiers of the Civil War. The latter came to Missouri in 1850, while still unmarried, and engaged in farming in the vicinity of Springfield, in Greene County, and there he was married after a time to Miss Elizabeth, daughter of John and Barthena Nablett, who died in Arkansas and Greene County, Mo., respectively. When the war opened the subject of this sketch enlisted in the Twenty-fourth Missouri Infantry, and served three months in the Home Guards, after which he was for three years in the regular service, and was first commanded by S. H. Boyd. He attained the rank of sergeant of his company, Company K, and was in the battles of Tupelo, Pea Ridge, Little Rock, Camden, Devall's Bluff, Cotton Plant, Old Town Bridge, and had charge of the pontoon bridge at Jenkins' Ferry until he had destroyed it, during which time he was on detached service. He was an excellent soldier, and served his country well in the sanguinary struggle between the North and South. He received his discharge October 19, 1865, returned home, and after a short time moved to Lawrence County, and in 1867 to Douglas County, locating on a farm two miles from Rome, where he remained successfully engaged in tilling the soil until 1872. He then opened a general mercantile store in Rome, where he has since conducted an extensive business, and is considered, with justice, one of the leading merchants of the county. In addition to his large and well-selected stock of goods he owns a fine farm of 350 acres at Rome, and an interest in the roller mills at the same place. He has always been an active member of the Republican party, and belongs to the G. A. R. post at Roy, No. 309. Socially he is a member of the I. O. O. F., and he and his wife move in the highest social circles of their section. He is a public-spirited man, is popular with all classes, has held the office of county registrar, and was postmaster at Rome for twenty-two years. He and his wife are members of church, and he has been superintendent of Sabbath-school for over twenty years. To himself and wife the following children have been born: Marcus E., a farmer and miller; William, who is a farmer and blacksmith of Lawrence County; Lona J., is a merchant in the Creek Nation; James M. is a farmer and lives in Rome; E. S. is a farmer of the Creek Nation; Sherman is a farmer at Rome, and also assists his father in the store; and Robert, who is at home. Samuel and a baby daughter died young.

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that died in infancy. The maternal grandparents, Mr. Faine and wife, were born in Wales and are supposed to have come to this country before the opening of the Revolution. They located in the vicinity of Petersburg, Va., where they followed farming, reared a large family and are supposed to have died. After the death of John Cooper his widow continued her journey to Howell County, Mo., and purchased the farm on which the subject of this sketch is now residing and spent the rest of her life in this neighborhood. She died April 24, 1894, lacking about three days of being ninety years old. Seventy-five years of this time she had been a devout Methodist. She became the mother of seven sons and five daughters: John T., was an orderly sergeant in Shelby's army during the war; Sarah J. is the widow of John Perkins, of Benton County, Tenn.; Thomas D. was for a short time in the Home Guards in Tennessee and is now a farmer of Benton County; Esther A. died in Howell County, the wife of John Lidsinger; George W. was a lieutenant in the Second Missouri Infantry of the Confederate Army and was killed at Vicksburg; Mary F. is the wife of Capt. William Howard, of Howell County; Marcus A.; Eliza A. died in this county, the wife of William Burton; Harriet N. is the wife of L. J. Burton; Susan is the wife of E. Blandon, of this county, and three sons died in infancy, William, James and Marion. Marcus A. Cooper was reared on a farm with the advantages of a common-school education, and in July, 1863, joined Company D, Fourth Missouri Cavalry, of Marmaduke's command, and later became a member of Parson's brigade and Wood's battalion. He was with Price on his raid and also saw service in Texas and Louisiana, and surrendered at Shreveport, La., after which he returned to his home. In July, 1866, he was married to Miss Flora J. Killough, a daughter of Milton A. Killough (see sketch). Mrs. Cooper was born in Carroll County, Tenn., and has borne her husband ten children: Josephine, wife of J. L. Roberts; Emma A., wife of J. H. Watts; Robert E. (deceased); John M.; Mollie B.; Frankie (deceased); William R.; Marcus A., Jr.; Augusta and Eudoxey. Mr. Cooper has improved five or six farms in this vicinity and is the owner of several valuable pieces of property, among which is the old home farm of 320 acres near the head of South Fork, eleven miles southwest of West Plains. Mr. Cooper started without means of any kind, save that with which nature had endowed him, and through his own good management and energy has become one of the leading farmers of the county. He has for years been very extensively engaged in stockraising, and is one of the most extensive dealers in this line in the county, and handled over 1,000 head of horses, mules and cattle during the past season. He is a Democrat politically, cast his first presidential vote for Tilden in 1876, and was at one time elected public administrator of Howell County, but did not qualify. Socially he is a member of Mt. Zion Lodge No. 327, at West Plains, of the A. F. & A. M., and also belongs to Mazeppa Lodge No. 263, of the I. O. O. F. He is a member of the Congregational Methodist and his wife of the Southern Methodist Church. Milton A. Killough, father of Mr. Cooper, was born in Rutherford County, Tenn., in 1819, a son of John and Eleanor (Kirk) Killough, natives of Georgia and probably Tennessee, respectively, the birth of the former occurring in 1791, and that of the latter in 1790, their deaths occurring in 1855 and 1822 respectively. They were married in Rutherford County, Tenn., and in 1821 moved to Carroll County, where they both passed from life, worthy members of the Presbyterian Church. The father was a farmer by occupation and was a soldier in the War of 1812, was justice of the peace for a number of years, and was of Dutch descent. When he was about thirteen years old his father died in Georgia, and a few years later his mother also passed from life. John Killough was married three times, but Eleanor Kirk

became his first wife and bore him four children: Mary, who died in Tennessee, the widow of Vincent Parsons; Milton A.; John G., who died at the age of nineteen, and Samuel D., who died in Tennessee. William H. Killough, who died in Tennessee, was a half brother of Milton A. The latter was reared on a farm, received a limited common-school education, and was married February 6, 1846, to Mary H., daughter of Robert and Mary Porter, who died in Carroll County, Tenn., having been born in Chester District, S. C. Mrs. Killough was born in the Palmetto State and died January 14, 1873, an earnest member of the Methodist Church. She bore her husband the following children: James Henry, of Texas; Flora J., wife of Marcus A. Cooper; Ann E., who died, the wife of William Burton; Samuel, who died young; Sarah L., wife of Lafayette Adams; Frances, the deceased wife of Lafayette Adams: Ophelia I., wife of Luselius Burton, of Texas; Harriet, who is the deceased wife of Napoleon Hawkins; Margaret C. and John R. March 31, 1874, Mr. Killough was married to Susan Parker, a daughter of Joseph and Rachel Parker. In 1857 Mr. Killough came to Texas County, Mo., and the following year located on his present farm in Howell County, which contains 118 acres, in connection with the tilling of which he has also been engaged in tanning for the past twenty years. Against his will he was forced into the Confederate service during the war, and was on the Price raid. He is a dimitted member of Mt. Zion Lodge No. 327, of the A. F. & A. M., of West Plains; he is a Democrat in politics, although his first presidential vote was cast for Harrison in 1840, and he and his wife are members in good standing of the Methodist Church.

W. L. Stowers. A popular resort for the traveling public and people of this city is the West Plains Hotel, which was first opened in 1883, and is conducted by W. L. Stowers, one of the prominent business men in the city. Mr. Stowers, who is a most genial and obliging host, was born in Marion County, Mo., August 2, 1843, son of Samuel and America (Whaley) Stowers. Samuel Stowers was born in Virginia in 1805 to the union of Colman and Nancy (Conway) Stowers, natives of the Old Dominion. The grandfather came to Ralls County, Mo., as early as 1825 and followed farming, but he was a manufacturer of machinery while residing in Virginia. He was one among the early pioneers of Missouri, and made his home in Ralls County until his death in 1853. He was with the old Whig party and was a prominent man in the county. His wife died in Ralls County about 1851 or 1852, and they were members of the old Ironside Baptist Church. Three daughters and two sons were born to them: Anna, Susan, Nellie, Thomas and Samuel. None of these are living. Samuel Stowers, father of subject, was a young man when he came to this State, this being a year or so before his father came, and he settled in Ralls County and married Miss Whaley. From there they moved to Marion County, and there Mrs. Stowers died in 1847. Two years later Mr. Stowers emigrated overland to California and took his oldest son, Thomas Coleman Stowers, with him. He made the trip in about nine months, and he and son engaged in mining, meeting with good success and becoming owners of valuable claims. There Mr. Stowers made his home until his death in 1868. He was a Whig in politics, and while a resident of Ralls County, Mo., held the office of assessor. Mr. Stowers was well known both in Ralls and Marion Counties, and for some time operated a mill in the latter county. He was large and portly, and a very pleasant man to meet. The children born to his marriage were: Anna B., wife of N. Glascock, of Ralls County, Mo.; Argaline died in California; William H. H., a teacher, died in California in 1870. He represented his county in the California Legislature two or three times, and had a very promising future; Preston W. died young; W. L., subject; and Nancy V., single, died in California. The mother of these children

was a native of Bourbon County, Ky., and the daughter of Edward Whaley, who came from Kentucky to Missouri at an early day and located in Marion County, where he was a prosperous and well-to-do man, and one of the very earliest pioneers in that part of Missouri. He died in Marion County after a long and useful life. Edward Whaley was a civil engineer by profession and a very prominent man in his county. Our subject was left motherless when four years of age, and he was reared principally by his grandfather and uncle. He attended the common schools of Marion County and later the McGree College, of Macon County, where he was busily engaged with his studies when the war broke out. After leaving college he engaged in work on the farm of his uncle, and in 1864 emigrated to Montana, where he engaged in mining for gold. For two years he followed this, met with success, and became the owner of some valuable mining claims, which he afterward developed. In 1866 he sold out and returned to Ralls County, where he was married the following year to Miss Bettie Maddox, of that county. Her parents, William and Lorinda (Withers) Maddox were early settlers of Ralls County, where the father followed agricultural pursuits. He was a Union man and Whig before the war, but afterward became a Democrat. He was a wealthy man and slave owner. Mr. Maddox is deceased, but his wife is still living, and is now eighty-eight years of age. Mrs. Stowers was born in Ralls County, Mo. After his marriage our subject engaged in farming, and after returning from Montana, resided in Ralls County from 1866 to 1881, when he moved to Eureka Springs, Ark., where he remained until 1883, his health being poor. From there he came to this city and embarked in the hotel business, which he has since continued. Outside the hotel business he and Joseph Knoerle own a fruit farm of 114 acres and he is connected with the West Plains and Howell County Building and Loan Association and the Missouri Savings and Loan Company, of St Louis. In politics Mr. Stowers is a Democrat and a strong man in his party. He and wife are connected with the Episcopal Church. They have had two daughters: Maggie O., now Mrs. E. J. Greene, of West Plains, and Lorinda E., wife of Joseph Knoerle, of West Plains. Mr. Knoerle is a commercial man and represents A. N. Shuster & Co., of St. Joseph. Elizabeth Doris is their only child. Mr. Stowers is a member of the K. of P., the A. O. U. W. and K. of H.

WILLIAM W. COLEMAN. Some men are possessed of such remarkable energy and activity that they are not content to do business in as extensive a manner as their competitors, but strive onward with restless zeal to excel them all and place their own establishment foremost in the ranks of industry. Men of this kind are valuable citizens, and are always foremost in advancing the public welfare. William W. Coleman is a representative man of this class. He conducts a first-class mercantile business in Van Buren, Carter County, Mo., and this establishment is a worthy example of what energy and ambition can perform. Mr. Coleman is a native of North Carolina, born January 4, 1848, and the son of Anderson and Martha (Allen) Coleman (see sketch of father). Our subject was one of a family of children, as follows: Ambrose B., who died during the Civil War; Cynthia, deceased, was the wife of Shadrach Chilton; W. W., subject; Jas. Spencer, who died in 1882, left a family; Isaac, died during the war; Emilla J., died about the time of the breaking out of the war; Amanda, died young; Absalom, is a farmer of Carter County; and John, who died in 1887. Our subject passed his early life on a farm, and received limited educational advantages on account of the breaking out of the Civil War. When he became a man he took up farming, and first located in Reynolds County, where he tilled the soil for eight years. From there he moved to Henpeck Creek and there made his home until 1892, when he embarked in mer-

chandising, which occupation he has continued since. Both as a farmer and merchant Mr. Coleman has been successful, for he possesses the energy and perseverance necessary in any calling. In the year 1884 he was elected to the office of county collector, and held the same one term. In 1887 he filled a term as county assessor, and in 1892 was elected to the office of county treasurer. He is now a candidate for reëlection with every prospect for success. He has always been an ardent supporter of Democratic principles, and for the past ten or twelve years has been an active worker for his party. He has been a member of the Central Committee, and is active in all good work. In a business way he has met with success, and he owns a farm near Van Buren. Socially he is a member of the Van Buren Masonic Lodge. Mr. Coleman was married in Reynolds County, Mo., to Miss Lydia Carter, a native of Reynolds county, Mo., born August 18, 1852, and the daughter of James Carter of that county. Mr. and Mrs. Coleman have eight children living and three deceased, as follows: Mary C., wife of Chas. Coleman; John A., married and lives on Henpeck Creek; Walter, at home; Edward, Lucy J., Henry E., William E. and Bessie C., Anna B., died when two years of age, and two died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Coleman are members of the Missionary Baptist Church, and are highly esteemed citizens of the county. Our subject's brother, James S., was formerly a resident of Van Buren, and a prominent man in the county. In 1876 he was elected sheriff and collector, and reëlected two years later. In 1880 he was elected to the offices of county and circuit clerk and recorder. He was a Democrat. His death occurred December 13, 1882. Our subject was prominent in the Farmers and Laborers' Union, was elected president of the county order two terms, and was a delegate to the State Farmers and Laborers' Union two terms, the first held in Springfield, Mo., and the last one at Sedalia, Mo.

Hon. John L. Greene. This well-known and prominent citizen of Pike Creek Valley is a native of Roane County, Tenn., where he was born in 1835, a son of Theodrick and Mary (Hassler) Greene, natives of Pittsylvania County, Va., and Tennessee, born in 1799 and 1805 respectively. In 1811 Theodrick Greene was taken by his parents to Tennessee, grew to manhood there and was there married. In 1857 they removed to Marion County, Ark., by wagon and there the father spent the rest of his life, being killed during the war while at home. He was a Southern sympathizer and by occupation was a farmer. He was captain of a company of militia in an early day and led an active and busy life. His father, Thomas Greene, was a native of Virginia, but died in Roane County, Tenn., a farmer. His wife, Amy (Kissee) Greene also died there. They reared a large family and two of their sons, William and John, were soldiers in the War of 1812. Michael Hassler, the maternal grandfather of the subject of this sketch, came to Tennessee from New York in an early day, was of German descent, and followed farming and milling until his death. His wife, Agnes Scarboro, also died in Roane County. The wife of Theodrick Greene died in Sharpe County, Ark., in 1880, having become the mother of eight sons and five daughters: Michael was with Gen. Price during the war and is a resident of Boone County, Ark.; Thomas J. died before the war in Roane County, Tenn., leaving a family; Jonathan died in California in 1851 or 1852; James I. died in Van Buren, Ark., a Confederate soldier; John was with Price during the war and was killed at Boonville, Mo.; John L.; Almeda resides in Sharp County, Ark.; Theodrick B. was killed in southern Missouri during the war while with Marmaduke; Letha A. is the wife of Henry Shirley of Sharp County, Ark.; Amanda died in Arkansas, the wife of James A. Osburn; Avery died in 1888, having been a Confederate soldier; Millie died in childhood, and Ginsy also died in childhood. The subject of this sketch was reared on a farm, but received common-school educational advantages in his youth. He was

married in Roane County, Tenn., in 1855, to Evaline, daughter of Johnson and Rebecca Edgmon, who died in Roane County, Tenn., where they had lived many years. Mrs. Greene was born in that county and died in Carter County, Mo., in 1888, a worthy member of the Missionary Baptist Church. To them nine children were born: Almeda, wife of Joseph Ellis, of Carter County; Marion; Mary Ann, wife of M. F. Green, of Oregon; Jonathan; Mattie, wife of F. M. Burrows, of Oregon; Logan, deceased; Elmer; George W. and Rebecca. In 1889 Mr. Greene took for his second wife Mrs. Nancy J. Kinnard, a daughter of John W. Snider. She was born in Carter County, Mo., and is a granddaughter of Dr. James Snider. She is the mother of three children: F. Bosser and L. Bunker (twins), and William McK. In 1857 Mr. Greene located in Carter County and two years later in Reynolds County. From here he enlisted August 1, 1861, in Company F, Sixth Missouri United States Volunteer Cavalry; operated in southeast Missouri and was in many skirmishes. He was wounded near Fredericktown November 17, 1861, was disabled for further duty and was honorably discharged June 30, 1862. In 1864 he removed to southern Illinois, where he lived until 1871, working in a wagon shop and farming, then returned to Carter County, Mo., and has for many years past lived on his present farm of 440 acres, of which 125 are cleared and under cultivation. In 1872 he was elected justice of the peace, which office he held six or seven years and was then elected to the responsible position of probate judge, an office he filled with ability for four years. For many years he has been deputy county surveyor and is now discharging the duties of justice of the peace. Socially he is a Mason, having been made such in 1866 at Steeleville, Ill., in Alma Lodge No. 497, A. F. & A. M., while said lodge was under dispensation. He was elected the first junior warden after the lodge was chartered. He served two years in the South, when he was elected senior warden, where he served two years, when he was elected worshipful master and was serving as master when he removed to Carter County, Mo. He is now a member of Van Buren Lodge No. 509, A. F. & A. M., in which lodge he has been twice elected worshipful master. In politics he was formerly a Whig, casting his first vote for Fillmore in 1856. Since the war he has been Republican at all times, being a stanch supporter of a protective system of the revenues.

JOHN W. SOUDER. Prominent among the farmers and representative men of Douglas County, Mo., we are gratified to present the name of Mr. John W. Souder, whose success here has certainly entitled him to consideration. His parents, John and Polly (Carter) Souder, were natives of Pennsylvania and Virginia respectively. The Souder family moved to the Hoosier State at an early day, and later came to Gasconade County, Mo., where they remained for a short time and then moved back to Indiana. In 1852 they returned to Gasconade County, made their home there until 1868, and then came to Ozark County, settling eight miles east of Gainesville, where the father of our subject took up a homestead. There his death occurred in 1870, after a long and useful career. He was a Republican in his political views. Mrs. Souder died in Ozark County in 1888. Both were prominent members of the Christian Church, in which Mr. Souder was an elder, and they were the parents of an old-fashioned family of thirteen children, our subject being among the younger members of the same. He was born in Washington County, Ind., April 8, 1846, but his scholastic training was received in the State of Missouri. When fourteen years of age he lost his right hand in a mill, and has had to make his way in life with one hand since. After reaching the age of twenty-one he started out to do for himself, and first engaged in farming in Gasconade County, where he remained until 1868. From there he moved to Ozark County and took up a

homestead, remaining on the same for fifteen years. In 1882 he came to Douglas County and bought his present farm on Fox Creek. He now has 446 acres with about 175 acres under cultivation, and no where in the county can be found a better farm. He carries on stockraising in connection with farming, and has met with more than ordinary success in this industry. In politics he is a Republican. In 1878 and 1879 he represented Ozark County in the Legislature. He has ever been a stanch Republican, and has been active in all public affairs. In the year 1868 Mr. Souder was married to Miss Nancy T. Ridenhour, a native of Gasconade County, Mo., born October 15, 1851, and the daughter of Barnell and Susan (Williams) Ridenhour, natives of Tennessee, but early pioneers of Gasconade County, where the father died before the war. The mother passed away in Douglas County. Our subject's marriage has been blessed by the birth of ten children, nine of whom are living: Louise A., died young; Nettie R., wife of William F. Sutherland, a farmer and stock man of Douglas County; Mary E., wife of Andrew Blankenship, a farmer of this county; Isa D., Emma E., Louis E., Homer G., Walter Otis, Pearly T. and Goldie G. In the Christian Church Mr. and Mrs. Souder holds membership, and in that and in the community in which they live they are held high in the estimation of the people. They have taken great pains to educate their children, and part of the year they live in Mt. Grove in order to give their children better schooling.

A. K. Oliver. Eminently worthy of mention in this work is A. K. Oliver who has devoted his life to farming, and now has a comfortable home and a fine estate in Pike Creek Valley. He is a native of Smith County, Tenn., and there first opened his eyes on the light of day in 1825, a son of Bluford and Polly (Link) Oliver, natives of Virginia, who were born in 1782 and 1784 respectively, and were reared and married in the State of their birth. They eventually removed to Smith County, Tenn., and in that section they resided until their respective deaths in 1841 and in 1870. Mr. Oliver was a successful farmer and was a soldier in the War of 1812. The maternal grandfather, John Link, spent his entire life in the Old Dominion. To the union of Bluford and Polly Oliver eight children were born: Narcissa, the widow of John Denney, of Oregon County, Mo.; Banks, who died in Smith County, Tenn., in 1876; Warner, who died in Oregon County, Mo., in 1859; Susan is the wife of L. B. Cheak, of Smith County, Tenn.; Letha, died in early childhood; A. K., the subject of this sketch; Martha, of Tennessee; Elizabeth, also of that State. The early life of our subject was spent on the old home farm in Tennessee, but he unfortunately received very little schooling. At the age of twenty-eight, or in 1853, he was married in Smith County, Tenn., to Mary Jane, daughter of John Greer, who came to that section from the Old North State, and who later removed to Oregon County, Mo., where he eventually passed "over the river," his wife's death having taken place in North Carolina. Mrs. Oliver was born in North Carolina, was reared principally in Tennessee, and in 1876 was called from this life in Oregon County, Mo., after having borne her husband three daughters and five sons, who were named as follows: John, deceased; William, a resident of Oregon County; Seminas is the wife of George W. Locke, of Arkansas; Narcissa is the wife of Joseph Biffle, of Oregon County; Warner, is the county judge of the Western District of Carter County; Banks; and Samuel Theodore, who died in infancy, and another child that died unnamed. For his second wife Mr. Oliver took Mrs. Malinda (Reed) Ellis, who died about three years after their marriage, and he then espoused Mrs. Margaret E. Turley, by whom he had two children: James Calvin and Letta Josephine. Mr. Oliver is now living with his fourth wife, who was Perlina Wines. Mr. Oliver became a resident of Oregon County, Mo., in 1871, and seven years later

came to Carter County, and has since resided on his present farm of 120 acres near McDonald. He has cleared and under cultivation about forty-five acres, and as this land is exceptionally fertile it yields larger crops annually than many more pretentious places. He is one of the best known men in Pike Creek Valley and is widely known for his honesty, fair dealing and for his support of all that is just and right. The respect which is accorded him is universal and in every respect well merited. Formerly a Whig in politics he has supported the men and measures of the Democrat party since the war, and in his religious views is a Missionary Baptist. Socially he is a member of Van Buren Lodge No. 509, of the A. F. & A. M.

Hon. Jacob B. Reaser. This prominent and successful stockman and farmer of Birch Tree, Mo., was born in Jackson County, Tenn., in 1837, a son of Peter and Emeline (Brown) Reaser, who were natives of Virginia, but removed to Tennessee with their parents, where they were reared, received such education as the schools of that day afforded, and were married in Jackson County, Tenn. In May, 1822, they came by ox team to Oregon County, Mo., at which time that section was very wild and unsettled, and for a long time the most of their marketing was done at St. Louis, 210 miles away. Mr. Reaser became the owner of a claim in December of the same year, and followed farming and carpentering the remainder of his days. He was an active member and worker in the Protestant Methodist Church, and he was known far and wide as an honest and industrious man. Nothing is known of his father save that he was of German extraction. His mother died in Jackson County, Tenn. They were the parents of four sons and four daughters: John, who died at Duquoin, Ill.; Benjamin, who died in Jackson County, Tenn.; Abraham, who died in Texas; Jacob B.; Esther, who died in Texas, the wife of Abraham Hughes; Polly, who died in Illinois, the wife of L. J. Hale; Margaret is the wife of Abraham Miller, of Tennessee; and Barbara, who died in Jackson County, Tenn. The maternal grandfather, Jacob Brown, was an early settler of Jackson County, Tenn., from Virginia, and died there in 1848, after having followed the life of a carpenter, his wife also passing from life there. They reared a large family. The mother of Jacob B. Reaser is still living at the age of seventy-six years, and makes her home in Shannon County. She is a member of the Southern Methodist Church, and is an excellent and kind-hearted woman. She is now living with her fourth husband, P. R. Simpson. The subject of this sketch is the eldest of six children: Jacob B.; John B., who was a soldier in Price's army during the war, and died at Lexington, Mo.; Elizabeth, wife of D. J. Butler, of Birch Tree, Mo.; James M. was a soldier in the Missouri State Guards, lost a leg at Wilson's Creek, and died in Oregon County after the war; Alex. E. died in Oregon County, leaving a family; William H. was instantly killed in Oregon County by a runaway team hitched to a plow. Mr. Reaser has one half-brother, T. B. Brockman. The most of the education which Jacob B. Reaser received was acquired by the light of pine knots at his parents' fireside, but he also attended school for a short time. At the death of his father, he assumed control of the family affairs, which he successfully managed until his marriage, which occurred in December, 1857, to Miss Frances R., daughter of Christopher and Nancy Ann Brockman, natives of Smith County, Tenn., who came to Oregon County, Mo., in 1855, where the mother died soon after, and the father in 1862, a farmer. Mrs. Reaser was born in Smith County, Tenn., in 1840, and after her marriage she and Mr. Reaser resided in Oregon County until 1865, when they came to Shannon County, settled in the woods and improved a farm. For the past fourteen years they have resided on their present farm near Birch Tree, consisting of 347 acres, and besides this he owns 156 acres of the old farm, both places being

exceptionally well improved. Mr. Reaser has acquired his property by his own good management and energy, and for some time past has been quite an extensive feeder. He has been postmaster of Birch Tree for six years, held the office of justice of the peace a like length of time, and has been notary public for a good many years. He was prosecuting attorney of Shannon County from 1882 to 1884, for he had read law for some time, and did a successful neighborhood practice. In 1880 he was licensed by the late Judge J. R. Woodside, and is now a practitioner of the Circuit Court. He has made quite a study of criminal law, is remarkably well posted in his profession, and in his management of the cases that have come to him he has shown the best of judgment and a comprehensive knowledge of law. He has been a lifelong Democrat and worker for that party from a youth, and gained quite a reputation as a "stump speaker" when but twenty years old. In June, 1861, he joined the Missouri State Guards, and after participating in the battle of Wilson's Creek, he joined Company C, Fifth Missouri Infantry as a private, and was soon commissioned a recruiting officer. After raising a company he was elected first lieutenant, and was later promoted to captain, afterward receiving orders as major and commanding a battalion. His regiment, the Fifth Missouri Cavalry, was the last to surrender, at Shreveport, La., June 15, 1865. While a captain he was in command of Company H, and operated in Arkansas, Missouri, Louisiana and Texas, and was in the engagements at Pilot Knob, De Soto, Jefferson City, Boonville, Big Blue, Jenkins' Ferry, Camden, Pine Bluff, Jacksonport and others. He was not captured or wounded during his service, made a brave soldier and a capable and fearless officer, and gave valuable aid to the Confederacy. He is a man of remarkable will power, has always been a close observer, and is possessed of extended and varied information. He was drawn into the practice of law by the merest accident, for, knowing his intelligence and sound judgment, he was often called upon for advice by his neighbors, and to arbitrate in disputes arising among them, and he began to plead in behalf of his friends in petty cases in the justice court, and it finally led to his taking out a license. He and his wife have long been members of the Southern Methodist Church, and he is justly regarded as one of the most intelligent and public-spirited citizens of his county. In 1894 he was nominated by the Democracy of Shannon for presiding judge, a position he is eminently qualified to fill.

RUFUS MCLELLAND. This worthy citizen has made his home in south Missouri and this county since 1851, and by his upright, honorable career has won the respect and confidence of all. He was born May 17, 1822, in North Carolina, of which State his parents, William R. and Clarissa (Crawford) McLelland, were also natives. The father was a prominent business man and a large slave owner although he prayed for the day to come that would set the slaves free. That day he was not destined to see, for he died before the war. He passed away in North Carolina, as did also his wife. Our subject was one of a large family and he grew to manhood on the old plantation of his father, four miles northwest of Statesville, N. C. His education was received in the common schools of his day, and he was married in his native State to Miss Mira Piercey, daughter of Squire W. W. Piercey, who was a surveyor and prominent man in the Old North State. Mr. and Mrs. McLelland came to this county in 1851, and were forty-seven days on the road. Mr. McLelland stopped at Thomasville, then the county seat of this county, and made the acquaintance of Judge Couch, by whom he was persuaded to stop in this section of the country. He located in what is now Oregon County, became a very successful stockman and made money. At the time of the breaking out of the Civil War he was obliged to sell his farm, and he then moved to Greene

County, Mo., where he bought a small farm. During the war he held the office of county clerk in Oregon County. He bought another farm near Ash Grove, and about two years later he returned and located in Oregon County. In 1885 he came to this county and located in West Plains, where he built a home. Two years later he moved to his farm in this county and there resided until 1893, when he again returned to the town. He is now retired from active business. Mr. McLelland has a farm of 333 acres seven miles east of West Plains. He is a Democrat in politics and his first presidential vote was cast for Polk and Taylor. He enlisted in the army during the Mexican War, but it ended before he reached the scene of battle. By his union with Miss Piercey he became the father of eight children: William W., James R., Wellington, John E., George W., Alfred B., Elizabeth and Eliza. Mr. McLelland's second union was with the Widow Crawley, who died soon after marriage. He then married the Widow Campbell. Mr. McLelland is a Mason.

HON. ROBERT L. COLEMAN. It is the men of broad and comprehensive views who give life to communities and build cities—men who have foresight and energy, pluck and push to forward their enterprises and still retain an untarnished reputation through it all. Such a man is Hon. Robert L. Coleman, now circuit clerk and recorder and ex-representative of Carter County. He was elected to his present responsible position in 1890 by the Democratic party, of which he is a zealous member. Previous to this, in 1886, he was elected school commissioner, held that position two years, and was elected to represent the county in the Thirty-fifth General Assembly of the State. At present he is a candidate for the office of circuit clerk and recorder, with fair prospects of success. Mr. Coleman is a young man who was born in Carter County, Mo., August 17, 1863, and the son of Francis M. and Adaline (Fancher) Coleman, natives of Tennessee. His grandparents, William and Nancy (Hackett) Coleman, were probably natives of the Old North State, moving from there to Tennessee, and thence to Kentucky, where they remained until about 1859. They then moved to Carter County, Mo., and there passed the closing scenes of their lives. William Coleman was a farmer and held the office of treasurer of Carter County for a number of years. Our subject's maternal grandparents, Wesley and Celia Fancher, were natives of Tennessee, from whence they came to what is now Carter County nearly fifty years ago. There they passed the remainder of their days, dying before the war. Mr. Fancher was a farmer and millwright. Francis M. Coleman was born in Polk County, Tenn., in 1836, and in 1859 came to Carter County, Mo., with his parents. About the same year he was married to Miss Adaline Fancher, who is now about fifty years of age, and nine children were given them, as follows: William O., resides at McDonald; Jeff died young; Robert L., subject; Tennessee, who died in 1893, was the wife of Thomas W. Smith of this county; Charles W. resides at McDonald; Lizzie, died in August, 1889, was the wife of George W. Preston; Mary, single; Norman J., single; and Eva, who died when small. Mrs. Coleman is a member of the Baptist Church. Mr. Coleman has ever been a stanch Democrat in politics. He represented Carter County three times in the Legislature, and has been one of the most prominent men in the county. Our subject passed his school days at Carleton Institute, St. Francois County, and at Concordia College in Wayne County, and when still quite young began teaching school. Early in life he was elected to public positions and for about eight years he has held offices in this county. He is an unspoiled child of good fortune. Wealth, power and adulation could never make him other than he is, a man who is of the people, not above them, possessing as he does the instincts of democracy to such a degree that they are a second nature to him, and his universal and exceptional popularity with all classes is the



RUFUS McLELLAND,
West Plains, Mo.



WM F. WEBSTER, M. T. WEBSTER,
Stone Co., Mo.

best evidence of that fact. He is one of the most prominent young men in his county, and is a strong supporter of Democratic principles. Fraternally he is a member of Van Buren Masonic Lodge, and is secretary of the same. Mr. Coleman selected his wife in the person of Miss Mary Rose, daughter of A. D. and Martha J. Rose of this county. Mr. Rose died in 1890. Mr. Coleman has made a good start in life, is a public-spirited young man, and his future prospects are bright.

JESSE ANDREWS, one of the most prominent farmers of Douglas County, Mo., first saw the light of day in Maury County, Tenn., his birth occurring February 10, 1836. His parents, D. F. and Sally (Morton) Andrews, were natives of Tennessee, but the grandfather, John Andrews, was born in the grand old State of Virginia. He was of German origin and served as a soldier in the Indian wars. About the year 1868 the parents of our subject moved to Missouri and settled near Ava, this county, on a farm where both passed the remainder of their days, the mother dying in 1879 and the father in 1881. For many years they were earnest members of the Christian Church, and the father was a Republican in his political views. Nine children were born to this estimable couple, only three of whom are living, two besides our subject: Elizabeth, who is Mrs. White, of this county, and Michael H., who is living near Ava. During his youth Jesse Andrews assisted in the farm work at home and attended the common schools, where he received a fair education. As he had been trained to the arduous duties of the farm it was but natural that when starting out for himself that he should choose agricultural pursuits as his occupation in life. He began for himself in 1871, a few years after coming to this county, and for two years resided near Marshfield. Later he settled near Ava, remained there five years and then bought the farm where he now lives, seven miles from Ava, where he has 280 acres of good, productive land. He also has 200 acres two miles north of that town, making about 500 acres that he owns in the county. Mr. Andrews started business in a small way and by industrious habits and good management has accumulated around him many of the comforts and conveniences of life. In following the occupation of farming he has not lost sight of the stock industry and on his broad acres may be seen many fine animals. Since the war Mr. Andrews has affiliated with the Republican party, and during that time has been a strong Union man. While a resident of Tennessee he was married to Miss Martha Turner, daughter of William Turner, who died in Tennessee. Four children have been born to this union, Ida L., Carmelia F., Martha A. and Rosetta M. Ida is the wife of Charles Posey, of this county, and Carmelia married Perry Tuitty, also of this county. Mr. Andrews has one of the best improved farms in the county and is one of the leading men in the vicinity. He takes a prominent part in all public matters, and he and family are highly esteemed in the community.

THOMAS R. CANTRELL. One of the famous lines of the great play, "The Old Homestead," is "Young blood tells." This expression applies not alone to a man's social advancement, but in business life particularly, where the old men are dropping out and the younger generation stepping into their shoes. In Lead Hill, Ark., the younger generation is in the lead in every calling, especially in the mercantile business, a noted firm being Pumphrey & Cantrell, of which Mr. Cantrell is the junior member. Thomas R. Cantrell was born in Warren County, Tenn., in 1858, son of Paris and Rosanna (Frier) Cantrell, natives of Tennessee and Missouri respectively. They were married in Tennessee, and just after the war removed to McLeansboro, Hamilton County, Ill., where they resided for a few years and then removed to Greene County, Mo., thence to Christian County, and about 1878 settled in Harrison, Ark. Since then they

made their homes in Boone and Marion Counties. For many years the father was engaged in the boot and shoe trade, but he is now engaged in agricultural pursuits. He was a Southern man during the war but took no part. Fraternally Mr. Cantrell is an Odd Fellow. He is a member of the Christian Church. Mrs. Cantrell was a lady of education and more than ordinary ability. Her death occurred in Boone County, Ark. Seven children were born to this estimable couple, as follows: Merrill J., a farmer of Boone County; Sabrina A., wife of William J. Patterson, of Greene County, Mo.; Thomas R.; Milton C., of Springfield, Mo.; Addie, wife of George F. McCleary, of Lead Hill; Jennie, widow of Calvin Coker, and Howard E., of Springfield, Mo. Thomas R. Cantrell attended school about two months after he was seven years old, receiving most of his instruction at home. When twenty years of age he went into the saw mill business with his father for a short time, and then for a few years followed stock trading in Marion County. In 1880 he married Miss Dora Ann Pumphrey, a native a Marion County, Ark., and the daughter of Lewis R. Pumphrey. Since removing from Marion County, Mr. Cantrell has been engaged in mercantile business at Lead Hill, and he is a thoroughgoing and live business man. Through his management the present firm has become one of the most prosperous and responsible in the county. They carry a large stock of everything the people need and are doing an annual business of $35,000 at Lead Hill. They also have a store at Western Grove, Ark., under the firm name of Cantrell, Magness & Co., with David Magness as manager, and this house did a business of $35,000 during the year 1893. Mr. Cantrell is certainly a self-made man, for he started in life with no capital, and by his superior business ability and excellent judgment has become one of the substantial young men of the county. He and his partner are extensive feeders and shippers of live stock. Mr. Cantrell is a member of Polar Star Lodge No. 224, Lead Hill, A. F. & A. M.

W. W. Scott. W. W. Scott who is one of the oldest pioneers of Christian County, Mo., has attained the advanced age of four-score years and five, for his birth occurred in Tennessee, December 21, 1809. Honorable and upright in every walk of life, his career has been without blot or blemish, and he is one of the best-preserved, physically and mentally, of the men who have reached his age. His father, Thomas Scott, was a native of that grand old State, Virginia, but at an early day migrated to Kentucky, where he married Elizabeth Jones, a native of North Carolina. Then together they moved to Tennessee, and there the mother of our subject died. The father came to Taney County, Mo., in 1846, or about that time, and there followed farming. Game was plentiful in those days and Mr. Scott often killed deer and bear. By his marriage to Miss Jones he became the father of eight children, as follows: Betsey A., Dicy A., James H., Wm. W., (subject), Thomas, Lavina (mother of J. J. Bruton), M. A. and Lucinda. The subject of this sketch grew to mature years in his native State, and was there married to Miss Frances Slate, who bore him six children: Emily J., Margaret E., George W., Thomas T., William R. and Francis. After his marriage Mr. Scott moved to Arkansas. His wife died in Carroll County of that State, and when the war broke out he came to Missouri. He was a guide in the Union Army. His second marriage was with Mrs. Mary J. Parr, a resident of Carroll County, Ark. Three children blessed this union: James H., Eliza J. and John G. Mr. Scott has followed farming for the most part of his life, but at an early day he was a large cattle trader. Many a time has he taken his cattle to St. Louis. He has been an extensive traveler in these parts and is a well-posted man. A Republican in politics, he is a man of good judgment and is considered one of the influential citizens of the county. Both our subject's grandfathers were soldiers in

the Revolutionary War. Mr. Scott voted for William H. Harrison and for Benjamin Harrison. He is living a retired life and has a comfortable and attractive home. He also has a small farm in the county. In his religious views he is a Baptist.

WILLIAM L. ROBERTSON. Among the worthiest of the representative business men of Christian County, Mo., stands the name of William L. Robertson, whose standing is high for character, ability and enterprise. He is the eldest but one of the children born to James W. and Martha J. (Payne) Robertson, his birth occurring in Stone County, Mo., February 23, 1858, at the mouth of Finley Creek. There our subject resided with his parents until three years of age, when they removed to Greene County on Grand Prairie, a mile and a half south of Republic and made their home there for two years. Thence they moved to Iowa, where they remained until 1864, when they came to Ozark, Christian County, Mo. Our subject received the rudiments of an education in the common school and finished in Drury College. After leaving school, he engaged in farming and followed that for three years near Ozark, on the old home place, a mile and a half from that city. He married Miss L. F. Crain, a native of this county, born about four miles north of Ozark, and the daughter of one of the old pioneers, A. C. Crain. (See sketch.) Mr. and Mrs. Robertson are the parents of three living children and have lost two: Annie S. (died in infancy), Ross, Clyde, Myrtle (who died at the age of thirteen months) and Arthur. Ross and Clyde are attending school. Mr. Robertson is now residing in Ozark, where for ten years he has been a member of the old firm of J. W. Robertson & Sons. He has been fairly successful in business, as he was in agricultural pursuits, and is highly respected in the community. In political matters he is a strong advocate of Democratic principles. Socially he is a member of the Masonic fraternity at Ozark, Lodge No, 352, and the A. O. U. W. at that place, Lodge No. 257. Both he and wife are worthy members of the Christian Church, and he is one of the most reliable business men in the city.

ARREN BRAY. Among the families who have been residents of Christian County since 1840 we are pleased to name the one represented by our subject. Mark Bray, the father of our subject, brought his family to this county from North Carolina in 1840 and became one of the wealthy and influential citizens of the county. Arren Bray was born in the Old North State November 15, 1835, and was fifth in order of birth of nine children. He was but five years of age when his parents came to Missouri and he attended the first school in this part of the county, it being on a part of his father's farm. When twenty-one years of age he started out to farm for himself, but later began working in his father's mill at Linden, where he remained for about nine years. In the year 1858 he married Miss Ann Wrightman, daughter of Joseph and Keziah (Beckner) Wrightman, natives of Virginia. Her parents moved to Illinois and resided there until 1856, when they came to Christian County, Mo., and located near Linden, on a farm where they remained a number of years. Mr. Wrightman was drowned in 1883, when seventy-two years of age. For many years he was a worthy member of the Baptist Church. The mother died in 1863. They were the parents of eleven children, as follows: Sarah, deceased, was the wife of David Grayston; Julia is the wife of James Agnew; Timothy, a resident of Springfield; Mrs. Bray; George, residing in this county; Leah, died young; William is probably deceased; Abigail resides in Kansas, and is the wife of Steve Lawing; Susan resides in Bond County, Ark., and is the wife of Louis Suitzer; Rebecca, the wife of John Taylor, resides at Shell City, and Edward died when four years of age. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Bray resided at Linden until 1860 and then moved on a farm, where they

resided until the breaking out of the Civil War, after which they moved to Sangamon County, Ill. After the war Mr. Bray re-located on his farm and remained on the same until he came to the farm where he now lives in 1873. He has been unusually successful in his chosen occupation and is well and favorably known all over the county. He owns 100 acres where he now lives and eighty acres south of this place. His attention is given to farming and stockraising and he is a member of the Farmers' Alliance. Formerly a Democrat, he is now with the People's party. He and family attend the Baptist Church. To his marriage have been born nine children: George, a prosperous farmer of the neighborhood, is the owner of eighty acres. He married Miss Davidson and has four children: Lynn, Minnie, Iva and Ross; Anna married Andrew Fargey and they own a farm of 100 acres near the old home. They have four children, as follows: Herbert, Cora, May and Lou; Frank, married Miss Russell and has three children: Effie, Mark and an infant unnamed. They reside in the Ozark Region; Mary married James Tindle and has one child, Lois. They live near Ozark; Sidnia, Nellie, Susie, Barbara and Overton are the other children. Mr. Bray is a public-spirited citizen and no worthy movement is allowed to fail for want of support on his part.

William G. Barnes. This gentleman is one of the pioneers of Douglas County, and is a native of Greene County, Tenn., where he was born September 16, 1831, a son of Joshua and Susanna (Wilson) Barnes, the former of whom was born in Kentucky, a son of David Barnes, who was a soldier in some of the early Indian wars of this country. He was of Scotch-Irish descent, and after residing in Kentucky for some years removed to Indiana, in which State Joshua Barnes attained manhood. In 1822, at the age of twenty-one years, he left the Hoosier State, and became a boatman on the Mississippi River, and after some years located in Tennessee, where he married and lived until 1843. He then came to Douglas County, Mo., and entered a tract of Government land, where his home continued to be until his death, which occurred in 1850 in the Rocky Mountains, while he was on his way to California in search of gold. He was a successful business man, was a Democrat in politics, but was opposed to the extension of slavery. He passed through all the hardships of life in Tennessee, Indiana and Missouri as a pioneer, lived an eventful life, and died under romantic circumstances. He was a member of the Christian Church, and by his wife, who was born in McMinn County, Tenn., in 1804, he became the father of twelve children: Wilson, William, George, Joshua, Robert, David, Bartley J., Marion, Telitha, Susan, Rhoda and Margaret. The mother of these children passed from life in Missouri in 1877, at the age of seventy-three years, a daughter of Joshua Wilson, a Scotchman, who died in Tennessee. The subject of this sketch passed his early boyhood days in the State of his birth, and was thirteen years old when he came to Missouri. He assisted his father in the duties of the farm, and with his parents suffered many of the inconveniences, hardships and privations incident to pioneer life, their nearest postoffice being thirty miles away. His mother made all the clothing for the family, and with their neighbors they wore their homespun garments and considered themselves fortunate in their possession. He attended the primitive schools of this section, obtaining a fair common-school education, and in 1851 was married to Miss Alsie, daughter of Hiram and Alsie (Smith) Perkins, who became residents of Arkansas at an early day. The father died in that State and his widow married a Mr Long, and located in Ozark County, Mo., in 1885. Mr. Barnes' first wife died during the Civil War, after having become the mother of six children: Mary E., Susan, George, Hester A., Phœbe V. The eldest and youngest are dead. For his second wife Mr. Barnes took Mary M., the

daughter of Matthias and Elizabeth (Martin) Barnes, natives of Virginia, who removed first to Tennessee, and in 1843 to Greene County, Mo., settling on the James River, nine miles south of Springfield, near the Wilson's Creek battlefield. The father died in Christian County in 1868, and mother in 1871. They became the parents of ten children: Rachel C., Margaret O., Jane M., Martha E., William J., Mary M., Amanda C., Nancy E., Charlotte B. and Matthew D. Mrs. Barnes has been a resident of Missouri from childhood, and has borne her husband six children: William M. G., Joshua M., John D. (deceased), Benjamin F., Marietta E., Semerry M. All the children who are living are married and reside in this county, and are justly considered among its most substantial citizens. Mr. Barnes has followed the occupation of farming all his life, and now owns a valuable farm of 320 acres, all of which property he has made through his own determined efforts and intelligent management. He is in every sense of the word a self-made man, and as throughout his business career he has seen the need of a good education, he gave his children good educational advantages and now has the satisfaction of knowing that they are substantial and honorable people. He is connected with the Christian Church, is a member of the third party in politics, and socially is a member of the I. O. O. F. In 1861 he enlisted in the Home Guards and after nine months entered the Missouri Militia, in which he served four months, participating in the engagement at Springfield and in numerous skirmishes.

JEFFERSON BEAUREGARD SEARCY, county clerk of Shannon County, and one of the most popular officials of the county, is a product of Boone County, Mo., born December 30, 1858, and the son of George N. and Amanda J. (Cochram) Searcy, both natives of Boone County, Mo. In this county the parents were married, and here passed the remainder of their days, dying when comparatively young people, the father in 1865, when thirty-three years of age, and the mother in 1868, when thirty years of age. The grandfather, Lemuel Searcy, was an early settler of Boone County, Mo., from Kentucky. The Cochram family also came here at an early date, the grandfather, William Cochram, locating here as early as 1812. He was also from Kentucky. The father of our subject was a teacher in Lathrop Academy, and just prior to the war he was in the University at Columbia. He was a graduate of the University of Missouri in 1856 or 1857, and was a man of unusual intelligence. After the death of his parents our subject was taken by an uncle, B. F. Cochram, and by him was reared. In 1876 he went to Boonville and attended Kemper's School three years, after which he returned to Boone County and attended the State University part of two years. From there he went to Audrain County, Mo., and after remaining there three years moved to near Eminence, Shannon County, where he operated a mill part of the time. He then went to Winona, where he lived for three years; was in the saw mill business part of the time, and was justice of the peace, during which time he studied law and was admitted to the bar at West Plains in 1891. In 1890 he was a candidate for county clerk, and in 1893 was appointed to the county clerk's office to fill the unexpired term of J. R. Bradley. He has held other official positions, and has filled them all in a very satisfactory manner. On December 30, 1880, he was married to Miss Arminta J. Holloway, a native of Boone County, Mo., and four children have been given them, two sons and two daughters. Mr. Searcy is a member of the A. F. & A. M. and the I. O. O. F., and is secretary of Eminence Lodge, A. F. & A. M. Politically he is a stanch advocate of Democratic principles.

JAMES FRANKLIN NORTON, merchant and farmer of Eminence, Mo., is a native of the Blue Grass State, born in Lawrence County, in 1839. His father, David Norton, who was reared in Virginia, moved to Kentucky at an early

date and when our subject was but an infant came to Audrain County, Mo., where he passed his last days. He was a prominent farmer and stockraiser, and while a resident of Audrain County held the office of justice of the peace. Politically he was a Democrat, and fraternally a Mason. His death occurred in 1852 when about forty years of age. His wife, whose maiden name was Emily Davidson, was a native of Virginia. She died in 1859 and was an exemplary member of the Methodist Church. They were the parents of nine children, seven of whom are now living, four sons and three daughters. Our subject, who was one of these children, attended school in Audrain County, and took care of the family until all the children were married. In 1858 he came to Shannon County, where he had previously bought a small farm of government land which he entered at the land office at Jackson, Mo., and here he found very few settlers. He turned his attention to farming and blacksmithing, having learned the latter in Audrain County, and followed his trade for the most part for twenty-two years. In June, 1861, he enlisted in the Missouri State Militia, under Gen. McBride, for six months. After that he joined the Confederate Army, but a short time after he was transferred to cavalry service. He was quartermaster of the regiment and held that position until serrendering, May 5, 1865, at Jacksonport, Ark. During this time he was in the battles of Wilson Creek, Fort Scott, Lexington, Elkhorn and many others, and with Price in his raid through Missouri. He was never wounded severely although he had many narrow escapes, and returning home at the close of the war resumed his former occupation. He had nothing but his land, for all his property had been destroyed during the war, but he was used to privation and hard work and was not discouraged. After farming for some time he opened a store in Eminence on a limited scale, and now has a good general store and a thriving trade. In 1882 he was elected sheriff and collector of the county and held the office two terms, four years in all. During the war, in 1863, he was married to Miss Missouri Whitworth, a native of Alabama, who bore him seven children, two sons and five daughters. Mr. Norton is a member of the Masonic fraternity at Winona, the I. O. O. F. at Eminence, of which he is warden, and in politics he is a Democrat. He is one of the representative citizens of the county.

SPENCER HUGH WARE. Efficient, capable and trustworthy would be the verdict passed upon the character and official standing of our subject by any one in Shannon County to whom the question might be asked. Spencer Hugh Ware, circuit clerk and recorder of this county, is a most ardent Democrat, and most loyally stands by and works for the nominees of his party. He is a native Missourian, born in Licking, February 10, 1851, and the son of Henry and Martha (Mitchell) Ware, natives of Maryland and White County, Tenn., respectively, the father born in the year 1811. Henry Ware left his native State when a young man and went to Georgia, where he remained a short time. From there he went to Memphis, Tenn., thence to St. Louis, Mo., and about 1836 came to Licking, Texas County, Mo., where he died in 1854. He was a blacksmith by trade, but after going to Licking, Mo., turned his attention to selling goods and farming. Mrs. Ware is now living at Salem, this State. The original of this notice was but three years of age when his father died, and he grew to manhood in Salem, Dent County, Mo. When grown he attended college at Alton, Ill., afterward Rochester, N. Y., and finished at Columbia, this State. When but a lad he had medicine in view, but gave that up for law, and studied at Salem under S. H. Sherlock, now of Fort Smith, Ark. In the year 1874 he was admitted to the bar, and two years later came to Shannon County, where soon after he was elected prosecuting attorney. Afterward he was reëlected to the same office but resigned, and in 1881 was appointed cir-

cuit clerk and recorder, which position he has filled creditably ever since. While in Dent County, and when he had just reached his twenty-first birthday, he was elected superintendent of schools of that county. During the year 1871 he taught school. On the 1st of June, 1873, he was married to Miss Sarah C. Furling, who was born in Frankfort, Clinton County, Ind., and two sons and two daughters were the fruits of this union. Mr. and Mrs. Ware hold membership in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and he is an elder in the same. He is a Royal Arch Mason, a member of the chapter at West Plains, Blue Lodge at Winona, and represented Salem Lodge in the Grand Lodge in 1873. He is now serving as noble grand of the I. O. O. F. at Eminence. Mr. Ware has been a delegate to county, district, State and national conventions, and has ever been a stanch Democrat, as before stated.

LEWIS HARVEY DE PRIEST, sheriff of Shannon County, Mo., is a young man, but there is not one in the county more capable of discharging the duties of that position or better qualified in every respect than he. He was born in Jefferson County, Ill., near Mount Vernon, in 1865, and is a son of Abraham and Elizabeth (Aden) De Priest. The father first saw the light in south Missouri, probably Shannon or Oregon County. He was married in this State to Miss Aden, who died May 3, 1882, when fifty-three years of age. His second marriage was with Mrs. E. J. Gardner, who is still living. Mr. De Priest was a farmer by occupation, but for a number of years he sold goods at Eminence. After the war he handled a great deal of stock and resided at Eminence most of the time. In 1862 he went to Illinois, but returned to this State in 1869. Following the war he was circuit and county clerk, also served as assessor several terms and held other positions. He was a prominent and substantial citizen. He was both a Mason and an Odd Fellow, and in politics supported the Democratic party. His death occurred June 2, 1891, when sixty-one years of age. Of the five children born to his first marriage four are now living, three in this county and one in Oklahoma. During his boyhood and youth, which were spent in Shannon County, our subject was engaged in looking after his father's stock, but as he reached mature years he turned his attention to mercantile pursuits and for some time was in the store of James F. Norton, at West Plains and Willow Springs. His father built the second house at Willow Springs. Later our subject returned to Shannon County and was made assistant postmaster in the House of Representatives in 1885. After that, but the same year, he was married to Miss Josie Boyd and became the father of three sons. For three years he worked as deputy sheriff under W. M. Freeman and in 1890 was elected sheriff. Two years later he was reëlected to that position. He is an Odd Fellow, and a Democrat in politics.

JOHN H. DE PRIEST was born in Thomasville, Oregon County, Mo., October 5, 1844, but grew to manhood in this county and is one of its representative citizens. His father, Isaac C. De Priest, was a native of Smith County, Tenn., but when a small child was taken to the Hoosier State, where he grew to manhood. From there he went to southern Illinois, and thence to south Missouri about 1839 or 1840. He located near Thomasville, probably in the woods on upper Eleven Points, and made his home there until 1856, when he moved to Birch Valley, a short distance from where the town of Birch Tree now stands. In 1863 he moved from there to Jefferson County, Ill., but returned two years later and located again in the same neighborhood. There he died in 1878 when seventy-two years of age. For many years before the war he was assessor of Oregon County, and after the war he was appointed assessor of this county and held the position four years. He was also justice of the peace for some time. For the most part Mr. De Priest followed farming, but for a number of years before his death he sold goods on his farm. In

politics he was a Democrat. He was married in south Illinois to Miss Elizabeth Buffington, a native of Blenerhasset Island, where Aaron Burr was said to have formed the conspiracy against the United States. Mrs. De Priest died in 1884, when seventy-eight years of age. Both were for many years members of the Methodist Church. Born to their marriage were nine children, of whom our subject is one of the youngest. Only three are now living: Greene, a farmer of Oregon County, and Mrs. Hess, of this county. John H. De Priest grew up in Shannon County, received a fair education in the schools of the same, and in the spring of 1862 joined the Fourth Missouri Confederate Infantry, Company D. His brother, Abraham, was lieutenant of this company. Our subject participated in the battles of Corinth, Iuka, Port Gibson, and Vicksburg, where he was captured. He was paroled and came home, and later went with his father to Illinois, where he followed farming until 1867, when he returned to Shannon County, Mo. Here he commenced farming near Birch Tree where he bought land, but sold his farm in 1884 and bought another place near the town. He has 193 acres, the principal part under cultivation, and although he started with limited means, by industry and good management has become one of the substantial men of this section. In the year 1866 Miss Lydia Gregory, of Jefferson County, Ill., became his wife. Seven children have been born to this union, two sons and five daughters. Mr. De Priest is both a Mason and an Odd Fellow. He was assessor in 1872, 1874 and 1884, is a Democrat in politics, and is now candidate for sheriff of Shannon County, a position he is in every way qualified to fill.

LEVI L. MUNSELL. Among Shannon County's younger business men are many whose interests in this section of the Ozark Region are going to make it a few years hence what it is today as compared with a generation ago. Many of these have already made their mark, but few have attained the distinction that Levi L. Munsell can justly claim and is proud of. He is a live and enterprising citizen, and is considered to be one of the best, if not the best, posted real estate dealers in the county. Mr. Munsell was born at Centerville, Gallia County, Ohio, in 1850, to the union of Rev. Levi W. and Mary T. (Dean) Munsell. Rev. Levi W. Munsell was born in Mason County, W. Va., November 13, 1817, and was a son of Levi and Lucretia (Oliver) Munsell, natives, respectively, of Connecticut and Massachusetts, the former was born in 1764 and the latter in 1772. Levi Munsell went to Ohio in 1785 among the early settlers of the then Northwestern Territory, and settled at Marietta, where he was married in 1789 to Miss Oliver, a daughter of Alexander Oliver, a native of Massachusetts, but who was one of the original settlers of Marietta, on April 7, 1788, when the first settlement was made in what is now the State of Ohio. He died about 1828, and was a colonel in the Revolutionary War. Mr. Levi Munsell and Miss Oliver were the fourth white couple married in the Northwestern Territory. About the year 1792 they moved to Cincinnati, where Mr. Munsell engaged in merchandising, and later moved to various places in the State, from which they subsequently moved to Mason County, W. Va., where the father of our subject was born, returning to Ohio in 1818, and settling in Miami County, where Mr. Munsell died February 15, 1849. He was a Revolutionary soldier, serving three years under George Washington, and fought bravely for independence. He also served under Gen. St. Clair as a lieutenant in the expedition against the Indians in the Northwestern Territory, and while upon this expedition saw the land which he moved upon in 1818, and from which he cleared his farm in Miami County. His wife died in Ross County, Ohio, January 4, 1853. Both were Methodists. Henry Munsell, Levi's father, was born in Connecticut and there spent his entire life upon a farm. He was of French descent. Rev. Levi W. Munsell was married in Athens County,

Ohio, in 1843, to Miss Dean. At the time of his marriage he was a traveling Methodist minister, and in the fall of 1843 was sent to West Virginia by the conference, returning to Ohio in 1844 traveled over the various circuits of southern Ohio until 1858, when he removed to Illinois, but in 1866 again returned to the Buckeye State. In 1872 he came to Shannon County, Mo., where he now lives, and is a man honored and respected by all. He was elected probate judge of Shannon County, the first one under the present Constitution, and his eldest brother, Leander Munsell, was the first native Ohioan who became a member of the Ohio General Assembly. Mr. Munsell's wife was born in Athens County, Ohio, in 1820, and is still living. She was a daughter of Oliver Dean (a native of Massachusetts) and Mary (Cutler) Dean, who was a daughter of Judge Ephraim Cutler, who was one of the pioneers of Ohio and a member of the Territorial Legislature, and one of the delegates from Washington County to the convention which drafted the first constitution for the State of Ohio under which the Territory was admitted as a State to the Union. And it was he who presented and succeeded in having adopted the article granting to the State the free-school system. In politics Mr. Munsell was a Whig in early life, but since the formation of the Republican party he has been an active Republican. To his marriage were born eight children, five of whom are living. The eldest of these children and the only living son, our subject, spent his school days in the common schools of Illinois and Ohio. He attended the Amesville Academy in Athens County, Ohio, two years, and also two years at the Ohio University at Athens. He went through the sophomore year, and then commenced work with the county surveyor of Morgan County, Ohio, to acquire the practical knowledge of surveying and engineering. Later he came to Missouri with his father, and here did a great deal of surveying in Shannon and neighboring counties, also some work on the Current River Railroad. In 1888 he turned his attention more especially to the real estate and abstract business. He read law and was admitted to the bar in 1877, practicing as a lawyer but little, however, although an excellent counselor; he preferred the more active pursuits of surveying and the real estate business. But at one term of the circuit court, in the absence of the judge, was elected by the bar to hold the term. He has held the office of county surveyor and also probate clerk, as well as other official positions. He at one time was a partner of Judge James Orchard (now of West Plains) in the law and real estate business, afterward was a partner of S. H. Ware, the present circuit clerk, but since 1892 he has been alone. He has the only complete set of abstract records in the county, and now lives at Birch Tree, where he has a flourishing real estate business, and has done and is doing more to the upbuilding of and development of the resources of Shannon County than perhaps any other man in it in inducing immigration and in settling up the wild lands of the county. Mr. Munsell was married in 1878 to Miss Maggie A. Isaminger, of this county, who was a daughter of Col. James Isaminger. They have had eight children, three boys and four girls now living and one son, the eldest, died in 1887. Mr. Munsell is an Odd Fellow, and in politics is an active and ardent Republican.

JOHN GOLDSBERRY. The parents of this much esteemed citizen, William H. and Elizabeth (Fouts) Goldsberry, were natives of the Old North State, born in either Davidson or Randolph Counties. In 1836 or 1837 they left their native State and came to Missouri, locating on Gasconade River, in Pulaski County, where they made their home until 1846. From there they moved to Polk County and after living there a short time moved to Hutton Valley, Oregon County, before Howell had become a county. From Hutton Valley they moved to the place where Mountain View now stands, and there the

mother died in 1870, when about sixty-three years of age. The father afterward lived with his children until his death in July, 1893, when eighty-one years of age. He was a minister in the United Baptist Church from the time he was a young man. He had a severe attack of the gold fever in 1849, which a trip to the Pacific coast alone would allay, and he crossed the plains with ox teams. At the end of six months, on account of sickness, he returned home by the Isthmus, New Orleans and Mississippi River. He helped to organize a great many of the pioneer churches and became one of the best known and best respected citizens in the section. Goldsberry Township, in Howell County, was named in honor of him. In politics he was a stanch advocate of the Democratic party. His family were old North Carolina people and his wife's were of German origin. Of the seven children born to this worthy couple only one besides our subject is now living, a sister, the widow of Daniel Weaver, who resides near Mt. View, Howell County. John Goldsberry was born on Gasconade River, Pulaski County, Mo., February 25, 1839, and received his schooling in this, Polk and Howell Counties. Until the year 1860 he remained under the parental roof and then turned his attention to farming in Howell County. In February, 1862, he joined the Confederate Army, Howard's Company, McFarland's Infantry, but did not remain in that command long. He was taken sick and was left in Arkansas, but soon after joined Coleman's cavalry and was with the same until August 1862. During that time he was in a battle on South Fork, of White River, and was never wounded, although he had many narrow escapes. When the war closed he resumed farming in Howell County, but three years later he removed near to Birch Tree, and after another three years had passed he moved to Texas County. After a residence there of one year he moved back to the old home place, farmed there and put up the first store in Mt. View, named the town and sold goods there for about five years. In 1878–79 he ran a saw mill seven miles south of Mt. View in Howell County. Later he engaged in the saw mill business in the south part of Shannon County, on Hurricane Creek, and carried this on for five years. From there he went to Winona, sold goods for two years, and then came to his present farm of 195 acres on Current River. This is one of the finest tracts in the section. Mr. Goldsberry owns a small farm six miles south of Winona, 160 acres of improved land in the northeast part near Mt. View in Howell County and other property. He started without means and by hard work and good management has become one of the substantial men of his section. In 1861 he married Miss Susan Roark, who died in 1872. In 1873 Mr. Goldsberry married Miss Dorcas Weaver, daughter of Peter Weaver, an old settler of Birch Valley. Mrs. Goldsberry was born in Laurel County, Ky., in 1845, and is now a conscientious member of the Missionary Baptist Church. Mr. Goldsberry is a member of the Odd Fellow Lodge at Eminence, and in politics is a Democrat. He has the finest lot of bees in the county and sells many hives. He has hunted a great deal in this county and has killed deer, bears and all kinds of game. He often hunted from Willow Springs to Van Buren, of Current River, and only last winter he killed a wild cat, four wolves and other kinds of game. Mr. Goldsberry is a prominent man in his section and has attended county, district and State conventions.

HON. WILLIAM ALEX. RAMSEY. This able associate justiceof the Shannon County Court, from the Western District, is a native of Stanley County, N. C., born in 1845, and a son of Sanders Taylor and Leah (Light) Ramsey, who were also born in the Old North State, where they lived until 1846, when they removed to Tennessee, and four years later to Alabama, and two years from that time to Iron County, Mo., where Mr. Ramsey died in January, 1894, aged about seventy-five years, and his wife in 1866, both having been members

of the Southern Methodist Church. Mr. Ramsey was a farmer, a mechanic, and was an exceptionally skillful wheelwright and chairmaker. He led a very active life, made a good living for his family, was honest and upright, and although an uneducated man, was naturally intelligent. His second wife was Martha Howell, who still survives him. The paternal grandfather, Nathaniel Ramsey, is supposed to have been a North Carolinian, but nothing is positively known of him. Christopher Light, the maternal grandfather, came to Iron County, Mo., about 1852, and finally settled in Dent County, where he died about 1879, a farmer and blacksmith by occupation. His wife died in Iron County in 1879. William Alex. Ramsey was the fifth of eight children born to his parents: John Franklin was a soldier for two years under Price, and died in Iron County when about twenty-nine years old; Elizabeth is the wife of F. M. Shrum, of Reynolds County, Mo.; Sarah Ann died when small; Lavina is the deceased wife of Jerome Warren; William Alex.; Eliza Jane is the deceased wife of Wesley Faulkner; Margaret died when young, and Cornelius is a farmer of Lawrence County, Ark. The subject of this sketch received a somewhat meager common-school education. From the summer of 1864 until the war closed he served in Johnson's regiment of Price's army, and was in the raid from Arkansas into southeast Missouri. He surrendered at Pilot Knob, in the spring of 1865, and returned to his home and the peaceful pursuits of agriculture. He was married when twenty-two years old, in Reynolds County, Mo., to Mary Siloam, daughter of Louis and Mirah Munger, the former of whom was a soldier of the Confederacy. His widow survives him and is a resident of St. Francois County. In Iron County, Mo., Mrs. Ramsey was born and reared and like her husband was educated in the district schools. Their union has resulted in the birth of two children: Lurena Belle, wife of John Bradley, and Preston Taylor, who was educated principally at Farmington, Mo., and is a successful minister of the Southern Methodist Church. Mr. Ramsey lived in Iron County until about 1879, then spent four years in St. Francois County, and in 1883 came to Shannon County, and to his present farm, on which small improvement had been made at that time. His estate comprises 160 acres and he has about seventy acres cleared and under cultivation, and a fine young bearing orchard. He also owns eighty acres in Iron County, Mo. In addition to his farm work he follows house carpentering, cabinet work, etc., and is in good circumstances. In 1892 he was elected associate justice of Shannon County Court and has since filled the office with marked ability and to the general satisfaction of all concerned. His first presidential vote was cast for Seymour, in 1868, and he has always been a Democrat politically and is an active worker for his party. He is a member of Thomasville Lodge No. 387, of the A. F. & A. M., of Woodside, and he and his wife are worthy members of the Southern Methodist Church.

WILLIAM F. WEBSTER. The social, political and business history of this section is filled with the deeds and doings of self-made men, and no man in Stone County, Mo., is more deserving the appellation than Mr. W. F. Webster, for he marked out his own career in youth and has steadily followed it up to the present, his prosperity being attributable to his earnest and persistent endeavor, and to the fact that he has already consistently tried to follow the teachings of the "Golden Rule." He is a native Missourian, born in Ralls County, June 18, 1828, and the eldest but one of four children born to the marriage of Elizure D. and Jane (Fourman) Webster. The grandfather, Daniel Webster, who was related to the famous Daniel Webster, was a native of the Old Bay State, and he was with Jackson at the battle of New Orleans. He and wife died in Massachusetts, within twelve miles of Boston, where the family was a noted one. The father of our subject was born in Massachusetts

in 1799, and when eighteen years of age, or in 1817, he turned his face westward and settled in Ralls County, Mo., where he soon became the owner of a farm. He learned the blacksmith's trade, was handy with tools, and could work at the millwright's trade as well as at all kinds of wood work. Mr. Webster was married in Ralls County to Miss Jane Fourman, and later settled in Monroe County, Mo., where, in connection with farming, he followed blacksmithing, and ran a water mill on Salt River. There he resided until 1845, when he moved to Texas and settled about two miles from the present site of Whitesborough. There he passed the remainder of his days, dying in 1861. Mrs. Webster, who was of German extraction, died in 1832, and Mr. Webster subsequently married Miss Mary J. Bradley. After her death he married Polly A. Bradley, sister of his second wife. The first union resulted in the birth of two children, our subject, and Marcus, who resides in the Lone Star State. To the third marriage three children were born: Daniel, Delpha J. and Mary A., all living. Our subject, was reared in northeastern Missouri, and received the advantages of a common-school education. When seventeen years of age he went with his father to Texas, but not liking the country he returned as far north as Crawford County, Ark., where he remained a year. Thence he moved to Stone County, Mo., and located in the neighborhood where he now resides. In February, 1849, he married Miss Elizabeth J. Reed, a native of Jackson County, Mo., born in 1833, and the daughter of Matthias and Mahala (Hoof) Reed, both natives of Kentucky. At an early date her parents came to Missouri and settled in Jackson County, where the father died. The mother subsequently moved to Stone County. Previous to his marriage, in 1848, Mr. Webster went on the plains, where he remained one year. Then, after his marriage, he hired out as a train boss over the plains and followed this for some years. He and wife then settled on the James River, within a mile of where Cape Fair is located, and followed farming from 1858 to 1892. At that date he moved to the village of Cape Fair and bought forty acres on the edge of the town, where he has since made his home. Farming has been his life's work, but in connection with it he has followed other enterprises, saw milling, etc., and has been unusually successful, being classed among the wealthy and influential men of his section. He owns about 600 acres of productive land and, as he has been the architect of his own fortune, has much to be proud of. When the war broke out he enlisted in the Home Guards, but in 1862 entered the Seventh Provisional Regiment, Company F, E. M. M. Cavalry, under Capt. Smith, and was located in Missouri. He took part in Price's raid at Big and Little Blue River, and was in it three days, participating in many skirmishes and guerrilla fights. On July 13, 1865, he received his discharge, and returning to his farm found it in a ruinous condition. In 1873-74 he held the office of sheriff and collector of Stone County. Mr. Webster was formerly a Democrat, but he is now with the third party. Socially he is a member of the G. A. R. post of Galena. Being one of the oldest men in the county, at one time he was acquainted with every one in it. To his marriage were born ten children: Millie P., wife of S. A. Wilson, resides in this county and has a family of ten children; Malinda, wife of S. A. Carr, resides near Cape Fair, and has six children; William D., married and has two children; Elizabeth, wife of Charles H. Knight, resides in Stone County and has three children; Larue M., wife of J. G. Russell, resides on the old home and has two children; the remainder are dead: Amanda A., Eliza J., Matthew G., Margaret M. and Vina A. Mr. and Mrs. Webster are members of the Church of Christ, and active workers in the same.

MOSES P. COVENTON. Among the most esteemed and respected citizens of Baxter County, Ark., there is not one who has a larger circle of friends, or

is a more pleasant or agreeable member of society, or a more thoroughgoing, wide-awake agriculturist than the gentleman whose name is mentioned above. He is a native of De Kalb County, Ga., born in 1833, a son of James and Elizabeth (Hill) Coventon, who were born in South Carolina and Georgia, respectively. In 1876 the father died in Cherokee County, Ga., when about seventy years of age, and his wife was called from life when seventy-five years old. James Coventon was a farmer, acquired a competency as a tiller of the soil, and was a man whom to know was to esteem. Moses P. Coventon was one of seven children, and was educated in the public schools of Georgia and Alabama. He remained with and assisted his father until he attained his twenty-second year, then was married to Miss Mary Jane Dilbeck, a native of De Kalb County, Ala. To their union the following children were born: James N., a farmer of this county; Sarah, wife of J. H. Angelin, a farmer near Cassville; Emily, wife of L. N. McGee, a resident of the Choctaw Nation; Adaline, wife of Bud McGee, also of the Choctaw Nation, and Martha, wife of J. W. Reed, a farmer of Marion County. After his marriage Mr. Coventon resided for some time in De Kalb County, Ala., then moved to Cherokee County of the same State, but during the Civil War resided with his father in Georgia. In the spring of 1862 he enlisted in the Forty-eighth Alabama Infantry, Company B, in which he served until the battle of Gettysburg was fought, when he was severely wounded in the left hip, and although the wound was supposed to be mortal he recovered. He was in the engagement at Seven Pines, the seven days' fight around Richmond, Cedar Mountain, and through Maryland to Gettysburg. He was a brave soldier, faithful to the Southern cause, to which he gave valuable aid. After the war he emigrated to Marion County, Ark., and after residing there on a farm for fifteen years he came to Cassville, and afterward traded farms with Maj. H. H. Hilton. He now has 279 acres of land, just half way between Cassville and Mountain Home, besides 160 acres of land in another tract. His home place at first contained 280 acres, but one acre was given to the Hopewell Baptist Church before he came in possession of this land. Although an ardent Democrat in politics he has never had official aspirations, but much prefers to devote his attention to his agricultural interests. He and his wife are members of the Missionary Baptist Church, and are deservedly classed among the substantial citizens of their section.

B. C. Burgess. There are few men in business circles who show as much fitness for their avocation in that they are wide-awake, experienced, reliable and energetic as B. C. Burgess, the prominent miller at the old Watkin Mill, the most historic mill in Missouri. He was born and reared in North Carolina, his birth occurring June 8, 1833, and he is the son of Emsley and Nancy (Cavness) Burgess, both natives of the Old North State. There the father resides at the present time, but the mother is deceased. Some of the early members of this family served in the War of 1812. Until thirty years of age our subject remained in his native State, and then moved to Indiana and made his home in Indianapolis. In 1870 he came to Springfield, Mo., and embarked in the carpentering trade, following the same up to 1891, when he bought the mill he now owns. He was a resident of Springfield for twenty-eight years and became well known in Greene County. He showed considerable taste for mechanics when young and followed that in connection with other occupations until he engaged in milling. He had a water mill, the same having been put in in 1840, but in 1893 Mr. Burgess put in other power. The capacity of this mill is twenty barrels per day and the brands are straight. The country around is supplied with flour from this mill, and an excellent grade of flour is turned out. Mr. Burgess has two sets of double rollers of the latest make

and by his honorable, upright career has developed a large and desirable trade. In politics he advocates the principles of the Republican party, and socially he is a Mason, a member of Hanks Lodge No. 128, N. C. He is a member of the Methodist and Mrs. Burgess is a member of the Christian Church. He was married in his native State to Miss M. C. Macon, of North Carolina, and three children have blessed this union: Thomas W., David F. and Lucretia E. The latter is now deceased. She was the wife of Robert Garrett, of Highlandville. Mr. Burgess is the owner of a small farm of eight acres and he has a reservoir of about two acres. The water that operates his mill comes from springs and there has been a canal cut that brings the water a mile. He is succeeding well in his business and his integrity and reliability rank high. He has a bur for grinding corn, also a carding machine, and is prepared to do all kinds of work in his trade.

HARRISON HASKIN, Ozark, Mo. Whatever may be said by demagogues about the tyranny of capital, the man who affords employment to his fellow men and maintains industries which turn out articles of utility does more real good for his generation than all the combined agitators of the country. Under existing civilization the only possible solution to the problem of the prevention of want and suffering is found in the great manufacturing plants, which have the capital necessary to pay wages to the many before pay is received for the goods. A glance at the thriving city of Ozark, Mo., shows numbers of large factories whose busy wheels sing merrily of fair wages, comfortable homes, intelligence, contentment and peace, the result of capital's effort to add to itself. One name stands out prominently in this connection, Harrison Haskin, who is engaged in the manufacture of harness and saddles. He has been a resident of this city since 1888 and is now one of the foremost business men of the place. He was born near Kingston, Canada, May 13, 1862, and is a son of Squire Haskin, who was formerly a farmer, but is now residing in Wichita, Kan. Our subject was educated in Harrison County, Iowa, where he lived from his fourth to his fifteenth year, and then went to Kansas, where he learned his trade. He served a three year's apprenticeship at Wilmington, Sumner County, Kan., and about the year 1886 he opened up a business of his own at South Haven, that county. In 1888 he came to Ozark and established his business. He manufactures all grades of harness and saddles and supplies a large scope of country. He has a large line of fine goods and thoroughly understands his trade. Mr. Haskin is a member of the I. O. O. F. lodge, Ozark, No. 206, and in politics is a Democrat. He was married in the Sunflower State to Miss Flora Hart, daughter of Thomas Hart, who is now residing in Memphis, Tenn. Three children have blessed this union: Leona, Margueretta and Helen. Mr. Haskin and wife are worthy members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and are public-spirited and enterprising citizens. Mr. Haskin was the fourth in order of birth of eight children, secured a fair education in his youth, and the fine start he has made is the result of his own efforts.

D. R. RIGGS. This prominent and law-abiding citizen has been a resident of Douglas County, Mo., for many years, and his career here has been an exceptionally honorable and useful one. He was born in Maury County, Tenn., May 20, 1832, a son of Alvis and Petronila (Ray) Riggs, natives of the Old North State, where the grandparents were also born. Samuel Riggs, the paternal grandfather, was a soldier of the Revolution, and died in the State of his birth. The maternal grandfather, David Ray, was a merchant by occupation, and was an honorable, upright man. Alvis Riggs became a resident of Tennessee in an early day, and after following the useful and honest life of the farmer in Maury County, died there in 1849. His widow came to Missouri with her son, D. R. Riggs, later returned to Tennessee, but during the progress

of the war she was brought back to Missouri by her son, and quietly breathed her last in Springfield in 1890. Her union with Mr. Riggs resulted in the birth of nine children: Griffin, who died in Illinois in 1855; William S., who is living in Springfield, Mo.; David R., in Douglas County; Margaret J., who lives in Springfield, has been married three times, and is now the wife of Mr. Shaw; John C. is a farmer four miles northwest of Ava; Robert was killed while serving in the Confederate Army; James is a farmer of Polk County, Mo.; Peter died in Springfield in 1885; and Mary E., wife of A. McCracken, died in Stone County in 1884. The mother of these children was a worthy member of the Christian Church. David R. Riggs was a single man when he came to this State, and in Springfield he was married to Miss Lucinda McQuerter, a daughter of J. S. McQuerter. She was born in Coles County, Mo., and after her marriage with Mr. Riggs they engaged in the hotel business in Springfield, which they conducted during the war. After that time they moved to Taney County, where Mr. Riggs sold goods, farmed and raised stock, and was also in the milling business at Forsyth from 1867 to 1887, when he removed to a farm four miles from Ava, and since 1893 has resided in the town. He has built him a handsome home, and is now dealing extensively in stock, which he has found to be a very profitable business. He is one of the "old timers" of this part of the State, is a very shrewd and successful business man, and is widely and favorably known. He has always been a Democrat in politics, is prominent in all public affairs, and he and his wife are worthy members of the Methodist Church. His hotel in Springfield was destroyed by fire in 1866, but he is nevertheless wealthy, and besides his pleasant home in Ava, owns the farm four miles from town, and also a farm in Christian County. He and his wife have four children: Petronelia and Louisa, twins, Alvas J., who is a cattle buyer of Springfield; and David R., who is living on a farm in Christian County. The eldest daughter is the wife of W. A. Wilson, of Forsyth, while the second is the wife of T. W. Davis, of this county.

JOSEPH M. HENLEY is one of the most prominent, enterprising and progressive tillers of the soil in Buckhorn Township, and his residence on Gobler Flat. He was born in Franklin County, Ga., in 1847, but his father, John S. Henley, was born in Washington County, Tenn. He was a minister of the Methodist Church and preached the gospel in his native State, Virginia, West Virginia, Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina until his death in 1865, at about the age of seventy years. He supported the principles of the Democrat party throughout life, and at two different times represented Rabun County, Ga., in the State Legislature. During the Civil War he was a Union man. He was well educated, mainly by his own efforts, and by trade was a cabinet maker. He sold goods in North Carolina and Georgia, and was shrewd and successful in the conduct of his affairs, but was always generous in the use of his means, and being sympathetic, kind-hearted and charitable, no one ever left his house hungry nor in sore want. He was married three times: first to Mary Syller, then to Mary E. Patton, and afterward to Minerva McIntire, the last mentioned being the mother of the subject of this sketch. Mr. Henly now says he received his education in the Confederate Army, for he entered the service when he was but fifteen years old, becoming a member of the Fourteenth Georgia Infantry. On account of disability he was discharged from active service, and was then on detail at Athens, Ga., from December, 1864, until the surrender. He was at Atlanta during the siege of that place, and was a participant in a number of other important engagements. After the death of his father the family moved to Pontotoc County, Miss., after which Joseph M. cared for his mother and the other members of the family until her

death. In 1868 he came to Arkansas and located in what is now Baxter County, near Mountain Home, but at that time there was no such town. About eight years ago he located in the woods on Gobler Flats, where he purchased a 140-acre tract of land, which was then totally unimproved, but by the exercise of brain and brawn and the assistance of his family he has been successful, and is now in good circumstances financially. He was married August 25, 1869, to Mrs. Elizabeth Hawkins, a daughter of John K. Young. She was born in Tennessee in 1844, and has borne Mr. Henley four sons and one daughter: David H., Thomas, Joseph W., Mary M. and Robert Nelson. Mr. and Mrs. Henley are members of the Christian Church, and are highly esteemed and substantial citizens of Buckhorn Township.

JEREMIAH B. SIMPSON, M. D. There is no man more highly esteemed in a community than the medical practitioner, and there is not among all the physicians of Baxter County, Ark., one who is held higher in public favor than Dr. Jeremiah B. Simpson. This gentleman was born in Wayne County, Ill., in 1851, to John W. and Sallie (Murphy) Simpson, the former of whom was also born there. The paternal grandfather, William Simpson, was a Tennesseean, and a pioneer of Wayne County, Ill., where he lived and died. John W. Simpson was a worthy tiller of the soil, and while pursuing this honorable calling was cut down by the hand of death in 1880, when about forty-five years of age. His widow still survives him. Dr. Jeremiah B. Simpson was the second of eight children born to his parents, and his youthful days were spent in attending the public schools of Wayne County, and assisting his father in the duties of the farm. At the age of eighteen or nineteen he began tilling the soil on his own responsibility, but after a time commenced reading medicine under Dr. S. W. Vertreese at Fairfield, and later graduated from the Medical Department of the University of Louisville, having himself earned the money to take him through this institution. In 1873 he commenced the practice of his profession in Ozark County, Mo., at St. Ledger, but three years later came to Mountain Home, where he has since resided, and where he has built up a practice which is a credit to him and a just tribute to his ability and knowledge of his most important profession. He was for some time associated in practice with A. J. Brewer, then with R. C. Wallace, and also with a brother for three years, the latter, Joseph H. Simpson, becoming his partner after he had read medicine with him for some time. He has had a large and increasing general practice since locating at Mountain Home, and is regarded as one of the most successful and reliable of physicians. He is a member of the board of trustees of the College at Mountain Home, was one of the prime movers in the organization of the same, and as a citizen is public spirited and helpful toward all public interests, for no man has the prosperity and well being of the great mass of his fellow-citizens more nearly at heart than he. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., in which he has attained to the encampment (has attained high rank in the A. F. & A. M.), and is also a member of the K. of H., which he has represented in the Grand Lodge of Arkansas. He is president of the Baxter County Medical Society, and is vice-president of the District Medical Society, composed of Baxter and Marion Counties. In 1882 he was united in marriage with Miss Lugilla Hicks of this county, a daughter of Maj. T. I. Hicks, by whom he has two sons and two daughters. The Doctor and his wife are members of the Baptist Church and move in the most select social circles of their section.

SIMEON P. MAPLES. In no part of Missouri is agriculture in a more flourishing condition than in Christian County, and here Mr. Maples is considered one of the leading tillers of the soil. Like two-thirds of the representative citizens of the county he is a native of Tennessee, his birth occurring in Brad-

ley County October 2, 1842, but he is now a law-abiding and public-spirited man of his adopted county. He is a son of Simeon P. and Elizabeth (Webb) Maples, the grandson of Josiah Maples and the great-grandson of Josiah Maples, Sr., who was born in France. At an early date the latter crossed the strait to England with two brothers, and subsequently came to the United States. This was prior to the Revolution, and he served under Gen. Washington during that war. He married and reared a family in Virginia, but later removed to Tennessee, where he tilled the soil in McMinn County until his death. Josiah Maples, Jr., was born in the Old Dominion, and when but a boy he moved with his parents to McMinn County, Tenn., where he married. In 1854 he came to Christian County, Mo., and followed farming until his death the following year. He was the father of nine children. Our subject's maternal grandfather, Thomas Webb, was a blacksmith by trade, but in connection also carried on farming. He married Miss Susan Shull, and both died in Tennessee. The parents of our subject were born in Sevier County, Tenn., the father June 21, 1817, and the mother in 1820. They were married in McMinn County, later removed to Bradley County, and then returned to McMinn County where they remained until 1855, when they came by wagon to Christian County, Mo., being seven weeks on the road. They located in what is now Lincoln Township and began immediately to improve and make a home. There they reside at the present time. Mr. Maples has been a lifelong farmer, following in the footsteps of his ancestors, and is a substantial and worthy citizen. He and wife have been members of the Missionary Baptist Church for many years. They became the parents of thirteen children, as follows: Pleasant, of Stone County, was in the Eighth Missouri Cavalry, Missouri State Militia, and was all through the war (he was captured at Ozark and paroled two days later); Ephraim was a soldier in the Eighty-first Illinois Infantry, and died at Memphis in 1863; Simeon P., subject; Timothy, of this county, was in the Eighth Missouri State Militia from 1863 to close of the war; Mary, deceased, was the wife of Noah Maples; Martha, wife of William Maples, of this county; Arnold died in this county during the war; Susannah died during the war; Marissa died in this county; Rebecca is the wife of Bird Thomas, of this county; Lucinda, wife of William Henry, of this county; and Joseph, of Stone County. As our subject grew to mature years he became familiar with farming in all its details, but unfortunately obtained but limited schooling. In June, 1861, he joined the Home Guards for three months, and on the 17th of August of the same year he enlisted in Company D, Twenty-fourth Missouri Infantry, for three years. He operated principally in Missouri, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Arkansas. He was in a number of prominent engagements and numerous skirmishes, but was never captured nor wounded. On the 14th of October, 1864, he was discharged and then went to Union County, Ill., where he resided six years. In December, 1864, he married Miss Mary, daughter of Noah and Sarah (Greenway) Maples, and a native of McMinn County Tenn. Her parents were natives of Sevier and Bradley Counties, Tenn., and her father was a brother of her husband's father. The father died in Union County, Ill., in June, 1867, and his widow died in this county in November, 1883. Both were members of the Christian Church. Mr. Maples was a corporal in the Eighty-first Illinois Infantry for about eighteen months and left a hand at Vicksburg. Six living children have been born to our subject and wife: Simeon David, Eve Harriet, William Houston, Charles Campbell, Robert Hershal and Lloyd Harmon. In 1870 Mr. Maples located in Stone County and five years later came to his present farm near Boaz Postoffice, twelve miles west of Ozark. There he has 120 acres with about seventy acres under cultivation. He and

wife have been members of the Missionary Baptist Church for fifteen years, and in his political views Mr. Maples is a Republican, as are all his people.

BENJAMIN F. EVANS. The life of Mr. Evans has been marked by deep conviction of duty, which has led him to conscientiously regard all trusts reposed in him. Possessed of praiseworthy ambition to succeed he has applied himself with great diligence to business, seizing all opportunities for informing himself thoroughly as to minor details. This explains his ready grasp of the whole field of operations and the signal success that has attended his business career. Such a man is capable of filling any position, for the people know that he will act for them as he would for himself. Mr. Evans is now the capable mayor of Winona, Mo., and was elected to that position by the Democratic party, of which he is a strong advocate. He was born in Union City, West Tenn., in 1845, and is a son of Benjamin and Mary (Scott) Evans, natives, respectively, of Virginia and Kentucky. The parents were married in Tennessee and passed their entire lives there, the father engaged in farming. He enlisted in the War of 1812, but too late to take part. At the time of his death, which occurred in 1885, he was three months over ninety years of age. He was treasurer of Obion County Tenn., at the commencement of the war and in politics was a Democrat. He was also a prominent member of the Missionary Baptist Church. Mr. Evans has been three times married, as had also his wife, and they reared a good-sized family. Benjamin F. Evans spent his school days at Union City, and on May 15, 1861, he enlisted in the Fourth Tennessee Infantry, twelve months' service at that time. Later he was with the Twelfth Kentucky Cavalry, Confederate Army, and was with the same until April 21, 1865. He was severely wounded at Union City, Tenn. Mr. Evans fought bravely for the "lost cause" and participated in the following engagements: Belmont, Island No. 10, New Madrid, Shiloh, Harrisburg, Paducah, Ky., Fort Pillow, and while with Forrest's army was in many skirmishes. The last time he was captured by the Federals he was taken to Alton, Ill., and remained there until exchanged two months later at Vicksburg, Miss. He subsequently held the position of recruiting officer in West Tennessee and was thus engaged at the close of the war. Soon after cessation of hostilities and after recovering from his severe service Mr. Evans began working at the carpenters' trade at Union City, Tenn., and continued this for six years. After this he bought, sold and shipped staves to New Orleans, and continued this until 1876, when he came to Missouri and located at Golden City. There he made his home until about 1888, was city marshal there for three years and the balance of the time was following his trade. Coming to Winona he engaged in his trade and built many of the best residences of the city. Two years later he was elected mayor and justice of the peace and has discharged the duties of these offices in an able and satisfactory manner. He also engaged in the real estate and insurance business. In the year 1869 he was married to Miss Sallie E. Ward, daughter of Rev. John W. Ward, of Obion County, Tenn., and they have four children, three daughters and a son. Mr. Evans is a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and he and wife are highly esteemed in the county. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity.

EVAN D. ROBERTS, a prominent citizen of Jobe Township, Oregon County, Mo., was born in Hamilton County, east Tenn., June 19, 1847, and was third in order of birth of an old-fashioned family of twelve children born to Joseps M. and Mary (Davis) Roberts, natives, respectively, of east Tennessee and North Carolina. The parents made their home in east Tennessee until 1870, and then came to Missouri and located in Texas County, near Houston, where they reside at the present time. For the most part he has been engaged in the

blacksmith's trade, and many years ago he was postmaster at Zion Hill in east Tennessee. Both parents are members of the Missionary Baptist Church. On his father's farm in east Tennessee our subject grew to mature years and learned the blacksmith's trade. He also received his scholastic training there and after growing up started out for himself as a farmer. He came to Missouri with his parents in 1870, and made his home in Texas County for about nine years near Houston. From there he came to Oregon County and located on Frederick Creek, three miles above the mouth, where he bought a farm, part of which he still owns. Where he now lives he owns 145 acres, some of which is under cultivation, and he built the mill near the Blue Springs. This is the best water-power mill in the county. He established the office at Bill More and was appointed postmaster. In the year 1880 Mr. Roberts was married to Miss Martha Jane Thomason, a native of Alabama, and the daughter of W. J. Thomason. Two children were the fruits of this union: Mary Nancy and Margie. Mr. Roberts has made his way in life, and is a credit to himself and to the community. In politics he is a Democrat. Mrs. Roberts is a member of the Methodist Church.

Hon. George Washington Shedd. He whose name heads this sketch has been successful in the various occupations to which his attention has been directed throughout life, and at the present time he is not only successfully engaged in tilling the soil and raising stock, but he also practices law, in which profession he has attained prominence. He was born in the county in which he now lives April 17, 1847, a son of William C. and Mary A. (Sinclair) Shedd, who were born in Reading, Vt., in 1800 and Washington County, Mo., respectively. The father spent the early part of his life in a store in his native town, but until he was seventeen years of age he was an attendant of the best schools of his native State. He left home at the age of sixteen years, and soon after finishing his education he spent a few years in New York, then came to Missouri and was married in Washington County. He soon after located in Shannon County, and began selling goods at Blue Springs, but a few years later opened a store at the mouth of Jack's Fork, later four miles below Blue Springs and then in Spring Valley. He also improved a good farm at this place, but when the war came up, he dropped all former occupations in 1862, went to Rolla and was in the provost marshal's office a short time. He died in Phelps County in 1863, and his death was much regretted, for he was a useful public-spirited citizen and an accommodating and cordial friend and neighbor. He was quite an active politician and was circuit clerk of Shannon County for many years, and no better man could have been found for the position, for he was talented, well educated, and at all times faithful to his duties. He was a stanch Union man during the war. He had one brother and two sisters: Norman Fisk, who is a railroad man of Massachusetts; Mary Ann and Francis Marion (deceased). The maternal grandfather of the subject of this sketch, Samuel Sinclair, was one of the pioneers of Washington County, Mo., but he eventually died in Shannon County in 1861, where he had lived a good many years. He spent a number of years among the Indians in the early days of Missouri, and was one of the most noted bear hunters in the country, his death resulting from exposure while out hunting. He was of English descent and a farmer by occupation. His wife died before the war, after she had borne him a large family. The mother of the subject of this sketch died June 10, 1894, in Shannon County, a worthy member of the Missionary Baptist Church, and the mother of six sons and one daughter: Alfred F., who was a soldier in Company L, Third Missouri Cavalry Volunteers, U. S. A., and served from August, 1862, until the war closed, died in Phelps County in 1879, a farmer; George Washington; Francis Marion, of this county;

William Parker, who died in Phelps County in 1862; Sylvester, who died about 1859; and Mary Ann, wife of Alfred Deatherage. George W. Shedd was reared in the wilds of Shannon County, and the most of his education was obtained from his father. In 1862 he went to Phelps County, where he made his home for eleven years and labored in the iron works there, although he at various times followed other occupations. On the 4th of March, 1874, he led to the altar Miss Lovina, daughter of James Allison, who was a Virginian by birth, but who at an early day came to Missouri, and resided in various counties, where his attention was given to tilling the soil. He died in Phelps County about February 12, 1888, his wife also passing from life there May 3, 1874. Mrs. Shedd was born in Texas County, Mo., May 3, 1854, and was there reared and educated. Her union with Mr. Shedd has resulted in the birth of the following children: Anna Frances; William A., Mary (deceased) and James A., Effie, Etta, Paralee, Charley, Sylvester and Sadie. Immediately after his marriage Mr. Shedd returned to Shannon County and has since lived on the old homestead in Spring Valley, where he has a fine and well-improved farm of 256 acres. He is a strictly self made man and has been a great reader all his life and is therefore an exceptionally well-informed man. He always had a liking for law and read many of the best authors on this subject and in 1882 was licensed to practice in the Circuit Court by Judge J. R. Woodside and has since built up a large practice. He is true to his clients' interests and handles his cases in a skillful and able manner. He has been a Republican all his life, but voted for Tilden in 1876, and the same year was elected associate justice of the Shannon County Court from the Western District, and ably filled the office for one term of two years. He is a member of Summerville Lodge No. 555 of the A. F. & A. M., and as a citizen is active, public spirited and substantial. He commands the respect of all and has numerous friends.

Hon. Simeon W. Bunch. The fortunate possessor of 205 acres of as good land as there is in the beautiful township of Sparta, our subject is one of the progressive farmers and representative citizens of Christian County, Mo., where he has long made his home. He came originally from Simpson County, Ky., born in 1832, and his parents, William and Malinda (Roark) Bunch, were probably natives of Tennessee, where they were reared and married. About 1831 the parents moved to Simpson County, Ky., and there the father died about 1833, when in the prime of life. He was a farmer by occupation and a soldier during the Black Hawk War. He was a son of Calloway and Nancy Bunch, who died in Warren County, Ky., when our subject was but a boy. The latter belonged to the old Virginia family of Bunches. After the death of her husband the mother of our subject married Joseph Cook, of Kentucky, and in 1837 removed with him to Taney County, Mo., where Mr. Cook died a few years later. Afterward Mrs. Cook made her home with her children and died at the home of her son in Miller County, Mo., about 1883. She was a Free-Will Baptist in her religious views. When she and her husband first settled in Taney County their nearest neighbor was ten miles away and the country was a wilderness inhabited by Indians and wild animals. Our subject is the youngest of three sons and two daughters: William died during the war and left a family; Nancy was the wife of J. B. Cook and died many years ago, leaving a family (Mr. Cook was murdered for his money during the war); James was a farmer and was in the East Missouri Militia during the war (he died in Miller County, Mo., about 1887; and Elizabeth died in Kentucky when young. Simeon W. Bunch was reared on a farm in Taney County amid the rude surroundings of pioneer life and had limited educational advantages. He remained with his mother until grown, and, in 1855 was married to Miss Martha

Jackson, a native of Greene County, Mo., who bore him eleven children as follows: John M., a merchant at Little Beaver, Douglas County, Mo.; James died, in Ozark, leaving a family; William Berry married Miss Elizabeth Fitch, who died, leaving four children, two now living; Mary Elizabeth, wife of A. C. A. Sechler; Charles M., clerk at Ozark; Eliza M. married John W. Fitch and died, leaving two sons; Alex. married Miss Laura Adams and died, leaving his widow and an infant; Benjamin F., now of Texas, married Miss Blanche Wood, daughter of J. B. Wood; Martha A. is the wife of Wesley Eledge, of Carroll County, Mo.; Ellen and Elbert, twins, are at home Mr. Bunch lived in Taney County until 1862, when he removed to Polk County, Iowa, but remained there only about a year, when he moved to Illinois. From there he moved to California, Mo., and in 1866 purchased a farm in Jasper County, Mo., where he made his home until 1688, when, owing to the ill health of his family, he returned to his old home in Taney County. There he resided until March 4, 1889, when he came to his present farm. He is engaged in stockraising and graingrowing, also raises considerable fruit, and has one of the best farms in the county. Although born in the South, Mr. Bunch was a stanch Union man during the war, but never took an active part. He was never molested by either army. Since his first presidential vote, which was cast for James Buchanan in 1856, he has affiliated with the Democratic party and he has held many of the county offices. In 1856 he was elected assessor of Taney County and held that position for two years, when Taney County included a part of Christian, Stone and Douglas Counties, and embraced his present farm. In 1858 he was appointed to the same office, holding that position two years, and so ably and well did he discharge the duties of the same, that he was reëlected in 1860, serving until interfered with by the war. In 1870 he was elected to represent Taney County in the Legislature and served on the committee on county and county boundary, etc., and introduced several important measures, although none became laws. Again his services were appreciated and he was reëlected in 1872. In 1874 he was offered the nomination, and was even solicited by Republicans, but refused to accept the nomination. In 1892 he was prevailed upon to accept the nomination for the same office in Christian County, but positively refused. He is a prominent Mason and now holds membership in Friend Lodge No. 352, at Ozark. For many years this worthy citizen has been a deacon in the Missionary Baptist Church, and the entire family hold membership in the same. Mr. Bunch is very familiar with the pioneer days of Taney County, and contended with the hardships and privations incident to that early period. In those days people went to Booneville with ox teams to do their marketing and were five or six weeks in making the trip. The nearest mill was north of Springfield, fifty-four miles away, and when attending church, the men carried their guns to protect themselves from wild animals.

THOMAS L. ROBERTSON. A man's life work is the measure of his success, and he is truly the most successful man who, turning his powers into the channel of an honorable purpose, accomplishes the object of his endeavor. In the study of every man's life we find some mainspring of action, something he lives for. In Thomas L. Robertson it seems to have been an ambition to make the best use of his native and acquired powers, and to develop in himself a true manhood. A native of Stone County, born October 26, 1856, his early life was spent in Ozark, attending the schools of that place. Later he became a clerk in his father's store, and when about twenty years of age went to St. Louis, where he was with a wholesale house for about a year and a half. Returning to Ozark he bought out the interest of Mr. Yoachum and embarked in business with his father. In the year 1874 he entered Drury College and there remained for about a year and a half, thus securing a good, practical

education. The business in which he is now engaged is one of the oldest in Christian County, having been established in 1864, and they carry a fine line of dry goods, boots and shoes, hats and caps, clothing, etc., valued at about $10,000. This business is owned by the heirs of the estate and is under the general management of Thomas L. Robertson, assisted by his brother William L. Both are trustworthy and reliable business men and deserve the success that has attended their efforts. Mr. Robertson is a Mason, a member of Friend Lodge No. 352, and has been master of the same for six years. He is also a member of the A. O. U. W. In politics he is Democratic and takes an active part in all such matters. He was married in Christian County to Miss Annie Lowing, daughter of W. A. Lowing, of Christian County, and a native of this county, born November 28, 1862. Two children, Linnie and Lola, are the fruits of this union. The family attend the Christian Church, of which both Mr. and Mrs. Robertson are members, and he is a member of the G. A. R. post at Ozark, which was named by Mr. Robertson.

James W. Robertson (deceased). There is little need to portray the virtues or defend the memory of this gentleman, for he lives in the affection of his family and friends as a devoted husband, kind neighbor and public-spirited citizen. During the many years he resided in Christian County he was to the people all that is required in good citizenship, public enterprise and sympathetic friendship. In the love of his estimable wife he found his cares lightened, and in the respect of his fellow-citizens received the reward of his faithfulness. Mr. Robertson was born in middle Tennessee May 15, 1830, and was a son of Lindsey Robertson, whose ancestors came from England to this country at an early date. The first member of the family to cross the ocean to America was Thomas Robertson, who located in the Old Dominion. The original of this notice left his native State and came to Greene County, Mo., in 1837, locating near Republic with his parents. There he grew to mature years, and assisted his father in clearing a tract of Government land, for they were among the pioneers. He obtained such educational advantages as those days afforded, and when about twenty-two years of age branched out for himself. He and his brother, T. E. Robertson, went to the mouth of Finley Creek, and bought the old Lochmer Mill, following milling from 1854 until 1861, when the war put a stop to the business. Our subject enlisted in Company F, Fourteenth Missouri Cavalry, and was appointed captain of the same, serving about a year in that capacity. He was then discharged on account of disability, and after returning home he took his family and moved to Iowa, residing in Washington County for about a year, and following farming for the most part. In 1864 he returned to Christian County, and located at Ozark, where he opened up a store and engaged in general merchandising. The business was first conducted under the title of Robertson, Adams & Co., but in a year or so this was changed to Robertson & Yoachum. Business was conducted under this title up to 1878, when Mr. Yoachum retired, and T. L. Robertson, the eldest son of our subject, came into the business, when the name was changed to J. W. Robertson & Son. Again the firm name was changed in 1884, the next elder son, W. L. Robertson, coming into the business, and it has since continued J. W. Robertson & Sons. Our subject was well and favorably known all over the Ozark Region, and had the confidence of a long and steadily increasing line of patrons. He accumulated a good property, and by his upright, honorable career won a host of warm friends. In 1866 he was one of the organizers of the Christian County Bank, and the first president of the same, holding that position at the time of his death. He owned a large tract of land in this county, and was largely engaged and deeply interested in agricultural pursuits. He was also interested in the

lead and zinc mines of the district. He was ever deeply interested in political matters, being a stanch Democrat, and held a number of public offices, among them being county judge. Fraternally he was a Mason, member of Friend Lodge No. 352, and was at one time Grand Master. This esteemed and most worthy citizen passed away on the farm near Ozark in August, 1887. He was married in Greene County, Mo., to Miss Martha J. Payne, a native of that county, born in 1835, and the daughter of Larkin and Rebecca Payne, who came to Greene County at an early day. Mrs. Robertson is now residing in Ozark, and is a lady who is highly esteemed. She and family attend the Christian Church, in which the father was deacon for many years. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Robertson, as follows: T. L.; W. L.; Mary E., who died when two years of age; Sarah A., who was the wife of A. M. Smith, M. D., of Arkansas, died August 27, 1893; Lucy J. is the wife of Len Walker, of Springfield; Anna M. is the wife of Rev. W. F. Turner, of Lexington, Ky.; Rebecca B., who resides with her mother in Ozark; John W., who is also with the mother, and James A., who is a student in Drury College. Honest, industrious and enterprising, Mr. Robertson will long be remembered in the county.

CHARLES R. FULBRIGHT. In tracing back the genealogy of the Fulbright family we find that it sprang from good old German stock. William Fulbright, the great-grandfather of our subject, was a native of the Old North State, and spoke the German language fluently. He married Miss Ruth Hollingsworth and went to Tennessee where he became the owner of a large farm and many negroes. In the spring of 1830 he came to Greene County, Mo., with his family, making the trip in wagons; he also brought thirty slaves. He had four brothers who came to Missouri with families: David, John, Martin and Daniel, and from these brothers sprang the Fulbrights. Several of them settled in Laclede County, William being the only one to remain in Greene County, and he settled near a spring near the Gulf Railroad shops. This spring was ever after called the "Fulbright Spring." He entered a large tract of land, and most of the south part of Springfield is now on that land. The country was open, covered with grass and with large trees scattered about, presenting a beautiful appearance. The country was full of game—deer and wild turkeys. Mr. Fulbright was a practical farmer, which business he carried on extensively, and provided the largely increasing migration which came into the county with farm products. He had one unvarying price for his products without regard to the market prices, his price for corn being 50 cents per bushel. It being a new country, corn was high and often sold for $1 per bushel, but he did not alter his price. Himself and wife were members of the Christian Church. Mr. Fulbright lived to be about sixty years of age. His house was always open to the early settlers and many of them made it a stopping place. He weighed 300 pounds, and was known far and wide among the pioneers. His children were named as follows: Ephraim R., Henry, John L., David L., Wilson, Samuel, William D., Daniel N. and Elkana. The eldest of these children, Ephraim R., grandfather of our subject, was born in North Carolina, January 15, 1809, and was about five years of age when his parents moved to Tennessee in 1814, and was a young man of twenty-one when the family moved to Springfield. He was reared a farmer and received but little education, but could read and write and do ordinary business. He married Miss Elizabeth Yount, daughter of John and Abigail (Brouton) Yount. To this union were born eight children: Telitha, Francis A., Henry V., John Y., William W., Abigail, Mary E. and Annie S., all born in Greene County, Mo., except the eldest, who was born in Cole County, Mo. After his marriage Mr. Fulbright remained in Jefferson City a year or two and then returned to Springfield. There he followed farm-

ing on the old homestead until 1862, when he moved to Boone County, Ark., where he settled on a farm. He is still living, and although eighty-six years of age has retained his faculties well. He was one of the prominent old settlers before the war, owned thirty negroes, but lost greatly during the war, his farm buildings and fences having been burned. All through his life he was a peaceful, industrious, law-abiding citizen, and brought up a respectable family of children. His son John Y., father of our subject, was born on his father's farm, near Fulbright Springs, May 2, 1836, and received his education at Arkansas College, at Fayetteville, Ark. Later he entered upon his career as an agriculturist and married Miss Martha H., daughter of Charles A. and Louisa Ann (Weaver) Hayden. Mr. Hayden was of an old American family of English descent, and was born in Kentucky. His father was a Christian preacher, and the first of that denomination to preach in Greene County, Mo., also the first to register in the United States Land Office at Springfield. Charles A. Hayden was a colonel in the Missouri State Militia before the war, has been a prominent farmer and citizen, and is yet living and doing business in this county. After marriage Mr. Fulbright settled on land two and one-half miles west of Springfield, and there he still resides. This is a fine farm of 160 acres, besides which Mr. Fulbright owns 340 acres in Greene County, some of which is near the corporation and valuable. To Mr. and Mrs. Fulbright have been born four children: Lucy, Charles R., Mary and William. Mrs. Fulbright is a member of the Christian Church, and socially Mr. Fulbright is a member of Solomon Lodge of Masons, of Springfield, was master of his lodge eleven years, and was district deputy grand master four years. Politically he is a Democrat. Mr. Fulbright has devoted most of his attention to agriculture and stockraising. He is a member of the State Board of Agriculture, and holds the office of vice-president. He is a man of education, excellent business acumen, stands high as a man of integrity o fcharacter, and comes from one of the oldest and best Southern families. His son, Charles R., subject of this sketch, and a prominent hardware merchant of Sparta, Mo., owes his nativity to Greene County, Mo., his birth occurring May 4, 1863. He secured a good practical education in the schools of Springfield, and started out in business for himself as a hardware merchant of Sparta in 1886. Since that time he has carried on a very successful business, has a full line of light and heavy hardware, and has already proven himself a competent, reliable man. He is with the Democratic party in politics, and has taken a prominent part in all public matters. He has been chairman of the County Democrat Committee for the past four years, and has been a delegate to all the State conventions since he has lived in Sparta. He is a leader in politics in Christian County. Fraternally he is a Mason, a member of Sparta Lodge No. 296, and an Odd Fellow of that lodge at Sparta. He has held offices in both the orders. Mr. Fulbright selected his wife in the person of Miss Laura Hornback, a native of Christian County, and the daughter of John Hornback. One child, Maxie J., has been born to this union. The family attend the Christian Church, of which Mrs. Fulbright is a member, and they are leading young people of the county. Mr. Fulbright is an active, pushing business man, has made a good property, and has a pleasant home in Sparta. He is also the owner of considerable real estate. He is doing an annual business of $10,000.

DR. G. P. S. BROWN. Prominent in the professional world of Christian County is the name of Dr. Brown, whose services to humanity are worthy of record in this volume, for the professional career of a skillful and devoted physician ever furnishes material of great interest to all readers, and the life narrative of Dr. Brown is no exception to this general statement. He is a na-

tive of Greene County, Mo., born in 1853, and the son of John D. and Mary (Bray) Brown, both natives of the Old North State, the father's birth occurring in Randolph County in 1798, and the mother's in 1808. John S. Brown, the grandfather, was born in North Carolina and was of English origin. John D. Brown, father of subject, was a prominent attorney, a wise counselor, and a man who won the respect of all with whom he came in contact. At an early date he removed to Arkansas, and soon after to Greene County, Mo., locating on a tract of wild prairie land near Henderson. This he changed into a fine farm, and on it he died in 1863 of smallpox. For a number of years he was probate judge of Randolph County; also held the office of district attorney, and was school commissioner of Greene County, Mo., for some time. In politics he was a stanch advocate of Democratic principles and an active worker for his party. At the breaking out of the Rebellion he was quite wealthy, but lost much of his property during that time. Mrs. Brown is still living, and has now reached the advanced age of ninety years. Of the seven children born to this excellent couple, five sons and two daughters, three of the sons are prominent physicians. The eldest son, Joseph Addison, graduated from the McDonald Medical College, of St. Louis, and is a prominent physician of Greene County; Emeline married William Jessup, of Jamestown, Ark.; Lydia (deceased) was the wife of Anderson Pendleton, of Christian County; John D., of Lead Hill, Ark., was with Gen. Price in the Confederate Army, and was once wounded; Dr. Eli B., a prominent physician of Billings; William T., a soldier in the Federal Army about one year, was honorably discharged for disability caused by a sunstroke; and Dr. G. P. S., our subject. The father of these children was a Baptist in his religious belief and a pioneer of Greene County, Mo. Mrs. Brown's father, Eli Bray, was born in Randolph County, N. C., and was a prominent farmer and a wealthy citizen. During his youthful days Dr. G. P. S. Brown was taught the duties of farm life, and received the principal part of his education in the private schools of Springfield. After that he studied medicine with his brothers, and in 1877 and 1878 attended the Keokuk College, of Iowa. In 1890 he was graduated from the St. Louis College of Physicians and Surgeons. In 1877 he began practicing at Ozark, and about a year later he located at Nixa, where he has built up an extensive and paying practice. He also has an interest in a drug store at Nixa, and owns a good farm of forty acres near that town. On this farm he has a good residence and tasty and commodious outbuildings. The Doctor was married in 1875 to Miss Eva Edwards, a native of Christian County, Mo., and the daughter of C. and N. E. Edwards, who came here at a very early day. Four children have been born to Dr. and Mrs. Brown: Maude E., postmistress at Nixa; Homer E., Frank L. and Lillian G. Dr. Brown is a member of the Southwestern Medical Association, and one of the leading physicians of the county. Like his father, he is a decided Democrat in politics, and takes a deep interest in all worthy enterprises.

STANFORD CHAPMAN, Ozark, Mo. Few men have lived more quietly and unostentatiously than Mr. Stanford Chapman, and yet few have exerted a more salutary influence upon the immediate society in which they move, or impressed a community with a more profound reliance on their honor, ability and sterling worth. His life has not been marked by startling or striking contrasts, but it has shown how a laudable ambition may be gratified when accompanied by pure motives, perseverance, industry and steadfastness of purpose. Mr. Chapman came originally from Tennessee, his birth occurring June 3, 1825. He is the son of Benjamin and Mary (Cavett) Chapman, natives of Tennessee. About 1830 or 1831 the parents came to Missouri, and located on Little Riley, where they remained but a short time, when they came to

Christian County and settled near Ozark. There the father followed farming and stockraising successfully until his death in 1872, when seventy-two years of age. He was a well-known and prominent man in his day, serving as judge of Greene County for twelve years and justice of the peace many years. In politics he was a lifelong Democrat, and in religion a Baptist. When making the trip from Tennessee to Missouri, Mr. Chapman came in a large six-horse wagon, and although his early life in this new country was one of privation and hardship, he persevered, and at the time of his death owned a tract of 320 acres of land. He was one of the progressive pioneers, and did much to improve and advance the county. The towns of Springfield and Ozark had not been heard of in those days, game was plentiful, and although pioneer life is considered anything but a pleasant experience, they had good times, and people were much more sociable than at the present day. Mrs. Chapman, who was a lifelong member of the Baptist Church and a most estimable lady, died in 1870, when eighty years of age. Previous to her union with Mr. Chapman she had married a Mr. Peter Smart, by whom she had five children: Sandy, Elitia, Harry, William and Martha. To her second union four children were born: Matthew, who resides near Ozark; Geneva, who married Joseph Gibson and lives in Boone County, Ark.; Stanford, our subject; and Critendon, who died in 1887. The latter was married and lived about five miles south of Billings, where he followed farming. Stanford Chapman was five years of age when his parents came to this county, and he attended the subscription schools of his day. When twenty-one years of age he started out to hoe his own road in life as a farmer, and located on a tract of about 230 acres one-half mile west of Ozark. There he resided for about fifteen years, and then sold out and moved to Cooper County, on the Missouri River. This was in 1865, and he farmed for one year, after which he returned to Christian County and bought a tract of land five miles north of Ozark, on the Springfield road. There were 210 acres in this farm, on which he made his home until 1892, when he sold out and moved to Billings, where he has a very pleasant home. In the year 1848 he was married to Miss Drucilla A. Horn, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Knox) Horn, pioneer settlers of this county, the Horn family locating here as early as 1831. Her parents were born in Giles County, Tenn., and both died in this county, the father in 1843. They were the parents of six children: Rachel, D. A., Elizabeth, Judith, James K. and Martha. All these children are deceased, with the exception of Mrs. Chapman, and Elizabeth, who is Mrs. Cox, of Ozark. Mrs. Chapman was born in Tennessee in 1828, and was quite young when her parents moved to this county. Her father was sheriff of Greene County two or three terms, and was an influential citizen, being well known all over the county. To our subject and wife a family of eight children have been given, six of whom are living: Thomas J. was killed by his team in 1872, when twenty-three years of age; Mary E., who is the wife of M. Canard, of this county, has four children—Macie T., John S., Franklin and Martha; Emmon C. died when two years of age; Janiva, the wife of L. P. Wells, of Billings; Ella, wife of H. V. Reed, of Billings; William S., a resident of Greene County, where he follows farming; Missouri, the wife of L. P. Gibson, of Ozark; and Jude, at home. In politics Mr. Chapman is a Democrat. In 1876 he was elected to the office of judge of the county court, but resigned the position. He is now retired from active business life, and resides at Billings. He is a stockholder in the Christian County Bank at Ozark, owns some nice town property and a handsome residence. Socially he is a Mason, a member of Ozark Lodge.



STANFORD CHAPMAN,
Billings, Mo.



JOSHUA CHILTON,
Shannon Co., Mo.

WRIGHT SIMPSON, a prominent citizen residing four miles northeast of Alton, is a native of DeKalb County, Tenn., born in the year 1839, and is the son of Thomas Simpson and Nancy (Moreland) Simpson, the father a native of Rockingham County, N. C., and the mother of Carter County, East Tenn. The parents were married in Warren County, Tenn., and resided in that and DeKalb Counties until 1853, when they came to Missouri, where they located in township 24, range 4 and section 13. This farm was in the dense woods and the nearest neighbor lived as far away as Alton. Mr. Simpson owned 440 acres of land and with the assistance of our subject cleared the place and became the owner of a fine tract. There his death occurred March 19, 1873, when seventy-seven years of age, his birth occurring October 7, 1796. Mrs. Simpson was born November 12, 1794, and she died in December, 1855. They were married June 4, 1817. While a resident of Tennessee Mr. Simpson was trustee of his district, and after coming to Missouri he represented the county in the Legislature from 1855 to 1858. He introduced the bill making Howell a county. After the war he held the office of county judge. In politics he was a Democrat. Farming was his principal occupation in life. Peter Simpson, grandfather of our subject, was born in 1742 and died in Cannon County, Tenn. He was a cousin of Daniel Boone, and of Irish descent. Mrs. Simpson's father, William Moreland, was a soldier in the Revolutionary War and was at Saratoga when Gen. Burgoyne surrendered. He served seven years in that war. Born to the parents of our subject were the following children: Sallie, Peter, William, Richard, Logan, Betty, John, Thomas, Wade and Wright, our subject. Five are now living. Betty is the wife of Lemuel Braswell; Peter is a farmer of this county; and Wade and Thomas are residing in Arkansas. During his youth and school days our subject resided in DeKalb County, Tenn., and Oregon County, Mo., and commenced farming on the old homestead before the war. In June, 1861, he became a member of McBride's brigade, Foster's regiment, P. R. Simpson's company, where he served some time, and then became a member of Col. Coleman's regiment and Capt. Greer's company, Mr. Simpson being elected sergeant of his company. After this regiment disbanded he attached himself to Company C, Tenth Consolidated Missouri Confederate Infantry, where he served until his command surrendered to Gen. Canby at Shreveport, La., in 1865. Mr. Simpson participated in the battles of Wilson's Creek, Pleasant Hill, Mansfield, Jenkins' Ferry, Little Rock and numerous skirmishes. He was struck by a spent ball, but was never captured or severely wounded, although time and again comrades on his right and left were shot down. He was a brave and exemplary soldier, and is highly spoken of by his comrades in arms. During his service in Arkansas he assisted in baptizing an editor who had spoken of the Missouri troops as thieves. The ceremony was ritualistic only in the thoroughness of the immersion. After the war he returned home and began farming and attending school in Oregon County, and later began teaching in his home and neighboring districts. By his honesty and industry he has accumulated a goodly share of this world's goods and now owns 800 acres of land, a portion of which is under cultivation. He has been a lifelong Democrat, and while he has never sought office he has lately been nominated by his party for the office of county judge, a position he is in every way qualified to fill. Mr. Simpson was united in marriage with Miss Samantha Cates January 5, 1868. She was born in Hamilton County, Ill., November 26, 1848, and died April 30, 1890, in full communion with the United Baptist Church, of which she was an exemplary member. To Mr. and Mrs. Simpson were born the following family of children: Nancy S., who became the wife of George Bailey; Jonah E.; Eveline, who married R. Ollor; Samuel M., who married

Minnie Tegue; Elizabeth, who became the wife of Clay Turner; Sarah B., Thomas J., Margaret Esther, Lemuel W., Virgilee and Rosabell. Mr. Simpson is well and favorably known in Oregon and adjoining counties, and is a representative and public-spirited citizen.

GEORGE W. COUCH, one of the county's most worthy citizens, is descended from substantial Virginia stock, for in that State his father and grandfather were born. The family afterward moved to North Carolina, thence to South Carolina, from there to Tennessee, Kentucky, Illinois, and Missouri, in which State the grandfather, Lindley Couch, passed the closing scenes of his life, after a long and useful career. Simpson Couch, father of subject, was born in Virginia and was there married to Miss Rebecca Roberts, who is still living although seventy years of age. Mr. Couch died in 1868. After his marriage he went to Illinois and later to Missouri where he located a number of years before the birth of our subject. He entered land, the same our subject now owns, and as it was all in the woods, on the head of Frederick River, he went immediately to work to clear and make a home. He followed farming for the most part, but in an early day he erected a store and embarked in merchandising, meeting with good success. He held the position of judge two or three terms and was a prominent man in the county. In politics he was a Democrat, and in religion a Baptist. His marriage resulted in the birth of ten children, of whom Judge Couch of this county is the eldest and our subject fourth in order of birth. The latter was born in Oregon County, Mo., March 6, 1847, and here gained a fair education. In 1864 he joined Freeman's command and served until the surrender, May 5, 1865. He was in all the battles of Price's raid besides numerous other battles and skirmishes. He was never wounded, nor was he taken prisoner but once and then was released after thirty days. After the war he commenced farming and has followed this ever since. He owns 200 acres of land, mostly all under cultivation, and has one of the finest tracts of land in the section. He has made all his property by his own exertions, for he started with nothing except a very little assistance from his father. About five years ago he started in business, general merchandising, and as a business man has made a complete success. In 1880 he was elected sheriff, held the position two years, and that was the only office he ever held. Men of far less ability and much less integrity have been selected to fill some of the most important offices within the gift of the people. In the year 1865 he was married to Miss Mary E. Davis, who died in 1887. She was the mother of six children, one son and five daughters, four daughters living. In 1888 he married Miss Sarah C. Davis, of this county, who died about a year thereafter. His present wife was Mrs. F. E. Frey, who has borne him two children. Mr. Couch is a deacon in the New Salem Missionary Baptist Church. In politics he is a Democrat and was postmaster in Couch four years.

DR. A. J. STEPHENS. The profession of the physician and surgeon is one that has drawn to it, at all periods of its history, the brightest and most honorable men; for none but an intelligent, well-informed man could be a physician at all, and no physician unless a man of honor, could long retain a profitable practice. Howell County, Mo., has always been fortunate in its physicians, and it is especially so, during recent years, in its younger generation of practitioners, who have contributed much to the enhancement of the city's reputation as a center of medical knowledge. Conspicuous among these is Dr. A. J. Stephens, who was born in middle Tennessee, Clay County, November 22, 1853, a son of Nathan and Matilda (McQuery) Stephens. The father was born in Russell County, Ky., as was also the mother, and soon after this marriage they moved to Clay County, Tenn., where both died. The father

followed farming through life. He was a soldier in the Confederate Army for a short time, and in politics was a Democrat. His father, William Stephens, was a native of the Old North State and an early pioneer of Kentucky. He came to Clay County with his son, and there passed the closing scenes of his life. He was a soldier both in the War of 1812 and the Mexican War, and his father was a Revolutionary soldier. The Stephens family is of Irish origin. Grandfather Zanby McQuery was a soldier in the War of 1812, and the Mexican War also. He was a native of South Carolina, and an early pioneer in Kentucky, in which State his death occurred. Dr. A. J. Stephens was fifth in order of birth of eight children, as follows: William T., who served in the Confederate Army, is now living in Texas County, Mo.; Elizabeth, widow of George Neggles, is living in Texas County, Mo.; Lucy J., the wife of B. Inman, resides in Texas County, Mo.; Malinda (deceased) was the wife of Jeff Grogan, of Texas County; A. J., subject; Sarah A., also a resident of Texas County, is the wife of Mr. Croxdel; Narcissa P., wife of William Ford, resides in Shannon County; and Robert E., a farmer of this county. In Clay County, Tenn., Dr. A. J. Stephens obtained his early education, and when but a lad he left home and came to Texas County, Mo. For one year he was in the Elk Creek Academy, then went to Huston, Texas County, and attended school two years; then went to Mt. Grove, Wright County, and attended school two years longer. Later he took up the study of medicine under Giles Foister, and at the same time he became a teacher. He studied medicine and attended school up to 1879, and that year was married to Miss Lizzie Bolin, daughter of Robert Bolin, of Howell County. Mr. and Mrs. Stephens located in Howell Valley, bought a farm, and Mr. Stephens farmed and taught school. He completed his course at the Missouri Medical College, of St. Louis, in 1891, with high honors, and began practicing the year previous while on his farm north of West Plains. Later he moved to West Plains, and has since built up a good practice. In 1891 he took a trip to California, but after remaining there two or three months, and not liking the country, he returned to Howell County. The Doctor is a member of the South Missouri Medical Association, makes a specialty of diseases of women, and has become well known all over southwest Missouri as a successful surgeon in removing tumors and other difficult operations. He performed the first and only operation in removing an ovary tumor weighing many pounds, and has been successful in all his operations, having performed many. He is generally called in by the physicians of the county for consultation. The Doctor is the leading surgeon in southwest Missouri, and as such is well known. Socially he is an Odd Fellow, a member of West Plains Lodge No. 263, and politically a Democrat and a strong advocate of his party. He is a thorough student of his profession, keeps well up with the times, and does much in the prevention and cure of ills that flesh is heir to. He is active in educational matters, and he and family attend the First Baptist Church of West Plains. Mrs. Stephens is a member of that church. Four children have been born to their marriage: Opie, died in infancy; William S., Perry L., Maggie A. and Fred M. The Doctor is one of the leading men of West Plains and Howell County, and is an honor to the profession.

ADAM GUTHRIE, JR., M. D. This gentleman is an exceptionally successful and popular physician of Quitman. He is scholarly and well informed in every branch of his profession, is intelligent and well posted on all matters of public interest and stands well in the community, both as a citizen and as a professional man. His father, Adam Guthrie, Sr., is a native of Nelson County, Ky., his birth occurring near Bardstown in 1826. In his veins flows sturdy Scotch blood and from his Scottish ancestors he has inherited many

of his most worthy traits of character, being industrious, thrifty and "canny." They have been prominent in the history of Kentucky and are still classed among the first people of that State or in whatever locality they have chosen as their home. Adam Guthrie, Sr., was given excellent educational advantages in his youth, is an accomplished and profound scholar and is a graduate of the Medical Department of the University of Louisville. In 1852 he went to Dallas, Tex., where he remained for some time, then came to Arkansas and located in Van Buren County. In 1861 he was married to a Miss Bradley, who is now dead, and Adam Guthrie, Jr., is the only fruit of this union. The latter was educated in Quitman College, under the supervision of his father, and acquired a very thorough knowledge of the world of books, but from early youth seemed to have a natural taste for medicine and when but seven years of age was employed in filling out some of his father's prescriptions. He attended medical lectures in 1885–6 and 1886–7, graduating from the Little Rock Medical College in the last mentioned year, after which he at once entered upon the practice of his profession and at a later period was joined in his practice by his father and still later by Dr. Hamilton. In this most noble of professions and one of the most beneficial to mankind Dr. Guthrie has met with marked success and has shown that he possesses ability of a high order and so far as man can be is well equipped to fight with the "grim destroyer." He has a large practice among the very best people of the county and his patronage is constantly growing as his success spreads abroad. In 1887 Dr. Guthrie married Miss Sarah Greeson, of Clinton, a schoolmate, and in their comfortable home they dispense a refined, generous hospitality. The Doctor is a member of the A. F. & A. M. and has represented both the subordinate lodge and chapter in the Grand Lodge of the State. He is president of the board of stewards of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he has for several years been a member. He was a member of the company that built the roller mills at Quitman, which is supposed to be the finest mill in the State, and also gave his aid to the erection of the college at this place. He is a member of the Medical Association of the State and is first vice-president of that body, and also belongs to the American Medical College. He makes a point of keeping up with all advances made in his profession and is well posted on all matters of public interest. He has recently been chosen president of section on surgery in the Arkansas State Medical Society, a position which he is eminently qualified to fill.

CAPT. CHARLES M. RICHARDS, real estate dealer of Shannon County, is well known here and has done much to build up the interests of this section. Born in Pennsylvania, Wyoming Valley, in 1834, he is a son of David P. Richards, also a native of that State. The latter followed farming all his life. On his father's farm in Wyoming Valley our subject grew up and in the schools of the valley he received his education. When ten years of age he was in the postoffice there, remaining eight years, and then, in July, 1861, he joined Company M, Ninth Regiment New York Cavalry. Two years later he was made captain of Company C, and was mustered out of service at Buffalo, N. Y., in July, 1865. He served in the Army of the Potomac, Sheridan's cavalry corps, and participated in many engagements. His regiment was in eighty-six regular battles, the most important of which were the following: Gettysburg, Fredericksburg, Cold Harbor, Appomattox Courthouse. He was fortunate, never having been wounded nor taken prisoner. He came out of this regiment as captain of Company C, at the close of the war. Afterward Mr. Richards went to Kent County, Del., near the capitol, and bought a farm on which he remained for several years. From there he went to Wyoming Valley, Penn., engaged in the lumbering and contracting business eight

years, and then in 1886 went to the Black Hills. There he was engaged in freighting, etc., for four years, or until 1890, when he came to Shannon County, Mo. Since then he has been engaged in the real estate business, and has met with well-deserved success. The Captain has done much to improve and develop this part of the State and the result of his enterprise may be seen on every hand. The population is increasing, prosperous people come here from other counties, and everyone is contented and happy. Capt. Richards selected his wife in the person of Miss Maggie Cooper, a native of Delaware, who died in Pennsylvania in 1871. Four children were given them, three daughters and a son, the latter deceased. The Captain's second union was with Miss Mariam Cooper, a sister of his first wife. They have one son, Harsen. Socially Capt. Richards is an Odd Fellow and a member of the G. A. R. In politics he is a Democrat.

WILLIAM PROCTOR, M. D. (deceased), was a physician who always loved knowledge and as a physician was devoted to his profession, careful in his investigations and gave all the time he could find in his busy life to books and periodicals devoted to medicine and surgery. His range of information was broad, and during the many years he pursued the calling of Æsculapius he won a wide reputation and a large practice. He was born in Petersburg, Va., in 1826, and died January 10, 1890, when sixty-four years of age. He was a graduate of William and Mary College, of Virginia, and studied law under his father, Thomas Proctor, who subsequently moved to Tennessee, where the Doctor was his stenographer. During the Mexican war the Doctor joined a Tennessee regiment and fought through the war. He was in the battle of Buena Vista and the City of Mexico, and had command of the flags on the rampart. For bravery he was promoted to the rank of ca tain on the battlefield at Chepultepec, when seventeen years of age. After the war he went to Warren County, Ky.; where he studied medicine. Later he went to the University of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia, and subsequently began practicing in Warren County. When the Civil War broke out he was Government contractor for the Federal Government and furnished a post at Bowling Green with horses and feed for them. He was there all through the war and afterward engaged in farming and stockraising, and also dealt in tobacco. In the year 1874 he moved to Ripley County, Mo., located at Doniphan, and at once had a large practice which increased as the years passed by. This he continued until his death. He was president of the County Court in 1886 and held that position the remainder of his life. In politics he was a stanch Democrat, but had previously been a Whig. In a financial way he was successful, although while a resident of Kentucky he was obliged to pay heavy security debts. Dr. Proctor was a member of the Missionary Baptist Church. In 1861 he married Miss Mary J. Smith, of Warren County, Ky., and she died in 1864. Five years later he married Miss Helen Bagby, who died in 1887. In 1888 the Doctor married Mrs. Mary Brooks, of this place. Following the footsteps of his illustrious father, Samuel A. Proctor, after having received a thorough education in the common schools and under a private tutor, entered the Louisville Medical College, from which he graduated in 1884, when twenty years of age, carrying off one of the honors of the class, and then commenced practicing medicine with his father. For some time he was in the drug business. He now has an extensive practice. He is a member of the National Association of Railroad Surgeons of Missouri and Arkansas, and the Texas Association of Railroad Surgeons. He was surgeon on the Doniphan branch of the Iron Mountain Railroad, and since his father's death has taken his father's practice with that of his own. Dr. Proctor married Miss Nellie Carter, of this county. He is a member of the K. of P. and A. O. U. W., is past master

workman in the latter, and has represented both lodges in the Grand Lodge. He is a member of the Methodist Church and a Democrat in politics.

JOHN W. GARRETT. Howell County, Mo., is fortunate in her farmers and stockmen, who are, almost without exception, men of energy, thrift and enterprise, and prominent among these is John W. Garrett, who is a native of Overton County, Tenn., where he first saw the light in 1845. His parents, Jacob and Mary (Chapin) Garrett, were also born in that county, the former in 1819 and the latter in 1821, and were married in the State of their birth. In 1852 the family came by wagon to what is now Howell County and entered a tract of land, which now composes a portion of the farm owned by John W. Garrett. On this farm the father died October 6, 1856, after a long life spent in tilling the soil, and by hard work gained a comfortable fortune. He was one of fourteen children born to John Garrett, who died in Overton County, Tenn., in 1840, at the age of forty-five years, although he was a native of North Carolina. He was a German by descent and a farmer by occupation. His wife, whose maiden name was Jane Henshaw, was born in 1799 and died in Overton County, Tenn. John Garrett's father, who bore the name of Jacob Garrett, removed from North Carolina to Georgia, thence to Overton County, Tenn., and there he was called from life at the advanced age of ninety years. His wife, Elizabeth Pfeiffer, lived to be over one hundred years of age and breathed her last in Overton County. She was born in Germany and came to the United States with her father when about two years old. Her mother having died on the ocean during the voyage to this country, she was reared to womanhood by an aunt. The maternal grandfather of the subject of this sketch, Paul Stillman Chapin, was born in North Carolina in 1799. His mother, whose maiden name was Elsie Arnett, died when he was a few weeks old and he was brought by his father, Capt. Paul Chapin, to Tennessee, and in Overton County of that State he was reared and educated and finally married. He later moved to Sangamon County, Ill., then returned to Tennessee, where he died in 1842, having devoted his attention to farming throughout life. Capt. Paul Chapin was born in Massachusetts, and when a young man went to North Carolina, where he married, later moved to Georgia, and in an early day removed to Overton County, Tenn., where he died about 1845, having followed the calling of a blacksmith. When quite young he served as a member of the Colonial Army during the Revolution and was wounded in the right arm in an engagement. He was a justice of the peace for some years and was captain of a company of militia in Tennessee. He was married twice and had two sons and a daughter by his first wife: Hiram, who died in Illinois; Paul Stillman, and Mary, who died in Arkansas, the wife of George Moore. His second wife was Mrs. Rebecca Waters, who bore him one son, John, who died in Overton County. Capt. Paul Chapin was a son of Jehosephat Chapin, who is supposed to have spent his life and died in Massachusetts. The maternal grandmother of the subject of this sketch, Sarah Chapin, came to Greene County, Mo., in 1852, and died here in 1864, having been a Methodist of many years' standing. Her father, Eli Harrison, was born in North Carolina, but many years of his life were spent in tilling the soil in Overton County, Tenn., where he died in 1869. He was of Irish and Welsh descent. His wife, Martha (Moore) Harrison, died in Overton County, Tenn., in 1850, but her parents, Charles and Martha (Hedgepeth) Moore, lived and died in North Carolina. James Harrison, the father of Eli Harrison, died in Kentucky, where he had lived for several years, having served this country in the Colonial Army during the Revolution. His wife, Winnie, was born in Wales and died in Overton County, Tenn., at the age of one hundred and ten years. The mother of John W. Garrett is still living and for many

years has been a worthy member of the Methodist Church. By her first husband she became the mother of seven children: Stillman, who was a soldier during the war; M. M.; John W.; Levi, who was a teamster in the Federal Army during the war; Sarah, wife of Henry Moore, a farmer and trader of West Plains; Mary, the deceased wife of Thomas Moore; and Martha, wife of David Collins, of Oklahoma Territory. The mother of these children afterward married Riley Cox, by whom she had two children: John, deceased, and Jasper, who is a resident of Howell County. John W. Garrett was principally reared on the farm on which he now lives, but owing to the scarcity and quality of the schools of his boyhood days, obtained but a meager education. During the Civil War he served over two years as a teamster and on post duty for the Government, from Rolla to Springfield, Mo., and northern Arkansas, and, although not regularly enlisted, did noble service for his country. After the war was over he turned his attention to tilling the soil, and in 1875 was married to Laura, daughter of Ephraim and Hester Daniels, who went from Indiana to Iowa, and later to Missouri, the father dying in Greene County, where he was engaged in farming, and the mother passed from life in Howell County. Mr. Daniels was a soldier in Phelps' regiment, fought at Pea Ridge, and was wounded in the engagement at Springfield. Mrs. Garrett was born in Springfield, Mo., and is the mother of eight children: Jacob, Stillman, Lyman, Mary, Levi, Benjamin, Lampson (deceased) and an infant unnamed. Since his marriage Mr. Garrett has lived on his present farm, three miles northwest of Brandville, consisting of 903 acres, about 200 of which are under cultivation. He is one of the thriftiest and most successful farmers in the county, is one of the most extensive grain and stock growers in this section of the country, and nearly all his property is the result of his own hard labor and good management. In his youthful days he was very fond of hunting, and has killed many a deer and various other kinds of game. He has seen the most of the development of his section and has done not a little to aid in this development and improvement. Although a stanch Republican in politics, he has never been an official aspirant, but had preferred to devote his attention to his business interests. In the fall of 1862 he was in Springfield when Fort No. 4 was being built, and the following incident is given to show the determination with which he carried everything to a successful termination. At the works there was a pole about 200 feet high from which floated the American flag. The rope controlling the flag broke and became fast in the pulley which made it necessary for some one to climb the pole that the flag might be brought down. A purse was made up for anyone who would bring the flag down, and after several unsuccessful attempts had been made, Mr. Garrett, who was then but a boy, but an active and daring one from the backwoods of Howell County, volunteered to make an effort, little thinking that he would be successful, as the flag was about 180 feet from the ground. His early training in climbing the forest trees after nuts and squirrels stood him in good stead, however, and after a toilsome effort he reached the flag and brought it to the ground amid the applause of the assembled crowd.

JAMES A. JADWIN. It is quite probable that there is not a man in Shannon or the adjoining counties better known than James A. Jadwin, the popular treasurer of this county. He is a native of this State, born in Texas County, September 24, 1854, and is a son of Martin C. and Mary W. (Williams) Jawdin, who were natives of DeKalb County, Tenn. Martin C. Jadwin came to Missouri when a single man, before he had reached his twenty-first birthday, or about 1844, and was married in Texas County to Miss Williams who had also come here when quite young. After marriage this young couple resided in this county for a few years and then moved to Dent County, Mo. In 1892 Mr.

Jadwin moved to Shannon County and now resides a short distance from Eminence. He is a Mason, and he and his worthy companion hold membership in the Christian Church. Of the ten children born to their marriage, eight sons and two daughters, six sons and a daughter are now living. James A. Jadwin passed his school days in Salem, Dent County, Mo., under the able instructor, Prof. Lynch, and when but a small boy worked hard to earn money to pay for his schooling. His earnest endeavors to educate himself met with the best of results and he subsequently became a teacher, following this profession six years in Dent County and five years in his home district. After this he embarked in merchandising at Salem, but subsequently moved from there to Sumnerville, Texas County, where he carried on the same business. Later he came to Shannon County and became a stockholder in the McCaskill Mercantile & Lumber Company, serving in the capacity of secretary of the company. Later he engaged in general merchandising for himself. While a resident of Dent County, Mr. Jadwin assisted in taking the census of 1880, also at times helped the assessor. In 1889 he was elected representative of Shannon County and served on the committee of ways and means, finance and others. In 1890 he was appointed treasurer of the county and two years later was reëlected by the people to the same office, thus showing his popularity. Since his boyhood days he has taken an active interest in political affairs and has always worked for the success of the Democratic party. In the month of July, 1882, he was united in marriage with Miss A. Creagar, a native of the State of Illinois, although her people have resided in Dent County since her childhood days. Two daughters have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Jadwin. Mr. Jadwin is a member of the I. O. O. F. and has represented his lodge in the Grand Lodge of Missouri.

GEORGE W. LEGG. After an industrious and well-spent life devoted to the occupation of farming, George W. Legg is now living in retirement at McDonald Station, Mo., and is in the enjoyment of a competency which his early industry has brought him. He is a Virginian by birth, and first opened his eyes on the light in 1827, being a son of Willis and Susannah (Land) Legg, natives of Virginia also, who removed to Ohio when the subject of this sketch was a small lad, but a few years later returned to their old home. The father was successfully engaged in tilling the soil, but also run a keelboat on the Kanawha, Ohio and Mudd Rivers, and in the last named stream eventually lost his life. His father, Davenport Legg, resided in Virginia many years. After the death of her husband Mrs. Susannah Legg returned to Ohio, and there she was called from life prior to the opening of the Civil War. She bore her husband two sons and five daughters: James, of Illinois; George W., Sarah, Lucinda, Lydia; Lettie, who died in Ohio, and Nancy, who died young. George W. Legg obtained a thorough knowledge of farming in his youth, and received a fair education in the common schools near his rural home. He was married in 1852, in Lawrence County, Ohio, to Charlotte, daughter of John and Elizabeth Vermillion, who were probably natives of Virginia and Pennsylvania, respectively, but were married in the Buckeye State, where the rest of their lives were spent in tilling the soil. Mrs. Legg was born in Lawrence County, and was there also reared and educated. Her union with Mr. Legg has resulted in the birth of the following children: John Perry, of Shannon County, Mo.; Amy, wife of James Herald, of Shannon County; Frank, of Carter County; James Henry; Francis M.; Jane, wife of James Holland; Anna, wife of William Snider; Lottie; Jesse (deceased), Elizabeth, Martha and Susan, the three last mentioned dying when quite young. In 1877 Mr. Legg came with his family to Carter County, Mo., and here has made his home ever since with the exception of the time from April to October, 1893, when

he was a resident of the State of Washington, but not liking the climate he returned to this county and gave his attention to farming here. He is the owner of a remarkably fertile farm on Pike Creek, which he has earned through his own unaided efforts, save the assistance and advice of his wife, and now in his declining years enjoys the comforts which a liberal income brings him, and is retired from the hard work and cares which a business life always brings. He came to this section for the purpose of obtaining land for the benefit of his children, and he has aided them in every way that a thoughtful and affectionate father could. Although a Democrat before the war, he has since been a Republican, and while a resident of Ohio, held the office of township treasurer for some years.

SAMUEL D. MCSPADEN. We present with pleasure a sketch of the life of one of the most substantial and prominent farmers and stockraisers of Pike Creek Valley, Carter County, Mo. This worthy citizen was born in Gordon County, Ga., in 1847, and is a son of Joseph and Edith (Dillard) McSpaden, the father a native of Virginia, born October 16, 1820, and the mother of east Tennessee, born October 1, 1827. Mr. and Mrs. McSpaden met for the first time in Gordon County, Ga., whither they had removed with their parents, and here they were married. In 1869 they moved to Carter County, Mo., and settled on a small improved farm in Dry Valley. There they passed the closing scenes of their lives, the father dying January 24, 1882, and the mother August 15, 1883. During his entire life Mr. McSpaden followed farming, and he was quite a wealthy man at one time, although he lost all by paying security debts. He led a very active life and was one of the truly good men, a Christian in its true sense. His father, Samuel McSpaden, died in Maury County, Tenn., when our subject was a small boy. He was a native Virginian, but moved from there to Tennessee and thence to Georgia, where he died. He was a farmer and an extensive stock trader. He and wife, whose maiden name was Phœbe Butcher, had a large family, and one of their sons, William, died in the city of Mexico during the Mexican War. The father of our subject was the only one who came to Missouri. Grandfather John Dillard died in Gordon County, Ga., before the birth of our subject. He was a farmer. His wife died about twenty-five years afterward. Her maiden name was Rhoda Lee. Eight children were born to the parents of our subject, as follows: Victoria, wife of Judge James W. Linder; Samuel D.; John W. went to Texas for his health and died there in 1886; Alice, deceased, was the wife of Ephraim Vincent; Jane, wife of John Jaco; Cornelius A. D.; Sarah, wife of James Kinnard, and Joseph Franklin, who is the present postmaster at Van Buren. The schooling of our subject, limited as it was, was cut short by his father's financial misfortunes and he came to Carter County with the rest of the family. In 1869 he was married to Miss Amanda Neal, a native of Maury County, Tenn., and the daughter of Adam and Alsie (Montgomery) Neal, natives of North Carolina. Mr. Neal and family moved from the Old North State to Georgia, and in 1862 Mr. Neal was killed at Bridgeport, Tenn., while in the Confederate Army. Mrs. Neal afterward married Joseph Shepard and now resides in Barry County, Mo. To Mr. and Mrs. McSpaden were born fourteen children: Julia E., wife of Lee Barrett, of Oregon County; Georgianna Mahala, wife of William Hill; Cordelia, Moses M., John E., Lewis J., Dallas Barto, Alsie C., Joseph, Franklin, Loley E., Hendricks, (deceased), Bessie and Elsie, twins. One died in infancy. Mr. McSpaden lived in Bradley County, Tenn., one year after marriage and then moved to Maury County, Tenn. In 1869 he came to Carter County, Mo., and resided in Dry Valley until five years ago when he settled on his present farm of 226 acres, one of the best tracts of land in the county. When he and wife

were first married she had about $125 and he had a yoke of oxen and a wagon. They came to Carter County and the property they have accumulated is the result of much hard work and judicious management. In 1863 he joined the First Georgia State Line Troops and was in many engagements, but was home on a furlough when the war closed. He was a brave soldier and a non-commissioned officer. He is a Mason, a member of Van Buren Lodge No. 509, and he and wife and several of the children are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Politically he is a Democrat, but cares nothing for office. He is one of the most substantial men in Carter County and has the satisfaction of knowing how all his property came, for he commenced at the bottom round of the ladder.

DR. JAMES SNIDER. This prominent old pioneer of Carter County, Mo., was born in Blount County, Tenn., September 14, 1808, a son of Rev. George and Polly (Walker) Snider, who were born in Virginia and North Carolina January 1, 1769 and October 11, 1768, respectively. They were married in Tennessee and spent their lives in Blount and Monroe Counties. The father was a Baptist minister for over thirty-five years, and went with the Missionary wing of that church when it divided. His father, George Snider, was born in Pennsylvania, but later moved to Virginia, and in a very early day moved to Tennessee, where he followed farming until his death in Monroe County. He was of German descent. Capt. John Walker, the maternal grandfather, was of Irish origin, and in a very early day removed to Tennessee from North Carolina, followed farming in Blount County, and there died. Dr. James Snider was the youngest of the following children: Elizabeth, Sallie, John W., Susan, Polly, George and James. He received a very limited education, and November 18, 1830, was married in Monroe County, Tenn., to Peggy Rogers, a daughter of Jonas and Polly Rogers, who were from the State of North Carolina, and by her, who was born in North Carolina, he became the father of two children: Mary Adaline, who died at the age of twelve years, and John Walker, who was a soldier of the Confederate Army and died in 1862 at Little Rock, Ark., leaving a widow, Minerva A. (Turney) Snider, and the following children: Margaret, wife of David Hedgepeth; Nancy Jane, wife of Judge John L. Greene; James B.; William O. and Martha (deceased). In 1836 Dr. Snider came to what is now Carter County, the journey thither occupying one month, and settled at the place where he now lives, and is perhaps the oldest resident of the county. The country was very new at the time he came here, and he has witnessed the most of its development. For a good many years, in his younger days, he followed blacksmithing in connection with farming, but about twenty years ago, after thorough preparation, he began practicing medicine, and followed this occupation up to within a few years, when advancing years caused him to give up his practice. Although self-taught in this respect he was a successful practitioner and had a large clientele. Although eighty-six years of age he looks fifteen or twenty years younger and is still quite active. He has been prominent in public life, has been a member of the County Court, and was probate judge for some years. In 1843 he assisted in organizing a Baptist Church in the neighborhood, and has served as deacon and in other capacities in the same ever since. He is a member of the A. F. & A. M., Van Buren Lodge No. 509, and politically is a Democrat and cast his first presidential vote for Jackson in 1832. The Doctor is a worthy old citizen and has the respect of every one. He had nineteen great-grandchildren before there was a death among them.

JOHN MORGAN ATKINSON. This promising and popular young man, who has just been nominated by the Democrats of Ripley County in the primary election as the party candidate for clerk of the County Court, was born in Hick-

man County, Tenn., on September 14, 1870. In the spring of 1873 he removed with his parents to Ripley County and was reared on a farm. He attended the common schools of his district, the Doniphan High School and the South-east Normal School at Cape Girardeau, Mo. His advancement in his studies was rapid and his grades were always among the highest. He has taught several terms of school and his success in both instruction and management, though teaching in the public school of his own district, among the children with whom he attended school, is remarkable. Mr. Atkinson's liking is for the law, of which he has read considerably, and no one need be surprised to find him in the near future holding a high place in the legal profession. Being an industrious, energetic, painstaking and obliging young man, and a total abstainer from the use of intoxicants and narcotics, faithful and efficient service as a public man can be safely predicted, and as his nomination assures his election, he will, if alive take the oath of office and enter upon his duties as clerk of the Ripley County Court on January 1, 1895. He is a member of Composite Lodge No. 369, A. F. & A. M. While not a church member he is a regular attendant upon the services of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, with the doctrines of which his preference lies. He takes an active interest in the work of the Sabbath-school and Young People's Christian Endeavor. His father, Daniel M. Atkinson, was a soldier in the Confederate Army during the war between the States, and followed the impetuous Gen. N. B. Forrest through a number of set-tos with the "Boys in Blue." So strong was his attachment to the principles of the "Lost Cause" and his admiration of deeds of daring of its heroes, that he gave to his boy, the subject of this sketch, the name of that brilliant leader who frightened so many of the Buckeyes out of their wits in his mad raid through Ohio, namely, Gen. John H. Morgan. The old gentleman resides on his farm near Bennett, Mo., where, with his wife and younger children, he tills the soil and enjoys life and good health, the worthy father of so promising a son. Morgan, as our subject is called by all who know him, is very regular in his habits, observing the laws of health and profiting thereby. He is possibly the youngest man in the State to receive such an important nomination, but he is well known and has a splendid record. He is single.

HON. JOSHUA CHILTON. The gentleman whose name we now give was for many years identified with the best interests of Shannon County, Mo., and although he has now passed from earth's activities it is but just and satisfactory that his life's narrative be recounted among those who have done excellent service in subduing the wilderness and bringing it into its present fine condition physically, mentally and morally. Mr. Chilton was born in Wayne County, Tenn., September 28, 1818, and was a son of Thomas Chilton, who was a native of Maryland. Thomas Chilton was partly reared in his native State and then moved with his parents to east Tennessee and thence to Missouri, while that State was yet a Territory inhabited by Indians. He represented his county in the Legislature when the county formed nearly half the State, and here he died in 1865, when eighty-two years of age. He was in the Black Hawk War. The original of this notice never attended school a day in his life, but he learned to read and write and became a profound student, all by his own exertions. During the latter part of the forties he located on Current River, twelve miles below the present town of Eminence, and entered actively upon his career as a pioneer, clearing and improving his place. The first money he made was rafting cedar to Devall's Bluff in Arkansas, and he also took lumber of all kinds down the same way. In that way he made his start and as the years passed by he became quite wealthy, although he lost heavily during the war. He represented Shannon County thirteen different times in

the Legislature and was elected State senator in 1860, but was never permitted to serve. He was killed near Rolla, in Phelps County, Mo., August 26, 1862. He was a natural speaker fluent, forcible and convincing, and served on many of the most important committees, being on the Committee of Navigation and chairman of the same. He was also Speaker *pro tem.* of the House for a time. Mr. Chilton was a strong character in his day and wielded a wide influence. Socially he was a prominent Mason, and politically a Democrat. In 1840 he married Miss Elizabeth Chilton, a distant relative and a native of Roane County, Tenn. Her father, Thomas Chilton, was a native of Jefferson County, Tenn., and came to southeast Missouri in 1836 by flatboats. He then crossed overland with ox teams from the river to this neighborhood. Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Chilton, eight of whom are living: Perry Chilton, the eldest, is the present representative of Shannon County; James is a farmer on Current River; Francis M. is the present collector of this county; Thomas is on the old farm one mile north of Eminence; Nelson was killed during the war, when twenty-seven years of age; Rebecca is the wife of John Counts, a farmer near Eminence; Susan Jane, wife of Henry C. Jones, also near Eminence; Annie, wife of William M. Freeman, ex-sheriff and collector of this county, resides on Current River, this county; Martha Bell, wife of J. S. Orchard, resides on the river near town; and Mark, who died when a child. Francis Marion Chilton was born in this county June 8, 1857, and spent his school days in Eminence. He assisted on the home place until twenty-three years of age and then engaged in agricultural pursuits for himself. For one year he tilled the soil in Randolph County, Ark., and then returned to this county, where he farmed until 1881. He was then appointed deputy sheriff and constable, held that position six years and in 1890 was elected collector of the county and reëlected in 1892 and 1894. On September 7, 1879, Mr. Chilton was married to Miss Louisa Hammond, daughter of James Hammond, and a native of Illinois. Seven children have resulted from this union, three sons and four daughters. Mrs. Chilton is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Chilton is a Master Mason in Lodge No. 74, at Winona, and in politics is a Democrat.

H. M. Miller, M. D. He whose name heads this sketch is one of the early pioneers of Douglas County, for he took up his abode here in 1856, and has here ever since made his home. He is a native of east Tennessee, for there his eyes first opened on the light November 12, 1837, his parents being Dobson and Mary A. (Burnett) Miller, who were also natives of that State, although the paternal grandfather, Henry M. Miller, was born in England. He was a soldier of the Revolutionary War, and died after his removal to Tennessee, as did his wife. The maternal grandfather, Moses Burnett, was of French extraction but a native of Tennessee, and in this State both he and his wife passed from life. In 1856 Dobson Miller removed with his family to Douglas County, Mo., entered a tract of land about five miles north of Ava, and was there engaged in farming until his death in 1877, having been a soldier in Company B, of a Webster County regiment, in the Missouri Home Guards. He was a thrifty farmer, made a good property and became well and favorably known. His wife, who was born in Tennessee, died in 1872, having borne him ten children: Eliza V., who died after her marriage with J. A. G. Reynolds, was the mother of M. C. Reynolds; William M., who died in 1889, was a soldier of the Civil War; John W., who is living in Ava, was a soldier and is now a farmer; James B. is a farmer of this county and was also a soldier of the Civil War; Margaret E. is the widow of J. A. G. Reynolds and is living in Ava; Andy P. is a farmer of this county, and was a soldier; Bunetta is the wife of W. F. Day, of Mansfield, Mo.; Penelope was the wife of

B. Malloner, of this county, and died at the age of twenty-seven, and one child died in infancy. Dr. H. M. Miller was nineteen years old when he came to this county, and in the common schools of his native State and also in this State to some extent he obtained his education. He has made his own way in the world from the time he was fifteen, and first gave his attention to farming on Bryant Creek. In 1856 he took up his residence in Ava, in the vicinity of which place he turned his attention to farming, and from here, April 10, 1861, he enlisted in Company B of the Home Guards, and served until March, 1862, and later in Company E, Seventy-third Missouri State Militia, and served until April 10, 1863. He then enlisted in Company C, Sixth Missouri State Militia, serving until August 15, 1863, when he was discharged on account of disability. He was in all the battles of Price's raid, was at Wilson's Creek, and took an active part in numerous skirmishes, proving himself a brave and faithful soldier. After the war he returned to the peaceful pursuits of agriculture, but from 1871 to 1876 was also engaged in the milling business. He then came to Ava and opened a drug store, which business he has since followed successfully, but part of this time he has also handled a general stock of goods, his sons now having charge of the dry goods department. In 1861 he began practicing medicine, having fitted himself for the profession by much private study, and in following this calling he has been successful. He is one of the leading business men of the town and is well known all over the county both in his business and professional capacity. He is a member of the A. F. & A. M., the I. O. O. F., and is a member of the Republican party. He was married in this county to Miss Lucinda King, a daughter of John King, and to their union one son was given, William M., who is living in Ava, a prominent business man. His first wife died in 1861, and Dr. Miller afterward married Margaret Doyle, a daughter of G. Doyle, by whom he has seven children: Penelope A., deceased; Andy P., who is married and a merchant of Ava; John F., also a merchant; James B.; Mary P., deceased; Tom and Rose B. The Doctor and his wife are highly respected and he is one of the public-spirited men of the county.

GEORGE HADEN THOMPSON is a thoroughgoing, wide-awake citizen of Shannon County, Mo., and no doubt inherits much of his industry and perseverance from his Scotch ancestors. His parents were Robert and Susan (Carson) Thompson. Before reaching his twenty-first year Robert Thompson came to America and located in Canada. Previous to leaving Scotland he had married Miss Carson, and after residing in Canada for a time he moved to the Empire State where he and his worthy companion passed the remainder of their days. Mr. Thompson dying at the age of seventy years. Farming had been his principal occupation and he had been fairly successful in it. Both were members of the Presbyterian Church, and he was a Republican in politics. George Haden Thompson, the second child born to the above mentioned couple, is a native of the Empire State, born in Monroe County, February 24, 1849. He attended the schools of his native State and when eighteen years of age began learning the blacksmith's trade, serving an apprenticeship of six years in his native county. After following his trade for a time he went to the oil regions and worked at different occupations for a while. From there he went to Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, Tennessee, and in 1881 he came to south Missouri, where he was engaged in lumbering and mining for some time. After this he followed his trade near Mill Springs and remained there until 1886, when he went to Sargent, this State. Later he moved to Howell County, and in about 1888 he came to Shannon County, and for a year and a half was in the mill business. He then branched out in business for himself, and in 1892 started a fruit farm and has 2,500 apple, peach and pear trees, and general varieties of fruit. The city limits takes in a por-

tion of his farm and he will soon have 100 acres. Mr. Thompson was married in Ironton, Mo., in 1885, to Miss Emma Sopper, daughter of Dr. C. F. Sopper, of Mill Springs, and one child, Annie, has been born to this union. Mr. Thompson is a member of the A. O. U. W., is foreman of the lodge, and in politics is a Republican.

JOSEPH B. JOHNSON. With a record that is enviable, Joseph B. Johnson has been county clerk of Oregon County, Mo., for the past eight years, and will no doubt succeed himself to that position at the next election. He has won for himself an honored position among the representative men of this section, and has been closely identified with many of its best interests. Like two-thirds of the best citizens of the county, Mr. Johnson is a native of Tennessee, born in Jackson in 1852, son of William R. and Martha Ann (Brown) Johnson. The father was also born in Tennessee, and has followed the blacksmith's trade all his life. He came from Tennessee to Stoddard County, Mo., many years ago, and resided there until recently, when he came to Oregon County, and has since made his home with his son, Joseph B. During the Civil War he was in the Confederate Army, and served in a Missouri regiment as drummer. He was west of the Mississippi River most of the time. Joseph B. Johnson was a child of four years when his mother died, and he was taken by an uncle, W. C. Livingston, a farmer of Tennessee. The latter removed to Stoddard County, Mo., in 1855, and two years later to the wilds of Oregon County, locating near Alton. There he resides at the present time, and is actively engaged as a tiller of the soil. In Tennessee and Missouri Joseph B. Johnson grew to manhood and received his education. When twenty years of age he started out to make his own way in life, and twelve years ago, or in 1882, he was elected sheriff of Oregon County, holding that position four years. After that he was elected to the office of county clerk, and will be elected again, for he has the nomination on the Democratic ticket, which is equivalent to an election. In the year 1870 he married Miss Viney Mooney, who was born in Stoddard County. Eight children are the result of this union, six sons and two daughters. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are members in good standing in the Baptist Church. He is a member of the Blue Lodge and the chapter at West Plains, also the A. O. U. W. and the I. O. O. F. In politics he is a stanch Democrat.

HON. THOMAS MABREY. The parents of this influential citizen, Frederick and Nancy (Mabrey) Mabrey, were natives of North Carolina and Tennessee, respectively. The father went to Williamson County, Tenn., when a young man, married there, and in 1838 came to Cape Girardeau County, Mo., where he was among the early settlers. All his life he had followed agricultural pursuits and was reasonably successful for that day and time. He died near Jackson, Cape Girardeau County, in 1848, when about seventy years of age. The mother died in 1837, when a comparatively young woman. Born to their marriage were nine children, of whom our subject, the eighth child, is the only one now living. He was born in Williamson County, Tenn., June 2, 1835, and was educated in the common schools of Cape Girardeau County and in Jackson Academy, and later branched out as an educator, teaching for eighteen months in Jackson Academy. His object was to get a collegiate education, but the war broke out and he threw aside his books to enlist in Gen. Jeff. Thompson's regiment, in July, 1861, in the six months' Missouri State service. He held the rank of lieutenant, but subsequently entered Col. White's regiment, C. S., with which he remained until the cessation of hostilities. He was first lieutenant of Company K, and was on detached duty for the most part, recruiting soldiers. He was in a number of prominent engagements but was never wounded nor taken prisoner. Previous to the war he had read law under Greer W. Davis, of Jack-

son, Mo., and had been admitted to the bar in 1859. After the war ended he again settled in Doniphan, Mo., but owing to the adoption of what was known as the Drake constitution he could not practice his profession in Missouri, so he went to the State of Texas, and after traveling over several counties, settled down at Sherman, in Grayson County. But here the same fate overtook him. Under the reconstruction acts of Congress, a test oath, to practice law, was required, so he then returned to Missouri, settled in Ripley County, and here he has had a large practice since the amendment of the Drake constitution. In the year 1868 he was elected prosecuting attorney, held the office four years in Ripley County and four years in Carter County, too, as that county had no attorney of experience. In 1878 he was elected to represent Ripley County in the Lower House of the Legislature, and still later he was elected State senator. He was chairman of the committee of accounts, served on the judiciary committee, emigration, etc., and later was a candidate for Congress, but being unacquainted with wire-pulling, did not get the office. In 1870 Mr. Mabrey was happily married to Miss Sallie J. Carter, daughter of Zimri A. Carter, a pioneer of Carter County, after whom the county was named. She is also a sister of Judge William Carter, of St. Francois County. To Mr. and Mrs. Mabrey have been born twelve children, nine of whom, two sons and seven daughters, are still living. She is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and he is a Democrat in politics.

ANDREW P. MILLER, one of the early pioneers of Douglas County, and son of Dobson Miller (see sketch of Dr. H. M. Miller and J. W. Miller, of Ava), came originally from Tennessee, his birth occurring in Roane County, that State, May 26, 1833. He was about twenty-one years of age when he left the State where he had received his education, and made his way to Missouri, where he has since followed farming. In the year 1862 he enlisted in Company B, of the Home Guards, but about a year later he enlisted in the Missouri State Militia, and served ninety days. After that he enlisted in the Rangers, and served throughout the war, being discharged in 1865. He was in a number of fights and skirmishes with bushwhackers in the mountain regions of south Missouri, and was disabled by hardship, so that he still suffers from complaints contracted during that memorable time. He served his flag well, and was a good and brave soldier. In 1867 he bought the farm where he now resides, and has 120 acres of well-improved land. He has made a success of farming, and is also a successful stockman. In politics he affiliates with the Republican party, and is an active worker for his party. Mr. Miller is deeply interested in educational matters, and for nine years has been director in his district. Socially he is an Odd Fellow, being a member of the order at Ava. While a resident of Tennessee he was married to Miss Mary J. Brazeale, a native of Tennessee, born September 18, 1838, and the daughter of Robert H. and Anna (McCamma) Brazeale, both natives of that State. Mrs. Brazeale died in Christian County, Mo., in 1863, and Mr. Brazeale in Arkansas in 1867. Mr. and Mrs. Miller are useful citizens, and take a deep interest in politics and all other public matters. They have experienced the trials and privations of pioneer life, and have contributed their share toward the county's advancement. No better citizens reside in the county.

REV. THOMAS WRIGHT CARPENTER. This earnest and effective worker in the cause of Christianity is a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, but is none the less a successful and enterprising farmer of Howell Valley, Howell County, Mo. He was born in Scott County, Mo., in 1824, a son of Cyrus and Nancy (Davis) Carpenter, natives of Virginia and Tennessee, respectively, but who came to southeast Missouri in 1811, when young, and there experienced the earthquake shock of that period. They married in

what is now Scott County, where they spent the rest of their lives, the father dying in 1834 and the mother in 1870. They united with the Methodist Church at the time the first sermons of that doctrine were preached in southeast Missouri and remained connected with it until their deaths. Cyrus Carpenter was a cripple and as a means of livelihood followed shoemaking and carpentering, but remained a poor man all his life, owing to his physical infirmities. His father, Conrad Carpenter, was one of the first settlers of southeast Missouri and died in New Madrid County. He was of French origin, and at the time of the Revolutionary War was a small boy. The maternal grandfather, Caleb Davis, was also one of the pioneers of southeast Missouri and worked at the blacksmith's trade. The immediate subject of this sketch was one of the following named children: Catherine, Benjamin, Harrison, Charles, Martha, Thomas W., John, William, James and Mary. The educational advantages which Thomas Wright Carpenter received in his youth were extremely limited, but he had a wise and excellent mother, to whose training and influence he owes all that he is. He had such a thirst for a knowledge of the Scriptures that he would carry his Bible to the field with him and read it every spare moment. Early in life he united with the Methodist Episcopal Church and from that time on was an earnest worker for the cause of religion and soon became a leader in all church matters of his neighborhood. For many years he was an exhorter and no matter what the weather might be it did not prevent him from filling his appointments. He and his wife would often walk seven and eight miles across the swamps, carry their children, in order to attend some meeting on which they had set their hearts. They labored this way a long time and accomplished much good. After the war Mr. Carpenter was ordained by the St. Louis Conference and thereafter preached all over southeast Missouri, from Howell County to the Mississippi River, and at one time he was acquainted with nearly everybody in this whole region of country. He has preached more funeral sermons and married more people than perhaps any other minister in the section and is still called forty and fifty miles to officiate on those occasions. Perhaps no man in Missouri has organized more churches, revived more abandoned churches or done more effective work in the saving of souls than he, for he is possessed of considerable magnetism, is forcible, convincing and often an eloquent speaker, wielding great influence over his hearers. He had a circuit for six years in Howell and Scott Counties, and, after working hard on his farm all the week, would on Saturday night or Sunday ride thirty or forty miles to some of his appointments, probably preach two sermons, and Monday morning would find him at his plow. When twenty years old he married Louisa, daughter of Samuel and Nancy Darby, who died in Oregon and Scott Counties, respectively, having come to Missouri from Alabama. Mrs. Carpenter was born in that State and died in 1847, the mother of six children: Martha, who died in infancy; John Wesley, deceased; James M., deceased; George Washington; Mary, wife of Amos W. Blatchen, of Smithville, Ark.; and Nancy, wife of John T. Pool. For his second wife Mr. Carpenter took Mrs. Minerva Stanley, who died soon after their marriage, and Mrs. Angeline Allen became his third wife, with whom he lived about twenty-seven years and had four children: Sarah A.; Emily, wife of Wright Carpenter; Catherine, deceased; and Thomas Wright, deceased. Mr. Carpenter's fourth wife was Mrs. Sarah I. Hughs, a native of Kentucky. After making a number of changes of residence Mr. Carpenter located in Howell County for about nine years, and here he has since made his home. He has one of the finest and best improved farms in the county. In his efforts for the good of humanity he has been a tireless worker, and when his long and useful career will have closed it can with truth be said of him, "Well done thou good and faithful servant."

JAMES E. ADAMS. The calling to which Mr. Adams' attention is devoted is one of the utmost importance to any community and is deserving of liberal patronage from the inhabitants. His well appointed mercantile establishment is located at Varner, and there he also has charge of the interests of "Uncle Sam," and presides over the postoffice. He was born in Graves County, Ky., October 3, 1838, a son of Jeremiah M. and Hannah (Edens) Adams, who were born in South Carolina and North Carolina October 16, 1798 and June 3, 1802, respectively. In 1819 Mr. Adams went to Graves County, Ky., where he was married in 1823, and spent the rest of his life there. He was a strong, active and useful pioneer, and for a period of fifty years was a minister of the Methodist Church, and noble were his efforts to "rescue the perishing." On the 24th of March, 1872, he was called from life, and his widow's death occurred November 2, 1881. The paternal grandfather, Zadack Adams, removed from South Carolina to Kentucky in 1819, there followed the occupation of farming and eventually passed from life. He was of Irish origin, and is supposed to have been a soldier of the Revolution. He and his wife, who also died in Graves County, reared a large family. Ezekiel Edens, the maternal grandfather, was also a pioneer of Graves County, but came thither from North Carolina. His entire life was devoted to farming, and one of his sons, James G., became very wealthy and influential, and lived at Edens' Hill, near Paducah. To Jeremiah M. Adams and wife the following children were born: William H., of Graves County, a farmer; Benjamin H., a farmer and tobacconist of that county; James E.; Martha E., who died, the wife of William Reasor; Susan E. M., wife of H. L. Anderson, of Kentucky; Nancy J., wife of M. L. Stewart, of Kentucky; Phœba I., the deceased wife of John D. Kay; Mary A., wife of Prof. G. J. Wilkerson, of Ballard County, Ky.; and Hannah J., widow of F. M. Moore. James E. Adams received a practical education in the common schools, and upon attaining a suitable age began teaching school and followed this occupation for some years. September 5, 1866, he married Nancy J. Taylor, who was born in Graves County, Ky., and where she died the 20th of September, 1882, having become the mother of seven children: Ella, wife of B. F. Campbell, of Little Rock, a passenger conductor on the Iron Mountain Railroad; Ezra; Bertha, wife of Thad Z. Eaton; Ida; Eliza; Jerry H., who died in infancy; and Elbert, who also died young. Mr. Adams took for his second wife Miss Sue F. Griffin, who was born in Tennessee and died in Ripley County, Mo., July 2, 1889. December 8, 1889, Mr. Adams married Martha A. Stewart. When the war opened he joined the Federal Army, Fifteenth Kentucky Cavalry, but his services were rejected on account of ill health. He then followed merchandising in Mayfield, Ky., until 1885, when he came to Varner and opened the "Kentucky Home," which is one of the best general mercantile establishments in that section, and has a liberal patronage. He started in life with no capital, is now well-to-do financially, and stands high in the estimation of the people of his section. He is a member of Faithful Lodge No. 304 of the A. F. & A. M. at Fair Dealing, has been a member of the Methodist Church since he was fourteen years of age, and in politics has ever been a Republican, his first presidential vote being cast for Bell in 1860.

JAMES K. P. CONNER. The subject of this sketch is a gentleman of ripe intelligence, and a man of large benevolence and broad sympathies. He is a citizen of Jobe, Mo., and the most efficient postmaster at that place. Mr. Conner is a native Hoosier, born in Dubois County, December 23, 1844, and the son of Rial and Clara (Berry) Conner, natives, respectively, of Tennessee and Illinois. The parents were married in Indiana, and the father died in Dubois County, that State, in 1861. The mother is still living and finds a comfortable home with her children. All his life Mr. Conner was engaged in agri-

cultural pursuits, and met with substantial results. Like many of the representative citizens of the county Mr. Conner was reared to farm life, and remained engaged in the duties on the same until August, 1862, when he joined the Ninety-third Indiana Volunteer Infantry, Company G, as sergeant, and served three years lacking eighteen days. During the war he was in the Southern States, and participated in the battle of Vicksburg, Jackson, Franklin and Nashville, Guntown, Holly Springs, and other battles and skirmishes. June 10, 1864, he received a gunshot wound in the right side, which at the time was pronounced a fatal wound. He was in the hospital at Memphis three months. This was the only wound he received, and he was never taken prisoner. After being wounded he rode 130 miles on the back of a mule to escape being made a prisoner. After the war he engaged in the mill business in Dubois County, Ind., but four years later went to Washington, Daviess County, Ind., where he opened a grocery store and carried it on for two years. After that he commenced farming in Dubois County, and continued the same four or five years. From there he moved to Missouri and located in Oregon County, where he started a saw mill, and continued in this business for six years. After that he branched out in the hotel business at Alton, continued this two years, and then bought 160 acres of land on Frederick River. This is an excellent tract of land, most of it is under cultivation, and Mr. Conner has met with good success. While a resident of Indiana, in 1869, he was married to Miss Hannah Oxley, a native of Dubois County, who died in the Hoosier State, a short time afterward. One child, deceased, was born to this union. In 1874 Mr. Conner married Miss Mary Abell, who was also a native of Indiana. Three children were the fruits of this union, two of whom are living, a son and daughter. In the year 1883 Mr. Conner married Miss Lucy Jenkins, who was born at Cape Girardeau, Mo. They have no children. Mr. Conner is a member of the A. O. U. W. at Alton, the G. A. R., Gatewood Post, and in politics is a Republican.

P. J. PONDER. This successful and worthy citizen, residing ten miles west of Doniphan, at the town of Ponder, is a native Tennesseean, born in Hickman County in 1838. His parents, Amos and Nancy (Dudley) Ponder, were married in the State of Tennessee, but moved from there to Ripley County, Mo., in 1843. Mr. Ponder bought land on Fourche, a mile and a half below where the town of Ponder now stands, principally in the woods, and began immediately to improve and clear the land. There he worked and delved and gathered around him many of the comforts of life, but died soon after the war. His wife passed away about the same time. They reared a family of eight children, four of whom are now living. Of these children our subject is one of the youngest. He was about five years of age when his parents moved to Ripley County, Mo., and as a consequence nearly all his recollections are of this county. Here he reached manhood and here he was married to Miss Martha Sandling, who died soon afterward. Later he married Miss Julia Murdock, who died during the war. His third marriage was with Miss Matilda Murdock, a sister of his second wife, and three children were the result of this union: Elizabeth, wife of Joseph Dalton, of this county; Nellie, at home, and Mary L., deceased, was the wife of Michael Ryan. Our subject served in the State Militia as wagon master during a part of the war. After cessation of hostilities he began farming where William Murdock now resides, but in 1867 he moved to a part of his father's old farm and in 1875 to where he now lives. He owns 228 acres of land. For a time he sold goods in Ponder, and he has always been trading in stock in connection with farming. He is a member of the A. O. U. W., and in politics is a Democrat.

EDWARD HAMPTON SUTTERFIELD. This gentleman is the capable surveyor of Reynolds County, but his usual occupations are farming and stockraising, in following which he has met with more than ordinary success and has accumulated a competency. He owes his nativity to White County, Tenn., where he first saw the light of day in 1830, a son of William and Dovie (Tapley) Sutterfield, who were also born in Tennessee in 1800 and 1810, respectively, and there made their home until 1840, when they came by wagon to what is now Reynolds County and located on a woodland tract on the west fork of the Black River, at which time but three or four settlements had been made on the creek. Mr. Sutterfield was a gunsmith, blacksmith and farmer, but lived only about one year after locating in Missouri. He was a Mason, and politically a Democrat. His father, Edward Sutterfield, came from Tennessee to what is now Reynolds County in 1839, and died here in 1849, his birth having occurred in old Virginia. He was of English ancestry, was a soldier of the Revolution, and afterward gave his attention to the peaceful pursuit of farming. The maternal grandfather, Tapley, was also a soldier of the Revolution, was a farmer by occupation, and passed from life in Tennessee. The wife of William Sutterfield remained a widow for thirty-seven years, and died in 1877, a member of the Missionary Baptist Church. She was a noble self-sacrificing woman and reared her children to honorable manhood and womanhood in a wild and unsettled country, without the aid of anyone. Their names are as follows: Allen was for some years district judge of this county; John died in childhood; Edward Hampton; James, a resident of this county; Elizabeth, who became the wife of Samuel Black, and is now dead; Alzada is the widow of William Riley Radford, and Matilda, who is the wife of James Davis. From the time he was ten years old Edward Hampton Sutterfield has been a resident of Reynolds County, and owing to the extreme scarcity of schools in his boyhood days, he received but little education. Game was very abundant for many years after their location here and Edward became quite skillful in the use the rifle and was very fond of the sport. He was married in 1851 to Elizabeth, the daughter of Lidlebery and Nancy Vest, natives of Virginia, in which State they were reared and married and from where they came to Missouri, it is supposed, about seventy years ago. They lived for some time in Crawford County, then for some time on Iron Mountain, where Mrs. Vest died. Mr. Vest was a laborer on public works and died at Bellevue. Mrs. Sutterfield was born in Crawford County, Mo., and her union with Mr. Sutterfield has resulted in the birth of twelve children: Alzada, wife of George Brown; Patsey, wife of Amos Plymale; James F.; Telitha, wife of A. R. Anderson; George Washington; Sarah, wife of James Byrd; Henry L.; Nancy, wife of Greene Gilson; Thomas J.; Clara, wife of Samuel Strickland, of Iron County; Frances, wife of Jefferson Gibson, of St. Francois County, Mo., and Elijah M. Mr. Sutterfield served for a time in Marmaduke's command during the Civil War, and was on the Price raid and was also with Gen. Thompson for a time in southeast Missouri. While at his home he was captured, at one time, and from December until February, 1863, he was kept a prisoner at Ironton. After the war he lived on Bee Fork until 1871, and since that time on his present farm of 161 acres on West Fork. This land is fertile, and under Mr. Sutterfield's able management yields large crops, annually. He has served as justice of the peace four years, and with the exception of eight years he has served as county surveyor ever since the war closed, being elected to this position six different times. He is very familiar with every part of Reynolds County, and also many of the adjoining counties. He is a member of Reynolds Lodge No. 385, of the A. F. & A. M., at Centerville; has been a lifelong Democrat, and he and his wife are members in good standing of the Missionary Baptist

Church. In his boyhood days he and his brothers were obliged to go with ox teams to St. Louis to market, and in order to obtain flour or meal would often ride a steer fifteen or twenty miles to mill. Schoolhouses with a dirt floor, slab seats and greased paper window-lights were a luxury, and many times he and his brothers were called up in the dead of night to frighten away the prowling bear or wolf that was endeavoring to carry off their stock. Many of such incidents he well remembers and he recounts them with interest. He often compares that time with the present, and it must be confessed not always to the advantage of the latter.

Capt. Francis Marion Pollock. This well-known farmer, stock trader and mill man, of Mt. View, Mo., owes his nativity to Limestone County, Ala., where he first saw the light on the 19th of April, 1840. His parents, Francis Asbury and Ann (Wilkinson) Pollock, were also born in Limestone County, Ala., in 1808 and 1810, respectively, were reared and married there, and about 1834 removed to Cooper County, Mo., where Mr. Pollock was soon after elected sheriff, and died while in office in 1839. He was a very prominent Mason, one of the wealthy farmers of the county, and became prominently known as a successful horse trader and hotel man. He was killed by lightning, with six other men, while in his wholesale grocery store at Boonville, Mo. He was active, industrious and public spirited, and had his career not been so suddenly closed, he would, without doubt, have become prominent in political circles, for he was very popular, and fully merited the esteem in which he was held. His father, Dr. Robert Pollock, is supposed to have been an Alabamian by birth, and made a large fortune in practicing his profession. He spent the last few years of his life in traveling, and while in Stoddard County, Mo., prior to the war, was called from life. He was of Irish birth, and was very prominent in Masonic circles. By his wife, Elizabeth, he became the father of four sons and three daughters. After the untimely death of Mr. Pollock, his widow returned to Limestone County, Ala., and while there, the subject of this sketch was born. A few years later she removed to Fulton County, Ky., and in 1855 returned to Howell County, where she has ever since made her home, with the exception of during the war, and is still living at the advanced age of eighty-four years. She has been married five times, and is now a widow enjoying good health. Her father, James Wilkinson, died in Limestone County, Ala., when quite advanced in years, having been a well-to-do slave owner and planter. He was married twice, and was a half brother of President Zachary Taylor. The subject of this sketch is the youngest of four children born to his parents: James W., who died in Limestone County, Ala., at the age of seven years; Mahala Jane, who died in Fulton County, Ky., the wife of James Wilkinson, a cousin; Francis Marion; and George McGowen, who died October 15, 1861, in the Confederate service. The subject of this sketch was reared by his mother, and unfortunately received but little schooling in his youth. He came with her to Howell County, Mo., in 1855, at which time this country was very wild, there then being but one house on the present site of West Plains. They were compelled to go to Spring River, Ark., to mill, a distance of forty miles, and in all other ways suffered the inconveniences of pioneer life. On the 24th of June, 1861, he joined Company B, Second Missouri Infantry of the Confederate Army, and was in the engagements at Wilson's Creek, Drywood and Lexington, and served six months as second sergeant. He then resigned, came home and recruited a company of 140 men, and was made captain of Company B, Second Missouri Infantry, commanded by James R. Shaler, St. Louis, Mo., which he commanded throughout Arkansas, Missouri, Louisiana and Indian Territory, and was a participant in about twenty engagements. He was on the Price raid, was all through Louisiana, and surrendered

at Jacksonport, Ark., June 24, 1865, just four years to the day from the time he enlisted. He was at one time captured in Izard County, Ark., and was in prison at Little Rock for about six months. After the war he was engaged in farming and merchandising until 1868, when he returned to Howell County, and for eight or ten years thereafter was engaged in merchandising at various places. He has long been one of the most extensive stock dealers in the county, owns and operates a grist mill at Mt. View, in addition to which he looks after his fine farm of 400 acres, 300 acres of which are in a fine state of cultivation. On this place he has about 3,000 bearing apple trees, besides raising other fruits of all kinds. Capt. Pollock's success is due to his own earnest and persistent efforts, strict economy and good management, and he has had the push and perseverance to bring all his enterprises to a successful termination. He is without doubt one of the most thoroughgoing business men of the county, and during his long residence here has gained many friends. In 1870 he was married to Nancy J., daughter of Hezekiah and Jensey Jackson, who came to this section from Georgia and here died. Mrs. Pollock was born in Georgia, and died October 28, 1878, a member of the United Baptist Church and the mother of five children: Georgian, wife of James A. Gill; James W. (deceased); Francis A. (deceased); Sarah J., wife of James Smith, and John W. In 1888 Mr. Pollock took for his second wife Nancy M., daughter of Ralph and Hester Umphrey, natives of Missouri, and now residents of Howell County. Two children have been born to Mr. Pollock's second union: Robert Cleveland and Bertie Ann. Although Mr. Pollock has always been a stanch Democrat in politics he has never sought office, his private interests completely occupying his time and attention.

CAPT. GEORGE FRY, an old and honored citizen of Shannon County, Mo., is a native of the Buckeye State, born in Franklin County in 1817. His father, George Fry, was a native of Pennsylvania, who went to Ohio in 1812 or 1813, floating down the Ohio River to the Sciota in flatboats with his family and household effects. He then went up the Sciota where he afterwards located, and there passed the balance of his days, dying when seventy-seven years of age. He was in the Indian War, and was in the battle of Tippecanoe. When he first went to Ohio the Indians were still there; in fact that State had only been admitted into the Union about ten years, and was but sparsely settled. Capt. George Fry, who was one of seven children, spent his school days in Athens County, Ohio, whither his parents had moved, and there reached manhood. He turned his attention to farming at first, but afterward was superintendent of the iron works at Vinton Station, Vinton County, for fifteen years. Following this he took up railroad contracting on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, and afterward, in 1869, went to West Virginia, and was on the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad. He was also in Kentucky on a railroad south of Lexington, and all the time was building railroad bridges, etc. Later he came West with the intention of taking contract on the Cuba and Salem branch, but arrived too late to get contract and instead became foreman. He helped build the railroad to Steeleville, where he worked for different parties, and then a part of the time had charge of the iron works in Salem. He was also in Phelps County for a time. In all he was in the iron works several years, and as an iron worker has had a vast experience. Afterward he came to Shannon County and located at the mouth of Shawnee Creek on Jack Fork River, where he now owns a fine farm. In the year 1861 he was in Cincinnati, Ohio, and raised Company I, of the Seventy-fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was made captain. He served nearly three years and was in the battles of Bull Run, Chancellorsville, and many others. At the battle of Bull Run he had command of a company of fifty men who went into that fight and in less than thirty minutes only eight

or ten were left. Of the Seventy-fifth Regiment Capt. Fry was the only live officer left after that battle. He was never wounded nor taken prisoner. Although not old enough in 1840, Capt. Fry voted for Gen. William H. Harrison and he voted for Benjamin Harrison. In the year 1892 the Captain was married to Miss Melvinia Myrick who was born in 1820. She is still living and they have four living children. The eldest son, James M., was with our subject through the war and is now a farmer in this county.

HON. JOSHUA SHOLAR. The free country of America affords numberless instances of men who have made their way alone in life, having nothing on which to depend but their own strong arms and a determination to do and to succeed. Such men are always self-reliant, their necessities having taught them that what is done must be done through themselves alone. They are worthy and well qualified to perform what duties they are called upon to discharge and are almost without exception leaders of thought in their community, and lead lives of great usefulness. In considering the gentlemen of this class in Shannon County, the name of Hon. Joshua Sholar suggests itself forcibly, for the reason that he has attained his distinguished position without the backing of family or friends, but has made his way onward and upward in the world by the force of his own talents. Mr. Sholar was born in Washington County, Mo., January 8, 1845, and is a son of Whitmel and Mary Ann (Neves) Sholar, natives, respectively, of North Carolina and Henry County, Ky. The parents were married in Washington County, Mo., whither the mother had come with her parents when quite small, and the father when twenty-four years of age, and here the father died on the 24th of November, 1857, when fifty-six years of age. The mother was born September 6, 1814, and is still living and a resident of Carter County, Mo. The father was a teacher and surveyor, and was surveyor of the county at the time of his death. He was a graduate of the college at Louisville, Ky., and was a man of acknowledged ability. As an educator he was classed among the best and as a surveyor he was well known. He surveyed the Iron Mountain from Riverside to Pilot Knob and made the permanent survey, but died before the railroad was built. In politics he affiliated with the Whig party. To his marriage were born twelve children, four now living, our subject and three daughters: Mrs. Abigail Barnes, of Carter County, Mo.; Mrs. Elizabeth Franklin, of Carter County, and Mrs. Martha Kinnard, of Shannon County. From the age of eight years to that of thirteen our subject attended school in Washington County, Mo., but he had limited educational advantages and most of his schooling was received at home. He was a great student and all the books he could find were read with great avidity. In 1866 he turned his attention to teaching and farming in Carter County, Mo., and remained there until 1870, when he commenced teaching in Shannon County. Five years later he was elected school commissioner and in 1876 he was elected assessor. The following year he was reëlected school commissioner, and in 1878 was elected to the position of clerk of the County Court, which he held for twelve years. Then on account of ill health he gave up the office. In 1885 Mr. Sholar, in connection with C. S. Seaman and James Orchard, purchased the *Current Wave*, which they established at Eminence and owned in partnership until 1889, when Mr. Seaman died. In January, 1890, Mr. Sholar purchased the interest of Seaman's widow and that of James Orchard, and in April following moved the paper to Illinois. In 1891 he sold the paper to a party who moved it to Eminence. In February, 1892, Mr. Sholar again became proprietor of the paper which he continues to own and publish at Eminence. Mr. Sholar was married April 5, 1878, to Miss Lydia Creagar, a native of Lovington, Ill., who died October 16, 1884. Their two children, Lenoir C. and Guy E., died when quite young. On the 15th of July,

1891, Mr. Sholar married Miss Laura P. Wetzell, of Washington County. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity at Winona, and in politics he is a Democrat.

JUDGE W. B. FLIPPIN. It is a pleasure to describe a man of unusual personal merit—the possessor of a combination of gifts so rare, so varied and so comprehensive that happiness and success in business were bound to follow the application of his qualities to the solution of almost any problem of life. It has been said, and truly said, that "some men are born great, some have greatness thrust upon them and some achieve greatness," and to this last most important class belongs the subject of this sketch, Judge W. B. Flippin, who was born in Monroe County, Ky., September 4, 1817, the elder of two sons born to Thomas H. and Elizabeth (Baugh) Flippin, the former of whom was a Kentuckian and a son of Thomas Flippin who was a soldier of the Revolution, serving the Colonial cause as a scout, in which capacity he made a name for himself. He removed to Kentucky about 1800 and became a well-to-do farmer of Monroe County, his home being near Pikeville. Four of his sons were soldiers in the War of 1812. Thomas H. Flippin grew to manhood on Kentucky soil and about 1825 moved to Tennessee, and in 1837 to Arkansas, his death occurring in Marion County of this State in 1856, his widow surviving him until 1889. They took up their abode on the farm on which Judge Flippin is now living and here reared their two sons: Judge W. B. and Thomas H. P. In 1849 the father held the position of clerk of Marion County and he and his wife were worthy members of the Christian Church. Thomas H. P. Flippin, their son, was a wealthy farmer of this county, was highly respected, and his death, which occurred in 1892, was regretted by many. Judge W. B. Flippin was married in Izard County, Ark., in 1841, to Miss Agnes W. Adams, who was born in Hopkins County near Madisonville, Ky., in 1815, a daughter of James Adams who came to this State about 1835 from Missouri, but who had originally been a resident of Hopkins County, Ky. Her union with Judge Flippin resulted in the birth of three sons and four daughters, as follows: Thomas H., who is the private secretary of Gov. Fishback; James A., a successful farmer of the county; John P., who died in Texas; Elizabeth, is the wife of James Lynch, of Marion County, Ark.; Ella J. is still with her parents; Letitia is the wife of Henry W. Lynch; and Matilda A. is the deceased wife of W. C. McBee all the children reside in Marion County. Judge Flippin is a man of fine intellect, is exceptionally well educated, and being well posted on all topics of general interest his opinion is regarded as almost infallible. He has ever been deeply interested in the politics of his section, has held every office within the gift of the county, with the exception of that of sheriff and clerk. He was elected representative to the State Legislature in 1854, and again in 1874. This Legislature adjourned and met again in 1875. In 1877 he was elected enrolling and engrossing clerk of the State Senate. Judge Flippin has always discharged his duties with credit to himself and his constituency. He is a beau ideal public servant, faithful, efficient and trustworthy. As a judge he has displayed the utmost intelligence and impartial fairness, and his pleasing manner and intelligent conversation make him a most agreeable companion. During the great Civil War he was captain of a company in the early part of the struggle, but was later elected quartermaster of McBride's brigade and held this position until the war closed. He has held the office of justice of the peace for many years and for twenty years served in the capacity of county surveyor. He became a member of Yellville Lodge of the A. F. & A. M. prior to the war and is still a member of that honorable order. He has a farm of many acres, has given each of his children farms, and they are now living all around him, worthy and substantial citizens.

Judge Flippin was left a widower in 1884, but later married Mrs. Rachel Butts, of Johnson County, Ark., widow of Hon. H. G. Butts with whom she lived peacefully until the spring of 1889, when finding their dispositions not in unison, they decided to separate amicably, the Judge accompanying her to her home in Johnson County. Judge Flippin is now seventy-seven years old, and lives with his son, Thomas H. Flippin. In 1858 he united with the Church of Christ, and has been a faithful worker and minister of the Gospel, and hopes for many years to come to continue his great usefulness.

S. W. Wilkinson. This prominent general merchant of Willow Springs, Mo., was born in Alton, Ill., January 6, 1856, son of Simon and Anna (Lea) Wilkinson, both natives of England. The parents came to the United States about 1850 and settled in the Prairie State, where the father followed farming until his death in 1859. The mother is now living in Missouri. Their family consisted of five children, and our subject is the only one now living. S. W. Wilkinson passed his early life in Missouri, whither his mother had moved before the war, and when he was about thirteen years of age began clerking in a store. In about 1883 he embarked in business for himself at Leesburgh, this State, continued this for one year, and then in 1884 came to Willow Springs. Here he engaged in general merchandising, and in 1890 he erected the large commercial house in which he now carries on business. This is one of the best business buildings in the city, 28x90, two stories in height and a basement. Mr. Wilkinson carries a stock of goods valued at from $6,000 to $7,000 and his trade extends over a wide scope of country. He employs two clerks, is doing a good business, and is a young, energetic business man. Mr. Wilkinson started for himself in a small way, but by industry and close attention to business has made a success of his calling. In politics he is a Republican and is prominent in the affairs of the city. He selected his wife in the person of Miss Phœbe Elizabeth Knight, and they have six children: Lillie, Charles S., William E., Ethel Ann, Bessie Jane and Mary Alice. Mr. Wilkinson and family reside on Third Street, this city, and have a handsome home. They are highly respected by all and are prominent citizens. Mr. Wilkinson has had an experience of twenty-five years in the mercantile business and is reliable and trustworthy. He is a director in the Citizens' Bank of Willow Springs, is also city and school treasurer, and has held many prominent positions. He has ever been active in all enterprises to build up the city and is one of the most progressive men.

Jacob H. Wolf. There is not a more popular citizen and official in Baxter County, Ark., than Jacob H. Wolf, who has several times served in the capacity of sheriff of the county, and whose conduct of the affairs of that office has been such as to commend him to the good opinion of the general public, irrespective of party affiliation. He was born in what is now Baxter (but was then Izard) County, Ark., March 31, 1845, a son of William M. and Phœbe E. (Kellow) Wolf, the former of whom was born in Kentucky, but was only a child when his father, Jacob Wolf, brought him to Arkansas. They located near the mouth of North Fork on White River, and there made their home for over fifty years, Jacob Wolf being a farmer, merchant, trader and blacksmith, in which duties he was assisted by his sons, and these energetic men did much to develop the resources of northern Arkansas and make the present advanced state of civilization possible. Jacob Wolf received the appointment of Indian agent from the United States Government, with the rank of major, and held this position many years. He also held other official positions of trust and honor. He was a Democrat, a member of the Missionary Baptist Church, and was a man well known and highly honored in his day. William M. Wolf, his son, was also a merchant and trader, and became promi-



W. B. FLIPPIN,
Marion, Ark.



J. R. B. MOORE,
Heber, Ark.

nent in the political affairs of his time, serving several terms as a member of the General Assembly of the State from Izard County. He became the owner of a valuable farm on White River, and for his many worthy traits of character was highly honored throughout the section in which he resided. He died in 1852, when about forty-two years of age, and his widow in 1863, at the age of thirty-eight. She was born in Kentucky, and came with her people to Arkansas many years ago. Jacob H. Wolf, the immediate subject of this sketch, was the third of seven children born to his parents, and his scholastic education was obtained in the public schools of Mountain Home (then known as Rapp's Barrens), and his vacations were spent in assisting his grandfather. In 1862 he became a soldier of the Confederate Army, but saw no active service until 1863, when he joined the Fourteenth Arkansas Infantry, which was afterward changed to Craven's regiment or the First Consolidated Regiment. He was in the service until his command surrendered at Marshall, Tex., in the spring of 1865. He was a participant in the engagements at Prairie De Han, Marks' Mill, and various skirmishes, but was neither wounded nor taken prisoner during his service. Prior to the war he had partly learned the blacksmith's trade, and upon the opening of the war he was working as a tanner on White River, at Livingston's Point. After the war he worked at blacksmithing at Salado, Bell County, Tex., and returned to Mountain Home and attended school one year. He also worked at blacksmithing in Baxter County from 1871 to 1884, when he was elected sheriff of the county, but prior to this had served one term as county coroner. After serving in the capacity of sheriff three terms he turned his attention to farming on White River, in Buck Horn Township, but later located in Mountain Home, and began working at his trade, from which he was once more called by the voice of the public to serve in the capacity of county sheriff and collector, to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Livingston (deceased), and ably did he discharge his duties. In Waco, Tex., he was married in 1877 to Miss Jennie Patterson, by whom he has two sons and two daughters living: Thella, Jacob Cleave, Willie Clyde and Phœbe Lois, and Tandy, Milas and an infant are deceased. Mr. Wolf is a Royal Arch Mason, has filled important offices in the Blue Lodge and chapter, and politically is a Democrat.

Capt. Gillum Hopper. There is no greater pleasure for the hand and pen of the historian or biographer to perform than in recording the life and achievements of a man who, through his own unaided efforts, has secured a comfortable competency and the general acknowledgment of being an honest man and esteemed citizen. Gillum Hopper, whose success in life is the result of honesty, industry and good management on his part, first saw the light in Warren County, Tenn., in 1841. His parents, Moses and Rebecca (Hicks) Hopper, were natives of Kentucky and Tennessee, respectively, the former born in 1802 and the latter in 1804. When a lad Moses went with his parents to Tennessee, grew to manhood there, and was married in Cannon County, that State to Miss Hicks. Afterward they located in Warren County, Tenn., and there all their children were born. In 1851 they moved to what is now Boone County, Ark., and settled in the woods, one mile northwest of the present town of Harrison. There the father tilled the soil until 1862, when he was killed by bushwhackers, on the farm where our subject now resides. He was a Union man and opposed to secession, but took no part in the war. He was one of the pioneers of this section and an extensive stock trader. When he first settled in Boone County it was common for the inhabitants to go fifteen or twenty miles to a house-raising and to visit, etc. The nearest mill was twenty-five miles distant and the nearest trading point, Carrollton. Mr. Hopper was well known and universally respected. His father, Gillum Hopper,

was a native of the Green Isle of Erin and the latter's wife was of Pennsylvania Dutch origin. Gillum Hopper followed farming and trading in Kentucky until his death. Three weeks after the killing of her husband, Mrs. Hopper, too, passed away. Her father, Archibald O. Hicks, died in Cannon County, Tenn., where he followed farming very successfully for many years. He was a soldier in the Mexican War, in which he was wounded. Nine children were born to the parents of our subject, and are named in the order of their births, as follows: Archibald W. served in the Confederate Army during the war, and is now farming on Long Creek; Nancy, deceased, was the wife of Hiram Cantrell; William B. died in Pratt County, Kan.; Eliza L., wife of Luke P. Holmes, of Polk County, Mo.; James T., one of Harrison's prominent and wealthy citizens; Paralee P., wife of Washington F. McCormick, of Taney County, Mo.; Elvira J., wife of Joseph H. Speer, a prominent citizen of Harrison; Gillum, our subject; and Ruth B., deceased, was the wife of William H. Thomason. Our subject was about ten years of age when the parents moved to Boone County, Ark., and he was reared amid the rude surroundings of that section. He received only a few months' schooling, and that when but a child, for when he first came to Arkansas there were no schools. On May 1, 1861, he went to Springfield, Mo.; soon after engaged in scout duty, which he continued until 1864 and then enlisted in Company M, Seventy-third Missouri Cavalry. He was in active service as a scout all the time, in Missouri and Arkansas. He was captain of his company under Gen. Sanburn, was always ready for duty, and was never captured nor wounded; that is, he was never severely wounded, although several times struck by balls that drew blood. The Captain was as brave an officer as ever commanded a company and had the confidence and respect of all who became acquainted with him. At the close of the war he was discharged at Springfield, Mo., and remained in that city until 1867, when he returned to Boone County. There he was married in 1870 to Miss Prudie C. McCormick, a native of Webster County, Mo., and the daughter of Joseph R. McCormick (see sketch of John R. McCormick). Capt. Hopper's union has been blessed by the birth of ten children: Ida; Nannie H., wife of Prof. Joseph W. Blankinship, who is principal of Marshall Seminary, at Marshall, Ark.; Lillie died young; Bertha M.; James T.; Lou Ella Gertrude; William Carson; Cora Prudie; Lester died in infancy; and Gillum Carl. For sixteen years Capt. Hopper has lived on his present farm of 540 acres, one mile and a half north of Harrison, and he also owns 200 acres in Taney County, Mo. Nearly 600 acres of his land is under cultivation, and he has it well improved with good buildings, fences, orchard, etc. He purchased 160 acres in 1860 and added to that as he was able. Now he is one of the most extensive stock feeders and shippers in the county. A few years ago he shipped seven car loads of cattle and six car loads of hogs at one shipment, the largest single shipment ever made from Boone County. He is a Republican in politics, but not an office seeker, and in religion he is independent. The Captain has witnessed all the improvements that have been made in the country and can relate many interesting anecdotes of the pioneer days. About 1854 his elder brother, Capt. James T., was sent by his father to Springfield with a drove of hogs and our subject accompanied him as far as Layton's Mill in Taney County, Mo., with a load of feed drawn by three yoke of oxen. He was to return home from Layton's Mill with a load of lumber. All went well until he reached what was known as the Central place, where Omaha now stands, just at dark. Here he stopped to get a drink at the spring and while there he heard what he thought was a woman crying in distress. He called to her and was soon confronted by a panther when but a few steps from the wagon. It did not take him long to get into the wagon but the

panther was close after him. Seizing the whip, the only weapon he had, he began beating the animal with all his force. The attack was continued from one side of the wagon to the other, but the whipstock was used with such skill and force that the panther's attacks were of no avail. There was no settlement for several miles and the battle continued until about 2 o'clock in the morning, when our subject reached the place where Burlington now stands and stopped at the house of Redden Mattox to put up for the night. He called to the latter and told him he had been attacked by a panther, but Mr. Mattox came out laughing and made fun of him. He changed his mind a moment later and made a rush for the house followed by our subject. They did not venture out again, but left the oxen with the yokes on all night. By morning the animal had disappeared and Capt. Hopper was permitted to reach home without further molestation.

HUGH K. CHAPIN. The primitive occupation of man—farming—has many noble and successful votaries in Howell County, Mo., but none who deserves more honorable mention than Hugh K. Chapin, who is also quite extensively engaged in stockraising in South Fork Township. He was born in the county in which he now lives September 10, 1852, a son of John A. and Sarah (Kyle) Chapin, and was the eldest of their five sons and two daughters, the other members being Paul Stillman, a farmer of Howell County; John O., also of this county; Hiram, who died at the age of twenty years, in 1880; Arminta C., wife of Monroe Reed, of this county; William A., who also resides here, and Sarah M., wife of William Pentecost, of Izard County, Ark. In the common schools of his native county the subject of this sketch received a fair practical education and was reared to the healthy, useful and independent life of the farmer. At about the age of twenty he began life's battle for himself and in 1874 took for a wife Miss Celia A., daughter of Robert J. and Lourena (Davis) Martin, natives of Tennessee and Missouri, respectively. Mr. Martin became a resident of Oregon County, Mo., when a young man, and was there married, but his wife died in that county before the war, and he passed from life in Howell County in February, 1892, having been a farmer throughout life. Mrs. Chapin was the only child born to her parents, and first saw the light of day in Oregon County March 10, 1855. She and Mr. Chapin have three children: Augustus Leigh, Sarah F. and John F. Mr. Chapin lived in Howell Valley until 1885, but since that time has lived on his present farm of 146 acres, fifteen miles south of West Plains, and has about eighty acres of his land under cultivation. During 1881 and 1882 he was sheriff of Howell County, and in 1888 he was elected to the office of county collector, in which capacity he served two years. He has always been actively interested in the welfare of his section, and all public enterprises that are of a worthy character have found in him a liberal supporter. He is a member of Mazeppa Lodge No. 263 at West Plains of the I. O. O. F., and in this honorable order has been secretary and vice-grand. He has always supported the principles of the Republican party and his first presidential vote was cast for Gen. Grant in 1872.

LEVI SMITH. Among the many agriculturists who have devoted their attention to the occupation of tilling the soil in Howell Township, Howell County, Mo., Levi Smith is one of the foremost, and he owes the success which has attended his operations in this respect to his own good fighting qualities. He owes his nativity to Surry County, N. C., where he was born in 1838, a son of Rev. Thomas and Candace (Snow) Smith, who were born in Wilkes and Surry Counties, N. C., in 1812 and 1814, respectively. They were reared, educated in a limited way, and married in their native State, and about 1860 made the trip to Howell County, Mo., by wagon, the journey thither lasting just two months. They located on an unimproved farm, near West Plains, on which

Mr. Smith spent the rest of his life, dying August 7, 1879, having been a life-long and industrious farmer, and a justice of the peace in Howell County for a good many years. Although a Union man in principle, he took no active part during the Civil War. He was a local minister of the Methodist Church for many years, was a great reader, was a well posted man on all general topics, and was in every respect self-educated. He was something of an orator also, and made many speeches on topics tending to the advancement of the country, and was an ardent temperance worker. He never used tobacco in any form, and was never known to have liquor of any kind in his house; and although he reared a large family of sons none of them ever touched a drop of liquor until after they attained their majority. James Smith, the paternal grandfather, was a native of Delaware, but soon after his marriage went to North Carolina and spent the rest of his days in Wilkes County, dying about 1850, at the age of eighty-four years, having been a cooper by trade. The death of his wife, Elizabeth, occurred four years before his own, and a family of eleven children were born to them. The maternal grandfather, Larkin Snow, and his wife Elizabeth (Norman) Snow, were born in Surry County, N. C., and there spent their entire lives, the death of the former occurring at the age of ninety years. He was a farmer and mechanic, and to them also a family of eleven children was given. Obediah Snow, father of Larkin, was a North Carolinian by birth, and died when Mrs. Smith was a little girl. This estimable woman is still living, and for over half a century has been a devout member of the Methodist Church. Her children were named as follows: John, who is now a farmer of the State of Washington, but from the beginning until the close of the Civil War was a member of the Forty-seventh Indiana Infantry, in the Armies of the Cumberland and Tennessee, and was in many of the most important and sanguinary battles; Levi; Nancy, wife of Henry Dean, of Phelps County; Elizabeth, wife of George Davis, of Howell County; Martha became the wife of Aaron Dean, and is deceased; James, who is a farmer of Benton County, Ark.; Mary is the wife of Solomon Aiden, of Howell County; Jane, who died in Phelps County, the wife of Isaac Randolph; Moore, who resides in Howell County; Sallie, who died in Howell County, the wife of Thomas Collins; William, who resides in Texas, and Thomas is a mechanic and lives in Aurora. Levi Smith, the immediate subject of this sketch, was brought up on a farm with very limited educational advantages, and in Surry County, N. C., was married about 1857 to Celia, daughter of John and Nancy Marsh, the former of whom died in the Old North State. The latter is still living, and is nearly one hundred years old. Mrs. Smith was born in Surry County, N. C., and has borne her husband six children: John of Independence County, Ark.; Margaret, wife of Henry Taylor, of Crawford County, Kan.; Alfred, of Crawford County, Kan.; Letitia, wife of James Hawkins, of West Port, Ind.; Edward and Thurlow. The mother of these children died in May, 1883, and in the latter part of the same year Mr. Smith married Elizabeth, daughter of James and Anna (Holmes) Morrison, natives of Roane County, Tenn., where they were reared and married. Mr. Morrison was a soldier of the Confederate Army, was captured somewhere in middle Tennessee, and died in prison at Fort Delaware. His widow now resides in Fulton County, Ark. Mrs. Smith was born in Roane County, Tenn., and has a family of three children: Levi, Charles and Edna. Mr. Smith rented land in Howell County until the war, and in 1862 joined the East Missouri Militia, and after a short time was in the Missouri State Militia and operated from Rolla to Springfield. After a time, owing to disability, he retired from the service. In 1867 he settled in the woods on his present farm, one and a fourth miles south of West Plains, where he owns an excellent and fertile tract of land comprising

163 acres, of which about 100 acres are under cultivation. He has a fine residence, surrounded by a beautiful and well-kept lawn, and near his house is a fine bearing orchard. At the close of the war he could, himself, carry all his possessions, and he now has one of the finest country homes in the county, the result of his own persistent efforts. Soon after the close of the war he was appointed deputy sheriff by the governor, but has never asked for or held other office. Mrs. Smith is one of seven children, the other members being: Malinda, wife of Alex. Edgeman, of Roane County, Tenn.; Mary, wife of Asia Osborne, of Lawrence County, Ark.; Debby, James R., Jefferson and Francis. Their grandfather, John Morrison, was born in Washington County, Tenn., and died in Roane County during the war, his wife also dying there. John Holmes, her paternal grandfather, was born in Kentucky, but died in Roane County, Tenn., a farmer. His wife, Lydia Register, was born in Delaware, but died in Greene County, Tenn.

JOHN A. CHAPIN. The calling of the farmer is the primitive occupation of man, and the majority of those who have followed it have led upright and blameless lives, and the career of John A. Chapin is no exception to this rule. He is a native of Sangamon County, Ill., where he first saw the light in 1829, a son of Paul Stillman and Sarah (Harrison) Chapin, natives of the Old North State, the birth of the father occurring in 1799. They accompanied their parents to Overton County, Tenn., and were there married, and afterward lived for about three years in Illinois. At the end of that time they returned to Tennessee and there Mr. Chapin followed farming until his death, which occurred in 1843. His father, Paul Chapin, was a Massachusetts man and when but sixteen years old was a soldier of the Revolution and in an engagement during that war was wounded in the right arm. He removed to North Carolina when a young man, was married there and later removed, in a very early day, to Overton County, Tenn., where he was called from life in 1845. He was married several times and his first wife was the grandmother of the subject of this sketch, by whom he had two sons and one daughter: Paul S.; Hiram, who lived in Sangamon County, Ill., and Mary (Moore), who died in Carroll County, Ark. Mr. Chapin was of English descent. Eli Harrison, the maternal grandfather of John A. Chapin, was an early settler of Tennessee, from North Carolina, and died in Clay County, Tenn., when nearly ninety years old. His wife, Martha Hedgepeth, also died in Clay County. The mother of John A. Chapin came to Howell County in 1851, but upon the opening of the Civil War she went to Greene County, Mo., where she died in 1864, having been a worthy member of the Methodist Church for many years. She became the mother of the following children: Mary, widow of Riley Cox; Hiram, who died in California; Paul S., who died in Texas; Harrison, who died in Howell County, Mo.; Martha, who died in Tennessee; John A.; Josiah, who died in Arkansas; Silas J., who resides in Platt County, Mo.; Sarah, the twin sister of Silas, died young; Franklin resides in Shannon County; Alsie is the wife of Marion Davis, of Howell County, and Catherine is the wife of Thomas Kelley, of this county. John A. Chapin received such education and rearing as usually falls to the lot of the pioneer farmer's boy, that is, he had to labor hard and received but few educational advantages. In 1851 he was married to Sarah, the daughter of Hugh and Marian Kyle, who were of Scotch descent. They died in Clay County, Tenn., where Mrs. Chapin was born, and Mrs. Chapin died in Howell County in 1867, having become the mother of seven children. In 1868 Mr. Chapin married Mariah E., daughter of James and Eliza Gillum, natives of South Carolina and Tennessee, respectively, but who were married in Alabama, and from there moved to Texas in 1859, where Mrs. Gillum died the same year. Mr. Gillum then came to Howell County,

Mo., but later moved to Arkansas, where he eventually passed from life. Mrs. Chapin was born in Morgan County, Ala. In 1851 Mr. Chapin came by wagon to what is now Howell County and located in the woods in Howell Valley, but two years after located on the farm on which he now resides, a short distance away, where he had cleared about ten acres of land. He soon had this farm in an excellent state of cultivation and well improved with farm buildings of various kinds, which added greatly to the value of his property. He is one of the best known men in the county, and Chapin Station, which was located on his land, was named in his honor. When the station was located the land belonged to J. H. Maxey. Although a stanch Union man, he took no part in the struggle between the North and South, save as a member of the Missouri State Militia. In February, 1875, he was elected sheriff and collector of Howell County, to fill an unexpired term, and in 1878 was elected to the same position for two years, which he filled with much credit to himself and to the satisfaction of all concerned. He is a member of Mt. Zion Lodge No. 327 of the A. F. & A. M., at West Plains, and he and his wife have long been members of the Methodist Church. Before the war he was a Democrat in politics, but since that time he has always voted the Republican ticket. He was a member of the first grand jury of Howell County when the court was held in a log cabin in West Plains and the members of the jury camped in the brush near by. When Mr. Chapin first came to this section the nearest blacksmith shop was at Thomasville, then the county seat of Oregon County, and their milling was done at Bryant's Fork, in Ozark County. The country was wild and unsettled and Mr. Chapin has seen and assisted in almost its entire development.

JOHN SQUIRE. This gentleman is a successful merchant of Squire's Postoffice, Douglas County, Mo., and is one of the leading business men of the county. He was born in Devonshire, England, April 1, 1854, to John and Mary A. (Gorman) Squire, the former of whom died in the old country. The mother came, with her family, to the United States and settled in Logan County, Ill. The father of the subject of this sketch was a sturdy British yeoman and was engaged in tilling the soil until his death, which occurred at the age of seventy-six years. To himself and wife seven children were born: Daniel, who died in Illinois, a farmer; Jennie became the wife of Peter Erickson, of Vermillion County, Ill.; Gad died in Logan County, at the age of twenty-five years; Anna is the wife of Levi Gentry, of Illinois; Henry is a farmer of Vermillion County, Ill., living with his mother; Josie is the wife of Charles Chance, of Mason County, Ill., and John. In 1882 the latter came to Douglas County, Mo., and started a cattle ranch for himself. He secured a good practical education in the common schools of Illinois, and was there brought up to a thorough knowledge of farming and cattle raising. He came to this section with the purpose of settling here if he liked the country, and became so favorably impressed with the prospects here that he bought a tract of land and set out an orchard of two or three acres, later taking up a homestead claim. He now owns 841 acres and has about one-sixth of his land under cultivation. He embarked in general merchandising in 1883, and, in addition to looking after his interests in this respect, he also manages his farm and is quite extensively engaged in stockraising. He is in every sense of the word a self-made man, for he began life for himself without any means and is now one of the wealthy men of Douglas County. He has always been an active Republican and since the establishment of the postoffice in 1882 has been postmaster of Squire's Postoffice ever since. He carries a general stock of goods, does a business of $15,000 annually, and has the entire confidence of the citizens of the section in which he resides. He is a man of excellent business qualifications, as

his record will show, and has ever been very public spirited. He has been something of a traveler and in 1881 made a trip to Australia. He was married to Miss Martha F., the daughter of Jesse Brown, of this county, and to them five children have been born: Mary A., Jennie V., Jessie E., Lutlisha and Samuel McKinley G. Mr. Squire is a member of the I. O. O. F.

HON. NAPOLEON B. ALLEN. Like all self-made and distinguished men Hon. Napoleon B. Allen commenced life with limited means and worked his way to the front by careful and studious attention to business, honesty and integrity, and the following of the various traits that combine in making a man respected and honored. He was born at Mammoth Springs, Ark., May 27, 1851, and is the son of William and Matilda (Evans) Allen. The father was a native of Illinois, but was reared in St. Louis. In 1830 he went to where Mammoth Springs, Ark., is now situated, and was one of the first to settle there, entering the Springs from the Government. In 1853 he sold this property for $600, now worth many thousands, and engaged in farming and stockraising, which he carried on very successfully. He was the most extensive stockraiser in the whole country, numbered his cattle and horses by the hundred, and his stock overran the country from Imboden, Ark., to West Plains, Mo. Mr. Allen was about fifty-four or fifty-five at the time of his death. He was twice married, first to Miss Stublefield, who died at Mammoth Springs. After that he was married to Mrs. Matilda (Evans) Ragan, who was born in the year 1813. To the first union were born five children and to the last, three, our subject being the youngest of the latter. He spent his school days near where Thayer is now located, and when nineteen years of age left the schoolroom to engage in farming and stockraising, on the Warm Fork of Spring River. There he remained until 1888, and aside from farming and stockraising was in business at Clifton and Mammoth Springs, before there was any town at Thayer. After the railroad came through he sold drugs there; was in business at Mammoth Springs and Clifton from 1876 to 1881, the firm at the latter place being Clifton & Allen. There this firm put up the first gin. He was engaged in business for himself at Mammoth Springs and was unusually successful. He was engaged by the Gulf Railroad as contractor to furnish beef and this occupied his attention for some time. He has been in business of some kind or other since boyhood, and displays excellent judgment and wonderful business acumen. He bought his large farm in 1887, and started to buy the place where he now lives from the Couch heirs. He has 110 acres in the home tract, owns wild land all over the county, a farm on Arkansas River below Fort Smith, and has prospered financially. Mr. Allen was public administrator of Oregon County eight years, and in 1884 he was elected to represent the county in the Legislature. On July 30, 1871, he was married to Miss Emma Clift, a daughter of James Clift, who was born in Dent County, Mo. Of this union one son, Haston, is the only representative, for six children are deceased. One son, James, died when eighteen years of age. Mr. Allen is a member of the Methodist Church, and is recording steward for Garfield Circuit. Mrs. Allen is a member of the Christian Church. For a number of years Mr. Allen was in the newspaper business at Thayer. He has always been an active business man and as a citizen and a neighbor is well liked. He is a Mason, and in politics is an ardent supporter of Democratic principles.

HON. PLEASANT N. GULLEY. This worthy representative of a successful, thoroughgoing and industrious Missouri farmer and stockraiser came originally from Hawkins County, Tenn., where he was born in 1824. His parents, Lewis and Jane (Rolin) Gulley, were born in the Old Carolina State about 1784 and 1786, respectively, where they were reared and married, after which they moved to Tennessee and entered land in Hawkins County, and on that land spent the rest

of their lives, dying in 1849 and 1833, respectively. They were Methodists, and the father was a soldier in the War of 1812 under Gen. Jackson. He was one of six sons, all of whom were men of considerable prominence; Elder Nathan was one of the first Baptist ministers of North Carolina; Robert, Reddick and George being the only ones remembered. Their father came to this country from Wales in a very early day and settled and eventually died in the Old North State, where, by industry, good management and honesty, he had accumulated a comfortable fortune. The maternal grandparents also lived and died in North Carolina. To Lewis and Jane Gulley the following children were born: George W., who died in Illinois at the age of seventy-eight years, a blacksmith; John, who died in Hawkins County, Tenn.; Alfred is a farmer of Van Buren County, Tenn.; Pleasant N. and Wiley R. died in Texas, about 1889; Martha died in infancy and another daughter died in infancy unnamed. Pleasant N. Gulley spent his early life on his father's farm, but was deprived of nearly all educational advantages owing to the fact that the country was new, good teachers scarce, and his services were required on the home farm. 1849 he was married in Hawkins County to Miss Martha Jane, daughter of Joseph and Martha (Alderson) Middlecoff, native Virginians who became wealthy citizens of Hawkins County, Tenn., the father's death occurring on his farm there and the mother's in Bradley County, Tenn. Mrs. Gulley was born in Virginia, and became the mother of nine children: Elizabeth Ann, wife of Hon. A. H. Livingston, of West Plains; Robert H.; George M.; John W.; Mary, wife of H. L. Bolin; Martha Jane, wife of O. Besheer; Joseph Lewis, Pleasant N. and William Henry. In 1855 Mr. Gulley packed up his household effects and with his family started on the overland journey to Missouri, and at the end of six weeks arrived at Howell County. He at once entered a tract of land, which constitutes his present farm, and has lived here ever since. He is now the oldest settler in Hutton Valley, Howell County. The country at that time was covered with a rich growth of primeval forest, and inhabited by but few settlers. The nearest marketing point was at Pocahontas, eighty miles away, and many of their settlers went to St. Louis to do their trading. Mr. Gulley was not a partisan during the war, and during that time was considerably annoyed by both armies, to the extent of losing much of his property. He was not subject to service owing to delicate health, and during that time devoted his attention to farming and stockraising, an occupation to which his attention has since been successfully devoted. In 1876 he embarked in mercantile pursuits at Hutton Valley, where he sold goods for eight years and was then succeeded by his son John. He is justly considered one of the leading farmers of the county and owns a magnificent farm which, with his other land, amounts to 600 or 700 acres, which is the result of his liberal use of brain and brawn. He has been a Democrat since the war and has been quite active in the political affairs of his section, being elected in 1858 to the office of justice of the peace, a position which he has filled for twenty years. He was elected and served two years as coroner of Howell County, and in 1884 was elected associate judge of the Howell County Court, and so ably and satisfactorily did he fill this responsible office, that in 1886 he was elected for a second term. In 1893 he was appointed a member of the State Board of Agriculture, which he holds now. He is a member of Mt. Zion Lodge No. 327 of the A. F. & A. M. of West Plains, and he and his wife have been members of the Missionary Baptist Church since 1848. They are among the most highly honored citizens of Howell County, and count their friends by the score, and have a pretty, comfortable and hospitable home.

WILLIAM C. SMITH. Among those of Howell County, Mo., who have successfully followed the "primitive occupation of man" may be mentioned

William C. Smith, whose active, energetic and useful life has won him an abundance of this world's goods, and has placed him among the foremost agriculturists and stockraisers of his section. He was born in Overton County, Tenn., in 1820, a son of George and Nancy (Winningham) Smith, natives of the Old North State, but who were married and resided in Overton County, Tenn., where the father's death occurred when the subject of this sketch was a lad. In 1871 Mrs. Smith came to Howell County, Mo., and was here called from life about 1880, having long been a worthy member of the Christian Church. The paternal grandfather, who also bore the name of George Smith, was a very early settler of Overton County, Tenn., and was there engaged in farming until his death. He had five sons, all of whom became farmers, and are now dead: David, Richard, William, John and George. The maternal grandfather, Adam Winningham, was born in North Carolina, and died in Overton County, Tenn., in 1847, having been a very early settler and a successful farmer and slave owner of that section. He reared a family of five sons and seven daughters, all of whom married and reared families of their own. The subject of this sketch was the third of thirteen children born to his parents: Adam, who went into the Confederate service from Georgia, and has not been heard of since; John became a Federal soldier of the Third Kentucky, and is deceased; William C.; Campbell, who resides in Overton County, Tenn.; Brant was also a soldier in the Federal Army, Third Kentucky, and is now dead; George was killed at Dalton, Ga., a member of the Third Kentucky, United States Army; Willis was also killed at Dalton, a member of the same Regiment as his brother; Wiley, also a member of the Third Kentucky, was killed at Chickamauga; Henry Clay, also a member of the Third Kentucky, died in Kentucky; Eliza resides in Howell County, Mo.; Virginia became the wife of Joel Hines, and both are dead; Andrew J. died in Howell County, and Marion also died here. On a farm in his native State the subject of this sketch was reared, but his schooling amounted to but about forty-five days. He was married in Overton County in 1842 to Mary C., daughter of Matthew and Dica Reynolds, of Overton County, who came from North Carolina and died in Tennessee. Mrs. Smith was born in Overton County and died in Howell County in 1879, a member of the Christian Church. She and Mr. Smith named their children as follows: George H. was in the Third Kentucky Regiment for over four years during the war and was wounded at Kenesaw Mountain; Lean is the wife of David Godsey; Clementine is the wife of Benjamin Stone, of Overton County; Angeline died young; Isabella is the wife of Alfred Besheer; Spencer died young; Shannon died young; Grant; and Mary Jane, who also died young. In October, 1861, Mr. Smith, with six brothers and one son, joined Company H, Third Kentucky Infantry, and took part in many bloody struggles as a part of the Army of the Cumberland. He was at Mill Springs, Ky., Murfreesboro, Shiloh, Corinth, Chattanooga, Perryville, Cumberland Gap, in the engagements from Dalton to Atlanta, then back to Franklin, Tenn.; thence to Nashville, and was mustered out at Jeffersonville, Ind. Mr. Smith was in the hospital for six months with rheumatism, but when on active duty was principally employed in driving an ambulance. Out of the seven brothers and one son that fought for their country only the father and son survived. After the war he returned to his family almost unknown to his children, and in 1872 came with them to Howell County, Mo., and has since lived on his present farm of 320 acres, which is situated in Hutton Valley, and comprises some of the finest land of which the county can boast. He started twice in life without means, and after a long and hard struggle with adversity found himself on a prosperous financial sea, and as soon as circumstances would permit surrounded his family with every comfort. While he was participating in the

war his wife and other children supported themselves as best they could, and were robbed and plundered of their provisions by both armies nearly as fast as they were produced, and many times they were on the point of starvation. At the time of the husband and father's return from the war they were so reduced by hardships and starvation that they were unable to recognize him. The history of this family is quite remarkable, for eight sons participated in the war, and all but one were Union soldiers. Six of them lost their lives on the battlefield and in camp, and the fate of the one who was in the Confederate Army remains a mystery to this day. Formerly a Whig in politics, Mr. Smith has been a stanch Republican since the war, and is a member of Andrew J. Smith Post at Willow Springs, Mo., and for over fifty years has been a member of the Christian Church. His brother, Andrew J. Smith, came to Missouri about forty years ago, and was one of the very first settlers of Hutton Valley. After serving for some time in the State Militia he early in 1865 joined Company F, Eleventh Missouri Infantry, with which he served until February, 1866. The old soldiers remembered him when the G. A. R. post was formed at Willow Springs, and it was named in his honor. He died in 1882, having been an honest, upright and successful farmer, and a useful, law-abiding citizen.

J. R. B. Moore. Within years of recent date the remarkable growth of the real estate business has given it a prominence and placed it in a position that is attained by very few other elements in this country. This increase and promotion can be nothing less than a reflex of the progress and prosperity of every general interest in the community, and constitutes starong reason for gratification among all observant and appreciative business men. J. R. B. Moore has an excellent knowledge of real estate, as well as the general routine work of a real estate agent, and has been a potent contributor to the growth of his section. He was born near Mt. Vernon, Lawrence County, Mo., August 15, 1858, a son of Isaac R. and Mary A. (Genoe) Moore, who were born in Meigs County, Tenn., and were married there in 1857, after which they moved to Lawrence County, Mo., and in 1866 to what is now Boone County, Ark., locating near the present flourishing town of Harrison. He is now residing in Heber and holds the office of justice of the peace in his township. His wife died in February, 1893, when sixty-one years of age, and he is now in his sixty-fourth year. He has served in the capacity of deputy sheriff of Boone County, during the Civil War was in the Confederate service three years and was with Price on his raid through Missouri, serving the most of the time in the commissary department. In 1882 he and his family moved to Dardanelle, this State, and in 1888 to Heber. The father has always been a farmer, is a Mason socially, and politically is a stanch Democrat. He and his wife became the parents of eight children, seven of whom are living: J. R. B.; T. C., who is also a resident of this place; John T., who died on his twenty-third birthday at Dardanelle; Elizabeth, wife of John H. Wilson, ex-treasurer of this county; Pernie D. L. is the wife of Jack Beaty, of Dardanelle; Frank is in the saw mill business at that place, Pamley is the wife of Joseph Hastings, of Dardanelle; and William is a resident of Heber. The subject of this sketch received his education in the schools of Boone County and also by much persistent study at home, and at the age of seventeen years commenced to do for himself. He engaged in the real estate business in Harrison with George H. Cotton as his partner, but in 1883 came to Heber and formed a partnership with Robert R. Case, since which time he has resided here and has been identified with every enterprise, interest and development of the section. This firm established the *Bulletin*, and issued it weekly for one year, during which time they devoted it to the development of the part of Arkansas in which they live and particularly of Cleburne County, and

have done wonders in this respect. After a time W. L. Thompson became a member of the firm and at a still later period Messrs. Case and Thompson retired from the firm, and left Mr. Moore to continue the business alone. Since that time he has become the owner of 15,000 or 18,000 acres of mineral, timber and agricultural lands, about 3,000 acres of which are exceptionally rich in coal. Since entering this business, some eleven years ago, the population of the county has almost trebled itself, the result of the efforts of Mr. Moore and his judicious advertising. He has also been identified with the erection of different churches and schoolhouses, as a member of the different building committees, and has been mayor of Heber for nine consecutive terms. He is one of the projectors and prime movers in the building of the Memphis, Heber Springs & Northwest Arkansas Railroad, the route of which is now being surveyed, and is president of this company. He has always spent his time, energy and money to aid any interprise that would tend to the development of the county or State, and is exceptionally public spirited and helpful. He has been a student of law, is thoroughly posted in titles and law pertaining to lands, etc., and those who have entrusted him with their interests once never hesitate to do so again, for he labors for the interests of his clients and is honorable and upright in his dealings with them. He was a delegate from Arkansas to the World's Real Estate Congress and was recently appointed by Gov. Fishback to act in the capacity of delegate to the Immigration Convention to be held in Augusta, Ga. Mr. Moore has experienced many ups and downs since coming to Heber, but is now wealthy. Socially he is a member of the A. F. & A. M., the I. O. O. F., and politically is a Democrat. January 13, 1885, he was married to Miss Josie Chapman, of this county, by whom he has one son and two daughters.

Hon. Matthias Kenaga. The occupations to which Mr. Kenaga is devoting his attention are of the utmost importance to any community, and this is especially so in regard to the lumber business, which he is very extensively and successfully carrying on. He was born in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, in 1842, but his parents, Abraham and Christina (Sese) Kenaga, were Pennsylvanians, and were taken to Ohio by their parents when young. The mother of the subject of this sketch died when he was an infant, and his father afterward married Esther Kore, and in 1850 removed to Whitley County, Ind., where he was engaged in carpentering until his death, which occurred in 1861. He was for many years a member of the A. F. & A. M., and as a public-spirited citizen was an active worker for the Democrat party. His father, Christopher Kenaga, was a Pennsylvanian by birth, and was one of the first settlers of Tuscarawas County, Ohio, where he died before the subject of this sketch was born, a member of the German Reformed Lutheran Church, and a minister of considerable renown. He was a soldier in the War of 1812, and lost a leg in the service. His wife, Catherine Harbarh, died in Ohio also, after having borne him nine children: John, Michael, Christopher, Jacob, Abraham, Catherine, Lydia, Martha and Esther. The great-grandfather, Christopher Kenaga, was also born in Pennsylvania, and there his entire life was spent in following the carpenter's trade. He was all through the Revolutionary War and on many a bloody battlefield fought for American independence. His people were early German settlers of this country. The maternal grandfather, Christopher Lese, was also born in Pennsylvania, but was a very early settler of Tuscarawas County, where he died a well-to-do farmer. He and his wife, who also died in that State, were worthy members of the United Brethren Church, and reared to maturity two sons and three daughters. The immediate subject of this sketch is the youngest of ten children: Margaret, wife of David Eberly, of Whitley County, Ind.; George, of Tuscarawas County, Ohio; Elizabeth,

widow of John Mace, of Ohio; John, of Washington County, Kan.; Christina, who died in Ohio, the wife of Joseph Hartline; Moses, who died in Whitley County, Ind.; Isaac, who died in Williams County, Ohio; Mary, wife of John Garber, of De Kalb County, Ind.; Jeremiah, who died in La Grange County, Ind., in 1893, and Matthias. There is also a half brother, Benjamin F., who lives at Grand Rapids, Mich. In the State of his birth the subject of this sketch received a common-school education. In Indiana, and while growing up he learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed for many years. In October, 1861, he joined Company E, Forty-seventh Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and after taking part in the engagements at New Madrid and Island No. 10, he was discharged for disability in the spring of 1862. However, in August, 1862, he joined Company F, One Hundredth Indiana Infantry, was in the siege of Vicksburg, Chattanooga, Knoxville, and was all through the Georgia campaign with Sherman, and fought at Macon and Bentonville, and was finally at the Grand Review in Washington, D. C. He was slightly wounded in the engagement at Mission Ridge, December 25, 1863. January 20, 1866, he was married in Whitley County, Ind., to Miss Malindah, daughter of Jeremiah and Susan Crider, who removed from Pennsylvania to Ohio, thence to Whitley County, Ind., where Mrs. Crider died and where Mr. Crider still lives engaged in farming. Mrs. Kenaga was born in that county, and her union with Mr. Kenaga has resulted in the birth of five children: Rhoda Alice, wife of William Thornton; Willard Stanley, John M., Maud E. and Peter Paul. In 1870 Mr. Kenaga came to West Plains, where he followed carpentering until 1875, since which time he has been engaged in the lumber business principally, and is doing a thriving business. He is extensively engaged in manufacturing dressed and rough lumber and shingles, in fact deals in all kinds of building lumber. He is one of the pioneer lumber men of the county, and as Mountain View is a railroad point he has prospered and owns 1,840 acres of land and a pretty and comfortable home. That he is a self-made man cannot be denied, for he started in life for himself with no means, and the property of which he has become possessed has been acquired through his own efforts. While in Whitley County, Ind., he held the office of township assessor, and in 1886 was elected associate judge of the Howell County Court from the North District, in which capacity he served two years, and is now a justice of the peace. He is a member of Stonewall Lodge of the I. O. O. F. of West Plains, and belongs to James A. Dallas Post No. 383 of the G. A. R. at Mt. View, of which he was commander two terms. He is now quartermaster. He has always been a Republican politically, and his first presidential vote was cast for Lincoln in 1864. He and his wife have long been members of the Methodist Church, and in the section in which they reside are very highly regarded by its citizens. Mr. Kenaga is a successful and far-seeing man of business, and in the accumulation of worldly goods has been successful.

DAVID M. JAMES. There are few features of business enterprise which contribute a larger quota to the convenience of the residential and transient public than the well-appointed livery stable, and a valuable acquisition to the town of West Plains, Mo., is the establishment of this kind owned and conducted by David M. James. This gentleman owes his nativity to Henry County, Ky., where he was born in 1833, a son of Dr. Beverly W. and Matilda (Day) James, natives of the old State of Virginia and Kentucky, respectively. When a young man Dr. James removed to Kentucky and was there married to Mary Eubank, who died soon after, and after this event he moved to Kentucky, where he eventually married Miss Matilda Day. He was a man of more than ordinary intellectual ability and learning, and as a physician was very successful and well liked. Prior to the birth of the subject of this sketch he lived for a time

in Bloomington, Ind., where he taught school, but afterward returned to Kentucky and lived in several different counties. He at one time edited a paper in Newcastle, Ky., and then one in Charlestown, Ind., and was for some years associate judge of the Charlestown, (Ind.) Circuit Court. He was a strong Union man during the war, but took no part in the struggle; was a Democrat in politics and socially was a member of the A. F. & A. M. He died at Jeffersonville, Ind., in 1879, at the ripe old age of eighty-eight years, having long been a worthy member of the Christian Church. His father, Thomas James, is supposed to have been of Welsh extraction. He died in Virginia many years ago, a farmer. Nothing is known of the maternal grandfather, Morgan Day, further than that he was a wealthy slave owner of Kentucky. The wife of Dr. James died in Jeffersonville, Ind., in 1878, also a worthy member of the Christian Church. She bore her husband twelve children: Mary, widow of Isaac Goodwin, of Jeffersonville, Ind.; Martha, widow of Dr. Willis Wallis Goodwin, of Jeffersonville; William deceased; Mariah, the deceased wife of Robert McGill; Hannah, wife of Daniel M. Austin, of Jeffersonville; Matilda, who died young; David M.; Pleasant, a prominent banker of Los Angeles, Cal.; Lucetta and Melissa were twins and died young; Eliza J. is the wife of Dr. Chamberlain, of Jeffersonville. Another child, Presley, died before the subject of this sketch was born. The subject of this sketch was principally reared near the town of Jeffersonville, where he received a limited country-school education. He left home when quite young, joining a United States geological corps, and spent some time in Kentucky, where he was taken sick and sent home. After his recovery he clerked in a country store in Clark County, Ind., for about six months, for which he received $50, after which he followed the same occupation in New Albany and Jeffersonville in various establishments for some time. He then embarked in the confectionery business in Jeffersonville, but in 1857 went to Johnson County, Kan., and took up a claim, conducted a store and was deputy postmaster three years. He then removed to Nebraska and in 1860 crossed the plains with an ox team and took the first cattle train from Denver to Central City. After some months spent in the West, he returned to his parents, who lived in Kentucky, and a year or two later went to Nevada and California, where he spent several years engaged in mining. At one time he and several others crossed a seventy-five-mile desert in southern Nevada and California without water, and for thirty-six hours were without food. Mr. James returned by stage to Kansas, where he continued his journey by rail to his home in Indiana. Later he went to Iowa, thence to Missouri and was married in Clay County of this State in 1868 to Mariah J., daughter of David and Marian Morris, who removed to that section from Mason County, Ky., in 1854, and spent the rest of their lives there, where they became well known and prominent. Mrs. James was born in Mason County, Ky., and has borne her husband five children: The eldest died in infancy, Charles (deceased), Edward, Pleasant, and David (deceased). Mr. James resided in and farmed in Clay County, Mo., until 1881, when he came to West Plains, where he has since successfully conducted a livery business, being now the oldest man engaged in that line of business in the place. He is well known and extremely popular, and his well kept establishment is liberally patronized. He is a member of the K. of P., Crotonia Lodge No. 137, at West Plains, and is a public-spirited, law-abiding and useful citizen.

JOHN THOMAS POOL. This successful farmer and stock dealer of Howell County, Mo., owes his nativity to Humphreys County, Tenn., where he first saw the light in 1833. His parents, Joel and Sarah Ann (Thomas) Pool, were worthy people, and the father died in Humphreys County, Tenn., before the subject of this sketch was born. When he was about one year old, he was

brought by his mother to Howell County, Mo., after her marriage with Matthew A. McCammon, and in this section the rest of their lives were spent. They died some years after the close of the Civil War, worthy members of the Methodist Church. John Thomas Pool was the youngest of four children born to his parents: James Henry (deceased) was a farmer of Dallas County, Tex.; William died before the war, in Illinois; Martha Ellen became the wife of Levi Hedges, and during the war got separated from the rest of the family and died in southeast Missouri. The subject of this sketch was reared on a farm, in Howell County, from his infancy, and all the schooling he ever received was one month and thirteen days, which was owing to the extreme newness of the country at the time his mother and stepfather located here, there being no schools to attend. When fifteen years old he began life for himself as a farm hand, but at the end of six months took up a claim in what is now Howell County, which he improved and cleared, and which he still owns. His sole possessions when he commenced for himself consisted of an ax and a gun, and he purchased with the money obtained for his six months' labor a plow. The game which fell under the aim of his trusty rifle he sold, and was then enabled in time to purchase a yoke of steers; he then set vigorously to work on his farm, and his efforts were slowly but surely crowned with success. He was first married in 1857 to Tryphene Brimhall, a daughter of Joseph and Rhoda Brimhall, who removed from Massachusetts to Shelby County, Ill., in an early day, where they were married, after which they came to Howell County, Mo., and died in this State. Mrs. Pool was born in Illinois and died in 1873, and on August 26, 1875, Mr. Pool wedded Nancy E., daughter of Rev. Thomas Wright Carpenter. She was born in Scott County, and has borne her husband the following children: John Thomas (deceased), William H. (deceased), James Edward, Nora May, Nellie E., Norvin C. (deceased), Bertha O. and Bertie O. were twins (the last mentioned is dead), Mary E., Lola E. and Bennie Pearl. Since his marriage Mr. Pool has made a home in Howell County, and is one of its most progressive and successful farmers. He has resided on his present farm of 357 acres, located two miles east of West Plains, which is one of the most fertile and well improved farms of the county, and in addition to this he has sufficient land to amount to 1,140 acres in all; all of which has been acquired through his own efforts. He is very extensively engaged in feeding and shipping live stock, and has found this to be a profitable employment. He is perhaps the oldest settler of the county, and during these many years he has seen the country grow from a wild and almost totally uninhabited region to a thickly peopled district, with thriving towns, villages and farms, and has done his share in bringing about this transformation. He is a member of Mt. Zion Lodge No. 327 of the A. F. & A. M. of West Plains, in which order he is an influential member and an active worker. He has been very successful in his business operations, notwithstanding the disadvantages of a meager education, has grasped at every opportunity that has presented itself for bettering his financial condition, and during the early years of his life labored early and late to accumulate a competency. During the hunting season he would frequently make $16 a day with his gun and $300 during the season, and hunted rather for the profit than for the sport. When he was married he could neither read nor write, but his wife was a woman of considerable education and intelligence, and by her instructions he became a fair scholar.

T. J. Ferguson. Prominent among the early pioneer families of Howell County, Mo., stands the name of Ferguson. T. J. Ferguson, a prominent farmer of the same, resides four and a half miles west of Willow Springs. He was born in Greene County, Tenn., August 12, 1849, to the union of William

and Elizabeth (Hogan) Ferguson (see sketch of J. A. Ferguson). Our subject received his scholastic training in the schools of Tennessee and those of Howell County, Mo. However, the war put a stop to his schooling, but not until he had obtained a fair education. When twenty-one years of age he came to Howell County and lived on the old home farm at Willow Springs until 1875, when he married Miss M. Harris, daughter of James and Parmelia J. (Davis) Harris, natives of Tennessee. Mr. and Mrs. Harris came to Howell County at an early day, and the father died here in 1885. Mrs. Harris is still living and makes her home south of Willow Springs. They were among the early settlers of that section, and he was a soldier in the Civil War. Mr. Harris was born in Tennessee, and moved thence to Terre Haute, Ind., and thence to this county, when a single man. The Davis family settled early in this section of Missouri. Mrs. Ferguson was one of a family of twelve children, as follows: J. M., M. A., W. L., S. E., Jane, J. A., M. M., M. J., A. R., S. S., and R. J. Mrs. Ferguson was born in Shannon County, Mo., February 7, 1861. After marriage our subject and wife located on a homestead two miles west of Willow Springs, improved it in every way, and there resided for eighteen years. In 1892 they sold out and bought their present farm, 320 acres of as good land as is to be found in the county, with 75 acres under cultivation. Their house is modern and tasty, and the outbuildings are all in first-class condition. In politics Mr. Ferguson is a Republican, and as a citizen and neighbor no one is better liked. He is a self-made man, and by his own exertions has accumulated a fair share of this world's goods. He and Mrs. Ferguson are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and are influential and prominent citizens of the county. Seven children have been born to them: Sanford S. died when sixteen years of age; Arthur E., at home; Alfred C. died when two years old; Oscar J., at home; Ernest C.; Alton T. died when two months old, and Olis B. No man in the county has a better farm than Mr. Ferguson, and no one has done more hard work than he. Industrious, progressive and persevering, he well merits his success.

WILLARD SITTON. Although Oregon County, Mo., is well known for the energy, enterprise and push of its farmers, Willard Sitton stands at the van in this industry, and has shown much wisdom and good judgment in the conduct of agricultural affairs, and, through his own endeavors, has won an enviable reputation. He is a prominent resident of Johnson Township, this county, and is deservedly ranked among its successful farmers and stockmen. Mr. Sitton was born in Washington County, Mo., October 14, 1856, and received a fair education in the common schools of the same. His youthful days were spent in assisting his father on the home place and in the mines, and he remained with him until twenty-three years of age, after which he worked at the blacksmith's trade in The Dalles, State of Oregon, and Ventner, Idaho. He was also in Glendale, Mont., two years, engaged in the blacksmith's trade, but he came East and located in Oregon County, where he embarked in merchandising, with his brother, Capt. J. J. Sitton. Three years later he commenced farming here, on the river, where he now owns 360 acres of land, 160 acres on the river. He also owns a farm on Frederick Creek, and is one of the most enterprising, industrious citizens of the section. In the year 1892 he led to the altar Miss Mittie George, daughter of David George. She is a lady of education and a worthy member of the Missionary Baptist Church. Mr. Sitton is a Mason and a Democrat. He is a young man yet, in the vigor of his manhood, and, much as he has already achieved, his history, if he lives, lies largely in the future.

M. L. COPELAND. The subject of this sketch is one who has built, by years of industry and good management, a business that is recognized as being one of the best of its kind in this section, a credit to Reynolds County. Mr.

Copeland is a man who possesses the inherent qualities requisite to commercial success, in a very high degree, and in his chosen calling has attained an enviable position among his compeers. He is a prominent merchant at Barnesville, and was born in Reynolds County, Mo., December 24, 1855, to the marriage of William and Elizabeth (Ellington) Copeland. The elder Copeland was born in North Carolina as was his father, Landon Copeland, who came to Reynolds County at an early day, settling on Logan Creek, where he followed farming. He came to this county by wagon and was one of the prominent men in the county in his day. He reared a family of eight children: James, William, Lott, and others not remembered. William Copeland came to this county when a small boy, grew to mature years, and became one of the successful and enterprising farmers and merchants of the same. Early in life he began merchandising at Barnesville at a time when he was obliged to have his goods hauled by ox teams from St. Louis. Until 1876 he carried on this business, when his death occurred. He was living at Ironton during the war and lost all his possessions during that time. When he returned to Barnesville all he had left was the land of that place. He was one of the best known men in southeast Missouri, was a Republican and a Union man during the war. For many years he was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and was an officer in the same. He also was a Mason and prominent in the order. He was self-made and self-educated and became a public-spirited and most worthy citizen. Mr. Copeland was married in this county to Miss Elizabeth Ellington, daughter of James Ellington, who resided in this county up to 1849, when he moved overland to California, and was killed by an Indian for his money. Mrs. Copeland, subject's mother, was born in this county and died in Ironton during the war. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Four children were born to her marriage: Mary J., who is the wife of Gilbert Dickson, of the State of Washington; Catherine, wife of James Moore, is living in Logan Creek; M. L., subject, and Dr. W. A. After the death of the mother of these children, Mr. Copeland selected his second wife in the person of Miss Margaret E. Tubb, who bore him six children: James, who died when twenty-six years of age, was a graduate of the St. Louis Medical College (he had studied under Dr. Copeland, was a bright young man); John A., a farmer; Samuel, who is still living on Dor Run; Sarah, wife of Mr. Chidwiler, of the State of Washington; Julia, wife of William H. Reed; and Harry, who died when one year old. The Copeland family is one of the most prominent in Reynolds County, and all its members were wealthy and influential. Our subject was reared on the old home place, and when but a boy was left fatherless. He received only limited educational advantages, but after reaching mature years branched out for himself as a merchant. In his life we have a character representing integrity, industry and unconquerable will that overcomes all obstructions. He is now doing a flourishing business of about $30,000 per year, and is the present postmaster of Logan Creek. A stanch Republican in his political views, he was elected to the office of district judge in 1886, and discharged the duties of the same in a very able manner. In Carter County he was married to Miss Margaret A. Rose, daughter of Allen D. and Martha J. (Watterfield) Rose, and a native of Iowa. Her father died, but her mother is living at Van Buren. To Judge and Mrs. Copeland have been born four children: Carrie, Della, Wilbur A., and Emil, who died when two years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Copeland attend the Methodist Episcopal Church, but the latter is a Baptist in belief. Their fine home, which bears every evidence of the taste and culture of its inmates, is the center and meeting place for the best class of people in Barnesville. They have a large tract of land at the latter place.

O. H. P. CATRON. Few men in the county are better known or more popular than O. H. P. Catron, who is one of the proprietors of the *Daily and Weekly Gazette* of West Plains, Mo. This is the only daily published in this section, and although the weekly has been known here for many years, the daily has only known an existence of six years. The *Gazette* is one of the brightest, newsiest sheets published in southwest Missouri, and commands an ever widening circulation. Mr. Catron came to West Plains in March, 1882. He was born in Lafayette County, Mo., December 27, 1842, and is a son of Stephen and Elizabeth B. (Smith) Catron. The grandfather, Christopher Catron, was a native of Virginia, but at an early date moved to Tennessee where his father was born, and thence to Missouri in 1818. There he followed farming until his death. His parents came from Germany. The father of our subject was about eight years of age when he came with his parents to Missouri, and in Lafayette County he passed his entire life. Like his father, he was an agriculturist. He served in the Indian wars in Missouri, and was also in the Mormon trouble in that State. In politics he was an advocate of Democratic principles. Of the ten children born to his marriage, seven are now living: W. J. Catron, a banker, lives at Neosho, Newton County, Mo.; C. C. lives at Carthage, Jasper County, Mo., and is engaged in the boot and shoe business; R. S. lives at Butler, Bates County, Mo.; Lucy A. Catron Fletcher, wife of G. B. Fletcher, lives on a farm near Alma, Lafayette County, Mo.; Thomas A. is county collector of Lafayette County, Mo., and lives in Lexington, Mo.; Mollie Catron Brown, wife of Will Q. Brown, a prosperous merchant, lives in Richmond, Ray County, Mo. W. J., C. C. and R. S. served all during the war in the Confederate service, Thomas A. being too young. O. H. P. Catron attended the schools of his county and assisted on the home place until about eighteen years of age, when he enlisted in the Confederate Army. He served in Shelby's brigade and ranked as lieutenant during the latter part of the war. Some of the engagements in which he participated were Carthage, Wilson's Creek, Lexington, Newtonia, Mark's Mill, West Port, Prairie De Ann, Jenkins' Ferry, Bayou Meto, Devall's Bluff, Prairie Grove, Little Rock, Helena, and he was in Gen. Price's raid. He served for four years and was wounded at Springfield, during Marmaduke's raid. After the war he located in his native county and followed farming up to 1879, when he engaged in merchandising at Alma, Mo. This he carried on until 1882, when he came to West Plains and embarked in the real estate business and established the West Plains Bank. He was a director in the same up to 1893, when he sold out. From there he went to Oklahoma Territory and opened a bank at Mormon, but subsequently sold out. He then returned to this county and is now practically retired from the active duties of life. In politics he is a Democrat and a strong man for his party. He was the first mayor of West Plains, and the town has never known a more efficient and capable officer than Mr. Catron. He has been vice-president of the Ex-Confederate Association of Missouri, and vice-president of the Confederate Home located at Higginsville, Mo. For the past three years he has given liberally, both in money and time, to secure funds to build and maintain the Home. He has been a delegate to the State convention and is a prominent man in this section. Fraternally he is a K. T. in the Masonic order, and is past master, past high priest and past eminent commander. He is a representative and member in the Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery of Missouri. Mr. Catron selected Miss Martha E. Goodwin, of La Fayette County, Mo., as his wife. She is the daughter of James Goodwin, who is still living at the advanced age of ninety years. Mr. Catron has one son, Lee M., who oversees and manages the *Gazette*, and who at one time was assistant cashier of the West Plains Bank. Mr. Catron has a fine residence in the city, and is a man well respected by all.

J. J. KEETER. He whose name heads this sketch is one of the practical and successful farmers of Marion County, Ark., and has made his way to the front ranks among the energetic farmers of the county, owing to the attention he has always paid to each minor detail, and his desire to keep out of old ruts. He is a native of the Old North State, his birth occurring January 5, 1834, a son of James and Elizabeth (Justice) Keeter, who were born and spent their lives in North Carolina, of which State the paternal grandfather, John Keeter, was also a native as was the maternal grandfather, James Justice. To James and Elizabeth Keeter twelve children were given: John M., who has been a resident of Marion County since 1872, is a farmer and a man of family; Sarah L., wife of J. W. Adams; Susan (deceased), was the wife of John Smith; J. J.; Emeline became the wife of Henry Many, and is deceased; Anna E. is the widow of John Many; George F. died during the war; Henry C. is residing in this county; Nancy is the deceased wife of N. Many, and Alvin C., who died during the war. Several children died in infancy. The parents of these children were members of the Missionary Baptist Church, and the father was a Whig in politics. The early life of J. J. Keeter was passed in his native State. At the age of twenty-three he united his fortunes with those of Miss Mary E. Moore and in 1858 emigrated to Marion County, Ark., the journey to this section being made by wagon and occupying six or seven weeks. They located about three miles from Yellville, and after making their home there for about eighteen years, they purchased and settled on the farm on which they are now living, about four miles from Yellville. The estate comprises 200 acres, and to every nook and cranny of it careful attention is given, and it presents a thrifty and neat appearance which speaks well for the good judgment of the owner. Considerable attention has always been given to the raising of stock, which Mr Keeter has always found to be a profitable source of revenue. He has always manifested much interest in the political affairs of his section, is a Democrat of pronouced type, and by his many friends he was elected to fill the office of county sheriff, in 1878, an office he filled in a highly satisfactory manner for ten years, during which time the noted Page and Hudspeth were under his care. He is without doubt one of the best known men in the county and he numbers his friends by the score. He has on various occasions been a delegate to State conventions at Little Rock, and he has at all times acquitted himself with credit and to the satisfaction to all concerned. His first wife, who died May 23, 1863, bore him three children: James M., Alfred A. and Nancy E. His present wife was Miss M. A. Roberts, a native of Alabama and daughter of Mark Roberts, of this county. They have eight children: Mary E., wife of J. H. Keeter; Thomas R., A. C., Ella, Virgie, John F. and two deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Keeter are members of the Christian Church. Mr. Keeter was a soldier of the Civil War, for some time being with Shelby and Jackman and took part in a number of important engagements, serving from 1862 to 1865.

DR. H. C. SHUTTEE. One of the old and honored men in medicine by citizens of Howell County, Mo., was Dr. C. H. E. Shuttee, deceased, who was the father of the gentleman whose name heads this sketch. The elder Shuttee was a native of Hamburg, Germany, and was educated in that country. When a young man he came to the United States and took up his home in the State of Indiana, at Huntington. Later he became a soldier in the Union Army, served during the latter part of the war, and took part in some hard fought battles. Soon after the war he came to this county and located in West Plains, where he practiced his profession up to about 1884. He then went to Central America and took charge of a banana plantation at Bloomfield, Nicaragua. There his death occurred in 1887. He was a prominent physician in this section of the country and was a member of the District Medical Asso-

ciation. He was appointed by President Grant as examining surgeon of pensions in this county and held the position up to the first election of Cleveland. The Doctor was well known in south Missouri and as a physician ranked among the best. He held the office of district United States commissioner at one time. The Doctor was a Master Mason, a member of the commandery and the Knights Templar and was a prominent man in the order. Dr. Shuttee was married in the Hoosier State to Miss Barbara Goodmiller, a native of Germany and the daughter of Andrew Goodmiller, who is still living in Huntington County, and who is ninety-four years old. Mrs. Shuttee is still living in West Plains. Of the seven children born to her marriage six are living: Jennie S., the wife of H. T. Smith, M. D., of El Reno, Okla. Ter. (Dr. Smith graduated in medicine, but is engaged in the banking business); H. C., subject; Emma, wife of Dr. Chandler, of West Plains; Otto A., cashier of the bank at El Reno, Okla.; Mary, single; Josie E., wife of W. K. Davis, of West Plains, and one child died in infancy. Dr. Shuttee was one of the early pioneers in this section and can be said to have been one of the pioneer physicians. His death was regretted by a large circle of friends. H. C. Shuttee, M. D., the second child of the old pioneer physician of the county, was born in Huntington County, Ind., March 24, 1858, and he passed his boyhood days in that county and attended the schools of the same. Later he entered the schools of Mines, Rolla, Mo., and in 1877 began the study of medicine with Dr. Smith. From there he entered the Missouri Medical College of St. Louis and graduated in the class of 1881 with high honors, standing second in a class of 119. After this he at once began practicing in West Plains, and has gained an excellent reputation as a physician and surgeon. He gives special attention to the eye, ear, nose and throat and to surgery and is one of the leading physicians in the country. Dr. Shuttee is a member of the County Medical Association, the District Medical Association, the Missouri State Medical Association and the National Association of Railroad Surgeons. At one time he was president of the District Medical Association. The Doctor is a man of learning and a thorough student of his profession. He is surgeon for the Gulf Railroad. In 1887 he took a post-graduate course in New York City and at the Polyclinic in Chicago in 1893. He has a large practice and is a leader in his profession. Dr. Shuttee is a Master Mason, a member of the Presbyterian Church, and in politics a Democrat. He is secretary of the Board of Pension Examiners and is a prominent man in the affairs of the city. The Doctor was married in the Empire State to Miss Nannie L. Burgess, daughter of N. S. Burgess, who formerly lived in West Plains. Mrs. Shuttee died in 1886 and two years later the Doctor married Carrie M. Burgess, a sister of his first wife. Three handsome children are the result: Albert B., Nannie L. and Harry C. Dr. Shuttee has a handsome residence on South Main Street and has a pleasant office over the Howell County Bank.

William T. Davenport. Among the worthy residents of Searcy County, Ark., it is just to say that Mr. Davenport occupies a conspicuous and honorable place, for he has always been honest, industrious and enterprising, and as a result has met with more than ordinary success. He is a man well known in agricultural circles, and is recognized as a careful, energetic farmer, who by his advanced ideas and progressive methods has done much to improve the farming interests of his section. He was born in Alabama, October 13, 1822, a son of George W. and Mary (Weemes) Davenport, the former of whom was born in Lawrence District, S. C., and the latter in Greenville District, S. C. At an early day they moved from the Palmetto State to Alabama, and settled in the vicinity of Birmingham, where Mr. Davenport was called from life in 1864,

but his widow passed from life in 1872. The paternal grandfather was born in England, and after coming to this country settled in Virginia, and took part in the Revolutionary War. He died in South Carolina. The maternal grandfather, William Weemes, was a South Carolinian, settled in Alabama in 1815, and made his home in Birmingham until his death, which occurred in 1822. To George W. and Mary Davenport six sons and six daughters were given, William T. being the eldest of the family. He received his education in the schools of Alabama, and in 1842 started out to make his own way in the world, locating in Noxubee County, Miss., where he made his home one year. He then took up his abode in Chickasaw County, Miss., and in 1860 became a resident of Marion County, his home being six miles from Yellville for about twenty years, and in 1883 he came to the farm where he now lives, his estate comprising 160 acres of fine farming land about fifteen miles from Yellville. He was married in Alabama in 1849 to Miss Mary C. Cauthorn, a daughter of Tilman G. and Elizabeth Cauthorn, who were natives, respectively, of Virginia and Kentucky. Mrs. Davenport was born in the last mentioned State April 29, 1829, and she and husband have become the parents of the following children: George P., who is married and living in Marion County on a farm; Frank L., who is married and resides on a farm in Searcy County; John H., who is a farmer of Marion County and a man of family; Thomas N. is a man of family and a farmer of Texas; Lawrence H., who is married and a farmer of Marion County; Louise J., wife of John McLean, of Stone County, Ark.; Julia and Robert L. Two children died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Davenport are connected with the Christian Church, in which he is an elder, and he is a member of Yellville Lodge of the A. F. & A. M. Soon after coming to Arkansas Mr. Davenport enlisted in Company A, Fourteenth Arkansas Infantry, with which he served from the commencement until the close of the conflict, participating in the battles of Pea Ridge, Prairie Grove, in the engagements of Gen. Price's raid, and Corinth and Iuka. He was wounded in the Price raid, also in Mississippi, both gunshot wounds, and at the close of the war he held the rank of orderly sergeant, although he could have held a much higher position had he so desired. He was a faithful and efficient soldier, and saw some hard service while in the war. He is a thrifty farmer, a wide-awake man of affairs, and one of the substantial citizens of the county.

HON. J. S. OWENS. Among the most esteemed and respected citizens of Marion County, Ark., there is not one who is a more pleasant, or agreeable member of society, a more thorough or sagacious man of business, or a more public-spirited and capable official than J. S. Owens, who is the present representative of Marion County, Ark., in the State Legislature. He was born in Alabama, February 19, 1851, a son of Thomas and Margaret (De Priest) Owens, who were natives of the Old North State. The Owens family came to this country from Ireland in an early day, the first member of the family here being the paternal great-grandfather, who was a participant in the Revolutionary War and afterward took up his home in North Carolina. The grandfather, Raymond Owens, became a resident of Carroll County, Ala., a wealthy planter, and is supposed to have been a soldier of the War of 1812. Thomas Owens was a young man when his father moved to Alabama. He married there and from that State enlisted in the Confederate service during the latter part of the war. In 1872 he moved to Marion County, Ark., and settled in Flippin Barrens, where he made his home until his death in 1887. He was a Whig before the war. His wife, who was a daughter of John De Priest, was of French descent and died when the subject of this sketch was a child. Their family consisted of seven children: John, who died during the war; Nancy J., who is the wife of J. M. Barnett, of Indian Territory; Joseph, a resident of

Oklahoma; J. S.; Margaret, who is the wife of T. P. Flippin; William, who is living in Flippin Barrens, and Sally, the wife of Jesse Lovelady. The school days of J. S. Owens were spent in Alabama, where he obtained a good, practical education, sufficient to fit him for the practical duties of life. He came to Marion County, Ark., with his father, and when twenty-two years of age started to do for himself as a tiller of the soil on Flippin Barrens, and two years later was united in marriage with Mary Flippin, a daughter of Perry Flippin and a niece of Judge Flippin. Mrs. Owens was born in this county in 1853, and after bearing her husband one son—Elmer O.—died in 1878. For his second wife Mr. Owens wedded Miss Caroline Duren, daughter of Carroll Duren, of this county. She was born in Fulton County, Ark., in 1860, but her parents were from Tennessee and became residents of Marion County, Ark., in 1868, locating on the farm on which Judge Owens is now living, where the father died in 1879. He was married to Margaret Baker, who still survives him and resides in this county. To them the following children were born: L. M., Louisa (McCarty), Margaret (Woods), Ann (Bryant), Linnie (Watts), James (who is dead) and Caroline (Owens). Mr. and Mrs. Owens have six children: Darthula, Grover T. Arkie L., Frank D., Tennie L. and an infant. Mr. Owens was elected to the office of justice of the peace in 1882, a position he held for six years in White River Township, and in 1888 was elected to the office of county judge, holding that office four years, being reëlected in 1890. In 1892 he was chosen as a suitable person to represent Marion County in the State Legislature, and as he discharged his duties with marked ability and to the general satisfaction of all concerned and is a candidate for reëlection, he will undoubtedly again be a member of the Legislative body. He has always been a Democrat, has taken an active part in the affairs of the county, and the cause of education has always found in him a liberal patron and supporter. He and his family are attendants of the Christian Church and are living about six miles from Yellville, on Cowan Barrens. He is a member of Union Lodge of the A. F. & A. M.

JOHN H. MARTIN. Douglas County, Mo., is well known for its successful, thrifty and enterprising farmers, and for its well-tilled and fertile farms, and among those successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits is John H. Martin, who was born in Blount County, Tenn., July 27, 1842, a son of Adrian and Sallie (Kerr) Martin, natives of Tennessee, and grandson of John Martin, a native of Massachusetts, who was a soldier in the Revolutionary War and who removed to Tennessee at an early day. The maternal grandfather, David Kerr, was a Tennesseean and was a son of one of the early pioneers of that State. Adrian Martin was a successful tiller of the soil and died in Tennessee in 1873, in which State his widow is still living. Their children are: John H.; Elizabeth A., wife of John N. Hutton, of Tennessee; Mary C., wife of Simeon Griffith, of Tennessee; Sarah E., who died young; Jesse L. is in the livery business in Ava, Mo.; David C. is a man of family, and resides in Tennessee, and James M., who is living in Ava, is also in the livery business. The mother is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church as was also the father. The subject of this sketch passed his school days in Blount County, and at the age of eighteen years enlisted in Company H., Second Tennessee Cavalry, which formed a part of the Army of the Cumberland, United States Army, and served from the 7th of November, 1861, up to the 27th of June, 1865, the first year being in the Home Guards. He was at Mill Springs, Big Hill, Pine Knot, Perryville, Stone River, Franklin, Bell Fountain, Chickamauga, Jasper, Kingston, and others. At Franklin he was injured by his horse falling on him, very soon after which he took the measles and was sick for quite a long time. Upon recovering he was transferred to a veteran transport regiment

and was steward on the "Jennie Hopkins" on the Mississippi River till the close of the war, and assisted in taking back to the North the discharged Union soldiers. He still suffers from the injury he received in the service, but soon recovered from the bullet wound he received in the leg. In 1867 he was married, and in 1871 removed with his family to Cedar County, Mo., a year later to Dade County, in 1879 to Wright County, in 1880 to Douglas County, and in 1887 settled on his farm in the vicinity of Ava. In 1886 he was elected circuit clerk and recorder of Douglas County (a position he held four years) by the Republicans of that section, the principles of which party he has always supported. He has a well improved farm of 120 acres near Ava, and another containing 240 acres seven miles northeast of town. He has given considerable attention to the raising of stock, also cures a large amount of hay on his land each year, and has a very large and fine orchard. He is a member of the G. A. R., the A. F. & A. M., and he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is one of the stewards, is active in Sunday-school work, and for seven years has been president of the Douglas County Sunday-school Association. His wife, whose maiden name was Sarah C. Best, is a daughter of Jacob Best, of Tennessee. To Mr. and Mrs. Martin the following children have been given: Homer O., Bissie I. (wife of Joseph Elmire), Inez M., John H. and Sarah C. Three children died in early infancy.

MAJ. JAMES A. MELTON. The intelligence and ability shown by Maj. Melton as a progressive tiller of the soil, and the interest he has taken in the advancement of measures for the good of Stone County, Mo., caused him long since to be classed as one of the leading citizens of his section. All that he has achieved or gained has come as the result of his own efforts, and he deserves much credit for the determined way in which he faced and overcame many difficulties. In tracing his genealogy, we find that his ancestors came originally from England, settled in North Carolina, and the grandfather, Ansel Melton, who was a native of that State, was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. The latter moved his family to Cannon County, Tenn., and settled near Sugar Tree Knob in 1810, being one of the very first settlers of that State. He lived to be nearly one hundred years old, and died on the farm where he had first settled. His wife, too, reached an extraordinary age, dying when one hundred and four years of age. The Melton family for the most part held membership in the Christian Church. The father of our subject, Austin Melton, was born in the Old North State, and was but five years of age when he moved with his parents to Cannon County, Tenn. There he grew to manhood and remained until 1832, when he married Miss Alcey Haley, a native of Shelby County, Tenn., born about 1807, and the daughter of early pioneers of that State. This family was well known in Tennessee and the father of Mrs. Melton died there. The mother, however, came to Polk County, Mo., and there passed the closing scenes of her life. After his marriage, Austin Melton moved to Polk County, Mo., settled on a farm, and there resided until 1840, when he moved to Stone County. He located on land a mile south of Galena, where Frank Seaman now lives, took the farm from the Government, and became the owner of an immense tract. There he resided up to 1857, when he moved to Laclede County, Mo., and settled nine miles southeast of Lebanon. While a resident of Stone County he held the responsible position of county treasurer for eight years, thus showing his popularity, and he held other positions of note. In politics he was always a Democrat, and an active man in public affairs. His death, which occurred on his farm in Laclede County March 18, 1893, was the occasion of universal sorrow, for all felt the loss they sustained by the departure of such a man. Mrs. Melton died in 1857. They were the parents



JAMES A. MELTON,
Stone Co., Mo.



JOHN WELKER,
Billings, Mo.

of the following children: Elizabeth, deceased; John E., deceased; Catherine, residing in Laclede County; Elisha J., residing in Marionville, Mo.; Emaline, of Springfield; George W., deceased; James A., subject; Martha, deceased; Joel D., of Galena; William, died young, and Thomas H., also died young. This family experienced many of the trials and hardships of pioneer life. Their parents made the trip from Tennessee to Missouri in an ox cart of two wheels and were several weeks on the journey. After the death of the mother of the above children Mr. Melton married a Miss Dennis, who bore him one daughter, Nancy, who is married and resides on the home place in Laclede County, Mo. The original of this notice was born in Polk County, Mo., May 15, 1838, and was seventh in order of birth of the above mentioned children. He attended the schools of his day, but for the most part he has been his own teacher, and is a well posted man. Being a natural mechanic he became a blacksmith and wheel-wright, and followed the former occupation for twenty-five years. When the war broke out, or in August, 1861, he enlisted in Company I, Second Kansas Cavalry, which was afterward attached to the Sixth Missouri Cavalry, and he served until December 8, when he was promoted to the rank of first lieutenant of Company B, Woods' Battalion, serving in the same until August 7, 1863. He then resigned and came home, but subsequently reënlisted in the Second Arkansas Cavalry under Col. John E. Phelps, and was major of the Second Battalion, Second Arkansas Cavalry, serving in that capacity until the 28th of February, 1865, when he came home. He participated in the following battles: Wilson's Creek, Vicksburg, the Cross Roads, Trenton, Jackson, Champion Hill, Bridgeport Crossing, Big Black Crossing, etc. At Vicksburg Maj. Melton's regiment was ordered to take part in the Red River expedition to northern Louisiana. He resigned after the battle of Vicksburg and came home, subsequently entering the Second Arkansas Cavalry, and during Price's raid was detailed to hold the post at Cassville. He was wounded in the left arm in February, 1864, but was disabled only a short time. He was an efficient and worthy officer, and no braver one ever wore shoulder straps. After the war the Major came to Galena and practiced medicine for about two years. He then opened a store, followed merchandising for a year and a half, and moved to a farm about ten miles north of Galena, where in connection with farming he worked at the blacksmith's and woodworker's trades until 1869. At that date he moved to Cassville and the next spring went to Butler County, Kan., where he remained until 1874. Returning to Stone County he bought a farm of about 200 acres on Flat Creek, an old settled place, and now has one of the best improved tracts of land in the county. He has a good modern house, and his outbuildings are substantial and commodious. He is engaged in farming and stockraising and has made a complete success of both. He was first married in 1865 to Mrs. Lydia A. McCasky, daughter of Charles Waters, who was from Virginia. Two children were born to them: Charles, who died young, and Florence, a teacher in Galena. Mrs. Melton died February 14, 1870, and three years later the Major married the widow of Gilbert Barnett and daughter of Calvin Carney, of Barry County, Mo., one of the old pioneers of the same. The second Mrs. Melton was a native of Illinois, born near Albin, Edwards County, December 14, 1841. She was one of ten children, her mother being Clarissa (Bassett) Carney. Our subject and his present wife have reared three children: Ida M., John C. and James F. The family attend the Christian Church of which Mrs. Melton is a member. Maj. Melton is a strong advocate of Republican principles, and in 1865 was appointed clerk of Stone County. In 1893 he was elected to the office of presiding judge of the county. Of unquestioned ability, a ready debater, a fluent speaker, he stands

to-day among our foremost men. He has ever been a leader in public affairs, and is well and favorably known to every one in the county. While residing in Kansas he held a number of prominent positions, and after he came here, in 1890, he held the office of census enumerator of Flat Creek and Ruth Townships. Maj. Melton joined the Masonic order at August, Kan., in 1872, and is now a member of Galena Lodge No. 515, being a charter member. He was a member of the Union League soon after the war and is now a member of the G. A. R. While young he taught school with considerable success in this county.

HON. WILLIAM H. THOMAS. Few families of Douglas County, Mo., have a higher reputation in all matters of character, intelligence and liberality than the one represented by the name we have just given. For ten years Mr. Thomas has made his home in this county and he now has a fine tract of 160 acres located about eight miles from Willow Springs, and it is highly productive and valuable. He was born in Fayette County, Ind., June 15, 1840, to the union of Howell and Mary A. (Adams) Thomas, natives of Kentucky and Pennsylvania, respectively. The father left his native State when a young man and made his way to Pennsylvania, where he met and married Miss Adams. From there he moved to the Hoosier State in 1838 or 1839, and continued to make his home there until 1862, when he moved to Vermillion County, Ill. There he passed peacefully away in 1874 at the advanced age of eighty-four years. He was a carpenter by trade and was a soldier in the War of 1812. In politics he was a Democrat until the formation of the Republican party, when he joined its ranks, remaining with it the remainder of his days. Mrs. Thomas died in Indiana in 1864. She was the daughter of Weldon Adams, who was a pioneer in Pennsylvania. To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas were born eleven children, who were named in the order of their births as follows: Mary, wife of Amos Eskew, of Indiana; Martha, wife of George McFatridge, also of Indiana; ——— Adams, who died when eighteen years of age; John, who died at the age of ten; Sarah, wife of Frank New Bold, of Indiana; Lydia, wife of Matthew Trimble, of Illinois; James, who is living in Decatur, Ill., but who has a position in the pension department at Washington, D. C.; Jane, wife of John McCoy, of Kansas; Isabel, wife of Zina Warren; William, subject, and Weldon, who is living in Indiana. In his native county and Hamilton County our subject passed his youthful days and there received a liberal schooling. After growing up he selected farming as his occupation in life, and started to follow the same in Hamilton County prior to the war. In August, 1862, he enlisted in Company K, One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and took a prominent part in the following battles: Stone River, Chickamauga, Mission Ridge, Kenesaw Mountain, Resaca, Peach Tree Creek, Atlanta and Bentonville. He was with Sherman on his march to the sea. He was detailed after the battle of Atlanta as special scout of fifty men, and was sent on in advance of Sherman's army. During his hard service Mr. Thomas was greatly troubled by rheumatism and has suffered from it ever since. After his career as a soldier he at once resumed agricultural pursuits in Vermillion County, Ill., and there made his home until 1884, when he came to this county. In the year 1890 he was elected to represent his county in the Thirty-sixth General Assembly, and while a member of the same he was instrumental in forwarding the present school text-book law and may be called the author of the same. Mr. Thomas is with the People's party, but was formerly a Greenbacker and Democrat. He is a prominent man in the county, an influential political factor, and a popular man with all. Socially he is a Mason, a member of the lodge at Willow Springs, and has held office in the lodge. Mr. Thomas is developing a fruit farm, and his fine home, which bears every

evidence of the taste and culture of its inmates, is the center for the best class of people in the vicinity. Mr. Thomas was married in Illinois to Miss Jane McCoy, and three children were given them: William, Lillie and Mary. The first two are married, the latter to Henry Cruzen, of this county. Mrs. Thomas died in Illinois, and subsequently Mr. Thomas married Miss Cora Turner of that State. Eight children were the fruits of this union: Paul (died at the age of eight months), Claude, Louisa, Julia, Norma K., Edna, Grace, and an infant. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas are connected with the Methodist Episcopal Church, and he has held office in the same. For about ten years and while a resident of Vermillion County, Ill., Mr. Thomas was in the lumber and hardware business.

JOHN E. BALL. One of the progressive farmers of Howell County, Mo., is John E. Ball, who was born in Abbeville District, S. C., in 1850, a son of James Wilburn and Mary (Mosley) Ball, who were born in the Palmetto State November 9, 1817 and 1807, respectively. About 1859 they came to what is now Clay County, Ark., by wagon, and there the remainder of their lives were spent, she dying in 1865 and he in 1872. They were farmers by occupation and for some time during the Civil War the father of the subject of this sketch served in the Home Guards. He was an only child and nothing is known of his people, save two uncles, Reuben and Benjamin Bell, who lived in Alabama. They were of English extraction. John E. Ball is the fifth of seven children born to his parents, their names being as follows: Benjamin, of Clinton County, Mo., was a soldier in the Confederate Army during the war; James M. was killed in the battle of Franklin, Tenn.; the third child died in infancy; Catherine (deceased) was the wife of Nelson Lynch, of Arkansas; Francis L., of the Indian Territory, and Mary, wife of William Sides. While learning the details of agriculture in his youth, John E. Ball received but very little schooling, but remedied this in a great measure in after years by contact with the world and the business affairs of life. He was married in 1876 to Miss Nancy C., daughter of William Granville and Sarah (Ellis) Nutt, the former of whom now resides in Greene County, Ark., where the wife and mother died in 1892. Mrs. Ball was born in what is now Clay County, Ark., and has borne her husband eight children: Minnie Alice, Lillie May, James Ellis, William Granville, Sarah Catherine, Mary Ethel, Rosalie and Laura Myrtle. Mr. Ball's home continued to be in Clay County, Ark., until 1883, when he came to Howell County and has since resided on his present farm of 168 acres near Chafin. This is a fertile tract of land and under Mr. Ball's shrewd management and industry it yields large crops annually. Mr. Ball is a member of Mt. Zion Lodge No. 327 of the A. F. & A. M. at West Plains, and is also a member of the I. O. O. F. Mr. and Mrs. Ball are members of the Missionary Baptist Church, and politically he is a Democrat.

GEORGE R. NORMAN, M. D. One of the noblest professions, one of the most beneficial to mankind, the profession of all professions, which, while it is prosecuted for gain is in its very nature nearest to beneficial charity, is that of medicine. At the same time it is one of the most exacting upon its devotees. Shannon County, Mo., is very fortunate in the number and character of its physicians and surgeons, and among those who have already been prominent in that calling is Dr. George R. Norman, who is a native of this State, born in Oregon County February 21, 1861. He is a son of Maj. M. G. and Mary A. (Wait) Norman, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this volume. In his native county Dr. Norman received his education and when eighteen years of age he entered the store of T. J. Boyd & Co., as salesman. One year later he took charge of the store at Garfield for a year, and then engaged in the drug business at Alton. This he continued from 1882 to 1884, when he was

elected collector and served two years. In 1886 he commenced farming, but soon after engaged in the mercantile business, taking charge of Boyd's affairs at Garfield. During this time he studied medicine and in 1889 came to Winona where he served as clerk for the Ozark Lumber Company. In 1890 he went to St. Louis and attended the College of Physicians and Surgeons, graduating from that institution in March, 1893. After practicing at Alton a short time he came to this place where he has already built up a considerable practice. While at Garfield Dr. Norman was postmaster for some time. He is a member of the Alumni Association of the College of Physicians and Surgeons. The Doctor makes a specialty of surgery. He was married in the year 1880 to Miss Zay Gum, a daughter of William Gum, who died in St. Louis, in a Federal prison, during the war. By this union four children were born, two sons and two daughters. Dr. Norman is a steward in the Methodist Church; he is a Mason, master of Winona Lodge, and he was master of Alton Lodge, and represented it in the Grand Lodge. He is also an A. O. U. W., and a Democrat.

WILLIAM BAIN. The farming class of America, and especially of the State of Missouri, is notable for the degree of intelligence that is possessed among its representatives. William Bain, who resides in Finley Township, owns a fine farm, which attests by its value and productiveness the excellent qualities of thoroughness and system which mark the owner. Like many other first-class citizens of the county he came originally from Tennessee, his birth occurring in the eastern part of the State in 1821, and his parents, Arthur and Mary (McFerren) Bain, were natives of that part of Tennessee also. There the father and mother passed their entire lives, dying in McMinn County soon after the war. Mr. Bain was a hatter by trade, and a man whose industrious habits and honorable, upright career endeared him to all. He inherited sturdy Scotch blood from the paternal side of the house, and his wit and activity from his mother, who was a native of the Emerald Isle. The father, William Bain, was a weaver by trade. One of his sons, Rev. John Bain, was a prominent Presbyterian minister in Nashville, Tenn., at one time. Our subject's maternal grandfather, Samuel McFerren, was of Irish origin, and followed farming and teaming in Knox County, Tenn., until his death. William Bain is the eldest of nine children, who are named in the order of their births as follows: Sallie Ann died in Tennessee; Samuel died in Tennessee; Mary A.; John, of Christian County; Jackson died in Tennessee; Francis was killed in the Confederate Army; Malinda and Martha. Our subject received very little schooling during his youth, as his parents were poor and needed his help on the farm. He grew to sturdy manhood on the home place in Tennessee, and selected his wife in the person of Miss Mary Ann Anderson, daughter of Steven and Susan Anderson, who spent their entire lives in Tennessee. Mrs. Bain was born in Monroe County, Tenn., and by her marriage to Mr. Bain, which occurred on the 11th of August, 1842, she became the mother of nine children, viz.: Rufus, deceased; Susan C., deceased, was the wife of E. A. Adams; John C.; Stephen; Mary died when young; William died in infancy; Lina J. became the wife of John Page; Martha Alice and James. The two last named were twins and are deceased. In 1859 Mr. Bain came to Christian County, Mo., and lived on the Finley, near Ozark, until after the war. He then purchased his present farm of 200 acres, situated six miles southeast of Ozark, and is now actively engaged in farming and stockraising. He was a Union man during the war, and was in the Missouri State Militia most of the time, on guard at Springfield and scouting in southern Missouri. He and his worthy companion have been members of the Missionary Baptist Church for many years and are highly esteemed in the neighborhood. Mr. Bain has done

a great deal of hard work in his day, and is strictly honest and upright, his character being above reproach.

GRANVILLE H. VAUGHAN. The occupation of farming is one that has received attention from the earliest ages, and it is not to be wondered at that it has become the art that it is at the present time. Among those who have shown a satisfactory knowledge of this calling, and whose operations are conducted in a very progressive manner may be mentioned Granville H. Vaughan, who is the owner of a valuable farm in Finley Township. He first saw the light of day in Rutherford County, Tenn., in 1831. His parents, James and Nancy (Hatchett) Vaughan, were natives of the Old Dominion, the former born in Mecklenburg and the latter in Charlotte County. The parents were reared and married in their native State, and after the birth of their first child, or in 1811, they removed to Murfreesboro, Tenn., where Mr. Vaughan kept hotel for some time. He boarded representatives to the Legislature when that was the capital of the State, it being in David Crockett's time. Mr. Vaughan also followed farming and superintended the construction of some of the turnpikes that enter Murfreesboro, and was in official life for some time. He was a man of learning and ability, and of considerable note. During the War of 1812 he furnished a substitute. He was constable for a number of years, this being an important and remunerative office at that time. In 1842 he came by ox team and a one-horse carriage to Christian County, Mo., being three weeks on the road, and located in the woods about five or six miles south of Ozark, then in Taney County, where he improved one of the finest farms in that section. He made a good fortune in farming and stockraising, and there died in 1869, when eighty-nine years of age. He was one of the pioneers of that section and was well and favorably known. It is supposed that his father was a Scotchman and that his mother was of German nativity. They reared a large family, the father of our subject being the only one who came to Missouri. The mother of our subject died about 1876. Her parents passed their entire lives in the Old Dominion. Mr. Vaughan was twice married, his last wife being Elizabeth Davis, who bore him three children, as follows: Henry, a farmer of this county; Richard, now of Oklahoma, and Joseph, now on the old home place. The original of this notice was the youngest of thirteen children, as follows: Parks died in Tennessee when young; Catherine married Reuben Bowles and died in Nashville, Tenn.; Jordan was a soldier in Price's army and died of fever the day of the battle of Pea Ridge; Perlina was the wife of Nathaniel Pipers and died in west Tennessee; Harriet married James Sloan of Gibson County, Tenn.; Thomas, a wealthy man and the father of Judge James Vaughan, of Springfield, Mo., died at Ozark in 1883; Elizabeth, widow of Dr. Samuel Bowles; James, of Arkansas; William, of Oregon; David, a prominent physician, died in Bedford County, Tenn. (he was a soldier in the Confederate Army and later became surgeon); Julia, deceased; Mary E., deceased, was the wife of John H. Wisner; and our subject. The latter early learned the duties of farm life, and in addition to a common-school education, attended the school in Springfield. When about twenty years of age he began for himself as a farmer, and this has been his chosen occupation ever since. On the 7th of January, 1858, he was married to Miss Mary E. McGaugh, who was born on her father's old farm near Boling Park, Greene County, Mo. Her parents, James and Marinda (Davis) McGaugh, were natives of Marshall County, Tenn., where they remained until about 1836, and then came to Greene County, Mo., settling about three miles north of Springfield, adjoining Boling Park. Mr. McGaugh afterward returned to Tennessee, but later moved to Mississippi, where he followed farming until his death. Mrs. McGaugh is still living, is seventy-six years of age, and resides in Christian County. She

is a member of the Missionary Baptist Church. Her father, Joshua Davis, who came to Greene County, Mo., about 1836, and who located near Boling Park, was one of the most conspicuous characters of his day. He was a cripple and something of an invalid, but his mind was unusually active and bright. He was clerk of the court of Greene County for twelve years, and was editor and publisher of *The Lancet*, and also *The Mirror*, for many years in Springfield. He was a brilliant orator, a man of much influence, and an able and active politician. His death occurred in 1856, and his son, William P., succeeded him in journalistic work. To Mr. and Mrs. Vaughan have been born seven children, viz.: Flora, wife of George C. Hursh; Waldo Burke, a manufacturer of Carthage; Granville Joshua, at home; Virginia, wife of Scott Massey, a prominent attorney of Springfield; Lena N., wife of Hall Given, of Leon, Kan., a railroad operator; Luther A., at home, and Ella, at home. Soon after marrying, Mr. Vaughan located on his present farm in the woods, and now has 130 acres, all under a good state of cultivation. Politically Mr. Vaughan and his people were originally Whigs, but since the war he has advocated the principles of Democracy. He sympathized with the South during the Rebellion but took no part. Mrs. Vaughan is a member of the Missionary Baptist Church, and the Vaughan family is one of the best in the county.

DR. JOHN D. COLLINS. The professional career of a skilled and devoted physician ever furnishes material of great interest to all readers, and the life narrative of Dr. Collins is no exception to this general statement. He is a practicing physican and surgeon and druggist of Highlandville, Mo., and although still in the dawn of the success which has attended his efforts in a professional way, he has already given abundant evidence of the ability which qualifies him for a high place in the medical profession. Dr. Collins was born in this county, Finley Township, near Ozark, on the old Collins homestead in 1854, to the union of John and Mary C. (Cowden) Collins, natives of what is now Marshall County, Tenn., the father born March 13, 1819, and the mother July 13 of the same year. The elder Collins was a great student, a fine mathematician and a man of more than ordinary ability. Previous to his marriage to the mother of our subject he had married a Miss Willis who bore him no children. Mrs. Collins, mother of subject, was also married previous to her union with Mr. Collins, her first husband being Saunderson Cook, by whom she had one son, Dr. W. C. Cook, a prominent physician who held a chair in the Nashville Medical College at one time, and was health officer for Davidson County at the time of his death. Mr. Collins removed to the Lone Star State in 1851, but in 1853 came North and landed in Christian County, then Taney County, and settled four miles south of Ozark, where he improved a good farm of several hundred acres. There he passed the remainder of his days, dying February 8, 1888, and was buried on the home farm. His wife died April 10, 1891. She was a member of the Christian Church and an excellent woman. All his life Mr. Collins followed the occupation of a farmer, and being enterprising and thrifty amassed a considerable fortune. For two years during the war he was sheriff of the county, and later he was twice elected to the office of surveyor and was appointed to that position once. He was a Union man but did not take sides during the war. Socially he was an Odd Fellow and a prominent man in many ways. His father, Henry Collins, was a native of North Carolina, and of Scotch-Irish descent. The latter followed the occupation of a farmer and removed to Tennessee at an early day and there died. He was the father of the following children: Willis, died on the Gulf and was buried on an island during the war; Holland, of Tennessee; Henry; James, a stock dealer; Sidney, wife of T. L. White, of this county; Maggie, now deceased, was the wife of Alex. Glen, of this county; Edna, who was the wife of Frank

Waddel, died in Springfield; Nancy is the wife of a Mr. Cook, of Arkansas; and Mary, wife of James Richardson, of Marshall County, Tenn. Our subject's maternal grandparents died many years ago and very little is known about them. They had several children, and a son, Hon. Humphrey Cowden, was a member of the Tennessee Legislature from Marshall County in 1860, and voted for secession. One daughter removed to Texas and lived to be eighty-five years of age. Another daughter, Sallie, became the wife of Paine Davis, a lawyer of Lewisburg, Tenn. Two of their children died young. Dr. John D. Collins was fifth in order of birth of nine children, as follows: Fannie, wife of J. T. Deeds; Henry Clay was a soldier in the United States Army, and part of the time was on the plains fighting the Indians; James W. is residing in the old neighborhood; Susan J., wife of J. M. McLean; Thomas Holland died young; Alexander H. is a farmer residing near Ozark; Lucy M., now deceased, was the wife of G. King, and Joseph L., on the old place. Our subject grew to manhood on the old homestead and attended the common schools. Later he read medicine with Dr. W. C. Cook, of Nashville, Tenn., and in 1878 and 1879 attended the medical department of Vanderbilt University at Nashville. In 1880 he graduated from the Missouri Medical College of St. Louis and began practicing at Highlandville, and has since practiced among the people with whom he was reared. He has an extensive practice in Taney, Stone and Christian Counties, a radius of twenty miles, and has the confidence and respect of all. He is a member of the Christian County Medical Society. In connection with his practice he also carries on the drug business and has followed the same since 1887. On the 28th of September, 1873, he was married to Miss Pardella J. Alexander, a native of Christian County and the daughter of George W. and Rebecca J. Alexander, and step-daughter of John A. Williams of Ozark. Mr. Alexander died while in the Confederate Army. To Dr. and Mrs. Collins have been born seven children: Lulu Mellie, A. Gretz, Effie Lorena, Nora Gertrude, Belva Corla, William Frank and Neal. The Doctor is a member of Highlandville Lodge No. 331, I. O. O. F., and was its first N. G. Mrs. Collins is a member of the Christian Church.

JOHN A. GIDEON. Among the prominent citizens of Galloway Township, Christian County, Mo., stands the name of John A. Gideon, who was born in Greene, now Christian County, Mo., March 4, 1837. His parents, William and Matilda (Woods) Gideon, were natives of North Carolina, the father born in Wilkes County June 4, 1791, and the mother in Morganton, Burke County, June, 1792. Both were liberally educated at Morganton, and were married there March 11, 1812. About 1816 they removed to Hawkins County, Tenn., and remained there until 1836, when they crossed the Mississippi River to Missouri, and settled in the woods of Greene County, twelve miles south of Springfield, in what is now Christian County. In 1857 the father removed to the farm where our subject now lives, four miles southwest of Highlandville, where his death occurred in June, 1871. He was a hatter by trade and followed that occupation, his wife and sons managing the farm. For three months during the Civil War he was a member of Capt. Day's Home Guards. He was a member of the Missouri Baptist Church, and an industrious, honorable citizen. He had a wonderful constitution and was seldom or never sick. In politics he was a conservative Free Soiler and a Douglas Democrat until 1860, after which he affiliated with the Republican party until his death. He was one of the first settlers of what is now Christian County, whither he came with an ox team, and found it inhabited by Indians and wild animals. His father, James Gideon, was a native Virginian, and when a boy went with his parents to North Carolina, where he subsequently married Miss Patty Mills. From there they removed to Hawkins County, East Tenn., and there

passed the remainder of their lives, engaged in farming. Our subject now has a Bible owned by his grandfather 100 years ago. The great-grandfather was an Irishman who came to this country at an early date, first settling in Virginia and later in North Carolina. James Gideon and wife were the parents of the following children: James, Edward, Hardy, Isom, John, Elizabeth and Sarah, all now deceased. The mother of our subject died in 1872. She was the daughter of Joseph Woods, who was of Scotch origin, and who, with his wife, passed his entire life in North Carolina. Mr. and Mrs. Woods had one son, Joseph, Jr., who was killed at home by the Confederates during the Civil War. Of the ten children born to his parents our subject is youngest in order of birth. The others are named as follows: James H. was in Price's army during the war, and previous to that, in 1858, represented Taney County in the Legislature, which by his efforts formed Christian County (he died in Brownwood, Tex., and at the time of his death was clerk of the Northern District of Texas, having held office for many years); Col. Joshua A. served as lieutenant-colonel of the Confederate Army during the war (he died near Austin, Tex.); Elizabeth died in Benton County, Mo. (she was the wife of William Carpenter, a Confederate soldier); Nancy died in Stone County, Mo. (she was the wife of Patrick Berry, a Union soldier); William was also a soldier and died on the home place December 17, 1863; Greene B. died at Rolla, January 8, 1862, while in the Confederate Army; Francis H., now of Galena, was hospital steward of the Fourteenth Missouri Militia, and later revenue assessor of several counties (he represented Taney County in the Legislature in 1864, and is now a prominent lawyer); Woodson T. died on the home place in 1893 (he was in the Missouri State Militia, and was assessor of Christian County one term). Our subject's youthful days were passed on the farm and in the district school, where he obtained a fair education. When twenty years of age he started out for himself as a farmer, and in the year 1856 he was married to Miss Elizabeth Hancock, daughter of Thomas and Nancy Hancock, natives, respectively, of Maryland and Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Hancock were married in Tennessee, where Mr. Hancock was accidentally killed by a wagon running over him. Mrs. Hancock subsequently married John Wall, and about 1852 came to Christian County, where she received her final summons. Mrs. Gideon was born in Giles County, Tenn., and by her marriage to Mr. Gideon became the mother of five children, as follows: Alexander C., a teacher; Albert A.; Felix W., a teacher; Samantha J., and Laura R., wife of John R. Phillips. She was a teacher. Mr. Gideon has lived on the old farm for thirty-six years, and now has eighty acres after giving each of his children homes. On May 21, 1861, he enlisted in Company C, Seventy-second Missouri Infantry, as first sergeant, and for six months was in southwest Missouri. During the Springfield fight he was captured, but was paroled the next day, January 9, 1863. After his term of enlistment had expired he joined Company H, Sixteenth Missouri Volunteer Cavalry, as second lieutenant, and served until July 1, 1865, operating in Missouri, Arkansas and Kansas, and was a scout most of the time during the Price raid. He commanded his company nearly all through that raid. In 1863 he was made provost marshal and located at Lebanon, Mo., serving until July 1, 1865. He was a brave and fearless soldier, and discharged his duties with tireless energy. After being mustered out at Springfield he was at once engaged in Holland's wholesale dry goods store, where he remained one year. He then returned to his old home, where he has since resided. From 1868 until 1872 he was county judge of Christian County and was notary public for ten years. In politics he has always been a Republican and voted for Lincoln in 1860. He is uncompromising but liberal, and is the leading politician of the county. Only a few years ago he knew

every man in the county and knew his politics. Nearly every year he makes a thorough canvass of Christian, Stone and Taney Counties for the congressmen of those counties. There are few men better or more favorably known in the old thirteenth district than John A. Gideon. Although an ultra-Republican he has many friends among the Democrats. He is a prominent member of the G. A. R., is adjutant of Sergeant Welch Post No. 534, at Ponce De Leon and Stone County, and is one of its most active members. He joined Finley Lodge, I. O. O. F., No. 206, of Ozark, in 1866, and was secretary two terms. In October, 1891, he organized Highlandville Lodge No. 331, and was secretary two terms, and V. G. one term. At present he is N. G. In religion he and family are strictly independent.

W. H. H. MILLER. Among the men who early cast their fortunes in what is now Christian County, Mo., was one whose memory is treasured by the few remaining pioneers of a rapidly passing age, a man of honest integrity and sterling worth, we refer to Jesse Miller, the father of the subject of this sketch. He was born in North Carolina about 1800, and when but a boy went with his parents to Tennessee, where he met and married Miss Eunice Vanzandt, a native of Georgia, born about 1809. Until 1852 this worthy couple made their home in Tennessee, and then moved to what is now Christian County, Mo. They located near Linden and rented land a few years, but subsequently purchased land in the same vicinity. There Mr. Miller died in 1856. He was a well-to-do farmer and was ever thrifty, honest and industrious. He was a soldier in the Indian wars, and was the only one of the family who came to Missouri. His two brothers, Henry and James, are deceased as are also several sisters. In his political views Mr. Miller advocated the principles of the Whig Party. His wife, who was a member of the Methodist Church many years, died in August, 1892. They were the parents of thirteen children as follows: Matilda, deceased, was the wife of Huston McDaniel; Mary A., wife of William Wadkins, of Greene County; Samuel H., died in Colorado in March, 1892 (he kept a hotel in his town and was mayor and justice of the peace there; during the war he was captain of the Home Guards); Matilda R. was the wife of E. A. Harper, of Texas; Jesse left home just prior to the war, and has not been heard from since 1861; John died young; Eunia E. married Alfred M. Stillins, of this county; Thomas D., of this county, was a private in the M. S. M. three years; Sarah, wife of John Griffis; W. H. H., subject, and Eliza, twins, the latter dying when sixteen years of age; Martha, wife of John Lassley, of this county, and James L., a railroad man of Colorado. Like the average farmer boy, our subject received a fair common-school education and assisted his mother on the farm until 1872, or until twenty-four years of age, when he married Miss Mary J. Lassley, a native of Carroll County, Ark., and the daughter of Joseph and Susan Lassley. Her parents came from Virginia to Arkansas at an early day, where they lived and made their home until the breaking out of the Civil War, when they came to Christian County, Mo. There they still reside. They have had eleven children. Mr. Lassley was a soldier in the Missouri State Militia during the war. He and wife are Methodists in their religious views. Two children have been born to our subject and wife: Newlen and Ida A., both educated in the common schools and at Ozark. Mr. Miller rented land a few years after his marriage and was then engaged in merchandising at Alma for seven years. Later he removed to Ozark, and was in the same business there for five years, the firm name being Miller & Wolff, but since then he has resided on his farm. This consists of 280 acres three miles southeast of Ozark and 210 acres are under cultivation, making one of the most valuable farms in the county. He has it well improved and well stocked. For ten or twelve years he has been one of the leading stock dealers

of the county, handling hogs, cattle and sheep. He is thoroughgoing and public spirited, and is very popular with all classes. He was deputy sheriff under Z. A. Johnson during the celebrated Bald Knob reign and nearly all the arrests of the ruffians and outlaws were made by him in person. He made an able officer and was active and fearless in the discharge of his duties. Socially he is a prominent member of the Friend Lodge No. 352, A. F. & A. M., at Ozark, of which he was once W. M.

JOSHUA T. DEEDS. Christian County has long had the reputation of being one of the best agricultural and stockraising counties in the State. Not only do the farmers here give much of their attention to stockraising, but they are generally men of enterprise and information, who take pride in agricultural affairs also. Prominent among those who have done their full share in advancing every interest in this county is Mr. Deeds, who owes his nativity to Greene County, Mo., born October 4, 1845. He is a son of Dr. John and Melissa (Davis) Deeds, and the grandson of John Deeds, Sr., who was one of the pioneers of Greene County, Mo. The latter came from Tennessee to the last named county and located just north of Springfield, where he improved a good farm and passed the closing scenes of his life. He was of Dutch extraction, as was also his wife, and both were worthy members of the Baptist Church. Our subject's maternal grandfather, Joshua Davis, was also an early settler of Greene County and settled in the same neighborhood about 1836. There he developed a good farm from the woods and there he and his wife passed away. He was a very prominent character, and although a cripple and something of an invalid, he had a very brilliant mind. An eloquent orator and an able, active politician, he wielded no small influence in the State of Missouri. For twelve years he was clerk of the court of Greene County and he edited and published *The Lancet* as well as *The Mirror* in Springfield for many years. His death occurred in 1856 and his son William P. succeeded him in journalistic work. The original of this notice was reared by an aunt, Mrs. Muessida A. McGaugh, north of Springfield, until about twelve years of age, and then she came to Christian County and she now makes her home with our subject. As the latter grew up he became familiar with farming in all its details and secured a liberal education in the common schools. When twenty-two years of age he began farming for himself and agricultural pursuits have continued to be his chosen occupation. Early in 1863 he enlisted in Company H, Sixteenth Missouri Cavalry, and operated in Kansas and North Missouri for about twenty months, or until the close of the war. He participated in a number of prominent engagements and was discharged at Springfield. In the year 1866 he was married to Miss Frances E. Collins, daughter of Dr. John D. Collins (see sketch), and a native of Marshall County, Tenn. Nine children have been born to our subject and wife, viz.: Mary, an infant, Maude, Stella, Marshall, John, Pearl, William and Edward, all deceased except the four last named. After his marriage our subject moved four miles south of Ozark, but only remained there one year when he moved to his present farm, three miles southwest of Ozark, where he has 270 acres with about 150 acres cleared. Aside from farming he is engaged quite extensively in buying and feeding cattle, etc., and is one of the substantial men of this section. He has put nearly all the improvements on his farm and attends strictly to business. He and Mrs. Deeds are members of the Baptist Church, in which they are active workers.

HOMER G. GILMORE. In no part of the world is the flouring industry of greater importance than it is in the United States, nor in any other part of the world can the same excellence of quality of flour be produced. This need not be wondered at. Where is there another country possessing so rich and productive a soil, yielding and in plenty the richest wheat? Indeed, the

industry and the importance necessarily attached to it are natural resultants of nature's generosity. In Christian County, Mo., the flouring industry is a most important one and foremost among those engaging in it are Messrs. Gilmore & Wasson, proprietors and operators of Riverdale Roller Mills. This firm manufactures the "Gold Coin" and the "Sunrise" brands of flour. The mill has been remodeled recently with all the latest improvements in milling machinery and is now one of the best in the county, having three double sets of rollers of the Livingston manufacture and a wood and iron combination—wheel of the Hawkeye make. Its capacity is sixty barrels per day. Mr. Gilmore is a practical miller, having been engaged in the business for many years, and all customers can rely on getting what they pay for. Our subject was born at Exeter, Green County, Wis., in 1844, and is a son of John and Rosanna (Good) Gilmore, natives of Ireland and Pennsylvania, respectively, the former born about 1806 and the latter in 1831. John Gilmore was the only son of an only son and was liberally educated in his native country, where he learned the tailor's trade at an early age, following it through life. He was a great student all his life and was well informed on all the issues of the day. Possessing a retentive memory he was a most interesting conversationalist and was a man far above the average in intelligence. About 1836 he came to the United States and worked at his trade in New York City, Philadelphia, Pittsburg, Allegheny City, etc. He was married in that named city, and about 1842 turned his face toward the setting sun. He first stopped in Chicago, then a small town, and only remained there a short time, but long enough to purchase eighty acres of land on which stands the main part of the city, including State Street. For this he paid $100 and held it for a few years, after which he sold it for what he had given. After a year or two in Chicago he removed to Exeter, Wis., where he made his home until 1856, when he took the Kansas fever, and, after rambling over that territory for a time without satisfactory results, he finally located at Maysville, Mo. There he followed his trade until his death in April, 1881. He was a prime mover in all matters of interest and a most worthy and esteemed citizen. Mrs. Gilmore is still living and resides in the neighborhood of Riverdale. Her mother died when she was an infant and her father, Anthony Good, married the second time and died in Allegheny City, Penn. Of the eleven children born to this couple only Mrs. Gilmore and a brother came West. Homer G. Gilmore is the eldest of ten children, as follows: Mary L., wife of Simon Brady, of Daviess County, Mo.; John F. died at Maysville; Albert A. resides in St. Joseph, Mo.; Edward E. resides in Riverdale; Anson C. left home many years ago and nothing has since been heard of him; Susan A., wife of Kemp Deitrich, of St. Joseph; Emmett M., of this county; Minnie, single, and William, of this county. Until twelve years of age our subject was reared in Exeter, Wis., and he was favored with a good English education. He came with his parents to Missouri and in June, 1861, he joined Capt. Thomas Smith's company of Home Guards, serving with the same for about three months. After that he joined Company A, Fifth Missouri Battalion, for six months, operating in north Missouri, and then joined Company A, Sixth Missouri State Militia, for three years, or until the close of the war, operating in Missouri and Arkansas. He fought at Lone Jack, Cotton Gap, etc., and followed Gen. Price in his raid through Missouri as far as Springfield and was in many skirmishes. From Springfield his command went to Rolla, thence to Denver, Colo., and spent nearly a year in the West. He was mustered out at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., April 18, 1866, after nearly five years of service. He never missed a meal on account of sickness, was always ready for duty, and was a most faithful soldier. Following the war he engaged in farming in

north Missouri for two years and then embarked in the milling business, which he continued for some time in Webster County. In 1879 he came to Christian County and soon after purchased the mills he now operates. Mr. Gilmore was married in De Kalb County, Mo., in 1868, to Miss Lucy A. Lancaster, a native of Ray County, Mo., and the daughter of Mumford and Sarah A. (Roberts) Lancaster. Her parents came from Kentucky to north Missouri, and in the latter State passed the remainder of their days, the father dying in 1892. He followed the occupation of a merchant and farmer and was a prominent man of De Kalb County, being treasurer of the county for a number of years and also county assessor for some time. His children were named as follows: Littleton R., of St. Joseph; Mrs. Gilmore; Etta, wife of Alonzo Coin; John, of St. Joe; William, of St. Joe; Ida, wife of Isom Artenberry; Edgar, deceased; and several died in infancy. Ten children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Gilmore, as follows: Robert A., deceased; Bertie, deceased; Bessie; Arthur; John, deceased; Lula; Homer, deceased; Frederick, Emma and Edith. Mr. Gilmore is an Odd Fellow, a member of Highlandville Lodge No. 331, and of Col. Geiger Post, G. A. R., No. 294, at Highlandville. He was P. C. and is now adjutant.

ELISHA E. FRAZIER, the subject of this sketch is one of the prominent farmers and stockraisers of Lincoln Township. He is the son of Dr. Lorenzo Lowe and Hannah (Bryant) Frazier, natives probably of North Carolina and Tennessee, respectively, the former born uly 11, 1819, and the latter March 3, 1821. When a boy Dr. Frazier went with his parents to Tennessee, and received a moderate education, but a rather liberal one for that day. On the 9th of July, 1839, he was married to Miss Bryant and later emigrated to Missouri, where he taught school for some time. He served under Capt. Cunningham in the removal of the Cherokee Indians to the Territory, and for this received a tract of land in what is now Lincoln Township, Christian County, Mo. To this farm he removed in 1849, and died on the same August 31, 1890. When a young man he read medicine with a Dr. Clark in Tennessee, but followed agricultural pursuits until after he came to Missouri, which was about 1847 or 1848. For the first year or so he rented land, but on account of the ill health of the family there moved the next year two miles west, on his grant and into a rail pen with his wagon cover for a roof. Gradually, after coming to Missouri, he began practicing his profession and soon became the leading physician of the entire region. He was contemporary with Dr. E. T. Robertson and practiced all over the region during the war. He met with many thrilling adventures and was often captured and chased by bushwhackers, etc. Early in the war he became first lieutenant of a company of Home Guards, and as they were without a captain at the beginning of the Wilson's Creek fight he commanded the company. During this engagement his command was cut off and he and others retreated into Kansas. He soon returned, and many of the Confederate citizens requested Gen. Price, who was then in command of the Confederate forces at Springfield, to allow Dr. Frazier to practice his profession without molestation. He took the oath and was permitted to practice at his will. In this and adjacent counties he was well known and very popular. Formerly a Democrat in politics, he later affiliated with the Republican, party and although frequently solicited to run for office his devotion to his profession caused him to refuse. From the age of nineteen he was a devoted Methodist and his career was above reproach. His father, John Frazier, was probably born in North Carolina and from there removed to Tennessee at an early date. He was of French origin and a Revolutionary soldier. He and wife passed the closing scenes of their lives in Tennessee, where they reared eleven children, six sons and five daughters, only four of whom came to Missouri. The mother of our subject

was also a worthy member of the Methodist Church. Her death occurred December 24, 1887. Her father was a millwright by trade and followed that in Tennessee until his death. He was of English-German descent. Our subject was the fifth in order of birth of nine children born to his parents, as follows: Keziah, wife of P. M. Maples, of Stone County; Rebecca, widow of B. F. Rhodes, resides in this county; Sarah Jane died in early youth; Elizabeth died in Tennessee when a child; subject; Minerva, wife of Timothy Maples, of this county; John Winton died young; Solomon Bryant died young, and Samuel Grant, of this county. The original of this notice was born in Bradley County, Tenn., June 29, 1847, and like the average country boy his time was divided in assisting on the farm and in attending the district school where he secured a fair education. When eighteen years of age he started out for himself as a tiller of the soil, and by his father's advice remained at home during the war to care for the farm and family. He was captured three times by the Confederate soldiers, but was soon afterward released. On the 20th of August, 1865, he was married to Miss Margaret Jane Sharp, a native of Greene County (now Christian County), Mo., and the daughter of Joseph B. and Mary Sharp, who came to Tennessee from North Carolina at an early date. Both died at the home of our subject. Mr. Sharp was a farmer by occupation. During the gold fever excitement he went to California, where he remained several years. He also made several trips back to Tennessee with a four horse team. To our subject and wife have been born twelve children, as follows: Mary, wife of V. L. Dunham; Joseph Lorenzo; Susan Jane, wife of A. J. Holder; Sarah Victoria died when nine years of age; James Sharp; Charley Edmond; Nannie Belle; David Solomon; Phœbe Keziah; Lydia Lowe; Martin Eli, deceased, and an infant. In 1867 Mr. Frazier removed to Howell County, Mo., where he began improving a claim, and where he remained for four years. He then returned to the old home place in Christian County. This was in 1872 and he has since resided here. He is the owner of 880 acres in different tracts, 460 acres in the home farm, mostly fine bottom land. Mr. Frazier raises cattle, horses, hogs, and has about 450 acres under cultivation, having cleared all but about 100 acres himself. He has held a number of local positions and was justice of the peace nine years. Socially he is a member of Friend Lodge, A. F. & A. M., No. 352, at Ozark, and he and his wife have affiliated with the Methodist Church for over a quarter of a century and are devoted Christians. His father was also active in religious work and when he first came to Missouri there was no Methodist organization in his neighborhood. He took it upon himself to engage a minister and erected a small church on land which he afterward donated to the church, together with a burying-ground. This is known as Lorenzo Chapel.

G. W. Nokes. It matters little what vocation a man selects as his life occupation so long as it is an honorable one. If he is an honest, upright man, courteous in his intercourse with his fellow-men and possessed of the average amount of energy and business sagacity, he is bound to make his business a financial success. Because the subject of this sketch is possessed of all these requirements, is the chief reason that he has succeeded; because he is above the average in point of natural business qualifications, is the reason he to-day stands among the best merchants of the county. A brief sketch of Mr. Nokes is here appropriately given: A native of Cannon County, Tenn., born in 1845, he is the second in order of birth of eleven children, ten sons and one daughter, born to Nelson and Flora A. (Elam) Nokes, natives of Cannon County, Tenn., the father born about 1821 and the mother in 1825. The parents were reared and married in that State and there remained until 1854, when they came to the neighborhood of Nixa, Mo., then in Greene County, and settled on a claim

in the woods. Mr. Nokes improved four good farms in this neighborhood and there passed the remainder of his days, dying in August, 1879. He was a Union man during the war, but took no active part, being an invalid. He furnished three sons for the Federal Army. Industrious, honest and upright, he was respected by all and was an active member of the Christian Church. A Democrat early in life he was later a Know-Nothing and then a Republican, voting for Lincoln in 1860. His father, Thomas Nokes, was born in the Old North State, but early settled in Cannon County, Tenn., where he received his final summons. He was a farmer and mechanic. During the War of 1812 he was under Gen. Jackson. He was of Irish parentage. The mother of our subject is residing in Christian County, near Nixa, and is a devout member of the Christian Church. Her father, Reuben Elam, came from Tennessee to Taney County, Mo., about 1844, and there died before the war. He was a farmer. His wife died in Kansas. They were the parents of a large family, thirteen children, six sons and seven daughters. Four of the sons, Elisha and Elijah, twins, Tillman and George, served in the Federal Army. This family was of Irish origin. The following children were born to our subject's parents: John T., a farmer of Porter Township, was in the Sixteenth Missouri Cavalry until the close of the war (he operated in southwest Missouri and Arkansas and was captured in the Springfield fight January 8, 1863, but was held a prisoner only two days; he had formerly served in the Seventy-second Missouri Infantry and Sixth Missouri Cavalry, enlisting first in 1862; he held the rank of orderly sergeant); G. W., our subject; Leah M., wife of Albert Stiffler; Nelson, now residing in Greene County, was in the Sixteenth Missouri Cavalry, Company C, from 1864 until the close of the war; William, Jr., resides in Porter Township; Newton J. also resides in that township; Henry E. resides in Finley Township; Andrew J., a farmer of Porter Township; Columbus M., of Porter Township; Lincoln and Elisha Grant, both of Porter Township. On the farm in Missouri our subject grew to mature years and his education was received principally at home, his mother being his instructor. In 1862, when only seventeen years of age, he enlisted in Company A, Seventy-second Missouri Infantry, serving until April, 1863, operating principally in southwest Missouri. He was captured in the Marmaduke fight at Springfield January 8, 1863, and was held a prisoner two days. When he rejoined his command it was consolidated and made the Sixth Provisional of State Troops, with which he remained until November, 1863. He was then changed to the Sixteenth Missouri Cavalry, and served with that until the close. He held the rank of corporal and was in many skirmishes in Arkansas. Following the war Mr. Nokes engaged in farming in this neighborhood, and in 1871 was married to Miss Annis I., daughter of Michael and Matilda Keltner, and a native of Sangamon County, Ill. Mr. Feltner was born in Tennessee, but was of German parentage. He came from Illinois to Christian County, Mo., after the war, but subsequently returned to Sangamon County, where he died in August, 1880. His wife is living there at the present time. Mr. Nokes farmed until 1888 and then engaged in merchandising at Nixa, where he has been engaged in business since. His stock is valued at $4,000, and he is doing a good business under the firm name of J. E. Bennett & Co. Mr. Nokes was justice of the peace three terms, or about ten years, and is a member of the Christian Church.

JOHN WELKER, a prominent notary of Billings, has made his home in that town for over ten years, and his career presents an example of industry, perseverance and good management rewarded by substantial results. Like other representative men of the county, he is a native of the Buckeye State, being born in Stark County May 8, 1838. He has inherited his push and energy

from his German ancestors. He is a son of John and Mary (Eply) Welker, and grandson of John Welker, who was born in Pennsylvania of old German stock. The father of our subject was also a native of the Keystone State, but at an early day moved to Stark County, Ohio, and thence to Cumberland County, Ill., about 1842. He is still living near Hazel Dell, but is eighty-four years of age, having been born in February, 1809. The mother of our subject died in the Prairie State in 1855. To this estimable couple were born these children: James, Samuel, Jacob, John, William, Joseph, Elijah, Edward and Mary A. By the father's second marriage there were two children: Harry and Sarah. Mr. Welker was formerly a Whig, but became a Republican in his political views, and in religion was a United Brethren. By occupation he was a farmer and millwright, and became a man of some means. He had four sons in the Rebellion: William, John, Joseph and Elijah. Joseph was killed in the battle of Perryville, Ky.; William was wounded at Pea Ridge, Ark., but survived, and is now living at Hazel Dell, Ill.; and Elijah is living at Yale, Ill. John Welker, our subject, was a small boy when the family moved to Illinois, and in the Prairie State he received a good education, sufficient to enable him to branch out as a teacher. Later he engaged in the photographing business, and followed that for twenty years at Newton, Ill. In January, 1883, he came to Billings and embarked in the produce business. Later he was elected mayor of the city and justice of the peace, and filled both offices in a capable and satisfactory manner. He is now notary, and for some time edited the *Billings Bee*. At present he gives his attention to notary business and pensions, loans and real estate. In August, 1862, he enlisted in Company E, One Hundred and Twenty-third Illinois Infantry, for three years, participating in some hard services, but was finally discharged on account of having heart disease. Mr. Welker is the owner of real estate in the city and country, and has been quite successful in a business way. In politics he takes a deep interest, and is an ardent supporter of Republican principles. He is a member of the A. O. U. W. in Illinois and Billings Post No. 166, G. A. R. In the year 1864 he married, at Newton, Ill., Miss Alice Sutton, daughter of William and Catherine (Lyons) Sutton. The Suttons were among the pioneer families of Indiana, and Mr. Sutton was a soldier in the Thirty-eighth Illinois Regiment during the Rebellion. He is now deceased, but the mother is living. Mr. Welker and family reside at Billings, where they have a handsome home, and are connected with the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which Mr. Welker is one of the trustees. Seven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Welker; three are dead, while James D., Gilbert T., Effie C. and William J. are living.

GEORGE B. GIDEON. George B. Gideon, at present deputy circuit clerk of Christian County, Mo., has been a resident of this county all his life and the people have had every opportunity to judge of his character and qualifications. He was born on the old farm, in this county, October 10, 1862, and here grew to manhood and received his education. When starting out for himself he followed teaching for some time in this county, and also in Texas, where he resided for about four years. After this he enlisted in the regular United States service, in 1885, and, after some time spent in various capacities, he took a clerkship in the commissary department. He was with Company A, Sixteenth Infantry Regiment, located at a frontier post in Texas, and at San Antonio, that State, and at Ft. Duchesne, Utah. He was a good officer for the Government and was discharged with honor in February, 1890. After leaving the service he located in Springfield, Mo., where he was with a well-known commercial company, and later came to Ozark, where he has since held his present position. He selected his wife in the person of Miss Mabel C. Daugherty, a native of Springfield, Mo., and daughter of J. W. Daugherty,

also of Springfield, and their nuptials were celebrated on September 12, 1892. Mr. and Mrs. Gideon are now residing in Ozark, and are classed among the representative citizens of that thriving city. In politics Mr. Gideon advocates the principles of the Republican party and takes a deep interest in political matters. His name is synonymous for integrity and good judgment, and he has proven himself one of the most capable and practical men who have held official positions in the county. He is interested in all good causes and the property he has accumulated has been well earned. He attends the Christian Church and Mrs. Gideon is a member of the same. Both are highly esteemed in the community and have many warm friends. Mr. Gideon is well posted on all the topics of the day, is a good clerk and an experienced book-keeper. His father-in-law, J. W. Daugherty, was a resident of Christian County from about 1890 up to 1893, and was a miller by occupation. He is now proprietor of a hotel in Springfield, Mo., and is doing well. His three children were named: Daisy, who is the wife of T. T. Godfrey, of Kansas; Mabel C., and Esther, who is at home.

WILLIAM SHY. It is always a pleasure to deal with the history of one who is a member of one of those grand old pioneer families whose bravery, fortitude and determination paved the way for the present advanced state of civilization, and William Shy is one of these. He is a successful farmer and merchant at Lesterville, Reynolds County, Mo., and was born here in 1841. His parents, Eli and Mary Elizabeth (Smith) Shy, were born in Kentucky in 1802 and 1807, respectively, and were reared and married on Blue Grass soil. They made their home in the State of their birth until about 1830, when they moved to New Madrid County, Mo., soon after to Bellevue, and one year later to what is now Reynolds County, settling on a tract of woodland in the vicinity of Lesterville, where they opened up a good farm after many years of hard toil, and there spent the remainder of their days, the father's death occurring in March, 1855, and the mother's in November, 1876. They were worthy members of the Missionary Baptist Church, became widely known and highly respected in this section and lived upright and useful lives. In addition to tilling the soil Mr. Shy was also engaged in blacksmithing, in fact turned his hand to anything by which he could earn an honest livelihood. He and his wife experienced all the privations, hardships and inconveniences of pioneer life, but nobly labored for the benefit of those who might come after them, and with much patience and energy cleared their land of the rich growth of primeval forest with which it was covered. The father of Eli started west from Kentucky in 1830, with the intention of locating in the vicinity of where Little Rock now is, but on reaching New Madrid, Mo., he was taken ill and died here, and here his widow and three of their four children, who were men and women with families, died soon after. Their names were Samuel, Seaborn, and Sarah, the wife of James Lee. Their intention was to locate on a section of land which their father owned in the vicinity of Little Rock, but after their deaths nothing was ever done with this land. Being left utterly alone Eli Shy located in this section of Missouri and here became the father of the following children: Martha Jane, who died in Reynolds County, the wife of William Minor; Malinda, wife of Orrin Munger; Alfred H. was county clerk of Reynolds County for some years and is now dead; Sarah Jane is the wife of G. B. Goggin; John Wesley is deceased; Robert Mitchell is also dead; Almina is the wife of J. M. Buford; William; Mary E. is the deceased wife of William R. Hill, and Minerva, also deceased. The immediate subject of this sketch was reared on a farm and received such education as the schools of his youth afforded. Upon attaining his majority he began the battle of life for himself, and it was natural that he should take up the occupation to which he

had been reared and of which he had a thorough knowledge—farming. For six months during the latter part of the war he served as a member of Maj. M. L. Claridy's brigade, Confederate States Army, being forced into the service as a recruit. In 1866 he was married to Nancy Bell, daughter of Newton and Mahala Bell, who were also worthy settlers of Reynolds County, where they died after having reared a large family. Mrs. Shy was born in this county, is still living, and is the mother of ten children: Thomas Alfred (deceased), Mary J., James Monroe, Anzona (wife of W. A. Parks), Lucius Eli, George Seaborn, Robert Walter, Richard Irvin (deceased), Hattie May and Clarence Herman. Mr. Shy has spent his entire life on the farm of his birth, and is now the owner of 240 acres of excellent farming land. His life has been devoted to tilling the soil, but he recently embarked in merchandising at Lesterville, where he has built up a paying business and has a large and well selected stock of goods. He is a member of Hopewell Lodge No. 239 of the A. F. & A. M. at Lesterville and is past noble grand of Lesterville Lodge No. 327 of the I. O. O. F. He and his wife have long been members of the Missionary Baptist Church and he has been a lifelong Democrat, and has at all times generously supported his party, but has never been an aspirant for political honors.

Gibson Bros., tobacco manufacturers. The man who first discovered the properties of the "Virginia weed" had no thought of the solace and solid comfort he was about to bestow upon the human family. This plant is the only gift of the vegetable kingdom to man that is in universal use, and this is more strange, because it is less than three centuries since it became known to Europeans. What seductive powers lie in the broad, long leaf, that man should become so readily and abjectly its slave! Among those engaged in the manufacture of this "weed of solace" stands the name of Gibson Bros., who have had many years' experience in this line of business. Their father, John A. Gibson, is a pioneer in the tobacco business, having for many years manufactured it on his farm in Christian County, and made a name for the brands now in use: No. 1, No. 2 and Cherry Juice. These brands are known all over the Southwest and are made of a high grade of goods. The plant is located in Ozark and turns out about 20,000 pounds of tobacco a year. The plant is large and they have all the machinery required for the business. The goods are made from the native tobacco grown in this and adjoining counties. This is one of the leading industries of the county and the brothers are doing a good business. Furnishing, as it does, a gentle lethe for the corroding cares and worriments of life, it is not surprising that we should see such high authority as that of James G. Blaine for the statement that, with a vast contingent of the race, tobacco has become a necessity.

Maj. Sampson Barker. Since 1869, when our subject became connected with the affairs of Taney County, he has enjoyed the reputation of being not only an able financier and talented and well-informed man of the county, but one noted for upright and honorable dealing, and seems to have been admirably fitted by nature for the calling of an agriculturist. He comes of a good old Virginia family, and was born in Scott County of that State November 30, 1832. He is a son of John S. and Sallie (Boyes) Barker, both natives of the Old Diminion, the father born in 1797 and the mother in 1807. The grandfather, Thomas Barker, the founder of the family in America, came from England prior to the Revolutionary War and fought bravely for independence. He was a captain under Shelby at King's Mountain, and had his powder horn shot off during that battle. He died in Virginia after a long and useful life. The father of our subject reached man's estate in Virginia, and was also a soldier in the Revolutionary War. He was captain under Scott at Lundy's Lane, and

later was stationed at an island off the coast of Virginia. He was married in his native State and made his home there during life. In connection with farming he raised fine stock, continuing this until seventy-three years of age. In politics he was a lifelong Democrat, and was justice of the peace for a number of years. He was a man of influence in his community and made a good property. The mother of our subject was the daughter of William Boyes, who also came of prominent Virginia stock, and who was born in that State. His father, Jarvis Boyes, came over with the Pilgrims, landed at Plymouth Rock, and was a soldier in the Indian wars, and was an early pioneer of Virginia. William Boyes fought with the Colonists in the Revolutionary War, and also fought in the War of 1812. He died in Virginia. The mother of our subject was reared in Virginia and died on the old homestead in that State, the same being still owned by the family. The parents of our subject had nine children born to their union, seven of whom grew to mature years; Edward died in Virginia and left a large family; Flanders died in infancy; William is living in Virginia; Rebecca died young; Elisha died after rearing a family in Virginia; Jahel died and left a family; Sampson, subject; Rachel died and left a family; and Polly died in Newton County, Mo., leaving a family. This family held membership in the Baptist Church. Until thirty-seven years of age our subject remained on the home farm in Virginia, and being of a studious turn of mind received a good education. Upon reaching man's estate he was appointed clerk of the Circuit and County Courts of Scott County, Va., and held that position for twelve years, during which time he resided in that county. In the year 1862, when the war cloud hung darkly over the nation, Mr. Barker enlisted in the Twenty-seventh Mounted Infantry of Virginia, and served in the Army of Northern Virginia three years and eight months. He participated in many of the prominent engagements of the war, viz.: Gettysburg, Chancellorsville, Wilderness, Winchester, and in 1864 he was at Richmond and Petersburg. He was promoted to the rank of major and served in that capacity all through the war. No braver or more determined soldier ever trod the red sod of a battlefield. Returning to Virginia after the war he remained there until 1869, when he came to Missouri and settled on the farm where he now lives. He came by rail and by water and made the trip in nine days. The partly improved farm that he purchased was in section 35, Swan Township and about two miles from Forsyth, on the north side of White River, and is very valuable bottom land. He now has 600 acres in this tract and a good portion of it is under cultivation. In politics Mr. Barker is an ardent supporter of Democrat principles and has been elected to the office of county school commissioner three terms. He also served as clerk of the county and circuit court and recorder for four years. While residing in his native State Mr. Barker taught school and continued this profession for some time after coming to Taney County. He was always active in educational matters, and has ever been progressive and thoroughgoing. Socially he is a Mason and an Odd Fellow. During the time he lived in Virginia he was married to Miss Sally Frazier, a native of Virginia, born March 28, 1833, and the daughter of Henry and Sally (Livingston) Frazier, who were natives of Virginia and early pioneers of that State. Her grandfather, Solomon Frazier, was of Scotch-Irish descent, and settled in Virginia at an early day, and the maternal grandfather, Peter Livingston, were early pioneers of Kentucky, where he and his family were captured by Indians and the grandmother carried the scar of a tomahawk on her head all her life. To Mr. and Mrs. Barker were born four children, all but one now living: James M., a farmer of Greene County, Mo.; Rufus, a farmer of Taney County; Martha, deceased, was the wife of R. W. Cline, of Forsyth; Edward is a

farmer on the old home place on White River. Mr. and Mrs. Barker are well known and highly respected in the county, and Mrs. Barker is a worthy member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

S. B. TAYLOR. In no way can the growth and prosperity of a city be determined so well as by the progress made by the leading business houses therein, such always standing as general indices to the city's condition. Among such business barometers the livery stable should rank in the midst of the first. A prominent one in Galena, Mo., is that conducted by S. B. Taylor, who enjoys a widespread reputation as an honorable, upright business man. Ohio is his native State, born in Madison County March 4, 1847, and he is the son of Asa and Eliza Taylor, natives of New Jersey and Ohio, respectively. The father moved to Madison County, Ohio, at an early day and there followed agricultural pursuits until his death in 1883. The mother is still living on the old homestead on the old National Pike, seven miles north of London, and enjoys comparatively good health. Their union was blessed by the birth of seven children, three, besides our subject, now living: David C., a ranchman of Denver, Colo., was one of the early miners of that region; Oscar W., residing on the old home place in Ohio, and Sarah, a resident also of Madison County, Ohio, is the wife of Michael Fox. The children deceased were: Oliver, Marion and Frank. Oliver was a soldier in the Civil War, enlisting in Company C, Fortieth Ohio, and died in 1888. Marion was in the same company and regiment and died while in service from a wound received in Kentucky. Our subject remained in the Buckeye State until 1866 and there received a fair education. He then came to southwest Missouri, but previous to that time he enlisted in the army, in the Fortieth Ohio Regiment, of which his uncle, George W. Taylor, was colonel in the ninety days' service. He was in no prominent engagements. After coming to Missouri young Taylor located in Barton County, where he became the owner of a good farm and tilled the soil up to 1884. From there he went to Fort Scott and worked for the Hart Pioneer Nursery Company for five years. After that he located in Galena and engaged in the livery business, alone at first, but later he took in as a partner William D. Matthes. They have a full stock of fine and heavy carriages and all kinds of hacks used in this county, and are doing a good business. Mr. Taylor was married in Barton County, Mo., to Miss Surilda C. Cartmel, a native of Indiana and the daughter of R. T. Cartmel, also from the Hoosier State. Two children have been born to our subject and wife, Mabel and Edna, both in school. For many years Mr. Taylor has been an Odd Fellow, and in politics he is a Republican. He has ever been interested in all public enterprises and is one of the city's wide-awake, stirring business men. All his property has been made by the honest sweat of his brow, for he is principally selfmade.

HON. STEVEN L. WILES. Mr. Wiles is a prominent citizen of Polk Township, and one whose constancy to the business in hand and whose thrift have added so greatly to the value of the agricultural region. He is a native of North Carolina, was born in Surry County in the year 1831, and is the son of Steven and Rachel (Steelman) Wiles, also natives of Surry County, N. C. Our subject's paternal grandfather, Steven Wiles, was born in England and there reared and married. Prior to the Revolutionary War he came to the United States and located in Surry County, N. C., where the remainder of his days were passed in tilling the soil. He served his adopted country six years in the Revolution and was a brave and faithful soldier. He was the father of seven sons and two daughters, among whom were the following: Pierson, John, Luke, Hiram, Gillam and Steven. The name of the other child is forgotten. Our subject's maternal grandfather, Charles Steelman, also an Englishman, was

reared and married in that country. He came to the United States previous to the Revolution but was not a soldier. He was a farmer and passed the remainder of his life in North Carolina. The parents of our subject grew to mature years in their native county and received limited educations in the common schools. They were married there, and there continued to make their home until early in 1832, when they removed to Lincoln County, Tenn., when that part of the State was wild and unsettled. There the father farmed until his death in January, 1856, when seventy-three years of age, his birth having occurred just at the close of the Revolutionary War. His wife died about 1838. They were the parents of nine children, as follows: Jane, the wife of Samuel Cunningham, died in Stone County; Eleanor, widow of James Miles; Catherine, who died in Laclede County, Mo., was the wife of a Mr. Reese; Charles died in Lincoln County, Tenn., a few years ago; Celia, the wife of Henry Sullivan, died in Christian County, Mo.; Rachel, wife of Thomas Sullivan, died in Stone County; Rose, the widow of Marion Wade, resides in Madison County, Ark.; Polly, the wife of Abraham Cunningham, died in Gentry County, Mo., and Steven L., our subject. The latter passed his youthful days amid the rude surroundings of pioneer life and as there were no public schools his educational advantages were limited. In February, 1849, he was married to Miss Elizabeth Mills, daughter of James and Nancy Mills, and a native of Lincoln County, Tenn. Her parents were born in North Carolina, but after marriage they came to Lincoln County, Tenn., where their last days were passed. The children born to our subject and wife were named as follows: Charles Newton died when five years of age; Langford McDonald; James W.; Eveline, died when an infant; William; Roskwell; Pinson, died in infancy, and Alonzo. In 1852 Mr. Wiles came by wagon to Berry County, Mo., resided there for four years and then located near Billings where for twenty-four years he has been on his present farm, five miles southwest of that town. He settled on wild prairie and now has a fine farm of 160 acres in the home place and eighty acres not far away. Nearly all this is under cultivation. In April, 1861, the threatening attitude of political affairs occupied his serious attention, and he first joined the Home Guards, Company M, under Col. Phelps, for three months, or until August 20. He served as lieutenant and was on picket at the Wilson Creek fight. After the expiration of this service he had small-pox and was not fit for duty for some time, but during the summer of 1862 he enlisted in Company B, Seventy-second Missouri Infantry, as sergeant, and served eight and a half months in Missouri, Arkansas, Indian Territory and Kansas. After that he joined the Sixth Provisional Regiment, Company H, as first lieutenant, and served about two months. The regiment then joined the United States service and he served as first lieutenant of Company H, Sixteenth Missouri Cavalry, for twenty months, or until June 30, 1865, when he was discharged at Springfield. He fought at the battles of Jefferson City, Boonville, Lexington, Independence, Big Blue, and took part in other battles. He was wounded in the Big Blue battle and disabled for some time. During the Mexican War, in 1848, he joined an independent company commanded by Capt. C. R. Wheat, of Col. Gideon Pillow's regiment and embarked at Nashville, Tenn. He landed at Vera Cruz soon after the siege of that city and then pushed on to the City of Mexico. He was in no general engagement, his duty being to escort wagon trains carrying mail, etc., but he was in many conflicts with guerrillas, etc. He was mustered out at Memphis, Tenn., in July, 1848. In the year 1878 Mr. Wiles was elected county judge from the Western District of Christian County and was reëlected to that position in 1889. He made a very efficient officer. Socially Mr. Wiles is an A. F. & A. M. Billings Lodge No. 379, and Marionville Post, G. A. R., No. 41.

JESSE A. TOLERTON. There are few enterprise which contribute a larger quota to the convenience of the residential and transient public than the well-appointed livery stable. A prominent one in Forsyth is that conducted by Mr. Jesse A. Tolerton who enjoys a widespread reputation, and the city may congratulate herself upon the presence of such an honorable man of business. Although young in years he possesses an unlimited amount of energy and sound judgment, and has already obtained a good start in the world. His is the only livery stable in Taney County, and he is doing a good business. Our subject came to Forsyth when a small boy, and since the age of twelve years has made his own way in life. Possessed of industrious habits and a genial, happy disposition, he made friends wherever he made his home and the people of Forsyth were not slow in recognizing his true worth. After coming to Forsyth he worked for his board and attended the Forsyth schools, and in this manner received a good business education. Later he started a small feed stable, and meeting with success in this, began buying horses. Since then he has met with good success and owns the stable property and a number of lots on the public square. He has good stock and all the necessary vehicles for a first-class barn. At the present time Mr. Tolerton is holding the office of deputy county collector, and being a good penman and a correct accountant is kept busy in the office. He came originally from the Buckeye State, born July 23, 1873, and is a son of Augusta Tolerton, of Salem, Ohio, a wholesale dealer in clothing there and a man of prominence. Our subject was married January 1, 1894, to Miss Lititia Parrish, daughter of John Parrish, a successful merchant of Forsyth. This young couple are well liked in the county and are interested in all good work. Mr. Tolerton has made all his property by his own exertions, starting a poor boy, and deserves the respect of all. For some time after starting out for himself he drove the stage from Forsyth to Chadwick.

EDWARD A. BLADES. The farming class of America is notable for the degree of intelligence that is possessed among its representatives. Our subject belongs to one of the most progressive of families, and is proud of the fact that his father was one of those fast disappearing landmarks of a heroic past—an early pioneer. Mr. Blades was born in Monroe County, East Tenn., in 1830, but his parents, Edward and Ellen (Maner) Blades, were natives of North Carolina, where they grew to mature years and united their fortunes. From there they removed to Tennessee, and about 1836 came by ox-team to Greene County, Mo., being about two months on the road. They located in the woods on the Pickerel, and there was but one house within a distance of five miles. Mr. Blades spent the rest of his life there engaged in cultivating the soil, and died about 1847. He was a great hunter and sportsman, etc., and a man well and favorably known for miles around. He was one of the pioneers of Greene County, settling there when Springfield was but a mere hamlet of log houses, and he contributed his full share toward the improvement and development of the county. He was of English origin. His wife died in Greene County in 1855. They were the parents of an old-fashioned family of fourteen children, as follows: Sally Ann, deceased; R. D., of Billings; Nancy, deceased; Isaac T., Cynthia, Edward A., Rebecca L., William, Elizabeth, James R., Frances, George Washington, and two died young. Our subject was reared amid the rude surroundings of pioneer life, and to obtain a limited education was obliged to walk three miles to the primitive log school house where he was taught the three R's. In the year 1851 he married Miss Margaret Batson, a native of Ohio, and the daughter of Steven and Jane Batson, who came from Ohio to Greene County, Mo., at an early date, and here passed the remainder of their lives, the father engaged in farm-

ing. Eight children were born to our subject and wife, viz.: Ellen, deceased, was the wife of William Logan; Jane, wife of Charles Lane, of Lawrence County; James; Elizabeth Ann died young; Sarah P. died young; Martha E.; George Marion died young, and one whose name is unknown. Mr. Blades resided in Greene County until 1870, and then removed to his present farm near Crane Postoffice. He has added to the original tract from time to time until he now owns 119 acres of excellent land, and has much of it under cultivation. His wife, who was a worthy member of the Methodist Church, died in 1891. Mr. Blades also holds membership in that church. During the war Mr. Blades served a short time in the army. The Blades family is a numerous and well-known one in Greene and Christian Counties, and its members are prominent and well respected.

H. R. Dickson. It seems impossible to think that where are now magnificent fields of corn and thrifty farms, less than half a century ago was a wilderness inhabited by wild animals and savages. Still stranger is it to think that we have in our midst one of those old settlers who spent his best energies in subduing the wilderness and bringing it to the state of perfection apparent to all. H. R. Dickson was born in Ashe County, N. C., July 31, 1824, and was the eldest of twelve children born to the marriage of William and Frances (Cross) Dickson, both natives of the Old North State. William Dickson was the son of Douglas Dickson and the grandson of Thomas Dickson, who was a native of Scotland and who came to this country at an early day. The latter settled in North Carolina, and there followed farming, as also did his sons, in Ashe County. There his death occurred. Douglas Dickson died in that county also. The father of our subject grew to manhood in North Carolina, and about 1836 came to Missouri locating on a farm in Reynolds County. He was a prominent man in the county, a leader in the Baptist Church, and an excellent citizen. Previous to coming to Missouri he was a resident of Scott County, Tenn., for some time, and while there held the office of justice of the peace. His wife died in this county in 1869. Twelve children were given them: H. R. (subject), Nancy E., Temperance A., Thomas M., Mary A., William D., John W., Sarah J., Malinda C., Rebecca E., John C. and Amanda J. Temperance, Mary and John W. are deceased, but the remainder are living and are well-respected citizens, following in the footsteps of their father whose honesty, uprightness and integrity were well known. Our subject passed his early life in Tennessee, and, owing to circumstances, received but a limited education. When twenty years of age he married Miss Nancy A. Smith, daughter of Daniel Smith, who was a native of Kentucky, but who died in this county a number of years ago. His wife died in Kentucky, and he came to this county in 1856, dying here in 1875. To Mr. and Mrs. Dickson were born eight children, three of whom are living: Gilbert, Ewell and Julia A. The boys are wealthy farmers of the State of Washington and Julia A. is the wife of Frank Dinkins, a farmer of this county. Mrs. Dickson passed away in 1862, and Mr. Dickson took for his second wife Temperance Fitzgerald, a native of North Carolina. Seven children were born to this union, viz.: Tennessee L., who is the wife of William Wimpie, a farmer of this county; Thomas S., a man of a family, lives on the home place; Temperance L. married Dr. Frank Ellis, and is living in the Nation; Eugene N., at home; and the remainder died young. Our subject came from Tennessee to this State in 1853, and located where he now lives, in Dickson Valley, named after him, he being the first man to settle there. He was the first man to enter land in Reynolds County under the graduation law. For four years he was assessor of the county, and for twelve years he was justice of the peace. He has now a farm of 800 acres, and is one of the wealthiest men in the county. In politics he has ever been a strong

Republican and a man interested in the growth and upbuilding of the county. He is a member of the Barnesville Masonic Lodge. During the war he enlisted in the Twenty-ninth Missouri Infantry and served from July 12, 1862, until June 10, 1863. He was a good soldier. Mr. Dickson is chairman of the County Central Committee.

D. F. Thompson. D. F. Thompson is the very efficient and popular sheriff of Christian County, is a man of energy, enterprise and judgment, and his career has been useful in the best sense of the term. He was born on the Willow Creek battleground, in Greene County, Mo., October 6, 1857, to the union of William and Mary A. (Heacheam) Thompson, who are now residing at Billings, this county. The parents came originally from Tennessee, the father having been born and reared in Williamson County, of that State, and after reaching the State of Missouri, in 1848, made a settlement on Wilson's Creek, where the father tilled the soil until 1861. After serving in the Home Guards for some time he enlisted in the Fourteenth Missouri Cavalry, and fought bravely for the Union for three years and eighteen days. He participated in many prominent battles, but owing to the injury to one of his arms he was discharged before the close of the war. Of the seven children born to his marriage two died in infancy. The original of this notice grew to manhood in Greene and Christian Counties, Mo., and received the rudiments of his education in the district schools of the same. Born on a farm, he involuntarily grew up with a better knowledge of agricultural affairs than one who was not reared to the life, and at an early period he was made to feel that he was equally responsible for harmony, justice, and equity in governmental affairs as in social relations. In 1877 he started out to make his own way in life and for some time worked on a farm. For five years he was constable of Lincoln Township, this county, and served in that capacity in a very satisfactory manner. In 1892 he was elected sheriff of the county by the Republican party, and no man has filled the position in a more satisfactory manner. He has always voted the Republican ticket and in all matters of moment he takes a decided interest. He was married in this county to Miss Nancy C. Wise, daughter of Henry Wise, of this county. Five children have been born to this union, one of whom is deceased. The others are: Henry G., Ada B., Malinda O. and Ida May. Mr. Thompson and wife are members of the Christian Church and are highly esteemed citizens. Socially Mr. Thompson is an Odd Fellow, a member of Ozark Lodge No. 205. As sheriff of the county Mr. Thompson is active and fearless in the discharge of his duty and has had a number of important criminals under his charge.

Hon. Conrad H. Dryer. The labor of compiling a review of the industrial institutions of Howell County, Mo., involves an arduous task, and no subject is found more worthy of the historian's attention than the mercantile trade, of which Hon. Conrad H. Dryer is a most honorable exponent. In addition to this he is a successful follower of the primitive occupation of man —farming—and the success which has attended his efforts is owing to his own good fighting qualities. He was born in Minden, Prussia, and many of his most worthy business qualities have been inherited from his worthy German ancestors, that people which have so largely settled in the United States and are among her most worthy and substantial citizens. His birth occurred June 21, 1838. His parents, Conrad H. and Wilhelmina (Newman) Dryer, were born in France and Hesse Darmstadt, Germany, respectively, and were married in the city of Minden. During the French Revolution Mr. Dryer's people were driven from France and took refuge in Germany. Conrad H. Dryer, the father, died in that country in September, 1861, his occupation being that of hotel keeping and dealing in horses for the Government. He and his wife

became the parents of four children: Maximillian, who was killed in the Hungarian War; Conrad H.; Johanna, who died in Germany, the wife of August Kuhlman, and Augusta, who died single. Conrad H. Dryer received a good common-school education, and after finishing his education began preparing himself for a sea-faring life, and in 1853 made his first trip to the United States, but during this voyage, a schoolmate of his, who had also expected to become a sailor, was lost at sea, and this caused Mr. Dryer to abandon the idea of the life. After spending some time in New Orleans, he went to Hickman, Ky., and then worked on various river steamers for a time, as assistant clerk, after which he clerked in a store. In the winter of 1855–56 he came to Webster County, Mo., where he followed clerking and farming up to 1858, when Howell County became his home. He was married in 1860 to Martha, daughter of Samuel and Millie Gunter, natives of Tennessee, who in 1850 removed to Oregon County, Mo., at which time the country was wild and unsettled. About 1853 or 1854 they settled in what is known as Gunter's Valley, which was named for him, and there lived until the war, when he moved to Oregon County, where he followed farming until his death in 1864. His widow died in Howell County in 1886. Her maiden name was Stone, and Stone River in Tennessee was named for her father, William Stone. Mrs. Dryer's brothers and sisters were: David R., who died in Jackson, Mo.; Ruthie, widow of Marshall Howell, lives in Arkansas; John was a soldier of the Confederate Army, and is dead; Melvina is the wife of James Burroughs; Tennessee is the wife of J. D. Barrett; Parzoda is the deceased wife of Thomas Bragg; and Samuel, who is a resident of Howell County, Mo. Mrs Dryer, born in Woodbury, Cannon County, Tenn., is the mother of five children: Benjamin A., Conrad H., Dr. S., James D. and Sam. Judge Conrad H. Dryer is one of the pioneers of the county of Howell, and is one of its most substantial, best known and popular citizens. He settled on the farm on which he now lives over thirty-five years ago, but has not occupied it all the time. Soon after the war he opened a general store where White Church now is, where he sold goods for many years, and was postmaster of what was then Peace Valley Postoffice. In 1881 he removed to his farm and the postoffice was also removed thither, and he has since discharged the duties of postmaster and has continued to successfully sell general merchandise, being now one of the oldest merchants of the county. He was formerly one of the leading land owners of his section, but has divided much of his land among his children, although he still owns a comfortable competency. He was an active Southern sympathizer during the war, and after being for some time in the State service, he enlisted in the First Missouri Infantry, and operated in that State and in Arkansas. He was in command of a squadron of scouts about eighteen months during the latter part of his service and was in a number of hot engagements. He was captured three times, but soon managed to escape twice. The last time he was captured at Boonville, Mo., during the Price raid, and was imprisoned at Alton, Ill., until May 15, 1865, when he was released and returned to his family in Oregon County, Mo. He was in public life a good many years, and in 1860 was elected assessor of Howell County, he being the first to fill that position. Soon after the war he served four years as public administrator, and from 1870 served two terms as associate justice of the County Court from the North District, and was then for four years presiding judge, which office he filled with dignity, intelligence and impartiality. He is a member of Mt. Zion Lodge No. 327 of the A. F. & A. M. at West Plains and is also a member of Mazeppa Lodge of the A. O. U. W. at that place. He has always been a Democrat in politics, and his first presidential vote was cast for Douglas in 1860, and for a good many years he was a very active worker for his party. He and his wife are members of the

Missionary Baptist Church, and are among the most highly respected people of their section.

DAL HARTIN. The subject of this sketch is a man who possesses a quality, the value of which cannot be overestimated, and that is the one of pleasing, or, in other words, an accommodating spirit, and this, coupled with his native intelligence, his faithfulness to his duties and his strict integrity, makes him a popular and most efficient official. He is ably filling the responsible positions of circuit clerk and country ecorder of Douglas County, Mo., and has been a resident of this section since 1868. He was born in Greene County, Mo., June 10, 1859, and his earliest ancestor of which he has any knowledge was his great-grandfather, James Hartin, who was born in Ireland, and was married there to Jennie Martin. Eventually, with their three children, they came from the Isle of Erin to this country and landed at Charleston, S. C., about the year 1790. The family finally settled in Sumner County, Tenn., and there they reared their children, whom they named as follows: James, John, Thomas, Nathaniel, Archibald, Martin, Joseph C., William, Jane, Jennie, Margaret and Mary Ann. The sons participated in some of the Indian wars which raged during the early settlement of that and other States, but have long since crossed the river of death, and their descendants are scattered over Missouri, Arkansas, Mississippi, Texas and Oregon. Archibald Martin Hartin, a member of the above mentioned family, was born in Sumner County, Tenn., October 11, 1801, and was married in Lincoln County, Tenn., about the year 1824 to Malinda Joice Gibson, who was born in Davidson County, Tenn., March 10, 1802. They eventually moved to Greene County, Mo., and settled on Pearson Creek about the year 1836, and there Mr. Hartin followed his trade of carpentering and cabinet making. The family born to them were as follows: Eliza Jane, deceased; William Alexander, who is living in Douglas County, Mo.; John Hamilton is a farmer and stockraiser of Douglas County, Ore.; James Zeno is a successful medical practitioner of Dallas County, Tex.; Mary Docia, deceased; Margaret Ann, deceased; and Sarah Elizabeth, who is living in Douglas County, Mo., the wife of a well-to-do farmer and stockraiser. The father of these children died at the home of one of his sons in Illinois in 1867, and his wife passed from life in Greene County, Mo., in 1862. Their son, William Alexander Hartin, was born in Lincoln County, Tenn., May 18, 1828, and when about ten years of age was taken by his parents to Missouri, and grew up on a farm on Prairie Creek, in Greene County. He was initiated into the mysteries of farming and carpentering by his father, and was following these peaceful pursuits when the great Civil War opened. He enlisted in the State Militia and served until the war closed, and in 1868 came to Douglas County, and up to within a short time has been engaged in farming. At the present time he is discharging the duties of postmaster at Ray, and although not a stanch Republican in politics was formerly a Democrat. He was married in Greene County, Mo., December 6, 1849, to Minerva Jane Fagg, who was born in Rockingham County, N. C., January 21, 1830, a daughter of Joel and Amy (Peoples) Fagg, who were married about the year 1820, and settled in Rockingham County, N. C., where the father followed the calling of a farmer and tobacconist. He was a soldier in the War of 1812, and about 1847 removed with his family to Greene County, Mo., settled ten miles east of Springfield, and was there engaged in farming up to 1855. He then sold his farm and moved to Springfield, located on St. Louis Street, and was there engaged in the manufacture of tobacco until 1867, when he once more moved to the country. He was twice a man of some wealth, but died in Christian County, Mo., a poor man. His wife's death preceded his a few months while she was visiting her daughter, Angeline, at Marshfield. They were worthy members of the Baptist Church and became

the parents of the following children: Edward and Pinkney, who died in Georgia; James Harlow was drowned in the Arkansas River in the Indian Territory; Dalphon when last heard from, in 1880, was living in California; Permelia died in Greene County, Mo.; Mary died in Webster County, Mo.; Minerva Jane died in Douglas County, Mo., in 1887; Matilda Ann died in Louisiana; Pauline died in Springfield, Greene County, Mo., and Angeline is living in Kansas City, Mo. To William A. Hartin and wife the following children were born: William Henry, who was born in Greene County, Mo., September 30, 1850, is a farmer and mill man of Berry County; John Gabriel was born in Greene County, February 3, 1852, and is a farmer of Douglas County; Mary Malinda Amy was born in Laclede County, Mo., December 27, 1853, and is the wife of J. E. Smith, of this county; Angeline Ivey was also born in Laclede County, February 22, 1856, and is the wife of A. Adams, of Christian County; Dalphon, subject of this sketch; Pauline was born in Greene County, January 2, 1862, and is the wife of I. S. Dickerson, of Dallas, Tex.; Ann was born in Greene County also, November 11, 1864, and is the wife of B. B. Randall, of St. Louis; Sarah Elvira was born in Greene County, September 16, 1867; Thomas Nathaniel was born in Douglas County, Mo., February 21, 1870, and Frederick Jerome was also born in Douglas County, September 24, 1872, and resides in Dallas, Tex. William A. Hartin is a prominent Mason and is one of the old and highly honored citizens of the county. Dalphon Hartin, the immediate subject of this sketch, received a good education in his youth and in 1877 began the battle of life for himself as a farmer in Arkansas and Texas, and for about twelve years followed the occupations of farming and school teaching, and now owns a good farm in the western part of the county. He was elected to the office of circuit clerk and recorder of Douglas County in November, 1890, and has since filled the position with marked ability, being elected on the third party ticket. He is a member of Ava Lodge No. 26 of the A. F. & A. M. He was married in this county to Miss Dorcas Huffman, a daughter of Henry and Mary (Barger) Huffman, of Harrison County, Ind. The father died in Illinois in 1865, and the mother is living in this county, natives of Tennessee and Indiana, respectively. The paternal grandfather, Jesse Huffman, was a soldier of the War of 1812. Mrs. Hartin was one of the following children: Jesse, living in Indian Territory; Elizabeth, who is living in this county, the wife of George Gall; Ann; Evaline, who lives in Kansas, the wife of Thomas Gailey; Martha, wife of William Dewhirst, of this county; Henry F., of this county; Mary J., of Kansas, is the wife of Smith Gailey; Margaret is the wife of Thomas Benton, of this county, and Jacob, who also lives here. Mrs. Hartin is the youngest of this family and was born in this county. She and Mr. Hartin have a comfortable and pretty home in Ava, where they dispense a generous hospitality to their many friends. They have five children: Donald V., Mabel B., Claude L., Ada M. and Latics L.

Henry H. Lee. Prominent among the early pioneers of Christian County, Mo., stands the name of Henry H. Lee, whose thrift, enterprise and go-aheadativeness have placed him among the representative men of the county. He was born in Jackson County, Tenn., February 15, 1837, and his parents, James H. and Polly (Stafford) Lee, were natives of Tennessee also. Grandfather Lee was an early pioneer of that State, and James H. grew to manhood and married there. In 1851 he emigrated to Missouri, but previous to that he had visited the State and located in Greene County, where he remained one year. He then returned to Tennessee, but in 1851, as before mentioned, he came back to Missouri, making the journey by wagon, and located in Christian County. He took up a farm of 160 acres, began improving, and remained on the same until 1875, when he sold out and bought a farm on Finley River, about eight



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miles from Sparta. On this he passed the remainder of his days, dying in 1887. He was a strong Union man, and during the war was in the Home Guards. Almost all his life he had been a member of the Christian Church, and was well respected wherever he made his home. He became quite well to do as a farmer, which occupation he had followed all his life, but met with the usual hardships and privations of pioneer settlers. In politics he was a strong Democrat. In educational and religious matters he took a deep interest, and gave liberally of his means to further all worthy enterprises. The Lee family, ancestors of James H., resided in North Carolina, where they were early settlers, and the grandfather of our subject was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. The mother of our subject died about 1870, when about sixty years of age, and was a lifelong member of the Christian Church. Her father was one of the early settlers of Tennessee. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Lee: Melvina, deceased, was the wife of John C. Stillings, a farmer of this county; Richard, a farmer, resides about six miles north of Sparta (he was in the Civil War); Henry H., subject; George W., a farmer, resides about six miles north of Sparta (was also a soldier in the Rebellion); Dicey, deceased, was the husband of Eliza Stafford of this county; Thomas, who was also a soldier, resides in the Indian Territory and is a farmer; John resides six miles north of Sparta where he has a farm; James, a farmer of this county, and Franklin, a farmer four miles west of Sparta. The original of this notice was about thirteen years of age when his parents settled in the Ozark Region, and although he had limited advantages he secured a fair education for that day. From an early age he was taught habits of industry and perseverance which have remained with him through life, and which have brought him substantial returns. In the year 1862 he enlisted in Company B, Twenty-fourth Missouri Infantry, served in the State service, and was a soldier during much of the war. He was in many prominent engagements and numerous skirmishes, and was discharged in 1864. Previous to this, in 1863, he married Miss Mary M. Hyde, daughter of Houston Hyde, who was killed in the Marmaduke fight at Springfield. Mr. Hyde was one of the early settlers of this county and resided on Steward's Creek. His widow is still living, resides seven miles northeast of Sparta, and enjoys excellent health. They were the parents of four sons and two daughters as follows: William; Mary M., now Mrs. Lee; Jackson, Rachel, Joseph and Siegel. The Hyde family resided in Wright County for some time, but were well known in this county. Mrs. Lee was born in Wright County, but was reared in Christian County. After his marriage our subject bought a part of the Hyde farm as well as a portion of his father's estate, and tilled the soil there for a number of years. In 1875 he sold out and moved on the Finley, about three miles from Sparta, where he tilled the soil until 1887. At that date he came to Sparta and bought eighty acres adjoining the town. At present in connection with farming he is engaged in milling and is part owner of the Sparta Roller Mills. In past years Mr. Lee has been one of the most extensive stock traders and raisers in the county. All his property is the result of hard work and perseverance on his part, and no man is more highly respected in the county. In politics he is with the Democratic party, but generally votes for the best man. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. lodge at Sparta. He and Mrs. Lee are members of the Christian Church, and he is a deacon in the same. Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Lee, as follows: William, a farmer residing three miles north of Sparta, married Miss Nancy A. Bloomer, and they have four children; James, who is living on the same farm, married Miss Douglas; Rachel, wife of James Milton, has one child, and resides on the Finley; Samuel M., single and at home, assists in the mill; and two died in infancy. Mr. Lee is the owner of 650 acres of fine land

in this county, and has given some land to his children. He ranks among the largest property owners in the county, but what is better still he has the respect and esteem of all who know him.

R. W. CLINE. Few citizens of Missouri are more highly favored in respect to mercantile establishment—sin size, purity and general excellence of stock, etc., than Forsyth. Among the leading establishments of this kind is that conducted by R. W. Cline, which for the extent of its trade, the variety of its stock and the superiority of its goods is entitled to more than ordinary prominence and recognition. For a period of about sixteen years Mr. Cline has resided in Forsyth, and during that time he has won the esteem and respect of all. He was born in this State, Dallas County, March 23, 1858, and there grew to mature years and received his education. After reaching mature years he turned his attention to blacksmithing and followed that for about ten years, in Springfield, whither he had moved. In 1877 he came to Forsyth, opened up a blacksmith shop, and remained in that business up to 1887, when he embarked in merchandising and has met with fair success. Industrious and enterprising, all his property has been the result of much perseverance on his part. In politics he is a Republican, and socially he is an Odd Fellow, a member of Forsyth Lodge No. 293, in which he has held office. He owns a mill, and also resident property in Forsyth. He became proprietor of the Forsyth Roller Mills, which are located on Swamp Creek, and which turn out several good brands of flour. This mill has a double set of rollers, and a corn buhr and cotton gin, and is doing a good business. Mr. Cline married Miss Martha Barker, daughter of Sampson Barker (see sketch), and four children have blessed their union: Nellie, Minnie, Lillie and Richard. Mr. Cline is a son of Isaac and Polly A. (Newport) Cline, both natives of east Tennessee. About 1852 this worthy couple moved to Dallas County, Mo., and the father died on the farm he had entered there, in 1892. During the war he was in the Home Guards In political views he was a Republican. He made a good property, and the mother is still living on the old homestead in Dallas County. Six children were born to this couple, five of whom survive: John N., a blacksmith of Dallas County; A. N., a carpenter of that county; Mary, Mrs. Moore of Phelps, Lawrence County; R. W., our subject; Margaret died young, and James P., a blacksmith of Dallas County. The father was a blacksmith, but in connection was also engaged in farming. He was of German origin, his parents, John Cline and wife, having emigrated from the old country to North Carolina. The Newport family is of English and Irish descent. Our subject lost his wife on the 21st of September, 1893, when thirty-four years of age, her birth occurring in Mendota, Va., in 1859. She remained in her native State until ten years of age and then came with her parents to Forsyth, Mo., where she married our subject June 1, 1879. She was an excellent woman and was surrounded by warm friends.

JOHN D. GRAVES. Mr. Graves is accounted a prosperous farmer and stockman of Stone County, Mo., and like the majority of native Missourians he is progressive in his views and of an energetic temperament. He was born in Livingston County August 28, 1847, to the union of James C. and Lititia (Webber) Graves, the former a native of Virginia, born March 15, 1803, and the latter of Boone County, Ky., born October 10, 1808. The Graves family came originally from England and settled in the Old Dominion at a period antedating the Revolution. Joseph Graves, our subject's grandfather, was born in Virginia, but at an early date moved to Kentucky with his family, and passed the remainder of his days in Boone County. In that county James C. Graves, father of subject, grew to mature years and married. In 1831 he came to Livingston County when it was a wilderness, and was one of the first settlers

of the State. He became prominent in county affairs, and was sheriff of the same for some time. He also held the office of justice of the peace for twenty years, and was an upright, law-abiding citizen. He was a Democrat in politics and a man strong in his convictions. Mrs. Graves' father, Phillip Webber, was a native of Wales, and came to the United States when a mere boy. During the Revolutionary War he served as captain in the Light Horse Cavalry from Virginia. At an early date he settled in Kentucky, was a pioneer there, and there passed the closing scenes of his life, dying when quite an aged man. Previous to his marriage to Miss Webber, the father of our subject had married a Miss Frances Chrisenberry, who bore him four children: William, Frances A., Joseph N. and Eliza J., only Joseph and Frances now living. The mother of our subject had also been married before to a Mr. Graig, by whom she had two children: Charles, who died on Platte River in 1849, while on his way to California, and Ellen, who died young. By his marriage with Miss Webber, Mr. Graves became the father of the following children: Emily, deceased, married F. G. Work; Caroline resides in Livingston County, and is the wife of G. R. Brassfield; James B., who is residing at Cedarvale, Kan., served three years in the Civil War, and for eighteen months was in Southern prisons, principally Andersonville (he enlisted in U. S. Grant's regiment in Illinois, now has a farm in Kansas, and is married); Harriet A., a resident of Livingston County, Mo., is the wife of H. H. Hughes; Sarah J., wife of M. H. Davis, resides in Idaho; John D., subject; and Horace, Angeline and Malissa died young. The parents of these children were members of the Missionary Baptist Church, and well thought of by all. Our subject spent his early life in his native county, and received but a limited education. When the war broke out he was but fourteen years of age, and he enlisted thirty days before the Eighth Missouri Cavalry was disbanded, but owing to this he did not serve. In selecting an occupation for life milling seemed to suit him, and he has followed that for the most part up to the present. He is a natural mechanic and a thorough millwright. In 1881 he left his native county and located in Mercer County, Mo., where he followed milling and merchandising for some time. In 1889 he came to Stone County and located at Galena, where he built a steam mill. This he operated for two years, and then traded for a farm on White River, Stone County. After living one year on this farm he bought another farm near Galena, and in 1893 moved to that. Mr. Graves owns a tract of land of about 500 acres on White River, with a mile and three-quarters river front, and he also owns a tract on the edge of Galena, where he now resides. In politics he has always affiliated with the Republican party, and he is a public-spirited and prominent citizen. He is a Mason, a member of Lodge No. 388, at Farmersville, Mo. Mr. Graves selected his wife in the person of Miss Ellen M. Hosman, who was born March 15, 1857, to the union of James and Martha (Lydic) Hosman. Her parents were among the earliest settlers of Livingston County, Mo., where they reside at the present time. Mr. and Mrs. Graves' union has been blessed by the birth of five children: Myrtle, wife of Dutton J. Reynold; James C., at home; Mattie, at school; Merle, at school; and Oliver, who died in Colorado when eighteen months old, while Mr. and Mrs. Graves were traveling through the West.

WILLIAM BROWN. Christian County has long had the reputation of being one of the best farming and stockraising counties in the State. Not only do the farmers here give much attention to these industries, but they are generally men of enterprise and information who are well posted on all the current topics of the day. Prominent among those who have done their full share in advancing every interest of the county is William Brown, who was born in Wilkes County, N. C., April 27, 1845, and is the youngest of four children born

to Rufus B. and Ruth (Barnes) Brown. The other children were named as follows: Sarah, single, died in Stone County; Nancy is the wife of William Pope, of Stone County, and Elias died in Arkansas when young. The early days of our subject were passed on a farm with limited educational advantages, and from the age of eight years he was reared in southwestern Missouri whither he had come with his parents. For a time he served in the Seventy-second Missouri State Militia, and was in a fight at Hemphill Barrens, in Stone County. About 1868 he was married to Miss Eliza White, a daughter of Jonathan White, an old resident and prominent farmer of Stone County. Mrs. Brown was born in Tennessee, and died May 7, 1892. Eight children were the fruits of this union: Lizzie, deceased, was the wife of Sherman Vance; Robert, Peter, Lydia, Henry, George, Carrie and Emma. For two years after his marriage our subject resided on his father's farm in Stone County, and then located on his present farm one mile south of Billings, where he now has 160 acres of well-improved land, on which is a pretty rural house and comfortable outbuildings. He has bought and fed considerable stock, principally hogs and cattle, and is one of the sturdy, honest farmers of Christian County. Socially he is a member of the "Knights of the Horse," and politically a Republican. In his religious views he is a Methodist. His father, Rufus Brown, is one of the pioneers of Stone County. He was born in Wilkes County, N. C., January 9, 1819, to the union of James and Nancy (Brookshire) Brown, natives of the Old North State, the father born in Wilkes and the mother in Randolph County. The entire lives of the parents were spent in that State. She was a worthy member of the Baptist Church. Mr. Brown was a farmer, and the son of James Brown, of North Carolina. The latter and wife passed all their days in North Carolina. They were the parents of ten children, as follows: Joseph, Thomas, Frank, Eli, Samuel, James, Susan, Humphrey and Elizabeth. There was another not remembered. William Brookshire, father of Mrs. Nancy Brown, was a farmer, and died in Wilkes County, N. C. Rufus B. Brown, the father of our subject, was the twelfth in order of birth of fourteen children: Eli, William, Rebecca, Nancy, Benjamin, James, John, Thomas, Joel, Elizabeth, Riley, Rufus B., Wilson and Alfred. Rufus B. Brown was married first in 1841 to Miss Ruth Barnes, daughter of Brindley and Sally Barnes, who died in Wilkes County, N. C. Mrs. Brown was born in that county, and died in Christian County, Mo., in 1874. The following year Mr. Brown married Miss Susannah M. McCrosky, a native of Sullivan County, Tenn., born in 1832, and the daughter of William B. McCrosky, who came to Christian County just before the war. He was a farmer and died in this county. In 1851 Mr. Brown came by ox-team to Greene County, Mo., and was six weeks and three days on the road. After living one year on Grand Prairie he located in the woods where he now resides, fifteen miles north of Galena, where he has 320 acres, 100 acres of which are cleared. He was one of the first settlers of this region, and is one of the best known citizens. He was an infantry man in the North Carolina Militia in an early day, and in 1838 served in collecting the Indians of North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, etc., and delivering them over to the cavalry for removal west. He served three years in the Civil War, and was mustered out March 18, 1865. He was first in Company F, Fourteenth Missouri State Militia, about a year, and then in Company B, Eighth Missouri State Militia, until the close, operating in Missouri and Arkansas. He was in the Marmaduke fight at Springfield and one at Ozark. Although in many skirmishes and engagements he was never captured or wounded. He and wife are worthy members of the Methodist Church, and although formerly a Democrat in politics, he is now in union with the Republican party. Mrs. William Brown's father, Jonathan D. White, was one of the prominent farmers of Stone County. He was

born in Roane County, Tenn., in 1814, to the marriage of Joseph D. and Margaret (Coffer) White. Joseph D. White died at Mobile, Ala., while a soldier under Jackson, in the War of 1812. He was a teacher and a son of William White, who died in North Carolina. Joel Coffer, the maternal grandfather of Mr. White, died in North Carolina, as did his wife. Jonathan D. White was married in 1841 to Miss Elizabeth Ann Estes, daughter of John C. Estes. He was one of the early settlers of Stone County, and one of its most extensive farmers.

JAMES P. LEE. The above worthy gentleman is a member of the well known firm of Merrick & Lee, general merchants at Swan, Mo., and is noted for honorable, upright dealing. He is a business man of high ability, a most reliable authority on all matters connected with his line, and a popular citizen, who deservedly enjoys the confidence and respect of a wide and constantly increasing circle. He is also engaged in farming and is as successful in that as he is in his business. Mr. Lee was born in Washington County, Penn., in 1855, and is a son of Arnold H. and Sarah A. (Perrine) Lee, natives of Washington County, Penn., also. In that county the parents resided for many years and then came to Greene County, Mo., where the father was killed in the Marshfield cyclone. He was a farmer and stockraiser and a man universally esteemed. He came of the old Virginia stock of Lees, and his father, Henry Lee, born in that State, died in West Virginia. The father was a cabinet maker by trade, and a soldier in the War of 1812. Isaac Perrine, the maternal grandfather, was probably born in Washington County, Penn., where he passed his life as a farmer and merchant. The parents of our subject reared six children, as follows: Samuel S., of Sparta; Rachel, of Spokane, Wash.; Elizabeth, also of Spokane; James P., our subject; Robert E., also in the State of Washington; Laura, wife of Chas. Browner, of Spokane; and two died in infancy, one being the eldest of the family. Our subject received a limited education in youth and when seven years of age began contributing to his own support, working for an uncle, who was a sheep dealer, for three years. The carver of his own destiny, Mr. Lee has made it an honorable one. He remained several years with his uncles, with but very little schooling, and finally decided that he could do better with strangers. He then farmed for about ten years, and then seeing that education was the open sesame to the storehouse of riches and success, he lost no opportunity of gathering practical knowledge, and attended school for some time. In 1876 he came to Christian County and engaged in agricultural pursuits until 1890, since which time he has been engaged in merchandising at Swan, but also carries on farming and stock dealing. He is doing a good business and is a popular man. On the 11th of August, 1878, Mr. Lee was married to Miss Alfredine A. Meyers, a native of Summit County, Ohio, and the daughter of Henry W. Meyers. Mr. Lee is an Odd Fellow, a member of Sparta Lodge No. 424, and is passing through the chairs. He is wide-awake and thoroughgoing, and by his industry, economy and good management has become well off. He assisted in supporting the family for some years before starting out for himself.

HON. JOHN H. ANDERSON. This part of Missouri has proved a mine of wealth to thousands of industrious and earnest farmers who have come hither from the East and by dint of hard work and enterprise have developed the resources which nature so liberally provided. Among these is John H. Anderson, who was born in North Carolina, in 1826, to the marriage of William and Jane (Scruggs) Anderson, natives of the Palmetto State, where they were reared and married. Later the parents moved to the Old North State and from there to Georgia, where they remained a few years. When our subject was five or six years of age the parents came by team to what is now Moniteau County, Mo., when that was thinly settled, and in 1846 removed from there

to Taney, now Stone County, and settled on Crane Creek. There they remained until the war, and in 1862 he removed with three of his sons to Texas. His death occurred at Ft. Griffin, Shackleford County, Tex., about 1883, when seventy-seven years of age. He followed farming through life and met with fair success. His father, Noble Anderson, was born in South Carolina, and his grandfather was a Revolutionary soldier. The mother of our subject died in the Lone Star State about 1886. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson were the parents of nine children: John H., subject; Polly, wife of David P. Parker, died at Aurora; Francis M., a farmer of Blanco County, Tex.; David died in Texas; Parsedda Trammell, of Texas; Martha Ann, deceased, was the wife of Hiram Leath; James N., of Brown County, Tex.; William C., also of Brown County, Tex., and Elizabeth, deceased, who was the wife of J. C. C. Simpson. Our subject was reared on a farm, secured a fair English education, and in 1846 came with his parents to what is now Stone County, Mo. In 1848 he married Miss Elizabeth Wright, daughter of Aaron Wright, who died in Tennessee. Mrs. Anderson died July 3, 1880. She was a member of the Missionary Baptist Church. Six children were born to this union: Nancy J. died young; David P. died when young; Adam, of Washington; Thomas B., of Stone County; Martha A., wife of Allen Gold, of Stone County, and an infant died unnamed. January 2, 1881, Mr. Anderson married Mrs. Eveline Gobel, daughter of Jeremiah Trice, a native of North Carolina, but who moved to Stone County after the war and spent his last days here. Four children have been born to the second union: John W., Bertha, Elizabeth and James Henry. With the exception of a few years during the war Mr. Anderson has lived on his present farm since 1848. He has 200 acres on Crane Creek, eight miles north of Galena, and is one of the pioneers and among the best known men of the county. He was justice of the peace for a number of years prior to the Rebellion, and during the exciting time attending the war he served in the Home Guards in 1861 and in July, 1862, he joined the Missouri State Militia. Still later he joined the Seventh Provisional, served as sergeant, and was mostly on scouting expeditions but was never captured or wounded. During the war he was elected as county judge but did not qualify as he was in the service. A number of years after the war he served a year as associate justice of the county Court, and then two years as presiding justice of the County Court and ex-officio probate judge. Previous to the war he was a Democrat, but since then he has been a Republican, although not an active politician nor an aspirant for official honors.

WILLIAM A. MERRITT. One of the honorable old pioneers of southwest Missouri is William A. Merritt, who was born January 24, 1837, a son of Audrey and Jane (Porter) Merritt, who were among the first white people to marry in Christian County, Mo. The paternal grandfather died in Kentucky, after which his son, Audrey Merritt, went to Christian County, Mo., which section he helped to survey. He was a hunter and farmer and died in 1839. The mother died about 1845, after having borne her husband three children: Joseph P., who is living in Marionville, Lawrence County, Mo., was a soldier in the Union Army during the war, and William A. being the only ones living. The eldest died in early childhood. William A. Merritt was reared in Christian County and in early manhood began clerking in a store, but in 1857 embarked in the mercantile business on his own responsibility and was in business until the opening of the Civil War. He then closed his business and in 1860 crossed the plains to Leadville, where he engaged in mining, and was later hired to cut timber in the Government service on the frontier and helped to build Fort Garland. He remained in the West until the war closed, then opened a lumber yard in Texas, and at a still later period was engaged in driv-

ing cattle across the plains. In July, 1868, he returned to Missouri and built a saw mill on White River, which he operated successfully for a year and then sold and went to farming. In 1875 he was married to Miss Louise Greer, a daughter of David V. and Frances (Hart) Greer, who removed from Tennessee to Texas at an early day, the father's death occurring in the Lone Star State. The mother came to Missouri about 1853 and settled in Christian County, where she was called from life in 1879. Mrs. Merritt was a child when she came to Christian County, Mo., having been born in San Augustine County, Tex., in 1847. She has borne her husband four children: William R., born November 19, 1875; Ella M., born May 1, 1879; Lillie J., born June 15, 1882, and Fred, born February 18, 1886. In politics Mr. Merritt has always sympathized and supported the measures of Democracy, and socially he has for some time been connected with the A. F. & A. M. Throughout life he has followed the honorable occupation of farming, has been successful, and is now the owner of a fine and well-tilled farm of 273 acres in the southwest part of Douglas County.

G. T. B. Perry. The practical value of shrewdness and discrimination combined with strict probity is exemplified in the prosperous condition of those who transact business on these principles. Mr. G. T. B. Perry, a prominent general merchant of Ozark, has a reputation for honorable dealing built up out of the practice of these invaluable principles. He is a product of the Blue Grass soil of Kentucky, Logan County, near Russellville, and is a son of John T. and Mary E. (Ewing) Perry, both natives of Kentucky. The grandfather, Samuel Perry, was a native of Virginia, and the family came from the East and settled in Kentucky at an early day. The father of our subject was reared in the last named State and remained there until 1867, when he came to Missouri, locating two miles west of Ozark, on the Finley River. There he tilled the soil until his death in 1873. He was a wagon-maker by trade and followed that while residing in Kentucky. In political matters he was a Democrat, but was conservative and was not in favor of secession. He was an exemplary member of the Christian Church. The mother was the only child of William Ewing and came of an old and prominent Kentucky family, being related to Congressman Ewing of that State. Mrs. Perry is still living and resides on the old home in Ozark. Although about seventy years of age time has dealt leniently with her and she is still spry and active. Six of the children born to this esteemed couple are now living, as follows: Amanda J., now Mrs. Perrin, of Kentucky; William E., who died in 1883, resided on the old home place; G. T. B., subject; Quietus, on the home place; Alfred is living at Nixa, this county; Rad, who is in the Cherokee Nation; James R., who died young; John B. died in 1882, and Mamie, wife of Mr. Simes, resides in Clinton, Mo. Mrs. Perry is a member of the Presbyterian Church, is an active and earnest Christian and an excellent woman. G. T. B. Perry remained in his native State until seventeen years of age, and during that time supplemented a common-school education by attending Bethel College in Russellville, Ky. After leaving school he became a teacher, following that profession for twelve years in Christian and Greene Counties, Mo., in Arkansas and in the Nation. He became well known as a successful educator all over the Southwest, and his services were in great demand. He began teaching in Ozark in 1868 and continued there until 1880, when he embarked in merchandising the following year. He is now doing an annual business of from $16,000 to $20,000, and has proven himself a gentleman of honorable principles, possessing the full trust of his patrons. Mr. Perry is active in political matters and advocates the platform of the Democratic party. He was elected to the office of county treasurer in 1882 and held that position

four years. While he lived in Newton County he held the office of township clerk. As before stated, he taught in the Cherokee Nation four years and educated a large number of Indians. Fraternally Mr. Perry has been a member of the I. O. O. F. since 1873, and has held the office of secretary. He is a member of Finley Lodge No. 205, and is also a member of the Royal Arcanum. In the month of August, 1869, Mr. Perry was married to Miss Nannie A. Williams, a native of Kentucky, and the daughter of Robert H. and Emaline (Bailey) Williams. Four children have blessed this union: Grace F., the wife of J. B. Hampton, of Springfield, Mo.; John F., attending high school at Springfield; Rose F., also in school, and Mona G. in school. In the spring of 1887 Mr. Perry moved to Springfield to educate his children, and resides at 719 North Campbell Street. He owns property in that city as well as in other places, and is a prosperous business man. He has given his hearty support to enterprise for the improvement and building up of Ozark, and is deeply interested in educational matters. He and family hold membership in the Christian Church.

J. M. Gideon, M. D. There is generally a wide diversity of opinion among people outside of the medical profession in their estimate of the skill and ability of a particular physician. A family is likely to pin its faith on one practitioner and distrust all the rest. If there is a member of the profession in Ozark who has successfully fought down this prejudice and now stands secure in the confidence and high esteem of the general public, that man is Dr. J. M. Gideon, a man whose research in the field of science has produced such remarkable results as to leave no question of his intellectual greatness. The Doctor was born on the old home of the family near Ozark, in Christian County, December 11, 1855, and until fourteen years of age he spent his life on the farm. He then went to the Hoosier State and attended school in Howard County for a year or so, after which he returned to Christian County and again entered the schoolroom. When eighteen years of age he began the study of medicine under Dr. Parker, of Ozark, and remained in his office for about a year. After that he began practicing at Kirbyville, Taney County, remained there one year and then went to Galena, the county seat of Stone County, where he practiced his profession for two years. Later he moved to Highlandville, Christian County, and for twelve years was in active practice there, but during that time he located in Clinton County, Ind., where he practiced for a short time. In the year 1893 he came to Ozark and from the first had a successful practice. In his medical work the Doctor has been at all times progressive, keeping himself well up in the medical literature of the day, and as a citizen he is ever loyal to the interests of the community in which he lives, being ever ready to assist in any liberal and public-spirited movement. In all public affairs he is recognized as a man of strong character, advanced ideas and sound judgment, and is as popular socially as he is professionally, counting among his warm personal friends many of the best people of Ozark. Socially he is an Odd Fellow, a member of the lodge at Ozark, and in politics he is a Republican. Dr. Gideon was married in Highlandville to Miss Ottie Handy, a native of Christian County, born in the year 1872, and the daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Keltner) Handy, pioneers of the county. Two children are the fruits of this union: Orion and Pryor. The Doctor and Mrs. Gideon are members of the Christian Church and reside at Ozark, where they are highly esteemed. The Gideon family is one of the pioneer families of the Ozark Region and the Doctor and his brothers are men well respected by all. The Doctor gives his time principally to the practice of his profession and is one of the leading physicians in southwest Missouri. At his first marriage Dr. Gideon became the father of one child, Austin F., who is now seventeen years of age and who resides in Oregon.

ISAAC PRESTON LOONEY. The subject of this biographical notice is an honorable and progressive farmer, and as such no name in the memorial department of this work is more worthy of mention. He was born in Roane County, Tenn., in 1831, a son of John and Lucinda (Edrington) Looney, both of whom were natives of east Tennessee. The father was a carpenter and farmer by occupation, and when the subject of this sketch was a child removed with his family to Franklin County, Ala., and there made his home until 1853. They next located in Smith County, Tex., where both parents eventually passed from life, the father at the age of fifty-one and the mother when fifty-four years of age. Isaac Preston Looney was the eldest of their nine children, and attained manhood in Franklin County, Ala. In 1852 he left home and came to Arkansas with the intention of making his home here, and made his first location near Timbo on what is now Frank's place. He did most of the clearing on that land, but left that place in 1865 and lived near Mt. View until 1868, when he located on the farm on which he now resides, which consists of 130 acres of some of the finest land in the county. In May, 1862, he joined Schaler's regiment, Company F, with which he served faithfully for two years as lieutenant. He then returned home and joined Coffee's regiment, and was from first to last with Gen. Price. He took part in many skirmishes and was in all the principal battles of the Price raid through Missouri. He was not wounded nor taken prisoner during his service, but was always found ready for duty and faithful in the discharge of all tasks assigned him. He returned home to find himself totally without means after the war had closed, but, nothing daunted, he set energetically to work to retrieve his fortunes, and to know that he has been successful it is but necessary to cast a glance over his fine farm. His present possessions have been acquired through his own efforts, and his fine farm is situated eight miles west of Mt. View. He was married in Searcy County February 10, 1853, to Miss Mary Ham, of this city, daughter of Blasingame Ham. She was born in McNairy County, Tenn., and has borne her husband eleven children, ten of whom are living, seven sons and three daughters. Mr. Looney is a member of Blue Mountain Lodge No. 202, of the A. F. & A. M., and also of the I. O. O. F. Politically he is a Democrat.

HENRY J. HINKLE. No better proof of the advancement of Sparta in the last few years can be shown than the dimensions which the hardware trade has assumed. Among those prominently engaged in that line of business in the county is Henry J. Hinkle, who is a gentleman of standing and repute, his business being the outgrowth of his own energy and push. Mr. Hinkle was born in Fremont County, Iowa, March 8, 1856, and is a son of William and Alvira (Winstow) Hinkle. The elder Hinkle was a native of the Keystone State and of German descent. The father moved from his native State to Iowa and from there to Lawrence County, Mo., where he remained until 1870, and then settled in Taney County, that State. There his death occurred in 1876. He was a blacksmith and followed that together with farming all his life. The mother is still living and finds a comfortable home with our subject. She was also a native of Pennsylvania. Eleven children, seven of whom are living, were born to this worthy couple. They were named as follows: Henry, subject; Frank, who is a farmer near Sparta; Albert, residing in Taney County; Minnie, the wife of Mac Adair, of Indian Territory; Daniel, a farmer of Taney County; Ida, the wife of George Bullock, of Clay County; Lillie, a widow, residing in Clay County; James, Mahala, and two infants deceased. The family attend the Christian Church, and in politics the father is a Republican. He was a wealthy man, a good citizen, and was well liked by all acquainted with him. With credit to herself Mrs. Hinkle has reared a large family, and is a most

estimable lady. She is now about sixty years of age. The early days of our subject were passed in Iowa, but he came to Missouri with his parents and secured a fair education in this State. He learned the blacksmith's trade with his father and when grown started a shop for himself in Taney County at Kirbyville, where he remained for six years. He then emigrated to Texas and in connection with his trade carried on farming. About 1883 he came to Sparta, Mo., and opened a shop, working at his trade until about 1892. He then embarked in the hardware business, and has been unusually successful in this pursuit. He started a hotel and is proprietor of the same at the present time. Since the age of sixteen years he has been a member of the Christian Church and has ever contributed liberally to its support. Politically he is a Republican. He has a pleasant and comfortable home in Sparta and this is presided over by his wife, formerly Miss Ellen Stephens, a native of Illinois, and the daughter of Thomas A. and Elizabeth (Davis) Stevens, of Taney County. Mr. and Mrs. Hinkle became the parents of five children, two dying in infancy. The others are William T., Jasper N. and Tulela A. Mrs. Hinkle is a lady of much business capacity, and performs the duties of landlady with much command and ability. Mr. Hinkle carried a stock of goods valued at about $3,000 until December, 1893, when Mr. James B. Dixon bought a half interest. They are both influential business men and are making a success of the hardware business.

J. M. HAWORTH. The locality in which Forsyth is situated is indeed fortunate in having among its citizens such a man as Mr. Haworth is conceded to be, for his connection with the interests of the county, both as a minister of the Gospel, business man and agriculturist, has proven of much benefit and influence. He inherits much of his energy and push from his Irish ancestors, his grandfather having been a native of the Emerald Isle, and having emigrated to the United States at a period antedating the Revolutionary War, in which he served with distinction. He took up land in North Carolina and there passed the remainder of his days. His son, McCogie Haworth, was born in the Old North State in 1797, but left that State with his parents and emigrated to Wilson County, Tenn. From there he subsequently moved to Parke County, Ind., but later returned to Tennessee, where he remained until 1853, when he came to this county. Here his death occurred in 1869. He was a blacksmith and wagon maker by trade and ran a shop in Taney County a number of years. He was also a farmer, owning a good tract of land in this county, the same being now owned by his sons, and he became well off. He selected his wife in the person of Miss Edna Winn, a native of Virginia, born in 1812, and the daughter of both a Revolutionary and War of 1812 soldier. She died in this county in 1872, after having been a lifelong and earnest member of the Missionary Baptist Church. Mr. and Mrs. Haworth were the parents of the following children: Benjamin F., who died in 1873, was a man of a family and resided in Ballard County, Ky.; Joseph L., who died in Ballard County, Ky., in 1880, was also married; Telitha, widow of Jacob Nave, of Boone County, Ark., is living on a farm; Jonas R., a soldier in the Confederate Army, was killed in Boone County, Ark., in 1865; Martha A., the wife of W. E. Moore, resides on a farm in this county; Mary E., is the wife of Benjamin Johnson, of Taney County; Richard M. J. died when young; J. F. deceased, was the wife of W. E. Moore; Sarah Margaret, who died young; an infant died unnamed; our subject, and another infant. The Haworth family settled on White River after coming to this country, and there the father became the owner of 120 acres of land. The original of this notice was born in Parke County, Ind., April 6, 1835, and as his parents returned to Tennessee he received a limited education in the schools of Wilson County, that State. He began his career as

a farmer in Ballard County, Ky., in 1856, and remained there until 1865, when he came back to Taney County and made his home with his parents. After their deaths he bought a farm about a mile from town, and in 1884 engaged in the milling business. Later he sold out and in 1887 became connected in business with Parrish Boswell, and still continues with this firm. He owns a good farm on White River, below town, and in connection with agricultural pursuits is engaged in stockraising. He is now residing in Forsyth. In politics he is a Democrat. He has held the office of justice of the peace, was appointed associate judge of the West District, and in 1876 he was elected to the Twenty-ninth General Assembly. Mr. Haworth was made a Mason in Kentucky, and is a member of Forsyth Lodge No. 453. He is an elder in the Christian Church, and one of the useful and representative citizens. While residing in Kentucky he was married to Miss Mary E. Howell, who was born in Wilson County, Tenn., in 1838, and who was a daughter of Caleb and Margaret Howell, early settlers of Tennessee. The father was born in Virginia, and was a soldier in the War of 1812. He was a farmer and spent his entire life in following that pursuit, dying in Kentucky in 1856. His widow died in Kentucky in 1864. Mr. and Mrs. Haworth have no children of their own, but they reared two orphan children: John Haworth, son of Benjamin Haworth, and William Bell. They are now rearing another child, Benton———. Mr. and Mrs. Haworth are prominent in church work and are excellent citizens.

B. V. Morris. He whose name heads this sketch is not only a gentleman in every sense of the word, but as a business man is shrewd, practical and far-seeing, well qualified to discharge the necessary duties of life and well adapted to the active life he has led. He was born October 4, 1848, a son of Isaiah and Mary A. (Vaughn) Morris, both of whom were born in the Buckeye State, the former being a native of Columbiana County, and a son of Abraham and Mary (Heisler) Morris. Abraham Morris was born in New Jersey, in which State the family settled during the days of the Revolutionary War, the great-grandfather being a Hessian soldier. From Ohio Isaiah Morris moved to Iowa in 1851, and after residing in Benton County until 1872 he came to Ozark County, Mo., and for some time made his home at Rockbridge, taking up his residence in Jasper County the following year, where he is now living retired from the active duties of life. He followed various occupations throughout life, but was extensively engaged in the real estate business, at which he acquired a handsome competency. He served for some time in the Forty-seventh Iowa Volunteer Infantry. In 1856 his wife died, she having been a daughter of James and Rhoda Vaughn, who belonged to one of the old families of Virginia, in which State they were born. B. V. Morris was the eldest of three children born to his parents, the other members being Harriette and William P., who died young, but he has one half brother, Oliver B., who is a resident of Joplin, Mo. His early days were spent in attending the common schools of Iowa, during which time he gained a good business education. At an early age he began serving an apprenticeship at the tinsmith business, but after locating with his father at Rockbridge, Mo., in 1872, he turned his attention to merchandising, but two years later returned to Iowa. After remaining in that State one year he once more returned to Missouri and is now, in a modest way, engaged in merchandising, but as he is a man of determination, push and enterprise, coupled with the strictest honesty, he will without doubt make a success of his undertaking, for he is already being liberally patronized, and is doing the largest business of the kind in the county, amounting to about $30,000 per year. He keeps a general line of goods and is quite an extensive dealer in agricultural implements, making a specialty of the famous South Bend (Ind.) plow. He has just completed a commodious store build-

ing 48x90 feet. It is a splendidly finished two-story glass front building, and has one room 24x60 feet fitted up as a public hall, to be used by the public free of charge. He is the owner of a saw mill which has a capacity of 5,000 feet, and a grist mill which has a capacity of fifty barrels per day, the latter being fitted up with three sets of double rollers, which makes it a strictly first-class plant. His was the first roller mill put up in the county, and in connection with it he successfully operates a corn meal mill. His brands of flour are very popular and are known as the "Choice Family" and the "Gold Dust." He is the proprietor of an excellent cotton gin which has a capacity of seven bales per day, and considering the different occupations in which he is engaged he is doing the largest business of any one man in the county. He is the pioneer merchant of Rockbridge, is one of the most active business men in southern Missouri, and as his place of business is about eighteen miles from Gainesville, his patronage extends over a large tract of country. He has always been an active Republican in politics, held the office of county treasurer from 1880 to 1882, and has been the postmaster of Rockbridge for quite a number of years under both Republican and Democratic rule. Socially he is a member of Robert Burns Lodge No. 496, of the A. F. & A. M., at Gainesville, and has been a member of the I. O. O. F. He was married in Iowa to Miss Alfaretta, daughter of Aaron and Sinah Shinn, natives of Ohio, the former being now deceased, and their union was celebrated in 1869. A year later his wife died, and in 1872 he married Eliza J., daughter of Joseph and Sarah A. (Putney) Shelley, the former of whom was born in the Old North State and was an early settler of Indiana, from which State he removed to Iowa County, Iowa, in 1855, where he and his wife both passed from life. Mrs. Morris was born in Indiana, but was reared in Iowa. Her grandfather, John Putney, as well as his wife, were natives of France, but were early emigrants to Virginia, and from that State he enlisted in the War of 1812. He was a first cousin of Commodore Perry. Mrs. Morris was the tenth of eleven children born to her parents, only four of whom survive: Mrs. Morris; William D., in California, was a "Forty-niner" as was also his father; Bartlet, also a resident of California, and Rebecca (Webster), of Nebraska. Mr. and Mrs. Morris have four children: Edgar, Frank, Alta and Allie. Edgar is now twenty-one years old and has charge of his father's flouring mill. In August, 1884, Mr. Morris lost heavily by fire, his property not being insured, after which he had to start anew, but owing to the confidence which the people had in his capability and honesty, he was encouraged to again engage in business, and the magnificent property of which he is now the owner testifies to his good judgment. From 1876 to 1889 he was associated in business with W. F. Dunn.

GEORGE B. SHEPHERD. This gentleman is one of the prosperous farmers and successful merchants of Stone County, Mo., and has resided here since 1871, coming thither from the vicinity of Terre Haute, Ind. He was born in Floyd County, Ky., August 31, 1832, and was a son of David and Lucretia (Hale) Shepherd, both of whom were natives of Lee County, Va. They were among the early pioneers of the Blue Grass State, and made their settlement at the head of Licking River where they improved a farm, and where the father also followed the calling of a stone mason and did considerable contracting in this line in Louisville and other large cities of Kentucky. He died in that State when nearly one hundred years old, having been a Henry Clay Whig throughout life. He became possessed of a considerable amount of worldly goods and was the owner of a good farm and mill, which at the time of his death came into the possession of his children, who are named as follows: Abram, John, Benjamin, Dicey, Elizabeth, Bryce H., Jacob, David, George B. and Polly. John, Bryce H., George B. and Polly are the surviving members of

this family. After the death of their mother the father took a second wife and by her had two children who are now living on the old homestead in Kentucky. The parents were members of the Christian Church and were highly esteemed in the section in which they resided. The paternal grandfather, Jonathan Shepherd, has a brother William, who was a colonel in the Revolutionary War, and was a participant in the battle of Bunker Hill. The maternal grandfather, Benjamin Hale, was of English descent, but a native of this country. The subject of this sketch was but a lad at the time he left home and settled in Indiana and became a well-to-do tiller of the soil in the Hoosier State. In that State he married his first wife in 1855, she being Catherine Howk, by whom he had two children: Zilpha A., who married and died many years ago; and George M., who lives in Texas. The mother of these children died in Indiana. In 1861 Mr. Shepherd enlisted in the Forty-third Indiana Volunteer Infantry as a member of Company A, and served throughout the war, the last two years being a member of the veteran service. He was a participant of thirteen important engagements, among which may be mentioned Helena and Saline River, and was in a number of small battles and skirmishes. After the war he returned to Indiana where he tilled the soil until 1871, when he came to Stone County, Mo., and purchased a farm which he has since increased to 260 acres, a portion of which is in the White River bottom and on the James River. He has been the proprietor of his present mercantile establishment since 1875, and in this as in his farming operations he has been successful. He is a prominent man of his section; has always been a stanch Republican in politics; has held the position of county judge for the south part of the county; has held the office of justice of the peace for ten years, and held the office of postmaster of Radical for sixteen years under both Republican and Democratic rule. Mr. Shepherd was married to his present wife, Mrs. Elizabeth (Bowman) Cox, in 1872, widow of Alexander B. Cox, who died shortly after the close of the war. She is a daughter of J. G. Bowman who was one of the early pioneers of Stone County, and was a man who became noted for his great strength, it being told of him that he at one time killed a female panther that sprung at him, with one blow of his fist. Mr. Bowman was killed by bushwhackers during the war, and though he was a Union man in principle he took no part in the great conflict. He was a man of wealth, but much of his property was destroyed during the war, his house being burned and much of his personal property carried away. Mrs. Bowman was a Yoachim and was said to be the first white woman to locate in Stone County. Her father, Jacob Yoachim was the first settler of the County, and located on White River at the mouth of the James. By her first husband, Mr. Cox, she became the mother of three children: Frankie, wife of James Taylor; J. T., and Jeanette, wife of Baker Clark, of Texas. She had borne Mr. Shepherd six children: Nancy J., wife of O. B. McMonigle, of Stone County; James W., Henry C., May, Florence, and Grant U. S., who died young. Mr. Shepherd's brother David lived in Stone County before the war, during which time he raised a company of Home Guards. He was a soldier of the Mexican War and died at Linn Creek, Mo.

WILLIAM FRENCH. The French family are among the prominent of the early families of Christian County, Mo., and have for many years ranked among the leading agriculturists, in following which calling the male members of the family have been pronouncedly successful. William French, one of the early citizens of the county near Billings, is a native of Kentucky, born in Caldwell County, in 1835, to the union of Joseph and Lucy (Scott) French. The father was also a native of Kentucky and was a son of William and Jane (Ross) French, the former a descendant of German ancestors. The French

family came to the United States at an early day and made their home in the South until about 1800, when they came to Kentucky. They became very prominent there. The grandmother of our subject had seven brothers in the Revolutionary War. Joseph French, father of our subject, was reared in the Blue Grass State and remained there until 1851, when he came to Missouri, locating in Greene County (now Christian County), where he took up Government land. This place was located about two and a half miles from Billings. He had married Miss Scott in Kentucky and their union was blessed by the birth of ten children, seven of whom are living: William, subject; Irene M., Joseph, Sarah J., Adelia C., Polly P., George, James, John and Lucy J., who died when a child. The mother of these children died in 1875 when sixty-five years of age. She was a daughter of Hubbard Scott and a native of Virginia. She was reared in Tennessee, whither her father had moved when she was small. Joseph French was a Democrat in his political views up to the breaking out of the Civil War, but later he affiliated with the Republican party. Three of his sons were in the war: George, Joseph and William. George, who was single, died near Nashville, Tenn., while in service. Joseph served about eighteen months in the United States service. Mr. French became a wealthy farmer and stockraiser and was ever public spirited and enterprising. He and his first wife experienced many of the hardships and privations of pioneer life, but were never weary with well doing. He was a member of the Baptist and she of the Christian Church. Mr. French's second marriage was with Miss Sarah Foster. He died in 1888, when eighty-three years of age. The original of this notice grew to mature years in Kentucky and received but a limited education. He was seventeen years of age when he came with his parents to this county and here he has remained ever since, witnessing the growth and improvement of his section and assisting materially in its advancement. He selected his wife in the person of Miss Martha Pettil, daughter of George H. and Jane (Cathrey) Pettil, and their union was celebrated in 1853. Her parents emigrated from Kentucky to this county about 1847 and here passed the remainder of their days. After marriage Mr. and Mrs. French located on the farm where they now live, and, with the exception of about six years spent in Billings, have remained here ever since. During the Civil War Mr. French enlisted for three months in the United States Army, but was discharged before his time was out. He held the rank of corporal. After leaving the army he was in the State Militia for some time. Until the breaking out of the war Mr. French was a stanch Democrat, but later he became a Republican and now he is with the People's party. He has ever been active in political matters, was justice of the peace at an early day and is one of the honored and highly esteemed citizens of the county. He owns a good farm of 160 acres two miles north of Billings, adjoining the town, and he also has twenty-five acres where he lives. He and family attend the Missionary Baptist Church, in which he is a deacon. All measures of morality, education, temperance and others of like nature find in him a strong advocate. By his first union he became the father of the following children: Julia A., wife of George H. Gardner; Irene M., wife of John L. Williams, of Greene County; William, a railroad man, is married; George W. resides east of Billings; Thomas, a single man, in Kansas; John, a resident of this county; Lucy J., wife of Benjamin Ealy, of this county, and Elizabeth, who is single and at home. Mr. French lost his first wife in 1888. His second marriage was with Miss Drucilla M. Sanders, who bore him three children: Paule, Charlotte C. and one died small. He is vice-commander of the post, G. A. R., and has held other offices. This family is one of the most influential ones of the county and its members have ever shown themselves to be useful and progressive citizens.

JOSEPH C. BLAIR. The success which has attended the efforts of Mr. Blair in the various occupations he has filled is by no means a matter of chance, nor was he in any sense an especial favorite of fortune, for when he started out in life for himself he began near the bottom of the ladder. In his case fortune smiled upon him as an agriculturist and as a public official because of his untiring efforts, his close and intelligent application to his duties, and his uprightness and honesty, which should bring success under any circumstances and in any field of labor. Mr. Blair is now the genial, courteous and capable county collector of Taney County, Mo., and was born in Harlan County, Ky., at the headwaters of the Cumberland River, June 22, 1848. He was the eldest but one of a family of nine children born to Absalom and Nancy (Campbell) Blair. The father was also a native of Harlan County, Ky., born in 1816, and the son of Joseph Blair, who was a native of North Carolina. The latter married in North Carolina, and he and wife were early settlers of Kentucky, in which State he lived to a good old age, engaged in tilling the soil. Absalom Blair became a farmer in his native county, and there passed his entire life, dying in 1886. He was a Republican in politics, and during the late war served eighteen months in Company F, Forty-seventh Kentucky Regiment. He was a good soldier and took part in some of the prominent battles. He married Miss Nancy Campbell, a native of Perry County, Ky., born in 1815, and the daughter of William Campbell and Elizabeth (Cornett) Campbell. Mr. Campbell was a soldier in the War of 1812, and was with Jackson at New Orleans. In politics he affiliated with the Democratic party. He was a well known farmer of his county in Kentucky, and resided there all his life. His parents came originally from Georgia. Mrs. Blair is still living, is about seventy-three years of age, and finds a pleasant and comfortable home with our subject. Ten children were born to her marriage, as follows: William, married and resides in Harlan County, Ky., was a soldier in the Forty-seventh Kentucky Regiment during the war; Joseph C., subject; Enoch, a farmer and a resident of Kentucky, held the office of justice of the peace in his county for eight years; Elizabeth and Celia are deceased; Louis W., a farmer, resides on Big Beaver Creek; Sally and Polly, twins, are living in this county, the former the wife of John Huff, and Polly the wife of John M. Gates; John S., married and resides in this county, and Absalom, married and resides in this county. The Blair family came to this county in 1887, most of the members locating on Beaver Creek and Brown Branch, and all have good farms. Our subject spent his youth in his native county, attending the common schools, and early became familiar with the duties of the farm. During the war he enlisted in Treadway's battalion of Kentucky Infantry, and served six months, participating in many skirmishes. After the war he began farming in Perry County, Ky., and subsequently was married in Letcher County, that State, to Miss Charlotte Hall, a native of Kentucky, born October 28, 1848, and the daughter of Eli and Polly (Holcomb) Hall, natives of North Carolina, but early settlers of Tennessee. For about twenty years Mr. and Mrs. Blair lived in Perry County, Ky., and in 1889 came to Taney County, Mo., where they bought a farm on Beaver Creek, near Bradleyville. This is one of the finest farms in the county and consists of 120 acres with eighty acres under cultivation. Mr. Blair is engaged in general farming and stockraising, and is classed among the best citizens of the county. In his political views he is a stanch Republican, and in November, 1892, he was elected to the office of county collector. He has ever been interested in political matters, and while a resident of Kentucky was justice of the peace for eight or ten years. Nine children have been born to his marriage: Ira; Eli married a Miss Barnes; Absalom; Polly; William; Louis and Enoch (twins),

the latter now deceased; Jackson, deceased, and Boyd. Mr. and Mrs. Blair are excellent citizens and have the high regard of all who know them.

THOMAS C. WADE. This wide-awake, energetic and capable county official is a native of Lawrence County, Mo., where he was born September 26, 1853, his parents, Joseph and Nancy (Sivley) Wade, having been born in Kentucky March 4, 1814, and Lawrence County, Ala., April 11, 1816, respectively. The paternal grandfather, William Wade, was also a Kentuckian. He was a soldier of the Revolution, and was also with Gen. Jackson at New Orleans. He was an early emigrant to Texas, where he died soon after the close of the Civil War. The early days of Joseph Wade were spent in his native State, but he was married and lived in Alabama for a few years. In 1852 he removed to Missouri and settled in Lawrence County; thence to Carroll County, Ark., and a few years later took up his residence in Webster County, Mo., finally settling in Greene County, fourteen miles west of Springfield, on Grand Prairie. His last move was to Christian County, where he died January 19, 1888. He made farming his life occupation, at which he secured a competency, for he was industrious and thrifty in all his ways, and he became well known and highly respected throughout southwest Missouri. Politically he was a Republican, socially a member of the A. F. & A. M., and in religion was a Methodist, of which church he was long a member. Mrs. Wade was a daughter of one of the early pioneers of Alabama, and was called from life on the 26th of March, 1883, at which time she was an earnest and consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. She bore her husband nine children, eight of whom grew to maturity: William L., who died at Rolla, Mo., in 1861, was a soldier of the Union Army and left a family; James, who is farming in the vicinity of Berryville, Ark., was also a soldier; John P. is a resident of Christian County, a man of family, and was a soldier in the Twenty-fourth Missouri Infantry; Joseph R. also resides on a farm in Christian County, has a family, and was a soldier in the Eighth Missouri Cavalry; Elsie J. is the wife of John Choate, of Christian County; Margaret became the wife of M. Choate, and died leaving a family; Thomas C.; Washington M. is living at Forsyth, Taney County, Mo., is cashier of the Taney County Bank, is married and has a family. The boyhood days of Thomas C. Wade were spent in Christian and Greene Counties, but he unfortunately received limited educational advantages. He obtained a thorough and practical knowledge of farming, but upon starting out in life for himself he began selling goods at Ponce de Leon, Mo., where he remained for three years. He then began farming in Stone County, on Crane Creek, an occupation he followed three years, being then elected, in 1892, to the office of county sheriff. He was elected to this position on the Republican ticket, of which he has always been an enthusiastic supporter, and also filled the position of justice of the peace of Union Township for two years. He is a member of the A. F. & A. M. Lodge No. 515, of Galena, is well informed on all the general topics of the day, and as a business man he has been successful, being the owner of valuable property in Galena. In 1882 he was married to Miss Elizabeth Henry, who was born in Webster County, Mo., May 5, 1863, and to their union the following children have been given: Washington M., born May 9, 1883; Frederick O., born June 19, 1885; Cassie, born October 19, 1888; and Nancy A., born June 30, 1891. Mrs. Wade is the daughter of Joseph and Martha Henry, who are living in the northwest part of Stone County, engaged in farming. Sixteen children were given to this worthy couple, eleven of whom are living: Sarah J., wife of George Blades; Susan L., wife of Stephen Carr; Elizabeth (Mrs. Wade); Joseph; Elvina (Williams); Frances, wife of E. Lee; Isaac, Alexander, William, Charlott and Rachel.

MARION SILVEY. A native of Douglas County, Mo., it is but natural that this gentleman should be public spirited, law-abiding and progressive. He was born June 30, 1846, a son of Charles and Letitia (Howard) Silvey, who came to this section from Roane County, East Tenn, about 1835, and settled on a tract of land in Webster County, where they resided until about 1850, then came to the western part of Douglas County, where the father's death occurred in 1886, at the age of eighty-four years, the mother's death having occurred in 1857. The father became one of the most prominent farmers of this section of Missouri. Upon moving to this State he became quite a Nimrod, for game was plentiful, and also became well known as a successful bee hunter. He was a Democrat in politics. Six of the eleven children born to himself and wife are now living: Washington, a farmer of Webster County; William, a farmer of Taney County; Marion; Cynthia J.; Jackson, a farmer of this county, and Samuel, who is living in this county. The others are: James, who died in 1853; Julia A., who died in 1863; Caroline, who died single; Rill, who died in 1857, and Dode, who died young. The school days of Marion Silvey were passed in this and Webster Counties, but his educational advantages were quite limited. At the early age of fourteen years he enlisted in Gov. Phelps' regiment and later became a member of the Eighth Missouri Cavalry, with which he served three years and six months. He was in the battle of Pea Ridge and was slightly wounded in this engagement. He was honorably discharged August 5, 1865. After the war he turned his attention to farming in Douglas County, and was married in 1867 to Miss Clarissa A. Holston, daughter of William and Martha (Burnsides) Holston, natives of Virginia, who came to Douglas County before the war. In 1875 Mr. Silvey moved with his family to the farm on which he now lives, consisting of 220 acres about one mile west of Ava. He has been successfully engaged in stock farming, and all the property of which he is now the owner has been gained since the war. In politics Mr. Silvey is a People's party man. He has always interested himself in the political affairs of the county, but is by no means a political aspirant. He and his wife and family attend the Baptist Church and Mrs. Silvey is a member of this church. They have many friends in the section in which they reside and have a comfortable, pleasant and hospitable home. Their family consists of five children: James W., who died in 1881; Martha, who died in 1893; Marion; Moses and Marietta.

DR. D. F. HEDGPETH, a young but promising physician of Sparta, Mo., although still in the dawn of the success which has attended his efforts in a professional way, has already given abundant evidence of the ability which qualifies him for a high place in the medical profession. Truly ambitious and with an ambition whose aim is high, there seemed no reason why his unquestioned ability should not find full scope to relieve the pains which a suffering world is heir to. He was born in Sparta, December 4, 1862, to the union of Emanuel I. and Lurannah J. (Farmer) Hedgpeth. Judge Hedgpeth, grandfather of our subject, came from Tennessee, and was one of the earliest pioneers of this section of the country, settling in this region when it was Greene County. He located two miles north of Sparta and followed farming until his death. The Hedgpeth family came originally from Germany and settled in this country at a period antedating the Revolution. The father of our subject was born in what is now Christian County (then Greene), Mo., and like his father before him, he chose agricultural pursuits as his calling in life. During the Civil War he enlisted in the Union Army, Company G, First Arkansas Cavalry, under Capt. Mack, and served about three years, participating in all the engagements of his regiment. In politics he was a Republican, and a man who gave his hearty support to all worthy enterprises. He was a

worthy member of the Baptist Church and died in that faith in 1874. His wife was the daughter of A. Jackson Farmer (see sketch), and was born on the old homestead. She is now residing in Sparta and has her children with her. These children, three in number, are named as follows: D. F. (subject), Anna (single), and John. The latter was a prominent physician at Sparta and graduated from the college at St. Louis. He practiced his profession in Christian County until his death in the spring of 1893. He had taken a post-graduate course in New York City, London, England, and Berlin, Germany, and was a young man possessed of unusual talents. In politics he was a Democrat. The family remained on the old farm about one mile east of Sparta until 1885 and then moved to that city. All the members attended the Baptist Church. The early life of our subject was spent on the farm and as his educational advantages were good, he secured a thorough schooling, and subsequently became a teacher. He followed this with marked success for five years, teaching part of the time in Sparta, and in 1884 he began the study of medicine, attending the Missouri Medical College where he graduated in 1886. He then began practicing at Sparta, and in 1890 he passed a post-graduate course in New York City. Two years later he and his brother John took a post-gradutae, course in London, England, and Berlin Hospital, Germany. Returning to Missouri he resumed his practice and is now one of the leading physicians of the county, his practice extending over a wide range of territory. He pays particular attention to the practice of surgery and has been unusually successful in that line. In politics he takes an active interest and at all times advocates the platform of the Republican party. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., Sparta Lodge, has held office in the same, and is a member of the A. F. & A. M. He is a public-spirited young man and extends a liberal hand to all laudable enterprises.

William L. Woody. The American people not only travel more extensively than any other nation, but they patronize to a greater extent the numerous establishments for the hire of horses and carriages. There are few enterprises which contribute a larger quota to the convenience of the residential and transient public than the well appointed livery stable, and one of the most promising in the city of Ozark is that conducted by Mr. William L. Woody. This gentleman has resided here for the past eight years, during which time he engaged in the livery business, and now has one of the best equipped and best appointed barns in the city. Aside from this occupation he has branched out in other business enterprises, and in 1892 and 1893 was in the hardware business with J. M. Williams. Mr. Woody was born within forty miles of Stockton, Cal., on the 9th of September, 1866, to the union of J. C. and R. C. (Wills) Woody. His grandfather, Abraham Woody, was one of the early pioneers of Christian County and was well known as a farmer and miller. He built about the first distillery in the county. The parents of our subject are now residing about five miles northeast of Ozark, in this county (see sketch of J. C. Woody). The subject of this sketch came from California to Christian County, Mo., when a child, and his boyhood and youth were passed on a farm. He attended the district school and the schools of Springfield, where he secured a good practical education, and in 1885, when nineteen years of age, he started out to make his own way in life. He engaged in the livery business at once and has followed this very successfully ever since, but was for some time also engaged in the hardware and implement business in Ozark. He has made a success of all the enterprises he has undertaken, especially the livery business, and is a wide-awake, enterprising, pushing young business man. He owns real estate in Ozark and has a handsome residence. He also owns two livery barns and is doing a paying business. Mr. Woody is a member of the

I. O. O. F., Finley Lodge No. 206, at Ozark. In politics he is a Democrat. He is public spirited and no worthy movement is allowed to fail for want of support on his part. He married Miss Effie Lawing, daughter of Robert Lawing, an early settler of this county, whose name is known throughout its length and breadth. Mr. Woody and family attend the Methodist Episcopal Church at Ozark, and his wife holds membership in the same.

JESSE O. MARTIN, subject of this sketch, is an honorable and progressive farmer, and it is doubtless entirely owing to the industrious and persevering manner with which he has adhered to the pursuits of agriculture that he has arisen to such a substantial position in farm affairs in this county. He has for twenty years made his home in Stone County, Mo., but is a native of Hot Spring County, Ark., where he was born October 17, 1843, being the fourth of eleven children born to John W. and Hannah (Grirer) Martin, both of whom were born in the State of Illinois, the former being a son of Owen Martin, one of the early settlers of the Sucker State. The parents of Jesse O. Martin were reared and married in the State of Illinois, after which they removed to Hot Spring County, Ark., and followed the occupation of farming. For a short time they resided in northern Louisiana after which they moved back to their old home in Arkansas. Upon the opening of the Civil War John W. Martin enlisted in the First Arkansas Cavalry, but about a year later died from fever at Cassville, Mo. He was first a Whig and later a Republican in politics, and he and his wife, who died in Arkansas about 1864, were earnest members of the Presbyterian Church. Their children were as follows: Michael, who died in Arkansas; Joseph N., who was a soldier and died at Little Rock during the war; John F., who died in Arkansas; Jesse O.; Sarah E., who died, the wife of William Bartlett, leaving one child; Rebecca A., married Jesse Clark, and is deceased; James I., a farmer of Indian Territory; Albert, who died in early boyhood, and an infant. The subject of this sketch attended the public schools of his native county, but as they were not conducted in a very able manner he was unable to acquire as good an education as he desired. He was about eighteen years of age when the war came on and was later conscripted in the Confederate Army, but succeeded in leaving the service a few weeks later and went to Springfield where he remained until the war closed. He settled in the vicinity of that place and there made his home until 1873, when he came to Stone County. He was married while living on his fine farm near Springfield to Miss Eliza Cutburth, a daughter of George Cutburth, who was one of the early settlers of Greene County. Mrs. Martin was born in Tennessee in 1840, and has borne her husband six children, three of whom are living: John H., who is a farmer of wealth residing on the James River; George, who is living on a farm belonging to his father, has a wife and family; and Oscar, who also lives on the James River, and has a wife and family; Thomas; Martha A. and Sarah E. died before marriage. Upon his removal to Stone County, Mo., Mr. Martin became the owner of 117 acres of land, upon which he began the work of improvement. He engaged in farming and handling stock and in this branch of human endeavor he has been decidedly successful and has been enabled to purchase a fine farm of 165 acres, farther down the James River, on which two of his sons are living. In political matters he is with the People's party, but was formerly a Republican, and has held a number of township offices with ability. He and his family attend the Methodist Episcopal Church, and as a Christian gentleman, a citizen and a man of business, he is highly respected. He is in every respect a self-made man and all his present possessions have been acquired through his own efforts.

L. P. GIBSON. This worthy young man is no less prominent in business circles than was his father, is well and favorably known throughout the county,

and has a host of warm friends. He is junior member of the firm of Gibson Bros., tobacco manufacturers, is strictly honorable in his business transactions and is far above the average man in business ability. From his excellent father he learned lessons of honesty, industry and prudence which have been his stepping stones to success. His birth occurred in this county on the 9th of October, 1857, and like his brother he was reared to the duties of the farm, but at an early day entered his father's factory. There he became familiar with every detail of the business, and remained with his father till twenty-one years of age. While in the factory he did not neglect his education, but attended the district school and later secured a good business training. When first starting out for himself he went to Barton County, where he followed agricultural pursuits for one year, and then returned to his native county where he worked in the tobacco factory for a year or two. Again he began tilling the soil, followed this for ten years, and in the spring of 1893 he and his brother started the present factory. He is a thorough business man, is cordial and genial in his manners, and is a very agreeable companion. In his political views he is also Democratic, and is active in all public matters. He has a cozy and comfortable home in Ozark, and this is presided over by his wife, formerly Miss Minnie F. Chapman, daughter of Stanford Chapman, of Billings. Mr. and Mrs. Gibson had one child, Lynn, who died when but nine months old.

DAVIS M. TRAMMELL. Mr. Trammell is the owner of a valuable farm of 160 acres in Taney County, and is one of those thrifty, energetic farmers for which the county has become well known. In the conduct of his affairs he has shown good judgment and business foresight, and is well known for his intelligence and excellent judgment. Mr. Trammell is a native of Searcy County, Ark., born January 19, 1856, and a son of Jared H. and Louisa (Beechum) Trammell, natives of Illinois. The father was reared in that State, but in 1833 moved from there to Arkansas and thence to Taney County, Mo., in 1870, settling in Cedar Creek Township. For many years he was postmaster at Cedar Creek, was also justice of the peace, and previous to coming to Missouri he held the office of county judge in Arkansas. He was an influential man wherever he made his home and was an ardent Republican in politics. During the war he found it rather unpleasant in Arkansas and moved to Greene County, Mo., but shortly afterward settled in Benton County, that State, where he remained for five years. He was a strong Union man but was exempt from active service although he acted as scout for the Union Army a number of times. His wife died in Arkansas about a year after our subject was born, and he was the only child. She was a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Trammell was the owner of a good farm and was well and favorably known all over Taney County. He was married the second time and five children were the fruits of this union: Mary E., Louisa, James, John and Clay, all now married and living on farms except the youngest. The subject of this sketch was but a boy when he came to this county and like the average country boy he assisted on the farm and attended school. By his own exertions he obtained a good education and while still quite young he began working in the *Times* office at Warsaw, Mo. Later, when about nineteen years of age, he became a teacher in Taney County and followed that profession for several years. During this time he was elected justice of the peace, and in 1886 he was made assessor of Taney County, holding that position four years. Mr. Trammell is a Republican in politics and has ever taken a deep interest in public matters. He has resided on his present farm since 1891, and is engaged in general farming and stockraising, at which he has made a success. On the 30th of October, 1876, he was married to Miss Mary E. Burns, a native of Georgia, born December

24, 1859, and the daughter of Samuel and Jane (Farris) Burns, who came from Fulton County, Ga., a number of years ago, and settled in this county in 1874. The father still resides in this county, but the mother died in 1881. Our subject's union has been blessed by the birth of six children, as follows: Samuel J., Lillie E., James H., William F., Flora and Iva M. Mr. Trammell takes a deep interest in politics and is a leader of his party, having been a delegate to many county conventions. He takes much interest in all worthy enterprises, especially those relating to educational matters, and for many years has been a director in his school district.

WILLIAM H. MAY, who since boyhood has resided in this part of Missouri, was born in Morgan County, this State, January 30, 1831, and was the youngest but one of a family of ten children born to John and Mary (Ford) May, natives, respectively, of Tennessee and Missouri, the former born in White and the latter in Morgan Counties. The grandfather, John May, was also a native of Tennessee, and there passed his entire life. The father of our subject came to Missouri when a single man and took up his home in Morgan County, where he married and resided until about 1844. He then moved to Taney County, Mo., and located eight miles west of Forsyth, where his death occurred about 1853. He was a soldier in the Indian War in Florida, serving as sergeant, and was a man of courage and endurance. In politics he was a Democrat. Mr. May owned several farms on White River, in Taney County, and was one of the most prominent farmers of his day. He resided where Walnut Shade is now located. Mrs. May's father, Elisha Ford, was one of the earliest pioneers of Morgan County, Mo., where he and his wife passed the closing scenes of their lives. Mrs. May died in Taney County in 1866. She was the mother of ten children, our subject being the only one now living. The others were: Silas, John D., Martin, Calvin B., George G., Elizabeth, Alvira Lucinda, and one whose name is unknown. Three of the sons served in the Civil War, one of them dying in St. Louis in 1863. On a farm in Taney County our subject spent his youth, and the principal part of his education he acquired by his own exertions, for he received no schooling. As he had early been taught the duties of the farm it was but natural that when starting out for himself he should choose that as his occupation in life. He first tilled the soil on White River, in Taney County, and in 1872 came to the farm where he now lives. He bought 277 acres on Raily Creek, about two miles from Galena, and has since been actively engaged in farming and stockraising, meeting with unusual success. When the Civil War broke out he joined the Home Guards, and also served in the State Militia, participating in a number of skirmishes. During this time he had much of his property destroyed by bushwhackers, but was thankful to escape with his life. In politics he has always been with the Republican party, and he was elected by that party to the office of county assessor a number of years ago. His wife, who was formerly Miss Nancy Stockstill, was born in Taney County, Mo., to the union of Austin and Sarah Stockstill, residents of Taney County, where the father died before the war. The mother passed away in 1892, when ninety years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Stockstill were among the early pioneers of Taney County, and made their home on Bean Creek. To Mr. and Mrs. May have been born twelve children, ten of whom are living at the present time: James B., a farmer on Pine Run; Vicey, wife of Jeff Scott, of this county; Isabel, who died in 1889, was the wife of William F. Holt; Bell, wife of Frank Taylor, of this county; William A., who resides on Wilson's Creek, Stone County; Samuel, who resides southeast of his father; Patrick, single, at home; Mary M., John, Birdie and Martha and an infant died young. Mr. May and family attend the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which Mrs. May is a member, and they are

well respected in the community. Mr. May devotes his time and attention to farming and stockraising, and what he has accumulated in the way of this world's goods is the result of his own industry and good management.

W. C. McBEE. There are lines of business in which good management is everything, and to this essential merit, coupled with large experience and accurate judgment, is due the success which has attended the mercantile business of W. C. McBee, of McBee's Landing, Marion County, Ark. This wide-awake man of affairs is a native of Mississippi County, Mo., where he was born August 25, 1848, to S. E. and Lucy (Blackburn) McBee, both of whom were born on Kentucky soil, the former being of Irish lineage, and descended from one who fought for the Colonial cause in the Revolutionary War. S. E. McBee removed to Missouri during the early history of that State, but in 1857 became a resident of Marion County, Ark., and took up his abode at what was known as Talbert's Ferry, where he made his home for many years, dying in the neighborhood in 1875, after having spent a useful and honorable life as a farmer and stockman. In ante-bellum days he was a Whig in politics, during the war was a stanch Union man, but after the close of hostilities he gave his support to the Democrat party, and supported its men and measures up to the time of his death. He was a member of Yellville Lodge of the A. F. & A. M., and became well and favorably known throughout Marion County. His wife died in 1873, after having borne him two sons: W. C., and Vardrey, a resident of Baxter County, Ark. The early life of W. C. McBee was spent in attending the common schools of this county, and being a young man of an ambitious turn of mind he started out to make his own way in the world at the age of twenty years, and for one year clerked in the store of J. L. Carson, of Springfield, Mo. He then returned to Yellville and entered the store of Berry & Ellenburg, in whose employ he remained for some three years. He then, in 1872, entered business for himself as a druggist in Lead Hill, but he later gave up this calling, and once more entered the employ of J. H. Berry & Co., with whom he remained two years. At this time he was united in marriage with Matilda A., the daughter of Judge W. B. Flippin, after which he moved to McBee's Landing, and for several years was quite extensively engaged in the purchase and sale of livestock, which business he found both profitable and pleasing. With the idea of bettering his financial condition, he returned to Yellville in 1879 and for six years thereafter was in business with A. S. Layton, as a general merchant. When this time had expired Mr. McBee decided to follow the same line of business at McBee's Landing, and he opened a well appointed store here in 1885, and as he has always carried a reliable class of goods, which he disposes of at the lowest possible prices, he has built up a patronage equal to almost any in the northern part of the State. He occupies a recognized position in mercantile and business circles, is full of progressive ideas and public spirit, identifies himself with the interests of his section, and, in fact, is a beau ideal citizen. He has a tract of land comprising about 500 acres and some rich river bottom land of 270 acres, all of which he manages, and he is also engaged in boating between Batesville and Lead Hill, his steamboat, the "Myrtle," having a tonnage of thirty, and the barge "Sandy," which she tows, has a fifty-ton capacity. He is an active Democrat in politics, was elected county assessor in 1878, and has been a member of various conventions. He is in every sense of the word a self-made man, has a beautiful residence at McBee's Landing, of which place he is the postmaster, and there he has control of the ferry and operates a grist mill and cotton gin in addition to dischargiug his other onerous duties. To his first marriage the following children were born: Cora E., Ernest C., William V., Maud A., Victor and Myrtle. The mother of these children died in 1889, and



W. C. McBEE,
Marion Co., Ark.



Z. A. JOHNSON,
Ozark, Mo.

for his second wife Mr. McBee chose Miss Winnifred, daughter of Bradford Norbury, of Greene County, Mo., and by her has one child, Lucy. Mrs. McBee was born in Springfield, Mo., and is an intelligent and amiable woman.

RICHARD A. ROUSE. Many of the farmers of Baxter County, Ark., have led such quiet, unobtrusive lives as to be seldom heard of outside of their own township. They are doing fine work in their own community, but do not care to come more prominently before the public, and devote all their time and energies to the cultivation of their farms and the development of the resources of their community. Such men deserve more credit than they ordinarily receive, and we are glad here to present one of them in the person of Richard A. Rouse, who is one of the prominent and worthy citizens of Baxter County, and has a fine farm in Buck Horn Township. He is a native of Crawford County, Ind., where he was born January 20, 1842, a son of Granville and Ravy Jane (White) Rouse, who were Kentuckians by birth, the former a native of Boone County. The father was a son of Moses Rouse and he a son of Michael Rouse. Being of a rather roving disposition he successively moved from Kentucky to Crawford County, Ind., then to Van Buren County, Iowa, where he remained one year, then went back to Crawford County, Ind., where his wife died. Soon after the death of his wife, in order to have his three children cared for, he returned to his father in Bullitt County, Ky., where he was married to Byronette Owens (who is now also dead). To their union was given one son, John G. He then moved to Daviess County, Ky., but is now residing in McLean County, Ky., with his son, John G. He also for a time lived in De Soto, Jackson County, Ill. While in the last mentioned place he was engaged in the manufacture of brick, but throughout his long life of four-score years he has followed various occupations. The subject of this sketch was his father's manager while the latter was engaged in the brick business and he also for some time had control of a store which his father owned. In the fall of 1859 he moved with his father to Daviess County, Ky., thence to McLean County, Ky., where he was married to Louisa Wells February 9, 1865, who was born in Bullitt County, Ky., April 21, 1843, and to their union eight sons and two daughters have been given, all of whom are now living: Edward, the first son, was born in McLean County, Ky., November 6, 1866, is still single and at home with his father and has an interest in the mill and gin; Artis W., second son, is married and has two children (son and daughter); Zalmond G., third son, is also married; Genis Ord, fourth son; Richard A., Jr., fifth son; Louisa, first daughter; Minie B., second daughter; Columbus B., sixth son; Granville T., seventh son, and Albert, eighth son. During the progress of the Civil War Mr. Rouse resided in Kentucky and Spencer County, Ind. After the war was over he returned to Kentucky and took up his residence in McLean County. He continued to make his home there until 1885, when he moved to Baxter County, Ark., and located in Barren Creek Township. Two years later he came to Buck Horn Township, where he has 300 acres of the finest upland of the county and seven acres in his mill and residence property. He also owns a small farm in North Fork Township. In 1888 he erected a saw mill, cotton gin and grist mill, and is now successfully engaged in operating them and attending to the management of his large farm. He and his wife and five children are members of the Christian Church, with which he has been connected since 1862, and he is now holding the office of elder in the same. He is a useful, law-abiding citizen, upright and honorable in every respect, and as a natural consequence his friends are many.

ROBERT E. LEE. Robert E. Lee, president of the J. L. Lee Lumber Company at Sparta, Christian County, Mo., has held that position since the

retirement of the first president, J. L. Lee, who is now residing at Springfield. This company was organized in 1891, and is now operating on the Chadwick & Baltimore branch and on the main line of the 'Frisco, between Springfield and St. Louis. The vice-president is B. F. Hobert, the secretary is F. W. Fisque, and our subject acts also as general manager of the company. The business is conducted on a very large scale, and the company owns large tracts of timber land, besides buying timber from others. A specialty is made of railroad lumber and ties, and business is carried on at Sparta, Chadwick, and at all other points on the Chadwick branch. This county has lumber very suitable for the business, and the company turns out a large amount of railroad ties and bridge timber. It also handles large quantities of cord wood, and has a mercantile establishment at Sparta, carrying a stock of goods valued at from $5,000 to $10,000, and doing an annual business of from $35,000 to $40,000, and that, with the mill business, amounts to about $120,000 per year. This is by far the largest enterprise in this part of the country, and is managed in a businesslike manner. Eight hands are employed all the time, and work is given to a large number of people. The members of the company are all residents of Missouri. J. L. Lee was born in North Carolina in 1837, a son of Green Lee, and a relative of the Lees of Mississippi. Mr. Lee came to Missouri from Thomasville, N. C., in 1869, and he has followed merchandising for the most part ever since. He first engaged in the business at Marsville, and operated in that line up to 1875, when he removed to McClellan County, Tex., where he was in the lumber business for two years. Returning to Marsville he again resumed merchandising, and continued this until 1879, when he moved to Springfield. He then became a railroad man in the employ of the Frisco as tie inspector and was thus employed for two or three years. From there he moved to Exeter, this State, where, in connection with merchandising, he was in the tie business until 1885, and then moved to Chadwick. In 1888 he moved his family to Springfield and there he resides at the present time. He was engaged in making and buying ties at Chadwick, and in 1891 a stroke of paralysis caused him to retire from active business life. In political matters he is a Democrat, and socially a member of the Masonic fraternity. He was married in his native State to Miss Cynthia Heple, and a family of nine children were given them, five of whom are living: R. E., our subject; Bert S., who is book-keeper for the company; Clara, George and Nellie. The father has been an active business man all his life, and has been unusually successful. Robert E. Lee was born February 9, 1867, and his education was received principally at Neosho, Mo., where he attended the college and high school. When but a boy he started out in business life and became a railroad man. After spending several years in working for the purpose of educating himself, he engaged in the tie business with his father and has since been connected with him. He was one of the prominent men in forming the J. L. Lee Tie and Lumber Company, and as an industrious and active business man he is well known. He is a member of Sparta Lodge No. 296, A. F. & A. M., and in politics is with the Democratic party. He was married in Sparta to Miss Belle Hornbeck, and they have one child, Robert L. Mr. Lee and wife are leaders in the social life of the city, and are highly respected. Bert S. Lee, who is book-keeper for the company, was born in Missouri in 1871, and was educated at Springfield and at Drury College. He is a very efficient book-keeper and a promising young man. He is also a member of the Masonic fraternity at Sparta, and like his father and brother is a stanch Democrat. The company above mentioned has been prospecting and owns a large tract of mineral land. Mr. R. L. Lee is operating a mine, and is also interested in the Purdon mines, located about six

miles east of Sparta. He also owns mines on Swan Creek, and the company owns about 300 acres of fine mining land in this section. This land is fine for fruit growing and horticulture. Mr. Lee is a self-made, self-educated man, and by his own exertions is now one of the best business men in the Southwest.

JASPER N. FARMER. The peculiar responsibility which attaches to the compounding and dispensing of prescriptions and kindred functions, imparts to the calling of the druggist an interest and importance somewhat unique in this respect among the arts and sciences, and therefore it is that accuracy and vigilance become elements closely akin to knowledge and skill in the laboratory. In such connection we make due reference to Mr. Jasper N. Farmer, the prominent drug man at Sparta, whose neat and popular pharmacy commends itself to all. This prominent business man was born in Christian County, on the old home place, July 2, 1855 and is the son of Andrew J. and Nancy (Preston) Farmer, natives of Roane County, Tenn. Our subject attended the schools of Sparta and began his business career about 1878. The drug business has occupied his attention for the most part, but he was engaged in other occupations for the short time he resided in Springfield. In selecting his companion in life Mr. Farmer chose Miss Eliza Smith, a native of this county and a daughter of Eason Smith, of Ozark. Four children are the fruits of this union: Claude, Donnie B., Rose and Anna. In his political views Mr. Farmer is a Democrat and takes a deep interest in politics. He has made a complete success of his business and is the owner of considerable real estate in Sparta. He is descended from one of the old and prominent families of Tennessee and his father was one of the early settlers of this region, and a man highly respected. Mr. Farmer's reputation as a man of business as well as that of a public-spirited citizen has made him a host of friends. He carries a carefully selected stock, embracing pure, fresh drugs and chemicals, druggists' sundries and the usual complement of a first-class pharmacy.

JUDGE MATTHEW CHAPMAN. A man's life-work is the measure of his success, and he is truly the most successful man who, turning his powers into the channel of an honorable purpose, accomplishes the object of his endeavor. He who weds himself to a great principle lays the foundation of a successful life. In the study of every man's life we find some mainspring of action—something that he lives for. In Judge Matthew Chapman it seems to have been an ambition to make the best use of his native and acquired powers, and to develop in himself a true manhood. In all the walks of public life he served his county with zealous fidelity, and expects to pass his declining days with those among whom he has grown gray in honorable usefulness. The Judge was born in Henry County, Tenn., March 7, 1822, to the union of Benjamin and Mary (Cavett) Chapman, natives of Tennessee. In 1830 the parents came to Missouri, and although they first settled in St. Louis, they remained there but a short time, and 1831 found them located near Ozark, Christian County. There they passed the remainder of their days, the mother dying in 1870 and the father two years later, when seventy-two years of age. The father was a successful farmer and stockraiser and was a well known and influential man in his day, serving as judge of the county court of Greene County for twelve years. In politics he was a warm supporter of Democratic principles, and in religion he was a Baptist nearly all his life. Honorable and upright in every walk of life, no better man ever found his home in this county. Early in life he was considerable of a hunter and as the woods abounded in game he had no trouble in supplying the table with meat. In those days he made shoes for the family out of hides tanned by himself and his wife spun flax and wove the clothing for the family. The latter lived to be over eighty years of age. Four children were born to his marriage, our

subject being the eldest. The others were: J. G., who resides at Harrison, Ark.; Stanford, who makes his home at Billings; and C. E., who died about five years ago. By a previous marriage to a Mr. Smart, Mrs. Chapman became the mother of five children, as follows: S., E., William C., Harry G., and one whose name is unknown. The Chapman family came to this country at a period antedating the Revolution, in which some of the members fought for independence. Later others were soldiers in the War of 1812. Judge Matthew Chapman was about ten years of age when he made the trip by wagon from Tennessee to Missouri, and he received his education in the schools of Greene County. Like his ancestors he chose agricultural pursuits as his calling in life, and on the 16th of August, 1844, he married Miss Rachel A. Horn, who was born January 1, 1827, and who was the daughter of Thomas Horn, an early sheriff of Greene County. This union resulted in the birth of nine children, as follows: Mary J., who is living; William B., a farmer of this county; Thomas H., deceased; Mary E., wife of George Wills; Alice, wife of Chas. Wills; Douglas J., who is living in this county; Benjamin M., who is living in this county; James died in California; and Emma, the wife of A. Madding. The mother of these children died on the 24th of October, 1870, and Judge Chapman selected his second wife in the person of Mrs. Mary A. Horn, a native of Tennessee, born December 30, 1831, and the daughter of William S. Wilkes, of the Big Bend State. To this union one daughter, Hattie, has been born. Agricultural pursuits have been our subject's principal occupation through life, and he has made a success at it. In connection with farming he is also raising considerable stock. Like his father he advocates the principles of the Democrats, and was appointed to office by that party, ——— in 1872. Ten years later, or in 1882, he was elected to the office of probate and county judge, and served in that capacity with zealous fidelity. His judicial qualifications were of the first order, enabling him with comparative ease to follow the thread of law through all the subtleties of complicated legal questions. He located on the farm where he now lives in 1845, and is a man well and favorably known all over this and Greene County, being one of the oldest pioneers of this section. Although he had but a limited education in youth he was always of an inquiring turn of mind and a great reader, and possessing a clear, logical mind, capable of broad generalization, his grasp of any subject was thoroughly comprehensive and exhaustive. He is one of the most prominent men of the county. William S. Wilkes, father of Mrs. Chapman, was born in Virginia in 1807, and was married to Miss Hannah B. Moore, a native of Kentucky, born in 1810. Shortly after their marriage they settled in Tennessee, but later, in 1841, came to Greene County and settled near Ozark. There they passed the remainder of their days. Ten children were born to their marriage, but only three are now living: Sarah, now Mrs. John A. Gibson; Mary A., who first married James K. Horn, by whom she had four children, as follows: William T., Martha E., Emma E. and Addie, all living. The third child born to Mr. and Mrs. Horn, Samuel A., is living in Cooper County. The parents were members of the Christian Church, and the father was a Democrat in politics. Mrs. Chapman was born in Marshall County, Tenn., and was young when she came to this county. Two of her brothers, Thomas and Jonathan, were soldiers in the Civil War, and the former died from wounds received at the battle of Pea Ridge. Those of her brothers and sisters who are deceased are Mary, Joseph, Jonathan, Elizabeth, Emma, Martha and Thomas.

JOHN D. STONE. The hardy, courageous and energetic blood of the Scotchman flows in the veins of John D. Stone, and with it is mixed the versatility and quick wit of the Irish. William T. Stone, the paternal grandfather,

was a native of Maryland, but left that State at the age of seventeen years and moved to Virginia, in which State he was married and lived for some time. Later he made his home for some years in Tennessee, and in 1833 became a resident of Polk County, Mo., (then Christian County), but finally took up his residence on a farm, on which the town of Galena now stands, which land he entered from the Government, and which was then in what was known as Taney County. When Stone County was organized, it was named in his honor, for he was a man of much importance in his day, and was well and favorably known throughout the entire Southwest. He held a number of prominent offices of trust, was a successful tiller of the soil throughout life, and always supported the principles of the Democrat party, being of the Jacksonian type. He served under Gen. Jackson throughout the War of 1812, and was with him at the famous battle of New Orleans. His death occurred in 1849 or 1850 at Galena, and was a fact deeply regretted by all who knew him. He was quite a noted Nimrod in his day, killed numerous bears and deer, and killed one bear in Galena. He reared a family of nine children, but only one is living at the present time, the youngest daughter, Martha (Summers), of this county. All his children grew to maturity in Stone County, married and here reared their families. John H. Stone, the father of the immediate subject of this sketch, was born in eastern Tennessee in 1821, and was about fourteen years of age at the time his parents moved to Missouri, the trip thither being made by wagon, but was unmarked by any particular adventure. He grew to manhood in Stone County, and unfortunately received but little education, owing to the extreme scarcity of schools, and here he eventually married Miss Sarah E. Williams and located about three miles south of Galena on the James River, where he made a comfortable home and lived for some time. He then sold this property and moved about seven miles south of the town, in the vicinity of the Virgin Rock, later resided for some ten years at Cape Fair, but finally settled on the farm on which his widow still resides, it being near the farm owned by the subject of this sketch. John H. Stone was a Democrat, like his father before him, held the office of justice of the peace, and in January, 1862, was appointed to the office of county judge. He was a soldier during the Civil War, being a member of the Seventy-fourth Missouri Militia, and served from August, 1862, until January 3, 1863. After his return home he was again elected county judge, and filled the position with marked ability for two terms. He was a man of much public spirit, was very popular with the people of Stone County, and could have had almost any office within the gift of the people, but would not accept the nomination. He took much pleasure in the chase and killed large numbers of deer and other game. He was called from life in January, 1871. His wife was born in Kentucky, and was a daughter of John B. Williams, who in 1835 came to Stone County, Mo., by wagon. They settled on a farm on Flat Creek, where Mr. Williams built a water mill and engaged in the business of milling from that time up to 1855. He then sold out and purchased a large farm in the vicinity of Crane Creek, but was killed in 1859 by being run over by a wagon. He was a Democrat in politics and also held the office of county judge. He was a well-educated man, was a surveyor of ability and had a good deal of that work to do in the early days of the State. He was married twice and reared a family of fifteen children. Mrs. Stone was about thirteen years old at the time the family came to Missouri. She is now sixty-six years of age and is living on the old homestead in the enjoyment of fair health. She bore her husband twelve children, seven of whom are living as follows: John D., William T.; Telitha C., wife of J. M. King; Eliza B.; Mary A., wife of L. Carney; Sarah P., wife of George Carney; George L. Those deceased are: Martha, who died after her marriage to

Joseph King; Alice J., who died at the age of thirteen; James M., who died at the age of fourteen; Julia A., who died after her marriage to John Fairburn; and Rebecca, who died in infancy. John D. Stone spent his early days on the old home farm, and at the age of seventeen enlisted in Company K, Seventy-fourth Missouri Volunteer Infantry, which was afterward consolidated with the Seventy-second and became the Seventh Missouri Cavalry. He served until August, 1863, when he was discharged for disability, but in July, 1864, he reënlisted in Company H, Fifteenth Missouri Cavalry and served until the close of the war, being mustered out July 12, 1865. He was on scout duty the most of the time in southwest Missouri and Arkansas, and was in a number of battles. In 1867 he became the owner of the farm on which he now lives, which consists of 242 acres, and is located about four miles from Galena. He gives considerable attention to the raising of stock and has prospered financially. He is a Democrat and has held various offices in his county and township, being at the present time justice of the peace of his township. In January, 1865, he was married to Miss Rebecca King, a daughter of George W. King, an early settler of Missouri, who died in 1863. He was a blacksmith and wagon maker by trade, and held the office of deputy county sheriff. To Mr. Stone and his wife five children were given: Sarah E., wife of Perry Carr, has two children—John O. and James G.; Joseph L., John W., Thomas J., and Rosetta, who died at the age of two years. The mother of these children died February 11, 1874, and Mr. Stone took for his second wife Anita Palmer, widow of Ferdinand Palmer, by whom she became the mother of three children: Wilson L., Mary F. and Emily E. Mrs. Stone was born in St. Francois County, Mo., December 29, 1852, a daughter of William S. and Emily (Harris) Austin, who early became residents of St. Francois County, and are now residents of McDowell County. Mr. Stone and his present wife have a family of five children: George H. H.; Charles E., who died at the age of three years; Bertha C.; Rebecca, who died at the age of two years; and Gertie E. Mr. and Mrs. Stone are members of the Christian Church, and are highly respected in the community in which they reside. He is public spirited, is fond of hunting and fishing, has been successful financially and has a comfortable and pleasant home. William T. Stone, the third child of John H. Stone, was born in what was then Taney, but is now Stone County, March 26, 1846, some seven miles, south of Galena, and his youth was spent on a farm. During the war he enlisted in Company H, Fifteenth Missouri Cavalry, and during the twelve months that he was in the service he attained the rank of corporal, and participated in some of the severest engagements that took place in Missouri, among them being Newtonia, Independence, Little and Big Blue, Jefferson City and Boonville. He was mustered out July 1, 1865, having been a faithful, true and tried soldier, as he has been a citizen since the war. He is now residing on a fine farm of 135 acres in Stone County, and is a progressive and intelligent tiller of the soil. He has always been an active Democrat in politics, but has never aspired to office. He was married in Stone County to E. Jones, daughter of Daniel Jones, her birth having occurred in Lawrence County, Mo., in 1850. She has borne her husband thirteen children: Christina M., Mary C., John D., Eliza J., George H., Sophia E., Benjamin F., Martha E., Charles E., Ida M., Jewel N., and two that died young. Mr. Stone is an elder in the Church of Christ, and is an active worker for the cause of religion. His daughter Christina is the wife of Wesley Wilson, by whom she has two children—Lulu and Walter. George C. Stone, the youngest son of John H. Stone, was born January 18, 1865, in the house in which he is now living. He gained a good education in the common schools, and after starting out in life for himself followed farming exclusively up to 1891, when he opened a general mer-

cantile store at Cape Fair in partnership with a Mr. Henson, but still continues to look after his farm, which consists of about seventy-five acres, all of which is well improved, fenced, etc. Like the other members of his family he is a stanch Democrat. He was married to Ella L. Fairburn, who was born in Wapelo County, Iowa, June 26, 1870, a daughter of Hugh and Sophia (Niles) Fairburn, who now reside about four miles from Cape Fair, having come to this section from Iowa in 1870. Mrs. Stone was one of their seven children, and to her marriage with Mr. Stone, which occurred December 31, 1890, two children have been given: Ernest and an infant. Mrs. Stone is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Stone is an energetic young man, has been successful in all his enterprises, and bids fair to become wealthy. He deals some in stock, and is at all times keenly alive to his own interests, but never at the expense of others or of the honored name he bears.

C. P. Gibson. Among the most noted and representative business men of the flourishing city of Ozark stands the name of C. P. Gibson, who is senior member of the firm of Gibson Bros., tobacco manufacturers. He is a man of keen business ability and his high reputation and material prosperity came as the reward of unusual natural abilities, industriously applied. Mr. Gibson was born in Tennessee, and is a son of John A. and Mary J. (Wilks) Gibson, and the grandson of John K. and Ann (Knox) Gibson, natives of the State of North Carolina, but early settlers of Tennessee. The father of our subject came with his mother to Missouri when ten years of age, and is now living on a fine farm in this county. He started to manufacture tobacco soon after the war, and continued this successfully for many years. In 1893 his sons took up the business, and using the flavor and brands of the father are doing an excellent business. Our subject is one of nine children, seven of whom are living, as follows: William, a farmer of this county; C. P.; L. P.; A. B., who is living on a farm in Greene County; M. A.; M. E.; C. E., who died when nineteen years of age, and John and Thomas who died young. The father is a Democrat in politics, a member of the Christian Church and a most excellent citizen. The early life of our subject was spent on the farm and in his father's factory, where he became thoroughly familiar with the business. He attended the district school, but supplemented the same by attending school at Springfield and Drury College. When twenty-one years of age he branched out for himself as a manufacturer of tobacco with his father, and continued it for two years after his father retired. After that he engaged in farming, also followed milling, and in 1890 was elected sheriff of Christian County, holding that position for two years and filling it in a very creditable manner. During that time he had a number of noted criminals under his charge. Like his father he supports the principles of the Democratic party and has voted with the same ever since his majority. He is a wide awake, thoroughgoing young business man and is bound to make his mark in the world. In the year 1887 he was married to Miss Lou Spivy, who died in 1891 leaving him two children: Robert and Bessie. Socially Mr. Gibson is an Odd Fellow, a member of Lodge No. 205, and also a member of the A. O. U. W.

Keesee & Jenkins. That "honesty is the best policy" is clearly demonstrated in the success of those firms who pursue a straightforward way of doing business. The favor of the public will rest upon those who merit its confidence by dealing fairly, and few indeed are those who so well deserve a high place in public opinion as John T. Keesee and William T. Jenkins, the members of the above mentioned firm, which began doing business in 1890 and has already built up a most liberal patronage. John T. Keesee was born in Dallas County, Mo., in 1863, a son of Silas and Mary (Copeland) Keesee, natives of Missouri and Indiana, respectively, the latter removing with her parents to Ozark

County, Mo., where she met and married Mr. Keesee, afterward removing with him to Dallas County and three years later to Marion County, Ark., where she was called from life in 1876. Mr. Keesee is still living and has attained the age of seventy years. He has been a lifelong and well-to-do farmer and stockraiser, has been a Democrat all his life, and is a worthy member of the Christian Church. His father, Peyton Keesee, was an early settler of Ozark County, Mo., in which section he passed from life, having been a lifelong farmer, and for many years a member of the Baptist Church. His wife also died in Ozark County and there they reared a large family. The following children were born to Silas and Mary Keesee: Peter, of Texas; Payton, also of that State; Isaac, of Marion County, Ark.; Reed, also of that county; Serepta, wife of Isaac Eopf; Margaret, wife of James Macbee, of Marion County; John T.; Henrietta, wife of George McMannus, of Marion County, and two children who died young: Lucinda and Nancy. By his second wife Mr. Keesee became the father of one son, William, and his third wife bore him two daughters: Alice and Hattie. John T. Keesee was reared on his father's farm, but unfortunately received but a limited country-school education. Upon attaining his majority he began his independent career and for a number of years followed the occupation to which he had been reared—farming. In 1887 he was married to Matilda, daughter of Monroe and Mary Treat, of Marion County, Ark., in which section Mrs. Treat died when her daughter Matilda was born. In 1890 Mr. Keesee came to Protem and the firm of Keesee Bros., general merchants, was established and continued for about one year, at the end of which time John T. became the sole proprietor and continued as such for one year, when the present firm of Keesee & Jenkins was formed. In addition to the profitable mercantile business which they are doing, they also deal in cotton and stock and carry on farming. Mr. Keesee is a member of Claflin Lodge No. 229, of the A. F. & A. M., is a Democrat politically, his first vote being cast for Cleveland in 1888, and he and his wife are members of the Christian Church. William M. Jenkins, a member of the firm of Keesee & Jenkins, of Protem, Mo., was born in Marion County, Ark., in 1862, his parents, Elder W. C. and Mary C. (Gray) Jenkins, having been born in Tennessee. Their family consisted of the following children: Joshua Star, deceased; Mary E., wife of Thomas H. Flippin; George W., of Marion County, Ark.; Ellen, deceased; William M.; James Perry, deceased; John Henry and Jared, of Marion County; Maggie, wife of Payton Chaffin, of Marion County, and Julia, deceased. The birth of Rev. W. C. Jenkins occurred May 16, 1828, near Dodd City, in Washington County, Tenn., his parents having been George Washington and Mary (Hodges) Jenkins, also natives of Washington County, Tenn., where they spent all their lives. George W. Jenkins was a teacher and farmer, and a son of Aaron Jenkins, a Virginian by birth, but one of the pioneer settlers of Washington County, Tenn., where he, in due course of time, passed from life. The latter's father, George Jenkins, is supposed to have come from England. He first resided for some time near Baltimore, Md., then removed to Virginia, and finally to Tennessee, where he died. The maternal grandfather of William M. Jenkins, Howell Hodges, is supposed to have been born in Washington County, Tenn., and was a soldier with Gen. Jackson at the battle of Horseshoe Bend. Rev. W. C. Jenkins was the eldest of nine children born to his parents, and is one of the three surviving members of the family. His early life was spent in the labors of the farm, and he was fortunate enough to secure a good common-school education. January 25, 1849, he was married to Mary, daughter of Joshua and Elizabeth (Davidson) Gray, both of whom were born, reared, and died in Tennessee. In 1855 Rev. Jenkins removed to St.

Francis County, Ark., thence to Kentucky two years later, and in 1860 to Marion County, Ark., where he has since made his home, carrying on farming on a small scale. For the past twenty-five years he has been a regularly ordained minister of the Christian Church, and during this time his influence has been for good, and he has been a faithful laborer in the vineyard of his Master. He served Marion County in the capacity of deputy sheriff for some time after the war, and for a period of six months was sheriff by appointment. During the last year of the war he served as orderly sergeant of Company F, in Jo Shelby's command. He is a member of Yellville Lodge No. 117, of the A. F. & A. M. The early life of William M. Jenkins was not characterized by any particular event, for he was reared to the monotonous, if useful, duties of farming and received but few educational advantages. In 1883 he was married to Susan Treat, a sister of Mrs. Keesee. She was born in Dade County, Mo., and by Mr. Jenkins is the mother of three children: Mary Elsie, Albert and Ethel (deceased). Mr. Jenkins followed farming in Marion County until 1892, since which time he has been in his present business and is doing well. He has always been a Democrat in politics, and for four years was deputy sheriff of Marion County under C. C. Poynter, from 1888 to 1892. He and his wife are worthy members of the Christian Church.

ALLEN GENTRY. This gentleman is one of the oldest and best known pioneers of Stone County, which has been his home since 1836, a period of over fifty-eight years. The founder of the family in this section was Allen Gentry, Sr., father of subject, a native of Tennessee, where the family was an old and prominent one, and a descendant of Revolutionary stock. He was married in his native State to Miss Margaret ———, and in the spring of 1836 he and wife crossed the Mississippi River and located on James River, near Galena, in Stone County, where the father followed farming. He was a stanch Republican in politics, and in religion he and family held to the Christian faith. He made his home in Stone County until he had paid the last debt of nature, and there reared to honorable maturity a family of eleven children, seven sons and four daughters, leaving them, upon his death, not only a good property to divide among themselves, but what was rather to be desired than great riches—the heritage of an honorable name. Allen Gentry, Jr., was born in Tennessee June 12, 1814, and was but a boy when the family came with ox-team to Stone County. He received no schooling, and all his leisure time in early life was spent in hunting the wild game, which was plentiful in the county. He has killed many deer, turkeys, etc., and has often run down wild turkeys. When he became old enough to choose his occupation in life, he very naturally selected agricultural pursuits and began improving a piece of land in the woods, the farm where he now lives, and for two years lived in a camp. Industrious and persevering, he improved every spare moment and by diligence and economy, as the years passed away, became the owner of 367 acres, which is in a bend of the James River, about two miles southwest of Galena. He has resided on the farm where he now lives for over fifty years, and is one of the best known men in the county and the oldest pioneer. In politics he is an ardent supporter of Republican principles, and every enterprise of a worthy nature has been sanctioned by him. During the Rebellion he served over two years. He was first in the Home Guards but subsequently enlisted in the Seventh Missouri Cavalry of Valparaiso, Company H, as private. Mr. Gentry was in a number of battles and served principally in southwest Missouri and Arkansas, most of his engagements being with bushwhackers. In one battle he was wounded three times, and after the war was sick for three years from the effects of these wounds. He is now a member of the G. A. R., Galena Post. Our subject was first married to Miss Sarah J. Anderson, daugh-

ter of Samuel Anderson, and ten children were given them: Margaret, wife of Henry Baker, of this county; Samuel, married and lives on the old home place (he was a soldier in the Civil War, Company A, Eleventh Missouri Cavalry; served from first to last and was in numerous battles); Allen, who died when about thirty-eight years of age leaving a family, was in the Home Guards during the war; David, deceased, left a family in Texas; Martha, wife of T. J. Darrell, who resides on the old home farm, is the mother of several children (Mr. Darrell was a soldier in the Seventh Missouri Cavalry, Company H, and is a G. A. R. man); Elizabeth, the wife of H. C. Cagle, resides in Stone County; William, who resides on a farm on the James River near the old home, is married; L. C., married and resides in the Lone Star State, and two children died young. The mother of these children, who was a member of the Christian Church and a sincere, earnest worker in the same, died April 22, 1884. Mr. Gentry selected his second wife in the person of Mrs. Martha Moore, sister of his first wife and the widow of Maj. Moore, an old pioneer of this county. Mr. Gentry is now retired from the active duties of life, and is satisfied to pass the closing scenes of a long and useful career in peace and quiet. He served on the first jury in Stone County. He has ever had a strong constitution, but he still suffers from the wounds he received in the war and carries two bullets that he received in one battle. He was also shot in the head and has partly lost his hearing in one ear. He was a good and faithful soldier and fought bravely for the old flag. Mr. Gentry has a large number of grandchildren and a number of great-grandchildren. The family is highly respected in the county.

DAVID WOLFF. In the whole range of commercial enterprise no interest is of more importance than that representing the sale of groceries. This fact is recognized and appreciated by all thoughtful and intelligent persons. In this connection we take pleasure in calling attention to a house which, though only established since 1883, has already proved itself to be indispensable to the locality. David Wolff is a native of the Buckeye State, born in Ross County January 2, 1852, and is a son of Jacob and Elizabeth Wolff, both of whom died in Ohio. This worthy couple were the parents of seven children, only two besides our subject now living: Charles A., who is still in Ohio, and Fredrick, who is in Kalamazoo, Mich. One son, William, who died in 1883, was a soldier in the Civil War as was also Charles and Fredrick. John, another son, died after reaching mature years, and the remainder of the children, daughters, died young. The Wolff family settled in Ohio at an early date and the father of our subject was a merchant there. He was a native of Germany and came to this country when young. David Wolff attained his growth in his native State and was about nine years of age when his father died. He received his scholastic training in his native town and when twenty-one years of age started out to make his own way in life. He first engaged in mining at Joplin and at Ozark, and was thus engaged for about ten years, after which he left the mines and engaged in the grocery business with W. H. H. Miller on the east side of the square at Ozark. This was in 1883, and he and Mrs. Miller continued together for five years, after which our subject came to his present location and carried on the business by himself until 1892. He then took as a partner Z. A. Johnson and they are now doing a thriving business. For about fifteen years Mr. Wolff has been a member of the I. O. O. F. Lodge No. 206, Ozark, and has held office in the same. He is also a member of the A. O. U. W., Finley Lodge, Ozark, No. 257. In his political views he advocates the platform of the Republican party, and takes a deep interest in the success of the party. He has ever been interested in the building up of the city and is a popular and enthusi-

astic business man. He is the owner of considerable farming land and also owns real estate in Ozark. Mr. Wolff was married in Ozark to Miss Callie A. Johnson, and two children are the fruits of this union: Charles A. and Roscoe. Mr. Wolff and family attend the Methodist Episcopal Church and Mrs. Wolff is a member of the same. This family is well liked in Ozark and Mr. Wolff is well known as a thoroughgoing, practical business man. He has held a number of city offices and has filled them all in a very creditable manner.

ANDREW J. FARMER (deceased). When a citizen of worth and character has departed from this life, it is meet that those who survive him should keep in mind his life work, and should hold up to the knowledge and emulation of the young his virtues and the characteristics which distinguished him and made him worthy the esteem of his neighbors. Therefore, the name of Andrew J. Farmer is presented to the readers of this volume as a public-spirited citizen and a man well and favorably known throughout the county. He was born in Roane County, Tenn., in 1824, and at an early date came to Missouri, being the first of the family to settle in this county. This was about 1845 and he made his home here until his death in 1862. He was a son of Archibald Farmer, who was also a native of Tennessee, the family being an old and prominent one of that State. Our subject grew to mature years in his native State, received his education there, and was there married to Miss Nancy (Preston) Farmer, a native of the Big Bend State, born in Roane County in 1826. As above stated, Mr. and Mrs. Farmer came to Missouri in 1845, making the trip by wagon, and took up land near the present site of Sparta. Mr. Farmer was a prominent man of this county, held a number of local offices and was county assessor at the time of his death, being elected to that position by the Republican party. Active and enterprising, upright and honorable, he was universally respected, and became one of the substantial men of the county Mr. Farmer made agricultural pursuits his life work and was classed one o the best farmers of his section. Mrs. Farmer was the daughter of James and Jane (Ellison) Preston, both natives of Tennessee, where they passed their entire lives. Mr. and Mrs. Preston raised a family of eight children, but only Samuel, Robert, Mrs. Farmer and Moses are now living, all but the latter in this county. To Mr. and Mrs. Farmer were born five children, four of whom are now living: Lorena J., who is the mother of Dr. Hedgpeth (see sketch); Margaret A., who was the wife of J. J. Bruton, died in 1885; James W., a farmer living one-half mile north of Sparta on the old home place; A. V. is also living on the home place, and J. N., druggist of Sparta. The mother is still living and resides on the old home place. The early members of the Farmer family were members of the Baptist Church, and most of them adhered to the principles of the Republican party. The old home place is within sight of Sparta and was one of the first farms of the county to be opened up.

PROF. J. M. JOHNSON. This gentleman has resided in Christian County for the past six years, and though young, he is full of energy, business qualification and thoroughly fitted for the drug business which he is now following. He is a native of Webster County, Mo., born February 24, 1862, but was reared principally in Wright County, this State. He is a son of J. C. and Mary (Russell) Johnson and the grandson of Spencer Johnson who was a Virginian by birth but of Scotch-Irish origin. The latter was an early pioneer of Tennessee, and some of the members of this family were active in both the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812. J. C. Johnson and his mother, who was a widow at that time, came to Missouri as early as 1832, about the time the Indians were moved westward by the Government, and settled in Wright, now Webster County, four miles from Seymour. There they resided until the breaking

out of the Civil War, then moved to Arkansas. The father of our subject enlisted with Gen. Price and was with him in the Arkansas campaign and in the raid through Missouri. Previous to this he was married in Webster County to Miss Russell, and after cessation of hostilities he returned to Wright County. He participated in a number of hard-fought battles and was a fearless soldier. He and his wife are still living on the old farm in Wright County and are well respected in the community. The nine children born to them were named in the order of their births as follows: J. M., subject; Ella, Nancy, Thomas, Ophelia, William, Eliza, Jennie, and Laura. The father has always tilled the soil and is a wide-awake energetic farmer and a man well posted on all the current topics of the day. Prof. J. M. Johnson spent his early days on the farm near Henderson and attended the country schools. Later he attended the high school at Hartville and the normal school at Henderson, Webster County. From there he entered the Missouri State Medical College at St. Louis and graduated from the same in 1892 with a view to practice medicine, and is a registered pharmacist. When he left school he began teaching and continued this until he entered the Medical College. He taught in the public schools of Wright and Webster Counties and for five years was president of a private normal at that place. As an educator he is well known and very popular and has had considerable experience. In 1892 he began the study of medicine and also embarked in the drug trade. In the latter he is in partnership with John B. Witty, who has lived in this county for a number of years. Our subject took up his residence in Sparta in 1887 and since then has been one of the prominent business men of the place. He also owns considerable real estate and has made a success of whatever he has undertaken. He selected his wife in the person of Miss Mary C. Ruffin, daughter of Henry Ruffin an early pioneer of the county, and three children have been born to this union: Walter; Otto, died young; and Lester. Prof. Johnson is a member of the I. O. O. F. and the A. F. & A. M. of Sparta, and has held all the offices in the former organization. In politics he is with the Democratic party and was elected by that party to the office of county superintendent of schools, holding the position for two years. He has ever been interested in educational work, and he and family are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in which he is deacon.

A. C. CRAIN, ex-sheriff of Christian County and one of the representative men of the same, is now living a retired life at Sparta, Mo. He is a native of Tennessee, born in Franklin County October 2, 1833, and the son of William B. and Alice (Ford) Crain, natives of Tennessee. The grandfather, William B. Crain, was a native of North Carolina and came to Tennessee at an early day. Later he moved with his family to Stoddard County, Mo., and in 1842 settled with his family in Greene County. Previous to this, in 1839, the father of our subject died and the mother followed him to the grave the following year. Both died in Stoddard County. The grandfather reared the three children born to this union. William Crain resided in Taylor Township, Greene County, for three or four years and then moved on the James River, near Galloway. Two years later he moved to Newton County, Mo., before it was organized and made his home there for three years. There his death occurred and the family subsequently moved back to Greene County, settling in the same neighborhood where they had formerly lived. Some years later the grandmother went back to Newton County and there received her final summons. She and her husband were the parents of eleven children: Mahala, Lucinda, Hannah, Dollie, Mary, James, Hiram, William B. (father of subject), Leroy, John and Samuel. Several of the sons took an active part in the Rebellion. John and Leroy were in the Union Army, while James and Hiram were in Texas and soldiers in the Confederate Army. The Crain family held mem-

bership in the Methodist Episcopal Church and the male members of the family were Democrats at an early day. The original of this notice was the eldest of three children. The others were: Hiram H., who was a resident of this county until the breaking out of the war, when he enlisted in the Union Army and was killed near Booneville, Ark., in the last fight of his regiment. He enlisted in the Eighth Missouri Volunteer Cavalry, under Col. W. F. Gregor, and served three years, his death occurring October 24, 1864. To his marriage have been born two children, both of whom are residing in Webster County. The subject of this sketch was reared in this part of the county and in September, 1862, he enlisted in Company L, Eighth Regiment Volunteer Cavalry, and served until the close of the war. He and his brother Hiram were in all the battles of the regiment and saw much hard service, but our subject was never wounded or made a prisoner of war. Receiving his discharge in July, 1865, Mr. Crain, who had worked his way from a private to the rank of first lieutenant, returned to his home. Previous to the war, in 1859, he was married to Miss Martha Kershner and two children were born before the war, one just the day before he left to enter the army. Mrs. Crain was a native of Greene County, born in 1842, and the daughter of John and Martha (Amous) Kershner, who came to Greene County, Mo., about 1849. Mr. and Mrs. Kershner were the parents of ten children, as follows: William, Thomas, John H., Delvitt C., James, Elizabeth, Francis, Sarah, Harriet and Martha. This family came from Tennessee and became well known in Greene County. After the war Mr. Crain began farming on his present property and continued to till the soil until 1872, when he was elected sheriff and collector of Christian County. This position he filled in a very satisfactory manner for seven years. He has always affiliated with the Republican party and is a most worthy citizen. He was deputy sheriff of Greene County before the war and was elected mayor of Sparta when the town was incorporated. He is now retired from active business and resides with his family in Sparta. He has reared four daughters and four sons, all of whom are living: Luzanna is the wife of William Robertson, of Ozark; Harriett is the widow of James Bench (she has five children and is now making her home with our subject); Martha, wife of James Adams, who is the county clerk; Inez, at home; William H., who is married and a farmer; John H. resides at Ozark and is deputy county clerk; Thomas is in the machine shops of the Frisco Railroad at Springfield and James, the youngest, is still in school. Mr. and Mrs. Crain attend the Christian Church, of which the latter is a member. Mr. Crain is a member of the I. O. O. F. lodge at Sparta, is an old member and has held all the offices in the order. He is also a member of the G. A. R. post at Sparta. Aside from a good farm adjoining Sparta, Mr. Crain owns property in that town. He is a self-made man, for he started out for himself without a dollar in his pocket, educated himself and made a success of his life. He attended the district school three months each year for a number of years, and being studious and persevering became a well-informed man. He is well known to the people of this and other counties and during the time he was sheriff he had the Hart-Davis case to handle and took the first prisoner from this county to the penitentiary. He has always been interested in church and school work and helped organize this township when it had no free schools. He assisted in building five school houses. For six years Mr. Crain was a merchant of Sparta.

JOHN MAY. The grandfather of our subject, Caswell May, was a native of the Keystone State, but at an early date came to Tennessee, and was among the pioneers there. He descended from prominent Dutch stock, and became one of the representative men of Tennessee. His son, Adam May, father of subject, was born in Tennessee, and was married in that State to Miss

Elizabeth McGinnis. After his marriage he located on a farm in Washington County, and there he and wife passed the remainder of their days. The following children were born to them: Mary, Anna, Emaline, Elizabeth, Caswell, David, John (subject), Catherine, Jesse, Martin, Amanda and Adam. Of these, Caswell, John, Jesse, Emaline, Elizabeth and Adam came to Missouri, settling in the southwest part of the State. All married and all reared families. The original of this sketch was born in Washington County, Tenn., November 7, 1825, and was a young man when he came to this State. He resided one year in Greene County, and then came to Taney County, where he worked on a farm. During the Mexican War he enlisted in Rall's regiment at Springfield, and served about eighteen months, fighting Indians in the mountains for the most part. Returning from the war, he was married in 1848 to Miss Amanda Morgan, daughter of Washington Morgan, who lives on Beaver Creek above Kissee Mills, and who was an early pioneer of Taney County, locating in the county some time in the fifties. After his marriage Mr. May settled on a farm on Beaver Creek, and took up a homestead on which he resided for eight years. He then moved to the farm where he now lives, a tract consisting of 200 acres in Cedar Township, on White River, about seven miles from Forsyth, and here he has made his home since. At one time he owned a farm of 115 acres on White River, near Forsyth, and he now owns a farm of 160 acres in the south part of the county, on White River. He is one of the largest land owners in the county, and is a man of sound judgment, uprightness and integrity. During the Rebellion he enlisted in the Confederate Army, but served only for a short time. During that time he was with Gen. Price in his raid through Missouri. Mr. May lost nearly all his accumulations during the war, was wounded at his home by a guerrilla, and after cessation of hostilities was obliged to start from the beginning again. Farming and stockraising has been his principal occupation in life, and the thorough manner in which he has taken hold of all advanced ideas has had a great deal to do with his success in life. From the age of twenty-one he has advocated the principles of the Democratic party, and he is a public-spirited, enterprising citizen, who extends a helping hand to all laudable enterprises. He is a member of the Baptist Church. Mr. May's first wife was born in Kentucky in 1832, and died September 5, 1861. To this union were born nine children: Samuel M., married and residing in Lawrence County, Mo., died January 25, 1888; Elizabeth A., wife of James Coulter, died leaving one child; David H., married, resides on a farm in Taney County; Mary, wife of James Roat, resides near Kirbyville, Taney County; Frances E., wife of Charles Clayton, died leaving one child; Amanda C. died young; Martha E., deceased, was the wife of Greene Stallcup; William I., single, died in 1877, and one died in infancy. In 1870 Mr. May was married to Mrs. Fraker, widow of John F. Fraker, who lived in Dodge County, Ark., and who died during the war. One child was born to that union, John V., who is now deceased. Mrs. May was born in Knox County, Tenn., May 24, 1841, and is a daughter of George W. Hensley and Laura (Henson) Hensley, both natives of Tennessee, who came to Dallas County, Mo., in 1856. About 1868 Mr. and Mrs. Hensley moved to Taney County and settled on White River, above Forsyth, where he followed farming until his death about 1884. A year later the mother too passed away. They reared eight children to mature years: Susan E., Augustus C., who is living on a farm on White River; Charity, wife of S. Maddux; Marcus, residing in Taney County; Lucy A., deceased, was the wife of Jasper McMillen, of Taney County; William P., a farmer of this county; Sarah M., deceased, was the wife of William Howard, and Mary C., who is the wife of John Rollen. Mr. and Mrs. May have reared three children, as follows: Laura M., wife of William

Merideth, is the mother of three children—Martha F., Georgianna and John A.; George J., single, and John M. B. Mrs. May is also a member of the Baptist Church, and is a lady well liked by all. They have one of the pleasantest rural homes in the county, and are classed among the foremost citizens of the same.

JOHN D. FORBIS. Among the worthy residents of Lincoln Township, Christian County, Mo., it is but just to say that Mr. Forbis occupies a conspicuous and honorable place, for he has always been honest, industrious and enterprising, and as a result has met with more than ordinary success. He is a man well known in agricultural circles, and is recognized as a careful, energetic farmer and stockdealer, who by his advanced ideas and progressive habits has done much to improve the farming and stockraising interests of his section. He has a native pride in this township, for he was born here in 1848, and it is but natural that he should strive to see all its matters placed on a footing equal, if not superior, to the affairs of other counties in the State. His father, Joseph G. Forbis, was probably born in North Carolina about 1815, but when quite small immigrated with his parents to Kentucky. While but a youth he left his parents and went to the Prairie State, where he remained until about 1830, when he came to what is now Christian County, working as a farm hand there for some time. Later he married Miss Sarah Dixon, mother of our subject, and located in the woods near where the James Bridge is on James River, nine miles east of Billings and sixteen miles south of Springfield. Here he improved a good farm, but subsequently settled on another farm in the woods near by, on which he spent the remainder of his days, dying in 1882. He was a lifelong farmer and an honorable, upright and industrious citizen. This worthy man was one of the very first settlers of Christian County, and one of its most thrifty and progressive citizens. He settled in this county long before the Indians were removed. His first wife died in 1862 and his second union was with Mrs. Louisa Owens (*nee* Hinds), by whom he had six children. Our subject was second in order of birth of five children: Robert A., a prominent farmer of this township; subject; Samuel D., another farmer of this township; Elizabeth, deceased, was the wife of William Owens, and Martha A., who died young. Our subject has spent all his life in this neighborhood, and received but very little schooling. In July, 1864, when but seventeen years of age, he joined Company H, Seventy-second Missouri Volunteer Cavalry, for sixteen months and served until the close of the war. His principal service was on Gen. Price's raid, during which time he fought at Booneville, Jefferson City, Fort Scott, Kan., and Newtonia. He was discharged at Springfield in 1865. Mr. Forbis selected his wife in the person of Miss Sarah Lucy O'Bryant, a native of this county, and their nuptials were celebrated in 1873. Her parents, Jackson and Louisa O'Bryant, were very early settlers of what is now Christian County, and the former is now residing in Republic. Mrs. O'Bryant died a number of years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Forbis' union was blessed by the birth of eight children, as follows: Sarah, wife of H. F. Bledsoe; Robert J.; Mary, died when fifteen years of age; Martha; Cretia Beulah; and Joseph J., Noah and Martha died in infancy. The mother of these children died in August, 1889. For about twenty years Mr. Forbis has lived on his present farm of 335 acres, adjoining the farm on which he was born, and has it well improved and well cultivated. He devotes all of his attention to farming and stockdealing, and is engaged in buying and feeding. Mr. Forbis has made his property by his own exertions and is now a stockholder in the Bank of Billings. In politics he is a Democrat, but has never sought for office.

Z. A. JOHNSON. It is generally considered by those in the habit of superficial thinking that the history of so-called great men only is worthy of preservation, and that little merit exists among the masses to call forth the praise of the historian or the cheers and appreciation of mankind. A greater mistake was never made. No man is great in all things, and very few are great in many things. Many, by a lucky stroke, achieve lasting fame, who before that had no reputation beyond the limits of their neighborhood. It is not a history of the lucky stroke which benefits humanity most, but the long study and effort which made the lucky stroke possible. It is the preliminary work—the method—that serves as a guide for the success of others. Thus it appears that the lives of the masses out of which come the men who control the world, will furnish the grandest, truest lesson for the benefit of humanity. Among the successful and popular business men of Ozark, stands Z. A. Johnson, who is a member of the well-known grocery establishment of Wolff & Johnson. He was originally from the Hoosier State, born in Owen County February 16, 1851, and is a son of J. S. and Hannah (Dean) Johnson, natives of Indiana and Ohio, respectively. His grandparents on both sides came originally from Virginia, where they were among the prominent families of that grand old State. Until 1864 our subject remained in his native State, and then accompanied his father to Iowa, settling in Clark County, at Osceola where they remained until 1866. They moved to Kansas, and thence, in 1868, to Missouri, locating at Carthage, where they made their home until 1873, when the family settled at Ozark. Our subject was fairly educated in his native State, Iowa and Kansas, and in 1870 started out in business for himself. Possessed of much energy, perseverance and business acumen it would have been strange had he not made a success of whatever he undertook. For some time he was engaged on the railroad, and then followed mining in zinc and lead for about ten years. In the year 1885 he was elected on the Republican ticket sheriff of Christian County. His ability and fearlessness in the discharge of his duties gave satisfaction to all, regardless of politics, and he was reëlected to that position twice, serving from 1885 until 1890. He has ever affiliated with the Republican party, is well known all over the county, and was sheriff during the Bald Knob troubles. He has held a number of public offices in Ozark, being deputy sheriff and city marshal, and so well did he fill those positions that he was elected sheriff by a large majority. Fraternally Mr. Johnson is a member of Friend Lodge No. 352, A. F. & A. M., at Ozark. In choosing his wife, he selected Miss Maggie Boyd, a native of Wright County, Mo., and the daughter of Samuel Boyd, who was an early pioneer of Ozark. To this union three children were born, namely: Harry, Bernice and James. Mr. Johnson and family reside at Ozark, where they have a pleasant home, and the family attend the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Johnson is interested in the grocery business and the Ozark Furniture Company, and is also a stockholder and director in the Christian County Bank. He is a self-made man in every sense of that much-abused term, and his natural shrewdness, combined with industry and perseverance, brought him to the front as one of the most successful business men of the city. In the grocery business operated by himself and David Wolff, they handle staple and fancy groceries, and are doing an annual trade of about $20,000. The business is conducted on a sound and liberal basis, and the public places in it a full measure of confidence.

W. W. MOORE. He who is careful of small things, and who earns a reputation for honesty and reliability by observing the promises he has made, is already on the high road to a consummation of his hopes. Such an one is W. W. Moore, who is a prominent general merchant of Protem, Mo. He was born in Hardin County, Ky., in 1844, a son of Henry and Nancy (Litsey)

Moore, who were born in Kentucky, in which State the father spent his life in the occupation of farming, his death occurring in 1867. His father, George Moore, was a Virginian by birth, but he was brought up in Kentucky, and died before the subject of this sketch had any recollection of him. He was of Irish extraction and a farmer by occupation. The maternal grandparents, James Litsey and wife, died on Blue Grass soil. W. W. Moore is the eldest of six sons and six daughters born to his parents: Harrison and Mattie, Ann, Sarah, Mary and Hannah, deceased; Josie, James, John, Horace (who resides in Protem, Mo.), Harvey and W. W. The latter received the education and rearing of the average farmer's boy of his day, and at the age of twenty-one began farming for himself, continuing this for several years. He was married in 1866 to Susan, daughter of David and Lizzie Burnett, who came from east Kentucky to Hardin County, Mo., where Mr. Burnett was engaged in merchandising until his death. Mrs. Moore was born in Hardin County, and has borne Mr. Moore six interesting children. In 1880 Mr. Moore removed with his family to Protem, and followed farming and stockraising exclusively until 1884, when he embarked in the mercantile business, and is now one of the most prosperous business men of the county, a fact which is due to his own sound judgment, push and enterprise. He does an annual business of considerable magnitude and in addition to his mercantile operations he is engaged in handling cotton and is an extensive feeder and shipper of live stock. In 1890 he purchased the flouring mill at Protem, which he has recently converted into a roller mill, with four sets of double rollers, having a capacity of forty barrels per day. In this enterprise he is associated with a Mr. Wells, and these gentlemen have one of the most perfect mills in this section of the country, within a radius of fifty miles. It has already built up a good trade, both wholesale and retail, and the flour which is manufactured there is of a very fine grade, is carried by all the leading grocers of that section and is very popular with housewives. Mr. Moore came to Protem with only a few hundred dollars as his capital, but his native energy, push and intelligence have placed him on his present flourishing financial basis, and he is universally respected for the upright manner in which he has conducted all his operations. He is justly considered one of the most substantial business men of Taney County. He is a member of Cloffin Lodge No. 229, of the A. F. & A. M., at Protem.

ALEXANDER THOMPSON, farmer and stockraiser of Williamson Township, Stone County, Mo., and one of the representative men of the section in which he lives, is a native of Tennessee, born in Maury County March 25, 1833. His parents, Thomas and Lucinda (Dobyns) Thompson, were natives of Indiana and Kentucky, respectively, and their nuptials were celebrated in the latter State. From there they moved to Indiana, and thence to Tennessee, the father dying in Williamson County of the latter State when about forty-five years of age. He was a farmer, but was of a roving disposition, and never accumulated much property. He enlisted in the War of 1812, but did not enter the service. He was one of three or four children born to Elder Thomas Thompson, who was for many years a Primitive Baptist preacher, and also a farmer on a small scale. He died in the Hoosier State. The mother of our subject died in Williamson County, Tenn., in 1852. Twelve children were born to her marriage, six sons and six daughters, as follows: Hugh D., a soldier in the Mexican War, died in 1846; Elizabeth died in Dunklin County, Mo., and was the wife of Daniel Gardner; Joseph, a farmer, and a soldier in the Mexican War, died in St. Francois County, Mo.; Nancy, who also died in St. Francois County, Mo., was the wife of Samuel Gardner; Richard, of Christian County, was also a soldier in the Mexican War with Col., afterward Gen. Cheatham, of Tennessee; Jane, wife of Robinson Sparkman, died in St. Francois County,

Mo.; subject; William, of Billings, Mo.; Amanda, who died quite young; Lucinda, the wife of William Hargrove, died in Christian County, and two others died in infancy. Our subject was only about eight or nine years of age when his father died, and he remained with his mother until grown, assisting on the farm, and attending school only about four or five months, and that when nearly grown. He was married in Maury County, Tenn., in 1855, to Miss Sarah Rainey, a native of Maury County and the daughter of Chesley Rainey, who came to Greene County in 1856, and died there ten years later. He was a farmer. Mrs. Thompson died in 1868. To Mr. and Mrs. Thompson were born four children: Mary Ann, wife of John Wallace, of Greene County; Margaret, wife of Frank Gamble, of Stone County; George died when twenty-two years of age, leaving a wife and child, both now deceased; Artemisia, wife of Thomas Lane. In 1873 Mr. Lane married Rosetta Griffin, a native of La Porte County, Ind., and the daughter of Frank Griffin, who came from La Porte County, Ind., to Missouri and engaged in milling, first in Osage and then in Christian County. There he and wife received their final summons. The five children born to Mr. and Mrs. Thompson were named as follows: Volutia B., wife of Andrew Morris, of Stone County; Charley Baker, Birdie May, Walter P. S. and Claiborne. In 1855 Mr. Thompson came by wagon to Stoddard County, Mo., and after making one crop moved to Greene County, locating in the woods just above where the Wilson Creek battle was fought, and remained there until 1880, making a good farm. He then came to the neighborhood where he resides, and for eight years has lived on his present property, fourteen miles below Galena, where he has seventy acres, with about forty acres cleared. Farming has been his principal occupation through life. He served in the Home Guards during 1861, and on March 4, 1862, he joined Company D, Fourteenth Missouri Volunteer Cavalry, serving in same until the winter of 1863–64, when he was discharged on account of disability. He operated principally in Arkansas and Missouri, and was in a number of battles and numerous skirmishes. He was in the Marmaduke fight at Springfield, January 8, 1862, and there he received a severe wound in the left hip by grapeshot. He has never fully recovered from the effects of this, and receives a pension. After being discharged in Jefferson City he came home and was made lieutenant of the Home Guards, holding that position until the close of the war. While in the army he held the position of commissary sergeant. Previous to the war Mr. Thompson was a Democrat, but since then he has been strictly independent, voting for principle, not for party. He and Mrs. Thompson are members of the Christian Church, and his first wife was also a member of that church. He is one of the honest, industrious and hospitable men of the county.

SAMUEL G. MCCRACKEN. Among the active and energetic business men of Ozark is Samuel G. McCracken, grain dealer and grocery merchant. He has acquired an enviable reputation as a business man and citizen, and well deserves the large competency he has acquired by honest methods and strict business integrity. The McCracken family is of Scotch-Irish origin and the first members of this family to come to America settled in Tennessee, where they were esteemed as honorable and upright men and women. Thomas McCracken, grandfather of our subject, was born in Tennessee, as was also Nathaniel McCracken, the father of our subject, whose birth occurred in Williamson County in 1813. The latter married Miss Arissa Cates and our subject was one of the children born to this union. Samuel G. McCracken was born in Hickory County, Mo., March 30, 1851, and there remained until ten years of age, attending district school and assisting on the farm. The breaking out of the Civil War interrupted his studies at the above mentioned age, but he

remained in his native county until after the war, when he entered the high school at Bolivar. Two years later he entered Drury College, when it was first opened in 1871, and passed three years in that well-known institution of learning. After leaving college he was employed as shipping clerk by J. M. Doling, grain merchant, and remained with him two years. During his college days he married Miss Mary J. Rountree, a native of Tennessee, born November 25, 1855, and the daughter of George W. and M. J. (Reggs) Rountree. Mr. Rountree died in Tennessee during the war, and his widow, also a Tennesseean, is living in Springfield. She afterward married a Mr. Pate, a minister in the Christian Church at Springfield. By her first union she became the mother of two children: Mrs. McCracken and A. J., and to the second marriage were born two children: Robert L., who is employed in the manufacture of tobacco, and Corda J., who married A. Davidson, of Springfield. After clerking two years for Mr. Doling our subject became a partner in the grain and mercantile business with this gentleman and in 1880 built the first grain and store building in that place. They continued in business there until 1882 and then moved to Sparta, Christian County, where they built an elevator and for some time were engaged in buying lumber, building houses, handling live stock, carrying on a store and buying and shipping cord-wood. Mr. McCracken remained in Sparta until 1878 and then moved to Springfield, where he purchased property. Since that time he has made his home there and at Ozark. He came to Ozark and purchased an interest in the Schmook Milling Company and he is now secretary of that company. He is also engaged in buying grain and is making a success of all his enterprises. Mr. McCracken is a gentleman in the prime of life and one who commands the respect of all by his upright principle and courteous bearing. He is a Mason, a member of United Lodge No. 5 at Springfield, and he and wife are members of the Christian Church. They have no children of their own, but have reared two boys (Robert A. and Samuel L.), who were orphan children of Albert McCracken. These children are enterprising young men and both are in the employ of S. H. Horin in the ice factory at Springfield. In politics Mr. McCracken is a Republican and is deeply interested in political matters as well as in all public enterprises. He is a pushing, enterprising man, the kind that build cities, make railroads, etc., and no one is more highly esteemed. He is now interested in the milling, grain and wood and lumber business and to some extent is operating in real estate, buying and selling on his own account. A large amount of land in Christian County belongs to him and in the buying of grain he does an annual business of about $50,000 a year. The McCracken family is one of the oldest in the Ozark Region. Our subject's parents are still living in Hickory County and have been married for fifty-five years. They reside on the old place where they first settled in 1833.

B. B. Melton. Since the year 1851 Mr. Melton has been a resident of Christian County, and he is one of the best-known and much esteemed citizens of this section. It is a pleasure to chronicle the history of a man whose life has been one of honor and usefulness and although he is now in his seventy-fifth year, time has dealt leniently with him, and he is in the enjoyment of comparatively good health. Like many other citizens of the county, he is a native of Tennessee, born in Cannon County, August 12, 1820, to the marriage of Jacob and Lucy (Matthews) Melton. The parents came to this county in 1851, located in Elk Valley, southwest of Ozark, and there passed the remainder of their days, the mother dying in 1865 and the father in October, 1871. Shortly after this worthy couple's marriage, which occurred in Alabama, they moved to Tennessee, and from there to this State. Both were natives of North Carolina, and they were among the pioneers of the Big Bend State. Grandfather

Matthews was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. The father of our subject followed farming all his life and was fairly successful in that occupation. To his marriage were born eleven children: Mary, James M., Nancy A., B. B. (our subject), Elizabeth, Eliza J., Angeline, Ansel, Thomas, Elsie and Tilitia. Five of these children are now living and four are in this county. Thomas and Ansel were in the Union Army during the Rebellion. Our subject was about twelve years of age when his parents moved to Tennessee, and he there finished his growth and married Miss M. C. Elkins, daughter of Thomas Elkins. To our subject and wife have been born eleven children, nine of whom are living: John M., Anna C., Alonzo D., Alexander, Eliza, Lucy, James B., Billard, one name unlearned, and two, Martha and Almeda who died young. While residing in Cannon County, Tenn., Mr. Melton was elected treasurer of the county and although formerly a Democrat in politics he is now with the People's party. He has a good farm of 160 acres and is succeeding fairly well as an agriculturist. He has ever been interested in all public matters, extends a liberal hand to all worthy movements, and is one of the county's best citizens. He and his estimable wife have reared a large family and all are married except the youngest son. A number of children are residing in southwest Missouri, two sons, railroad men, are in Springfield, another son is in the State of Washington, and the remainder are in this county, and are well-to-do men and women. Mr. Melton and family are with the Christian Church. He is a good farmer and a prominent man.

THOMAS R. APPLEBY, M. D. In tracing the genealogy of the Appleby family in America, we find that three brothers of that name left the Green Isle of Erin and came to America about the time of the Revolutionary War. James Appleby, grandfather of our subject, was a son of one of these brothers. He was a native of Tennessee, whither his father had moved from Pennsylvania in 1832, and was a soldier in the War of 1812. About 1832 Grandfather Appleby moved to Springfield, Mo., where he was among the first settlers, but later located in Polk County, that State, where he and his worthy wife passed the remainder of their days. His son, Andrew M., father of the subject, was born in Tennessee, and was only eight years of age when the family moved by wagon to Missouri. His birth occurred in Lincoln County, where some members of this family reside at the present time. Andrew grew to mature years in Polk County, and attended school but three months in early life. He married Miss Lititia Sumners, a native of Tennessee, born in 1827, and afterward began to gain an education, attending a common school for some time. He settled in Greene County, near Ash Grove, and there reared his family. His occupation in life was farming and stockraising, but he also followed blacksmithing to some extent, having learned that trade in youth. Previous to the war he was a Whig in politics, but afterward a stanch Democrat. He became one of the substantial men of his section, and by his upright, honorable career, won many friends. He wished very much to be a soldier in the Mexican War, but his father put a stop to it. The mother of our subject is still living in Greene County, on the old home place where her father, William D. Sumners, located as early as 1832, when he came with his family from Tennessee, and where Grandfather Sumners passed his last days. To Mr. and Mrs. Appleby were born nine children, only four of whom are living at the present time: Dr. Thomas R., our subject, is the oldest; J. W. B., is residing in Menonville, and is cashier of the Bank of Menonville; Alonzo S. resides near Ash Grove, Greene County, on the old home; and Andrew B., who resides in Calhoun, Henry County, Mo., and is a minister in the Methodist Episcopal Church. The original of this notice was born in Polk County, Mo., April 24, 1849, principally reared in Ash Grove and in addition to the district school he attended

the high school of Springfield. In 1868 he took up the study of medicine and graduated at St. Louis. In 1873 he began practicing his profession at Walnut Grove, Greene County, and remained there until 1875, after which he located in Barton County. From there he came to this county in 1879 and is the oldest practicing physician in the county. He has been unusually successful as a practitioner of the healing art, is well up to the times in medical lore, and has the ability to apply his knowledge at the proper time and in the proper place. He has a large and paying practice. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. at Ash Grove, and a charter member of the A. O. U. W. lodge at that place. The Doctor is a Democrat, and has ever been interested in political matters; is a member of the County Medical Association, and is well read and posted on all medical subjects. He married, in Dade County, Mo., Miss Elizabeth A. Travs, a native of Scott County, Va., born May 15, 1853, and the daughter of Edward Travs, who came from the Old Dominion to Dade County at an early date, and he finally settled in this county in 1853. Mrs. Appleby is a lady of culture and refinement, and is of a good old family. The Doctor and wife have reared two children: Katie, who is the wife of O. E. Kinloch, of Billings, a railroad man (they have one child, Wayne); Dr. Appleby's second child, Lena, is now eleven years of age, and is attending school. Dr. and Mrs. Appleby lost three children in infancy. He and wife attend the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which she is a member, and both are highly esteemed in the community.

JOHN MOSELEY, who since 1840 has been a resident of this county, is a man highly esteemed by all and one whose career has been upright and honorable in every particular. He was born in Shelby County, Ill., March 14, 1825, and is a son of Len S. and Elizabeth (Whitten) Moseley. The elder Moseley was a native of the blue grass regions of Kentucky, where his parents, John and Priscilla Moseley, were among the pioneers. They came originally from South Carolina. At an early date Grandfather Moseley moved to Missouri and first settled on White River. Later he settled on Beaver Creek, where his death occurred many years ago. He reared a large family, but the father of our subject was the only one to come to Taney County and make a home. He crossed the boundary lines of this county in 1840 and took up his home on Beaver Creek, where he passed the remainder of his life. He was a soldier in the Black Hawk War. Although a native of Kentucky, he spent many years on a farm in Shelby County, Ill., and tilled the soil all his life. In politics he was a Democrat, and was well and favorably known all over the county. He was married in his native State, and a family of five children were born to this union who reached maturity, as follows: John, our subject; Easton, who resides in Taney County; Henry, who died before the war; Len., a soldier who died in the Confederate Army; and Ann, who resides in the Lone Star State. Several children died young. The father delighted in hunting and in the pioneer days of Missouri could gratify this taste without much trouble, for the woods abounded in game, and he killed many deer, bears, wolves, etc. Mrs. Mosely died in Taney County a number of years ago. The original of this notice was a sturdy lad of sixteen when he came with his parents to Taney County, in the common schools of which he secured a fair education. In 1849 he began farming on Beaver Creek, and this has continued to be his chosen occupation in life. In connection with farming he was also in the saw mill, grist mill and cotton gin business, and has succeeded unusually well in all his undertakings, being now the owner of 300 acres of excellent land. Like his ancestors he is a Democrat in politics and has held a number of important positions in the county. In 1856 he was elected to the office of county judge, held that position four years, and in 1880 was elected to the

office of sheriff and collector, being reëlected to that position two years later. His official career was marked by great fidelity, uprightness and efficiency, and although he started in life with limited means, he is now one of the wealthy citizens of that county, and, what is better, is universally respected. He chose his wife in the person of Miss Parnecie E. Wommack, daughter of Joseph and Margaret (Morris) Wommack, who were among the old pioneers of Greene County, near old Delaware Town. Mr. and Mrs. Wommack came from Kentucky to this State, and here the mother died during the war. The father died just across the line in Arkansas after the war. Five children were born to them, as follows: William G., Parnecie E. (Mrs. Moseley), Joseph, Benjamin and John N. Mrs. Moseley and John N. are the only ones now living. To our sebject and wife have been born twelve children: Joseph L.; Margaret, deceased; Benjamin H., in Texas; Parnecie E., wife of George Roach, of Texas; John, who is in the Nation; James T., residing in Taney County; Lucy, wife of James Griggs, of this county; Jefferson C., also of this county; William E.; Mossman; and two who died unnamed. The children now living are all married and nearly all have families. Mr. and Mrs. Moseley have great-grandchildren in this county. Mrs. Moseley is a member of the Baptist Church. Since 1840 Mr. Moseley has resided in the neighborhood where he now lives, and he delighted as much in hunting as his father. His wife made the clothing for a large family of children, and in spinning and weaving used the old-fashioned hand cards. They experienced many hardships in those pioneer days, but as a result they can now pass their declining years in peace and plenty, and with the consciousness that they have contributed their full share toward the county's development and progress. Mr. Moseley was a heavy loser during the war. His house was burned and he and family were obliged to go to Christian County. Nothing was left him but his land, and his father, who owned a large farm and a number of slaves, lost everything. Mr. Moseley can well remember the trip they made by wagon from Illinois to Taney County, and the delight he took in hunting on the way. Taney County presented such a fine appearance from the river that they decided to locate there. At that time Springfield was but a small place.

William A. Maples. Mr. Maples, though just in the prime of life, has made his way to the front ranks among the energetic farmers of this county, and owing to the attention he has always paid to each minor detail, he has accumulated a fair share of this world's goods. He is a native of Tennessee, born in Bradley County in 1842, and is a son of Thomas and Rhoda (Maples) Maples, natives of East Tennessee, where they made their home until about 1855. This worthy couple then made their way to Christian County, Mo., and located on a claim on Terrell Creek. On this they remained for many years, improving and adding to the place, but a few years ago Mr. Maples moved to near Highlandville, where he now resides. Although eighty years of age, time has dealt leniently with him and he is unusually bright and active for his years. For some time Mr. Maples was a teacher, but in connection also carried on farming and continued that until recently. Now he is retired. For a number of years he was justice of the peace of Polk Township. During the early part of the war he was in the Home Guards, and although once captured, he was soon released. For many years he has been an exemplary member of the Missionary Baptist Church. His brothers and sisters were: Ephraim, Absalom, Pleasant, Noah, Perry, Hannah and Polly Ann. The sons all came to Christian County. Their father, Josiah Maples, came to Christian County, where he and wife died before the war. He was a farmer and he and wife were members of the Methodist Church. Our subject's maternal grandfather, Ephraim Maples, was a brother of Josiah Maples, and he too came to

Christian County, Mo. He also followed farming and his death occurred soon after the war. He was the father of a large family. The mother of our subject died in Christian County in 1860, and the father subsequently married Miss Fannie Caventer, by whom he has two children, James and Curtis, both farmers and residents of Christian County. The following children were born to our subject's parents: Catherine, wife of Oliver Gardner, of Stone County; Eliza J., was the wife of James Wells and died during the war; Mary, wife of M. Johnson, of Stone County; subject; Leander; Adeline, wife of Jeff. White, of Stone County. The educational advantages of our subject were limited but early in life he became familiar with every detail of farm life. In 1861 he joined the Home Guards for three months and then enlisted in Company D, Twenty-fourth Missouri Infantry for three years, participating in many of the leading engagements of the war, viz: Nashville, Mobile, Franklin, Pleasant Hill and many others. At the expiration of three years he joined Company K, Twenty-first Missouri Infantry, and served three months, being discharged at Montgomery, Ala., in May, 1865. He came by steamer to St. Louis and then by railroad to Rolla, Mo., after which he made the rest of the way on foot. He resumed the implements of husbandry and in 1865 was married to Miss Martha Maples, daughter of Simeon Perry and Elizabeth Maples (see sketch of Simeon P. Maples). Ten children have been the fruits of our subject's union, as follows: Dillworth, Elizabeth, Eli, Marion, Columbus, Jerome, Rebecca and Mary. The two eldest, Edward and an infant, died in youth. For five years after his marriage Mr. Maples lived in Stone County, but since then he has been on his present farm of 210 acres, 125 acres under cultivation, ten miles southeast of Billings. All this is the result of his own industry and good management. He is a member of the G. A. R. at Republic, and he and wife hold membership in the Missionary Baptist Church. The Maples family is one of the best known in the county. Fifty members of this family are voters, all of whom vote the Republican ticket, and not one but what is respected and esteemed as an honest, upright citizen.

David J. Smith, general merchant and farmer of Walnut Shade, Taney County, Mo., is emphatically a business man, the leading points of his character being energy, quick conception and an excellent judgment of men and their motives. No man in the county occupies a higher position for energy, enterprise, public spirit, integrity and business rectitude than he. This worthy gentleman first saw the light in Madison County, Ill., in 1838, and is a son of Jason and Elizabeth (Forbis) Smith, natives of McMinn County, Tenn., the father born in 1799, and the mother in 1803. The father never attended school but one day in his life, but by his own efforts obtained a fair education. He was married in his native State, and at an early date removed to Madison County, Ill., where he made his home until 1872. He then came to Taney County, where he and wife died in 1880, she in March and he in June, after a happy married life of over half a century. In every walk of life Mr. Smith was honest and straightforward, and although not a professor of religion, he was foremost in all good work and assisted in organizing the first Sunday-school at Walnut shade. He was a blacksmith by trade, but also followed farming through life. At the time of his death he was postmaster at Walnut Shade. He was the only son born to his parents, but had two or three sisters. His father, who was of Welsh descent, probably spent his entire life in Tennessee, engaged in tilling the soil. The maternal grandfather, David Forbis, was also a farmer and spent all his days in Tennessee. The five children born to our subject's parents were named as follows: Marion, of Denver, Colo.; Elbert, a farmer, died in Madison County, Ill.; David J., subject; a daughter died when two years of age; and Cynthia E., the wife of Isaac Buckman, died

in Council Bluffs, Iowa. The early scholastic training of our subject was received in the common schools of Madison County, Ill., and he remained with his parents, assisting on the farm and in the shop, until the decease of both. In 1862 he went to Colorado, but came back to Madison County shortly afterward, and in 1863 again returned to Colorado, where he remained until after the war, engaged in mining. Returning to Illinois he remained under the parental roof until 1872, when he came to Taney County and has followed merchandising and farming ever since. He is now the owner of 270 acres on Bull Creek at the mouth of Bear, and is classed among the foremost farmers of that section. In 1881 he married Miss Mary E. St. Clair, daughter of James and Emiline St. Clair, who came from Tennessee to Taney County at an early day. There Mr. St. Clair, who was a farmer by occupation, died about ten years ago, or in 1884. He was a Federal soldier. Mrs. St. Clair is still living. To our subject and wife have been born five children. Mr. Smith was postmaster at Walnut Shade for a number of years. He is a member of Highlandville Lodge, I. O. O. F., No. 321, and has filled all the chairs. He has always been a Democrat in politics and voted for Douglas in 1860. He is not an office seeker or politician, but is an earnest supporter of his party.

JOHN S. MAY. The energy and perseverance of a man's character have nowhere a better field for manifestation than in agricultural pursuits and stock-raising, and from small beginnings often become wealthy and influential citizens. The original of this notice is a native of Missouri, born in Taney County in 1843, and is a son of John D. and Elizabeth (Sittsworth) May, natives respectively of Tennessee and Arkansas. When a boy John D. May went to Arkansas, where he married and soon after removed to Taney County, Mo., locating in the woods on Bear Creek, where he improved a good farm. In December, 1861, he joined Company I, Twenty-sixth Missouri Infantry, enlisting at Jefferson City, and died at St. Louis in the winter of 1861-62. He held the office of constable at one time and was a thoroughgoing, wide-awake farmer all his life. In political matters he affiliated with the Democratic party. Honorable and upright in every walk of life, he was highly esteemed in the community where he made his home. His father, John May, was a Tennesseean by birth and bringing up, but at an early day came to Taney County, being among the first settlers of that county. The Indians were there in great numbers and Mr. May became a great hunter, killing many bears, wolves, deer, etc. He was also quite a bee hunter and gathered many barrels of wild honey. He was a soldier in the Mexican War and died when our subject was but a boy. The children born to his marriage were named as follows: Silas, died in Barry County in 1893; Calvin B., died in Stone County; John D.; William H., of Stone County; G. W. G., died in Taney County in 1893; Elvira, wife of James Clenenger, died in Taney County and Lucinda, wife of Peter Berry, died in Barry County. The father of these children was of Irish descent and the mother died in Taney County. The maternal grandfather, David Sittsworth, was quite an early settler of western Arkansas, where he died many years ago. To the parents of our subject were born the following children: Martha J., died in Taney County; Ellen, deceased, was the wife of Benjamin Myers, of Taney County; Nancy, wife of Jasper Weatherman, died in Taney County; Lucinda, wife of R. J. Barnett, of Stone County; subject; Calvin G., of Galena, and George B., of Stone County. The mother of these children died in Stone County in 1891. John S. May was reared on his father's farm and received but a limited education in the common school of Taney County, the principal part of his education being obtained after he was grown, and by his own efforts. When nineteen years of age he started out to fight life's battles for himself and in July,

1862, he enlisted in Company D, Sixteenth Missouri Cavalry, and was mustered in at Nashville. He operated in Missouri, Kansas and Arkansas, was in the fight at Booneville and many skirmishes, and in the Price raid of forty-five days without change of clothing. Although in many battles and skirmishes, he was never captured or wounded, never missed roll-call on account of sickness and was always ready for duty. He held the rank of corporal and was mustered out on June 30, 1865, after nearly three years of hard service for his country. Returning to farm life, he has followed this successfully ever since. In March, 1873, he married Miss Isabenne Isabella Stocksdale, a native of Taney County, Mo., and the daughter of Austin and Sarah Stocksdale, who emigrated from Illinois to Taney County, Mo., at an early day. The father was a farmer and there both received their final summons. To Mr. and Mrs. May have been born four children: Josephine, Effie, Frederick and Charley. Mr. May lived on the old home farm in Taney County until 1875 and then came to Stone County, where he rented land for two years. He then purchased his present farm across the river from Galena, where he now has 220 acres of fine land. At that time there were only twenty acres cleared and on it was a small log cabin. Now nearly all is under cultivation, the buildings are in first-class condition and everything is kept in systematic order. In connection with farming Mr. May is also engaged in stockraising, and is one of the foremost men of the county. For four years he served as deputy sheriff under T. L. Viles and in 1886 he was elected sheriff and tax collector, and reëlected in 1888, serving four years with credit and honor. Socially he is a Mason, a member of Galena Lodge No. 515, of which he is worshipful master, and a member of Galena Post No. 223, serving as O. D. Politically he has always been Republican and his first presidential vote was cast for A. Lincoln in 1864.

James F. Adams. James F. Adams, clerk of Christian County, Mo., and a young man of much intelligence, force of character and determination, was born near Sparta, this county, April 21, 1861. He is the youngest child born to Leroy and Mary A. (Cummins) Adams (pioneer settlers of this region), the family coming from middle Tennessee to this county as early as 1833. Of the nine children born to Mr. and Mrs. Adams only three are now living: John N., who resides on the old homestead; Thomas D., also on the old homestead, and our subject. It was a good thing for the latter, as it is for thousands of our best citizens at present, to have been reared on a farm in the country, away from the contaminating influences of the city. It thus came to pass that he attended the district school until nineteen years of age and then went to Ava, where he was in school for some time. Later he entered the Academy at Henderson, Webster County, and there remained until twenty years of age, when he entered upon his career as a teacher in the home school. This he followed until 1886, when he was elected county clerk by the Republican party with a good majority. He has always identified himself with the Republican party and has been active in all public matters. He is a well-posted young man and fills the position he now holds with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of his friends. He is purely a self-made, self-educated man, and all that he has accumulated in the way of this world's goods is the result of his own honest work. His nomination to the office he now holds was rather unexpected to him, but he was successful in winning the nomination over one of the most popular men of Christian County, and has held that position up to the present time. Fraternally he is a member of the Odd Fellow lodge, at Sparta, No. 244, and was secretary of that lodge for a number of years. He is also a Mason, Friend Lodge No. 352 at Ozark. Mr. Adams took up his residence in Ozark in January, 1887, and has made that

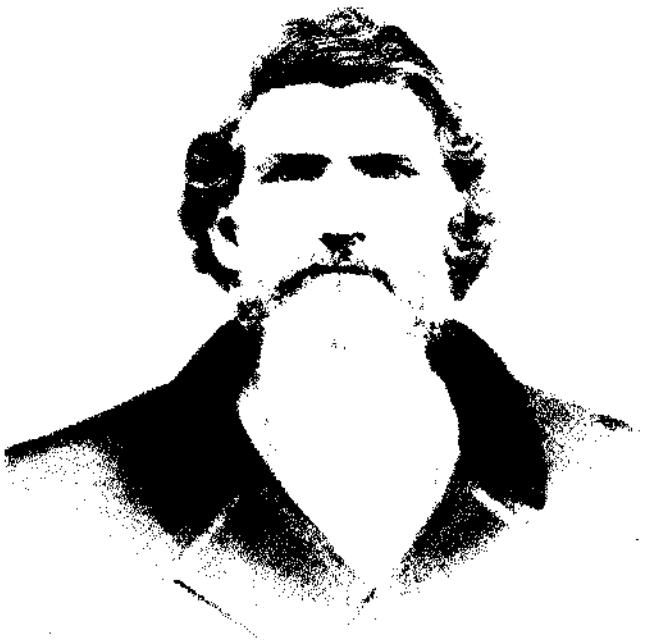
city his home. He selected his wife in the person of Miss Mattie A. Crain, a native of Christian County and the daughter of A. C. Crain, of Sparta. Two children have blessed this union: Clell and Arlie W. The family attend the Christian Church of which Mrs. Adams is a member. In a business way Mr. Adams was quite successful, for at one time he engaged in merchandising on the old home place. He is well known in educational circles, has been an active worker for the good of his section and is ever ready to assist in the advancement of the best interests of his State and country. He is a director and stockholder in the Christian County Bank. For one year Mr. Adams was city collector and he was also elected by the First Ward to a seat in the council chamber of the city government. He is a lover of all kinds of sports, and assisted in organizing the Ozark Baseball Club which became famous in southwest Missouri.

LEROY ADAMS. This gentleman is regarded as one of the most enterprising pioneers of his district, and it is a pleasure to chronicle here the events that mark his life as one of usefulness. Material wealth must not exclude the riches of character and ability in recouting the virtues which have been brought to this country by its citizens, and among its most precious treasures must be estimated the lives of those citizens who have by their intelligence and their eminence in the higher walks of life assisted in raising the standard of life and thought in the communities in which they have settled. Mr. Adams was born in Wilson County, middle Tenn., about 1812 or 1814 to the union of William and Ovidia Adams, and is a branch of the old Adams family. He was left fatherless when quite young, and of a family of seven children, he is the only one now living. In 1833, when a lad of about seventeen years, he took the advice of his father, who had told him before dying to go to a new country and get a home, and he, his mother and two younger sisters made their way to what is now Polk County, then Greene County, Mo., and settling on a tract of land, remained there until 1838 or 1839. At that date they moved to a farm near Ozark, and this was a wilderness of woods inhabited by the red man and hosts of wild animals. This was before the Government had bought the land. On this farm Mr. Adams resided until 1849, and then bought the farm where he is now living and entered land. He was quite a hunter in his day and killed deer, bears and other wild animals, but at the same time the work of clearing and improving his farm went on, and by his own untiring efforts and that of his excellent wife it became a valuable piece of property. He was married to Mary Ann Cummings and reared a family of six children: John N., who is on the old home place; Leonard L. died in 1873; Thomas D., also living at home; James F., county clerk; Roxanna, deceased, was the wife of James Farmer, and Josephine, who was the wife A. Farmer. The mother of these children was a native of Warren County, Tenn., and came to this county with her father, Benjamin Cummings. She was an excellent woman and a true helpmate to her husband in pioneer days. Her death occurred in May, 1891, on the farm where she had spent many years of her life. The family attend the Baptist Church. Mr. Adams was formerly a Whig, but later he espoused the principles of the Republican party and has remained with it ever since. Aside from his farming industry he has been engaged in other occupations, and for some time he ran a store in Ozark during the war in partnership with Messrs. Robertson and Yoakum. He was also engaged in business at Linden and Sparta, being in partnership with ex-Sheriff Crain in the latter place. He is one of the highly esteemed citizens of the county and a man who has ever taken a deep interest in all worthy movements. He has ten grandchildren.

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the oldest and largest of its kind in Christian County. It was established by J. W. Sanders, in 1879, who came to Billings from Carbondale, Ill., in 1875, when a boy, and here grew to mature years, married, and his family is living here at the present time. His death occurred in January, 1890. When he first settled in this town, he learned telegraphy at Logan, five miles from Billings, and took the Billings office on the Frisco Railroad in 1877. In 1880 he became railroad agent at Billings, but later engaged in general merchandising and buying produce. In 1880 he started a lumber yard, and in 1883 took in as partner M. T. Russell, with whom he continued in business until 1887, when the latter sold out and moved to Alabama. Mr. Sanders then continued the business alone until his death. For the first few years he carried on his business and was also agent for the Frisco Railroad, but in 1882 he found that his own business had grown to such an extent that it would require his entire time, and so resigned his position on the railroad. Mr. Sanders was born September 28, 1857, at Carbondale, Ill., son of Henry Sanders, and when he came to Billings he was only about sixteen years of age. He was a man of excellent business acumen, and was prominent and active in all worthy matters. In politics he was an ardent supporter of Democratic principles. He was married at Billings to Miss Elizabeth Tipper, daughter of William Tipper, a resident of that town. After the death of Mr. Sanders, or in 1890, the company was incorporated under the Missouri laws, with a capital stock of $12,000, while Mrs. Sanders retained the controlling interest. She is now president and J. B. Berghaus is general manager. The business is composed of seven distinct branches, and each is represented by a fine line of goods belonging to them. The stock carried is valued at about $20,000, and nine hands are employed. The building is owned by the Sanders Estate and the annex is the property of the company. An excellent business is carried on, ranging from $75,000 upward. This company owns its own elevator and buys and ships grain of all kinds, doing a large business in that line. Produce is bought and shipped, and a large trade is carried on in that department. From small beginning this concern has grown to be one of the most flourishing enterprises in the State, all owing to energy and good business management. Mr. J. B. Berghaus, the general manager and business man of the concern, is a native of Cincinnati, Ohio, born February 2, 1853. He received his early education in that city. In 1883 he came to Billings and entered the store of Sanders & Russell, becoming connected with the business in 1890, when it was incorporated. In political matters he is with the Democratic party, and he is active in all public matters. He has a pleasant and cheerful home on Elm Street in Billings, and is a prominent young man.

L. A. SAFFER. The vocation of the pharmacist is unquestionably a highly important one in any and every community, for upon his care and skill, almost as much as upon that displayed by the medical profession, oftentimes depends the physical welfare — nay, the life or death of the sick or suffering. Among the favorably known druggists of Harrison, Ark., may be mentioned the name of L. A. Saffer, who has an attractive and well-appointed store. He was born in Canton, Ill., April 5, 1854, the elder of two children born to John M. and Martha M. (Barnes) Saffer, the former of whom was born in the Hoosier State and became an early settler of Illinois, to which State he removed with his father, William Saffer, and was there reared to a knowledge of farming, an occupation which he pursued of his own accord in later years. When the Civil War came up John M. Saffer at once enlisted in the Eighty-fifth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and was one of the first to go forth to battle for his country, and was killed in the engagement at Kenesaw Mountain while with Sherman on his March to the Sea. He was a private, and was in a number of important

engagements before the one in which he met his death. He was buried on the battlefield. The mother of the subject of this sketch was born in Indiana, a daughter of William Barnes, by whom she was taken at an early day to Fulton County, Ill. She was married in 1864 to John Hihath, who came to northwest Arkansas in the spring of 1872, and resided in this and Carroll Counties until his death in 1893. The mother is still living on a farm in the northern part of the county, and is in the enjoyment of good health. Her first union resulted in the birth of L. A. and William E. Saffer, the latter being a farmer in the northern part of this county, and a man of family, and to her second union five children were born: Anna; John N., who makes his home with his mother; Mary, Albert and Sarah J. The common schools of his native county afforded L. A. Saffer a good practical education, but during the seven years that he resided in Kansas, after leaving his native State, he attended school there, and after taking up his residence in Carroll County, Ark., he attended the high school of Carrollton for some time. Upon leaving school he was engaged in teaching for two or three years, and became well known as an excellent educator and disciplinarian, but during this time he also tilled the soil and raised stock, in both of which occupations he met with excellent success. After a time he located in the immediate vicinity of Dry Fork, Ark., where he made his home until 1890, since which time he has been a successful druggist of Harrison, a calling for which he had odd moments fitted himself, being registered as a first-class pharmacist in 1891. He moved to his present place of business in 1893, and has the best appointed and most complete stock of drugs in Boone County, or in this part of the State. His business is very large, amounting to between $6,000 and $8,000 annually, and he also does a profitable jobbing business. He is a member of the Blue Lodge No. 314, Chapter No. 85, Commandery No. 10, of the A. F. & A. M., and in each of these lodges has held different offices, being an enthusiastic member of the order. He also belongs to Lodge No. 81, of the I. O. O. F. He held the office of justice of the peace in Carroll County, has always been a Democrat in politics, is interested in all public matters, and is extremely well posted on the popular questions of the day. He paved his own way to a start in life, is now in good circumstances financially, and may be classed as a strictly self-made man. He was married in 1878 to Mrs. Nancy J. Hammons, widow of William Hammons, of Carroll County, where she was born in 1857, a daughter of John and Margaret Walker, who were early residents of that county, but now live in Boone County. Mr. and Mrs. Saffer are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and are among the highly honored citizens of Harrison.

D. P. Redwine, M. D. Few, perhaps none save those who have trod the arduous paths of the profession, can picture to themselves the array of attributes, mental, physical and moral, and the host of minor qualities essential to the making up of a good physician. His constitution must be of the hardiest to withstand the constant shock of wind and weather, the wearing loss of sleep and rest, and contact with disease of all kinds. The above are but a few necessary remarks introducing Dr. D. P. Redwine, who is a native of Searcy County, Ark., where he was born January 18, 1855, a son of William P. and P. M. (Hotchett) Redwine, the former of whom came to this county from his native State of Georgia. The Doctor passed his boyhood days on the farm on which his father settled after coming to this section, and obtained a good practical education in the public schools of Marshall and Boone Counties, Ark. He took up the study of medicine in 1881, and after a thorough preparation took a course of lectures, and in 1882–83 pursued his investigations in the University of Kansas City. After leaving this institution he successfully practiced his profession for some time, but in 1890 entered the Kentucky School of

Medicine at Louisville, where he took a course of lectures and thoroughly fitted himself for the successful practice of the healing art. In this noble calling he has had an experience of twelve years, and during this time he has clearly demonstrated that he is the master of his calling. He is cheerful and encouraging in the sick room, and his manner is such as to at once inspire confidence in his patients, which, in his estimation, is half the battle. His practice covers a large territory, and is among the elite of the section, although he never hesitates to call on those whose means are limited, and from whom he never expects to receive a penny. The Doctor has taken a special course in surgery, and for this branch of the profession he seems to have a natural aptitude and taste, being especially skillful in the management of such cases as have come under his notice. Since 1886 he has been the proprietor of a mercantile establishment in Leslie, the only one in the place, his stock being valued at $2,000, his annual sales amounting to from $10,000 to $25,000. He has always been a pronounced Democrat in politics. He was united in marriage with Miss Ellen M. Freeman, a daughter of J. T. Freeman, of Ohio, who with his wife resides in this county. Mrs. Redwine is also a native of the Buckeye State, and she and the Doctor are the parents of three children: May, Maud, and an infant as yet unnamed.

DR. CALVIN J. FLOYD. He whose name heads this sketch has built up a large practice by steady devotion to duty and the constant exercise of energy and judgment, and, though he belongs to the younger class of physicians, he has already made an excellent reputation for himself in this most honorable, if laborious, line of human endeavor. The Doctor was born in Independence County, Ark., December 15, 1859, a son of E. N. and Martha (Russell) Floyd, the former of whom was born in Jackson County, Ala., and is now living on a farm on Crooked Creek in Boone County, whither he came at about the close of the war, having become a resident of Independence County in 1858. He espoused the Confederate cause during the Civil War and was appointed captain of Company G, in an Arkansas Infantry regiment, with which he did gallant service during that great struggle. He has now reached the age of sixty-three years, is hale and vigorous, and in politics has always been a Democrat, as are also his sons. He and wife are the parents of five children: Isaac S., who is a farmer and a man of a family; Paulina T. is the deceased wife of Blake Smith, her death occurring in Boone County in 1871; Elizabeth is the wife of D. A. Eoff, sheriff of this county; Dr. Calvin J.; and Ella P., who is the wife of Frank Eoff, a farmer of this county. Mrs. Floyd was married prior to her marriage with Mr. Floyd, and by her first husband became the mother of two children: Mark and Andrew. Dr. Floyd passed his early life in this county and received a good education in Valley Springs Academy. He took up the study of medicine in 1883 under Dr. A. J. Vance, of Harrison, and in 1884-86 took a course of lectures in the medical department of the Vanderbilt University of Nashville, Tenn., graduating in the class of 1886. He at once located at Bellefonte, Ark., and has since devoted the most of his attention to the practice of his profession, although he has given considerable attention to farming and stockraising interests. He is the owner of a large farm of 500 acres, of which 225 are under cultivation, and he has bought and sold a considerable amount of stock, each year handling as high as 400 head of cattle. The Doctor was a school teacher from the time he was seventeen years up to the age of twenty-three, and was then for about two years engaged in the mercantile business at Greenbrier, Ark., in which calling he was quite successful. The Doctor has shown a marked ability and taste for surgery, has performed several difficult operations very skillfully and successfully; in fact, in all branches of his profession he has shown decided aptitude.

He has been on the Board of Examining Physicians for the past four years, and is a member of the Boone County Medical Society, in which he has held the office of president. He is one of the leaders of the Democrat party in his county, has been a member of State conventions, and is active in all public work. He was married in this county to Miss Frances Stevens, daughter of Dr. B. M. Stevens, of Conway County, this State, and to their union six children have been given: Claud, Ben, Pierre, Effie, Ruby and Elsie. The Doctor and his wife are leaders in the social circles of their section, have many friends, and their home is a pretty and hospitable one. Mrs. Floyd is a Georgian by birth, her parents having removed from that State to Arkansas in 1870, and were for some time residents of Searcy County.

Hon. James H. Murphy. In scanning the lives and enterprises of the citizens of Newton County, it is interesting to note the exercise of enterprise in every walk of life. James H. Murphy, one of the prominent farmers and stockraisers of Jackson Township, Newton County, Ark., is a native of Madison County, Ark., born in 1840, to the union of John J. and Perlinda (Davis) Murphy, both natives of Tennessee, the father born in Giles County about 1813, and the mother in Maury County in 1811. When quite young the father went to Johnson County, Ill., where he met and married Miss Davis, and in 1833 he came to Arkansas Territory, locating on King's River in Madison County, where he improved a good farm. In 1846 he came to Newton County and located in the beech woods, where he improved a good farm and resided until 1878. From there he moved to Harrison, Ark., and there passed the remainder of his days, dying in April, 1882. He was a lifelong and very successful farmer and stockraiser, and one of the pioneers of northwest Arkansas. Public spirited and progressive, he contributed his full share toward the county's improvement and progress. In politics he was a Democrat until after the war, when he affiliated with the Republican party, and fraternally was a Master Mason. For forty years he was a member of the Methodist Church. His father, Alex. Murphy, was a native of South Carolina, but an early settler of Tennessee, where he resided for a number of years. He then returned to his native State and there followed farming until his death in 1869. Afterward his wife removed to Illinois, and there died. His father, Jenkins Murphy, was born in Ireland, where he remained until 1771, and then came to America, locating near Charleston, S. C., where he passed the closing scenes of his life. For three years he was in the war of the Revolution. The mother of our subject died in 1883, at Harrison. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Her parents, John and Nancy Davis, were probably natives of Tennessee, and there passed their entire days, dying when Mrs. Murphy was quite young. The original of this notice, is the third of thirteen children, as follows: Isaac enlisted in Company C, First Arkansas Infantry, U. S. A., as a private, and died in 1863; John resides in Boone County, and is one of the county's best farmers; Vincent W., of Boone County; Samuel, treasurer of Oklahoma Territory; Alex., farmer of Greene County, Mo.; Marion died in Newton County; Addison died in Newton County also; Phœbe, widow of James Hark, who was killed in the Union Army; Sarah, wife of A. Carlton, of this county; Matilda, deceased, was the wife of William Dugger, of Boone County; Rebecca, single; and Nancy, widow of James Carlton. Our subject had limited educational advantages in youth, but being of a studious disposition and a great lover of books, he became a well informed man. He received private instruction in mathematics and became quite proficient in that branch. Our subject and five brothers served through most of the Civil War as Federal soldiers, but was not subject to enrollment. While in Newton County recruiting, or on January 12, 1863, he was wounded twice in the

same engagement, but returned to his company as soon as able. He was captured in that county by the Confederate Home Guards in October, 1862, but was soon released. In the month of December, 1866, he was married to Miss Theresa M. Johns, a native of what is now Christian County, Mo., and the daughter of Joseph and Abigail Johns, natives of Tennessee and Indiana, respectively. Eight children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Murphy: Mary died young: Mattie, William, Samuel, John J., Oliver Otis, Vincent Jasper and Roscoe. Mr. Murphy resided in Christian County a short time after the war, and then removed to Barry County, where he made his home until 1872. Two years later he moved to Newton County, near Mt. Parthenon, and settled on a farm of 160 acres, 80 acres cleared. After settling in this county Mr. Murphy followed teaching for some time, and from 1882 to 1884 he was county school examiner. In the latter year he was elected probate and county judge, serving two years, and for some time was justice of the peace. He and wife have been Methodists from childhood, and in politics he has always been a Republican, casting his first presidential vote for A. Lincoln in 1864. He is an active worker for his party.

HON. EDWIN E. ROSSON. There is no class of men who more surely rear up visible monuments to their industry and their enterprise than the hardworking and thrifty farmers of a community, and among these Hon. Edwin E. Rosson holds a prominent place. He was born on the place on which he now lives in Richwoods, September 11, 1856, and is a son of Simeon Ellis and Mary (Whitfield) Rosson, who were born, reared and married in Hardeman County, Tenn., and thence moved to Arkansas in 1842, locating in what is now Bickell's Cove. In 1844 they came to Richwoods and were among the first to settle here, and here the father passed from life in March, 1865, at the age of forty-eight years, his widow still surviving him at the age of seventy-three. He was a farmer while a resident of Tennessee and held some minor official positions after coming to Arkansas, such as justice of the peace, and later as sheriff of Izard County, holding the last named position two terms, or eight years. At a still later period he represented this county in the State Legislature and served twice as a member of the Senate, the duties of which responsible position he was holding at the time of his death. He was quite an orator, was a forcible and eloquent speaker, was greatly opposed to the war and did all in his power to prevent it. He became the father of three sons and five daughters, two sons and three daughters of whom are living, of whom the subject of this sketch was the seventh in order of birth. He received his education in the schools of Richwood and continued his attendance at school off and on until he was eighteen years of age, when he turned his attention to farming on the old homestead, having bought out the other heirs, and has been thus occupied ever since. He has a fine tract of 225 acres, some of which is among the most productive land in the county, and his place is also well improved with good buildings. He has held the office of justice of the peace for two years, was elected sheriff in 1890 and held this position also for two years. In 1880 he was married to Elizabeth Newberry, of this county, by whom he has four children, one son and three daughters. Mr. Rosson has always supported the principles of the Democrat party and is one of the substantial citizens of the county.

WILLIAM J. DEARMORE. He whose name heads this sketch is a prominent and well-known citizen of Independence Township, Baxter County, Ark., his home being about four miles northwest of Mountain Home. He was born in Dyer County, Tenn., in April, 1845, a son of William J. and Betty (Ellen) Dearmore, who were Virginians but were married and spent their wedded life in Tennessee. The father died there in 1852 at about the age of forty-eight

years, and the mother at the home of her son, William J., when in her seventy-second year. William J. Dearmore, the father, was a wood workman, in politics was a Whig, and socially and in a business way was a man of unblemished reputation. The subject of this sketch was the youngest of four children born to his parents, and he and his sister Martha Edna, wife of Newton Edna, are the only ones residing in Arkansas, the latter being a resident of Mammoth Springs. In the common schools of his native State William J. received his education, and upon reaching the age of fifteen he commenced the battle of life for himself. He was married in Tennessee to Miss Isabel Henry, of Dyer County, by whom he became the father of five sons and two daughters: Lee, a farmer of Baxter County, Ark.; Arch., who is a tiller of the soil in the vicinity of Dallas, Tex.; Betty, wife of T. W. Camp, of Dallas, Tex.; William J., Jr., at home; Emma, wife of William J. London, of this county; Charles, at home, and Allen, at home. November 15, 1869, Mr. Dearmore with his family landed in Baxter County, Ark., at which time the country was covered with timber and but little improved. He now has a fine farm of 600 acres of the first land in the county and his place is well improved and carefully and intelligently tilled. In July, 1862, Mr. Dearmore became a member of Forrest's Cavalry, which took part in the battles of Athens and Cherokee Station, Ala., Corinth, Fort Pillow, Union City, Johnsonville, Franklin and Nashville. He was not wounded during his service, was taken prisoner once, but soon succeeded in making his escape. The last twelve months of his service he formed one of Gen. Rucker's escort, and after the war was over he returned home to find much of his property destroyed, but by persevering efforts he in time retrieved his losses. In addition to his agricultural operations he has been engaged in blacksmithing for years and has also been an extensive stock dealer, making a specialty of horses, cattle and mules. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church, a Democrat politically, and is a member of Mountain Home Lodge of the A. F. & A. M.

MAJOR HARRISON H. HILTON. The gentleman whose name heads this sketch is one of the prosperous old-time merchants of Arkansas, and is one of the pioneers of the section in which he resides. He has fought the hard battle of life bravely and well, has bent the force of circumstances to his will, and although he began at the bottom round of the ladder, he has attained an enviable place at the top through sheer force of character. He was born in Ashe County, N. C., in 1826, a son of Christopher and Josephine (Wolf) Hilton, who were born in Rockingham County, Va., their marriage taking place in the Old North State. After residing there for some time they returned to their native county in Virginia, where the father died in 1831, at about the age of sixty-five years, having been a farmer throughout life. The mother died in Monroe County, Tenn., and Harrison H. Hilton is her only surviving child, a daughter having died many years ago. At the age of fourteen years the subject of this sketch came West and began farming on the Arkansas River, near Clarksville, Johnson County, Ark. In 1850 he took up his residence at Bellefonte, Boone County, where, in 1861, he organized the First Arkansas Battalion of Confederate Cavalry and was at once given the rank of major. He served until captured near Marshfield, Mo., in 1863, and after being kept a prisoner at St. Louis for a time was paroled. During his service he was on scouting duty the most of the time. At the close of the war he went to Independence County, Ark., where he made his home three years, then moved to his present place of residence, where he has been actively employed in trading in land, farming and merchandising. At one time or another he has owned nearly every good farm from Mountain Home to the river. He assisted in the organization of Baxter County, and in 1889 was elected to represent the

county in the State Legislature, and discharged his duties in an intelligent and praiseworthy manner. In 1880 he opened a general mercantile store at Gassville with W. H. Russell as partner, after which he kept a store at Colfax for a few months, and at Lone Rock, Baxter County, for five years. At the present time he owns about 1,000 acres of Baxter County's best farming land. Upon his arrival in Yell County, Ark., he had 60 cents in his pocket, three days' provisions, and a wife and one child to support. He secured employment at $12 per month, and by hard work and economy, in the course of time, succeeded in gaining a competency. He has always been temperate in his habits, has taken proper care of himself, and for a man of his years is wonderfully well preserved. He was married in Hamilton County, Tenn., to Betsey Houser, who is still living, and they have one daughter, Mary A. V., who is the wife of William H. Russell. Maj. Hilton and his wife are members of the Missionary Baptist Church, and he has been an official and a minister of that church for over forty years. He belongs to the Spring River Association, was a member of the White River Association, and took an active part in establishing the Baptist College at Mountain Home. He is a Royal Arch Mason, is master of the Blue Lodge, and also belongs to the I. O. O. F. Politically he has always been a Democrat

WILLIAM A. WYATT. This gentleman is one of the prominent residents of Richland Township, and one whose constancy to the business in hand, and whose thrift has added so greatly to the agricultural regions of Searcy County. He is a native of Warren County, Mo., born October 2, 1828, and is a son of Lewis L. and Caroline (Tutt) Wyatt, natives of Kentucky and Tennessee, respectively, their marriage in all probability occurring in the latter State. At a very early day they removed to Missouri and first located in Warren County, but in 1843 took up their residence in Searcy County, Ark., locating on the farm on which the subject of this sketch is now residing, one and one-half miles from the mouth of Richland Creek, which place was at that time but little improved. On this farm the father spent the rest of his days, dying about 1846. He was a soldier of the War of 1812, was a lifelong farmer, and was honest, industrious and well-to-do. He had one brother and one sister, John and Polly, both of whom died in Warren County, Mo., the latter the wife of James Bland. Their father died when they were young and their mother afterward married Hedgeman Anderson, both of whom died in Warren County, Mo., where they were early settlers. The grandfather, Richard Tutt, probably removed from Tennessee to Marion County, Ark., and became a resident of the latter place when it was thickly inhabited by Indians. He died at Yellville before the war. The subject of this sketch was one of the following children born to his parents: Delcina, of Searcy County, the widow of James Jamison; William A.; John, of Searcy County; Frank, who died in this county; Serena, wife of Hugh Riddle, of Newton County, and Margaret, who died in Searcy County, the wife of Henry Ethridge. Almost the entire life of William A. Wyatt has been spent on a farm, and since he attained his fifteenth year he has resided on his present farm. Owing to the scarcity of schools in his youth his advantages were very meager and amounted to only about three months, all told. At the age of eighteen years he joined Company E, under Capt. Pelham, of an Arkansas command, and was stationed at Fort Gibson for about seven months, fighting Indians. He was discharged at Fort Wayne, I. T., and returned home where he was married January 4, 1853, to Louisa E., daughter of John M. and Mary Hensley, who came to this section from Tennessee over fifty years ago and located on Bear Creek. Mr. Hensley was a captain in the Confederate Army and died while a prisoner of war at St. Louis. He was a well-to-do farmer and merchant and is still

survived by his widow. Mrs. Wyatt was born in Wayne County, Tenn., and has borne her husband seven children: Emma C., wife of Thomas Baker, of Searcy County; Perry Lunsford; Mary Powhatan, the deceased wife of James M. Cash; Caroline Pocahontas, wife of Jacob Arnold; Lillie B., wife of William Treadwell, and Alice, wife of Burtis Baker, the two last mentioned being twins. Mr. Wyatt lived for some years on Bear Creek, but during the war spent a portion of the time in Springfield, Mo. He then returned to the old home farm, and after some time began selling goods in Marshall, continuing for about ten years. Since then his attention has been given to the successful management of his farm, which consists of about 800 acres. His land comprises some of the best in the county and is in several different tracts. He has been a lifelong Democrat and in 1874 represented Searcy County in the State Constitutional Convention. He is a member of Campbell Lodge No. 115, of Marshall, Ark., A. F. & A. M., is a patron of all movements tending to develop and improve his section and is considered, and justly so, one of the leading and substantial citizens of the county. He is a first cousin of United States Senator George G. West, of Missouri.

LAFAYETTE DAVENPORT. This gentleman is retired from the active duties of life, and is in the enjoyment of a competency which his early industry brought him. He was born in Alabama December 15, 1833, a son of George and Mary (Wimbs) Davenport, both natives of the Palmetto State. The paternal grandfather was a Virginian, and he attained the rank of colonel in the Revolutionary War. He removed from his native State to South Carolina, and there reared his family. George Davenport was nineteen years old when he located in Jefferson County, Ala., and there he continued to make his home until his death in 1863, at the age of sixty-one years, having been a successful planter and a prominent man of the section in which he resided. His wife was born in 1802, and was a daughter of William Wimbs, an early settler of the Palmetto State, but who afterward became a resident of Jefferson County, Ala. She died in Texas in 1873, having become the mother of the following children: William, a Confederate soldier; Elizabeth, deceased wife of William Reese; Julia, who died young; Pleasant B., who was killed at the battle of Mission Ridge; Jane is the deceased wife of John Dell, of Alabama; Frances is the wife of H. J. Hancock, of Arkansas; Lafayette; John was a soldier of the Confederacy and is dead; Hugh is a farmer of Texas, and was also in the Confederate service; Milton died in boyhood; Missouri is the wife of M. M. Gill, of Texas, and two children died in infancy. Lafayette Davenport was born and reared on the old plantation in Alabama, and after receiving a fair education he started out to do for himself at the age of twenty-one, as an overseer, and later engaged in planting for himself. At the opening of the war he enlisted in Company A, Fifth Alabama Infantry, held the rank of second lieutenant, but after the battle of Shiloh his health failed him, and he resigned and returned to his home. He, however, enlisted again the same year in Company E, Seventh Alabama Cavalry, and served until the war closed, being first sergeant of his company. He was with Hood to and from Nashville, was in the engagements of the Atlanta campaign, was in numerous skirmishes and picket fights, and was in many minor engagements in Florida. He showed the utmost courage on many a bloody battlefield, and was conscientious and faithful in the discharge of his duty. After the war he continued to farm in his native county until 1872, when he came to Marion County, Ark. In the last named county he purchased a farm on Crooked Creek, on which he made his home until 1893, when he located in Yellville for the purpose of educating his children. He was married in Alabama to Miss Sarah A. Smith, a daughter of Burrell and Elizabeth (Acreman) Smith, who were South Caro-

linians, but who early removed to Alabama, and are now residing in Jefferson County, the father being a successful and wealthy merchant. He was born in 1820, was left an orphan in early childhood and was reared by strangers. His wife was born in 1815 to Jacob and Christiana Acreman, who were of German extraction, and has borne her husband the following children: Mary Gurley, Sarah A. Davenport; James Y., deceased; John L., who died in 1872; Thomas L., of Alabama; William H., of Alabama; Savannah, deceased; Jesse, deceased; and Francis A., deceased. Mr. Davenport is a Democrat, was sheriff of Edgefield District, South Carolina, and assisted in the hanging of three negroes for murder. He was at one time quite an extensive slave holder. Mrs. Davenport was born November 25, 1843, and her union with Mr. Davenport has resulted in the birth of five children: William T., who is living in Indian Territory, is married to Sarah Hudspeth, and has three children—Bert M., Joseph B. and Russell; Lizzie; Minerva E., wife of Dr. J. G. Adams, of Fairland, I. T., and has one daughter—Ethel G.; Ola, and Walter L. Mr. Davenport and his family are attendants of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he and his wife are members. Politically he is an active worker for the Democrat party, and socially he is a member of the honorable order of Masons, being a member of the chapter of Bellefonte and the council of Birmingham, Ala. He has one of the finest farms in the county, comprising nearly 1,000 acres in one tract, and he has always given much attention to stockraising, for he has found this to be a profitable source of revenue. He and his family are very highly esteemed, and are worthy the respect that is universally accorded them.

Hon. H. C. Tipton. It has been said by the great Bacon that "the greatest trust between man and man is the trust of giving counsel." Thus the profession of law is the most momentous and important of human callings, and he who assumes the practice of it takes upon himself the weightiest responsibilities that the confidence and trust of his fellow-man can put upon his shoulders. One of the leading attorneys of northwest Arkansas is Hon. H. C. Tipton, who was born in Tennessee in 1840, a son of Isaac and Elizabeth (Anderson) Tipton, the former of whom was a native of Carter County, Tenn., and a son of John Tipton also of that county. The family tree took root on American soil during Colonial days, the first member of the family coming thither with Lord Baltimore and settling in Maryland. From there they drifted to different States, and became prominently connected with the early history of Tennessee, some of the members of the family enlisting in the Mexican War from that State. After some years' residence in the State of his birth, Isaac Tipton removed to Mississippi, and died in De Soto County, in 1853, his wife, who was a daughter of Thomas Anderson, of Tennessee, also dying there. Mr. Tipton was a farmer and a man of prominence. The subject of this sketch was the youngest of twelve children born to his parents, of whom only three are living at the present time: Hon. H. C., and two sisters. He was reared on a farm and fortunately received excellent educational advantages in his youth, graduating from the La Grange (Tennessee) Commercial College July 4, 1860. Following this he served four years in the Confederate Army, as a private of Company A, Tenth Mississippi Regiment, which was a part of the Army of the Tennessee. He was at Shiloh, Chickamauga, Murfreesboro, and was in the Georgia campaign, at Atlanta, New Hope Church, Jonesboro and Franklin. He was wounded by a gunshot and captured at Murfreesboro, but was soon paroled and sent south. After the cessation of hostilities, he returned to De Soto County, Miss., and at once took up the duties of civil life, not stopping to bewail the altered condition of affairs in the South, and was engaged in farming there until 1871, when he removed to Sharp County, Ark., and resided in Melbourne for a time. In 1886 he came to Harrison, but previously, in 1876,

had been elected to the State Senate from the Twenty-third District of Arkansas, and was an honored member of that body for eight years, two of which (1881–82) he was president of the Senate. In 1885 he was appointed United States Registrar of the Land Office at Harrison, Ark., and as above stated took up his home here the following year. Before he was elected to the Senate he was a successful dry goods merchant, but is now giving his attention to the duties of his office and the practice of law, for which he seems to have a natural aptitude. He has always been a Democrat of pronounced type, is a popular, public-spirited and wide-awake citizen, is a member of Harrison Lodge of the A. F. & A. M., and he and his worthy wife are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. His wife was formerly Miss Alice Lawrason, a daughter of Dr. James T. Lawrason, of Fernando, Miss. Their union has resulted in the birth of seven children: James T., Leonard M., Robert N., Ernest, William, Henrietta and Ida May.

Jesse P. Briscoe. The time has never been that the prescription drug gist was not of as great importance to a community as the physician. Indeed it would be difficult to name a branch of business that is more indispensably important than that devoted to the sale and importation of drugs and the preparation of prescriptions. Neither is there any line of business demanding more ability and scientific knowledge. One of the eminent prescription druggists of Harrison, Ark., is Jesse P. Briscoe, who is a gentleman of bright talent and enterprise. He was born in Benton County, Ark., May 15, 1856, the fifth of twelve children born to James and Martha (King) Briscoe, the former of whom was born in Tennessee, and with his father, John Briscoe, became a resident of Springfield, Greene County, Mo., the latter's death occurring in that county. James Briscoe attained manhood in Greene County, and when still young removed to Berry County, Mo., and later to Benton County, Ark., being a resident of the latter place when the war came up. In 1864 he returned to Berry County, Mo., and was there living at the time of his death, which occurred in 1886, when sixty years of age. His wife, who was a native of Tennessee, died in 1879, a daughter of Jesse King. She bore her husband the following children: Jane who is living in Berry County, John, Bert, Mary, Martha, Vesta, Henry, Sally and Jesse P., all of whom live in Berry County, Mo., but the last mentioned, and three children who are dead. The common schools of Berry County, Mo., afforded Jesse P. Briscoe a fair English education, and after leaving school he was engaged in farming for some time. He then located in Exeter, Mo., and opened a drug store in partnership with a Mr. Good, but later purchased the latter's interest in the business, and for six subsequent years successfully conducted the enterprise alone. In 1889 he came to Harrison, Ark., and established his present well-appointed drug store, which has held a high place in popular favor ever since. He was for some time associated in this business with a Mr. Hammell, but for the last two or three years has been in business alone. In a business way he has been successful and is the owner of some good real estate in Harrison, including the pleasant home, in which he lives. He took up the study of pharmacy many years ago, was registered in 1888, and in this branch of human endeavor is experienced and reliable. He has always been a strong worker for the Democrat party, and socially is a member of the I. O. O. F. of Barry County, Mo. He was married in Virginia to Miss Dora E. Leckie, a native of Springfield, Mo., by whom he has three children: Marie, Leckie and Eileen.

W. J. Cooper. The gentleman whose name heads this sketch is well known throughout the section in which he resides as a man of unblemished reputation, whose energy, perseverance and integrity have placed him in an independent financial position and has won for him the respect of his fellow-

citizens. The fine farm on which he resides comprises 178 acres of land, but he is also the owner of real estate in other parts of the county which amounts to some 500 acres. He has ever been an enterprising, thorough and practical farmer, and his valuable property is looked after in a manner that would at once indicate his thorough knowledge of his calling. In connection with his farming operations he is the owner of a fine steam grist mill and cotton gin, both of which have proven very successful, and as he is located about eleven miles from Marshall, his mills are largely patronized. He is a product of the county in which he is now living, his birth occurring May 18, 1854, therefore it is not to be greatly wondered at that he has every interest of the county warmly at heart and at all times manifests much public spirit. His parents, Newton and Sadie (Thornton) Cooper, were born on Tennessee soil and were there reared and married, their removal to Arkansas taking place in October, 1853. They purchased a good farm on Bear Creek and up to his death, in 1889, the father followed farming as a livelihood and became independent. He was a soldier in the Union Army during the Civil War, was courageous, faithful and loyal, and served for eighteen months during the latter part of the struggle. He was a member of the A. F. & A. M., was a Republican in politics and was an industrious, enterprising and honorable man. His widow survives him and makes her home with her son, W. J. Cooper, on the old place on which she first settled on coming to this country. She bore her husband seven children as follows: W. J.; Riley B., who is in Idaho; Nancy J., deceased; N. D., who is a resident of Florida; T. B., who is residing in Van Buren County, Ark.; C. G., deceased, and C. I., who is living in this country. The subject of this sketch was reared on the old home farm and it has continued to be his home all his life. He was married in 1870 to Miss Esther Van Dime, who was reared in Yell County, Ark., a daughter of Reuben Van Dime, who was taken from life in Searcy County, but was called upon to mourn the death of his wife in 1879, she leaving him with three children to care for: James S., Mary M. and Mitchell. His second wife was Malinda Britt, also a native of Yell County, and after her death he married Miss Savannah Stringer, a daughter of John Stringer, and three children have been born of this union: John N., Robert P. and Myrtle. Upon the death of the mother of these children he married his fourth and present wife, who was Mrs. Mary Henchey, a daughter of Aleck Bohanan, and to Mr. and Mrs. Cooper one child has been given: Claude N. Like his father before him, Mr. Cooper is a stanch Republican in politics, and although he has always been interested in the success of his party, he has never been an aspirant for office, his business interest fully occupying his time and attention.

NATHANIEL G. TRACY. It is a pleasure to chronicle the history of a man whose life has been one of honor and usefulness, and although he is considerably past the zenith of his career, Mr. Tracy has accumulated sufficient means to enable him to enjoy most thoroughly the comforts and conveniences of life and the society of his numerous friends. Although he has attained the age of sixty-six years he still keeps up the active and industrious life that brought him in such substantial rewards, and many men much younger than he display less activity, mentally and physically than does Mr. Tracy. He was born in Spartanburg District, S. C., in 1828, the son of Nathaniel H. and Polly (Henry) Tracy, who were also born there and were there reared and married, but they afterward moved to Georgia and from there to Arkansas in 1851, and located on the farm which is now owned by the subject of this sketch. It was at that time quite a heavily timbered tract of land, and a road had to be hewed out of the forest to the house. The father, a thrifty farmer, greatly improved his land by clearing and building, and in time

became well to do. He held the rank of major in the State Militia, was for many years justice of the peace and was an exceptionally useful and substantial citizen. He died at the age of sixty-five years while visiting in the Old North State, prior to the war, and his widow died in Arkansas after the war. He had been a member of the Baptist Church for about five years before his death, but his wife was a member of the Presbyterian Church from the time she was twenty years old. To them five sons and three daughters were given, but the subject of this sketch is the only surviving member of the family: James, the eldest held the rank of colonel, by appointment and died during the war; William, was captain of his company was on duty east of the Mississippi River, and served throughout the entire war; John, was also in the army, and eventually died in Anderson County, Tex.; Henry, the youngest brother died in Baxter County, Ark., while serving in the Confederate Army. The daughters were Nancy, Sarah and Polly Ann. The boyhood days of Nathaniel G. Tracy were spent in Murray County, Ga., but in 1851 he became a resident of Arkansas. He and his father and brothers Henry and James first went to the Indian Territory, but were not pleased with that section and then came to what is now Baxter County, Ark., and made a location on Big North Fork. By hard work they cleared the land, got the soil under cultivation and made many improvements in the way of buildings and fences, and this tract of land which now comprises 400 acres, is exceptionally fertile and is considered one of the best farms in the county; 150 acres are under cultivation and yield abundant crops. In June, 1861, Mr. Tracy joined Shaler's regiment of Arkansas Infantry, C. S. A., and later became a member of what was known as Fristo and Tracy's Regiment of which Fristo was colonel and Mr. Tracy lieutenant-colonel. The latter was a participant in the battles of Ironton, Augusta, Big Blue, was all through the Missouri raid, and was a participant in many skirmishes and engagements of minor importance. He was paroled at Jacksonport, Ark., and returned home to find all his property had been swept away, but, nothing daunted, he at once set about the work of rebuilding his shattered fortunes, but for some time had all he could do to keep the "wolf from the door." He was obliged to hunt in order to supply his family with necessary provisions, but gradually times grew easier and he began to lay by something and to improve his place, with the results above mentioned. He was married in Georgia to Miss Martha Ann Gray, who died in this county eleven years ago, having become the mother of eight children, seven of whom are living; two sons and five daughters. June 25, 1883, Mr. Tracy was married to Georgia Ann Hand, of this county. He and his present wife are members of the Missionary Baptist Church, he is a member of Mountain Home Lodge of the A. F. & A. M., and in his political views has always been a Democrat. His walk through life has been characterized by the most honorable business methods, by his charity to all mankind, and by his unbounded public spirit, and he is with justice regarded as one of the most useful citizens of Baxter County, Ark.

ANDERSON CARLTON. A lifetime of hard earnest endeavor in pursuing the occupation to which he now gives his attention, coupled with strict integrity, honesty of purpose and liberality in all directions, has resulted in placing Anderson Carlton among the truly respected and honored agriculturists and stockmen of Newton County. Like other representative men of the county he is a native of North Carolina, born in Wilkes County in 1825. His parents, Alfred and Polly (Ellison) Carlton, were also natives of Wilkes County, N. C., the former born in 1805 and the latter in 1806. This worthy couple celebrated their nuptials in 1825, and when our subject was about three years of age they removed to Marion County, Tenn., where they made their home until 1852.

From there they came by ox team to Newton County, Ark., being about seven weeks on the road, and located on Hudson Fork of Buffalo, where our subject now lives. They improved a small farm, but subsequently removed to Boston Mt. where they resided for a number of years. Their last days were spent among their children, the father dying in 1874, and the mother in 1885. Both were regular Baptists and worthy citizens. For some time before the war the father was internal revenue collector for Newton County, and although a Union man he took no active part in the Rebellion, treating all soldiers alike, and was well and favorably known. He was one of the pioneers of the county, the same being very sparsely settled, and worked early and late to subdue the wilderness. He was one of eight sons and four daughters born to Lewis Carlton, also a native of Wilkes County, N. C. At an early day the latter moved to Tennessee and there passed away after the war, when quite an aged man. He was a blacksmith by trade and of English parents, who came to America in 1660 and settled in New Jersey. Our subject's maternal grandfather, Hayden Ellison, was a native of the Emerald Isle, but came to America in early life and died in east Tennessee when quite aged. He was a weaver by trade. Our subject was eldest in order of birth of the following children: William Curtis of this county, was a soldier in the Federal Army; John, of Boone County, was also in the Union Army; Lowrey, of this county, was in the army; Lewis died at Corinth, Miss., during the war; James was a Confedate soldier from Texas; George, of Texas, was under Gen. Lee all through the war; Marion, of this county, was in the Union Army; Eliza is the wife of Capt. A. R. McPherson; Mary wife of Robert Bowen of this county, and Elizabeth wife of Cimber Thomas, of Newton County. Our subject grew to mature years with limited educational advantages, and learned his letters from his brother-in-law, Capt. McPherson, after he came to Arkansas. Before coming to this State he was married in Tennessee, in 1848, to Miss Nancy Hicks, a native of Marion County, Tenn., born in 1836, and the daughter of Bird Hicks. Five children were given them: James, deceased, left a family; Joseph a farmer of this county; Elizabeth, deceased, was the wife of Wm. C. Casey; Hon. Wm. A. a teacher, was in the Legislature in 1890 and 1891; and George, a farmer of this county. The mother of these children died in 1865, and in 1867 Mr. Carlton married Miss Sarah Murphy, a native of Madison County, Ark., and the daughter of John Murphy (see sketch). Seven children were born to this union: Prof. John F. a graduate from the University of Little Rock, and now a teacher at Jasper; Ida Belle, wife of Isaac Stapleton, of this county; Maryland, wife of L. J. Self, of Newton County; Dona, Lona, Samuel Wallace and Sherman. Since coming to this county our subject has resided in this neighborhood, and is one of the leading farmers of his section, owning 240 acres seven miles above Jasper. During the Rebellion he was a stanch Union man, but did not enlist, owing to disability. Mr. Carlton is one of there presentative men of the county, and has held a number of responsible positions. From 1888 to 1890 he was treasurer of the county, and it was through his efforts that the school funds were properly disposed of. Since then the schools have been in a flourishing condition and reflect much credit to his management. Mr. Carlton is a Royal Arch Mason, and politically is a Republican, and a liberal supporter of his party. He is a member of one of the most prominent and numerous families of Newton County, and one of its most enterprising citizens.

Joshua W. C. Hinkle, M. D. The profession of medicine, while a very inviting field for the student and humanitarian, is one that demands much self-denial and the exercise of repression and the sacrifice of the ordinary methods of advancing one's interests. Among the physicians of repute in Stone County, Ark., the subject of this sketch holds a prominent place for his attain-

ment in his profession, his courteous treatment of his brethren, the success he has attained in the practice and his broad and considerate and devoted care of those who require his professional services, all combine to make him distinguished. He was born in Wayne County, Tenn., July 18, 1848, a son of John D. and Irena (Beckham) Hinkle, who were born in the State of North Carolina. They were married in Wayne County, Tenn., and about 1850 located near Melbourne, in Izard County, Ark., where the father died September 1, 1852, his birth having occurred in 1816. The mother still lives in Izard County, is in her sixty-eighth year, and is now the wife of Stephen Taylor. John D. Hinkle was a farmer and a very successful one. While in Tennessee he held the office of justice of the peace and politically was a Democrat. Four children were born to his union, of whom the subject of this sketch was the second in order of birth. Dr. Hinkle was educated in the public schools of Izard County and at the early age of seventeen years turned his attention to school teaching in Izard and other counties, and when not thus engaged gave his attention to farming. While teaching school he commenced reading medicine and in 1883 he began a regular course under the instruction of Dr. John N. Nicks and in 1884–85 attended the American Medical College of St. Louis, and after practicing for some time with Dr. Nicks he, in 1886 came to Stone County and bought the farm where he now lives, about a mile and a half southeast of Mountain View, where he has since resided and built up a very extensive and constantly increasing practice among the best people of that section. At the same time he has conducted his farm, which comprises ninety-five acres, and has his place in an excellent state of cultivation and well improved. In 1877 he was married to Miss Lucy J. Ross, a daughter of James J. Ross, of Izard County, and to their union three sons and a daughter have been given. The Doctor and his wife are members of the Christian Church and socially he is a master Mason of Melbourne Lodge.

James P. Herron. A noble class of men have built up the agricultural interests of Mountain Home Township, Baxter County, Ark., and have made it a garden spot in the great commonwealth of the State. Among those who have been active and efficient in the work is he whose name stands at the head of this sketch. He has been identified with the farming interests of the county almost from his birth, and in every walk of life has conducted himself in an honorable, upright manner. He was born in what is now Baxter (then Fulton) County, November 20, 1855, a son of Fielden Herron, who was born in White County, Tenn., in 1807. He came to Arkansas in 1827, at which time Indians were very numerous here, and made his first crop where Bakerfield, Mo., is now located. The following year he located on the farm which is now owned by the subject of this sketch on North Fork, on the line of Union and Mill Townships, at which time a small clearing of about ten acres had been made on the place. By hard work he cleared a large portion of this place and there, surrounded by plenty, he passed his declining years, dying May 20, 1870. He was a Democrat, a member of the Primitive Baptist Church until 1854, and then joined the Missionary Baptist Church. He was for many years a Mason, in which honorable order he attained to the Royal Arch degree. He was married four times, but the mother of the subject of this sketch was Nettie C. Hutchinson, who was born in Kentucky and died in Baxter County in 1876, at about the age of fifty-two years. The subject of this sketch was the youngest of a large family and received his education in the common schools and in Mountain Home Academy. When sixteen years of age he commenced farming and stockraising, and although he started without much means, by hard work and good management his possessions gradually increased until he is now the owner of 300 acres of land on North Fork, of which 150 acres are

under cultivation, and 120 acres in the farm on which he lives, about two miles southeast of Mountain Home. In 1873 he led to the altar Elizabeth Tolburt, a daughter of Samuel Tolburt, but on the 10th of March, 1879, was called upon to mourn her death, she having borne him three children, only one of whom is living, Cero Ann, at home. February 21, 1885, Mr. Herron married Miss Mary Ann Sale, a daughter of John Sale, of this county, and to them two children have been given: Myrtie Augusta and John D. Mr. and Mrs. Herron are members in good standing of the Missionary Baptist Church, in which he is a deacon, and socially he is a member of the Blue Lodge of the A. F. & A. M. at Mountain Home, and the I. O. O. F. He has always supported the measures of the Democratic party, but has been by no means active in political matters, his attention being given to other things.

CHARLES HENRY CAMPBELL. Among the old, intelligent and representative families of this part of Arkansas is the one of which the subject of this sketch is a descendant, and in tracing back the genealogy of the family we find that the ancestors came originally from bonnie Scotland. It is always a pleasure to deal with the history of one who is a member of one of those grand old pioneer families that braved the dangers and privations of life in a new and unsettled country that they might build up a home for their descendants and pave the way for a higher civilization. Charles H. Campbell was born in McNairy County, Tenn., September 4, 1837, a son of Hon. John and Ann (Blassingame) Campbell, who were born in Giles and McNairy Counties, Tenn., respectively, their marriage also occurring in their native State. In 1837 they came by ox-team to what is now Searcy County, Ark., and after a six weeks' journey settled on Calf Creek at a time when the settlers were very few and far between. John Campbell was a man of active and industrious habits and was quite successful in the accumulation of worldly goods. As he was in public office for many years he became well known throughout the State and his friends were innumerable. Although he received but an ordinary education in his youth he possessed a naturally fine mind and became a cultivated and well-informed man. He served as county judge in an early day and in 1842 was elected to the Lower House of the Legislature and some years later was a member of that body again. He was a member of the Secession Convention of 1861 and was one of the very last to give up the fight for the Union, but finally went with his State and during the war did active service for the Confederacy in various capacities, being commissioned as colonel, but finally refugeed to Texas, where he remained until after the close of the war. Owing to the fact that the greater part of his property was destroyed during the war he was made doorkeeper of the House of Representatives soon after the close of hostilities and in 1874 became a member of the Constitutional Convention. He was the first senator from his district under the new constitution, serving in this capacity for a period of four years, during which time he showed himself to be an able legislator, a man of incorruptible honor and one who had the interests of his section most warmly at heart. After fulfilling his duties in this capacity he became superintendent of the State House and public records, a position he successfully filled for some time. He was first a Whig in politics, but after the war became a Democrat and supported the men and measures of his party with both influence and vote up to the day of his death, which occurred November 10, 1879. While at Little Rock, Ark., he was made a member of Western Star Lodge of the A. F. & A. M., and was the first Mason in Searcy County, the lodge at Marshall bearing his name, in which he became knight templar. He was a lieutenant in Col. Pelham's company and was stationed at Fort Gibson during the Mexican War. His death was a great loss to the county and State and

was deeply regretted by all who knew him. His father, James Campbell, came to Searcy County in an early day also and died here when the immediate subject of this sketch was a boy. Two of his sons became ministers: Alex., a Primitive Baptist, and James, a Missionary Baptist preacher; Washington, another son, became a soldier of prominence in the Confederate Army. The mother of Charles Henry Campbell died August 4, 1882, at about the age of sixty-six years, a daughter of Wade Blassingame, who came from McNairy County, Tenn., to Arkansas and died in Independence County before the war. The subject of this sketch was the eldest of ten children born to his parents, the other members of the family being as follows: Eliza J., wife of J. W. Morris, of Searcy County; Angeline; Lucinda (deceased); Elizabeth E., wife of Wilson Taylor, of this county; George W., who died in 1891; Margaret, wife of Wilson Taylor, of Tennessee; James S., who left home shortly after the war and has never since been heard from; Wade, who was killed in a mill explosion at Marshall, Ark., in December, 1879, and Lavina F., wife of Z. T. Wasson, a sketch of whom appears herein. Charles Henry Campbell spent his youthful days on his father's farm on Calf Creek, and, although he received no educational advantages save what could be obtained in the common country schools, he began teaching during the war and at the same time did service in the Nitre and Mining Bureau. In 1868 he led to the altar Miss A. J., daughter of Samuel and Jane (Robinson) Strickland, natives of Tennessee, but immigrants to Mississippi, Louisiana, Pope County, Ark., and finally to Searcy County, Ark., and here passed from life. Mrs. Campbell was born in Mississippi and has borne her husband three children: Eliza M., wife of Wilson Turner, of this county; Homer Lee and David Walker. Mr. Campbell is the owner of a fine farm of 270 acres adjoining the old homestead and through his own efforts has a well-improved and valuable place. He has been a lifelong farmer and stockraiser and is one of the best known men of the county. He was first a Whig in politics and cast his first vote for Bell in 1860, but he has since been associated with the Democrat party.

GEORGE W. STONE. This gentleman who resides in James Creek Township, is the owner of a fine farm, which attests by its value and productiveness the excellent qualities of thoroughness and system which mark the owner. He is a native of Ozark County, Mo., where he was born in 1848, a son of John and Maria (Bayless) Stone, natives of Tennessee, where they were reared and married. From that State they removed to Greene County, Mo., and later to Ozark County, of the same State, where Mr. Stone died when the subject of this sketch was very small. In 1862 the family removed to Marion County, Ark., where Mrs. Stone breathed her last about 1882, having long been a member in good standing of the Christian Church. Her father was a farmer of Tennessee and died in that State. The paternal grandfather was also a Tennesseean and reared four sons: John, Edward, William and David, all of whom died in Missouri. The subject of this sketch was the youngest save one of the following family: Sarah, who died in Marion County, the wife of James Cain; Louisa, who also died here, the wife of Robert Long; Mary Jane, who became the wife of Andrew Benton, and died in Marion County; Adaline, who died in Marion County, the wife of A. C. Musick; Julia Ann, who became the wife of William Lance, also died in this county; Edward Marion, died in this county in 1863; Amanda, became the wife of Joel A. Presley and died in Marion County; George W. and Serepta, who died young. George W. Stone remained with his mother until he reached manhood, but owing to the fact that he assisted her in every way in his power and to the scarcity of schools, his education was not of the best. In 1873 he married Marinda Jane, daughter of John Porter, who died in Woodruff County, Ark., when Mrs. Stone was quite

small. She was born in that county and there died about 1876, leaving two children: Marion and Druscilla, the latter named for her grandmother Porter, who now lives in Marion County, the wife of G. B. Forrest. In 1881 Mr. Stone married Lucina, daughter of Robert and Rachel Forrest, who were born and spent many years of their lives in Ozark County, Mo., but are residents of the State of Washington, where they have become comparatively wealthy during their fourteen years' residence there. Mrs. Stone was born in Ozark County, and by Mr. Stone is the mother of seven children: Everet Clarence, Walter, Ida Belle, Frank, Cora, Charley and Nora. Since the time of his first marriage Mr. Stone has resided on his present farm, but at that time only a few acres had been cleared and a small log cabin erected thereon, for which he paid the sum of $25. He now has a fine bottom-land farm of 152 acres, about seventy of which are cleared and under cultivation. His place is nicely improved with excellent buildings of all descriptions and he always has an abundance of fruit of various kinds. In 1893 he erected a gin, saw and corn mill, all of which net him a satisfactory income. Besides this valuable property he is the owner of some extremely desirable mineral claims. He has followed farming all his life, has made it a success, and is considered one of the substantial men of his section. For the past fourteen years he has been a director in his school district, and he has ever been an earnest advocate of the free-school system, and is a patron of all progressive measures generally. He and his worthy wife are members of the Christian Church and politically he has been a lifelong Democrat, and his first presidential vote was cast for Horace Greeley in 1872.

John O. Morrow. Activity and business enterprise is in no direction more lucidly marked in any city than in the livery business. This calling is the pulse of a city's enterprise and vim. The experience and brain work of capable business men are called into requisition in this line, and a city that is noted for its transient patronage as well as its busy home life is sure to give good profits to the liveryman. One of the most popular establishments of this kind is that owned by John O. Morrow, which was established in Harrison in 1889, and as he has all his life been a great admirer of that noble animal, the horse, he chose this calling out of true adaptability for it. He was born in Christian County, Mo., near Ozark, October 28, 1856, a son of N. B. and N. S. Morrow, who were among the early pioneers of that section. N. B. Morrow was killed at his home in Christian County, at about the close of the war by bushwhackers, having been a successful agriculturist throughout life and a resident of that county from 1832. He was also at one time engaged in merchandising in Ozark. The maternal grandfather of the subject of this sketch, Samuel McDonald, was a pioneer of Christian County, became influential throughout southwest Missouri, and was a prosperous farmer and stockman. The early life of John H. Morrow was spent in Ozark and Springfield, and after attending the public schools of these places he finished his education in Drury College. At the age of about twenty years he engaged in farming and shipping stock on his own responsibility, became well known in the latter industry and was at one time associated in this business with A. F. Yoachim. Mr. Morrow continued to follow this calling in Ozark and Christian Counties until he came to Harrison, but upon his arrival in this city he purchased a livery stable, which unfortunately burned down in 1891. In company with the King brothers he then bought the brick building in which he is now doing business, but in 1892 purchased their interest and then took G. R. Speer in as a partner. In 1893 this gentleman disposed of his interest to R. J. Martin, which connection still exists. This gentleman keeps only the best stock of animals, from twenty to thirty head, and all kinds of vehicles for

light and heavy driving, and especially caters to the commercial trade. His horses and rigs are stylish and attractive, are at all times ready for use, and it is needless to say that his house is liberally patronized. He is a member of the A. F. & A. M., Harrison Lodge No. 314, and in politics has always been a Democrat and an active worker for the success of the party wherever he has lived. He is in every sense of the word a self-made man, and by careful attention to his affairs has met with success financially. He is considered an excellent judge of horseflesh, is merciful and painstaking with the animals in his stable, and is one of the very foremost men in his line of business in the county. He has been to some extent, a dealer in real estate and owns some valuable property in Harrison. He was the first man to bring stock of fine breed to Boone County, and has done much to improve the grade of stock in this section, being the owner of a fine imported horse and jack. Mr. Morrow was married in Christian County to Miss E. J. Ball, a daughter of John Ball, an early pioneer of the county, and their union has resulted in the birth of one child: Daisy. Mrs. Morrow is a member of the Christian Church.

R. D. C. Griffin. The name of Griffin is well known throughout Searcy County, for it has been connected with the business interests of this section for a long term of years, and is the synonym of honesty, industry and business integrity. Mr. Griffin was born in Huntsville, Ala., August 31, 1828, a son of Jesse and Sarah W. (Brooks) Griffin, who removed first from Alabama to Tennessee, and in 1846 to Searcy County, Ark., where they entered a tract of land on which the father lived until his death, which occurred in 1886. Throughout the active years of his life, or from early manhood, he was a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, was a member of the old Arkansas Conference and preached at many different points throughout the State. It may with truth be said of him that he was the father of the Methodist Church in this county. Mrs. Griffin was born in the Old North State and died in January, 1891, having become the mother of the following children: Minerva (Mrs. Chandler); R. D. C.; J. L., who is living in this county; Lucinda, who is the Widow Hollobaugh; Wade, who was killed in the explosion of a mill, and John W., who is a Methodist preacher of Boone County, Ark. R. D. C. Griffin was a young man when the family came to this county, and from here he enlisted in the Mexican War, afterward becoming a member of the Confederate Army during the Civil War, Company F, McKay's brigade. He began life for himself as a farmer of this county and to this occupation his time and attention have been given with the result that he is the owner of between 300 and 400 acres of land, which he has put in an excellent state of cultivation, and greatly improved with fine farm buildings and substantial fences. In connection with tilling the soil he has bestowed much attention on merchandising and milling, and being a shrewd man of business has met with the best of success and is in independent financial circumstances. He was married in this county to Miss Rena Bagley, a daughter of Henry Bagley, who was one of the first settlers of this section. To Mr. and Mrs. Griffin the following children have been given: Jesse, Lucinda and Tennessee, all of whom are married and have families, and for his second wife Mr. Griffin took Lucinda—by whom he has the following children: G. B., H. L., M. N., Vincent, J. D. and Sophia. Mr. Griffin is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, has always been a Democrat in politics, and socially he is a member of the A. F. & A. M. His son, M. N. Griffin, was born in this county October 23, 1858, and was educated in the common schools of this county. He began doing business for himself in 1880, as a general merchant at Leslie, an occupation which occupied his time and attention up to 1893, during which time he was also engaged in the milling business with his father.

He is a keen and shrewd young business man, has succeeded in all his undertakings and is the owner of a fine little farm of fifty acres, besides other property. He was married in 1883 to Miss Lizzie Thompson, a daughter of R. G. Thompson, and he and his wife have five children: Hattie, Bertha, Teresa H., and Bessie. Like his father before him, M. N. Griffin is a Democrat politically, and although he has always been interested in the political affairs of his section he has never been an aspirant for office. The Griffins are well respected in Searcy County, and are among its most substantial residents.

James H. Gray. Lead Hill, Ark., is known as a flourishing town and contains many able and brainy business men, among whom the general merchant takes prominent rank. In this calling few members possess a wider reputation for ability and enterprise than James H. Gray. He was born in Stone County (then Independence County), Ark., in 1865, and is a son of John W. and Tennessee (Cornett) Gray, natives of Mississippi and Hamilton County, Tenn., respectively, the father born in 1836 and the mother in 1844. When young Mr. and Mrs. Gray came with their parents to Arkansas, and here grew to mature years and married. For a number of years afterward they resided in Stone County, Ark., but in 1875 moved to Boone County and located in White River where they made their future home. Mr. Gray died on the 9th of April, 1878, in Taney County, Mo., after returning from a business trip to Greene County, Mo. He was a successful farmer and stockman, and for two years served in the Confederate Army with Gen. Price. He was a Mason and a man well known and universally respected. He was one of five sons and four daughters born to William B. Gray who died in Boone County, Ark., about 1880, after a long and useful life. He came here in 1874 and was a prominent farmer and stockman. His wife died in Stone County, Ark. Both were Baptists. Our subject's maternal grandfather, Henry Cornett, came from Tennessee to what is now Stone County, Ark., in an early day and died there before our subject was born. He was also a farmer. He was the father of fourteen children and his daughter, Tennessee, the mother of our subject, died at Lead Hill in the month of June, 1884. Of the five children born to his parents our subject was third in order of birth. The others were named: Malinda, wife of Thomas Davis, of this county; John W., of Taney County, Mo., and Nellie, wife of Frank A. Emerson. The second child, Nancy, died in infancy. Our subject received a limited education in youth, but was thoroughly trained in the arduous duties of the farm, and when his parents came to Boone County, Ark., he came with them. Here he was married in 1889 to Miss Leon, daughter of Judge William Keener, who is a prominent attorney at Lead Hill. The Judge was born and reared in Pennsylvania and came West soon after the war. For over twenty years he has resided in Arkansas. Mrs. Gray was born in Missouri and by her union with our subject became the mother of one child, a son. The original of this notice followed farming on the old home place until January, 1894, when he engaged in general merchandising at Lead Hill, and by integrity and honorable methods has won an enviable record.

Hon. George Coleman Hinkle. Of the many substantial citizens of Stone County, Ark., there is not one who stands higher in public esteem than G. C. Hinkle, or one who enjoys a more substantial share of recognition. He was born in what is now Stone (then Izard) County, Ark., March 2, 1855, his parents being John and Polly Ann (Linn) Hinkle, who were born in Alabama and Tennessee, respectively, the former's birth occuring in 1822. His parents were Walter and Annie (Downing) Hinkle, South Carolinians by birth, who were married in Tennessee, and later removed to Madison County, Ala., in which State the father died in 1827. His widow then returned to Wayne

County, Tenn., and there John Hinkle was reared. He was a cabinet maker and wood workman, and was about thirty years of age at the time of his death. His widow died in Wayne County, Tenn., about 1850. John Hinkle was educated in the common schools of Wayne County and made his home with his grandfather, Jonathan J. Downing, until his marriage with Miss Linn in 1850, very soon after which he came to Arkansas, and located in Bickell's Cove, and later on the farm on which he is now residing, on which little improvements had then been made, and which he purchased for $15. This place he has greatly improved and now has 240 acres of as fine land as there is in the county. Prior to the Civil War he held the office of justice of the peace, and at its commencement he was a member of the International Improvement Committee. Upon the organization of Stone County he was appointed by Gov. Baxter as assessor, was reëlected to the position twice and served in all five years. His wife, who died June 21, 1893, bore him ten children, eight of whom grew to maturity: William A.; Andrew K., who is a carpenter in Dallas County, Tex.; George C., who is a merchant of this county; Mary C., wife of James Elliott, a farmer of this county, Flora J. is the wife of N. J. Whitfield, a farmer of Potter County, Tex.; Lettie Adaline is the wife of A. J. Folks, of this county; J. J. is a physician of Izard County, and Lucy Frances is the wife of Isaac Elliott of this county. Mr. Hinkle is a deacon in the Missionary Baptist Church, is a Democrat in politics, and socially is a member of the A. F. & A. M. George Coleman Hinkle, the immediate subject of this sketch, received his education in the common schools of Stone County, and at the Academy of La Crosse in Izard County and the Little Rock Commercial College, graduating from the latter institution in March, 1881, prior to which he had taught school for some time, and thus earned money to pay his way through college. After finishing his education he continued to teach for some time in this and Baxter Counties, continuing until 1886, when he was elected county clerk, an office he held until 1892. In December, 1872, he engaged in the mercantile business at Mt. View, where he has since been in business, and he is justly considered one of the substantial men of the county. He was married to Sarah A. Williamson, a daughter of William Williamson, who was born in Carter County, Mo., and by her has two sons: Ralph and Dolph. Mr. Hinkle is a member of the A. F. & A. M., and like his worthy sire before him is a Democrat politically.

E. D. Arnold. During the forty-seven years that have passed over the head of E. D. Arnold in Searcy County, he has thoroughly identified himself with every interest of the same, and has been very public-spirited and progressive. He was born in this county February 20, 1847, to William and Elizabeth (Dean) Arnold, the former of whom is now living on Buffalo River in this county. He came thither about 1840, from Wabash County, Ill., where he was born, whose father, Jacob Arnold, came with him to this section, having been a soldier in the War of 1812. William Arnold was a Union soldier during the great Civil War, and is now living in Searcy County, Ark., quite advanced in years. He was married here and here rared his family of seven children: Martha (Hodges); E. D.; Jacob, who is living on Richland Creek in this county; Andrew J., who is living on Buffalo Creek in this county; Jasper, a farmer also on Buffalo Creek; William J. also farms there, and Martin G., a farmer of the county. Three children died young: Mary J., Member and John. The mother of these children was called to "that bourne whence no traveler returns" in 1874, having lived the life of a true and earnest Christian. William Arnold is a member of the Masonic fraternity, is a prominent citizen of Searcy County and is looked up to by every one who has the honor of his acquaintance. The early life of E. D. Arnold was spent on his father's farm and from

there he enlisted, at the age of seventeen years in the Third Arkansas Cavalry, and the most of the time was stationed at Little Rock, but was also for some time at Louisburg. At the close of the war he returned home and at once set energetically to work to till the soil and also engaged in the sale of merchandise, being connected in the latter enterprise with Mr. McBride. Being a man of sound, good sense, practical ideas and of an energetic disposition, his efforts have been attended with excellent results and he is the owner of several good farms in Searcy County, one of his farms of 200 acres being in an excellent state of cultivation. Stockraising, that most profitable branch of agriculture, has also received much attention at his hands, and in addition to raising, he is also a dealer. He has always been active in political matters, has been a delegate to State conventions and in numerous other ways has manifested much public spirit. He is a member of the A. F. & A. M., Marshall Lodge, and of the G. A. R. post at that place. He was married in 1867 to Miss Mary Hensley, daughter of John and Mary (May) Hensley, Tennesseeans, but emigrants to Arkansas in 1840, the journey thither being made overland. The father died in St. Louis during the war, a prisoner of the Federals, having been captured while serving in the Confederate Army. He was clerk of the county at an early day and in politics was an Old Line Whig. His widow survives him at the age of eighty-four years and makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. Arnold. The latter was born in this county December 8, 1847, and is one of two surviving members of a family of seven children born to her parents, the other member being Louisa (Wyatt), of Richland, Ark. Mr. and Mrs. Arnold have five children: Eugene C., who is engaged in farming on his father's place, is married and the father of three children—Bert, Virgie and Jennie; William H. L.; Albert D.; Maude and Minnie. As a substantial, law-abiding citizen Mr. Arnold has no superior and the many friends that he has gathered about him testifies to his popularity.

James Estes. This intelligent man of affairs keeps abreast of the times and is a successful tiller of the soil of Marion County, Ark. He was born in Cannon County, Tenn., July 10, 1839, a son of John and Charlotte (Elkins) Estes, and grandson of Gilbert Estes, who came to this country from England and participated in the Revolutionary War, being killed in the battle of Horse Shoe Bend. One of his sons was in the War of 1812 under Gen. Jackson. Mrs. Malinda Thomas is the only one of that family now living, and she has attained the age of eighty-five years and makes her home with the subject of this sketch. In 1850 John Estes came with his family to Marion County, Ark., his brother Edward having preceded him several years, and James Estes, the subject of this sketch, accompanied his father, being then ten years of age. He grew to manhood in Yellville, and when the great Civil War came up he, in July, 1861, enlisted in an Arkansas regiment, in which he served until the war closed, taking part in the battles of Ash Hill, Pea Ridge, Little Rock, Pleasant Hill and others. He was a useful and faithful soldier, and gave all his energies to the success of the cause he espoused. He returned home June 20, 1865. Three of his brothers were in the Confederate service and only one, Matthew, was wounded. In 1861 Mr. Estes married Miss Mira M. Moore, whose parents, Alfred and Lavina (Marlow) Moore, died in this county, the father being killed during the war, and the mother's death occurring in 1855. Mrs. Estes was born in North Carolina September 1, 1843, and was one of her parents' eight children. Mr. Estes made his home in Yellville for some ten years after the war, then moved to a farm on Greasy Creek, and a few years later came to his present location, his farm here consisting of 160 acres of well-tilled land. He raises stock also, and has one of the most valuable places of its size in the county. He is a strong Democrat, and in 1879 was appointed

deputy county clerk of Marion County, and has held the offices of deputy sheriff and deputy treasurer, as well as other responsible positions. He is prominent in all public matters, active and generous in his support of worthy measures, and is a substantial citizen. He has been a member of the A. F. & A. M. since 1861, and he and his family are attendants of the Christian Church, of which his wife is a worthy member. Mr. and Mrs. Estes are the parents of the following children: Lee, A. L., Ella (wife of J. E. Butler, of Texas), Amanda, J. M., C. C., Daisy, Virgil, Cora, Edna and Irene. Mrs. Estes' brothers and sisters are as follows: Mary, wife of J. J. Keeter, is deceased; Minerva is the wife of Jesse White, of Lawrence County, Mo.; Sarah A., deceased; Martha is the wife of G. Davenport, and lives in this county; Letha, the wife of Thomas Nowlin, is living in this county; Katie is the deceased wife of John Auglin, and one child died young.

F. S. BAKER. This gentleman has been one of the wide-awake and enterprising citizens of Harrison, Ark., since 1873, but first saw the light of day in Smith County, Va., May 22, 1842, a son of Andrew and Mary (Hash) Baker, who were also Virginians. They came with their family to Fulton County, Ark., and there the father was successfully engaged in farming and merchandising up to the breaking out of the great Civil War, and they then moved to Jasper, Newton County. In 1862 the father enlisted as a lieutenant in the Confederate service, with which he served until the war closed, being a member of Company —, of the Fourteenth Arkansas Volunteers. He was in the battles of Pea Ridge, Port Hudson and others, but after the close of the war Mr. Baker returned to his native county of Grayson, Va., where he made his home for a number of years. He then returned to Arkansas, thence to Oregon, thence back to Arkansas, and is now living retired from the active duties of life in Harrison, being in the seventy-eighth year of his age. His wife has reached the seventy-sixth milestone of her life. They reared a family of six children: F. S.; Elizabeth, wife of E. Pugh, of Boone County; Levi, who is a miller at Bellefonte; Eli makes his home in the Indian Territory; Letitia is the wife of William Cecil, of Harrison, and William is a resident of Oregon. Louisa and another child died when quite young. F. S. Baker attended the common schools and Liberty Academy of Smith County, Va., gaining thus a good education, but at the age of seventeen years he emigrated from his natal county and took up his residence in Fulton County, and one year later in Searcy County. After his marriage, which occurred in 1860 and was to Miss Mary Harrison, a daughter of R. W. and Clarinda (Austin) Harrison, he settled on a farm near Buffalo Springs in that county, where he made his home for several years. His wife's parents came from Tennessee to this State, and located at Bluff Springs, where the father followed the calling of an attorney, becoming well known in his professional capacity throughout that section of the State. He was a strong Union man during the war, and while the great struggle between the North and South was in progress he made his home in Springfield, dying in Newton County in 1887, his widow still surviving him and a resident of Harrison. He and his wife reared the following children: Sarah, widow of Berry Cecil; Caroline, wife of A. F. Davis, of Harrison; George (deceased); John, who is living in Newton County; Mary (Mrs. Baker); L. F., a resident of Newton County; Wesley, who lives in Texas; Robert, a merchant of Jasper, Ark., and Franklin, also a resident of Jasper. Mrs. Baker was born in Tennessee, in February, 1840, and was a child at the time her parents removed to this State. She and Mr. Baker are the parents of three children: Mary A., wife of S. P. Elzey, who is a clerk in the land office at Harrison, has one child, Edith; James is living on a farm in the vicinity of Harrison, is married to Eliza Nash, and has one child, Roy S.; and Wesley W.

is married to Oma Webb, has one child, Mabel, and is the editor of the *Newton Herald*, at Jasper, Newton County, Ark.; Ellen died at the age of ten years, and Clay at the age of four years. In 1862 F. S. Baker enlisted in Company D, Second Arkansas Cavalry, and saw the most of his service at Springfield; he was honorably discharged, and took his family to Springfield, where he made his home until 1865, when he returned to Arkansas, locating at Jasper, and there entered mercantile life. At the end of about eight years he came to Harrison and engaged in milling, in partnership with Capt. H. W. Fick, an early pioneer of the town, and also conducted a mercantile establishment up to 1889. Upon his arrival in Harrison he was appointed to the position of postmaster under Hayes, continued to hold it under Garfield, and also filled the same position at other places under Grant's two administrations. In 1889 he was appointed recorder in the land office of the United States at Harrison, and his time expired January 21, 1894. He was deputy clerk while in Newton County, held other important offices, and in every relation in life his walk has been upright and straightforward, eminently calculated to win him the respect and approval of his fellows. He was at one time one of the largest jobbers in the mercantile line in the county, handled over 2,000 bales of cotton annually, and also ably conducted his large farm two miles north of Harrison, on which he is now living. Mr. and Mrs. Baker are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and he is a Knight Templar in the A. F. & A. M., and for ten years has been a high priest in the same. He held the office of eminent commander of his commandery, and has twice been master of his lodge. He is a member of Harrison Lodge of the I. O. O. F., belongs to the G. A. R., is a member of the Council of Administrators of the State, and is deputy of the order of the Eastern Star. He has been a member of the church since he was fourteen years of age, has been superintendent of the Sunday-school for the past sixteen years, and in church and educational matters he has always been remarkably active. He has been a member of the city council several times, and has ever been an enthusiastic Republican.

J. A. Weatherly. In this day and age of bustle and hurry very few people stop to consider what we eat and how to select it, but the skillful housewife is very careful in her purchase of groceries, for she knows that on their purity and wholesomeness depends in a large measure the health and happiness of her family. J. A. Weatherly, dealer in fine groceries at Harrison, Ark., enjoys a reputation for courteous dealing and promptness in his line of business which any grocer might be proud to have and his goods have become noted for their excellence and purity. He was born in Maury County, Tenn., January 27, 1844, the third of nine children born to Samuel M. and Eliza J. (Duncan) Weatherly, the former of whom was a Virginian, but an early pioneer of Tennessee, from which State he moved to Illinois about 1853 and settled in Union County, afterward locating at Murphysborough, Jackson County, where he was called from life about 1880. He was a mechanic by trade, a man of unblemished reputation and was a strong Republican in his political views. During the great Civil War he served as lieutenant in the One Hundred and Ninth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, but was wounded at Vicksburg and was compelled to retire from the service. His wife was a native Tennesseean and died shortly after her husband, both being consistent members of the Baptist Church. Their children were named as follows: William D., who died in Illinois; James H., who resides in Illinois and was a soldier in an Illinois regiment during the war; John A.; Samuel M., who lives in Illinois; Thomas J., also of that State; Martha J., wife of John Howell; Nancy P., wife of W. M. Rathrock, of Jackson County, Ill.; Lavinia, wife of Doc. Bandy, and Mary, who died when young. On a farm in the State of Illinois

the subject of this sketch was reared and he was educated in the common schools in the vicinity of his rural home. In January, 1862, he enlisted in Company A, Sixtieth Illinois Infantry, was under Col. W. B. Anderson and was with the Army of the Cumberland in the battles of Nashville, Murfreesboro, Atlanta, Savannah and Fayetteville, being honorably discharged at the latter place February 17, 1865, having received a sunstroke while in the battle of Atlanta, the effects of which he still feels. He held the rank of coporal and was a good and faithful soldier. He was at one time captured, owing to the fact that he was sick and had fallen behind his command, but when the Confederates discovered his condition they left him and he eventually recovered sufficiently to rejoin his command. After the war was over he went to Washington, D. C., thence home via Cairo, Ill., and was engaged in farming in Union County until 1870, when he came to Boone County, Ark., and located on a woodland farm in the vicinity of Burlington, on which he resided until 1883, when he moved to the town of Burlington and began selling goods. He came to Harrison in 1893 and until the fall of that year was with J. L. Roy, engaged in the sale of groceries, but since that time has been the sole proprietor and has built up a large patronage. Besides his valuable stock of goods his farm comprises 177 acres and he is a stockholder to the amount of about $1,000 in the Boone County Bank. Socially he is a member of the A. F. & A. M., Omaha Lodge No. 504, and politically he is a Republican of many years' standing. In 1865 he was married to Miss Vancy J. Robertson, a native of Union County, Ill., and a daughter of Charles and Susan (Rathrock) Robertson, who were also born there. Mrs. Weatherly was born August 15, 1847, and has borne her husband the following children; Sarah A., wife of P. H. Boyd, of Burlington, has three children—Mamie, Bertie and a baby; Marinda P. is the wife of A. L. Stevens, of Burlington, and Gracie B. Mr. and Mrs. Weatherly are members of the Missionary Baptist Church.

JOHN HORNBEAK. Success in business life is a guerdon that is very cautiously bestowed upon a person by the goddess, who in a measure guides, and invariably decorates, man's efforts. And this same success is far more apt to come because of the pursuer's genius or adaptability for his calling, than from any mere luck, ambition, push or demand. There are favorable opportunities in men's lives, which, if taken advantage of, will take them far along the road toward the consummation of their ideals, and, too, there are those who have a strange intuition of that time and avail themselves of it. But never does this mysterious aid come to those without ambition and fixed purpose. Determined effort invites success. Included in the narrow circle of men who have fought the battle successfully is John Hornbeak, a prominent merchant of Sparta, Mo. He was born in Warren County, Tenn., August 12, 1830, and is of German descent. His ancestors came to this country at an early date and settled in North Carolina, where they made their home for many years. The parents of our subject, James F. and Sarah (Johnson) Hornbeak, were natives of Tennessee, and in that State were married. The father was born in Grainger County in 1800, and about 1841 he and family moved to Greene County, Mo., locating about six miles south of Springfield. There he resided about two years and then moved farther south, within five miles of Ozark, on a farm, where he lived until his death in 1864. He took an active part in the Civil War, but did not become a soldier in 1861; instead of this he acted as a guide for an army through the country to the Arkansas line, and was a prominent man in the first years of the war. After the war he resumed agricultural pursuits in Greene County, and was the only one of his father's family who came to this section of the country. In political matters he stood with the Democratic party and held a number of offices of trust



JOHN HORNBEAK,
Sparta, Mo.



ALEXANDER CARTER,
Carter Co., Mo.

in Greene and Christian Counties. He was a Mason, a member of the first lodge in Springfield. Of superior education and well informed on all the events of the day, he wielded no small influence in his section. He was also well posted in law, and acted as an attorney at an early day, holding the office of justice of the peace for a number of years. He accumulated a good property, was the soul of honor, and was one of the most enterprising men of his day. His wife died in Christian County about 1857, and her people were early settlers of Arkansas, where many of the Johnsons reside at the present time. Mr. and Mrs. Hornbeak attended the Christian Church and the latter was a lifelong member of the same. To their marriage were born eleven children, ten of whom are still living: John, our subject, is the eldest; Martha is the wife of W. G. Brallier, of Iowa; W. C. has charge of the water works in Springfield; Nancy is the wife of William Hunt and resides in Greene County; Eliza, wife of S. M. Gernigan, resides at Ozark; Elizabeth married Mr. Smith and is now living in Nebraska; Bethenia, wife of P. R. Brown, resides south of Springfield; Telitha, widow of John Dunlap, resides at Springfield; Camelia was the wife of John Mack, of Greene County, and died in 1893; Thomas A., who is a merchant and James M. The parents of these children were among the early pioneers of southwest Missouri. John, the original of this notice, passed his early life in Tennessee, assisted on the farm and attended the schools of his native county. After coming to Missouri he attended the school there and remained with his father until 1853, when he engaged in merchandising at Ozark with A. L. Farmer, who died many years ago, and who entered the land on which the town of Ozark now stands and built the first store building there. Mr. Hornbeak resided in Ozark until 1854 and then moved to Kenton, where he continued his former business up to 1860. In 1862 he enlisted in the Home Guards, and, after the battle of Wilson's Creek was over, he was detailed on secret service. When the Union Army again came to Springfield he enlisted in Company F, as private, for the term of three months. After that he was made major of the Seventy-second Regiment, Missouri Enrolled Militia, served with the same three months, and commanded the post during the Marmaduke raid in Springfield, taking part in that fight. He received a gunshot wound in the left shoulder during the Springfield fight, and returned to Ozark, where he assisted in organizing another regiment, called the Rangers. Mr. Hornbeak had charge of the Second Battalion of that regiment, with the rank of major. They remained in the Ozark Region and protected the farmers, who were trying to raise a crop, from the bushwhackers, etc., of the county. After the fall of 1863 Mr. Hornbeak left the service and moved to Canton, Mo., where he followed merchandising for one year. In November, 1864, he took his family to Richland, Iowa, but in 1865 he again located at Kenton and followed his former occupation. He also owned a farm near Kenton, and in connection with merchandising also tilled the soil. There he resided until 1883, when he moved to Sparta, where he has since been engaged in merchandising. In politics Mr. Hornbeak has always been with the Republican party, and in 1857 he was elected to the Legislature from Christian County. In 1880 he was again elected to represent this county, thus showing his popularity. He has ever been active in politics and has been a delegate to a number of conventions. Our subject selected his wife in the person of Miss Amanda Murray, a native of Greene County, Mo., born in 1840, and the daughter of Joseph Murray, who was a descendant of the old Murray family of this county. Nine children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Hornbeak, five of whom are living: Sarah died in infancy; William died when small; John L. died when eleven years of age; Edward died at the age of two years; Laura married Charles R. ———, of

Sparta; Thomas E., single and clerking in his father's store; Belle, wife of R. E. Lee of this place; Florence, at home, and Grace, also at home. The family attend the Christian Church. Mr. Hornbeak is a member of the Masonic order at Sparta, and has held the office of treasurer. Born of sturdy German blood, whence so many of our foremost men have sprung, Mr. Hornbeak enjoys the reputation of uprightness and strength of character that distinguished his ancestors, and compels the admiration and respect of their associates. He has for years been one of the leading men of business in this county, and is doing an annual business of $25,000. He is also the owner of considerable real estate in this county, and is a progressive, thoroughgoing citizen.

H. A. Young. Since 1868 this worthy business man has made his home in Marion County, Ark., and for the past twenty years he has been very successfully engaged in mercantile pursuits, the liberal patronage which he receives being a hearty indorsement of his upright methods of conducting his affairs. He was born in northern Georgia June 17, 1848, a son of John and Evaline (Hicks) Young, both of whom died many years ago, the father while on his way home from the gold fields of California in 1848. His family consisted of four children: H. A. and Mary J., who is living in Georgia, the wife of a Mr. Blackurle, being the only surviving members. H. A. Young never saw his father, as he left for the West the year before he was born, and died before he reached home. When a lad H. A. Young attended the district schools of his native State, and when he took up his residence in Yellville he was eighteen years of age. He attended school here for some time, then began clerking in the mercantile establishment of L. Ellenburg, now of Springfield, and in 1873 or 1874 began business for himself, being first associated with W. Q. Seawel, and two years later with L. L. Seawel. Since 1880 he has been in business by himself, and for a short time was the traveling salesman of the American Bible Society. Take it all in all he has been a successful business man, notwithstanding the fact that he met with some severe reverses during the early part of his business career. He is now floating on a prosperous sea, and is doing well financially. His stock of goods amounts to about $2,000. He has for some time been interested in mining, and is the owner of a large amount of mining property in Marion County, and has successfully operated several paying mines. He was married in Yellville in 1877 to Miss Lavina Seawel, and to their union seven children have been given: Ora (deceased), Mary, Abigail, John, Eugene (deceased), Clara and Ruth. Mr. and Mrs. Young are devoted members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and although Mr. Young is a stanch Democrat politically, he has never been an office seeker, much preferring to devote his time and attention to his business than to fill any official position.

Allen Phillips. The creditable condition of agricultural life in Boone County, Ark., is due to a great extent to the enterprise, energy and intelligence of her worthy tillers of the soil, prominent among whom may be mentioned Allen Phillips, born in Surry County, N. C., February 12, 1847, a son of A. and Susan (Wilburn) Phillips, who were born, reared, married and died in the Old North State. The father was a leading Democrat of his day, was a prosperous farmer, but the late war swept away a considerable portion of his property. He and wife had the following children: Louisa, who is living in North Carolina; Nancy, who is dead; Robert, who is living in Henry County, Mo.; Richard, who is living in North Carolina; Allen and Sarah E., who also reside in the Old North State. The paternal grandfather, Richard Phillips, was an early pioneer of this State, having been a participant in the Revolutionary War. Allen Phillips was reared on a farm in the State of his birth, received a

practical common-school education, but the bursting of the war cloud which had so long hovered over the country put an end to his education. After he had attained his majority he started out to make his own way in the world, and in 1873 emigrated westward, and settled in Boone County, Ark., purchasing the farm on which he now resides, which at that time was heavily covered with timber. His estate comprises 160 acres, and on it are first-class improvements, the buildings being substantial, commodious and sightly, the fences in good repair and the farm under excellent cultivation. He has ever been a stanch Democrat, but has never been an aspirant for office, the duties of his farm fully occupying his time and attention. His wife, whose maiden name was Sarah Staples, was born near Walnut Grove, Ark., June 4, 1854, grew up and was educated in this county, and in 1878 was married to Mr. Phillips, by whom she had five children: Susan M., Robert P., Mary and Martha (twins) are deceased, and one child that died unnamed. Mr. Phillips and his wife are members of the Baptist Church, in which he is a deacon, and in all matters pertaining to the section or conducing to its welfare, he has shown a deep interest. He is of the stuff of which good citizens are made, and in the section in which he resides he commands the respect and liking of all who know him. Mrs. Phillips is a daughter of Patrick D. and Emeline (Gathen) Staples, who live on a fine farm on Gathen Prairie. The father was born in east Tennessee, June 25, 1824, a son of John and Sallie (McKinnie) Staples, who were among the early pioneers of Boone County, Ark., coming thither in 1849, accompanied by their son, Patrick D. John Staples died a few years ago, but his wife has been dead many years. He was a farmer and carpenter by occupation, by which means he acquired a competency. His family consisted of the following children: Patrick D.; William B., who lives in the Choctaw Nation; Benjamin F., also a resident of the Choctaw Nation; Alexander, who died at Fort Smith, Ark., during the war; Emeline, wife of A. Watkins; Betsey J., wife of William H. Barker, and Adaline, who married a Mr. Gathen and lives in the Choctaw Nation. Patrick D. Staples quite well remembers the overland journey to this county, soon after which he located on Cherokee Creek, and in 1870 moved to the farm where he now lives where he has since been quite successfully engaged in tilling the soil and raising stock. He was married to the daughter of Col. Beal Gathen, by whom he became the father of three children: Belvadra, wife of S. J. Wilson; Sarah Elvira, wife of Allen Phillips, and Adaline, wife of Al. Savage, of Taney County, Mo. Mr. Staples lost his first wife in 1872, and afterward married Sue, daughter of L. Pateet, this union resulting in the birth of one child, William B., who is now seven years old. Mr. Staples is now seventy years of age and is yet a hale and healthy man, giving promise of many more years of usefulness. He is a natural mechanic, an excellent carpenter, and has followed the cooper's trade some during his life. He has always been a Democrat politically.

JOHN BAILEY HEFFLEY. John Bailey Heffley has devoted the greater part of his life to the calling of a farmer and stockraiser, and has met with more than the average degree of success by his industry and good management, accumulating a fair share of this world's goods. Like other representative men of the county he came originally from Marion County, Tenn., of which his parents, Philip and Hannah (Sharp) Heffley, were also natives. In that State the father died when our subject was about five years of age and the mother afterward removed to Henderson County, West Tenn., where some of Mr. Heffley's people were living. Later she returned to Marion County on business and died there, leaving the children orphans at an early age. John Heffley, our subject's paternal grandfather, was also a native of Tennessee, and was probably killed in the Florida War. He was of Dutch origin, and a

practical and successful farmer all his life. The maternal grandfather, Daniel Sharp, was a farmer, and died in Tennessee when one hundred and four years of age. His wife was also quite aged at the time of her death. They were Dutch people. John Bailey Heffley's birth occurred in 1829, and he was second in order of birth of three sons and one daughter. The others were named as follows: Daniel, a farmer of Big Creek; Catherine, who was the wife of a Mr. Johnson, died in California, and William, who was a soldier and ranger under Gen. McCullough, has not been heard from since. It is thought he is dead. Our subject was reared by his Grandmother Heffley and an uncle, in Henderson County, Tenn., and received but very little schooling. In 1850 he came by wagon to what is now Boone County, Ark., and took up land on Crooked Creek. There he was married in about 1854 to Miss Mary Jane Bird, a native of Tennessee, who died on Big Creek, Newton County, about 1876. Nine children were born to this union: Daniel J.; Theresa Ann, wife of George Nichols; Alice, wife of William Criner; John; William Bailey; Philip H.; Caroline, died young; Frank Bird and Job C., all married and living within a mile of the father. In the month of May, 1872, Mr. Heffley was married to Mrs. Martha J. Davis, daughter of John Shular, a native of North Carolina, from which State he came to Newton County, Ark., in 1859. His death occurred here about 1870. Mrs. Heffley was born in this county and by her marriage to our subject became the mother of five children: Joseph, Robert Allison, George Mason, Nora Lee and Cora Martha Jane. About the year 1858 Mr. Heffley moved to Texas, but two years later returned to Arkansas, locating first on Buffalo River. The same year he moved to a farm on Big Creek where he has since made his home. He is now one of the stirring, progressive farmers of his section, owns 160 acres of fine land and has made all the improvements. Early in 1862 he joined Scott's Squadrons, Confederate Troops, and was engaged in scouting in northwest Arkansas until 1863. After that he joined Company F, First Arkansas Infantry, Union Army, and after being stationed at Ft. Smith for a time, came home to look after his family and did not return. He is a Royal Arch Mason, a member of Cave Creek Lodge No. 135, and of Jasper Chapter. He and several of his children are members of the Christian Church. Mr. Heffley is a member of one of the first families of the county and is universally respected.

Col. John J. Kemp, deceased. The influence of a good man will be ever expanding with the lapse of time, and his deeds of charity and acts of kindness will live to commemorate his name and perpetuate his memory. It can be truly said that a good man has been gathered to his fathers, but his virtues live after him, and his name is everywhere mentioned with respect and honor. He was born in middle Tennessee August 6, 1818, and his death occurred May 31, 1893. His early education was obtained in the State of his birth, and having been brought up to the occupations of farming and stockraising, he followed them throughout life. Upon coming to Arkansas he settled at Flatwoods, in what is now Stone County, and over forty years ago took up his residence in Richwoods. By the judicious exercise of both brain and brawn he cleared up what is now one of the finest farms in the county, if not the finest, containing 480 acres, all of which is extremely fertile. He was very successful in his chosen calling, and was one of the very first in this section to introduce a good grade of horses, cattle, mules and hogs. He lost heavily during the Civil War, but afterward retrieved his losses, and at the time of his death was wealthy. He was a southern sympathizer, was a soldier of the Confederate Army, and ever afterward was a stanch Democrat. He was a member of the Christian Church, and socially belonged to the A. F. & A. M. He was married in Arkansas to Miss Cynthia Reeves, who was born in Boone County,

Ark., and to them twelve children were born, six sons and four daughters of whom are living at the present time. He was twice married, first to a Miss Young, who bore him quite a large family. Isaac, the fourth child by his second wife, was born May 13, 1864, on the farm where he now lives, and during his boyhood and early manhood he attended the schools of Richwoods and assisted in the duties of the farm during vacations. He was deputy sheriff of the county for two years under E. E. Rosson, but since the death of his worthy sire he has lived on and managed the home place, which he and his brother, J. T., own. They are wide-awake young business men and are admirably fitted to carry on the work which was successfully conducted by their father for so many years. Isaac was married to Miss Julia Hughes, of this county, and like his father before him he is a Democrat in his political views.

ROBERT FRANKLIN LIVINGSTON, better known as "Casey Livingston," was born in Izard County, Ark., in 1853, the son of Robert and Polly (Finley) Livingston, who were also natives of Izard County. The father died in Baxter County, six miles below the mouth of North Fork, in 1870, at the age of forty-three years, and his widow three months later, at the age of thirty-three years. The paternal grandfather also spent his last days in Izard County. Robert Livingston was a successful tiller of the soil, and he and his wife were worthy and active members of the Baptist Church, and took a deep interest in church work. He owned three good farms on White River, was a member of the A. F. & A. M., and politically was a stanch Democrat. Of a family of nine children born to himself and wife, four are now living: Robert Franklin; Sarah Jane (Garton), who resides on the old home farm; Millie E., wife of Charles P. Tolbert, a farmer of Johnson County, Tex.; and Fannie, wife of Woods Blivins, who resides in Mt. Home. The rest of the children died when quite young. The scholastic education of Robert Franklin Livingston was received in the academy conducted by Prof A. J. Truman, but owing to the death of his father, which occurred when he was seventeen years of age, he began tilling the old home farm, and after raising one crop he returned to school. In 1872 his marriage with Mrs. Harriet L. Stinnett, who was born in Henry County, Tenn., occurred, and to them four children were given: Ophelia; Lorena, wife of Laurel Tolbart, a farmer of the county; Robert Clifford, and Daisy. After his marriage Mr. Livingston located on a farm about a mile and a half northeast of Mt. Home, and as it was heavily covered with timber he at once energetically began the work of improvement, and now has a beautiful and valuable home. His farm is considered one of the best in the county, and his residence is commodious, substantial, convenient and pretty. He has been quite extensively engaged in the handling of cattle and mules, selling to the home market; is enterprising and industrious, and, as a result, his efforts have been attended with success, and he is now the owner of a fine farm of 107 acres (his home place), besides an interest in the old Livingston homestead and a farm on the North Fork. Although he has never held any official position, he has taken quite an active interest in politics, and has always labored for the success of the Democrat party. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Church, and move in the best social circles of their section.

HON. SAMUEL LESLIE. Among the representative and venerable citizens of Searcy County, Ark., and one who is a splendid type of the enterprise, industry and self-reliance of the early Arkansas pioneer, it is a pleasure to introduce to the readers of this volume the subject of this sketch. Considerably more than half a century ago he braved the dangers, trials and privations of pioneer life in order to establish a home and competency for his growing family, and where now are waving fields of grain then stood the mighty mon-

arch of the forest. He was born in Barren County, Ky., October 25, 1809, a son of John and Jane (McElwee) Leslie, the latter having been born in South Carolina. It is thought that Mr. Leslie was born while his parents were en route from Pennsylvania to the South, and he and his wife were married in York District, S. C., from which place they removed in 1807 to Kentucky, and when their son Samuel was about two years of age to Tennessee. Here the mother died when he was about eight years of age, but the father survived until 1840, his death occurring in Carroll County. Mr. Leslie was a farmer and mechanic, having served three years at wagon making and seven years as a weaver, and through unflagging efforts he became possessed of a competency. He was of Irish origin. William McElwee, the maternal grandfather, was of Scotch-Irish origin, was a tiller of the soil by occupation and died in South Carolina. The subject of this sketch was one of five sons and five daughters: George, who died in Carroll County, Tenn.; William, who died in Cole County, Mo.; John, who died in Humphreys County, Tenn.; Samuel, the subject of this sketch; Andrew J., who died in San Antonio, Tex.; Mary M., who died in Carroll County, Tenn., the wife of Andrew Simpson; Elizabeth, who died in Searcy County, Ark., the wife of Samuel McKeag; Margaret, who died in Cole County, Mo., the wife of David Van Pool; Jane, who died in Humphreys County, Tenn., the wife of Zeddock Duncan, and Grace who died in Carroll County, Tenn., the wife of Joseph Murphy. The educational advantages which Samuel Murphy received were of a limited description, and were confined to the public schools of his day which were neither very good nor very numerous, but he became thoroughly familiar with all things connected with farming. In 1831 he was married to Ruth, the daughter of Edward and Dicey Harris, who removed from North Carolina to Tennessee, the father dying in Carroll County, and the mother in Johnson County, Ark. Mrs. Leslie was born in North Carolina and died in 1859, having become the mother of ten children: Dicey Jane, the deceased wife of John Boyd; Andrew J., of Searcy County; Dr. John W., a prominent physician of Searcy County, and a member of the State Legislature of the session of 1889; Archibald Y., who was a soldier of the Confederate Army, and was killed in Searcy County; Samuel, who died in Benton County; Mary, the deceased wife of Samuel Redwine; Margaret, the deceased wife of James W. Stephenson; Ruth, widow of Henry Butler, makes her home with her father; Blanche, wife of John Mathis, and Nancy who is unmarried. In 1838 Mr. Leslie came with his family from Henderson County, Tenn., to Arkansas, and located at the mouth of Wiley's Cove, where he was engaged in tilling the soil for four years, at the end of which time he located on his present farm, on which a very small amount of improvement had been made, and on a portion of which the town of Leslie now stands. Here he has made his home for over half a century, and is still the owner of a fine farm of 160 acres. He is one of the oldest residents of Searcy County, for there were but eight or ten families in the Cove when he arrived here, and none of these had been here longer than two years. Searcy County was then a part of Marion County, and Clinton was the nearest postoffice, mill and trading point. They experienced all the hardships of pioneer life, and were frequently compelled to resort to the mortar and pestle to obtain corn meal for their home consumption. The postoffice of Wiley's Cove was afterward changed to the name of Leslie, in honor of one of the sons of Mr. Leslie, and Mr. Leslie served as its postmaster until the opening of the Civil War, and is at the present time again holding that position. At various times he bore the titles of lieutenant, captain, major and colonel of militia in Tennessee, and after he came to Arkansas he became captain of Company F, of Col. Matlock's regiment of Arkansas Infantry, and was a faithful soldier of the Confederate

cause for about two years, being stationed at Little Rock until the fall of that city, and then at Arkadelphia until he was taken sick and compelled to retire from the service. He has perhaps represented Searcy County in the State Legislature more times than any other one man, being elected to that body in 1840, 1846, 1848, 1850 and 1854, but has held no elective civil office since that time. He made an intelligent and able legislator, was a credit to himself and an honor to his constituents, and no man in the county has more friends or fewer enemies than he. The citizens of the county have the utmost faith in his integrity, and their confidence has never been misplaced. For many years he figured quite prominently in local and State politics, but has left that work to younger and more active men. He cast his first presidential vote for Gen. Jackson in 1828, although not quite twenty-one years old; has voted at every presidential election since that time, save during the war and when he was disfranchised for a few years after that time. He has been an earnest member of the Methodist Church for many years.

THOMAS BENTON MUSICK. This gentleman, who resides in James Creek Township, Marion County, Ark., has been remarkably successful as a husbandman, and a biographical compendium of the Ozark Region would be incomplete were not mention made of him, for he is a man of much public spirit; he donates liberally to all public enterprises and gives his influence to every just measure for the promotion of the common good. He was born on White River, just below the mouth of James Creek, in 1856, his parents, Andrew Benton and Louisa (Locia) Musick, having been born in Cole County, Mo., in 1823, and in what is now Marion County, Ark., in 1825. Both removed to Douglas County, Mo., with their parents, were probably married there and located on White River, in Marion County, on a place on which very little improvement had been made, but which he in time converted into a fine farm, and on which he spent the remainder of his days, dying in 1874, and his wife in 1867. He was twice married, his second wife being Jane Stout, by whom he had four children. He served the last two years of the war in Gen. Joseph Shelby's command and was with Gen. Price on his raid. He lost heavily during the war, but these losses he retrieved in a great measure afterward, and fortunately was neither wounded nor taken prisoner during his service. He was a Mason of Yellville Lodge No. 117, was a stanch Democrat politically, and was an active worker for the party. His father, Lee Musick, was born in North Carolina, but removed with his parents to St. Louis County, Mo., and afterward to Kentucky where he married and spent some years. After the death of his wife he returned to Missouri, and after locating in Cole County he married and spent some years there. Later he resided in Webster and Douglas Counties, but during the war was living in Marion County, Ark., where he was captured while at home by some guerrillas, and taken to Springfield. He died soon after in the stockade, a prisoner of war and a homeless old man. He was a carpenter by trade and occupation and was a man of excellent habits and unblemished reputation. His wife died in Marion County during the war. The Musick family trace their origin back to George Musick, who was picked up a child as the only survivor of a shipwreck on the coast of Wales, several generations back. He was named Musick, because he possessed decided musical talents and grew to honorable manhood among the Welsh people. He married and had five sons: Alexis, George, David, Abraham and Ephraim, all of whom came to America in the early part of the eighteenth century and located in Spottsylvania County, Va. Thomas R., a son of Ephraim, was born there in 1757 and entered the Baptist ministry at the age of seventeen, but soon after went to North Carolina, where he joined the Colonial Army and served throughout the Revolution. He was twice captured

by the British, and had the distinguished honor of being at the surrender of Lord Cornwallis. After the war he removed to Kentucky where he married Mary Martin about 1801, and afterward came to Missouri. He preached the first Protestant sermon west of the Mississippi River. He died in 1843. His son, Dr. Lewis R. Musick, a cousin of Lee Musick, the grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was a Kentuckian, married Mary Fitzwater, and became a captain of militia, fighting the Indians in Missouri from 1811 to 1815. The maternal grandfather of Thomas Benton Musick, Sylvester Locia, was a Frenchman and was one of the first settlers of northern Arkansas. He died at Buffalo City before the opening of the Civil War. He was a merchant and farmer and Mrs. Musick was his only child, and well remembers the time when Yellville was a Shawnee Indian Village, called Shawneetown. She bore her husband six children: Lavina S., who died young; Sylvester L., deceased; Lee, who died in infancy; Louisa, wife of B. F. Fee, of Yellville; Thomas Benton, and Janira, who became the wife of Benjamin Estes and is now deceased. Mr. Musick has half brothers and sisters as follows: Nancy A., wife of James H. Bond; Sarah J., who died young; Samantha, who died in childhood, and John G. Thomas B. was reared on a farm with common-school advantages and after the death of his father he took charge of the home farm and faithfully performed the duties of a parent to the younger members of the family. In 1880 he married Tennessee Parker, his second marriage being celebrated in September, 1891, Mrs. Sarah C. Cochran, a daughter of Stemuel and Louisa Jane Johnson becoming his wife. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are residents of Marion County, and he is a farmer, carpenter and blacksmith. Mrs. Musick was born in Boone County, Ark., and is the mother of one child Mr. Musick has spent nearly all his life in the vicinity of where he was born and reared, and is the owner of an excellent farm of 120 acres and has an interest in the old home place of 300 acres. He followed school teaching for some years after he had attained his fifteenth year, and was also engaged in clerking for some time. He and his wife are members of the Baptist Church. He has held the office of justice of the peace for several years and politically has always affiliated with the Democrat party, his first vote being cast for Samuel J. Tilden in 1876.

M. L. Aderhalt. This gentleman is one of the most extensive farmers and stockmen of Boone County, Ark., and although he resides in Harrison he operates a farm about two miles south of that place. He has made his home in this county since 1867, but was born in the Old North State April 17, 1843, being the third of seven children born to M. E. and Mary E. (Rudisill) Aderhalt, the former of whom is still engaged in farming in his native county of Gaston, N. C. His father, Jacob Aderhalt, came from Germany and settled in North Carolina prior to the Revolution, became prominent in that section and there passed from life many years ago. M. E. Aderhalt became captain of a North Carolina company during the Mexican War, during which time he was wounded once, and in 1861 he also enlisted in the service, first as a Union man, but was forced to join the Southern army for the sake of his family and effects. He served under Gen. Lee and took part in the engagements at Richmond and Petersburg. He is a highly honored citizen of the section in which he lives, has held the office of county treasurer, and in other ways has been prominent in the affairs of his county. His wife died in 1861, a daughter of Jonas Rudisill, also a native of Germany and an early settler in North Carolina. The children of M. E. and Mary E. Aderhalt were named as follows: Mary L., who died in 1861; M. E., who is a fruit grower of Florida; Monroe L., the subject of this sketch; Sylvanus, who is a railroad man of North Carolina; Adolphus, who is also in that business in Georgia; J. C., who is also engaged in that occu-

pation in Georgia, and a baby that died in infancy. In the common schools of his native county M. L. Aderhalt laid the foundations of a good education, and in 1860 he began learning the carpenter's trade under an uncle in Jacksonville, Ala., and followed this occupation up to 1880 in Alabama, North Carolina, South Carolina, Texas, other portions of the West and to some extent in Boone County, Ark. He has been quite an extensive traveler throughout the Western States and Territories, and besides following his calling, he bestowed considerable attention to stocktrading and has prospered financially. His farm in this county comprises over 300 acres, all of which is under cultivation. It is one of the finest estates in a county noted for the excellence of its farms, is well improved with fine farm buildings, fences, etc., and on it are annually raised and pastured a large amount of stock. He has bought and handled stock from northern Missouri to the Rocky Mountains and is well known as a shrewd, intelligent, but always honorable dealer. He has operated in other lines and was at one time the owner of a distillery in Boone County, was a merchant in New Mexico, was one of the organizers of the Boone County bank, and is now vice-president, one of the directors and a stockholder in the same. In the hard school of experience he has gained a thorough and comprehensive knowledge of the business affairs of life, and is one of the keenest and most successful financiers of the county. He has resided in the town of Harrison since 1893 and is a member of the I. O. O. F. lodge of this place. He is a stanch Democrat politically, and he and his wife attend the Presbyterian Church, of which she is a member. Her maiden name was Mary E. McMillan, who was born near Little Rock, Ark., in 1848, a daughter of William McMillan, who came to this county in 1868 and died in the vicinity of Harrison in 1878. She has two brothers: B. Frank, who is living on the old home farm, and Charles, who also makes his home there.

THOMAS W. STOREY. The responsible position of sheriff and collector of Stone County, Ark., is filled by Thomas W. Storey, who is one of the most energetic, enterprising and intelligent of men. He is a native of Jackson County, Ga., born September 22, 1841, a son of William H. and Elizabeth (Garner) Storey, who were also born in Georgia, he in Franklin County and she in Gwinnett County. In 1869 they went from Georgia to Arkansas and after one year's residence in Izard County the father died, in his fifty-seventh year, the mother's death occurring in 1885. Mr. Storey was a tanner by trade and carried on this business in several counties in Georgia, and also in Izard County, Ark., up to the time of his death. He was captain of a company during the Seminole War in Florida, and in 1863 was elected lieutenant of a cavalry company, and was in the service of the Confederacy until the close of the great conflict between the North and South. He was a member of the Methodist Church and was a local minister of the same for about twenty-five years, and did a great deal of good for the cause of Christianity. Politically he was a Democrat. Thomas W. Storey was one of a family of five sons and four daughters, and was the eldest of the family. He secured a good education in the common schools of Georgia, and afterward finished his education in the State University, and the La Crosse Academy in Izard County. August 24, 1861, he left home to give his aid to the Confederacy, and became a member of Company C, Twenty-fourth Georgia Infantry, and fought at Yorktown, Williamsburg, Seven Pines, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Chickamauga, Knoxville and Fisher's Creek, October 13, 1864. On the 19th of October, of the same year, he lost one of his legs at Cedar Creek by a cannon ball which closed his service. His education was finished after he left the army. He also assisted his father in his business, and three years after coming to Arkansas went to Riggsville from Melbourne and there successfully conducted a tannery until

1879, when he purchased a farm of 200 acres four miles west of Mt. View, where he has since made his home. He was elected justice of the peace in 1878, held the office two years; in 1884 was elected sheriff, then was appointed deputy United States marshal, and in 1892 was again appointed to that position. He was then elected sheriff and collector of Stone County, and has discharged the duties of this position with marked ability up to the present time. In December, 1875, he was married to Miss Dollie L. Bailey, of this county, but who was born in Tennessee. Seven sons and two daughters have blessed their union. Mr. Storey is a member of the Methodist Church South, and in his political views has ever been a pronounced Democrat. He possesses sterling straits of character, is honored and respected as a citizen and official, and numbers his friends by the score.

WILLIAM F. BOYD. This gentleman is one of the substantial and prosperous farmers of Searcy County, Ark., and is well known as one of its best citizens. All his property has been accumulated by honest toil and good management, and he is now the owner of one of the best farms in this section, comprising 270 acres. Mr. Boyd first saw the light of day in this county February 11, 1854, a son of John S. and Sarah J. (Leslie) Boyd, both of whom were born in Tennessee, the former being a son of Charles Boyd, one of the first settlers of this county, and the latter a daughter of Samuel Leslie. John S. Boyd was a child when brought to this county and here he reached mature years and was united in marriage with Miss Leslie in that section of the county in which their son, William F., now lives. After the celebration of their nuptials they purchased a good tract of land on Cave Creek on which the father made his home until he was killed at Pilot Knob, Mo., while with Price on his raid through that State. Upon the death of his wife in 1862 their children were left fatherless and motherless. They were named as follows: Martha, wife of Joseph Blair; Samuel, who is engaged in farming; Mary E., wife of Frank Giles; A. G., who died some twelve years ago in Texas; J. M., who resides in this county; and William F. John S. Boyd was a Democrat in politics, was a worthy member of the Masonic fraternity, and had for some years been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. On the old homestead on Cave Creek the subject of this sketch grew up, and when he had attained the age of nineteen years he started out to do for himself. He was soon after united in marriage to Miss Sarah Thomas, a daughter of Benjamin and Mary (Brator) Thomas, who were among the pioneers of this State from Tennessee. Mrs. Boyd was born in Searcy County, and has borne her husband two children: Cornelius A. and Roy O. Mr. Boyd's present farm is admirably tilled, is very fertile, and the yearly income derived therefrom is in every way satisfactory. His homestead is situated about seven miles from Marshall, and is well improved with buildings of all kinds, fences, etc. He has always been a pronounced Democrat in his political views, and he and his estimable wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

DANIEL PHILLIPS. Among the honored and well-to-do tillers of the soil of Newton County, Ark., may be mentioned Daniel Phillips, whose many years of hard labor have been rewarded with abundant means. He is now in the enjoyment of a comfortable income, the result of intelligent management and undeviating industry, and enjoys the esteem and confidence of all with whom he has had business relations. He was born in Morgan County, Tenn., August 27, 1846, being the sixth of nine children born to Jesse and Parmelia (Everage) Phillips, both of whom were born in the Old North State. The former died in Johnson County, Ark., in 1878, at the age of seventy-five years, in which section he had settled in 1859, and where he was successfully engaged in tilling the soil. During the lamentable Civil War he was a stanch Union

man and all his sons were soldiers in the Federal Army. He became a strong supporter of the Republican party after the war, but being of a quiet and retiring disposition he never aspired to public preferment, choosing to leave the strife and turmoil of political life to others. He was a worthy member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, as was his wife, who died in 1880 at the age of seventy-eight years. His father, John Phillips, was a North Carolinian. The children which he and his wife reared were as follows: Dinah, Miles H., Frances, Absalom, Margaret, Daniel, John, William, Tull, and one that is deceased. Daniel and Absalom are residents of Newton County, Ark., and the latter is a successful merchant of Marble City. Frances, who is the wife of M. Braziler, is residing in this county as is also Margaret, who is the wife of John Allen. The parents of these children died in Johnson County, Ark., where they made their home some years prior to their death. Daniel Phillips was a boy of thirteen years when he came to this county, and owing to his youth he did not enlist in the service of his country until April 18, 1863, when he became a member of Company I, Second Arkansas Cavalry, under John E. Phelps, and was in some of the principal battles in which that regiment participated. Notwithstanding his youth, he made a good soldier and was ever found at the post of duty. He received his discharge at La Grange, Tenn., in 1865, after which he returned to his home in Newton County, where he at once energetically entered upon the pursuits of civil life. While serving in the Civil War he was married to Miss Clarissa Brasell, a daughter of James Brasell, who died many years ago in Illinois. His widow, whose maiden name was Priscilla Suazey, came from her native State of Tennessee to Illinois, thence to Missouri, and in 1861 became a resident of Newton County, Ark., her home being located about twenty-five miles from Jasper, where she died soon after the war. Mrs. Phillips was born in Jackson County, Tenn., April 8, 1847, and after the war closed she located with her husband on a farm about twenty miles from Jasper, where they made their home until 1869, when they located on a farm near Mount Parthenon, where at a later period Mr. Phillips entered the mercantile business, continuing this occupation in connection with farming until 1888, when he moved to Jasper and opened a general mercantile establishment at this place. However, at the present time, he is engaged in farming, his estate comprising 180 acres of fertile land on Little Buffalo Creek. He started out in life with no capital, and what he now has is the result of his own shrewd management and push. He has always been a Republican of pronounced type and has held the office of deputy county sheriff for the last three years. He has attained to the chapter in the Masonic fraternity, is interested in all educational and religious movements, and he and his wife are active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Their children are as follows: Parmelia, who died at the age of twelve years; Henry, who is county superintendent of schools; Sarah F., who died at the age of six years; Louis, engaged in teaching, John, Nancy, Russell, and Sherman.

ROBERT A. THORNTON. Robert A. Thornton, a prominent merchant, stockman, farmer and cotton dealer of Shaver, Ark., came originally from Christian County, Mo., his birth occurring in 1859 to the union of K. M. and Jane (Boatwright) Thornton, natives of Tennessee, where they lived until 1851. From there they removed to Springfield, Mo., and resided in Greene and Christian Counties for a good many years. Mr. Thornton, who was born in the year 1811, died at Shaver in 1885. Mrs. Thornton died when about seventy-seven years of age. Both were members of the Free-Will Baptist Church for nearly fifty years. All his life the father tilled the soil, and met with fair success in this calling. During the war he was a Union man, but took no part in that

struggle. His father, Nedham Thornton, was a farmer and slave owner of Tennessee, where he passed the closing scenes of his life. He was probably a native of the Blue Grass State. Of his six sons and two daughters, the father of our subject was the only one who removed to Missouri. The maternal grandfather, Thomas Boatwright, was a native Tennesseean. From there he moved to Texas, where he died, leaving a large landed estate. He was a Confederate soldier. Our subject is the youngest of thirteen children, three sons and ten daughters: Mattie, deceased, was the wife of Douglas Jarrett; Louisa, wife of Edward Vaughan, of Greene County, Mo.; Sarah, wife of James Morgan, of Greene County, Mo.; Margaret, wife of Oscar De Graff, of Cherokee County, Kan.; Dotch, wife of Andrew J. Nichols, of Searcy County, Ark.; Ellen, wife of Isaac Workman, of Texas; Nances, deceased, was the wife of W. A. Fisk; Emma, wife of Frank Tucker, of Barry County, Mo.; Rebecca, wife of Michael Widner, of Boone County; Ann, wife of William Bristow, of Greene County, Mo.; O. D., a prominent and wealthy merchant and land owner of Berryville, Ark. (he was a soldier in the Federal Army, and was wounded); Kinnion Blackman, a prominent merchant of Guthrie, Okla., was in the Home Guards during the war. Owing to the war our subject received a limited education in his youth, there being no schools in his section for some time after cessation of hostilities, and is a strictly self-made man in all that the words imply. When about sixteen years of age he came to Arkansas, and when seventeen years of age began for himself by trading in cattle, etc., in Boone County. After that he spent a year and a half farming in Newton County, and in 1876 celebrated his nuptials with Miss Jennie Shaver, a native of Missouri, and the daughter of Archibald Shaver, who is now a resident of Jasper County, Mo. About 1879 Mr. Thornton located on Long Creek, on his present farm, and was engaged in tilling the soil and stockraising almost exclusively for a few years. After that he engaged in merchandising at Denver, in Carroll County, for a few years, and he also sold goods in Eureka Springs for a short time. About 1886 he embarked in general merchandising at Shaver Post-office, the same being named after his wife, who has since been postmistress. His annual sales amount to about $20,000, and he also gins about 1,000 bales of cotton per year. Aside from this he is one of the most extensive stock feeders and shippers in the county, shipping about twenty car loads each year. Mr. Thornton has one of the best farms in the county, owning 500 acres, with 250 acres under cultivation. He has a fine and commodious dwelling, good orchard, and his place is otherwise improved. His success has been almost phenomenal, for he started with no capital, very little education, but with any amount of pluck, perseverance and industry. He is a member of Cotton Wood Lodge, A. F. & A. M., No. 356, at Bear Creek, and in politics is a stanch Republican.

ZIMRI A. CARTER (deceased). This gentleman was a pioneer in the fullest sense of the term, for he came to Carter County with his father, Benjamin F. Carter, in the year 1813, and settled with him on the land where Chilton is now located, nine miles south of Van Buren. The country was in a wild state at that time, Indians roamed the mead, and wild animals were numerous. The Carter family came from the Palmetto State and Benjamin Carter was about the first white man to settle in the county. He became a farmer and stockraiser and met with unusual success in these occupations. His death occurred many years ago. His children, six in number, were named as follows: William Carter, resided in Reynolds County; Zimri A., subject; Henry died in Wayne County, Mo.; Mrs. John Chilton; Mrs. Mark Chilton and Benjamin F., Jr., who lived and died in Oregon County, Mo. Zimri A. Carter was born in South Carolina March 30, 1794, and was a boy of thirteen years when the

family moved to this county. He delighted in hunting, and as the forests abounded in game of nearly all kinds much of his time in youth was spent in seeking the haunts of the bear, panther, etc., and he was a well-known Nimrod. He selected his life companion in the person of Miss Clementine Chilton, daughter of Thomas Chilton, Sr., who died in Shannon County, where his grandchildren are still living. Mrs. Carter was born in Tennessee, April 4, 1802, but came to Missouri at an early day and located with her parents in Carter County. After marriage Zimri A. Carter located on Current River, about two miles south of where Van Buren now stands, and he became a prominent farmer and stockraiser, and an extensive land owner. His death occurred February 3, 1872. In politics he was a strong Democrat and held many offices in Carter County as well as other positions in the State. The county of Carter was organized in 1869 and named after Zimri A. Carter. He was a public-spirited man and took a deep interest in all enterprises that pertained to the welfare of the county. His wife died in 1873. They were the parents of an old-fashioned family of fifteen children: John, Perry, Nelson, Bailey, Serena, William, Belinda, Benjamin F., Thomas, Francis M. and Minering (twins), Henry, Charles T., Alexander and Sarah J. The family held membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church. The sons, William and Francis M., live in St. Francois County, Mo., and are prominent attorneys; Charles T. is a farmer of Henry County, Mo.; Sarah J., married Mr. Mabrey, an attorney of Ripley County, Mo.; and Alexander is living at Van Buren. They are the only ones now living. Benjamin F. was a soldier in the Civil War. Alexander Carter, the youngest son born to the marriage of Zimri A. Carter, first saw the light in this county January 4, 1845, and he grew to manhood on the old home place which he now owns. He attended the pioneer schools of the day, his father sending East for teachers, but the late war put a stop to his schooling. Like his father he delighted in hunting and he still enjoys that pastime almost as well as he does fishing. In 1870 he was elected circuit and county clerk and held the office for six years, resigning the two last years of his second term on account of the poor health and death of his wife in 1876. Her maiden name was Mollie Ake, daughter of John Ake, of Iron County. In 1881 Mr. Carter married Miss Lizzie Rose, daughter of Capt. A. D. Rose, of Carter County, and three children were born to this union: Bessie, Elsie and Luin A. Mr. Carter engaged in merchandising and milling for a number of years in Carter County and for some time has made his home in Van Buren. He owns the old home place near Van Buren and also the old home place of the Chilton family. He owns a large tract of farming land and several thousand acres of timber land. Politically he is a Democrat, and socially a Mason, a member of Van Buren Lodge. He and Mrs. Carter are members of the Baptist Church, and prominent citizens of the county. He is connected with the lumber and grist mill business in the city and is well and favorably known throughout the community.

ELIAS A. RICHARDSON. The self-made man is entitled to respect, and he gets it in America. He represents all that is vigorous and substantial in our American institutions, and is deserving of all praise. Elias A. Richardson is a native of Henderson County, West Tenn., where he was born in 1851, a son of William and Mary E. (Seaton) Richardson, who became residents of Independence County, Ark., in 1853, but later came to Stone County, and here the father breathed his last October 10, 1892, in his sixty-eighth year. The mother is still living and resides on the old home farm in Franklin Township. They were members of the Missionary Baptist Church for years, and he was a Democrat in politics, and by occupation was a farmer, in which calling he met with success. Of eleven children born to them, the subject of this sketch was

the fourth, and nine are now living. The subject of this sketch came to Stone County with his parents in 1855, and here has since resided. His education was acquired in Independence County and later in Stone County, and upon reaching the age of eighteen years he commenced to do for himself as a tiller of the soil. He rented some river bottom land in Franklin Township, afterward followed the same occupation in Sharpe County, and then for some time was a resident of Franklin County, Ark. He then returned to Franklin Township, Stone County, and after eight years settled on the farm of 360 acres which he now owns. This land is highly productive, and on the 125 acres that are under cultivation large crops are annually raised. In 1869 Mr. Richardson was married to Nancy McMurry, of this county, who died in Franklin County after having become the mother of two children, a son and daughter. In 1875 he wedded Elizabeth Hall, and in 1891 was again left a widower, this wife having borne him ten children, three sons and five daughters living. December 24, 1893, he wedded his third and present wife, who was Miss Janie Gordon. Mr. Richardson has been quite prominent in the public affairs of his township, and for two years held the office of bailiff, and was then deputy sheriff of the county under E. E. Rosson, and also under T. W. Storey, the present sheriff. He is a stanch Democrat, and has always labored for the success of his party, and has wielded considerable influence in this respect. He is a member of the Missionary Baptist Church, and is a junior deacon in Buckhorn Lodge No. 303, of the A. F. & A. M.

DEMPSEY S. HARRELL. The name of this gentleman is a familiar one throughout Searcy County, Ark., and is synonymous with the farming interests of his section. There is no one who illustrates more fully in his career the unbounded energy and activity of the agriculturist than does he, and the magnificent farm of 700 acres, of which he is the owner, is one of the finest lying pieces of ground in this section of the country. He has resided on and been the owner of this land since 1887, and has 247 acres under cultivation. He first saw the light of day in Hardin County, Tenn., February 16, 1830, a son of E. D. and Mary (Whaley) Harrell, who were natives of the Old North State, the former being a son of David and Celia (Davis) Harrell, North Carolinians also. The Harrells are of Irish extraction, and the family tree first took root on American soil when three brothers of the name came to this country and were among the very first settlers of North Carolina. Some of the early members of the family were soldiers in the Revolutionary War, notably the great-grandfather and the grandfather of the subject of this sketch, the service of the former extending throughout the entire struggle, during which time he was wounded four times. David Harrell was in the cavalry service during the War of 1812, and in 1865 died in Tennessee. He was a farmer and became a well-known man. He was married in 1818 in North Carolina and at once moved to Tennessee where he located and lived until his death, his widow's death occurring there two years after his own. She was a daughter of John Whaley, a North Carolinian, and she and her husband became the parents of seven children: Eliza, Sennoy, Nancy E., Winnie, Elilia B., Dempsey S., Sarah J., the two last mentioned being the only ones now living. The subject of this sketch was twenty-three years of age at the time he became a resident of Searcy County, Ark., and for one year thereafter he resided on Bear Creek. He then spent four years in Clark County, Ark., and in 1858 went to Hardin County, Tenn., where he remained until 1863. He then removed with his family to Illinois, and after a residence of two years in Johnson County he again went to Hardin County, Tenn., and in 1872 took up his abode in Izard County, Ark. At the end of four years he located on the upper part of Bear Creek, and in 1882 settled at Rally Hill, Boone County.

Ark., and in 1887 bought the farm on which he is now residing. Considerable of his attention is given to stockraising, and in 1890 he was engaged in farming in Marshall. He is a Republican in politics, and socially is a member of the A. F. & A. M. and the I. O. O. F., and has held offices in both lodges. In business he has been remarkably successful, for all he owns has been acquired through his own efforts. He was married in Tennessee to Miss Sarah McLin, a daughter of J. C. and Susan (Alexander) McLin, both Tennesseeans, her birth also occurring in that State July 21, 1830. To Mr. and Mrs. Harrell six children have been given: Mary, who died after her marriage with John B. McCaslin; Eliza J., who is the widow of William Parks; James M., who is a farmer of Boone County, Ark.; Winnie C., who is the wife of William Rogers, of this county; Sarah A., widow of John Hand; Submintha E., wife of William C. Hatcher. Mr. and Mrs. Harrell are members of the Christian Church and have a comfortable and pleasant home about six miles from Marshall on the Marshall and Harrison road.

Prof J. T. Gilley. While the life of an educator is generally barren of incidents for biography, it is still true that a life devoted to this calling must have many points of interest to practical thinkers, and be of benefit to the great work of educational progress. Prof. J. T. Gilley is one of the most popular educators of Marion County, Ark., and was born in Tennessee March 2, 1855, a son of one of the old and prominent farmers of this section, A. S. Gilley, who came thither from Tennessee in 1870, with his wife, Elizabeth (Little) Gilley, who was also born in Tennessee, and several children. In time their family consisted of seven children, of whom the subject of this sketch, J. T. Gilley, was the eldest. He was reared to the wholesome, healthy and happy life of the farmer's boy, and received his education in the public schools and the College of Yellville, also attending Rally Hill College in Boone County for some time, his career in these institutions being marked by hard study and rapid progress. Early in life he entered the calling of a pedagogue and has presided over some of the most difficult and advanced schools of Marion and Boone Counties with marked ability and success, and at the present time is a half owner of Prairie Grove College, which has already become a well-known institution of learning under his able management. The school is well patronized and, although practically in its infancy, bids fair to rank with any similar institution in that section of the country. Prof. Gilley was married to Miss Sarah J. David, a daughter of P. R. David, by whom he has four children: Una E., Virgie E., Oscar L. and Alzerona F. Prof. Gilley and his family are attendants of the Christian Church, are highly respected in the community in which they reside, and their home is a comfortable, pretty and hospitable one. He is a public-spirited citizen, upright, honorable and wide-awake, and gives every promise of rising to eminence in his profession.

F. M. Garvin. The American bank is the synonym of dignity, respectability and safety; the medium of exchange between cities and foreign countries and the great sustainer of the various business enterprises of the country. The bank is the teacher of method and system and is a check upon reckless and indiscriminate speculation, the spirit of which is too prevalent in the country. The Harrison Bank, of Harrison, Ark., of which F. M. Garvin is the efficient and trustworthy cashier, was established in November, 1887, with a capital stock of $30,000, the stockholders of which were largely residents of Arkansas. The first president was F. M. Garvin, the vice-president, G. J. Crump, and the cashier, William M. Dennison. A change was made in 1890, when the Citizens' Bank of Eureka Springs was bought out and F. M. Garvin was made cashier and has remained so up to the present time. A general banking business is done, and it is one of the leading establishments of the

kind in the northwestern part of the State and is established on a sound basis. The directors are M. F. Gordon, G. J. Crump, Thomas E. Garvin (of Evansville, Ind., and father of the cashier), J. A. Swape (of Washington City), W. H. Watkins, J. E. Audin and A. J. Vance. F. M. Garvin was born in Evansville, Ind., January 5, 1860, his father being one of the oldest pioneers of that section of the country. He was born in Pennsylvania in 1826, and was married to Cornelia M. Morris, who was born in the State of New York in 1828. Mr. Garvin was educated in Mt. St. Mary's College, of Emmettsburg, Md., and his wife at Pen Yan and other places in her native State. They both emigrated to Indiana when young, were married in Evansville, and there they have resided since 1844. Mr. Garvin has long been noted as a successful real estate attorney and a distinguished member of the Indiana bar. He has always been a pronounced Democrat, was elected on that ticket to the Indiana Legislature, and while a member of that body distinguished himself as an able legislator. He is one of the most prominent men in southern Indiana, and is well known in social, political, business and professional circles, and as judge of the district court he discharged his duties with dignity, intelligence and impartiality. Although he has now retired, to some extent, from the active practice of his profession, he is still a member of the firm of Garvin & Cunningham, of Evansville. The Garvin family tree first took root in this country on Virginia soil, and some of the early members of the family participated in the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812, and Thomas E. Garvin aided his country in the Civil War as a member of the Home Guards, ill health preventing him from entering the regular service as he much desired to do. The paternal grandfather came of Scotch-Irish ancestry and was a bridge and railroad contractor by occupation. One of the sisters of Thomas E. Garvin was the first wife of ex-Gov. Baker, of Indiana. To Mr. and Mrs. Garvin three sons were given: Thomas E., Jr., is a lawyer of Evansville, is a member of the firm of Garvin & Cunningham, is a prominent attorney, and active in politics; F. M. is the second son, and I. C. is a resident of Boone County, and a successful and practical farmer. He was educated in Mt. St. Mary's College, Md., came West in 1885, and in 1887 was married to Miss Pearl M. Nichols, a native of Lawrence County, Mo. F. M. Garvin spent his early life in Evansville, Ind., and after fitting himself in the public schools of that city he entered Yale College from which he graduated in 1880. Three years later he was admitted to the bar, but has never practiced that profession, as he came almost immediately to Harrison, Ark., and started a set of abstract books; but at the end of two years he assisted in the establishment of the Harrison Investment Banking Company, of which he was chosen president, and at a later period was made cashier of the Harrison Bank. Mr. Garvin is one of the leading men in Boone County, owns considerable mineral land in the county, also in Searcy, Marion and Newton Counties, and he is the owner of a paying mine at St. Joe. He has ever been a Democrat in politics, has held the office of mayor of Harrison four times, and having always been a patron and supporter of educational institutions he has been a member of the Harrison School Board two terms. He was married in Harrison in 1886 to Miss M. C. Crump, daughter of George J. Crump, the United States Marshal of the western district of Arkansas and the Indian Territory. Their union has resulted in the birth of three children: Thomas E., Lulu and Catherine. Mrs. Garvin is one of the leading society ladies of Harrison, and her home is a pretty and hospitable one.

DAVID A. EOFF. This gentleman is the capable and efficient sheriff and collector of Boone County, Ark., has resided in this section all his life and was born here December 29, 1852. His grandfather, Alexander Eoff, was a Ten-

nessecan, came to this section of Arkansas at a very early day, settled on an unimproved tract of land on which he resided until advancing years compelled him to desist from work, when he gave his farm to one of his sons, with whom he afterward moved to Lead Hill where he died in 1890 at the advanced age of ninety years. He was a Democrat, was married to Susan Anderson, who died many years ago, and by her became the father of nine children, of whom John J. Eoff, the father of the immediate subject of this sketch, was one of the eldest. He was born in Tennessee on January 25, 1832, and at the time of the family's removal to Arkansas he was but a lad. He obtained a fair education in the early schools of Boone County, was brought up to a knowledge of farm life, which healthful occupation admirably fitted him for the hardships of army life, which calling he adopted in 1862, becoming a member of the Confederate Army, and serving until the war closed. He participated in the engagements at Pea Ridge, Oak Hill, and was with Price in Missouri, holding the rank of lieutenant. He has a valuable farm and a comfortable home on Crooked Creek, Boone County, and although he is now sixty-three years of age he is yet in the enjoyment of good health, and still looks after his estate on which he has resided ever since his marriage, which occurred in 1851, and was to Miss Cynthia C. Nichols. He has 160 acres of land, gives considerable attention to the raising of stock, and has ever been thrifty, industrious and enterprising. He has ever been a stanch Democrat, is a man strong in his convictions, and socially he is a member of Bellefonte Lodge No. 65, of the A. F. & A. M. He and his wife, who was born in Tennessee August 30, 1837, are members of the Primitive Baptist Church, and their union has resulted in the birth of six children: David A.; Samantha J., wife of John W. Turney, of Texas; James H., a farmer of Boone County; Bailey B., who is living near the old home farm; Garrett, who lives on the old homestead, and Bell, who is the wife of Wesley W. Hudson, of this county. Mr. and Mrs. Eoff have twenty grand-children. Mrs. Eoff's parents, David and Keziah (Brooks) Nichols, were Tennesseeans, who came to Boone County when it was known as Carroll County and settled on a good farm on Crooked Creek, on which John J. Eoff is now living. Here the father died in 1874 and the mother in 1887, worthy members of the Primitive Baptist Church. He was a soldier of the War of 1812 under Jackson, and his father, John Nichols, was a soldier of the Revolution and one of the early settlers of Tennessee. To David Nichols and wife three children were given: Cynthia (Mrs. Eoff); Charity, widow of John Eoff, and James, who died in Missouri. On the old home farm in this county David A. Eoff was brought up, and the district schools in that vicinity afforded him a fair education. When starting out in life for himself he continued the occupation to which he had been reared, and the same year, 1872, was married to Miss Lizzie Floyd, daughter of Eloch N. Floyd, a farmer of the county. Mrs. Eoff was born in Alabama, and with her husband resided on their fine farm of 175 acres up to five years ago, then came to Harrison. One hundred and twenty-five acres of this farm were under cultivation, are well improved with a good residence, barns, fences, etc., and Mr. Eoff devoted considerable attention to the raising of stock. He has always been a Democrat and in 1880 was elected to the position of constable of Bellefonte Township, and in 1880 was elected county sheriff and was reëlected in 1890 and again in 1892, discharging his duties with marked ability and to the satisfaction of all concerned. He is a member of Bellefonte Lodge No. 65, of the A. F. & A. M., and Harrison Lodge, of the I. O. O. F. He and wife have three children: Luther, Ethel and Charles, and they are worthy members of the Primitive Baptist Church. As an official he is faithful in the discharge of his duties and during his service of three terms he has had a number of noted criminals under his charge in the

Fourteenth Judicial District, and executed one criminal—Andy Hedypeth, who murdered George Wadkins.

J. W. COKER, county sheriff. Connected with the history of the elections of Marion County, Ark., no name is more prominent or has borne with it more eclat than that of Coker. This gentleman is admirably adapted to the position he fills, for he is courageous, energetic and wide-awake, yet he has at the same time a pleasant and affable manner, is full of business, and attends to his duties very promptly. As he was born in the county January 29, 1852, and has lived here all his life, the people have had every opportunity to judge of his character and qualifications, and naught has ever been said derogatory to his good name. He is the eldest child born to his parents (see sketch of Dr. J. M. Coker), and his early education was acquired in the district schools, where he gained an excellent knowledge of the "world of books" through that energy and push that has been so characteristic of him. After reaching manhood he began farming some ten miles southwest of Yellville on Hampton Creek, and there still owns a good farm of 640 acres, some of which is exceptionally fertile, and as it is located in the great mineral belt it is probably rich in minerals also. In 1893 he was elected by the Democrat party, of which he has always been a member, to the office of county sheriff and county collector and is discharging the duties of this office. He held the office of justice of the peace for some ten years in Hampton Township, and has been notary public some years. He has always been active in political matters, is one of the leaders of his party, and is well known for the interest he takes in the welfare of his section. He is a member of Jefferson Lodge of the A. F. & A. M. of this county. Miss Josephine Methvin, a native of this county, and daughter of John and Cora Methvin, the former of whom died while serving in the Confederate Army, became his wife and by him the mother of the following children: Nancy B., John W., Alonzo C., Eliza, Edward, Arthur, Ansel, Garvin, and James R., who is the eldest, is married and is engaged in farming south of Yellville. Mr. Coker belongs to the Baptist Church, and his wife to the Christian Church. Since 1893 they have resided in Yellville.

JAMES M. COKER, M. D. He whose name heads this sketch is a successful practicing physician who has no pet theories to demonstrate at the risk of his patients' lives, and who is prouder of the confidence reposed in him by the numerous first-class families whom he counts among his patrons than he could possibly be of any fame that could come to him through the following of any fancy calculated to move him. He was born in Marion County, Ark., April 28, 1853, the second child of William L. and Elizabeth (Hudspeth) Coker, natives of this State, and grandson of William Coker, one of the first settlers of Arkansas from Alabama. He was a farmer as was his son William L., and the latter accumulated a fair competency by tilling the soil as well as by following mercantile pursuits and stockraising. He died in Boone County, Ark., in 1871, and his widow in 1892, they having become the parents of four children: John W., the present sheriff of Marion County; J. M.; Margaret, who died after her marriage with Thomas Raidsbeck, and Martha, who is the wife of James Gilley and lives in Texas. Mrs. Coker was a daughter of George Hudspeth, one of the early settlers of Arkansas, and she was an earnest member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. Mr. Coker was a soldier of the Confederacy, was with Price on his raid through Missouri and was a participant in numerous fights. He was afterward a strong Democrat and became well known throughout northwestern Arkansas as a man of shrewd and practical business views and in the immediate section in which he lived for his jovial disposition and his ability as a raconteur. He was a great lover of music, was expert as a violin player and was the life and soul of every pub-

lic gathering. The Doctor passed his youth on the home farm near Yellville and when twenty-two years old began the study of medicine with Drs. Jode and Newton and about 1880 began practicing the "healing art" near Yellville, continuing until 1887, when he opened an office in the town and has since devoted his attention to all branches of his profession with marked success. He is a member of the State and County Medical Associations and socially is a member of Yellville Lodge of the A. F. & A. M., in which he has been an official. He is the owner of a farm of eighty acres four miles south of Yellville, which he has rented, and was at one time engaged in the drug business. Martha, the daughter of W. P. Cantrell, became his wife and the mother of his eight children: Edna A., Ewaltus A., Virginia E., Charles W., John M. and James H. William died at the age of five years and Bertha at the age of three years. Mrs. Coker is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, and politically the Doctor is a Democrat, and has held the office of mayor of Yellville several terms. He is one of the active men of the county and is liberally patronized professionally.

James T. Penn. Among the prominent men of Harrison, Ark., and among its most worthy and esteemed citizens, may be mentioned James T. Penn. He is a man interested in the public welfare and, while he pays strict attention to his private affairs, he shirks no duties as a loyal citizen. He was born in Newton County, Ark., August 27, 1854, a son of John Penn, who was one of the pioneers of this State from Tennessee, first residing in Johnson County, then Newton County, and is now a resident of Boone County. He was born in Virginia September 22, 1822, and his wife was also born there March 13, 1825. Of the ten children given to them, seven are living: Elizabeth, wife of John Murphy; Martha, widow of John T. Wilson, of Texas; John H., who is a resident of Dale, Okla. Ter.; Mary, wife of John Miller, of Oklahoma Territory; Absalom, who died in infancy; George W., who is in the postoffice at Harrison; James T.; Louisa A., deceased, Jasper N., deceased, and Alexander L., a resident of Oklahoma. John Penn has always followed the occupation of agriculture, and prior to the war succeeded in accumulating a considerable amount of worldly goods, but the most of it was swept away during the great struggle between the North and South. Long ago he was a Whig in politics, was a stanch Union man during the war, and since that time has supported the men and measures of the Republican party, but has never been an office seeker. He is now living retired from the active duties of life, is a local preacher of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and is a man who has given a large part of his life to religious work, and has many warm friends in this section of the country. James T. Penn grew up on his father's farm in this section, and owing to the fact that the war came up at about the time when he should have been in school, the early education which he received was not of the best. He started out to make his own way in the world in 1873, and engaged in contracting and building, but in 1875, with his brother George, started on foot for the then Territory of Washington, but after reaching his destination he remained but a few months. In 1876 he came to Harrison, Ark., and entered the land office as clerk, but in 1880 embarked in the mercantile business, and continued to follow this line of human endeavor until 1887. He has also given considerable attention to mining, and has now a large tract of mining land in Boone and Marion Counties which is very valuable. In 1861 he was made postmaster of Harrison by President Harrison, but resigned in 1893, and has since given his attention to other occupations. He has been the proprietor of the Arcade Hotel since 1891, and is also the owner of other desirable property in Harrison. He is an active member of the honorable order of Masons, is a member of the chapter and was commander of the com-

mandery in 1893. He was united in marriage with Miss Fannie M., daughter of A. S. and Lucinda Reeder, both of whom died in Illinois, in which State she was born. She and her husband have four living children, and three that are deceased: Lulu, Blanche O. (deceased), Lida F. (deceased), James R. (deceased), Nellie R., Sallie L. and N. N. Mrs. Penn is an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and is also very much interested in temperance work, being president of the W. C. T. U. at Harrison. Mr. and Mrs. Penn stand high in society, and their friends are many and devoted. Mr. Penn has always been an earnest Republican, and in 1880 was elected as a delegate to the National Republican Convention, and has served on the State Central Committee for the past ten years. In 1886 he was nominated on the Republican State ticket for the position of chancery clerk, and in 1888 was elected as one of the delegates on the State National Committee. As a business man he is esteemed for his unimpeachable honor, and as a citizen for the interest he takes in the welfare of the section in which he makes his home.

WILLIAM C. HALE. Among the native Tennesseeans who have done good, stalwart work in the cultivation and development of Newton County, Ark., we may well mention the name just given, for he has resided here ever since the war and has labored early and late to provide a home for himself and family. He is well known to the citizens of his section and his correct mode of living has gained him a popularity which is merited in every respect. By his energetic and well-directed efforts he is now possessed of a competence which is all that can be desired. Mr. Hale owes his nativity to Shelby County, Tenn., his birth occurring in 1829, and he is a son of Edward M. and Priscilla (Hale) Hale, the parents probably natives of Virginia and distant relatives. After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Hale resided in Giles County, Tenn., but subsequently moved from there to Shelby County, where Mrs. Hale died in 1839. Soon after Mr. Hale came to Arkansas, located in Searcy County, on Richland Creek, and here he was married to Miss Susan Robinson, who bore him three sons and three daughters: Le Roy, deceased; Monroe, deceased; Lawrence; Rebecca, deceased, was the wife of Peter Snyder; Jane, wife of Zeb Headrick, and Melissa, wife of Thomas Sanders. For some time Mr. Hale resided in Pope County, where he followed farming and stockraising and was a prominent and influential citizen. He was a stanch Union man and died in Little Rock, Ark., in 1864, while there for protection. He was a Methodist in his religious belief. His father, William Hale, was probably a Virginian, but an early settler of Tennessee. He preceded his son to Searcy County, Ark., and was one of the first white settlers of Richland Creek, where he died many years ago. A this request his remains were left on top of the ground, protected by a stone vault. He was a soldier in the War of 1812 and his father, who was of English parentage, was a Revolutionary soldier. William Hale, the maternal grandfather, was probably born in Virginia, but at an early date came to Sumner County, Tenn., where he tilled the soil until his death. He was an extensive tobacco raiser. Our subject's brother and sister were named as follows: James died when about sixteen years of age, and Sarah, deceased, was the wife of Joseph Harris. From the age of ten years William C. Hale was reared in the wilds of Searcy County, Ark., and as there were no schools of any consequence, he obtained but a limited education, not attending more than two years altogether. Much of his time in youth was spent in protecting the hogs from bears, wolves and other wild animals, and in assisting to clear the home place. In those days there were no mills and the nearest trading point of any importance was on the Arkansas River. Much of the men's clothing was made of deer skins, etc. In the year 1850 our subject was

married to Miss Neaty Burns, a native of Tennessee and the daughter of Andrew and Elizabeth Burns. She died August 14, 1886. She bore Mr. Hale three children, as follows: Narcissa A., deceased, was the wife of John Salmon; Melissa, wife of William Garner, and Sarah E. On the 31st of January, 1878, Mr. Hale married Miss Jane Wells, a native of North Carolina and the daughter of Henry Wells, who was born in Tennessee, but subsequently moved to North Carolina, and from there to Newton County, where he died. He followed farming all his life and was a soldier in the Rebellion (Confederate Army). To Mr. and Mrs. Hale were born three children: Walsie, James and Edward. In the month of May, 1863, Mr. Hale enlisted in Company D, Second Arkansas Cavalry, United States Army, and was principally on scouting expeditions on the White River, etc. After the Price raid he was sent to Tennessee and was mustered out at La Grange, that State, and discharged at Memphis August 20, 1865. His family was then living in Missouri, but he brought his wife and children to this county and located on his present farm, which had but few improvements, at the mouth of Cave Creek. He has one of the best farms in the county, 175 acres under cultivation. He also has a sixty-acre farm in Boone County, all the result of industry and perseverance on his part. His farm is well stocked and he is prosperous and successful. Until the breaking out of the Civil War Mr. Hale was a Democrat, his first presidential vote being cast for James Buchanan, but since then he has been a Republican, although conservative in his views. Socially he is a Mason, a member of Dodson Lodge No. 135, and of Vanderpool Post, G. A. R., at Western Grove. He and wife are members of the Christian Church.

Dr. Berry R. Tubbs. In a comparatively short period Dr. Tubbs has met with unusual success in the practice of that most noble of callings—medicine—and has gained a substantial reputation as a general practitioner with the profession and the public. He was born near Jacksonport, Jackson County, Ark., October 1, 1849, his parents being Frederick and Harriet (Flannery) Tubbs, who came from Wayne County, Tenn., in their youth and met and married in Arkansas. Frederick Tubbs was a farmer and died when the subject of this sketch was a child, with whom his widow now makes her home. Berry R. Tubbs grew to manhood near Mountain View, where he was initiated into the mysteries of the common branches and acquired a good education. When sixteen or seventeen years of age he commenced farming on the White River and after residing on different places up to 1872 he then decided to turn his talents in the direction of medicine, and with this purpose in view he began fitting himself for this calling under the directions of Drs. Foster and Hughes. At the end of two years he commenced practicing ten miles below Mountain View on the river, but about twelve years ago he removed to Long Creek and shortly after to Timbo. Five years since he commenced selling goods, with James Rise as partner, but in recent years he has conducted this business on his own responsibility and at the same time has kept up his medical practice, at which he has done remarkably well and has built up an extended practice. His mercantile establishment is well stocked with a general line of goods and besides doing an extended business in this line and as a medical practitioner, he is the owner of a fertile and well-conducted farm. July 5, 1868, he led to the altar Miss Nancy Boyd, of this county, by whom he has five sons and two daughters. The Doctor and his wife are members of the Baptist Church, and socially he belongs to the A. F. & A. M. and the I. O. O. F. He has for some time served in the capacity of postmaster of Timbo and has at all times shown himself to be a public-spirited and useful citizen.

Capt. Lewis A. McPherson. He whose name heads this sketch is a prominent and well-known citizen of Mountain Home Township, and resides

in comfort near the town of Mountain Home. He was born in De Kalb County, Ala., October 2, 1840, his parents being William Wilson and Hannah (Palmer) McPherson, who were born in Tennessee and Kentucky, respectively, and in 1844 came to Arkansas from the State of Mississippi, having for some time been a resident of Marion County. At the time of their location in Arkansas, there was but one cabin on the spot where the flourishing town of Yellville now stands, and they located about two and a half miles south of this point. After residing in this State until 1849 the family returned to Mississippi, and located in Pontotoc County, where the father made his home the balance of his life, although his death occurred in Arkansas in 1888, at the age of eighty years, while on a short visit to his son. His entire life was devoted to tilling the soil, and although he acquired a goodly property much of it was swept away during the Civil War. He was for some time a soldier in the Confederate service, and was lieutenant of his company in the Forty-first Mississippi Infantry, and the year that he was in the service he was on duty along the Mississippi River. He was always a Democrat in politics, and with his wife, who died in Mississippi, he was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. To their union four sons and three daughters were given, of whom the subject of this sketch was the second in order of birth. He was reared and educated in Pontotoc County, Miss., and May 1, 1861, helped organize Company H, of the Second Mississippi Infantry, with which he at once went to Virginia, and there served the cause of the South for one year. He then joined Company K, Thirty-first Mississippi Infantry, with which he served until the war closed, taking part in the engagements at Ft. Manassas, Yorktown, the many engagements around Richmond, the Wilderness, the Georgia Campaign, Columbia, Franklin and Nashville. He was wounded at Decatur, Ala., by a gunshot, and the last engagement in which he participated was at Pulaski, Tenn., December 25, 1864. After the war he commenced farming, and in 1866 was married to Miss Sarah Blanchard, by whom he became the father of two sons and three daughters, all of whom are living but one. After his marriage he came to Arkansas, and located on White River, in Izard County, where he lived two years, then moved to what was then Marion County, eight miles south of Mt. Home, in what was known as the Mississippi Bend, and there his home continued to be eleven years. He then moved to near Gassville, and bought and sold land for some time, and after making various changes of residence about five years ago located on the place on which he now resides. He was one of the first farmers of the county, and has always given much of his attention to the raising of stock, and has also dealt in stock to a considerable extent. He has ever been interested in the political affairs of his section, and has always given his aid and influence to the Democrat party. He is a member of the Missionary Baptist Church, having united with the same at the age of fourteen years, and he has held various offices in the church. He is a member of the A. F. & A. M., and is master of Gassville Lodge, E. M. Tate Lodge and Mt. Home Lodge. He has conferred more degrees than any other Mason in the State, and is very prominent in the order. He is a man of unblemished reputation, a good and law-abiding citizen, public spirited to a degree, and his friends are numbered by the score.

JAMES W. STEPHENSON. The estate of which this gentleman is the fortunate owner comprises 204 acres on Cave Creek, all of which is remarkably fertile land, well adapted to the purpose of general farming, and well improved with all necessary farm buildings, fences, orchard, etc. Mr. Stephenson owes his nativity to Monroe County, Tenn., where he first saw the light in 1833, his parents being Andrew R. and Anna (Watson) Stephenson, for further history of whom see the sketch of Dr. J. S. Stephenson. James W. Stephenson

was the third of the six children born to his parents, was reared on his father's farm, and was for some time an attendant of the common schools in the vicinity of his rural home, but as they were of a very inferior description and were only conducted a short time each year, he did not make such progress in his studies as could have been desired. In the year 1857 he led to the altar Miss Margaret, daughter of Samuel Leslie (a sketch of whom appears in this work). She was born in Tennessee and died in 1884, having become the mother of five children: George, of Oklahoma; Charley, who is a student of law in Austin, Tex.; Andrew R., who resides in the Indian Territory; Isabel the wife of Peter Neadwell, of the Indian Territory; and Ona, wife of Dr. Watterson, of Oklahoma. In 1884 Mr. Stephenson took for his second wife Mrs. Jemimah Wisdom, *nee* Moore, who is a Mississippian by birth, and by whom he has two children: Samuel and Frank. In 1854 Mr. Stephenson crossed the plains to California, the journey to that western Eldorado comprising about five months, and there he was engaged in mining for three years, at the end of which time he returned home via New Orleans. On their return voyage, while on the gulf of Tehuantepec, about 5 o'clock in the evening, a violent gale overtook the vessel, and in an instant all was excitement and confusion. People on all sides were on their knees praying for their salvation, and it seemed that every moment the vessel would go down. The storm continued all night but their stanch ship weathered the gale and at last carried them safely into port. With the exception of this time spent in the West, Mr. Stephenson has always lived in Searcy County, a period of nearly forty years, and has resided on the farm where he now lives for the past eleven years. During the latter part of the war he served for about eighteen months in the Federal Army as a member of Company M, Third Arkansas Cavalry, operated in Arkansas, and was in several severe engagements and numerous skirmishes. He was mustered out of the service at Louisburg, Ark., at the close of the war and returned home. Politically he has been a Democrat all his life, and cast his first presidential vote for Buchanan in 1856, while he was in California.

Capt. George W. Taylor. It is the men of broad and comprehensive views who give life to communities and build cities, men who in the darkness of adverse circumstances, as well as in more favorable periods, look beyond the clouds, and have the pluck, energy and foresight to push forward their enterprises, extend speculation and fairly wrest success from calamity. Just such a man is Capt. George W. Taylor. He was born in Greene County, Mo., January 4, 1840, and his father, Martin Taylor, one of the early pioneers of Greene County, settled three miles south of Springfield in 1834, and came from Robertson County, Tenn. The latter's father, David Taylor, was a pioneer of Tennessee, came from North Carolina at an early date, settled in Robertson County, and there passed the rest of his days. The family was prominently known in Tennessee, and are well known yet. The early members were leading business and professional men, and took an active part in political matters. They were of Irish origin. The father of our subject was born in 1809, and was killed by accident in Greene County in 1841. He was an old-line Whig in politics and a prominent man in public affairs. He married Miss Catherine Jones, a native of Georgia, and the daughter of William Jones. She was born in 1811, and died January 13, 1893. Five children were born to this union: David A., married, and resides in this county where he is engaged in farming. He was a soldier in the war, enlisting in the Seventy-second Regiment, Missouri Infantry; Mary M., wife of J. R. Humble, who resides in Greene County; Josiah A., resides in Texas. He was also a soldier in the Civil War, enlisting in Company M, Sixteenth Missouri Volunteer Cavalry; George A.; subject, and Martin C., married, died in 1891, leaving a family. The

mother of these children was a lifelong member of the Christian Church, a most excellent woman, and well liked by all. She and her husband went through all the trials and privations so familiar to early settlers. After the death of her husband Mrs. Taylor married Wesley Guynn, by whom she had two children: Nancy J., who is the wife of J. W. Hooper, of Greene County, and Mary Z., who is the wife of Walter A. Webb, also of Greene County. Mr. Guynn is now deceased. The incidents in the early life of Capt. George W. Taylor were not materially different from those of other boys living on farms in a new country. He was taught to work and make himself useful around the pioneer home, and received his education in the district school. When nineteen years of age he started for California overland, and while there worked on a farm. In 1861 he returned to Missouri by way of the Isthmus and New York City, and went to Springfield, where he immediately enlisted in Company G, Sixth Missouri Volunteer Cavalry, and three months later the company was disbanded at Belleville, Ark. Returning home he remained there a short time and again determined to take up arms, being for some time in the Seventy-second Missouri State Militia. In 1863 he organized a company in the United States service, Company M, Sixteenth Missouri Volunteer Cavalry, and was elected its captain, serving in that capacity up to July, 1865. He commanded his company in the battle of Booneville, Indepenpence and numerous other engagements. His fighting was mostly in Missouri and Arkansas, under Col. John McMahan. The Captain was never wounded while in service and from November, 1863, he was all the time on duty. He was a brave and skillful officer and his company made a record for hard fighting. After the war Capt. Taylor came to Christian County, and bought a farm four miles north of Ozark, where he now has 800 acres of good land located on the Finley and James Rivers. He is one of the most prominent men in his county and one of the most extensive farmers of his section. At present he is chiefly engaged in stock buying and shipping, but he does not lose sight of his farming interests. His home is one of the most desirable in the county and is presided over by his estimable wife, who was formerly Miss Sarah J. Conrad, daughter of H. Conrad, of east Tennessee, where he died at an early day. The Captain and wife celebrated their nuptials in 1864, and five children have blessed this union: John S., a single man, is assistant cashier of the Christian County Bank at Ozark. In politics he is a Republican; Mary J., at home; Lillian A.; William M., who is attending school in St. Louis, and Effie J. The Captain held the office of county treasurer from 1888 to 1890, and discharged the duties incumbent upon that position to the entire satisfaction of his constituents. In politics he has always been associated with the Republican party and has ever been interested in its welfare. He has held the office of school trustee in his part of the county and has helped to advance educational work in that section. A member of the Masonic fraternity, Finley Lodge, No. 352, at Ozark, he is a master Mason. He is also a member of the G. A. R. at Springfield, Mo. He and family attend the Missionary Baptist Church, of which Mrs. Taylor is a worthy member. The Captain often has from 100 to 200 head of fine cattle, and handles many thousand dollars' worth of stock per year. He is a stockholder in the Christian County Bank, the Taney County Bank, and one other bank. He owns considerable real estate and is a substantial and representative man of that part of the State. The Captain's son, John S. Taylor, who is now assistant cashier of the Christian County Bank, was born November 15, 1865, on his father's farm, in this county. His youthful days were spent in active farm work, and up to the age of sixteen years he attended the district school. At that age he entered college, where he remained two years, and then took a commercial course in Bryant & Stratton's Business College St. Louis, from



G. W. TAYLOR,
Ozark, Mo.



J. W. BLACK,
Circuit Clerk, Yellville, Ark.

which he graduated in 1884. He then returned to the farm, on which he worked until 1888, and then accepted the position as assistant cashier of the bank. He is now a stockholder in the same. Since 1888 he has held his present position, and is a young man of more than ordinary business ability. The other stockholders in this bank are: John C. ———, George W. Taylor, A. T. Voachum, J. H. Fillbright, Stanford Chapman, James S. Adams, W. A. Johnson, and C. B. Swift. John S. Taylor is a stanch Republican in his political views. As assistant cashier young Taylor is a tried and trusted officer and richly deserves the success to which he has attained.

JOHN R. PATTERSON. The office of sheriff is one that has been filled by the illustrious head of this Government, and is a position that demands great circumspection, great personal courage and a general and apt intelligence. The county of Cleburne, Ark., is fortunate in its choice of its present incumbent, John R. Patterson, who is also county collector and adds to strict integrity the other qualities essential to the thorough discharge of the responsibilities connected with the station. Mr. Patterson was born in Dover, Ark., January 16, 1848, his parents being James H. and Civility R. (Bettis) Patterson, the former of whom was born on the eastern coast of Maryland, and the latter in Wayne County, Mo. When a lad of twelve or fourteen years of age James H. Patterson was sent to Natchez, Miss., where he made his home with an uncle, studied law, and graduated at Oxford, Miss. His tastes, however, were rather in the direction of mercantile pursuits than to the practice of law, and in 1843, with Ransol S. Bettis, he opened a store at Dover. In 1852 they went to Patterson's Bluff (named in honor of Mr. Patterson) and opened a general mercantile establishment there, where they continued to do business until 1856, from which time until 1861 they were in business in Clinton, Van Buren County, Ark. Mr. Patterson then entered the Confederate service as quartermaster of McRae's regiment, was honorably discharged in 1862, and became enrolling officer of Van Buren County, which position he held until 1864, when he was killed by jayhawkers. He had been treasurer of Pope County two years, and was a member of the Constitutional Convention of 1861 when Arkansas seceded from the Union. He was forty-five years old at the time of his death, was a Mason, helped organize the lodge at Clinton and became master of the same. He was a member of the Methodist Church, while his wife, who died in 1865, was a Presbyterian, although she had been reared a Catholic. To them were born five children, John R. being the second child and the eldest of the four now living. His education was obtained in the public schools of Van Buren County, and there he grew to manhood. In October, 1863, he joined Witt's regiment and served in southern Arkansas, Louisiana and Texas throughout the remainder of the war. He was at Mark's Mill, Prairie De Hann, Poison Springs and Mt. Elba, where he was wounded in the leg, but not very seriously. He surrendered at Little Rock May 23, 1865, and upon returning to Van Buren County commenced working on a farm. At the early age of eighteen years, or in 1866, he was married to Lou J. Greeson, and by her became the father of three children: George O., who is now an attorney at Clarksville, Ark.; Alice, who is the wife of John Conner, of this county; and J. H., who is a successful merchant of Heber. After his marriage Mr. Patterson farmed for a time, then opened a general mercantile store in Big Bottom. In 1881 he moved to Sugar Loaf Springs, where he was in business one year, when commenced selling goods on the road for the D. G. Tutt Grocery Company, continuing two years. He was then elected sheriff and collector of Cleburne County, which office he has held two terms, with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of political foes and friends alike. He was postmaster at Heber during the first administration of Cleveland, and it is almost needless to say that he is a stanch Democrat. Socially he is a member of the A. F. & A. M.

COL. J. N. COFFEY. This worthy old pioneer deserves the most honorable mention within the pages of this volume, for he has ever been a representative of the honorable, industrious and law-abiding class and has done his full share in helping to make Arkansas one of the most favored States in the Union. He was born in Lincoln County, Tenn., April 15, 1819, a son of John and Margaret (Boskin) Coffey, both of whom were born in South Carolina, the birth of the former occurring in Lancaster District. It is supposed that three brothers of the Coffey family came from Ireland and settled in this country prior to the Revolution, and it is a family tradition that John Coffey, the paternal grandfather, was a member of the Colonial Army and took part in that struggle. John Coffey, father of the subject of this sketch, was a participant in the Florida War, was an early settler of Williamson County, Tenn., afterward of Lincoln County, and later removed to west Tennessee, dying in Fayette County in 1843 at the age of seventy years. After his death his widow removed to Woodruff County, Ark., in 1848. Both were members of the Presbyterian Church and throughout a well-spent life he followed the occupation of farming. Their children are as follows: Elizabeth, Hugh, David P., James, Jonathan N., Jerome, Susan, Isabel, Margaret, and three children that died young. The subject of this sketch is the only one of the family that is now living. He made his home with his parents until he was twenty-three years old, grew up on a farm and received such education as the primitive schools of his day afforded. He was married in Tennessee to Miss Parmelia Cloyd, a daughter of John Cloyd, who died in Tennessee, after which he came to Arkansas and settled in Woodruff County, where he made his home until 1850. He then spent six years in White County, twelve years in Newton County and then moved to the farm where he now lives, containing 100 acres three miles southeast of Harrison, on the Springfield road. When he first came to the State he entered some Government land at $1.25 per acre. He has been successful from a business standpoint, was engaged for some time in the tannery business in Newton County, but has always followed the occupation of farming. He was elected to represent Boone County in the State Legislature in 1874–75 and has always been active in the support of the men and measures of the Democrat party, with the exception of the time that he was an old-line Whig in an early day. He is a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, is an elder in the same, is active in all church and school work, and all moral measures are heartily and substantially supported by him. By his first wife he became the father of the following children: John, Tondy, William B., David and Spencer, and after the death of his wife in 1863 he in 1864 wedded Elizabeth McPherson, a daughter of Mrs. Freeman, of Newton County, to whom six children were given, three of whom are living: Oscar, Garland and Leno L. In 1879 the second wife was called to that bourne whence no traveler returns and for his third wife he espoused Mrs. M. A. Wynns, a native of North Carolina and a daughter of William and Anna (Spencer) McCarver, both of whom are dead. The present Mrs. Coffey came to this county from Texas in 1865 with her first husband, Joseph Wynns, who died in Boone County in 1867. They had four children: Bird, R. B., Fannie A. and J. C., all residents of this county.

W. P. HODGES. Probably there is not a man better known in Searcy and adjoining counties than W. P. Hodges, the efficient sheriff and collector of this county. He is an intelligent man of affairs, keeps abreast of the times and has the reputation of being one of the most enterprising and progressive men, as well as one of the most trustworthy and capable county officials, being especially fitted for the offices of sheriff and collector. He was born in the county in which he now resides July 31, 1857, and therefore it is not to be

wondered at that he has ever had the interests of the county at heart and is a public-spirited and loyal citizen. His father, Jesse M. Hodges, was born in Mississippi and at an early day became a resident of Searcy County, Ark., where he is living at the present time. His wife, Nancy D. Hodges, was born in Tennessee and is still living. W. P. Hodges grew up in Searcy County on a farm and obtained his literary education in the schools of Marshall. He remained with and assisted his parents until he attained the age of twenty-four years, when he started out to fight life's battles for himself. He opened a mercantile establishment at Snow Ball, this county, and carried on this business there with success until 1892, when he was elected to the office of county sheriff and collector by the Republican party, of which he has always been a stanch and active supporter. Soon after his election he moved to Marshall and there has since made his home, being at the present time a candidate for reëlection. He has always taken a deep interest in the political affairs of his section, has been chairman of the County Executive Committee and has held other important offices. He is a man of shrewd and practical ideas, has made a success of the different occupations in which he has been engaged, and as a result has accumulated a fair share of this world's goods. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity of Marshall and belongs to Chapter No. 94, of that place. He has shown himself to be a beau ideal public officer and assisted the United States deputy marshal, Silvian, to capture the noted train robber, Albert Mansker, near Witt Springs, the latter being eventually hanged. He was married to Mary L. Taylor, a daughter of Capt. B. F. Taylor, of Snow Ball, and to himself and wife the following children have been given: Frank G., Edna E., Benjamin H., Ray and William P. Mr. Hodges and his wife are members of the Christian Church and move in the highest social circles of Marshall.

Francis Marion Youngblood. There is something essentially American in the life and character of the gentleman who is the subject of this sketch. The United States has given rare opportunities to men with courage, honesty of purpose, integrity and energy, to secure success. Francis Marion Youngblood has all the above characteristics, and his success as an agriculturist and citizen has come as his devotion to right and his tenacity of purpose. Mr. Youngblood was born in De Kalb County, Mo., about 1838, son of Ambrose and Martha (Fanning) Youngblood, who resided for many years in Tennessee. From that State they moved to Illinois and thence to northwest Missouri. When our subject was about six years old the parents came to Carroll (now Boone) County and settled on Long Creek, where the father improved a good farm and where he passed the remainder of his days, dying about 1882. His wife died in the same county a few years before. Mr. Youngblood was considerable of a hunter and one of his reasons for settling in this section was on account of the game. The grandfather, James Youngblood, was probably a Revolutionary soldier, but very little is known of him. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Youngblood were named as follows: Nancy, wife of John Sharp, of Kansas; Jeremiah McClinton, a soldier in the Federal Army, now resides in Missouri; James resides in Boone County; William, a soldier in the Federal Army, makes his home in Carroll County, and Francis M., our subject. The latter received but very little schooling in his youth, only a few months each year, for he had several miles to walk and most of his time was spent in assisting on the home place. In the year 1861 he was married to Miss Elizabeth Hulsey, the daughter of Hiram and Nancy Hulsey, early settlers of Boone County. Ten children were the fruits of this union: William Riley; Mary, wife of John Thomas Philips, of Colorado; T. S., a graduate of Marion Medical College, St. Louis, and is now a prominent physician of

Adair, I. T.; Carrie, wife of Andrew Hayhurst, of Carroll County; James; Martha Delaney, wife of William Vowel; Cordelia; Mac Noah, of Indian Territory; Ida, and Hattie. Since a boy our subject has made his home on Long Creek, near Shaver Postoffice, where he has one of the best farms to be found. He has 390 acres, the old farm owned by his father, and has always followed farming and stockraising, being one of the best known men in his part of the county. In the month of July, 1862, he enlisted in Company K, First Arkansas Cavalry, Federal Army, at Springfield, Mo., and operated in Missouri and Arkansas. He was captured in Carroll County in the fall of 1862, but was released after about one month, and was mustered out at Fayetteville, Ark., in February, 1864. After the war he resumed farming and has followed it ever since. He and wife have been members of the Christian Church for many years, and he has been a Republican since he first commenced voting.

ROBERT W. HARRISON, JR. This gentleman comes of a good Southern family, and in Maury County, Tenn., his father, Robert W. Harrison, first saw the light in 1818. He was the only child of his parents, ——— and Elizabeth (Roberts) Harrison, and is a member of the same family as is ex-President Benjamin H. Harrison. He received fair educational advantages in his youth, and in 1841 came to Newton County, Ark., and settled on Little Buffalo Creek, one mile above Jasper, where he made his home for about one year. At the end of that time he moved to Boone County, Ark., but after a short time returned to his farm in this county, and after residing on the same for three years took up his residence in Jasper, where he made his home until his death in 1881. He was a successful law practitioner for some years, and in 1859-60 he was elected to represent the county in the State Legislature, and for a period of about ten years served in the responsible capacity of county judge, becoming one of the most prominent men of his section. He was for a long time connected with the Republican party, but for some years before his death supported the measures of Democracy. He was married on Dick River in Maury County, Tenn., and removed to Arkansas by wagon at a time when the country was so wild that they had to cut a road through the cane brake and brush at many different places. They made a settlement on a very large tract of land about one mile west of Jasper, but three years later settled in the town, of which they were among the very first settlers. He and his wife, who was born in Maury County, Tenn., were worthy members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was a member of the A. F. & A. M., and as an attorney he was considered, and justly so, one of the best in the State. His widow, whose maiden name was Clarissa Austin, is now residing in Harrison, Ark., with her daughter, Mrs. David ———, who is one of the ten children she bore her husband, as follows: Sarah, widow of Riley Cissel, is the mother of W. H. Cissel, of Harrison; Caroline is the wife of Frank Davis, of Harrison; Mary is the wife of F. S. Baker, of Harrison; George, a scout in the Confederate Army, was killed in Carroll County, Ark., during the war; Austin died when six or seven years old; John S. lives on a farm near Jasper; Thomas F. is a merchant of Jasper; Robert W. is also a merchant of that place; Wesley is farming in western Texas; and William F., who resides in Jasper and farms in the vicinity of the place. Robert W. Harrison, the immediate subject of this sketch, was born in the town of Jasper, Ark., May 14, 1853, in the public schools, of which place he acquired a good practical education. He started out for himself at the early age of seventeen, and for some six years thereafter followed the life of a cow boy in the Lone Star State, during which time he became a thorough plainsman. He was a participant in several fights with the Indians who would stampede his stock, and on one occasion found it necessary to kill one Indian. He returned

to Newton County, Ark., in 1874, and for some five years thereafter was engaged in tilling the soil two and one-half miles south of Jasper. At the end of that time he located in the town and opened a dry goods establishment, which he gradually merged into the grocery and finally into the drug business, his partner in the latter enterprise being Dr. Montgomery, but in 1881 this partnership was dissolved, and he once more started in business alone, and has continued on his own responsibility ever since, conducting a well-appointed general mercantile establishment, and doing an annual business of about $30,000, the largest of the kind done in the county. He is a man of excellent business qualifications, is far-seeing and prudent in all his transactions, honorable and upright in every particular, and is in every way worthy the liberal patronage he receives. Politically he has always been a Republican and socially is a member of the A. F. & A. M. In 1876 he united his fortunes with those of Miss Anna Henderson, who was born in this county in 1859, and to their union four children were born: Hattie, wife of W. L. Curtis, of Jasper; Mattie M.; Hugh D. and Ollie. The mother of these children died in 1891, and Mr. Harrison took for his second wife Miss Sarah Hudson, daughter of Henry Hudson, of this county. She was born here in 1874. In May, 1893, while Mr. Harrison was taking a trip through Polk County, Ark., he was taken for a United States marshal by a party of moonshiners, was led into an ambush and was shot four times with a 44-caliber Winchester rifle. One shot took effect in his body, one in his right arm, carrying away two inches of the bone, and two shots in the face, one lodging in the back part of the head and neck, and one passing through the tongue, tearing out the roof of the mouth. Two of the men are now paying the penalty of their misdeeds in the penitentiary, but it was fully eight weeks before Mr. Harrison was able to be out of bed, during which time he came very near death's door, only a hardy constitution and excellent nursing carrying him through.

CHARLES B. GRIGSBY. One of the old and prominent citizens of Stone County, Ark., is Charles B. Grigsby, who has labored for the good of this section for many years, although a native of Monroe County, East Tenn.; he was born in 1828, to James and Margaret (Houston) Grigsby, who were born in the Old Dominion. They were married in Blount County, Tenn., and made their home there and in Loudon Counties until 1850, when they came to Arkansas, locating in Independence County, eight miles above Batesville and two miles from the White River. While residing in Tennessee, the father held the office of constable for twenty-four years, and he also became one of the substantial citizens of Independence County, Ark. He was a Whig in politics and at the time of his death was about sixty-one years of age, while his wife attained the age of eighty-five years. Her grandfather reared Gen. Sam Houston, who afterward became so well known in the history of Tennessee and Texas. To the marrage of Mr. and Mrs. Grigsby eight children were born, of whom the subject of this sketch was the fifth. He attended school in Monroe County, Tenn., and there made his home until 1848, when he came to Arkansas and located in Independence County, in the Barrens, nine miles west of Batesville, where he rented land for a time, then entered a forty-acre tract five miles west of where he then lived. After residing there a few years he bought land in the southern part of the county, and fifty acres in the bottom, on which he erected a cotton gin which was later destroyed by fire, with seventy-five bales of cotton. This fire left him $4,800 in debt, but he kept his land there for ten or twelve years longer. The farm on which he now resides consists of 160 acres of land, forty acres of which are in the Coon Creek bottom. He has devoted the most of his attention to farming and stockraising since coming to Arkansas, and for some time while residing in

Independence County he served in the capacity of deputy sheriff under Robert R. Case. In September, 1862, he joined Rutherford's Battalion, and was afterward with Anderson's cavalry until the war closed. He for some time served in the capacity of assistant quartermaster, and during this time had many queer experiences. He was in the Trans-Mississippi Department, and was on the Missouri raid, participating in all the battles of that famous campaign. In 1855 he was married to Martha Warren, who was born in Dyer County, Tenn., and to them seven children have been given, three sons and four daughters, the former of whom are at home and also one of the daughters. Their mother is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and socially Mr. Grigsby is a Mason and a member of the I. O. O. F. He is a Democrat politically. Mr. Grigsby has seen many ups and downs in his life, for when he came to Arkansas he had $1 in money and was in debt $55. He was very successful, however, and when the war broke out he was in good circumstances financially, but at the close of the war had to again commence anew. He is now well off and thoroughly enjoys the fruits of his early industry and self-denial.

James M. Brewer. He whose name heads this sketch has been a resident of Searcy County, Ark., since 1871, and during that time he has made a comfortable income for himself and family, has shown that he is a man of public spirit, liberal, generous and highminded, and has made numerous warm friends. His birth occurred in Franklin County, Tenn., September 21, 1833, a son of Zadock and Mary (Brumley) Brewer, who were also born on Tennessee soil, and with them he moved to Arkansas in his boyhood and settled on a farm in Polk County. Later the family moved to Conway County and there the father was called from this life in 1865, his widow surviving him but one year. Of a family of ten children born to them but five are living at the present time: William C., Minerva, wife of John Sowers; Sally (Counts), Sarah (Casper), and James M. Those deceased were: Joseph D., John E., Zadock, Henry C. and Jacob. James M. Brewer resided for a long term of years in Johnson County, Ark., and was married there to Emeline Weeks, daughter of J. M. Weeks. She was born in Tennessee and has borne her husband the following children: James M.; Lou, wife of Henry Prechet; Margaret E., Bell, wife of William Bradley; John H., Callie, Ida, William, Lillie and Victoria. Through the exercise of brain and brawn and much good judgment Mr. Brewer has become the owner of a good property and is justly considered one of the well-to-do men of the county. He has resided on his present farm ever since coming to the county and his estate, which comprises 300 acres, is admirably tilled, no one portion being cultivated and another neglected. The soil is fertile, repays the toil and attention bestowed upon it by the owner and yields abundant harvests. Mr. Brewer is a Republican in politics, has always been prominent in the public affairs of his section and socially affiliates with Snow Ball Lodge of the A. F. & A. M. His home is located about nine miles from Marshall and is one of the very best of Bear Creek.

James P. Brady. Agricultural pursuits have formed the chief occupation of this gentleman, and the wide-awake manner in which he has taken advantage of every method and idea tending to the enhanced value of his property has had considerable to do with his success in life. He was born in Georgia February 9, 1847, a son of Hiram J. and Charity (Cook) Brady, of that State, and grandson of Enoch Brady, who was a son of Irish parents and a participant in some of the early wars of the United States. Hiram J. Brady, with his family, emigrated to Arkansas in 1873, coming thither by rail and water, purchased land and made a location on Sugar Orchard Creek, where they lived until

their deaths in 1885 and 1883, father and mother, respectively. The father was a lifelong farmer, but at one time also followed merchandising in Georgia, and acquired a goodly property. He was a Democrat politically, held the office of county judge of Fannin County, Ga., and was a leading politician of that section. He and his wife were members of the Primitive Baptist Church and the father was a deacon of that church in Georgia for many years. Their children were as follows: Eloch was a man of family and died while serving in the Second Georgia Infantry during the war; Thomas was a man of family and died in Georgia before the war; Mary A. is the widow of Thomas Smith and is living three miles from Powell; John W. is living about a mile and a half from Powell and is a man of family; James P.; Amanda E. is the widow of Thomas Cotton and resides in this county; Nancy J. is the wife of D. M. Cochran and lives three miles north of Powell. James P. Brady's early life was spent in Georgia on a farm and there he obtained a fair education in the common schools. When sixteen years of age, in 1863, he entered the Confederate service, Second Georgia Infantry, served until the war closed and was in all the prominent battles from Tennessee eastward: Wilderness, Spottsylvania, Cold Harbor, Petersburg, and the siege of that place, and was not wounded or captured during his service. He engaged in farming after the war, and in 1868 was married to Harriet, the daughter of William and Sally Godfrey, the former of whom died many years ago in Georgia, and the latter now residing in the vicinity of Powell, Ark. In 1872 Mr. Brady came to Marion County, Ark., and settled on a farm one-half mile west of Powell, but in 1890 came to his present location at Powell. He has a good and well-improved farm of 160 acres and also has considerable valuable mining property, and was at one time the owner of the Gov. Eagel Mine and the Parkhill Mine. He is at the present time developing what promises to be a valuable mine, but at the same time carries on farming and stock raising successfully. He is a stanch Democrat, is active in politics and has held the office of justice of the peace. He and his worthy wife are the parents of seven children: William, Allie (wife of James Casey, of Powell), Charity, Sally, Gordon, Violet and Russell.

William H. Cecil. The calling of the merchant is one of the most honorable lines of industry, and one of its most worthy exponents at Harrison is William H. Cecil, who is a native of Jasper, Newton County, Ark., where he first saw the light of day July 9, 1854. His parents, Riley and Sarah (Harrison) Cecil, were born in Tennessee, and the former was a son of William Cecil, who became a resident of Newton County, Ark., during the early history of the county and settled on what is called the Cecil Fork of the Buffalo River. There the grandfather died at an early day, and his widow in 1857 started on the overland journey to California, and was in the wagon train that was massacred in Utah by the Mormons and Indians, known in history as the Mountain Meadow Massacre, but fortunately two days before that event she and her sons had left the train and taken another trail and thus escaped a horrible death. She was the mother of six sons and several daughters, of whom Riley was but a lad when his parents came to Arkansas. He was married in Newton County, and for some time thereafter lived on Big Buffalo River, the father dying there in 1856. He was a successful tiller of the soil, and to himself and wife two children were born: William H. and Mary J., wife of John Wammock, of Harrison. The mother is still living and resides with the subject of this sketch. Her parents were Robert and Clarinda (Austin) Harrison, who were early settlers of the county of Newton, where the grandfather died. Grandmother Harrison is still living and makes her home in Harrison with her daughter, Mrs. Davis. William H. Cecil attained manhood in Newton County, and after the death of his father he and his widowed mother went to live with

the grandfather, Robert Harrison, who moved to Bluff Springs in 1858, the school center of the country at that time, and there William H. Cecil and his sister obtained a good common-school education. At the opening of the war they moved back to Jasper County, and there remained until 1863, when they located in Springfield, Mo. In the winter of 1865 they returned to Jasper. William H., his mother and sister came to Harrison, and he became an assistant in the postoffice, over which Mr. Baker presided. In 1880 Mr. Baker and Mr. Cecil bought a stock of groceries, which business they carried on until the fall of that year, when they put in a stock of dry goods. In 1882 Mr. Cecil sold his interest to Phillips & Baker, after which he clerked for them for two years, and in 1886 opened the dry goods emporium of which he is now the proprietor. In 1891 his store was burned to the ground, but he succeeded in saving his stock of goods, and in 1892 he erected his present fine store building, 22x80 feet. He is doing a very prosperous business, amounting to from $12,000 to $15,000 annually, and the stock of goods that he keeps amounts to about $6,000. His goods are all well chosen from reliable houses, and no more prosperous business than that which is carried on here can be found. He is one of the leading men of the county, and besides his valuable town property is the owner of an excellent farm near Harrison, all of which has come into his possession through his own good management. A stanch Republican in politics, still he is no politician, although he has held a number of city offices. He led to the altar Miss Letitia, daughter of Andrew and Polly Baker (see sketch of F. S. Baker). Mrs. Cecil was born in Virginia October 20, 1854, but has been a resident of Arkansas from childhood. Her children are as follows: Hattie, Riley, Mintie (who died at the age of three months), Walter, Troy and Lulu V. Hattie teaches in the public schools of Harrison. Mr. Cecil and his family attend the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, in which he is an elder, and all measures—educational, religious and moral—are heartily supported by him.

LEONARD S. WEAST. For over forty years this gentleman has been an honored resident of Marion County, Ark. He was born in Guilford County, N. C., October 26, 1845, a son of Adam and Sophia (Fortune) Weast, who were born and reared in North Carolina and Virginia, respectively. The latter went with her parents to North Carolina, and there she met and married Mr. Weast, with whom she moved to Arkansas in 1850, entering land where Yellville is now situated, purchasing also an eighty-acre tract in the valley of Crooked Creek, on which he built a log house which is still standing, being on the west end of Main Street, Yellville. He brought with him to this State nine slaves, and being a man of good business judgment he succeeded in accumulating a valuable property, a considerable portion of which was lost during the war. He was a Democrat, a public-spirited citizen and a member of the Baptist Church. He died during the latter part of the war, in which great struggle five of his sons participated, being in the Confederate service. His wife was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, and died in May, 1890, at the age of eighty-nine years, having borne him eleven children: Nelson, who died in North Carolina some years ago; Brice, who died in Yellville about nine years ago, was a farmer and miller by occupation; James W., who died in 1889, was a merchant of Lawrence County, Ark.; George W. is a merchant of Newport, Ark.; John J. is a farmer in the Chickasaw Nation; Benjamin L. is at present a resident of Texas, but still has his home in Yellville; Columbus M. is in Oklahoma Territory; Leonard S.; Sarah E. is the widow of F. Wood, and is living in Indian Territory with her children; Mary E. is the wife of N. Wood, of this county, and Martha is the wife of John Wood, of this county. Leonard S. Weast has resided in this county ever since he was five years old, and

has always followed the occupations of farming and stockraising. Upon reaching manhood he started out to do for himself, and was soon after married to Mrs. J. W. Weast, a daughter of a Mr. Williams, who died during the war, and the widow of Mr. Weast's brother. They have resided on their present farm since 1870, which place consists of 275 acres of fine land, a portion of which is within the corporate limits of Yellville. Mr. Weast is an active Democrat, and is one of the useful citizens of the section in which he lives, taking an active interest in everything tending to benefit it. By her first husband Mrs. Weast became the mother of one child, Emma C., wife of Dr. Bryant, of Coal Hill, by whom she had two children: Maud and Cecil; and by her present husband she has had four children: Essie F., wife of Norman L. Burnett, of Texas; Virgil, Lucian and Cass.

CAPT. HAMPTON B. FANCHER. The intelligence and ability shown by Capt. Hampton B. Fancher, as a progressive tiller of the soil, and the interest he has taken in the advancement of measures for the good of Boone County, Ark., caused him long since to be classed as one of the leading citizens of his section. The most that he has achieved or gained has come as the result of his own efforts, and he deserves much credit for his industry and enterprise. He is a native Tennesseean, born in Overton County in 1828, and the son of James and Elizabeth (Carlock) Fancher, natives of North Carolina, the former born in 1790 and the latter on March 18, 1800. This worthy couple were married in Tennessee, whither they had moved with their parents when young, their nuptials being celebrated in 1818, and about 1838 they came by ox-team to northwest Arkansas, being about two months on the road. They located at the head of Osage, eight miles west of Carrollton, on a claim for which he paid $700 in gold. This he at once began improving and soon had a good home. He was one of the most prosperous, practical and enterprising farmers and stock traders in the county, and accumulated a fortune. However, he lost nearly $50,000 during the war, besides many slaves. He represented Carroll County in the Legislature in 1842 as a Democrat, and was instrumental in the formation of Newton County. That was the only official position he would ever accept. He sympathized with the South during the Civil War but took no part. For a number of years he was a Cumberland Presbyterian, and was one of Carroll County's most honest and influential citizens. His death occurred on his farm in Carroll County in 1865. He was one of eleven children, one of whom died in Illinois, two in Arkansas and the remainder in Tennessee. Mr. Fancher was in the Creek War with Jackson, and was in the fight at Horseshoe Bend. His father, Richard Fancher, was born on Long Island and the latter's wife, whose maiden name was Sarah Jerniga[n], was born in Virginia. They were married in North Carolina but removed from there to Tennessee at a very early day. Mr. Fancher died there but his wife came with her son to Arkansas and died in this State. She was entirely blind the last ten years of her life. Mr. Fancher and several of his brothers were in the Revolutionary War. They were of French origin. Our subject's maternal grandfather, Isaac Carlock, was a native of the Old North State, as was the grandmother, Sarah (Rutman) Carlock. They moved to Tennessee at an early day, and from there to Dade County, Mo., where Mr. Carlock died, and where some of his descendants are now living. Twelve children were born to our subject's parents and named in the order of their births as follows: Asenath, deceased, was the wife of William Morris; Arminta, deceased, was the wife of William Coker; Martha J. is the widow of William Boatwright; Hampton B., subject; Sarah, wife of Amos Kindall, of Madison County, Ark.; Thomas W. was killed in August, 1892, in Carroll County, while defending his son who was being assaulted (he was a Confederate soldier, and held the rank of lieu-

tenant in Harrold's battalion of cavalry); Henrietta, widow of Robert Dixon; James P., the present county clerk of Carroll County (for a number of years he served as circuit and county clerk, and was afterward a member of the Legislature; during the Civil War he was in the Confederate Army and was captured at Vicksburg;) George M.; Dallas died in infancy, and two others died in infancy. Until ten years of age our subject remained in his native State and then moved with his parents to Carroll County, Ark., where he grew to manhood with limited educational advantages. On July 26, 1858, he was married to Miss Eliza O. McKennon, daughter of Dr. Archibald and Sarah McKennon. Mr. and Mrs. McKennon were natives of South Carolina, but came to Tennessee when young, were married there, and subsequently moved to Carroll County when Mrs. Fancher was a girl. From there they removed to Johnson County, and there received their final summons. He was a successful physician for many years. He had four sons in the Confederate Army, one of whom, Hon. Archibald S. McKennon, a prominent lawyer of Clarksville, Ark., is one of the United States Commissioners now treating with the five civilized Indian tribes for the abandonment of their tribal relations. The names of the other sons are unknown. Mrs. Fancher was born in Lincoln County, Tenn., and died in June, 1892. Eight children were born to this union: Elizabeth, wife of John H. Walker, of Carroll County; James Archibald, died in infancy; Thomas H., a lawyer of Clarksville, Ark.; Virginia Lucretia, deceased, was the wife of Thomas N. Lancaster of Texas; Sallie Mac., wife of Jeremiah Bentley, of Boone County; Susie Jessie; Maggie Polk, died young, and Grover Cleveland, a little girl. In 1861, when the war cloud hung darkly over the nation, Mr. Fancher enlisted in the Fourth Arkansas Infantry, State troops, as Captain of Company H, and fought at Oak Hill. After a few months this company disbanded and he was then enrolling officer for about a year. After that he went with his father to Texas, and after his return was in Harrold's battalion until the war closed. Afterward he followed farming in Carroll County until 1880, when he came to Boone County and settled five miles northwest of Lead Hill, where he has a fine river farm of over 400 acres. For some time both before and after the war he was engaged in merchandising at Fair View. Fraternally he is a member of Polar Star Lodge, A. F. & A. M., No. 224, at Lead Hill, and was W. M. two terms. He is also a member of Berryville Chapter. Mr. Fancher was made a Mason when twenty-two years of age, and was a delegate to the Grand Lodge in 1853, obtaining the charter of Yell Lodge No. 64, at Carrollton. For many years he has been a prominent member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and his wife held membership in that church also. In politics he is a Democrat.

JOHN L. and CHARLES WESLEY O'DANIEL. In viewing the various enterprises that tend to make Western Grove, Ark., one of the county's most important cities it is curious, as well as instructive, to note the advances that have been made in the different lines of business and to ascertain the progress that has been secured by enterprise and capital. Among the prominent business men of this place John L. and Charles W. O'Daniel, proprietors and operators of the Western Grove Flour Mill and Cotton Gin, stand in the front ranks. The business is conducted under the firm name of J. L. O'Daniel & Bro. and the name of this firm is a passport to popular favor and has become very prominent in the few years it has been in existence. These brothers were born in Western Grove, Ark., the former in 1861 and the latter in 1858. Their parents, Jesse and Mary Ann (House) O'Daniel, were natives of North Carolina and Mississippi, respectively, the father born in 1826 and the mother in 1831. Both father and mother came with their parents to Arkansas Territory when small

and were subsequently married in Newton County, Ark., where Mr. O'Daniel passed the remainder of his days, dying in 1887. He was a successful farmer and in connection was a blacksmith, following both occupations through life. In religion he was a Methodist, and in politics a Democrat. His brother and sisters were named as follows: Greene (deceased), Elizabeth Ann, Polly Frances (deceased), Jennie P. (deceased) and Margaret A. (deceased.) Their father, Greene O'Daniel, was probably born in North Carolina, but was one of the first white settlers of northwest Arkansas, settling in what is now Newton County, near the present town of Western Grove, when Arkansas was a Territory, and experiencing all the privations and hardships of pioneer life. He was industrious and honest, characteristics which have descended to his children and grandchildren, and made a good home, where he lived for nearly half a century, dying in 1870, when quite aged. He was of Irish parents. His wife died in 1869. She was a member of the Methodist Church. The maternal grandfather, Samuel House, came from Mississippi to Arkansas at a very early day also, and there resided for a number of years. The mother of our subject is living. The following children were born to her marriage: Greene, an engineer of Western Grove; James, a farmer; Charles Wesley; John L.; Jesse; Pleasant; Macklin Asbury; William Riley, died young, as did also Nancy Adeline and Mary Belle. All the children living are now residents of Western Grove and they were educated in this county, the older ones receiving limited advantages in that direction. John L. O'Daniel learned the blacksmith's trade with his father when a boy and followed this for about six years after reaching mature years. After that he worked at the carpenter's trade for about three years and about 1889 he and William Mallard built the mill now owned by the two O'Daniels. The firm was Mallard & O'Daniel until 1891, when Charles W. O'Daniel succeeded Mr. Mallard and the present firm was founded. This is the largest and most completely equipped mill in Newton County. The main building is 40x60 feet, two stories in height and an engine house 20x22 feet. It is a bur mill, with a capacity of sixty bushels of wheat per day. The gin is the Brown make, with a capacity of six or seven bales per day. This mill has a good trade, controlling the custom for a distance of twenty-five miles south. John L. also owns a good farm of 120 acres near town. He started in life with nothing and made his first start at the forge. In the year 1880 he was married to Miss Sarah Bryan, a native of Tennessee, where she was left an orphan when young. Later she came with her sister to this county. Mr. and Mrs. O'Daniel are the parents of five children: May, Floyd, Della, Thurman and Maud. The O'Daniels are Democrats and both John L. and Charles W. are Masons, of Bluff Springs Lodge No. 103. The former is a member of the Relief Chapter No. 35, at St. Joe, and has served one year as worshipful master. He and wife are Methodists in their religious views.

J. W. Black. Notwithstanding the fact that Marion County, Ark., is well known for its efficient, faithful and energetic county officials, none deserves more honorable recognition than J. W. Black, who is the present incumbent of the county recorder and circuit court clerk's office. He has made his home in Marion County since 1861, but owes his nativity to the Old North State where he first opened his eyes on the light March 16, 1857, his parents being James and Nancy (Burleson) Black, both of whom were born in North Carolina and came to Arkansas in 1861, locating in Marion County. The father was a soldier in the Union Army during the war, was stationed at Batesville and was there called from life in 1863. He was a Democrat politically and a farmer by occupation. His widow survived him until 1893, when she, too, passed away. They were the parents of six children: Andrew H.,

who died at the age of two years; Mary L., who is the wife of John B. Milum, of Powell; Jesse, who is a farmer of this county; Joseph W.; John C. is also a farmer of the county, and Martha J. is the wife of John H. Smith, of this county. The grandfather, Jesse Black, was of Scotch descent, a North Carolinian by birth, and about 1856 became a resident of Marion County, Ark., but died during the war in Newton County. He was the first of the family to come to this section and was followed thither by other members of the family later. J. W. Black was educated in Marion and Boone Counties and completed his scholastic education in a college at Salem, Iowa, in 1880, after which he became a pedagogue, an occupation he followed with success for four and a half years in this and Boone Counties, being an instructor in the college at Valley Springs for one year. In 1884 he was elected on the Democrat ticket to the office of county surveyor and for six years discharged the duties of this position very acceptably. He was then elected to the office of justice of the peace and also for some time followed farming and mining. He was honored by an election to the office of circuit clerk and recorder in 1892 and is still filling this position to the satisfaction of all concerned, and especially to that of his constituents. He has always been a faithful Democrat, has attended the various county conventions and was elected chairman of the same in 1890. He has proven himself an ideal public officer, efficient, accurate, reliable and courteous and genial with all. He is a Master Mason in Yellville Lodge, and is a local preacher of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, with which his wife is also connected. He has for several years been secretary of the Educational Board of Yellville and cannot fail to be recognized as a public-spirited citizen and a useful member of society. Although he makes his home in Yellville, he has a good farm of 200 acres in the western part of Marion County, and seventy-five acres near the village of Eros. In this county he was united in marriage with Miss Anna Spillers, a daughter of Alexander and Elizabeth (Hedgpeth) Spillers who are deceased. Mrs. Black was born in this county and her union with Mr. Black has resulted in the birth of four children: Oscar C., who died at the age of twenty months; Jewell H., Ernest H., and Æolus B.

L. T. CORNETT. The name of this gentleman is a familiar one throughout Taney County, Mo., and is synonymous with the merchandising and farming interests of his section. Since 1876 he has resided in Taney County, and during that period has kept his escutcheon untarnished. Like other representative men of the county, he came originally from Searcy County, Ark., his birth occurring on the 27th of November, 1854, and comes of good old Virginia stock. His parents, Henry and Malinda (Yowell) Cornett, were natives of Virginia and Tennessee, respectively, the former born in the year 1813. The father moved from his native State to Tennessee, and in 1849 settled in Searcy County, Ark., where he resided for a number of years. Thence he moved to Independence County, Ark., and cultivated the soil there with unusual success until his death in 1861. He was a prominent and useful citizen and a stanch Democrat in his political views. His brother John was a soldier in the War of 1812. The name Cornett is of English origin and the first members of this family to come to America settled in the grand old Mother of States, Virginia. The mother of our subject died in 1860. Eleven children were born to her union, six of whom lived to an adult age, and five are now living: Tennessee, deceased; James G. is a physician in Arkansas; Henry M. resides at Harrison, Ark.; Joseph A., in the West; Martha, wife of W. R. Ellison, of Taney, and the others died in early life. L. T. Cornett was reared in Independence County, Ark., and his scholastic training was rather limited, having attended school but a few days. In spite of these drawbacks,

Mr. Cornett has ever been a man of observation, and coming in contact with the world it has been a good school for him. As soon as his strength would permit, he was required to make himself useful around the home place, and when nineteen years of age he began for himself as a farmer in Stone County, Ark. In the year 1874 he moved to Texas and resided in Bell County, that State, for two years. He then came to Boone County, Ark., and remained there four years, or until 1880, when he located in Taney County, on Cedar Creek, where he has made his home ever since. He followed farming, and in 1891 opened a store. Since then he has been engaged in tilling the soil, stock-raising and merchandising and is one of the most prominent land owners and merchants in the county. He has a tract of land in Taney and Boone Counties of 1,047 acres, of which 500 acres are under cultivation. A portion of this land he farms, but the most of it is rented to tenants. He gives much of his time to stockraising, shipping large numbers of cattle, hogs and sheep yearly. In political matters Mr. Cornett is a stanch Democrat and takes an active interest in all public matters. Socially he is a Mason, of Polar Star Lodge No. 224, Lead Hill, Ark., and he is a member of the I. O. O. F. lodge, of Forsyth. In the year 1879 he married Miss Mattie Williams, a native of Missouri, and the daughter of John Williams. Mr. and Mrs. Cornett have had five children: Nellie M., Rettie A., Clara A., Johnie (a girl), a baby girl Daisey, and Rettie, who died when five years of age. Mr. Cornett resides about fifteen miles from Forsyth and about three miles from White River, where he has a beautiful home.

W. A. Greever. The name of Greever is one of the most influential in Boone County, Ark., and is one of the most respected in the community. Mr. Greever deserves special notice for his public spirit and energy, and is now a prominent trader and speculator, and one of the largest land owners in the State. He is a native of the Blue Grass State, born in Adair County in 1838, and is a son of John and Sarah (Williams) Greever, both natives of Virginia. The father was born in the year 1807, and when but a small boy went with his parents to Kentucky. There the mother came with her parents also, when a child, and there they grew to mature years and married. Afterward the father tilled the soil, and being energetic and industrious he met with more than ordinary success. His death occurred in Kentucky in 1856. Mr. Greever's grandfather, Abraham Greever, was born in the Old Dominion, but at an early date settled in Russell County, Ky., where he died about 1850. As a tiller of the soil he was very successful. His father, Philip Greever, was born in England, but when grown came to America. This was prior to the Revolutionary War, in which he served through the eight years of that struggle. He was under Gen. Greene, and fired the first gun at the battle of King's Mountain. His death occurred in Virginia, where he followed farming. Mr. Greever's maternal grandfather, Bennett Williams, was also a native Virginian and an early settler of Kentucky, locating in Russell County, where he farmed until his death, in 1840. He was of English-Irish origin. His wife, whose maiden name was Bowin, died in Russell County. They were the parents of three children. Capt. W. A. Greever was the third in order of birth of five children born to his parents. They were named as follows: Mary Anne, single, died in Kentucky; Bennett W. died in Boone County, Ark., where he was engaged in merchandising (he was in the commissary department, Confederate Army, during the war); Adeline is now Mrs. Crawford; John, who was a soldier in the Confederate Army, was killed at El Dorado, Ark., in 1865. W. A. Greever was reared on a farm, and received a fair English education. In 1850 he came to Arkansas, and was engaged in the manufacture of wheat-fans when the war broke out. He then joined Company C, made up of Arkansas men, and joined

Clifford's battalion of Missouri troops, serving about two years as a private. He then recruited and organized a company, and subsequently was made captain of Company C, Harall's battalion, Cabbell's brigade, Arkansas troops, which he commanded with ability on many a bloody battlefield until the close of the war. He operated in Missouri, Arkansas and Louisiana, and participated in the battles of Prairie Grove, Poison Springs, Mark's Mill, Jenkins' Ferry, etc. He was on many expeditions, and started on the Price raid in Missouri, but was detached at Pocahontas, and remained in Missouri until after Price's retreat. He escaped without being captured or wounded, and was paroled at Marshall, Tex., at the close of the war. After that he started for Mexico, but when he got as far as San Antonio he abandoned the project and remained in the Lone Star State three years. Returning to Arkansas he was married in what is now Boone County, in 1869, to Miss Lydia Redus, who was born in Fayette County, Ala., and who is the daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Redus, both natives of Alabama, and both born in the year 1808. Mr. and Mrs. Redus were married in Alabama, and from there Mr. Redus removed to Mississippi about 1856, his wife having died in Alabama. About 1868 he came to what is now Boone County, Ark., and here he died in 1892. Mr. Redus was a farmer, but he was also a Southern Methodist minister for nearly half a century. For seventy-two years he was a church member, and was a Mason for several years. To W. A. Greever and wife were born seven children: Ollie, Carrie, Auta, Edwin A., Willie, Garland G. and Joseph H. Since his marriage Mr. Greever has resided in Boone County, near Lead Hill. For some time he was engaged in merchandising at that place, but for the most part he has been a large land and stock speculator. He is now the owner of about 4,000 acres in Boone and Marion Counties and in Missouri, and is the largest tax payer in the county, and has been for ten years. Mr. Greever is also a stockholder and director in the Boone County Bank. All his property is the result of energy and perseverance on his part since the war. He is a Royal Arch Mason, a member of Polar Star Lodge No. 224, and of the chapter at Mountain Home, Ark., dimitted from the latter. Politically he has ever been a Democrat, and all his people before him affiliated with that party except his eldest brother, who was a Whig until after the war closed, and when that party dissolved he attached himself to the Democrat party. His first presidential vote was cast for Breckinridge in 1860.

James. E. Webb. Special adaptability to any calling in life is the one necessary adjunct to permanent success, and as a tiller of the soil James E. Webb seems to be "to the manner born," for he has one of the finest farms on the Sylamore River, of which he has become the owner through his own efforts. He was born in Roane County, Tenn., in 1825, a son of Allen and Rebecca (Webb) Webb, the former of whom was born in the Old North State, and the latter is supposed to have been born in east Tennessee. After residing in Roane County for some time they moved to Bradley County, Tenn., in 1855 or 1856, and then came to Arkansas and took up their residence in Hempstead County, where they lived and died, having followed the occupation of farming throughout life. The immediate subject of this sketch received his education in Roane and Bradley Counties, Tenn., and when a young man of nineteen years he commenced farming in the last named county on his own responsibility, and there continued to till the soil until 1859, when he came to Arkansas, and from that time up to 1860 tilled the soil in Hempstead County, since which time he has resided in Stone County, and has made his home on his present fine farm of 400 acres since 1869. This land is exceptionally productive, and on the 125 acres that are under cultivation large crops are raised annually. The place is well improved also, and besides good farm buildings

of all kinds the fences are sightly and substantial; in fact, everything about the place indicates that the owner is thrifty, intelligent and industrious. All this property has been acquired since the war, for during that time, or from July, 1864, until the close of the war, he joined the Third Arkansas Cavalry, U. S. A., and was in a number of engagements. In 1847 he was married to Miss Mary Davis, of Bradley County, East Tenn., and to their union nine children were given, all of whom reside within a few miles of home with one exception. Mr. and Mrs. Webb are members of the Missionary Baptist Church, of which he has been a member since boyhood, and is now holding the office of deacon. He is a member of Lindsey Lodge of the A. F. & A. M., and politically is a Republican.

CAPT. BENJAMIN F. BODENHAMER. It has been clearly demonstrated time and time again that "honesty is the best policy," and while a man may not gain wealth so rapidly, yet he can look his fellow-man in the face without fear of reproach, and know that he has wronged no one, and therefore can thoroughly enjoy what he has. Such a man is Capt. B. F. Bodenhamer, who was born in Greene County, Mo., in 1843, the son of Chapman W., who was a native of Giles County, Tenn., and grandson of Jacob Bodenhamer, who was one of the very earliest settlers of Greene County, Mo., his farm being situated on the prairie about six miles east of Springfield. Chapman W. Bodenhamer came to Baxter County, Ark., from Webster County, Mo., in 1880, and here is still living at the age of seventy years. His attention has been given to farming all his life, and he was for some time judge of the County Court of Webster County. During the war he was a member of the Missouri State Militia. His wife, who was Lucy W. Burford, was born in Tennessee. In Webster County Benjamin F. Bodenhamer attended the common schools for some time, then entered Wyman University of St. Louis, which he attended until the spring of 1862. In July of that year he dropped his books and entered the Federal service, becoming a member of Company E, Eighth Missouri Infantry, as a private, from which he was promoted to a captaincy. He was with the Eighth Missouri throughout the entire war, and served in Missouri, Arkansas and Tennessee, taking part in the battles of Prairie Grove, Forsyth, Bloomfield, Mo., Devall's Bluff, Little Rock, besides other engagements of less note and numerous skirmishes. He was never severely wounded, and August 5, 1865, was honorably discharged at St. Louis, after which he returned home. He then attended school for one year and then turned his attention to merchandising in Webster County, Mo. In 1871 he came to what is now Baxter County, at Mountain Home, in partnership with G. Potter, but at the end of seven years became associated with J. H. Case in his stead, and this connection lasted two years. Following this he was associated with James Littlefield eight years, and since then has been in business alone. During all this time he has also given much attention to farming and handling stock, and has met with fair success. He and James Littlefield are the joint owners of five farms, and he owns three farms of his own in various portions of the county, his own land amounting to 450 acres and that which he owns with Mr. Littlefield 880 acres. His time is fully occupied and he may be termed one of the "hustlers" of Baxter County, for his property has been acquired through his own good management and foresight. Although he is active in politics and a stanch Republican, he is not an official aspirant, for he has no time for that work, his entire attention being required in the management of his business interests. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., in which he has attained to the encampment, and he has represented his lodge in the Grand Lodge of the State. In 1875 he was married to Lily B. Howard, of this county, but a native of Wisconsin, and by her has six sons and one daughter.

Mrs. Bodenhamer is a member of the Christian Church and is an amiable and worthy lady.

WILLIAM S. MAYS. This gentleman is a worthy representative of that honest, industrious and law-abiding class that has helped make America the most favored nation on the face of the globe. He has tilled the soil from his earliest youth, and in addition has devoted considerable attention to merchandising, in both of which occupations he has been quite successful. He is a native of the county in which he is now living, his birth having occurred in 1852, he being the only child born to his parents, John and Emily (Tutt) Mays, who were born in Alabama and Searcy County, Ark., respectively, the birth of the former occurring about 1826. He came with his parents to Searcy County where he was married and located on a small farm on Buffalo River, where he was left a widower when the subject of this sketch was about one year old. The latter was placed in charge of his Grandfather Tutt, and Mr. Mays started on the overland journey to California, but when within about three miles of the California line he sickened and died, his death occurring about six months after that of his wife. He was a man of excellent habits, was industrious and upright, and was universally respected. His father, James May, is supposed to have been an Alabamian, from which State he came to Searcy County, Ark., when the country was in a primitive condition and located in the vicinity of St. Joe, where he spent the rest of his life as an honest and industrious farmer and blacksmith. He died in 1876 at the age of eighty-five years. He was married five times and reared four different families of children, twenty-one in all. He was a Democrat politically, was a devout member of the Methodist Church, and was of Irish ancestry. The maternal grandfather, Benjamin Tutt, was a Tennessecan and came from his native State to Arkansas, being one of the first white settlers of the northern part of this State. He was a typical frontiersman, was very fond of the chase and became a noted Nimrod throughout the State. He died in 1871 at the age of sixty-nine years, having reared a family of seven children: Skelton, who died at Corinth, Miss., while serving in the Confederate Army; James H.; Julia, wife of Jackson Osborn; Rachel, the deceased wife of Dr. Evans; Mary Ann, the deceased wife of C. W. Keeler; Nancy Jane, wife of the above mentioned C. W. Keeler, and Emily (Mrs. Mays). The mother of these children died in 1861, she and her husband having been members of the United Baptist Church, and he a Republican in politics. The subject of this sketch was reared by his Grandfather Tutt, with whom he made his home until he was seventeen years of age, having up to this time received but limited educational advantages. In 1871, at the early age of nineteen years, he was married to Sarah, daughter of Hiram and Rebecca Baker, Tennesseeans, who early settled in Arkansas where the father died in 1858, his widow surviving him. Mrs. Mays was born in this county and has borne Mr. Mays the following children: John, Emily (wife of Robert Terrell), Frank, Jean, George, Edwin, Maud and James W. (deceased.) Mr. Mays is the owner of a fine farm of 310 acres, in several different tracts, some of which is fine river bottom land and very fertile and valuable. All his property has been acquired by his own efforts and he has every reason to be satisfied with the result of his labors. He has resided on his present farm since 1872 and for about four years past has been engaged in merchandising on this farm, and in the latter enterprise has had a partner since 1894, the firm being now known as Mays & Lay. They do a general mercantile business and Mr. Mays is also a member of the firm of Mays & Lutt, millers and ginners. He is a Republican in politics, has held the office of justice of the peace for four years, and socially is a member of the A. F. & A. M. Lodge No. 317, of St. Joe.

HON. WILLIAM L. THOMPSON. This gentleman affords in his life and its success another evidence that industry, economy and integrity constitute the keynote to honorable competency. His walk through life has been characterized by the strictest probity and he has at all times manifested exceptional business ability and foresight. Popular, efficient and faithful would be the verdict passed upon the character and the official standing of Mr. Thompson by any good citizen of Cleburne County of whom the question might be asked, and that he is deserving of these titles is well known. He is a native of the State in which he now lives, his birth having occurred in Arkansas County August 1, 1861, and is a son of Rev. Zachariah and Abigail (Freeman) Thompson, who were born in Louisiana, New Orleans being the mother's birthplace. The father was a traveling Methodist Episcopal minister, a member of the Little Rock Conference, and became a presiding elder. He died at De Witt, Ark., in 1867, at the age of forty-seven years, and the mother died in 1888 when about fifty-seven years of age. After the death of Rev. Thompson she married Rev. R. H. Sanders, also a Methodist minister. William L. Thompson was fifteen years of age at the time he left his native county, and for some time thereafter he clerked in a store and worked on a farm in Clark County, and from 1879 to 1882 was in a saw mill at Dobyville. He then located in Quitman, Cleburne County, and for some time after kept the books for Skillem & Co., and when the county of Cleburne was organized he became deputy clerk under Col. T. J. Andrews, and for three years was elected clerk of the county, a position for which his abilities eminently fitted him. Two years later he became a member of the real estate firm of Moore, Case & Thompson, and with these gentlemen did a great deal to build up, improve and make Cleburne the magnificent agricultural region and flourishing county that it now is. Mr. Thompson has given time, influence and money to the good of his section, has identified himself with every interest of the county and is one of the most substantial and highly honored of her citizens. He is the owner of 1,300 acres of mineral and timber land, the result of good management and enterprise, and has ever shown himself to be up with the times, wide-awake and pushing. In 1888 he was married to Miss Lutie Audigier, a daughter of Emile Audigier, by whom he has three sons. Mr. Thompson is a stanch Democrat in politics and has ever labored for the good of his party, although he has never been an aspirant for public office. He is a citizen of whom the county has every reason to be proud, and has left an impress on his section that will long be felt.

DR. JAMES M. ROBINSON. This successful old medical practitioner is well known for his genial personality, his ready and kindly sympathy with those who come to him as invalids, and for this reason his clientele is perhaps even larger than would have been attracted by his recognized ability and the success which has attended his efforts. He belongs to that class of physicians who recognize the fact that there is something more than a barren ideality in "ministering to a mind diseased," or, in other words, that the mental condition of the patient has in many cases much to do with his physical condition, and always endeavors to leave his patients in a happy and hopeful frame of mind where the nature of the disease renders this possible. The Doctor was born in Marion County, Ala., October 16, 1823, a son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Evans) Robinson, the former of whom was born in North Carolina and took up his residence in Alabama at an early day. He later settled in Mississippi, and died there in 1848. His widow afterward removed to Louisiana, where she was called from life in 1865. The Doctor was the fourth of eight children born to this worthy couple, whose names are here given: Minerva, Reese; Sarah (Forsythe), of Boone County, Ark.; James M., Samuel, William, Lucy

J. and David T., the latter being a physician of Cooper, Tex., and he and Samuel and William were soldiers during the Civil War. James Evans, grandfather of the Doctor, was an Englishman by birth, was an early emigrant to America, took part in the Revolutionary War and died in Alabama. The Robinsons came of Scotch-Irish ancestry, and both Samuel and Elizabeth Robinson held to the Presbyterian faith, the father being a Democrat politically. Dr. Robinson was a boy of fourteen years when he was taken to Mississippi, and in 1857 he entered the Memphis Medical College and did his first practicing in Mississippi. In 1859 he came to Arkansas and located in Hempstead County, but since 1867 has been a resident of Boone County and an active practitioner of Bellefonte. He practices all branches of his profession, is a skillful surgeon, and his patronage extends over a large territory. He has now reached the age of three-score years and ten, and the infirmities of age that are slowly but surely creeping upon him have rendered him unfit for the long night rides through wind and rain, and he feels that after the active life he has led it is but just that he should "rest from the burden and heat of the day." He was married in Alabama to Lucinda McDonald, who died in 1849, leaving three children: Elizabeth, Mary and John W. In 1850 the Doctor married Sarah Fisher, who was called from life in 1868, having become the mother of seven children, six of whom survive: David T., William M., Henry, Wiley S. (deceased), Llewellyn, Sarah J. and an infant deceased. For his third wife the Doctor took Martha A. Bruton, a daughter of Jacob Bruton, who was killed during the war. Dr. Robinson's third union resulted in the birth of six children, but only two lived: Edward L. and Columbus B.; Huldah J. died in 1892 at the age of seventeen years; Charles H., Marlin, and James M. died when young. The most of the Doctor's children reside in Boone County, are married and have families, his grandchildren numbering nineteen. Dr. and Mrs. Robinson are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and he is considered one of the foremost citizens of the county. He is the owner of a fine grist mill fitted up with the roller process, and which has a capacity of fifty barrels per day, and he has also been actively engaged in the raising of stock and the drug business. The measures of the Democrat party have always received his support, and socially he is a member of Bellefonte Lodge of the A. F. & A. M. His children are among the most highly respected people of the county, and he has every reason to be proud of their untarnished records. Although in the autumn of life, he is yet hale and hearty.

William Henry Nelson. Popular, efficient and faithful, such would be the verdict passed upon the character and official standing of our subject by any good citizen of Stone County, Ark., of whom the question might be asked. He holds the responsible position of county clerk, and is a public-spirited, law-abiding citizen whom to know is to regard with respect. He is a native of the county in which he now lives, his birth having occurred December 17, 1862, his parents being J. G. B. and Caroline J. (Bishop) Nelson, natives of the Palmetto State, where they were reared and married. After residing in Tennessee for some time they came to Arkansas and located in Bickles Cave, Izard County (now Stone County), where the father is still living at the age of sixty-eight years, and where the mother died in 1873. Mr. Nelson has always been a farmer, and has been prominent in the affairs of his section, holding the office of justice of the peace for a number of years. During the Civil War he was in the Confederate service four years, and during this time participated in many battles. He was captured at Chickamauga and taken to Camp Douglas where he was kept until the close of the war. He has always been a Democrat in politics, and is a worthy member of the Baptist Church. The sub-

ject of this sketch who is popularly known as "Dick" Nelson, was educated in Melbourne Academy, and commenced to do for himself at the age of twelve years. He labored at anything he could find to do of an honorable nature, and by attending school whenever an opportunity presented itself, he was enabled to begin teaching when quite young, having paid for his schooling by working on a farm. After teaching four terms he bought the *Expositor* and changed the name of the paper to the *Stone County Blade*, which he published successfully for eight years. While thus employed he served as county examiner, then resigned that office to accept the one he now holds, to which he was elected in 1892. Mr. Nelson is in every sense of the word a self-made man, and from earliest childhood was a great lover of books, his taste in this respect being much gratified by the kindness of Joseph Hixson, who loaned him many interesting volumes. This taste has remained with him to the present, and he is a remarkably well-posted man on current literature as well as on all popular questions of the day. May 1, 1887, he was married to Miss Queen E. Winston, a daughter of S. H. Winston, and to their union three children have been born: Winifred, Ruth and Blanche. Mr. Nelson and his wife are members of the Methodist Church, and he is a Democrat politically, and socially is a member of the I. O. O. F.

JUDGE J. A. RAMBO. The sons of Tennessee are well represented in Searcy County, Ark., and they hold conspicuous places in many pursuits which make that county a substantial star in the galaxy of Arkansas' many interesting counties. Judge Rambo is a substantial resident of the same, and while he is interested in the public welfare and pays strict attention to his private affairs, he shirks no duties as a loyal citizen. His birth occurred in Tennessee December 23, 1841, a son of J. A. and Martha (Moore) Rambo, who were Tennesseeans also. The family came to Arkansas in 1847, and located in what is now Boone County, and after several changes they moved to the vicinity of the Red River, where the father died in 1874. He was a stanch Union man during the war, a strong Republican after that struggle, and throughout life followed agricultural pursuits. The subject of this sketch was the only child born to his parents, for his mother died soon after his birth, but his father married again and by his second wife became the father of one son, J. W. Rambo, and by his third wife became the father of two children: Rachel C. and Newton Z. The father of these children was a member of the Missionary Baptist Church, was public spirited, enterprising and industrious, and by his upright and honorable mode of living commanded the utmost respect from all who knew him. Judge J. A. Rambo spent his boyhood days in this county, in the public schools of which he acquired a practical education, and when the great Civil War came up he enlisted in the Second Arkansas Cavalry and served until the war closed, participating in some of the battles of the Price raid. He was an excellent soldier, faithful to every duty, and immediately after his return home entered upon the duties of civil life with vigor, and in 1866 became the owner of a farm on Red River, eight miles south of Marshall, comprising 164 acres of arable farming land, on which he has made his home ever since. He has been successful in this branch of human endeavor, and the admirable appearance of his place indicates that a man of thrift and energy is at the head of affairs. He has always supported the men and measures of the Republican party, and was elected on that ticket in 1891 to the office of county judge, was reëlected in 1893, and is at present discharging the responsible duties of this position in a manner calculated to win him the highest praise. He is a prominent member of the A. F. & A. M. at Marshall, Ark., has always manifested much interest in the educational affairs of his section, and he and his wife are worthy members of the Baptist

Church. His marriage was celebrated in 1864 with Miss S. C. Ham, a daughter of E. S. Ham, of this county, and has resulted in the birth of the following children: Martha E., wife of William O'Neal; C. D., who is farming on Red River, in this county; Tabitha J., wife of Samuel Beverage, of this county; Randolph, Columbia and Oscar. Alexander and Adolphus are deceased.

Rev. William H. H. Ruble. Rev William H. H. Ruble, in addition to looking after the spiritual welfare of his fellows, devotes much of his attention to tilling the soil in Harrison Township, of which section he has been a resident for nearly twenty years. He was born in Bradley County, Tenn., in 1841, a son of John G. and Esther (Fine) Ruble, the latter a native of Washington County, Tenn. The father died when our subject was but thirteen months old and it is not known in what State he was born. He was a farmer and about sixty years old at the time of his death. He served in the War of 1812, and during the latter part of his life was a class leader and prominent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Ruble was of Dutch origin. After his death the mother of our subject married John Frizzell and spent the remainder of her life in Tennessee, dying in Marion County in 1875, after having been an earnest and worthy member of the Methodist Episcopal Church for many years. She was a daughter of Elisha Fine, who died in Washington County, Tenn., where he followed farming. He was also of Dutch origin. Mr. and Mrs. Ruble were the parents of six children, as follows: Vinett E., Malinda, Melvina, deceased; David died while in the army; Franklin died in Crawford County, Mo., and our subject. The latter had limited educational advantages in his youth, having spent much of his time in assisting on the farm, and could not read when twenty-five years of age. He then joined church and had a great desire to become a minister, but was prevented on account of his limited schooling. He immediately began to learn to read and by diligence and perseverance became a well-posted man. He was married in Marion County, Tenn., April 5, 1861, to Miss Nancy Pickett, a native of Marion County and the daughter of John A. and Ruth Pickett. Mrs. Ruble died on April 22, 1881, in Boone County. She was an excellent wife and mother and her loss was deeply felt. Ten children were born to this union as follows: John F. died in infancy; Sarah L. married Horace McElroy, of Boone County; Perzetta A., wife of Thomas Cobb, of Marion County, Ark.; George W., a prominent physician of Bellefonte; Jesse L., of Indian Territory; James William, Thomas L., Esther M., Nancy H. F. and Ruth Ann. On the 28th of July, 1881, Mr. Ruble married Rosetta Watkins, a native of Gilmore County, Ga., and the daughter of Henry and Lucinda Watkins, natives of Georgia. Mr. and Mrs. Watkins moved from their native State to Benton County, Ark., and later to Boone County, where Mrs. Watkins died in June, 1887. Mr. Watkins is still living and is engaged in farming. He was a soldier in the Confederate Army. To Mr. and Mrs. Ruble have been born six children, five now living: Odus and Otis, twins, the former deceased; Pearl L., Arizona Virgia, Roseita Myrtle and Vinett Elbert. On the 2d of September, 1864, Mr. Ruble enlisted in Company C, Sixth Tennessee Volunteer Infantry, Union Army, and was discharged June 30, 1865, after operating in Tennessee and Georgia. He was never captured or wounded, and after the war returned to his family in Marion County, Tenn. There he followed farming until 1875, when he came to Boone County and for four years was on his present farm, three miles north of Harrison, where he had 154 acres with about 125 under cultivation. He was bailiff for a number of years while residing in Tennessee. In the year 1885 he was made a deacon in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and in 1890 was made an elder in the same. Since then he

has supplied several appointments, and during 1892 and 1893 filled the pulpit of the Harrison circuit. He has been engaged in church work for quite a number of years and is an active and incessant worker for the Master. Mr. Ruble is a member of Phil. Carney Post, G. A. R., and is chaplain of the A. F. & A. M., Polar Star Lodge No. 224, Lead Hill and Bellefonte Chapter. He is a Knight Templar at Harrison and has taken twelve degrees in Masonry. Politically he is a Republican.

ANDREW J. HUDSON. Although Jackson Township, Newton County, Ark., is well known for the push, energy and enterprise of its farmers and stockraisers, Andrew J. Hudson stands in the van in that direction, and through industrious and honorable efforts is now the owner of a good farm of 360 acres with 100 acres under cultivation. He is a native of this township, born December 14, 1853, and here grew to manhood and received his education. In the year 1875 he was married to Miss Mary M. Dupee, a native of Morgan County, Tenn., and the daughter of William and Mariah Dupee, natives of Tennessee. The parents were married in the latter State, but about 1858 they came to Newton County, Ark., where Mrs. Dupee received her final summons. Mr. Dupee is still living and is a prominent farmer of Boone County. He is a worthy and earnest member of the Missionary Baptist Church and a man highly esteemed in the community. To Mr. and Mrs. Hudson have been born an interesting family of nine children: Nancy, William Samuel, Letha Penina, James Carroll, Columbus M., Wiley Andrew, John Floyd, Luella Ann and Grover Cleveland. After the war Mr. Hudson lived near Mount Parthenon for five years and then moved to his present farm where he has resided since. He is one of the most extensive farmers and stockraisers of the county and one of the county's substantial and worthy citizens. Industrious and enterprising he merits and has the respect and esteem of all. Socially he is a Master Mason, a member of Buffalo Lodge No. 366. He is next to the youngest child born to the marriage of the late Samuel Hudson (see sketch). In his political views he is a stanch advocate of Democratic principles, and his first presidential vote was cast for Grover Cleveland in 1892.

DAVID DEARIEN. He whose name heads this sketch is a public-spirited citizen in harmony with advanced ideas, intelligent progress, and the best methods of improving agricultural pursuits, and the good of his country generally. He first saw the light of day in Pike County, Ill., in 1849, a son of A. M. and Elizabeth (Carr) Dearien, the former of whom was a Virginian, and removed from that State to Illinois, thence to Arkansas about 1854. They first located on White River, then moved to Richwoods, and in this county the father still resides and makes his home with his children. He is a fine old citizen, honorable in every particular, and is a worthy member of the Missionary Baptist Church. For a short time during the Civil War he was in the Confederate service. His wife, who is deceased, bore him two children: David and Mrs. M. B. Webb, of this county. After attending the public schools, and assisting his father in the duties of the farm, David commenced farming for himself at the age of nineteen, and in pursuing this occupation found that his early training stood him in good stead, and his operations were attended with good success from the start. He did his first independent tilling of the soil near Timbo, but since that time has owned land in various places in the neighborhood of Timbo. About eight years ago he put up a mill at that place, which he has ever since operated with good success, and for some time also conducted a general mercantile establishment at that place. A few years ago he came to where he now lives, his farm here being an exceptionally fertile and well tilled one. He has also conducted a mill here until recently; in fact, is a wide-awake business man, thoroughly posted on all matters of general

interest. He was married to Miss Sarah M. Webb, a daughter of James Webb, and to their union four sons and four daughters have been born. He and his wife are members of the Missionary Baptist Church, and socially he is a Mason.

THOMAS GRAVES. This gentleman is one of those thrifty and energetic farmers of which Searcy County, Ark., has become well known, and in the conduct of his affairs has shown good judgment and business foresight. He is a native of Tennessee, born September 27, 1827, a son of Jacob and Mary (Counts) Graves, who were born in Connecticut and North Carolina, respectively, but who were early residents of Tennessee, in which State the mother was called from life, the father's death occurring in Mississippi some time after the war, when nearly one hundred years old. He was a farmer and blacksmith by occupation, and a participant in one of the Indian wars under Gen. Jackson. His father, William Graves, was a soldier of the Revolution and was of Irish descent. The maternal grandfather of the subject of this sketch, John Counts, was of German extraction and he also served in the Colonial Army during the Revolution. The subject of this sketch was one of twelve children born to his parents, four of whom are living at the present time, and he is the only one of the family who came to this part of the State. He and three brothers, John, William and Jacob, served in the Union Army during the Civil War and were brave and faithful soldiers to the cause they espoused. The early days of Thomas Graves were spent in Tennessee and Mississippi, and unfortunately he received only a small amount of schooling. In 1849 he became a resident of Arkansas and located in Yell County on the Arkansas River. From that section he enlisted in the Third Arkansas Cavalry of Volunteers, under Col. Lyon, and during the eighteen months that he was in the service he fought some hard battles, and was wounded near Dardanelle, on the Arkansas River, by a gunshot, which so undermined his constitution that he has never enjoyed good health since. He was wounded three times in the same fight. After the war he returned to Yell County, but in 1874 came to Searcy County, and here has become a well-known and well-to-do citizen. He is the owner of 320 acres of fine farming land on Bear Creek, the result of his own good management, foresight and energy, and he has always interested himself in everything tending to benefit his section. His farm is situated ten miles from the town of Marshall and that place is his postoffice address. Socially he is a member of the A. F. & A. M., and Marshall Lodge of the I. O. O. F. He was married in Yell County to Miss Eliza Englebright, a daughter of John J. and Mary (Stinnett) Englebright, who were of English and Irish descent, respectively, the former being a native of the Hoosier State and a son of John J. Englebright. The Englebrights were early settlers of Yell County and the grandfather died there in 1848, his son, John J., also passing from life there in 1888. Mrs. Englebright was born in Georgia and was a daughter of Maj. Henry Stinnett. Mrs. Graves was one of the eleven children born to her parents, four of whom are living at this time. She had two brothers who participated in the Civil War: Marion, who was a soldier in the Confederate Army, and Henry, who was in the Union Army. Mrs. Graves was born January 18, 1837, in Yell County, Ark., where she obtained a good education in the common schools. In 1857 her union with Mr. Graves was consummated, and this worthy couple have long been connected with the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. They have many warm and devoted friends, have the respect of all who know them and are of the stuff of which substantial and desirable citizens are made. They have no family.

N. W. WOOD. This successful agriculturist is a native of the county in which he now lives and was born November 4, 1844, a son of William and Margaret (Roy) Wood, the former of whom was born in Kentucky, a son of

Abraham Wood, also of that State. The latter removed first to Tennessee and from there to Marion County, Ark., and here William Wood settled on the farm on Crooked Creek on which the subject of this sketch is now residing, which place he greatly improved and tilled in such an intelligent manner that he became noted as an agriculturist and accumulated a competency. He was something of a hunter in an early day but gave the most of his time to farming and stockraising, and after a useful and well-spent life was called to that "bourne whence no traveler returns" in 1879. His father, Abraham Wood, also died in this section not long after coming here. Margaret (Roy) Wood was born in Tennessee, a daughter of Joseph Roy, who became a resident of Searcy County, Ark., at an early day, and in this State she was married to Mr. Wood and by him became the mother of fourteen children: Marian, who died after her marriage with Buck Treet; Polly A., who died young; Nancy, widow of James Phillips, of this county; A. L., who is a farmer of this county; Abraham, who died young; Joseph, a farmer of this county; John, also of this section; N. W.; C. D., of Texas; Minerva, who died young; Ellen, also died early; Lucinda is the widow of John Code; Matilda is the wife of James Holland, of this county; Rachel died in childhood. The mother of these children is a resident of this county and is now in her seventy-fourth year. N. W. Wood became familiar with farming in his youth and secured a fair education in the common schools. At the age of twenty he began farming for himself on the old home place, a portion of which he purchased, and as a tiller of the soil and a stockraiser he has been successful and is now in independent financial circumstances. He has resided in his present home for the past eleven years, his estate comprising 360 acres, of which 150 acres lie along Crooked Creek, being very rich bottom land. He was married in 1871 to Miss Mollie Weast, a daughter of Adam Weast, who came to this section from her native State of North Carolina at an early day. She and Mr. Wood have six children: Charles D., who is married and engaged in farming; Eden, Maggie, Lee, Alice and William. Mr. and Mrs. Wood are members of the Missionary Baptist Church and are highly regarded in the section in which they live.

Maj. Matthew George Norman. Beginning life with a clear head, true heart and high purpose, Maj. Matthew George Norman pressed on past the ranks of adversity and became what he is to-day—one of the most prominent and honored of Oregon County's citizens. As a representative man of the county he is looked upon as one of the best type. Maj. Norman was born near Winchester, Franklin County, Tenn., February 27, 1830, and was the seventh of eight children born to John and Elizabeth (Colquit) Norman, natives, respectively, of North Carolina and Georgia. The parents were probably married in Tennessee, and she died in Alabama in 1835. He afterward was twice married, first to Miss Nancy Tompkins, and after her death to Nancy Yealock. About the year 1833 he moved to Franklin County, Ala., and settled among the Cherokee Indians. There his death occurred in the year 1862, when seventy-two years of age. He served in the War of 1812, and was in the battle of Horsehoe Bend, serving as a corporal. In politics he was a Democrat. He had eight children born to his first marriage, one to his second and four to his third. Maj. Norman divided his school days with a system of work on the farm in Alabama, and while still quite young in years began teaching school in Franklin County. In January, 1853, he came to Missouri and located on rented land in Oregon County. Two years later he purchased 320 acres of almost solid timber, which was then inhabited by deer and other wild animals. By hard work and perseverance he added to the original tract as the years passed by and is now the owner of about 900 acres with 225 acres under cultivation. His first official position was county and circuit clerk to which he was

elected in 1859, when Oregon embraced a part of Shannon and Center Counties and all of what is now Oregon County. That office he was holding at the breaking out of the war and, seeing the danger menacing the county records, he carried them off and concealed them in a cave on Piney Creek. There they remained from 1862 until 1865. In February, 1862, Maj. Norman volunteered in the Fourth Missouri Infantry, Company I, and was made captain of the same. He remained in the Fourth until the battle of Corinth, when his command was consolidated with the First Missouri Infantry, Company I, Confederate Army. He still commanded Company I until the fall of Vicksburg, after which he came home and remained on parol until that fall, when he was made recruiting officer and organized a company of 125 men, the same being organized into the Seventeenth Missouri Battalion. Our subject was then promoted to the rank of major, and held that position until he surrendered June 6, 1865. He was a brave and fearless officer, and was in many battles: Farmington, Corinth, Baker's Creek, Black River and Vicksburg. He was also in the Price raid and took part in most of its battles. He was only taken prisoner once, at Vicksburg, and was struck by a spent bullet at that place. After the war until 1872 he turned his attention to dealing in cattle. Previous to the war, however, he studied law, was admitted to the bar, but never depended on it for a livelihood. In 1872 he was elected to represent Oregon County in the General Assembly, and in 1879 he was elected circuit and county clerk and recorder, holding that position for eight years. In 1892 he again represented his county in the Legislature, was subsequently public administrator and has held other prominent positions. While in the Legislature he was on the committee of ways and means, and salary and costs. The first time he was in the Legislature he was on the committee of enrolled bills. In the year 1849 Maj. Norman was married to Miss Mary Ann Waits, daughter of Simeon Waits, and a native of Franklin County, Ala., born in 1831. Seven living children were born to this union: Modema, wife of J. W. Johnson, of Montana; J. F., the present circuit clerk; Julia Elizabeth, wife of Jasper Pierce, of this county; George R., a physician of Winona, Shannon County; Lewis P., postmaster at Alton; James C., merchant at Alton; William A., deputy clerk, and an infant deceased. Maj. Norman is a member of the Missionary Baptist Church, and is a Democrat in politics. He is a Mason and has filled every office in the order but one—worshipful master. He has represented his lodge in the Grand Lodge, and is a prominent member of that fraternity.

JOHN S. F. NORMAN. A more popular citizen and official of Oregon County, Mo., cannot be found than John S. F. Norman, circuit clerk of the county. His conduct of the affairs of the office has been such as to commend him to the good opinion of the public regardless of party affiliation. He is a native of this county, born July 22, 1855, the son of Hon. Matthew G. and Mary Ann (Waits) Norman. The father was born near Winchester, Franklin County, Tenn., February 27, 1830, but was reared in Franklin County, Ala., where he made his home until January, 1853, when he came to Oregon County, Mo. He was a soldier in the Civil War, and held the rank of major. When he first came to Oregon County there were few settlers, and his land was covered with a dense forest. This he cleared, and now has about 900 acres of land, with over 225 acres under cultivation. He had very little of this world's goods to start with, a yoke of oxen and a wagon, and came here to get a home. Although he farmed for the most part, he also studied law and was admitted to the bar, but never depended on his profession for a livelihood. In 1859, previous to the war, he was made circuit and county clerk, and was holding that position when hostilities began. Seeing that the county records might be destroyed, he carried them off and concealed them in a cave on Piney Creek.



M. G. NORMAN,
Oregon Co., Mo.



JAMES ORCHARD,
West Plains, Mo.

There they remained until the war was over. In 1872 he was elected to represent the county in the Legislature, and in 1879 was elected circuit and county clerk and recorder, and held that position eight years. In 1892 he was again elected to the Legislature, and he has held other prominent positions. His wife was born and reared in Franklin County, Ala. She is still living, and both she and her husband are devout members of the Missionary Baptist Church. Of the eight children born to them, seven are now living and are heads of families. Of these children our subject was second in order of birth. He received his education in this county and at Rolla, Mo. He grew up in the clerk's office, serving as deputy from 1878 until 1884, and then embarked in the furniture and hardware business at Thayer one year. After this he farmed one year, and was then elected circuit clerk and recorder, and has held that position since. He is the nominee of his party for another term. In 1882-83 he was also clerk of the probate court. On April 1, 1875, he married Miss Maggie J. Wilson, a native of Owsley County, Ky. Five children blessed this union, two sons and two daughters living, but one daughter is deceased. One son, Hosea E., is in Drury College; Nellie died when quite young; Otto is at home, as is also Clara A. and Bonnie O. Mr. and Mrs. Norman are Missionary Baptists, and he is clerk of the First Baptist Church, of Alton. Mr. Norman is a Mason, and has represented his lodge in the Grand Lodge. It is hardly necessary to add that he is a prominent Democrat in politics.

STEPHEN BIRLEW is a native Tennesseean, born in Smith County, January 1, 1842, the son of John and Wilbrey (Robinson) Birlew, the father a native of North Carolina and the mother of Tennessee. John Birlew was a young man when he went to Tennessee, and he there met and married Miss Robinson, who later moved with him to Christian County, Ky. There they resided until 1853, when they came to Missouri and located three miles east of the present town of Winona, in the woods, then Pike Creek Valley, and here Mr. Birlew died in the valley in 1872, when about sixty-two years of age. Mrs. Birlew is still living and is now seventy years of age. She finds a comfortable home with her children. Mr. Birlew was justice of the peace for years, and at the time of his death was county treasurer. Farming and blacksmithing were his principal occupations during life, and he was unusually successful. Mr. Birlew was a Union man during the war and was for the Constitution. In politics he was a Democrat. Mrs. Birlew holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church. Their family consisted of ten children, of whom our subject was second in order of birth. The latter secured a fair education in Shannon County, and in 1861, when nineteen years of age, he enlisted in the Missouri State Guards, Confederate Army, but later joined a regiment in the Confederate service. On account of sickness he did not get back into service until the fall of 1862, when he joined Col. Burbridge's regiment, cavalry, Company H, under Gen. Marmaduke, in which he remained until the surrender in May, 1865, at Jacksonport, Ark. He was at home during the winter of 1864 and 1865. During service he participated in the battles of Wilson's Creek, Fort Scott, Lexington and others. After joining Marmaduke he was at Cape Girardeau, Old Jackson, Chalk Bluff, St. Francis River, Helena, Little Rock, Mansfield, Camden, Pine Bluff, Jenkins' Ferry and Pleasant Hill. He escaped without being wounded, and was only once taken prisoner and held a short time. After leaving the service he commenced farming on the old homestead, but was there only a few years when he homesteaded the place where he now lives. Winona now stands on a part of this land, for he sold a considerable portion, and he has improved his place in every way. Mr. Birlew has held the office of constable, and although he has often been solicited to accept office he has refused, preferring to keep on in the even tenor of his way. In politics

he is a Democrat, and socially an Odd Fellow and a member of the Farmers Alliance. In 1873 Miss Nancy J. Taylor became his wife. She was born in De Kalb County, Tenn., and is a worthy member of the Free-Will Baptist Church. Nine living children have been born to their union, five sons and four daughters, and one son is deceased.

JOSEPH ADDISON POPE. He whose name heads this sketch has been familiar with farm life from his earliest boyhood, and as a follower of this the most useful of callings, he has at all times shown good judgment, and has been successful. He was born in Wake County, N. C., in 1820, in which State his parents, Simon and Martha (Cole) Pope, were also born, the birth of the father occurring in 1793. They made their home in the Old North State until about 1824, then removed to west Tennessee, and both parents died in Benton County in 1840. They were highly respected citizens, were honest and industrious, and became well to do as tillers of the soil. For a number of years the father taught school, and for some time he ably filled the office of justice of the peace. The paternal grandfather was for a short time a soldier in the Revolutionary War. He was of English origin and died in Wake County, N. C., as did also his wife. The maternal grandfather, Thomas Cole, was a farmer and was killed in a neighborhood difficulty when Mrs. Pope was a small child. His wife died in Tennessee. Simon Pope became the father of nineteen children, only four of whom lived to be grown: Harriet J., who died in Benton County, Tenn., in 1891, the wife of Charles Cowell; Leonard H. died at Nashville, Tenn., while a prisoner of war; Joseph Addison; and Delaney, who died in Mississippi County, Mo., the wife of Samuel Fittle. The early educational advantages of Joseph Addison Pope were of quite a meager description, and he was reared to a knowledge of hard work on his father's farm. In 1844 he was united in marriage in Benton County, Tenn., with Eliza A., daughter of Reuben and Sarah Bridges, who were born in North Carolina and east Tennessee, respectively, and eventually breathed their last in Benton County, Tenn. In 1868, in Ripley County, Mo., Mrs. Pope was called from life, after she had borne her husband seven children: Delaney A., the deceased wife of D. P. Thomas; Reuben, a farmer of Ripley County; Simon, Joseph, Leonard, Eliza Jane and Sarah, all of whom are dead except Reuben. In 1870 Mr. Pope's second marriage occurred, Mrs. Harriet Pitman becoming his wife. She died five months later, and in 1872 he wedded Mrs. Emily Black, who died about two years later. In 1875 Mr. Pope married his present wife, Melissa Hart. He has been a resident of Ripley County, Mo., since 1855, the journey by wagon to this section occupying about twenty-one days. Their home was in Buckskull until the opening of the Civil War, after which they resided at different places in the neighborhood until about sixteen years ago, when they settled in the woods on the farm on which they now reside. Mr. Pope owns 150 acres of well-improved land, is a thrifty and successful farmer, and being scrupulously honest in all his business transactions, he is universally respected. He has witnessed almost the entire development of the county and has assisted in bringing about this desirable state of affairs. Until the opening of the war he was engaged in merchandising as well as farming. He has always been a Democrat politically, cast his first presidential vote for Polk in 1844, and for six years was justice of the peace in Tennessee. He is a member of Pitman Lodge No. 149, of the A. F. & A. M., and he and his wife are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

GEORGE T. LEE. It is a pleasure and a privilege to record the character and enterprise of men of business who, on account of their long tenure and extensive operations, comprise almost a history of the business in which they are engaged. Of such men it is unnecessary to speak in words of colored praise.

"By their acts ye shall know them." Their very existence is emphatic evidence of the honorable position they occupy and the long course of just dealing that they have pursued. A gentleman in mind is George T. Lee, who was born in Jefferson County, Mo., February 22, 1844, a son of Giles and Ary (Graham) Lee. Giles Lee was born in Westmoreland County, Va., on March 10, 1796, and he was a son of John Lee, who came to this country from England in early times. The Great-grandfather Lee was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. Giles Lee was reared in Virginia and came to Missouri in 1819, settling on the Mississippi River. There he passed the remainder of his days engaged in farming and tanning, his death occurring in 1880. His wife was a native of Jefferson County, Mo., born on Big River in 1827, and she was a daughter of one of the early pioneers who came from Kentucky. Three children were given them: James W., George T. and Margaret V. William died in Wayne County, and Margaret married and in Wayne County. On the old home farm in Jefferson County our subject passed his youthful days, assisting on the same and attending the common schools. Later he entered the Western College at Arcadia, Iron County, and after finishing there began teaching school. From that he became a traveling salesman for a St. Louis dry goods house, continued this for two years, and then engaged in business in 1869. Two years later, or in 1871, he moved to Mill Springs and opened a store which he carried on until 1873. From there he went West and engaged in prospecting and gold mining for five years, and was one of the party that discovered gold in Deadwood Gulch, Cal. Lee Street in Deadwood is named after him, as he had his tent on the stream where the town was laid out. Mr. Lee was successful in gold mining and remained there until 1878, when he returned to Mill Springs. From there he came to Van Buren in 1887 and opened up a store, and has followed merchandising since. He is a very successful business man, of sound principles, to be relied upon at all times. He represented Wayne County twice and Carter County once in the Legislature, and had to do with many important measures. In politics he is a Democrat, and has been active in all public enterprises. Socially he is a Mason, also an Odd Fellow, a member of the A. O. U. W., and is chairman of the Democratic Central Committee. Mr. Lee is a stockholder in the Current River Bridge Company, is a live business man, and also owns a granite quarry in Wayne County. He was married in Wayne County to Ann, a daughter of Capt. Leaper, and they have two living children: June and Pearl. They lost two children: May, who died when twenty-one years of age, and George, who died in infancy. Mr. Lee and wife are earnest members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he is steward.

GEORGE WASHINGTON WEBSTER. As a progressive tiller of the soil the subject of this sketch has no superior throughout Ozark County, Mo., for he is industrious, decidedly progressive in his views, and has always taken advantage of all new methods for the improvement of his land. His fine and valuable estate is located ten miles west of Gainesville on Bratton Spring Creek, and comprises 480 acres, in two different tracts, all of which has been acquired through his own efforts. He is also quite extensively engaged in the raising of stock; in fact, is well up in all branches of agriculture and is well worthy of bearing the title of "self-made man." At the time he settled on his farm there were about twelve or fifteen acres cleared, but all this has been changed and his farm is now a remarkably well-improved one. He was born in Martin County, Ind., in 1834, a son of Jonathan and Catherine (Graham) Webster, natives of New Hampshire and Kentucky, respectively, the birth of the former occurring in 1804 and that of the latter in 1806. In 1854 they removed from Indiana to Douglas County, Mo., having spent

the previous winter in Illinois. After one year in Douglas County, Mo., they removed to Ozark County, near the Arkansas line and there resided until the Civil War, when they removed to Illinois. At the end of about two years they returned to Douglas County and after the war to Ozark County, where Mr. Webster died in September, 1892, his wife, having been called from life in Douglas County about 1886, at the home of one of her sons. She was a member of the Missionary Baptist Church and Mr. Webster acquired a widespread reputation for honesty and for the patronage he bestowed on all enterprises of a worthy nature, and for his support of all measures of morality. Their family consisted of two sons and three daughters: Seth, Richard, Phœbe, Hettie and Eliza. Their grandfather, Richard Webster, was a native of the Granite State, but was one of the very early settlers of southeast Indiana and died in Washington County of that State before our subject was born. He was a shoe and harness maker by trade and was a member of the same family as Daniel Webster. His wife, whose maiden name was Sarah Heath, died in Martin County, Ind., about 1854. The maternal grandfather, Samuel Graham, was a Kentuckian, but an early settler to Richland County, Ill., where he was called from life about 1835, his wife having been called from life prior to his removal from the Blue Grass State. The subject of this sketch is the fourth of eight children born to his parents, the other members of the family being: Richard of the Choctaw Nation, I. T.; Samuel, who died in early boyhood in Arkansas; Sarah, the wife of Frederick Graham; Seth, of Douglas County; Mary, who died in Ozark County, the wife of Mac Turley; Margaret, the present wife of Mac Turley, and Lucinda, who died in Arkansas, the wife of John Worlington. The primitive schools of his native State afforded George W. Webster but meager advantages in the fields of learning, but he possessed a naturally good mind and managed to acquire a sufficient knowledge of the "world of books" to fit him for the ordinary duties of life. At the age of nineteen he became a resident of Missouri and was married here, in 1855 to Isabella, daughter of Ignatius and Eliza Turley, natives of Indiana. The Turleys became residents of Missouri about fifty years ago and Mr. Turley died here about 1876 and his wife in the Indian Territory. Mrs. Webster was born in Phelps County, Mo., and died July 6, 1882, having become the mother of the following children: Ira, of Newton County, Ark.; Greene; Oliver; Margaret, wife of Elijah Breedon; Mary, wife of James Lawrence of Stone County; Sevilla, wife of Jackson McCullough; Shelt, of the Indian Territory; Amanda, Lula and Walter. Mr. Webster has been a resident of Ozark County ever since his marriage, but for four years during the Civil War his family lived in Iowa and northern Missouri. In July, 1861, Mr. Webster joined the Home Guards, with which he served about three months, was then a member of the Thirty-sixth Regiment of the Missouri Militia and in 1862 joined Company H, Forty-sixth Missouri Infantry and was on duty in Missouri and Arkansas and fought at Mountain Grove, Vera Cruz, Big Creek and several engagements in Arkansas. He was honorably discharged from the service at the close of the war and then returned to his family who were living in Douglas County. Mr. Webster is a member of Robert Burns Lodge No. 496, of the A. F. & A. M., at Gainesville, and also belongs to the G. A. R., at that place. He was a Democrat in his political proclivities until the war and has since been an active Republican. He cast his first presidental vote for Buchanan in 1856.

FRANKLIN MARION CHAPIN. This prominent citizen of Winona, Mo., owes his nativity to Overton County, Tenn., where he first saw the light in 1837, his parents being Paul Stillman and Sarah (Harrison) Chapin (for parents' history see sketch of John A. Chapin and John W. Garrett). He was

the tenth of twelve children born to them, the other members of the family being: Mary (Garrett), of Howell County; Hiram, who died in Los Angeles, Cal.; Paul Stillman, who died in Hopkins County, Tex.; Elias H., who died in Howell County; Martha, who died in Overton County, Tenn.; John A., of Howell County; Josiah, who died in Randolph County, Ark.; Silas J., a resident of Platt County, Mo.; Sarah, the twin sister of Silas, died in childhood; and Alsie A. and Catherine, of Howell County. The subject of this sketch received the rearing and education of the average farmer's boy of his day; that is, he labored early and late on the farm and received very meager educational advantages, but later in life, when opportunity offered, he applied himself to his books and became a fair scholar. In 1851, at the age of thirteen, he removed to what is now Howell County, Mo., and at the age of sixteen he began farming on his own responsibility. On the 19th of August, 1860, he was married in Greene County, Mo., to Miss Emeline, daughter of Ephraim and Hester Daniel, natives of Indiana, from which State they removed to Iowa, and about 1852 to Greene County, Mo., where Mr. Daniel was eventually called from life, his wife's death occurring in Howell County. Mrs. Chapin was born in the Hoosier State, and her union with Mr. Chapin has resulted in the birth of the following children: Alsie J., wife of N. O. Randall, of Willow Springs; Lucy Hester, widow of Al Ward; John W.; Mary E., wife of William Chambers; Hugh J.; Silas B.; Laura, wife of William Welch; Viola M., Catherine and Melzie Blaine. Mr. Chapin lived in Howell County, Mo., until the opening of the Civil War, from which time until 1867 Greene County was his home. He then returned to Howell County, where he resided until 1888, and the two following years was a resident of Platt County, since which time his home has been at Winona, where he has been engaged in teaming for the Ozark Lumber Company, controlling eight or ten teams. Formerly he was for some years engaged in railroading, labored on other public works and also carried on farming to some extent, until recently, when he sold his farm. Several of his brothers and sisters were among the first settlers of Howell County, Mo., of which section they are among the foremost citizens. Mr. Chapin has led an honest, upright and industrious life, is well known in this county and has the respect of everybody. He served for about one year in the Missouri State Militia during the Civil War, was in the engagement at Springfield, and other places, and was wounded in the hand in that engagement. He was reared a Democrat, and his first presidential vote was cast for Franklin Pierce in 1852, and in 1860 he voted for Douglas. He has always been an active worker for his party, and in all matters of common interest has been public spirited and an active supporter of worthy causes. His wife is a member of the Methodist Church.

JUDGE HEZEKIAH WEAVER was unquestionably one of the ablest and most popular of Shannon County's judges, and aside from this is a polished gentleman and a worthy neighbor. He is a Blue Grass Kentuckian, born in Laurel County in 1832, and in that county he received his scholastic training. When twenty-two years of age he married Miss Catherine Brock, also a native of Laurel County, Ky., and of the eleven children born to this union ten are now living. Mrs. Weaver died in 1890 and the Judge took for his second wife, in August, 1891, Mrs. Mary J. Willbank, and they have one child. After his first marriage Judge Weaver turned his attention to farming. He came to Missouri with his father in 1855, learned the blacksmith's and wood-workman's trades and continued this in connection with farming for some time. He first located in Birch Valley, three miles west of Birch Tree, on a branch of Spring Creek, and there farmed until the breaking out of the war. In August, 1861, he joined Woodside's Home Guards, but later Freeman's brigade, with which he

remained until the close of the war. He was lieutenant in the Home Guards and while in the regular service was detailed to do blacksmithing. He was at Ironton, Pilot Knob, Little Blue, Big Blue and in the open prairie fight. He was also in the Price raid. Being on detailed duty he was not forced to appear on the battlefields, although he did so. While in Batesville, Ark., he was taken prisoner by bushwhackers, but was soon afterward released. The Judge surrendered at Jacksonport June 6, 1865. He was never wounded. After the war he located six miles west of Smithfield, where he remained until 1869. He then moved to Jackson County and in connection with farming was engaged in raising cotton for one year. He went from there to Howell County, Mo., and located near Mt. View, where he made his home until 1874. From there he moved to Birch Valley in Shannon County, and was engaged in blacksmithing and farming for two years. In 1876 he went to Laurel County, Ky., remained there one year and then returned to Birch Valley, where he remained two years. He bought 320 acres of land in Hurricane Valley and he has since improved the place and cleared 150 acres of the timber on it. In 1889 he went to Puget Sound, Washington State, also went to Montana, Idaho, Utah, Minnesota, Wyoming, and in fact all the Northwest. He was absent from April till the latter part of the year, but since then he has been residing on his farm. In 1886 he was elected presiding judge and discharged the duties of that office very capably for two years and a half. Judge Weaver is an elder in the Christian Church, and is a member of the I. O. O. F. at Eminence. In politics he is Democratic, and is an active worker for his party. Judge Weaver was fifth in order of birth of eleven children, eight of whom are now living. His parents, Peter and Ann (Chestnut) Weaver, were natives of Claiborne County, East Tenn., and Laurel County, Ky., respectively. When sixteen years of age Peter Weaver left his native State with his father and settled in Laurel County, Ky., when it was a wilderness. There he married Miss Chestnut, and continued to reside until 1855 when he came by wagon across the country to what is now Shannon County, and settled in the woods of Birch Valley. There, with the assistance of his family, he cleared up a farm, and there his death occurred in 1884, when about eighty-seven years of age. While a resident of Kentucky he was quite a prominent politician, was always a Democrat, and was county judge there. After settling in this county he was elected presiding judge. Mrs. Weaver died in Shannon County in 1886, when about eighty-three years of age. Both were members of the Baptist Church for many years.

Dr. John H. Moore, who has made his home in this county for a number of years, came originally from St. Francois County, Mo., where his birth occurred on the 27th of January, 1838. His father, Dr. Robert Moore, who was a practicing physician in Iron and St. Francois Counties, Mo., for years, died in the former county in 1854. He was born in Smith County, Tenn., in 1807, and was a son of Armstead Moore, who was of Irish parentage. The father of our subject began the practice of medicine when twenty-one years of age, and about the year 1830 came to Missouri from Illinois. He settled in St. Francois County, but subsequently moved to Iron County, where he carried on a successful practice for many years. While in Tennessee he met and married Miss Mary Baugh, member of a prominent family of that State, and five children were the fruits of their union: Amanda, the widow of Col. Frank McGhee; Tobitha (now deceased) married Sim Frazier; Mary; Armsted was a soldier in the Union Army, and died in service; and John H., subject. Dr. Moore, father of these children, was one of the first practicing physicians of this section of the State. He was a strong Democrat in politics. His wife is still living in Arcadia, Iron County. Our subject, Dr. John H. Moore, attended the schools of Arcadia and began the study of medicine in 1857, going to Texas and

studying with an uncle, Dr. Bert Moore. In 1860 he began practicing at Piedmont, but remained there only a short time, after which he went to Barry County, Mo., and continued there three years. During the war he enlisted in the Confederate Army, and was appointed to the office of assistant surgeon, filling the same for some time. He was in the Price raid. After the war Dr. Moore located at Doniphan, Ripley County, and there made his home for seven years. In 1872 he moved to Iron County, resided there a year, and then located at Lesterville, Reynolds County, where he lived for seven years. He then moved to Barnesville, continued there fourteen years, and in 1892 selected Centreville as his future location. He is one of the successful practicing physicians of the county, and one of the prominent men of the same. In politics he is a stanch advocate of Democratic principles. In the year 1861 he was married in Barry County, Mo., to Miss Zorilda Jamison, a native of Arkansas, and the daughter of John C. Jamison. Three children have been born to our subject and wife: John R., a practicing physician and a graduate of St. Louis Medical College, married Miss Mary Carty, who bore him three children—Clara, Monto D. and Hattie (he was born January 10, 1864); Clara and Hattie. Dr. Moore is one of the leading men in the county, and has been one of the prominent physicians in the Southwest.

O. L. Munger. Special adaptability to any particular calling in life is the one necessary adjunct to permanent success. No matter the vim and determination which characterizes a man's start in business, unless he is to the manner born, he will find to his sorrow that his lines have been falsely cast, and the quicker he draws back and takes up another calling the better it will be for him. O. L. Munger, editor and proprietor of the *Current Local*, published at Van Buren, Carter County, Mo., has made no mistake in his calling. His paper is bright and interesting, and fills a long-felt want, it being the only one published in the county. It was established in 1884 by William H. Paevers, and for the past three years Mr. Munger has had an interest in the paper. In 1893 he took control and became owner. Mr. Munger came originally from Reynolds County, Mo., his birth occurring March 23, 1865, and he is a son of Francis and Mary (Parks) Munger. Our subject's grandfather, Marvin Munger, was of English descent, and a native of the State of New York. About the year 1818 he came from the East to Missouri, and settled in what was known as Belleview Valley, making his home at the headwaters of Black River, now in Reynolds County, where he was one of the very earliest settlers. He delighted in hunting and was a prominent pioneer. At an early day he was sheriff and collector of Ripley County, and was one of the prominent men, taking a leading part in all enterprises for the good of his section. There he reared his six children: Martha, who became the wife of William Andrews, is still living, and is quite an aged woman; Mary, wife of Mr. Light, of Reynolds County, is also living; Oran died at Memphis, Tenn., during the war; Louis died at the same place; Francis, father of subject, and Moses, who is living on the old home place in Reynolds County. The father of these children died just before the Civil War. In politics he was a Democrat. He helped to build the first mill ever erected in south Missouri, and was foremost in all good deeds. Farming was his principal occupation in life. Francis Munger received but a limited education in his early life, and when grown was married to Miss Mary Parks, a native of Reynolds County, Mo., and the daughter of Marshall Parks, who came from Georgia to Reynolds County at a very early day and there followed farming. There Mr. Parks died in 1873. Francis Munger became a minister in the Baptist Church, and also followed the trade of wagonmaker. He enlisted under Gen. Price, but was only in service a short time on account of sickness. He was a good man, gave much

of his time to church work, and passed peacefully away in the year 1891. The mother is living at Piedmont, Wayne County. Their children were as follows: William A., a prominent attorney at Centreville, Mo., died in 1890 (he was a Democrat); Martin M., married, is a Baptist minister at Centerville, Mo.; O. L., subject; George W. is a popular attorney at Van Buren (he attended the St. Louis Law School, was admitted to the bar in 1893, and at present is Democratic nominee for prosecuting attorney); and Damaris is the wife of John W. Cross, of Piedmont, Wayne County, Mo. The original of this notice received good educational advantages, attending schools at Farmington and at Carlton Institute, and after assisting his father on the farm until 1888 came to Carter County. He took the position of deputy clerk in the county clerk's office, later the office of deputy sheriff and county collector, and in March of the year 1889 he was elected sheriff of the county, filling the vacancy caused by the death of E. J. Turney. The same year he was elected on the Democratic ticket to the same position, and filled that position in a creditable and satisfactory manner until January 1, 1892. He has ever been active in politics, and was a delegate to the Kansas City Convention in 1894. After his term of office had expired he took up the study of law, and was admitted to the bar in 1893, beginning his practice in Van Buren. Socially he is a Mason, a member of Van Buren Lodge, and politically a Democrat, his paper being published in the interests of that party. Mr. Munger was married in Carter County to Miss Minnie M. Lee, daughter of Arch Lee, of Madison County. She was educated at the State Normal School, and is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. One child has been born to this union, Lucile.

J. H. HOGAN. Among the many successful men of Howell County, Mo., none have made a more desirable reputation than J. H. Hogan, of Willow Springs. Born and reared on a farm in Greene County, Tenn., from 1826 until his marriage he remained with his parents, receiving his education in the common schools. His father, Hiram Hogan, was a native of the Keystone State, but at an early age he moved to Tennessee, where he met and married Miss Sarah Bales. Their children, four in number, were named as follows: Mary (deceased) was the wife of Robert Caughran; Elizabeth (deceased) was the wife of W. M. Ferguson and the mother of James Ferguson, of Willow Springs; J. H. (our subject), and David B., who is living on the old home place in east Tennessee. The father of these children was a molder in an iron furnace and died when our subject was quite small. The mother was born and reared in Tennessee. After the death of Mr. Hogan she took for her second husband John Lutterall and reared a family of four children: Jesse, who is living in Howell County; Sarah (deceased) was the wife of George Patterson, of this county; Susan, widow of E. Shaw, and William, who is living near Willow Springs. Mrs. Hogan died about the year 1871. Equipped with a good common school education our subject started out to fight life's battles for himself as an agriculturist, and, believing that man should not live alone, he selected a life companion in the person of Miss Amanda Lutterall, daughter of James and Mary Lutterall, both natives of Tennessee. Eleven children were given them, as follows: R. S. Hogan, county clerk of Howell County; David resides one mile south of Willow Springs on a farm; Mary J. (deceased) was the wife of Nathan Hallway, who is now deceased also; Sarah, wife of H. Smith, a farmer, residing south of Willow Springs; John resides on a farm three miles north of Willow Springs; Amanda (deceased) was the wife of T. M. Furrus, who is also deceased; James (deceased); Elizabeth; Alice, wife of William Daniel, of Howell County, Mo.; Thomas, a farmer, resides on Pine Creek, and Walter. Mrs. Hogan died in 1888. In the year 1872 Mr. Hogan moved from Tennessee to Kansas, and one year later he came to

Howell County and located on a farm near Willow Springs. He purchased 140 acres, and as time passed away he added to the original tract until he had a large farm. All his time has been given to farming. He is active in all public affairs, is a Democrat in politics and has held the office of justice of the peace for twelve years, being the present incumbent of that position. Mr. Hogan is one of the oldest settlers of Willow Springs and is universally esteemed and respected. He holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church. In the year 1890 he was married to Mrs. Ellen Bones, a native of Indiana, but a pioneer settler of Kansas. She is the daughter of Samuel and Hannah Babb, natives of Ohio and Indiana, respectively. Mr. Babb and family moved to Kansas in 1858 and settled in Anderson County, where Mr. Babb died in August, 1861. He enlisted as a soldier, but died before going into service. He was a Republican in politics. Mrs. Babb is still living and is the mother of seven children, as follows: Eliza J., Ellen (wife of subject), Margaret, Benjamin, Jennie, Mattie and John. To Mr. and Mrs. Hogan were born three children: Charles, a resident of Kansas; Quincy, also in Kansas, and Isa Lena. Mr. Hogan has sold some of his land, but is still the owner of a fine tract of 140 acres, all the fruits of his industry and perseverance.

BENJAMIN B. JONES. Ozark County, Mo., has no more progressive farmer or business man than Benjamin B. Jones, who is located in business at Lutie, Mo., eighteen miles west of Gainesville. He owes his nativity to Logan County, Ohio, where he first saw the light in 1844, a son of Nehemiah and Rachel (Taylor) Jones, who were also born in the Buckeye State, where they were reared and married and made their home until 1860, when they came to Shelby County, Mo., where the father passed from life the same year. He was a well-to-do farmer, a man of unblemished reputation, and he was for many years a prominent member of the I. O. O. F. His father, Daniel Jones, was a native Marylander and removed from his native State to Ohio, dying in Hardin County, where he had followed the occupation of farming very successfully. He was of Scotch-Irish descent. His wife also died in Hardin County. The maternal grandfather, John Taylor, was a soldier of the War of 1812. Mrs. Jones is still living and of the twelve children she bore her husband the subject of this sketch was fourth in order of birth: Letitia, wife of Thomas Babcock, of Kentucky; John, who died young; Nancy is the widow of Pleasant Cruiser; Benjamin B.; Joseph, who died young; Azariah, who resides in Oregon; Nehemiah, a resident of Kansas; Jane, the wife of Calvin Busic, of Arkansas; Mary Ann; and three children that died in infancy, one being a twin with Mary Ann. Benjamin B. Jones remained with and assisted his mother until he attained his majority, when he began doing for himself, and continued to do so until the opening of the Civil War, when he joined the Home Guards, but after a short time attached himself to Company I, Fourth Missouri Infantry, with which he served for sixty days, during which time he took part in the fight at Lexington. He afterward served in Company A, Sixty-seventh East Missouri Militia, with which he served until the war closed. At the battle of Lexington he was captured, but very shortly after was released. In 1866 he was married to Delilah Duggins, who was born in Ozark County, and by her is the father of eleven children: John W., Azariah, Patience, Caledonia, Jackson, Charles, Ruth, Mary Ann, Arizona, Jesse, and Lewis, who is dead. In 1865 Mr. Jones removed to Taney County, afterward to Ozark County, and for the past nineteen years he has resided on his present farm, which is one of the best improved upland farms in the county, comprising 372 acres in several tracts, all of which he has become the owner through his own perseverance, energy and good management. He is one of the most enterprising and thrifty farmers of the county, is of a decidedly practical turn

of mind and throughout life he has made the most of every opportunity that presented itself, and as a natural result has become wealthy. He is an extensive stockdealer, breeder, feeder and shipper, is the owner of a good cotton gin, and for the past eight years has successfully conducted a general mercantile store on his farm. He has a handsome residence and he and his family are surrounded with all that goes to make life pleasant and comfortable. In 1893 he was instrumental in establishing Lutie Postoffice at his store, and he is deserving of no little credit for the part he has taken in the interest of education, religion, etc. In his neighborhood and near his home is one of the most commodious school buildings in southern Missouri, which was largely erected through his influence and means. He is a member of Lodge No. 347 of the I. O. O. F., is a Republican in politics, and he and his wife are attendants and members of the General Baptist Church.

JUDGE JAMES ORCHARD. The judges of the various courts established in Howell County have always been noted for their character and ability, and one of the most popular of the many worthy men elevated to the bench in the history of the county's jurisprudence is Judge James Orchard, attorney at law at West Plains, where he has made his home for the past few years. Judge Orchard was born in Shannon County, Mo., October 24, 1850, to the union of Jesse and Alcey (McCormack) Orchard. Jesse Orchard was a native Kentuckian, and the son of a Scotchman, who came to this country many years ago and settled in Kentucky. About 1834 the grandfather moved to Missouri, settled in Washington County, and was one of the earliest pioneers of that section. There he passed the remainder of his days engaged in farming. He was a valuable and influential citizen. Jesse Orchard was but a boy when the family came to Missouri, and he attended the early schools of the county and grew to manhood there and in Shannon County. In the latter county he made his home, engaged in farming and stockraising until his death in 1876. During the Civil War he was captain of a company in the Confederate Army, McBride's regiment, and he was also with Col. Freeman. He took part in a number of prominent engagements, was at Wilson's Creek and was in Gen. Price's raid. Mr. Orchard fought bravely for the lost cause. He was a stanch Democrat, and held a number of prominent offices in Shannon County. For some time he was judge of the County Court, sheriff and collector two terms, and public administrator. He was well known in that and adjoining counties, and was universally liked. His widow, still living, was the daughter of James McCormack, an early pioneer of Shannon County, Mo., coming to the county when the Indians still lived here. To Mr. and Mrs. Orchard were born five children as follows: James, subject; Alexander, a farmer in Texas; Jerry, is also a farmer; William died when nineteen years of age; and Mary E. became the wife of David Smith, of Texas County. The early members of the Orchard family hold to the Baptist faith. In Shannon County Judge Orchard grew to manhood, but on account of the breaking out of the war he received but limited educational advantages. After that eventful period he worked on the farm of his father, and a number of years later entered a store at Summersville, where he remained until 1873. He was then appointed deputy sheriff of Shannon County under his father, and held the position until 1884, when he was elected county clerk. That position he held four years, and was then elected circuit clerk. Three years later he resigned. During the time he held the office he took up the study of law, and was admitted to the bar in 1883. He began practicing at Eminence, Mo., in 1884, and was elected prosecuting attorney and reëlected in 1886. Three years later he came to West Plains, and has since practiced in all the courts of the district. He defended Peter Renforth, of Texas County, in 1890, for murder; also

John Barrett, of Ozark County, for murder; William Kile, of Shannon County, for murder, and many other prominent cases. He is classed among the leading attorneys of Missouri. He is attorney for the Fisher Lumber Company, of Shannon County, and attorney for the West Plains and the Howell County Bank. Fraternally he is a Knight Templar of the Masonic order, and a member of all the lodges at West Plains. He is also an Odd Fellow and represented his lodge in the Grand Lodge of the State. Politically he is a Democrat, is a leader in his party, and has been a delegate to the State conventions. Judge Orchard was married in Shannon County to Miss Susan E. Woolsey, daughter of J. M. Woolsey, formerly of that county, but who died during the war. To Judge and Mrs. Orchard have been born five children: Jesse, Arthur E., Ella, Mabel and Fannie. The Judge is a stockholder in the Howell County Bank as well as the Willow Springs Bank. He is one of the most prominent and influential citizens of the county.

HON. THOMAS G. MILLS. This very successful farmer and stockraiser of Shannon County, Mo., is a native of Rutherford County, N. C., where he was born in 1833 to Calvin and Margaret (Jackson) Mills, who were also born in that State and county. When the subject of this sketch was two or three years old they removed to Lumpkin County, Ga., where the father died in 1866, and the mother in 1867, the latter having long been a member of the Missionary Baptist Church. The paternal grandfather, John Mills, had been a soldier of the Revolutionary War, was of Irish parentage, and during his life was engaged in tilling the soil. He died in Rutherford County, N. C., having reared a family of two sons and three daughters. The maternal grandfather, David Jackson, was of Dutch descent, as was also his wife, was a Revolutionary soldier, and was a worthy tiller of the soil, which occupation he was following in Rutherford County, N. C., at the time of his death. Thomas G. Mills was the youngest of six children, the other members of the family being: John, who died in Lumpkin County, Ga., after the war; Caroline, who died in Cherokee County, Ga., the wife of Pleasant Worley; William, who died in Cherokee County, Ga.; Zilpha, who also died there, the wife of David Cochran, and Jane, the widow of William Cochran. The advantages of the common schools were given to Thomas G. Mills in his youth, and in assisting his father in the work on the farm he strengthened his constitution and learned lessons of industry and economy which were of great benefit to him when starting out to fight life's battles for himself. He was married in 1849 to Miss Susanna, daughter of Henry and Cynthia Cochran, natives of North Carolina, who removed to Hall County, Ga., and there spent the rest of their lives. Mrs. Mills was born in Hall County, and her union with Mr. Mills has resulted in the birth of five children: Mary, wife of John Bramhall; Martha J., William Franklin, Amanda and Rosa. On the 11th of August, 1861, Mr. Mills joined Company F, Twenty-eighth Georgia Infantry, Colquit's brigade, Stonewall Jackson's corps of the Army of Virginia, and was in twenty-two open field, hard-fought battles, but fortunately was never captured or wounded. With his command he surrendered at Appomattox in April, 1865, and during his entire service was not home on furlough. After the war he returned home and resumed the peaceful pursuit of farming, and has followed that occupation ever since. In 1866 he came to Shannon County and located on his present farm, the cultivated portion of which he has increased from 5 to 120 acres, and has 187 acres in all. This farm is exceptionally fertile and well improved, and everything about the place shows plainly that Mr. Mills is a thorough and industrious man. In 1884 he was elected associate judge of the County Court from the Western District of the county, and served one term of two years, but since that time has never sought office, although he has always been a stanch Democrat in politics, and

has been an active worker for his party. His first presidential vote was cast for Buchanan in 1856. He is a member of Woodside Lodge No. 387, of the A. F. & A. M., and also belongs to Lodge No. 455, at Eminence, of the I. O. O. F.

CHURCH & KISSEL. John F. Church, senior member of the well-known firm of Church & Kissel, Winona, Mo., is one who has built by years of industry and good management a business that is recognized as being one of the best of its kind in the country, a credit to Winona and Shannon County. Mr. Church is a man who possesses the inherent qualities requisite to commercial success, in a very high degree, and in his chosen calling has attained an eminent position among his compeers, and the high regard of his fellow-citizens, entirely through his own efforts and sterling personal qualities. Mr. Church was born in St. Genevieve, Mo., in 1863, while the war cloud hung darkly over the nation, and was a son of Sylvester Church who was born in Illinois. The father came to southeast Missouri when a young man and located in the iron district. He was a practical engineer and operated machinery for the different iron mines until his death, which occurred in Crawford County in 1879, when he was about fifty years of age. John F. Church grew to manhood in the mining district and when fifteen years of age commenced learning the blacksmith's trade in Dent County, Mo., at the Nova Scotia Iron Works. After serving an apprenticeship of six years he went to New Mexico and engaged in different occupations, blacksmithing, real estate, etc. After meeting with prosperity, and then with poverty, he came back and made Thayer his place of business for two years. He followed blacksmithing and subsequently became connected with the Gulf Railroad, contracting, etc. From there he came to Winona, where he bought a lot and was one of the first to go into business here. A good blacksmith was in great demand and for one year he gave his attention to his old trade. At that place he became a salesman in the employ of A. J. Lasley, then L. W. Keen, and was with the last named gentleman until his failure in business. Soon after he and Jacob Kissel formed a partnership with a capital of $2,100, the most of which was borrowed, and started a general store. They met with success from the beginning and their trade now extends over a large territory. They handle all kinds of goods, provisions, feed, furniture, dry goods, clothing, boots, shoes, groceries, farm implements, etc., and do an annual business of from $50,000 to $60,000, with excellent prospects for an increasing trade. They are extensive owners of real estate in Winona, and also do an immense railroad tie and post business. Aside from this they are mail contractors and carry the mail between Winona and Alton. No business men of the county are more straightforward, honorable or upright than these young men, who have accumulated all their property by industry and excellent business acumen. Mr. Church was married February 14, 1891, to Miss Rosie Draper, of Illinois. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., and in politics is an ardent Republican.

Jacob Kissel, junior member of the firm of Church & Kissel, began at a very early age to assume the practical duties of a business life, and by diligence, good habits, and a judicious use of natural tact has developed a character which will tell for usefulness in his day and generation. He has acquired a commercial standing which portends for him that prosperity and rank among his fellow-men vouchsafed alone to those who have worthily earned them. He was born in St. Louis, Mo., in 1854, and is a son of Jacob Kissel who was born in Germany, but who came to this country when a young man. He was a brick mason and worked at his trade in St. Louis, Mo. When only nine years of age Jacob Kissel was left an orphan and was then obliged to begin the battle of life for himself. When starting out in life it is a serious question if it is not better for a young man to begin at the bottom and depend entirely

upon his own efforts to get along in the world. However great a boon this may be, few, indeed, would wish to take the chances of our subject. Thanks to a sturdy, industrious and honest German ancestry, he was strong, reliable and not afraid to work. These characteristics have held thus far through life, and Mr. Kissel is recognized to-day as one of the foremost business men of his section. When about nine years of age he went to Belleville, Ill., and clerked in a lumber establishment for a time. From there he went to St. Louis, where he was with a mercantile firm, and remained there until he was twenty-one years of age. He then went to Memphis, Tenn., Detroit, Mich., Indianapolis, Ind., and other places, clerking all the time, and about seven years ago he came to south Missouri, where he became salesman for Mr. Collins who is now in business at Low Wassie. After this he was with L. W. Keen until that gentleman failed, when he bought the stock of groceries and soon after went in partnership with John F. Church. Since then they have built up their extensive and ever increasing business. Both are undoubtedly self-made men, and, as such, demonstrate to the young men of our country the possibilities within the reach of all, who, with industry, sobriety, integrity and determination, reach toward the goal of success. In 1889 Mr. Kissel married Miss Adelia Dent, of Shannon County, this State. Two daughters have been born to this union, Clara and Alma. Mr. and Mrs. Kissel are Catholics, and he is a Democrat in politics.

JUDGE JOEL G. MCCLAREN, presiding judge of Ripley County, Mo., is a man of superior mental endowments, whose reputation is not merely local but extends over a wide stretch of country. Like other citizens of the county he came originally from Tennessee, a State that has contributed so much of population and intelligence to his adopted State, and for the most part since about 1869 has been a resident of this county. His birth occurred in Hickman County May 14, 1847, and there he received his scholastic training. In the month of November, 1863, he enlisted in Company G, Tenth Tennessee Cavalry, under Forrest part of the time, and in November, 1864, participated in the battles of Franklin and Nashville. Following the war he turned his attention to farming and continued that successfully until 1868 or 1869, when he went to northwest Texas and was engaged in various enterprises there. Later he returned to Hickman County, Tenn., but soon afterward moved to Ripley County, Mo., and has been a resident of the same since. He first worked on a farm by the month, but in the spring of 1870 he went to Lawrence County, Ark., where he was employed on a cotton plantation for some time. For his services he received $20 per month. On the 10th of July, 1870, he married Miss Mary E. McClaren, and by this union became the father of four children, two of whom are deceased: James A., Ollie T., Robert R. (deceased) and Willie A. (deceased.) Returning to Hickman County, Tenn., Judge McClaren resided there for about five months and then came to Ripley County again, and for some time cultivated the soil. He is the owner of 276 acres of land three miles south of Doniphan, and has 110 acres under cultivation. Most of the improvements on the place he has put there himself, and he is now one of the substantial and wide-awake citizens of the county. In 1876 he was elected sheriff of Ripley County, and served in a very able and satisfactory manner until 1880. In 1888 he was again elected to that position and reëlected in 1890, thus showing his popularity in the county. He adheres to the principles of the Democratic party and received the nomination for presiding judge on that ticket. He is a man eminently worthy the confidence reposed in him by all classes, and his upright career as a public servant has won him a place in the annals of the county. He is a member of the Baptist Church. The Judge has shown his appreciation of secret organizations by becoming a member of the

A. F. & A. M., the A. O. U. W., the K. of H. and the K. of P. His brother, Robert, was in the Confederate Army, Twenty-fourth Tennessee Regiment Infantry, and died at Bowling Green, Ky.

DR. W. A. COPELAND. Fortunate as it is in its older physicians, Reynolds County is no less fortunate in the bright galaxy of younger physicians and surgeons, who, during the past few years, have made a reputation for themselves and added luster to the professional status of the county and State. One of the best known of the latter class is Dr. W. A. Copeland, of Barnesville, who was born on Logan Creek November 24, 1858, son of William Copeland. The Doctor grew up on the old home farm, attending the early subscription school and the district school, and made good use of his opportunities to obtain an education. When a young man he started a mill on Logan Creek, but this burned down about the year 1882. While following the life of a miller he began his medical studies, and after continuing this for about three years entered the St. Louis Medical College, where he completed his course in 1883. Following this he began practicing in Barnesville, Mo., and soon built up an excellent practice over that section of the country. He is a man of the most agreeable manners, pleasant and gifted in conversation, sympathetic and generous; in fact he combines qualities that eminently fit him for a practitioner, while his earnest investigations and careful weighing of subjects fit him most admirably for this most important calling. His career has been rapidly upward, but all the distinction he has received is deserved. As a surgeon he excels, and although still a young man he possesses great energy and the most worthy ambition, being recognized by all as not only a physician of extraordinary skill, but as a man of the broadest intelligence. Since beginning the practice of medicine, Dr. Copeland has opened up a drug business and has carried this on in connection with his practice. He has met with equal success as a business man. The Doctor also owns one of the best improved farms in the county, as well as one of the finest residences, which is presided over by his wife, formerly Miss Mary E. Moore. She was born in Reynolds County and is the daughter of Dr. John H. Moore, of Centreville, this county. To Dr. Copeland and wife has been born one son, Roy, who is now a bright lad of eight years. On account of the health of his family the Doctor took his wife and child to Oklahoma in 1892 and remained there one year. He was elected coroner of Reynolds County, but did not serve. In politics he is with the Republican party and is well and favorably known all over the county.

ISAAC CLINTON CLARK. It gives us no little pleasure to be able to present our readers with a short biography of a Carter County boy. When starting in life it is a serious question if it is not better for a young man to begin at the bottom and depend entirely upon his own efforts to get along in the world. Isaac Clinton Clark, who is one of the successful farmers and stockraisers of Carter County, has accumulated all his property by his own efforts, thanks to a sturdy, honest and industrious ancestry from whom he inherited those characteristics. He first saw the light in Carter County, Mo., in 1857, and he is the son of Washington and Susan (Baker) Clark, natives, respectively, of Indiana and Missouri. The senior Clark was probably born about the year 1824, and about 1846 he came with his parents to Missouri, they having started for the Lone Star State. When near the Current River in Carter County they learned that the river was impassable, and they stopped at the farm house of Nathaniel Baker, who also carried on a store. While there the son, Washington Clark, became attached to Miss Susan, one of Mr. Baker's daughters and soon after married her. After this Mr. and Mrs. Clark abandoned the Texas trip, but moved around in different counties for some time, and finally settled

in Carter County, where they remained for twenty years. Later Mr. Clark went to Shannon County, where his death occurred in 1890. He was an honest, industrious man, and for many years was a consistent member of the Methodist Church. His father, John Clark, came from Indiana about 1846, and located in Carter County, where he was killed a number of years after. He was on his way home from Ironton with goods, and stopped off at a farm house for something to eat. While in the house he was struck on the head with a shovel, robbed, and soon after died. Nathaniel Baker, the great-grandfather of our subject, was a native of Maryland and came to Missouri when a boy with some emigrants, and there married and reared his family. He became a wealthy farmer as well as an influential citizen, and passed his last days in Carter County. The mother of our subject died in 1886. She had born to her marriage eight children, as follows: Mary Jane, wife of John Vermillion, of Carter County; Noah, of the same county; James N.; John, deceased; George W., deceased; Isaac C., of Carter County; Henry, deceased; and William Thompson, deceased. In his native county our subject was reared and received his education in the common schools. When twenty-two years of age he left the parental roof and subsequently married Miss Zilla Coleman, a native of Tennessee and the daughter of William Coleman who resided near Van Buren, and who died in 1875. One child, Mary E., was born to Mr. and Mrs. Clark. Our subject is an ardent supporter of Democratic principles, but has never had ambition to fill public office, giving his whole attention to agricultural pursuits and stockraising. He has met with unusual success, and is the owner of 220 acres of land, with 160 acres under cultivation. Aside from his farming and stockraising industry, he is a contractor for the Current River Railroad, and is successful in that business also.

WILLIAM W. MCLELLAND. Howell County, Mo., is remarkably well adapted to the purposes of farming, and one of the most progressive followers of this calling is William W. McLelland, who is a native of the Old North State, born October 9, 1848. His parents, Rufus and Almira (Percey) McLelland, were also born in that State, and when the subject of this sketch was about three years of age, came by ox-team to Oregon County, Mo., and until after the war resided on a farm there. One year was then spent in Dade County, after which they returned to Oregon County, and some seven or eight years ago they came to Howell County, and have since been residents of West Plains. Although Rufus McLelland lost all his property during the war he has since made a comfortable fortune. He was forced into the Confederate service and took part in the Price raid much against his will. He is a man of honor and intelligence and for a good many years was circuit clerk of Oregon Township and had charge of the county records during the war. On learning that the soldiers were intending to destroy the courthouse, he took the records to a cave and hid them, where they remained undiscovered until the war terminated hostilities. He has been a lifelong Democrat, is a member of the A. F. & A. M., and for many years has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is well known and highly respected, and has been the only one of his people to come to this section of the country. His wife died in Oregon County in July, 1870, having become the mother of eleven children: William W.; Rufus, of Ellis County, Tex.; Wellington, who is president of the Bank of Thayer; Mary, wife of H. B. Harper, of Oregon County; John R., who resides in Memphis, Tex.; Eliza, wife of John Smith, of Thayer; George, of Springfield; Alfred, of Ellis County, and three that died in infancy. The immediate subject of this sketch was reared principally in Oregon County, with very little schooling, and at the age of seventeen years began doing for himself. September 9, 1868, he was married to Mary Jane, daughter of Will-

iam and Catherine Stogsdill, who came to this State from Tennessee. The father is still a resident of Oregon County, but his wife died in Howell County. Mrs. McLelland was born in Dade County, Mo., and has borne her husband twelve children: Rufus, Pinckney (deceased), Martha (deceased), William A. (deceased), David (deceased), Wellington, Almira, Catherine, Mary, Festus L., Virgie and Erwin. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. McLelland resided a few years in Oregon County, two years in Dade County, five years in Howell County, five years in Oregon County, and since that time on the farm of 360 acres three and a half miles southeast of West Plains, which comprises one of the most fertile farms of the county. This property is the result of his own good management and foresight, for he started in life for himself with nothing, and in addition to tilling the soil he is quite extensively engaged in feeding and shipping stock and handles several hundred head of horses, mules and cattle each year. In 1884 he was elected sheriff of Howell County, and during the two years that he served he gave excellent satisfaction. He is a member of the A. F. & A. M., Mount Zion Lodge No. 327, of West Plains, and is also a member of the chapter. He is a stanch Democrat but not a politician, although he is at all times interested in the success of his party, and he and his wife are worthy members of the Missionary Baptist Church.

TEMPLEMAN J. HUTCHINSON. The farming community of Ozark County, Mo., has no abler representative than Mr. Hutchinson, who is the owner of a fine farm of 230 acres on North Fork. This place his father settled on when it had only a few acres cleared, but under the thrifty and energetic management of the present owner it has been put in an admirable state of cultivation, and is now justly considered one of the best farms on the creek. Mr. Hutchinson was born in Grainger County, Tenn., May 27, 1828, a son of Jeremiah and Susan (King) Hutchinson, natives of the Old Dominion, where they were also reared and married, and from which State they removed to Grainger County, Tenn., soon after the celebration of their nuptials. They resided in Tennessee until about 1854, when they went by wagon to Van Buren County, Ark., and some years later took up their residence in Ozark County, Ark., and on the farm on which they first settled here the mother still resides at the extreme old age of nearly one hundred years. She has been a member of the General Baptist Church for a great many years, and is perhaps the oldest pioneer in the county. The father died when the subject of this sketch was a small lad, he and his worthy wife having become the parents of four children: Templeman J.; Perry, who went West about 1857, and a few years later wrote home while en route to Mexico with a wagon train, but as nothing has since been heard of him he is supposed to be dead; Matilda (deceased) was the wife of William Hutchinson, who died while serving in the Federal Army; and John, a farmer of Ozark County, Mo., was a soldier for six months during the latter part of the war, being a member of Company I, Forty-sixth Missouri Infantry. Templeman J. Hutchinson has been familiar with farming from his earliest boyhood, but the advantages for an education which he received in his youth were of the most meager description, for his father died when he was young, and, being the eldest of the family, he was obliged to assist his widowed mother in every way that he could. In August, 1861, he joined the Home Guards, with which he served until October, when he became a member of Company F, Twenty-fifth Missouri Infantry, under Col. John S. Phelps, and was at Springfield and Rolla for about six months, being then discharged at the former place on account of ill health. He returned home, and after sufficiently recovering he joined the Seventy-third East Missouri Militia, with which he served one and one-half years as a scout in Missouri and Arkansas. In November, 1864, he joined Company B, Sixteenth Missouri Cavalry, and

operated in Missouri and Arkansas until the close of the war, taking part in numerous skirmishes. He received his final discharge at Springfield May 12, 1865, after four years of faithful service for his country, and then returned to his home in Ozark County, and once more took upon himself the duties of civil life. He is considered one of the prominent and substantial farmers of the county, being honest, industrious and enterprising, and devotes much attention also to the raising of stock, in which he has met with excellent success. In September, 1865, he was married to Elizabeth, daughter of Noel N. and Lucy Hutchinson, natives of Virginia, whence they removed to Grainger County, Tenn., and shortly before the war came to Ozark County, Mo., the father's death occurring here in January, 1888. During the latter part of the war he was for about six months a member of Company I, Forty-sixth Missouri Infantry. His widow survives him at the age of seventy-five years, and she is, as was her husband, a member of the Regular Baptist Church. They became the parents of ten children. Mrs. Hutchinson, wife of the subject of this sketch, was born in Virginia, and, like her parents and husband, is a member of the Regular Baptist Church. Mr. Hutchinson belongs to Robert Burns Lodge No. 496, of the A. F. & A. M., at Gainesville, and politically he has been a life-long Republican, although he has never in any sense of the word been a politician or an aspirant for official honors. All enterprises of a worthy nature have found in him a warm supporter, and the esteem of all his acquaintances is accorded him.

JAMES C. CHILTON. As a follower of the primitive occupation of man—farming—this worthy "son of the soil" has become widely known and has accumulated a fortune, and the prosperity which he enjoys is but the result of worthy qualities rightly employed. He is a native of Grainger County, Tenn., and was born on the 2d of May, 1831, a son of Thomas and Rebecca (Daniel) Chilton, who were born, reared, educated and married in Tennessee, and there made their home until 1836, when they came by boat to the Mississippi River, and thence by wagon to what is now Shannon County, Mo., locating two miles below the mouth of Jack's Fork, where they improved a good farm. There Mrs. Chilton was called from life about 1859, and her husband afterward removed to Blair's Creek, where he died about 1866. He was a lifelong and successful farmer, and was assessor of Shannon County for over a quarter of a century, the section over which his duties lay being very extensive and included what is now several adjoining counties, and at that time was very thinly settled. He was one of the first to settle in this section, and the thickly wooded country, peopled with bears, wolves, panthers, deer, and wild turkeys, afforded a paradise for the knight of the gun. The nearest market was Potosi, eighty miles away, and thus the people were often forced to make their own clothing, including shoes, etc. They depended on the merchants for nothing but groceries, and although their lives were full of deprivations and hardships, yet they had their enjoyments and were usually happy and contented. The paternal grandfather, Thomas Chilton, is supposed to have died in Tennessee, while the maternal grandfather, John Daniel, and his wife, also died in that State, a farmer. To Thomas and Rebecca Chilton five sons and five daughters were born: Ibbie, who died in Shannon County, the wife of Samuel Davis; Polly, who died in Shannon County, the wife of Thomas Chilton; Elizabeth, the wife of Joshua Chilton; Cytha, wife of John Chilton (all brothers); Thomas died in this county; John is a farmer of Phelps County; Anna is the wife of John Woods, of Reynolds County; James C.; Louisa is the widow of Benjamin Sinclair; and William, who died in boyhood. James C. Chilton was reared on a farm in the wilds of Shannon County, and as there were no schools during his boyhood, he received no

schooling. In 1855 he was married to Miss Charnelcy Huddleston, whose parents came from Tennessee to Missouri in an early day, the father's death occurring in Oregon County. His widow still survives and makes her home with her children. Mrs. Chilton was born in Oregon County, and died in 1864, having become the mother of five children: Laura Jane, wife of Jabe Smith; William; Martha, wife of John Chilton; Rebecca, wife of Shadrack Chilton, and Mary P., wife of Thomas Johnson. In 1870 Mr. Chilton took for his second wife Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Smith, who located in Dent County, Mo., from Tennessee, but later located in Shannon County, where he died. Mrs. Chilton owes her nativity to Tennessee. Mr. Chilton has resided in Shannon County for sixty years and has witnessed and aided in almost the entire development of the section. He has improved three good farms and has lived on his present farm for nearly twenty-two years. His estate comprises 160 acres, of which about seventy acres are under cultivation, and his property is exceptionally fertile and valuable. He well remembers the hardships and privations of pioneer life and says that he was nearly grown before he ever saw a yard of calico or any kind of factory goods, for all the wearing apparel of the family was of home manufacture. He testifies that to the best of his knowledge he has seen a thousand turkeys fly up from a field at one time, and has killed many of them while driving them away from the corn shocks and other grain. In 1861 he enlisted for six months in Company B, which was commanded by Capt. Shadrack Chilton (Second Missouri Infantry), of Price's army, and operated in Missouri, Arkansas and Kansas for about three months. He was then taken sick at Lexington, Mo., and was not again in the service. He was in the engagement at Springfield, Dry Wood and Lexington, and during his service was neither captured nor wounded. He has always been a Democrat and his first presidential vote was cast for Pierce in 1852.

Judge Morgan White Cotton. Judge Morgan White Cotton, probate judge of Ripley County, Mo., and a man well and favorably known in this part of the State, was born in Reynolds County, Mo., May 10, 1847, to the marriage of Isaac White Cotton and Christine (Jeffrey) Cotton. Like many of the prominent citizens of this county, Isaac White Cotton was a native of Tennessee, and there made his home until about 1840 when he came to Missouri. Here he settled in the woods of Reynolds County, on Webb's Creek, and began improving and clearing. Few settled here before he did, and he experienced all the hardships and privations of the early pioneers. His entire life was spent in tilling the soil, and he remained in Reynolds County until his death in 1884, when fifty years of age. Previous to the Civil War he was elected county assessor, and about the time of the breaking out of hostilities he was holding the office of sheriff. He was in the first six months' service during the war. Mrs. Cotton died during these stirring times. Mr. Cotton was afterward married to Miss Jeanette Davis, and after her death he married again. Politically he was a strong Democrat, and fraternally a Mason. Judge Cotton was one of a family of eight children born to his father's first marriage, and he spent his school days in Reynolds County. During the latter part of the war he was in the Confederate service, Col. Pollock's regiment, and was in the Missouri raid. He surrendered at Jacksonport, Ark., in June, 1865, and afterward commenced farming in Reynolds County, continuing that occupation until 1870, when he became a minister in the Missionary Baptist Church. For two years he followed his ministerial duties in Reynolds, Carter and Ripley Counties, and after that located in Ripley County, Kelley Township, where he cultivated the soil. While there he was justice of the peace, but at the end of four years he moved to west

Missouri and Kansas, where he worked at blacksmithing and wagon making for some time. Returning to Ripley County he followed the same occupation for six years, and during that time was elected county assessor, which position he held for two years. Later he was elected probate judge, held the position four years, and received the nomination for the same office by the Democratic party recently. In the year 1868 he was married to Miss Mary E. Webb, of Reynolds County, but she died a short time afterward. His second marriage occurred in 1871 and his choice was Miss Margaret E. Bell of Tennessee. They have four living children: Isaac E., James M., Rosalee and Ella B. Judge Cotton joined the Missionary Baptist Church in 1869 and has been deeply interested in church work since. He is a master mason, a K. of H. and in politics is a Democrat. Judge Cotton still carries on his farming interests and owns 140 acres near town. He is now mayor of Doniphan, was constable, and has held other positions of trust and honor.

ZARAH A. EATON. This enterprising business man is successfully engaged in dealing in timber, and is also the proprietor of a well-appointed mercantile establishment at Varner, Mo. He is a native of Licking County, Ohio, where he first saw the light of day in 1829, but his parents, Joseph and Euincy (Curtis) Eaton, were born in the State of New York, the birth of the former occurring in 1796. They removed to Ohio in 1811, and in 1838 to Peoria County, Ill., where Mr. Eaton died in 1857, and his widow in Woodford County, Ill., in 1890. He was a Congregationalist in his religious belief, and she was a Methodist. Mr. Eaton followed farming throughout life, was a man of prominence and influence in the different localities in which he resided, and in politics was first an old-line Abolitionist and after a Republican. During the early part of his life he taught school for some time. His father, Joseph Eaton, died in Licking County, Ohio, where he had farmed for many years. He was of English descent and his people came to this country over 200 years ago. Zarah Curtis, the maternal grandfather, who was born in New England, but was an early settler in Licking County, Ohio, was a farmer by occupation, and a minister of the Methodist Church for many years. He was one of the first to preach Methodism in the United States, and was a very eminent evangelist and an able expounder of the Scriptures. He was the father of the distinguished Federal general, S. R. Curtis, who commanded the Army of the Southwest during the Civil War. Zarah A. Eaton was the fifth of ten children born to his parents: Alvin, of Kansas; Marcutia died in Illinois, the wife of Henry Smith; Judson died in Peoria, Ill., in 1849; Orsemus died in 1849; Zarah A.; Samuel resides in Kansas; James resides in Kansas; Henry is a resident of Ripley County, Mo.; Sarah died in Kansas, the wife of Samuel H. Wright; and Amanda is the widow of a Mr. Hazelbeck, of Illinois. Although Zarah A. Eaton's father was a school teacher, his (Zarah's) education was very much neglected, and his early life was spent on the frontier of Illinois. When quite young he developed considerable taste for hunting, and one day, when about fourteen years old, while following his favorite pursuit, came upon a drove of deer. He at once took aim but his gun would not fire. He made several attempts with the same result each time, and becoming disgusted he gave up trying and turned his thoughts to other matters. He began thinking of his lack of education, and then and there formed a determination to supply this deficiency. He revolved a plan in his busy brain, and upon his return home laid the matter before his elder brothers, and he soon won them to consent to his plan. They built a rude cabin on the farm, apart from the family residence, to which they repaired daily with their books, and each was teacher and pupil. By their united and continued efforts they in time became masters of the situation, and obtained good practical, common educations in this novel

way. In 1856 Mr. Eaton was married in Peoria County, Ill., to Elizabeth, daughter of Henry Wright. She was born in New York, and died in Varner, Mo., in 1890, the mother of four children: Cora, wife of William Bontz, of New Mexico; Hattie H., wife of William Hauk, of Peoria, Ill., Viola; and Thaddeus, of Doniphan, Mo. Mr. Eaton lived for about five years in Neosho County, Kan., but returned to Illinois, and in 1885 came to Varner, Mo., where he has since made his home. He has been engaged in the timber business in one way or another nearly all his life, and is now engaged in handling ties and other timber. During his last residence in Illinois he operated a coal mine. He was once assessor of Peoria County, and was once county judge of Neosho County, Kan. Socially he is a member of Faithful Lodge No. 304, of the A. F. & A. M., at Fairdealing, and though formerly a Democrat in politics, and cast his first presidential vote for Pierce in 1852, he is now a stanch Republican. He is a shrewd, yet always honorable business man, and his success is due to his own efforts.

HON. A. H. LIVINGSTON. There are many lawyers in West Plains, but there are very few left who were members of the bar of Howell County, Mo., twenty-two or three years ago. One such is the gentleman whose name is mentioned above. A. H. Livingston was born in Kentucky December 24, 1850, and comes of a prominent Tennessee family. His father, Thomas E. Livingston, was a native of Tennessee, but came to Missouri and settled in the north part of Howell County in 1868. There he resided for a number of years, following the blacksmith's trade. Our subject passed his early life in Saline County, Ill., and in 1868 he came to this county, where he learned the blacksmith's trade of his father. He secured a fair education in the common schools and followed his trade until after marriage, when he began the study of law by the light of the forge. He was admitted to the bar in October, 1871, began practicing in West Plains, and has since practiced in all the counties in south Missouri. His career at the bar has been one of honor and success, and his high standing is but the legitimate reward of the earnest and sustained endeavor to succeed, which has been the rule of his professional life. In 1872 he was appointed circuit attorney of the Thirteenth Judicial District, and two years later he was elected prosecuting attorney of Howell County. In 1876 he was elected to represent this county in the Legislature. In politics he supported the principles of the Democratic party up to 1894 and has ever taken an active interest in the success of his party. In 1890 he was a delegate to the Chicago Convention, and has held many prominent offices. In 1886 he was a candidate for Congress and only lacked one vote for the nomination. In 1894 he became a Populist, and is an active one. In following his profession he has been engaged on many important cases and has defended over 100 murder cases. He is one of Missouri's most successful and able attorneys. He is a member of the A. F. & A. M. and the I. O. O. F., and a worthy member of the Missionary Baptist Church. Mr. Livingston was married in this county to Miss Elizabeth Gully, daughter of Judge P. N. Gully, of this county, and eight children have been given them: Mary (now Mrs. Patton), Anna (Mrs. Newton), Nora, Lee H., Cary E., Charles C., Rena and George V. Mr. Livingston was a delegate to the Mississippi River Convention, held at St. Louis in 1880. He has given his life to the law and to political matters, beginning the study of law before marriage and becoming an attorney before twenty-one years of age. His father was a cousin of Gov. T. E. Bramlet, of Kentucky, and his mother, whose maiden name was Mary Smith, and who died in this county in 1894, was a sister to John Smith, of Kentucky. Our subject is a member of the Baptist Church.

HERMAN BORTH. Herman Borth, senior member of the firm of Borth, Barrett & Co., at Doniphan, is a man popular with all classes, and has a host of business and social friends. He was born in St. Louis, Mo., October 17, 1851, and no doubt inherits much of his perseverance and industry from his German ancestors. His father, John Frederick Borth, was born in Hamburg, Germany, and when a young man crossed the ocean and settled in St. Louis. In 1858 he moved to Doniphan, Ripley County, Mo., and there died in 1861. While a resident of St. Louis he married Miss Henrietta Vittinghoff, also a native of Germany. After his death she married Christopher Gesell, a native of Germany, who is now deceased. At the present time Mrs. Borth resides in Doniphan. John Frederick Borth was a shoemaker by trade and an honest, persevering citizen. His marriage with Miss Vittinghoff resulted in the birth of six children, four of whom are now living. Herman Borth, the eldest, was educated in the schools of St. Louis, and afterward assisted in any work he could turn his hand to, though for the most part he was on farms in Ripley County, Mo. Later he went to Rochester, N. Y., and for two years was in the employ of the New York Central & Hudson River Railroad, first as truckster and then in the weighbill office. Later he returned to his home in Ripley County and for two years followed agricultural pursuits. He then spent a year traveling over Kansas, and in 1878 he went into business with T. M. Thannisch, the firm name being Thannisch & Borth. They started with small capital and continued the business three years, when our subject formed a partnership with R. C. Barrett, one of his present partners, and with Mr. A. J. McCullum, who remained in the business only a short time. Soon after John S. Gesell became a member of the firm and it is now known as Borth, Barrett & Co. They carry a very large stock of goods and do an immense business. They are honorable and enterprising business men, who have been unusually successful, and they deserve credit for their push and perseverance. The firm has done a large real estate business too, and Mr. Borth is the individual owner of extensive landed interests. The firm also owns a saw and grist mill, and a great deal of land on Little Black River. In 1880 Mr. Borth was elected treasurer of Ripley County and held the position two terms, or four years. The same year he married Miss Martha Witson, who died a short time after her marriage. In 1884 Mr. Borth married Miss Mary Gesell, who soon died, and his third union was with Miss Alice McFadden in 1886. Three children have been born to the last union. Mr. Borth is a Mason and a K. of P.

RICHARD PILES. Nothing is more true than the statement that in this country alone, of all countries upon the face of the earth, a man's family connections do not assist him to places of honor and trust in politics, but he must win his way by his own exertions, or by his own honest merit. This Government of the people is no discriminator of persons, but opens its doors wide for the entrance of all such as possess the requisite qualifications. It is very true that Richard Piles, as every other man whose father was a good and worthy citizen, must acknowledge a debt of obligation for wise counsels, watchful care and solicitude and intelligent supervision of his education, but in the great arena of public life he has had, just as every other successful person, to wrestle alone and unaided. Mr. Piles, now the popular collector of Reynolds County, Mo., was born in that county, October 10, 1850, to the union of Thomas and Louise J. (Odell) Piles, natives of Illinois and Tennessee. The grandfather, Richard Piles, was one of the first white men to locate in Illinois, going there with the Government surveyors and hunting and cooking for them. He located there with the Indians, but when the game began to get scarce he came to Missouri, where he could follow his favorite pastime—hunting. This was in 1830,

and the trip was made by wagons. He settled on a farm, lived there many years, and then moved to a place in Dry Valley, where he died in 1861. He was a great hunter and was noted for that far and near. In politics he was a Democrat. He reared a large family, but Thomas Piles, father of subject, was the only son. Thomas was about five or six years old when the family came to Missouri, and his youthful days were passed amid the rude surroundings of pioneer life. He had no schooling and delighted in hunting, like his father. In Reynolds County he was married to Miss Louise J. Odell, daughter of Jobe Odell, who came to this county from Tennessee, and here passed the remainder of his life. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Piles: Richard, subject; Jobe, deceased; ——— deceased; J. B., a farmer on Dry Creek; T. C. graduated at the Missouri Medical College of St. Louis, and is now practicing his profession in Oregon County; Rassalle, wife of Charles M. Southupp, of Dry Valley, and others who died young. Mr. and Mrs. Piles resided on a farm until the death of Mr. Piles in 1893. Since then the mother has made her home with her children. Mr. Piles was a Democrat in politics, and held the office of county assessor in 1848. He was also a Mason and a member of Barnesville Lodge No. 455. The life of Richard Piles from the time of his birth up to his twenty-first year was spent in his native county in assisting in the usual duties of farm life, and in getting a liberal education. He then branched out as an agriculturist and later was married to Miss Jennie A. Wood, daughter of John B. Wood, of this county, but an early pioneer of Texas County. After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Piles located in Dry Valley, where he started out as a tiller of the soil. He is now the owner of 220 acres, and in connection with farming he is a successful stockraiser. Like his father and grandfather he adheres to the principles of the Democrat party, and in 1888 he was elected county sheriff, which position he held very satisfactorily for four years. In 1892 he was elected to the office of county collector. He is one of the leading men of the county, and is an active worker for his party. He is also a Mason, a member of Barnesville Lodge, and the Centreville I. O. O. F. Eleven children have been born to his marriage but only eight are now living: Napoleon B., Othie M., Lula M., Parlee, William C. and Louise E. (twins), Otto O., Corre C., Richard I., J., and Cora E. The last three named are deceased.

JOSEPH JACKSON PIERCE, who is familiarly known as Joe Jack, is a prominent and influential citizen of Oregon County, Mo. In Benton County, West Tenn., he was born in 1849, and is a son of S. D. and Kesiah (Forest) Pierce, the former a native of Wake County, N. C., and the latter of west Tennessee. The father was but a child when his parents took him to west Tennessee, and he there grew to manhood and married. In the year 1855 he came to Missouri and first settled in Ripley County, where he remained two years, after which he moved to Oregon County, and bought a claim. The most of this was in the woods on Frederick Creek, and he began at once to clear and improve it. This farm now belongs to George Baker, and is in Oak Grove Township. Mr. Pierce is still living, is seventy-two years of age, and makes his home with our subject. Nearly all his life has been spent in farming. Twice he was elected to the office of justice of the peace, but would never qualify. During the Civil War he served four years in a Missouri regiment, Confederate Army, as lieutenant, and was east of the Mississippi River up to the surrender of Vicksburg. He then returned home and joined Freeman's cavalry, with which he remained until the close. He was never wounded nor taken prisoner. The mother of our subject is still living, is sixty-eight years of age, and is a member of the Free-Will Baptist Church, in which she has held membership for many years. Mr. Pierce is a Democrat in politics. Born to their marriage were eleven children,

seven of whom are now living. The original of this notice spent his school days in this county, while his father was in the army, and it became his duty to provide for the remainder of the family as he was the eldest. When twenty-two years of age he commenced farming on Frederick River, on the old place, and remained there until 1872, when he went to the Cherokee Nation. Not being satisfied he returned to Alton, resided there one year and then returned to the farm on the Frederick. A year later he moved to the place owned by Mr. Whitehead. In the year 1876 Mr. Pierce was married to Miss M. Elizabeth Hodges, of this county and State, and they have two children: William A. and Heyden M., both at home. In 1878 Mr. Pierce bought the place where he now lives, and has since been engaged in tilling the soil. In 1886 he was elected sheriff, held the position four years to the satisfaction of all, and then returned to the farm. Before serving as sheriff he had held the office of constable. Recently he received the nomination for sheriff by the Democratic party. Mr. Pierce is a member of the Free-Will Baptist Church, is an Odd Fellow, and a Democrat in his political views.

A. HARRINGTON. As a leading citizen of Springfield, in its professional, business and social life, lending eminent strength to her bar, tone to her finance and grace to her society, Mr. Harrington commands attention from the historian who would wish to do the city justice. He is one of the ablest of attorneys, and has few, if any, peers in his comprehensive knowledge of State and International law, and has conducted many cases to a successful issue. While a born orator he does not solely rely upon the rhetorical finish of his sentences, upon his fervid declamation or upon his rich imagery, but he has a substantial foundation upon which to build, and the result is not only charming to mental sensibility but convincing to the reason of his hearers. Mr. Harrington was born in Greene County, Mo., December 25, 1849, and soon after his parents moved to Springfield, that county. When little more than an infant he was left motherless, and was reared by his father with the help of an old negro cook. While but a boy his father died, and he was left to fight his own battles in life. When but ten years of age he went to live on the old home place of his parents, nine miles west of Springfield, and after remaining there for some time with a brother he wandered off to make his own way in life. He worked for some time on a farm, but later was in the Massic Iron Works in Missouri, where he remained until the spring of 1861. Although only thirteen years of age at the breaking out of the war, when he heard the fife and drum of Sigel's command his patriotism was aroused, and on the last of June of that year he enlisted for three months. August 25 of the same year he reënlisted in the Twenty-fourth Missouri Volunteer Infantry and served three years and two months, being mustered out October 14, 1864. He fought bravely for the old flag and participated in a number of the most important engagements, among them Tupelo, Carthage, Pleasant Hill, Vicksburg, fall of Ft. Durance, etc., and to this day carries scars from wounds received in those fierce engagements. He still suffers from these wounds, too. Although so very young when he entered the army, Mr. Harrington was patriotic and loyal to the heart's core and was an excellent soldier. He now has in his possession a letter written him by Gen. Sigel in 1885. After cessation of hostilities he returned to Springfield and followed farming in the vicinity of that city for some time. He was married to Miss Nancy M. Merritt, daughter of Nathan Merritt, and as he had never attended school a day in his life, he learned to read and write while his family grew up around him. In 1876 he commenced reading law at his home fireside and in 1879 was admitted to the bar. It is said that poets are born, not made, and so are orators, and among those who are wayers of the human emotions by the right of natural inheritance must be classed this able

criminal lawyer of Springfield. He combines with his forensic genius the talent of painstaking and accurate analysis and careful arrangement of facts in almost impenetrable order and solidity, a talent which not all orators have. In 1880 he made a race for prosecuting attorney of Christian County but was defeated by a small majority. Later he moved to Ozark, opened a law office, and was elected to the office of prosecuting attorney on the Greenback ticket by an overwhelming majority. For two years he filled that position and continued practicing law in Ozark until 1888, when he moved to Springfield. For some time he was a partner with George Pepperdine, another prominent criminal lawyer of the city, but since November 24, 1890, he has carried on the practice alone. He has had a great many murder cases, and in fact has been identified with all the important cases in the county. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., Findley Lodge No. 156, Ozark, and a member of the G. A. R. post. The following named children have been born to his marriage: M. J. became the wife of William Stevens, of Springfield; William married Miss Belle Thomas and resides on a farm near his father; W. P. died when three years of age; Mary E., Leithe E., Almus C., L. C. and Ray F. All the family attend the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Harrington has ever taken a deep interest in politics and his vote was cast with the Republican party until the formation of the Greenback party, to which he has adhered since.

THOMAS MOORE. A well known farmer and stockman of Howell Township, Howell County, Mo., is Thomas Moore, whose progressive ideas, energy and enterprise have done much to make this section the fine agricultural region that it is. He hails from the Buckeye State and owes his nativity to Coshocton County, where he first saw the light of day in 1840. His parents, Thomas and Catherine (Bess) Moore, were born in the Green Isle of Erin and in Pennsylvania, respectively, both their births occurring in the year 1800. Mr. Thomas Moore, Sr., came from the land of his birth to the United States and became a prominent and well-known citizen of the section of Ohio in which he settled. He was a man of fair education and intelligence, was a hard-working, industrious man all his life and was a useful and helpful citizen of the different sections in which he made his home. In 1844 he came by wagon with his family to Maries County, Mo., but about ten years later he moved to Gasconade County, where he spent the rest of his life. He was a Methodist in his religious belief, and a Whig in politics. He left several brothers and sisters in Ohio. His wife died in Montgomery County, Ill., in 1872, after having lived a widow a great many years. She had for many years been a devout member of the Methodist Church, and it is supposed that her father was of Pennsylvania Dutch stock. Her mother died at the age of eighty-five years, the wife of a Mr. Ellis. Thomas Moore (the subject of this sketch) was the ninth of twelve children born to his parents: Patrick, who died in Ohio after reaching manhood; Elizabeth also died in that State, the wife of Noah Showalter; Nancy is the widow of Rev. John McKnight, a Methodist minister, and resides in Aurora, Mo.; John G. is a farmer and stockraiser of North Dakota; Elias died in boyhood in Ohio; Mary is the wife of Joseph Pigman and resides in Iowa; Hezekiah is a farmer of Montgomery County, Ill., and was a soldier in Company M, Fifth Iowa Cavalry, in which he served as commissary sergeant; Catherine is the wife of George Slutheur, of Vernon County, Mo.; Thomas; Henry, a farmer and trader of West Plains, Mo., was also a soldier in Company M, Fifth Iowa Cavalry and served throughout the war, being once wounded in the foot; Margaret is the widow of Joseph Pryor, of Aurora, Mo., and Noah B., who was drowned February 14, 1892, in Barton County, Mo., was a teacher. The subject of this sketch was reared on a farm and received a common education in the country schools. He made his home



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Greene Co., Mo.



CAPT. A. M. JULIEN,
Greene Co., Mo.

with his mother until he attained manhood, and in the fall of 1861 joined Company M, Fifth Iowa Cavalry, was drilled at St. Louis and was in the engagement at Fort Donelson. After about nine months' service he was discharged at St. Louis on account of ill health, after which he returned home and once more turned his attention to farming in Gasconade County, Mo., and in Illinois. He has been a resident of Howell County, Mo., since 1869, and was here married in 1870 to Miss Mary Jane, daughter of Jacob Garrett, a sketch of whom appears in this work. Mrs. Moore was born in Overton County, Tenn., and died April 29, 1893, an earnest and consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Her union with Mr. Moore resulted in the birth of the following named children: John Thomas, Jacob Sampson (deceased), Lady Victoria, Mary Catherine, Nora Jane, Martha Elzie, Sarah Eva, Patrick Henry and Ethel, last two died in infancy. Since marriage Mr. Moore has lived on the farm on which he is now residing, which comprises 160 acres, of which 150 acres are under cultivation and well improved. His property is situated about five miles east of West Plains and is the result of his own earnest and persistent effort. He raises grain and feeds and ships stock. He has been a lifelong farmer and there is no branch of the business that he does not thoroughly understand. He is a member of the Methodist Church, and politically is a Republican, his first presidential vote having been cast for Abraham Lincoln in 1864. He is a member of the John A. Rawlins Post of the G. A. R. As a law-abiding citizen he has not his superior in the county and he is also very public spirited and liberal in his support of enterprises that are of a worthy character.

Capt. James H. Sallee. This gentleman is a Protestant Methodist minister and a farmer of Ozark County, Mo., and as a citizen, neighbor and friend is highly spoken of by all who know him. He owes his nativity to Madison County, Ark., where he was born April 10, 1833, a son of Arany Shasteen and Martha (Greene) Sallee, who were born in Indiana in 1811 and in Illinois in 1821, respectively. Their marriage was celebrated in Schuyler County, Ill., soon after which they removed to Marion County, Ark., where they lived a few years, then returned to the Sucker State. After a short residence there they came to Greene County, Mo., soon after to Taney County and about two years later to Ozark County, settling in the woods on North Fork, one mile below the present town of Thornfield. They improved a farm here, then moved to a farm on Pond Fork, which continued to be his home throughout the remainder of his life. He became a private in Company F, of Phelps' regiment, and died at Cassville, Mo., March 30, 1862. He had been an industrious farmer all his life, was for some years a justice of the peace, and was one of the pioneers of Ozark County. He was very fond of all athletic sports, especially hunting, and was known to kill twenty-four bears in one winter, besides elk, deer, panthers, wolves, etc. He was a soldier in the Black Hawk War and was well known for his patriotism, his strict adherence to all that was upright and honorable, and his love and faithfulness to home and friends. His father was Rev. Stephen Sallee, who died in Taney County about 1852, a Missionary Baptist minister, and also a tiller of the soil. He was of French extraction and a man whose character was above reproach. His wife's death preceded his by several years and occurred in Arkansas. The maternal grandfather, Leven Greene, died in Texas County, Mo., about 1864, of Irish parents, and for many years was a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, but later identified himself with the Protestant Methodist Church. His wife died in Texas County also. Capt. James H. Sallee was the eldest of a family of eleven children, the other members of the family being an infant that died unnamed; Stephen, who died in early boyhood in Ozark County, Mo.; Mary

is the wife of Bennett Clark, of northern Kansas; Mariah R. is the widow of Thomas Jones, and resides in this county; Ollie Ann is the wife of George Hutchinson, of Los Angeles County, Cal.; Leven Thomas became a member of Company F, Phelps' regiment, was wounded at the battle of Pea Ridge and died from the effects of that wound in Christian County; Henderson L. was killed while at home in 1863 by guerrillas; Richard L. and Levi reside in Ozark County, and Adaline is the wife of Raleigh Griffith, of Ozark County. Capt. James H. Sallee was reared principally in Ozark County, and as the country was wild and unsettled for a long time after they located here his education was obtained principally under the instruction of his mother. In August, 1859, he was married to Emily, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth Maritt, who came from Tennessee to Christian County, and later to Ozark County, where both died, the former from the effects of a wound received at the battle of Pea Ridge, while a member of Phelps' regiment. Mrs. Sallee was born in Tennessee and died in 1867, having become the mother of two children: One that died unnamed and John W. August 11, 1867, Mr. Sallee married Mrs. Emarine May, daughter of Perry and Martha Martin, who were Kentuckians, but were married in Indiana and from there came to Missouri in 1843, spending the rest of their lives in Ozark County, the father dying in 1884 and the mother in 1872, they being members of the Christian and General Baptist Churches, respectively. Mrs. Sallee was born in Bartholomew County, Ind., in 1842, and she and Mr. Sallee are the parents of the following children: Martha, wife of David Wallace; Emily Ann, wife of Samuel E. Maritt; Mary A., wife of M. J. Maritt; Richard L., William P., James B. and Leven Thomas. In 1861 Mr. Sallee joined the United States Home Guards and served until November of that year, enlisting as sergeant in Company F, Phelps' regiment, with which he served six months, participating in the engagement at Pea Ridge. August 9, 1862, he joined Company G, Seventy-third East Missouri Militia, as captain, in which capacity he served until December 4, 1863, taking an active part in numerous skirmishes in Arkansas and Missouri. He then joined Company B, Sixteenth Missouri Cavalry, as captain, with which he served until July 10, 1865, in Missouri and Arkansas, principally on scouting duty. After over four years of hard service he received his discharge at Springfield and returned to his home. At the early age of eighteen years he was ordained a minister of the Protestant Methodist Church and has labored in the service of his Master more or less ever since preaching at intervals throughout the war. Soon after his return from the army he was made supervisor of registration of Ozark County and is now one of the trustees of the Thornfield Normal Institute. He was at one time chaplain of Gainesville Post of the G. A. R. Politically he has always been a Republican and his first vote was cast for the "Pathfinder"—Col. John C. Fremont—in 1856. Capt. Sallee has never sought political honors, but has been content to live the quiet, uneventful life of the farmer, surrounded by all necessary comforts and secure in the friendship of all who know him.

GEORGE WASHINGTON MCCASKILL. This gentleman is one of the leading farmers and stockmen of Shannon County, Mo., and in the development of this section he has done heroic work, for here he was born in 1856, and has all his life devoted his attention to agriculture. His parents, William and Mary (Blassingame) McCaskill, were born in Giles County, Tenn., in 1827 and 1833, respectively, and were reared and married there. In 1855 they came to Shannon County, Mo., and located in the woods several miles from any other settlement. Here he improved a good farm and lived until about 1879, when he removed to Texas County and there died soon after, in 1881, having been a very thoroughgoing and successful man of affairs. He was for three years a

soldier in the Confederate Army, for thirteen months was with Gen. Price, was with him on his raid through Missouri, and was at one time captured. His father, Allen McCaskill, was a South Carolinian by birth, but in 1855 he also came from Tennessee to this section, and was here called from life when about eighty-four years of age, his wife's death occurring here at about the age of ninety. He was of Scotch descent and was a soldier of the War of 1812. The maternal grandfather, James Blassingame, was for a long time a resident of Tennessee, but during the war Mrs. McCaskill lost all trace of her people, and nothing has been heard from them since. She is still living, a worthy member of the Christian Church, and her union with Mr. McCaskill resulted in the birth of six sons and four daughters: Louisa is the wife of Adam Riley, of British Columbia; James is a prominent merchant of Summerville, Mo., where he has recently erected a fine roller flour mill with a capacity of sixty barrels per day; George Washington; John, who is a prominent citizen of Winona; Lizzie was killed in May, 1894, together with her infant son, by a cyclone that passed near Summerville. The house and all adjacent trees were torn to atoms and all the inmates were killed or seriously injured. The hired man and hired girl were killed, and a little son of Mr. and Mrs. Keel was badly injured. Mr. Keel was caught in the storm while going from the barn to the house, and seeing the danger, threw himself on the ground and clung to an apple tree and thus escaped uninjured. This was the only tree in the yard that was not torn up by the roots and blown away or broken off at the ground; the next child was William Jackson; Zimri and Levi, twins; Alice, wife of J. R. Day, and Dora, wife of L. E. Cardwell. The early days of the subject of this sketch were spent in farming, but unfortunately his school days were very limited. In 1881 he was married to Emily Jane, daughter of Isaac and Mary Winningham, who came from Tennessee to Howell County, Mo., where the mother died and the father is still living. Mrs. McCaskill was born in Texas County, Mo., where her people lived for a short time, and after her marriage she resided for five years in that county, Mr. McCaskill being engaged in merchandising at Summerville. From that place they moved to Eminence, but a few years later came to Winona, where he kept a store for some years. About 1893 he purchased the old Daugherty and Barksdale farm, about eight miles above Eminence, consisting of 660 acres, well improved with exceptionally fine buildings, and here he has just completed the erection of a fine rolling mill at the mammoth springs on his farm, where can be had the best water power in the county. He started in life with nothing save the capital with which nature had endowed him, but through good business judgment and energy he has become one of the wealthy men of the county. He was a Democrat politically, and in 1885 was appointed county treasurer to fill an unexpired term, was twice reëlected and held the office nearly six years. Socially he is a member of Eminence Lodge No. 455, of the I. O. O. F., and he and his wife are Presbyterians.

JOHN C. MCCASKILL. This prominent citizen is one who has built by years of industry and good management a business that is recognized as being one of the best in the vicinity. In the life of Mr. McCaskill we have a character representing integrity, industry and unconquerable will that overcomes all obstructions, which brings success under all circumstances; at least so it has been with him. Mr. McCaskill was born in Winona in 1860, and is a son of William and Mary (Blossingame) McCaskill, natives of Giles County, Tenn., the father born in 1827 and the mother in 1833. There they were reared and married, and there they made their home until 1855, when they came to Shannon County and located in the woods a mile above where Winona now stands. Mr. McCaskill cleared his farm of 380 acres, made many

improvements, and became a substantial and much esteemed citizen. About 1879 he moved to Texas County, and there his death occurred in 1881, when about fifty-four years of age. He was a self-made man, a public-spirited citizen, and fought in the Confederate Army all through the war, participating in many battles. In politics he advocated the principles of the Democratic party. Mrs. McCaskill is still living and resides in Texas County. They reared nine children, and of these John C. was sixth in order of birth. He received a fair education in the schools of Summersville, Texas County, and when twenty years of age left the schoolroom to engage in business for himself. He first commenced on a limited scale, and for eighteen months was at Eminence, Shannon County. Later he was with his brother, G. W. McCaskill, and for five years they carried on an extensive business. Later our subject commenced building mills at Shawnee Creek, and since then he has erected about twenty. He is a member of the McCaskill Mercantile and Lumber Company, and was president of the same. This is one of the most extensive enterprises ever carried on here, but after the firm quit business Mr. McCaskill ventured in the lumber business alone, and also engaged in merchandising at Bartlett, and has built that place to a great extent. He has done a great deal to improve and develop the country, and is a valuable citizen. In 1881 he married Miss Talitha Summers, who was born and reared in Texas County, Mo. The town Summersville was named in honor of the father. Mr. and Mrs. McCaskill are the parents of two sons and one daughter. Mr. McCaskill is a Democrat in politics and a member of the I. O. O. F. and the A. O. U. W.

M. B. CLARKE. M. B. Clarke, cashier of the West Plains Bank, is one of the capable and practical business men of the place and his name is synonymous for integrity and good judgment. The bank, of which he is the most efficient cashier, was incorporated in 1883 with a capital stock of $15,000, and the officers were: B. F. Olden, president, and Joseph L. Thomas, cashier. The capital stock in 1890 was increased to $50,000 and the present officers elected. In 1889 Mr. M. B. Clarke was elected cashier, and after serving two years again took the position March 1, 1883. The other officers are: Judge Olden, president, and R. S. Hogan, vice-president. The bank is doing a general business and the average deposit is $120,000. The stockholders are residents of the county and are among the wide-awake, thoroughgoing men of the same. The building is owned by the bank officials and was erected at a cost of $5,000. This bank has probably been one of the best managed of any in the State, always having a cash reserve of at least 50 per cent of the deposits, and it holds the confidence of the entire public. Mr. Clarke is a native of New London County, Conn., born November 12, 1857, and the son of B. F. Clarke, who was a sea captain. The father was born in Connecticut and died when our subject was fourteen years of age. The mother, whose maiden name was Ann A. Pachey, was also born in Connecticut, but was of English parents. At present she is making her home in West Plains. Our subject is a descendant of good old Revolutionary stock and the elder of two children. His brother, Perry C. Clarke, is in business in Philadelphia. Young M. B. Clarke gained his early schooling in his native town, and after the death of his father he began clerking in a crockery store there, following the same for four years. All the schooling he obtained was previous to his fourteenth year. From New London he went to New York City, where he clerked for Henry Russell & Co., in the wholesale crockery business. There he remained until 1881, and then became traveling salesman for the William Rogers Manufacturing Company, of Hartford, Conn., continuing with the same two years. In the fall of 1883 he located in Oregon County, Mo., and studied law with W. M. Evans, the present circuit judge of the Twentieth Judicial District and was admitted

to the bar by Judge John R. Woodside, a pioneer attorney of this part of Missouri. He took up his practice at Alton in company with Judge Evans and they continued together up to the time Mr. Evans was elected judge. Mr. Clarke continued to practice his profession in Alton until 1887, when he came to West Plains, where he still continued it until he entered the bank. He and Judge Evans were the leading attorneys of this section of the State and prosecuted and defended some of the important criminal cases. In his political views Mr. Clarke is a Republican. He was a delegate to the Minnesota Convention, has been a member of the State Central Committee and has been chairman of the Oregon County Central Committee. He was a candidate for Congress in the last election against Arnold, the Democratic candidate. Mr. Clarke is a Mason, past master of Mount Zion Lodge and past eminent commander of the West Plains Commandery No. 48. He is also a member of the A. O. U. W. After moving to West Plains Mr. Clarke married Miss Attie M. Ald, daughter of Capt. J. B. Ald, of Thomasville, Oregon County, Mo., and he and wife are worthy members of the Baptist and Presbyterian Churches, respectively. One son, Edward, has been born to this union.

JOHN H. NUNNELEE. The sons of Tennessee are well represented in Ripley County, Mo., and they hold conspicuous places in many pursuits which make that county a substantial star in the galaxy of Missouri's many interesting counties. John H. Nunnelee is one of the prominent residents of the same and was recently solicited by the Democratic party to accept the nomination for collector. He was born in Columbia, Tenn., July 22, 1858, to the marriage of James M. D. L. and Lucy Jane (Fowlkes) Nunnelee. The father was a native of Hickman County, Tenn., and the son of Edward Nunnelee, who was born in the State of Virginia. The latter, when a boy of thirteen, ran away to join the army and was under the command of Lafayette all through the Revolutionary War. He afterward entered the Missouri Medical College, came out a surgeon and physician and practiced his profession in Hickman County, Tenn., until his death, which occurred when he was eighty-seven years of age. He became quite wealthy and was honored and respected by all who knew him. This esteemed citizen of Hickman County was a member of the A. F. & A. M. lodge at Nashville, Tenn., and held many positions of trust in his county. The father of our subject was born January 17, 1826, and died September 3, 1876, in Hickman County, Tenn., where he had made his home nearly all his life. He followed farming in his younger days and later became assistant superintendent of schools, filling this position for two years. After this he was salesman for a time, then in the patent right business, continuing in the latter until his death. During the Civil War he was captain of a company, Eleventh Tennessee Infantry, but was subsequently in cavalry service. He was taken prisoner at Nashville, Tenn., but soon after made his escape. He had been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, from the age of seventeen until his death, and was an influential member. He was a Mason fraternally, and a Democrat politically. Mrs. Nunnelee is still living and makes her home with her children, five of whom are now living, although fourteen was the original number. Of these our subject was one of the youngest. He spent his school days in Hickman County, at Centerville Academy, and when sixteen branched out for himself as a farmer there. In 1881 he came to Missouri and was on the Gulf Railroad for some time. He then engaged in farming again, also the timber business, and still later sold goods. He has had charge of Doniphan Lumber Company's stock for two years, and is a most successful and capable business man. He was recently nominated by the Democrat party as collector of Ripley County by the largest majority of any one on the ticket. Mr. Nunnelee was married in 1884 to Miss Priscilla

Jeffries, of Howell County, and they have two children: Edward M. and John F. In politics Mr. Nunnelee is a Democrat, and socially a K. of H. He holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church.

ABRAHAM BUFORD. The name of this respected and much esteemed citizen is well and favorably known in Reynolds County, for he has been a resident of the same all his life, and his name has been intimately associated with the social, intellectual and financial growth of the county. His birth occurred on the three forks of Black River, in the east part of this county, May 1, 1840, and in this county he received his education and became familiar with the duties of farm life. His grandfather, William Buford, was a pioneer settler of Iron County, moving there from Kentucky as early as 1825, and there passed the remainder of his life engaged in farming. He was a prominent man in his neighborhood. Four sons and probably as many daughters were born to his marriage, John Buford, father of subject, being among the eldest. The latter was born in the Old Dominion, but was reared in Kentucky, whither his parents had moved. When a young man he came to Missouri, and was married in Iron County to Miss Elizabeth Davis, whose parents were early settlers of Iron County. She was born in Virginia, and died in this county, on Black River, where she and her husband had settled at an early day, and where they had reared their children. She was an excellent wife and mother. Mr. Buford followed the occupation of a farmer. He was a Democrat, and several times represented his county in the Legislature. As the years passed by he became wealthy, owing to his good management and business ability, and was surrounded by all the comforts of life when his death occurred in 1870. To his marriage were born the following children: Nancy, deceased, married William Carty, also deceased; Mary first married George Robinson, and after his death Daniel Harvey, who disappeared during the war; Martha J., the widow of Hugh Faulkebury; Elizabeth, deceased, was the wife of Benjamin F. Campbell; James died when twenty-two years of age, John, William H. and Sarah died young; Abraham, subject; Lucy, twin sister of Abraham, is now the wife of John P. George, of this county; and Eliza, wife of Thomas Imboden, resides in this county. The parents were Baptists in their religious views. Our subject's boyhood days were passed on the old farm on Black River, and he received a fair education in the common schools. When twenty-one years of age he started out to struggle with the stern realities of life, and began his career as a farmer and stockraiser. Four years later, when twenty-five years of age, he married Miss America Moore, a native of North Carolina, and the daughter of William Moore, who came to this county about the time of the war, and is now living in Logan County. After his marriage Mr. Buford located in the valley, near Barnesville, and he now owns a good farm of 400 acres, all well improved. He has always been active in all public matters, is a stanch Democrat in politics, and has held the office of county assessor two terms. Mr. Buford is a member of the Masonic Lodge at Barnesville, and has been treasurer of the lodge since it started. Of the eleven children born to his marriage, eight are now living: Elizabeth (died young), John (died young), William (died when six years of age), Mollie, James (at home), Blanche (widow of Dr. James G. Copeland), Carter (at home), Cora, Walter, Otto and Ethel. Mr. and Mrs. Buford attend the Missionary Baptist Church, and he is clerk in the same. Aside from his home place Mr. Buford owns a farm in Dry Valley and one on Logan Creek, 1,000 acres in all. This is one of the leading families of the county.

JAMES H. JONES. James H. Jones, sheriff of Oregon County, Mo., is worthy and well qualified in every respect for the responsible position he fills, and being a whole-souled, generous man, is deservedly popular with the pub-

lic in general. One of the most gratifying features of government in the United States is the efficiency and integrity of those who are called upon to hold office. The subject of our sketch is one who reflects the greatest possible credit on those who supported him for the office of sheriff of Oregon County, for he fills that position with an earnestness of purpose, an attention to details and with a fidelity that stamps him one of the very best men holding the office of sheriff in this or any other State. Born in Franklin County, Ala., May 28, 1858, he is a son of Josiah J. and Mary Jane (Bettenton) Jones, the father a native of Alabama and the mother of Tennessee. They were married in December, 1856, in the State of Alabama, and both are now living in Franklin County, that State, where the father is engaged in farming. They are both members of the Baptist Church. The father was a soldier in the Confederate Army from Alabama, and is now about sixty-two years of age. James H. Jones was well educated in the schools of Franklin County, Ala., and when eighteen years of age he left home and went to the Lone Star State, where he wandered all over the State, and was engaged in teaching school and herding cattle. In December, 1880, he returned to Alabama, and in the same year he came to Missouri and located in Oregon County, where he worked in the circuit and county clerk's office under Maj. Norman for three years. He was there married to Miss Rachel Greer, daughter of Capt. S. W. Greer. One son and two daughters were born to this union. Mr. Jones was elected assessor in 1884, held that office two terms, and then for two years followed agricultural pursuits. He was then elected to the office of sheriff of the county and held that position two terms. He is a Mason, a member of the lodge here, and in politics is a Democrat.

James W. Riley. He whose name heads this sketch is one of the leading farmers of Spring Creek Township, Howell County, Mo., and was born in Franklin County, Mo., in 1847. His parents, Lewis and Ann (Little) Riley, were born in Crawford County, Ill., in 1824 and 1829, respectively. They fell in love and eloped to Anna, Ill., where they were married, after which they settled in Johnson County, Ill., and never afterward saw any of their people. In 1845 they came to Franklin County, Mo., later to Maries County, thence to Miller and Johnson Counties, then back to Miller County, and when the Civil War came up removed to Rolla where Mr. Riley joined Company I, Sixth Missouri Cavalry, and died in the hospital at St. Louis August 29, 1863. He had been an industrious and reasonably successful farmer, and being upright in every particular he was highly respected. When he was a small lad his father died in Crawford County, Ill. John Little, the maternal grandfather, and his wife also died in Crawford County, Ill., so far as is known. He was a native of Holland, but when a young man came to the United States, and became one of the wealthiest citizens of Crawford County. After the war had closed Mrs. Riley came with her family to Howell County, and here she was called from life in 1882, after a noble, useful and well-spent life. She was a member of the Congregational Methodist Church, and in that faith brought up her children: Henry H., who died at Rolla, having been a soldier of the Sixth Missouri, United States Army; James W.; John F., who died in this county in 1872; Converse is a prominent farmer of West Plains; Margaret is the wife of B. J. Carrico, of Izard County, Ark.; Letha Etta is the wife of T. J. Dorsey, of Ozark County, Mo.; Lewis Cass died in 1867, and two other children died in infancy. James W. Riley spent his youthful days on a farm, but his education was cut short by the opening of the Civil War. However he has been an extensive reader, and especially of general history, and he has an extended information on the majority of subjects, in fact is a well-informed and intelligent man. He is a fluent and entertaining conversationalist, is a genial whole-

souled gentleman and a most agreeable companion. During the war he served for a short time in Company K, Ninth Missouri State Militia, and was stationed at Iberia, Mo. After the war was over he came with his mother to Howell County, and was here married in 1867 to Martha, daughter of Josiah and Jane (Williams) Corrico, natives of Greene County, Ind., whence they came to Douglas County, Mo., and later to Howell County, where they followed the occupation of farming, and eventually died. Mrs. Riley was born in Ozark County, Mo., and has borne her husband the following children: William M., Nancy, (wife of John S. Whitten,) Mattie J., Mary J., Mitchell E., Virginia, Parzetta, Margaret and Maud. Mr. Riley has lived in Spring Creek Township nearly ever since the war, and about twenty years ago settled on his present farm, upon which but small improvement had been made at that time. He now has one of the finest farms in the county, consisting of 230 acres, which is well improved in the way of buildings, fences, etc. He has been quite an extensive stock dealer for a number of years also, in fact is well up in all branches of his calling, and a progressive and enterprising man of business. He has the push and determination to shove all his enterprises to a successful issue, and as a justice of the peace (an office he filled for twelve years) he was intelligent and impartial. He is now a notary public. He was formerly an ardent Republican in politics, but early espoused the Greenback cause, and has believed in the principles of that party ever since, and is now one of the most earnest defenders of the Populist party. He is one of the best informed men on political economy in the country, and his reasons for his convictions are always clear and well defined. He is a member of Pottersville Lodge No. 32, of the I. O. O. F., in which he is past noble grand, and he is one of the Patriarch Militant Royal Blue at West Plains. He also belongs to the A. O. U. W. Lodge No. 262 at West Plains, and he and his wife are members of the Congregational Methodist Church.

DANIEL W. FEEMSTER. An active and progressive system in any profession or line of business, when based upon principles of honor, is sure to bring success, and an illustration of prominence gained through these means is seen in the record of Daniel W. Feemster, who is the proprietor of an excellent mercantile establishment and a dealer in produce at Noble, Mo. He was born in Lowndes County, Miss., in 1853, but his parents, Rev. Zenus E. and Margaret (Maloy) Feemster, were born in South Carolina in 1813 and Alabama in 1817, respectively. The former was taken to Mississippi by his parents in his youth, and until 1869 was a resident of Lowndes County, after which he came to Ozark County, Mo., locating at the head of Turkey Creek where the rest of his life was spent. He was Independent Presbyterian minister for many years in Mississippi, but after locating in Missouri was a minister of the Congregational Church until his death. He was a man of varied and extended information, was strictly self-made, and although he never attended school over three months in his life he was an excellent Greek scholar. He was a great reader and student all his life and had a fine library of choice books. Owing to the fact that he was always a man of delicate health, he was not subject to military duty during the Civil War, and during the struggle between the North and South he resided in the North. His father, William Feemster, was a planter by occupation, and he and his wife spent their declining days in Lowndes County, Mo. They reared a large family of children, and their eldest son, Rev. Silas Feemster, was a graduate of Tuscom College, Greene County, Tenn., and a fine scholar. He followed teaching and preaching in Lowndes County for over thirty years, and wielded a greater influence in the educational and religious circles of that section than any other man in the county, and his death was felt as a great loss through

out the State. Daniel Maloy, the maternal grandfather, was probably born in Ireland, but many years of his life were spent in Alabama, where he was engaged in teaching and planting, and where he and his wife passed from life. The mother of the subject of this sketch is residing on the old farm in Ozark County, and she has long been known as a prominent and active worker for the cause of Christianity. The following are the children she bore her husband: Mary D., who died during the war; Samuel B. and Martha L. (twins), the former a resident of this county and the latter the wife of William McGee, of the Indian Territory; Tersa J., wife of Samuel Smith, of Ozark County; Sarah M., wife of Francis M. Jordan, of Alabama; Margaret, who became the wife of Theo. Copehart and is deceased; Frances H., wife of Dr. Thomas Feemster, of Kansas; Daniel W., and Zenus J. J., who resides on the old home farm. The eldest son of the family was a member of Company G, Eighth Illinois Infantry, and was with the Army of the Cumberland throughout the war. Daniel W. Feemster first attended the common schools, after which he finished his education at Tuscom College after the war. He began tilling the soil for himself at the age of twenty, and in 1873 was married to Barbara, daughter of Dougal D. and Mary Matthews, natives of the Old North State but early residents of Tennessee, where the father died. After this event, in 1871, the family came to Ozark County, Mo., and here Mrs. Matthews was called from life. Mrs. Feemster was born in Hardin County, Tenn., and is the mother of seven children: Maggie, Obe, Cecil, Cora, Dougal, Roy and Mabel. Mr. Feemster has been a resident of Missouri ever since coming to the State, with the exception of the winter of 1879–80, when he resided in Kansas. He farmed exclusively until about four years since, and for the past two years has been successfully engaged in merchandising at Noble. He is the owner of a good farm of 200 acres, but was compelled to give up agricultural pursuits on account of ill health. He has always been a Republican in politics, has served some years as justice of the peace, and for eight years has been a notary public. He has always been remarkably public spirited and is a prominent, law-abiding and useful citizen and a successful man of business. In 1870 his father organized the Congregational Church at Noble, the first of that denomination in Ozark County, and of this church the subject of this sketch has long been a member. In 1889 he induced his cousin, Prof. Paul Feemster, of Kansas, who was formerly professor of languages in Tuscom College, Tenn., to come here and organize a school. The founding of Noble Academy was the result of his efforts, and Prof. Feemster successfully managed it for two years, and made of it a first-class educational institution. It is a fine two-story frame building 40x44 feet, with an "L" 18x20 feet, built by eight of the citizens of the section and under the auspices of the Congregational Church. Mr. Feemster is one of the trustees of this institution.

ANDREW COX. The farmers of Shannon County, Mo., are noted for their thrift, energy and perseverance, and consequently for the success which has attended their efforts. Prominent among these is Andrew Cox, who was born in Sullivan County, Tenn., in 1854, of which section his parents, David and Jane (Hughes) Cox, were also born, the former in 1818 and the latter in 1821. Until about 1858 they resided in the State of their birth and in Virginia, then came by wagon to Shannon County, the journey thither occupying thirty-six days. They located in Spring Valley and after residing there for quite a number of years removed to Current River, where the father died in June, 1886, and the mother in December, 1890. Mr. Cox devoted his attention to farming throughout life, was successful in this calling and became well to do. He was one of the county's most substantial citizens and his death was much regretted. He had two brothers and three sisters: William, Caleb, Nancy,

Louisa and Harriet. Their father, Gilberry Cox, died in Sullivan County, Tenn., but was a native of one of the Carolinas and was of Irish origin. The maternal grandfather, James Hughes, came to Shannon County, Mo., in 1858, but died a few days after his arrival in this section, having been a wagon maker by trade. His wife died in Tennessee. Andrew Cox was one of the following children: Nancy, wife of Peter Rose, of Texas; Caleb J., of Shannon County; Mary, of Crawford County; Andrew; James; Sarah, wife of James Armstrong; William; David; John, who died in this county, and Sallie, wife of John Howell. Andrew Cox spent his youth and early manhood on his father's farm, and owing to the scarcity of schools at that time the educational advantages which he received were very limited indeed. He remained with his parents until he was twenty-four years of age, and in 1880 was married to Olive, daughter of James and Haney George, who came from Illinois to Shannon County, Mo.; and died at Spring Valley. Mrs. Cox was born at Spring Valley, Mo., and was reared and educated here. Her union with Mr. Cox has resulted in the birth of one son, James Napoleon. Mr. Cox lived on Current River for one year after his marriage, since which time his home has been where he now lives, where he has two good farms, both of which he has nicely improved himself. Throughout life he has followed farming, and as he started out to make his own way in the world with but little capital the success which has attended his efforts has been remarkable, and his career is well worthy the imitation of those situated as he was. He is a member of Eminence Lodge No. 455, of the I. O. O. F., and politically has been a life-long Democrat, and cast his first presidential vote for Tilden in 1876.

JUDGE GEORGE F. CHILTON. To become distinguished at the bar requires not only capacity, but also sound judgment and persevering industry. These qualifications are combined in no gentleman at the Shannon County bar to a greater extent than in George F. Chilton. A careful and accurate adviser, and an earnest and conscientious advocate, his success at the bar has been achieved by the improvement of opportunities, by untiring diligence, and by close study and correct judgment of men and motives. The Chilton family is an old and prominent one in the history of Missouri, for certain members of this family were among the earliest of the early settlers of this State. Truman Chilton, grandfather of our subject, was a native of that grand old State, Virginia, but at an early date he moved to Roane County, Tenn., and thence to Shannon County, Mo., in 1837. He was one of the very first to settle here. He had lost his wife in Tennessee, and as his elder brother, Thomas Chilton, had already settled in Shannon County, Mo., he came on and made his home with him until 1841. He and his brother and a cousin served in the War of 1812. Stockraising and farming were their principal occupations, and Truman Chilton followed these until his death in 1843, when sixty-three years of age. His son, Thomas T. Chilton, was a native of Virginia, and was but a child when his father moved to Roane County, Tenn. There he grew to mature years, and there he was married to Miss Sophia Larew, a native of east Tennessee. In 1841 he and his wife started West and located in Shannon County, Mo., on Current River, near Old Eminence, when there were a very few people scattered along the river and on some of the creeks. From that time until his death Truman Chilton made his home with his son. Thomas T. Chilton bought a small farm, commenced clearing and improving, and soon became the owner of a good home. He died February 1, 1861, when sixty-one years of age. He was circuit and county clerk for a number of years, and held other prominent positions. In politics he was a Whig. His wife died in 1874, when sixty-seven years of age. She was an earnest member of the Methodist Church. Born to their marriage were five children, of whom our subject was the eldest. He and

his brother James, who resides in Washington State, are the only ones now living. George F. Chilton was born in Roane County, Tenn., February 1, 1836, and during his youth he received but very little schooling, his education being acquired mostly at home and by practical experience with the world. When twenty-one years of age he started out in the footsteps of his ancestors and engaged in agricultural pursuits in Spring Valley, Shannon County. There he cleared up a farm, and in 1860 he was elected sheriff and collector, a position he held until November, 1861. From that time until 1884 he cultivated the soil in Spring Valley, and became the owner of a number of farms on Current River and near Eminence. In the fall of 1866 he was appointed sheriff, reëlected to that position in 1868, and in 1870 he was elected to represent Shannon County in the Legislature, holding that position four sessions. In 1878 he was again elected sheriff and collector, and reëlected in 1880. In the year 1890 he was elected county and probate judge, and has held that office since. Previous to this, in 1888, he was elected prosecuting attorney and held that position two years. The success and honor which have attended his walk through life are due to his own good qualities of heart and head, and his career is worthy the emulation of all who would make a mark in life, and leave behind him footprints on the sands of time. Mr. Chilton studied law at home, was admitted to the bar in 1874, and has been in the practice ever since. On the 6th of November, 1856, he was married to Miss Mary McCormic, a native of Shannon County, and the daughter of James McCormic, who was a pioneer settler of this county. Seven children were born to this union, two sons and five daughters. Mr. and Mrs. Chilton are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and he is an elder in the same. Socially he is a Mason, a member of Winona Lodge, and he is also an Odd Fellow. Politically he is a stanch Democrat.

Milton B. Chandler, M. D. Although young in years, Dr. Milton B. Chandler has made rapid strides in his profession and is classed among the popular members of the healing art in Howell County. He has gained a flattering reputation as a physician and has already built up a patronage complimentary to his ability in the medical profession. He was born in Springfield, Mo., August 2, 1857, and is a son of William P. Chandler, an old resident of Springfield, who died at the beginning of the late war. The father enlisted in the Eighth Missouri Cavalry and died while in service at Springfield. He was a native Virginian and came to Missouri in 1843, settling in Greene County, six miles north of Springfield. He came to this State with his father, Daniel Chandler, a well-known man in Springfield, who died in 1891. The latter was one of Missouri's pioneers, and a large slave owner and a Republican. The mother of our subject died when the latter was but nine days old. Her maiden name was Harriet A. Thomas, and she was the daughter of Blockman C. Thomas, an early pioneer of Greene County, Mo. Mr. Thomas came to Greene County in 1844, with seven children and but very little money, and made his home there from 1843 till 1856. From there he moved to Howell County and located ten miles north of West Plains, at what is known as White Church. He was the founder of the church and was also one of the founders of the Presbyterian Church in Springfield. Mr. Thomas died in 1890 in West Plains, where he had lived since 1874, and where he had followed merchandising. He was also a leading real estate man and built many residences and laid out a large part of the city of West Plains. He held the position of chief of the Commissary Department at Springfield, Mo., and was an old-line Whig, and a strong Union man. He had a large family, but only three children are now living: G. B., lumber dealer in West Plains, and Mrs. Henry and Mrs. G. W. Burrough, who are residing ten miles north of West Plains. Our subject

received his scholastic training in Springfield, obtained a good education, and in 1879 began the study of medicine. Later he entered the Missouri Medical College at St. Louis, and graduated in the class of 1882. Later he began practicing in this city, has been very successful and confines himself to city and office practice. He is well-read and well posted on all matters relating to his profession, seems to have a natural taste and a decided aptitude for the study of medicine, and his skill and success in this calling are well known. In 1893 the Doctor took up a special course at Chicago and is up with the times. He is giving more attention to surgery than any other branch of the profession and excels in this. Dr. Chandler is a member of the Missouri State Medical Society, also the Southwest Missouri Association and Howell County Association, and was vice-president of the Missouri State Medical Association in 1890. He is a member of the K. of P., of West Plains, and is treasurer of the same. In a business way he has been successful. He is interested in the real estate of West Plains and is a stockholder in the Howell County Bank. In politics he is an active Republican, a member of the State Central Committee, and was a member of the County Committee, in which he held the position of secretary. The Doctor held the position of secretary of the United States Board of Examining Physicians of Howell County, from 1889 up to 1893, and then resigned. He resides on West Main Street, and his pleasant home is presided over by his wife, formerly Miss Emma C. Shutler, the daughter of Dr. C. H. E. Shutler, an old settler of Howell County, who died in 1887. To Dr. and Mrs. Chandler have been born one son, Otto. Both are members of the Presbyterian Church.

JUDGE DANIEL K. PONDER. In recounting the forces that have combined to make Ripley County, Mo., what it is, more than a passing reference must be paid to the life and labors of Judge Daniel K. Ponder, of whom it may be truthfully said that no one has done more to lay the foundations of the country's prosperity deep, and to build upon them surely and well. His ability has been backed by enterprising business measures and progressive ideas, and since 1890 he has ably filled the responsible position of county judge, and has discharged his duties with impartial fairness. He was born in Hickman County, Tenn., in 1831, a son of Archibald and Sarah (Kinzie) Ponder, a notice of whom is given in the sketch of A. J. Ponder. The youthful days of Judge Ponder were spent in attending the public schools of Ripley County and in assisting his father to clear up the homestead, and while thus employed he learned lessons of industry and perseverance that were the stepping stones to his success in later years. At the age of twenty he turned his attention to farming on the Calumet River on his own account, and here his early experience and hard work were of material use to him, and there he laid the foundations of his present comfortable fortune. The land was quite heavily covered with timber, but he set energetically about the work of clearing, and was successfully engaged in tilling the soil up to the opening of the Civil War, when he gave up that business to open a hotel in Doniphan, and in 1869 became the owner of the fine farm where he now lives, comprising 200 acres adjoining the city limits of Doniphan, of which sixty are under cultivation, and are carefully and wisely tilled. In 1886 he built the Commercial Hotel of Doniphan, which is a large and well-appointed establishment, but the management of this is intrusted to others, for his time is fully occupied in discharging the duties of his office and in looking after his farm and his stockraising interests. Although he lost heavily during the war, he has retrieved his fallen fortunes in a great measure, and now has a sufficient amount of this world's goods to keep him in comfort. He is a man of superior mental endowments, possessing sound judgment and quick perception, and the cases which have come before him have been han-

dled with ease and ability. He is just, yet always generous in his criticisms, and no more fitting man to wear the judicial robe could be found than Judge Ponder. In 1851 he was married to Miss Emeline Merrell, a daughter of John Merrell, who was a pioneer of this section, and in this county she was born, and here she also passed from life in 1863, having become the mother of two children: John P., a merchant of Doniphan, and Frania, wife of Thomas Thannisch, of Texas. The following children are deceased: Sarah, wife of E. W. Wright, of Doniphan; James, who was sixteen years old at the time of his death; and Sarah, who was fourteen years old when she died. In 1865 Judge Ponder wedded Margaret Lowe, by whom he has one child, Archibald R., who is farming on the home place. The Judge is a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, in which he is an elder, and since 1861 he has been a member of the A. F. & A. M., and has been master of Composite Lodge No. 369 for twenty years. He has represented his lodge at various times in the Grand Lodge, and is a member of Jerusalem Chapter at Poplar Bluff. He has ever been a Democrat politically.

CAPT. ALFRED M. JULIAN. Among the many prominent, enterprising and successful citizens of Springfield, Mo., whose biography it is a pleasure to give among the honored ones of that city, is the pioneer attorney, Capt. Alfred M. Julian, who has been a resident of Springfield since the year 1838. Over eighty years have passed over the head of this venerable man, leaving their impress in the whitening hair and lined features, but while the outward garments of the soul show the wear and tear of years, the man himself is richer and nobler and grander for the experience that each successive decade has brought him. Honorable and upright in every walk of life, his long career has been without blemish or blot to mar its whiteness. Capt. Julian was born in Knox County, Tenn., August 7, 1813, and was a son of John and Lucretia Julian, natives of North Carolina and England, respectively. The Julian family is of French origin and settled in America during the seventeenth century, in South Carolina. John Julian, father of subject, was a representative man of his county in North Carolina, and took a prominent part in all matters of moment. In politics he was a Whig. The mother was of Scotch descent, and her ancestors came to America at a period antedating the Revolutionary War, some of them taking a prominent part in that struggle. The Julian family resided for many years in North Carolina and Virginia, but finally moved to Tennessee, where the parents of our subject passed the closing scenes of their lives. The early life of Capt. Julian was spent in Tennessee, and he learned the trade of mechanic when but a boy. After following this until 1836 he served for two years in the Florida Seminole War, in Company Thirteen, commanded by Jacob Peak, with the rank of orderly sergeant. He took part in a number of battles, and in 1838 was mustered out at Fort Cass. He then came to Springfield, Mo., which was then but a village, and engaged in the wool carding business, afterward erecting a factory. He had very limited educational advantages, and while in the army studied what books he could find—and these constituted Blackstone and an arithmetic. He remained engaged in carding wool until the breaking out of the Civil War, when he took the Union side and was with the Federal Army until May, 1862. He was made captain near Springfield, and was with Col. Fremont for some time. After May, 1862, he was made commissioner of the Board of Enrollment of Springfield. Early in the history of Springfield he studied law, was admitted to the bar and began practicing. At an early day he bought land and was engaged in farming in connection with his law practice until 1878, when he retired, having lost his wife, who had been his most efficient helpmate for many years. Her maiden name was Susan Owens, daughter of S. H. Owens. Eight of the eleven children

born to this worthy couple are now living, and seven make their home in Springfield. Mr. Julian has always been a stanch Democrat in his political views, and has ever been interested in public affairs. Socially he is a Mason, a member of Chapter No. 15. As an attorney he was well known at an early day, and practiced his profession all over the country. He met with many incidents of note, and, being a fine conversationalist, can relate them in an interesting and pleasing manner.

DANIEL JEFFERSON LANCE. The parents of our subject, Anthony and Rosina (Simeral) Lance, were natives of Tennessee, and in that State celebrated their nuptials. Previous to the birth of our subject they moved to Missouri and were pioneers in that State. The father put up the first wagon shop in the town of Fredericktown, Madison County, and entered upon his career as a wagonmaker. He worked at that and farming until his death, which occurred before the war. He was successful in his different occupations and amassed a comfortable competence. After the death of the mother of our subject Mr. Lance married again. He never cared to hold office, but was an earnest member of the Christian Church in which he had held membership since a boy. By his first union he became the father of thirteen children, ten of whom are now living. A child by his second marriage is deceased. The original of this notice first saw the light of day in Madison County, Mo., February 21, 1842, but subsequently moved with his parents to Howell County, where he received his education. After the death of his father he went in business with an older brother in Howell County and was there when the Civil War broke out. In 1862 he enlisted in Company B, Tenth Missouri Confederate Infantry, with which he remained until it was consolidated with other regiments, and continued with it until the cessation of hostilities. He was in the battles of Pea Ridge, Mansfield, Pleasant Hill, Saline River or Jenkins' Ferry, and many others too numerous to mention. He was never wounded, was taken prisoner once, but soon made his escape. When the war closed all he had was a worn-out Confederate uniform. His first move after this was to go to Rosier's wood yard, on the Mississippi River, and he worked there six months. From there he went to Baily Station, on the Iron Mountain Railroad, remained there six months and then came to Oregon County and commenced working in Salt Petre Cave, but in connection was also engaged in farming. He became the owner of 400 acres of land but soon after disposed of that place and moved to his present farm which now consists of 580 acres. At one time he was the owner of 1,000 acres, but gave his children considerable land. He has 220 under cultivation, all the result of great industry and perseverance on his part. In the year 1867 he married Miss Nancy Emily Johnson, daughter of James M. Johnson, Sr., who was an old pioneer after whom Johnson Township was named. He was one of the first permanent settlers here. Mrs. Johnson is still living. Ten children have been born to our subject's union, nine of whom are living, six sons and three daughters, all at home. He has been tendered office time and again but will not accept. For fifteen years he has been handling stock, buying and selling, and usually has 150 to 200 head of cattle all the time. He and Mrs. Lance are members of the Missionary Baptist Church, a Mason, a member of Alton Lodge No. 255, and he is a Democrat in politics. He is a successful man and a worthy and esteemed citizen.

DR. ABRAM P. IRVINE. However well compensated a physician may be for his services, and the cases are very numerous in which he neither asks nor receives compensation, his profession must ever be regarded as the noblest and most beneficial to mankind. Dr. Abram P. Irvine has attained eminence in his profession and being of a cheerful disposition himself, he has the faculty of imparting courage to those who are despondent from illness, and

his skill in the diagnosis and treatment of diseases is the cause of the success he has won in his profession. He was born in Boyle County, Ky., in 1848, a son of Abram and Amelia (Moss) Irvine, who were also born on Blue Grass soil, the father September 7, 1796, and the mother March 7, 1809, their union taking place January 12, 1826. The father was a man of more than ordinary ability and intelligence, and transacted all the ordinary business of the neighborhood in which he lived, such as writing wills, deeds, etc. He had a fine library for his day and was exceptionally well informed on general topics. He tilled the soil successfully until his death, which occurred February 22, 1849, and his widow survived him until November 20, 1869, both being worthy members of the Presbyterian Church at the time of their deaths. His father, John Irvine, was of Scotch-Irish descent, but was born in Virginia February 3, 1758, and died in what is now Boyle County, Ky., August 23, 1814, of which section he was a very early settler. His wife, Prudence Irvine, also died in Kentucky April 14, 1824, her birth having occurred in September, 1761. Nine children were born of their union. The great-grandfather, Abram Irvine, was born in Scotland and is supposed to have died in Virginia. The Grandfather Moss was an Irishman and was one of the very early settlers of Boyle County, Ky. He was killed during the Mexican War. His widow, Lucy Moss, afterward married a Mr. Doneghy and died in Kentucky. She had two daughters by Mr. Moss: Lucinda, who married a Mr. Caldwell, and Amelia (Mrs. Irvine). She had several sons by Mr. Doneghy: James and John, the former of whom was a captain and the latter a surgeon in Gen. Price's army during the war. Dr. Abram P. Irvine was the youngest of fourteen children born to his parents, seven of whom died quite young. The others were: Lucy, wife of the late Rev. R. H. Caldwell, a prominent Cumberland Presbyterian minister of Kentucky; Leonidas, a farmer of Boyle County, Ky.; Joseph W., who died in 1892, was a farmer of Kentucky; Ellen P. is the wife of Joseph McDowell, of Kentucky; Margaret L. is the wife of A. C. McElroy, of Kentucky, and Gabriel C., who died in Kentucky about 1891. The immediate subject of this sketch, Dr. A. P. Irvine, was reared on a farm and was educated in Center College at Danville, Ky., and in 1882 he graduated from the Memphis (Tenn.) Medical College, after which he practiced his profession near that city until 1884, then came to his present location where he has already made himself well known as a skillful and successful medical practitioner. He owns a good farm and a beautiful home, and his place is remarkably well improved in various ways, there being a fine orchard of choice fruits near his home. He began doing for himself by teaching school for some years, for although a comfortable fortune was left him and his brothers and sisters by their father, he lost his during the financial crisis of 1873 and was compelled to commence the battle of life without means. He was married in 1869 to Bettie, daughter of Joseph W. and Susan H. (Caldwell) Fleece, native Kentuckians, who died in Memphis, Tenn., the former of whom was a merchant and afterward a trader and money loaner. Mrs. Irvine was born in Boyle County, Ky., and of eight children born to herself and the Doctor, six are living. Dr. and Mrs. Irvine are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and he is a Democrat and cast his first presidential vote for Greeley in 1872.

MARTIN SINGLETON. A well-kept hostelry is a blessing to any community, and this has been found to be the case in the Singleton Hotel of Ava, which is a popular and well-patronized establishment, and is managed in an able manner by Mr. Singleton. He was born in Hamilton County, East Tenn., April 27, 1847, a son of John and Susanna (Scott) Singleton, who were born in Georgia and Tennessee, respectively, the former being a son of Leonard Singleton, who was one of the early settlers of Tennessee. Upon the removal

to Missouri of John Singleton and his wife they settled in St. Francois County, but a year or two later moved to Washington County, and in 1857 to Douglas County, and located a short distance east of Ava. The father is now living on a farm ten miles east of that place, where he is a highly honored old citizen. During the war he served in the Home Guards; in politics is a stanch Republican, and has long been a member of the Baptist Church. He was left a widower in 1888, his wife dying at the age of fifty-five years. Their children are as follows: W. B. is a man of family, lives on the old home place, and was a soldier in the late war; Martin; Thomas S., who is married and resides near Ava; Austin is living two miles southeast of Ava, is a farmer and a man of family; Isham is a farmer residing three miles east of town; W. H. lives on a part of the old homestead; Cynthis J. is the wife of W. T. McDonald, of this county; Ardamissa is the wife of Benjamin Vinson, of this county; Robert J. died in 1862. The subject of this sketch has resided in Douglas County since he was ten years old, and here the most of his education was acquired in the public schools. When seventeen years old he enlisted in a company of State Militia, but had only served a few months when the war closed. He saw some hard service while the war was in progress, and for some time thereafter also, but he applied himself with energy to his work and in time found himself in comfortable circumstances. In 1865 he was married to Elizabeth Kelton, a daughter of William H. and Nancy (Kidd) Kelton, who came to Missouri from Kentucky, although Mrs. Singleton was born in Tennessee. Mr. Singleton followed farming up to 1884, when he moved to Ava and built the hotel and livery stable of which he is now the proprietor, and he has since conducted a prosperous business, and has proven that he is the right man in the right place. He is one of the leading business men of Ava, and is a decidedly public-spirited citizen, anxious to promote the welfare of his section and the good of mankind in general. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., is a strong Republican politically, and he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. They have children as follows: J. W., who is a Republican like his father, is county collector, is a farmer near Ava, and is a man of family; Mary A. is the wife of William A. Miller; Martha A. is the wife of Henry Miller; Mandalia is the wife of George Campbell, of Mansfield; William I. and Nancy R.

Rev. George W. Summer. In addition to looking after the spiritual welfare of his fellows, Rev. George W. Summer is also engaged in tilling the soil in Shannon County, Mo. He was born on Current River, this county, in 1847, to Andrew J. and Adaline (Boyd) Summer, natives of Morgan County, Tenn., where the father was born in 1815, and the mother some six or seven years later. They came to Shannon County when young and were married here and here spent the rest of their lives, the father dying in August, 1886. He was a member of the Missionary Baptist Church, as is his widow who still survives him. Mr. Shannon was a lifelong farmer, and in politics was a Democrat. His father, John Henry Summer, was of German descent, followed farming and blacksmithing for a livelihood, and died in Tennessee, while his wife, who was born in South Carolina, died in Shannon County, Mo. To them six sons and two daughters were born, who lived to be grown, and all but one daughter made their home in this county. The maternal grandfather, James Boyd, came from Kentucky to Shannon County at a very early day, followed farming and hunting, and died here before the war. His wife also passed from life in this section, and they left behind them four sons and three daughters. Rev. George W. Summer was the third of eight children born to his parents: James, the eldest, was with Price during the war, was wounded in the fight at Glasgow, was captured and imprisoned at Alton, Ill., and while there he vol-

unteered in the Federal service and went to the plains, where he remained nearly two years (he has since been farming in Shannon County); Juritta, wife of Caleb J. Cox, of this county; Amanda is the wife of W. L. George; Frances is the wife of L. M. Banks; Emeline is the wife of William Stoops, of Texas County, Mo.; Sirena is the wife of James Cox, and Ella Rebecca is the wife of Sidney Cardwell. The early life of Rev. G. W. Summer was spent in learning the details of farm work, his school days amounting to merely a three months' term. On March 10, 1870, he led to the altar Miss Clarinda C., daughter of Robert and Martha McHenry, who came to this section from Tennessee in 1853, and here spent the rest of their lives engaged in farming, and reared a very large family. Mrs. Summer, who was born in Tennessee, has borne her husband eight children: James Columbus, John Andrew, Timothy Hamilton, Amanda Rebecca, George W., Nancy Jane, Sarah Adaline and Robert Marion. Since his marriage Mr. Summer has lived on his present farm in Spring Valley, which consists of 240 acres of as fine farming land as there is in the county, and on which is a very comfortable residence and good outbuildings of all kinds. He has always been a Democrat in politics, and his first presidential vote was cast for Greeley in 1872. He has served two terms as associate justice of the County Court from the Western District, was first elected in 1882, and again in 1886, serving four years in all. He has been a member of the Missionary Baptist Church for twenty-five years, has been a regularly ordained minister for three years, and is now pastor of the Christian Home Church, near Summerville. He is a very close and earnest reader of the Scriptures, and in the vineyard of his Master has done noble work. He is strictly a self-made man, is actively interested in all public matters, and can at all times be relied upon to give aid where it is most needed.

HON. COMMODORE PERRY CHILTON. Few names are more familiarly known in Shannon County, Mo., than that of Chilton, and it is so thoroughly interwoven with its history that a work of this character would be incomplete without frequent reference to some member of the family. Commodore Perry Chilton was born on the old homestead, one mile from Eminence, Shannon County, Mo., December 6, 1844, and is a son of Joshua Chilton, who was one of the leading and influential men of the county. Our subject acquired a good education in the schools of this county, and by observation and contact with the world has increased this until he is now considered one of the best posted men in his section. As his father was killed in 1862, he remained at home and cared for his mother and the balance of the children, and continued to till the soil on the farm. During his boyhood days his health was not very good, but he carried on farming for ten or more years and then bought another farm, 137 acres, 65 acres under cultivation, on Delaware Creek. This farm is where the Delaware Indians camped, and is one of the oldest settled tracts in this part of the county. In the year 1887 Mr. Chilton was elected to represent Shannon County in the Thirty-fourth General Assembly, and in 1892 he again represented the county in the Legislature. He served on the Committee of Means and Ways and others of importance during his first term in the House, and the last time he was on the Committee of Insurance, Printing, Militia and Labor. He also served in the call session of 1888. Mr. Chilton was married in 1871 to Miss Cynthia Emily Freman, a native of Phelps County, Mo., and the daughter of Col. T. R. Freman. Three living children are the fruits of this union: Mary E., at home; Russia B., wife of Frank Rogers of this county; and Leon. The children deceased were named as follows: Marion M. died August 8, 1876, when six years of age; Ora Ann died September 1, 1879, an infant; and Thomas Joshua died November 12, 1884, when in his ninth year. Mr. Chilton had the misfortune to lose his wife March 28, 1889. Mr. Chilton is a Democrat in politics.

WEBB SUMMERS, one of the prominent stockmen of Howell County, is a native of Georgia, born in Fannin County, March 3, 1854, to the marriage of Thomas and Mary (Ensley) Summers. The father was a native of North Carolina, but moved to a farm in Georgia and there died before the war. After his death his widow came to Missouri, located in Dent County and from there moved to Howell County in 1874, making her home near West Plains for some time. She now makes her home with her son, Webb, and is comfortable and contented. She was the mother of seven children: William, who died in 1889, was a soldier in the Confederate Army and a prominent farmer and stockman (he was married); Eliza A., the wife of Rufus Brambrett, resides in this county; Paulina J., wife of John Edmonson, a farmer of this county; Elizabeth, the wife of Ansman Henry, a farmer of this county; Mary married William Weeks, a farmer here; George is a farmer of this county, and Webb, our subject, who is the youngest child. Grandfather and Grandmother Ensley came to Missouri with the mother of our subject and both died in this State, the grandmother in Dent and the grandfather in Howell County, the latter when ninety-three years of age. The grandfather helped move the Indians from North Carolina westward. Our subject grew to manhood on a farm and while still quite young engaged in farming and stockraising. He has a farm one mile east of West Plains and it is one of the best in the county. He started with little capital and by his industry, and after overcoming many difficulties, became the owner of a good property. He has 122 acres of land, all under cultivation, and it is said to be the best stock farm in Howell County. He is engaged in buying and shipping stock and is wide-awake and progressive. Previous to coming to this county in 1878 he had resided for three years in western Missouri and Kansas. Mr. Summers is interested in the grocery firm of Linsay & Summers, on Washington Avenue, near the depot, and he is interested in other business enterprises, being connected with the livery business in West Plains. When Mr. Summers came to this county he was $75 in debt and had to walk from Kansas to this county. In sixteen years he has made a good property, owns a fine farm and is good for $10,000 in the bank. Politically he is a Democrat and socially a K. of P. of West Plains. Mr. Summers was married in Howell County to Miss Florence N. Livesay, daughter of J. M. and Ann Livesay, and they have an interesting family of four children: Noble, Myrtle, Carrie and Byron. Mr. and Mrs. Summers are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and liberal contributors to the same.

JOHN F. PATTERSON. Among the prominent county officials of Ripley County no man is more popular or better fitted for his position than John F. Patterson, the efficient sheriff. He is a native of this county, born October 9, 1848, and has here spent the most of his life, and the people have had every opportunity to judge of his character aud qualifications. They have found him prompt and fearless in the discharge of his duties, trusty and honorable, and fully alive to the duties of his office. His father, George Patterson, was born in Malcomb County, Tenn., and his mother, Sallie (Ferrill) Patterson, was a native of Illinois. They both came to Missouri with their parents when young, married here and here passed the balance of their days, the father dying in 1875, when fifty-one years of age, and she in 1892, when sixty years of age. Mr. Patterson was a farmer, and when starting out for himself settled on Fourche, twelve miles west of Doniphan, and was one of the first to locate in that section. He and the Daltons were about the first settlers, and he helped move the records from Thomasville to this place when Doniphan was made the county seat. He was a successful farmer, and a worthy member of the Christain Church. In his political views he was with the Democrats.

He and wife reared seven children, of whom our subject was the eldest. The latter received his education in the early schools of this section, and after growing up began his career as a farmer on Fourche, where he owned a farm. He still owns a farm there and has been fairly successful. His first office was constable of the township, and in 1893 he was elected sheriff, a position he is almost sure to hold another term as his party (Democratic) has brought his name forward. In 1872 Mr. Patterson was married to Miss Mahala J. Merrill, of this county. She died in 1879 leaving two children: Cornelius Russell and George Rufus. Mr. Patterson selected Miss Martha Riley, of this county, as his second wife, and they have four living children: Ed., Sallie May, Walter and Thomas J. One child, Flora, died when in her third year. Mr. Patterson is a member of the Christian Church, and a man who has won many warm friends by his upright, honorable course in life.

JAMES MOORE. One of the men who have controlled circumstances in life and commanded success is James Moore, a representative farmer of Reynolds County, Mo. He is a man of advanced ideas and tendencies and is well known all over the county. By industry and good management he has become the owner of 284 acres of land, and he has been exceedingly liberal in his contributions to all charitable and philanthropic causes. Mr. Moore was born in Stokes County, N. C., August 13, 1844, and his parents, William and Polly (Westmoreland) Moore, were natives of the same county and State. The grandfather, Alexander Moore, who died in North Carolina, was a farmer. He was born in Ireland and came to America at an early day. In connection with farming he also followed teaching in the Old North State. William Moore grew to manhood in North Carolina, and in 1859 made his way toward the setting sun and settled in this county, on Logan's Creek. There he and his wife are still living. They made the journey to this State by wagon, settled on a new farm, and here they have since made their home, the father engaged in tilling the soil. Previous to the war Mr. Moore was a Whig in politics, but since that time he has affiliated with the Republican party. Nine children were born to this worthy couple: John W. died young; Alexander; James, subject; Jane died young; America, wife of Abraham Buford, Rebecca; Miranda, wife of John Copeland; Polly A., wife of London Copeland. The remainder died young. Until nineteen years of age our subject remained under the parental roof, and he very early imbibed the ideas of independence as well as mutual responsibility in the life to which he was reared. After reaching the above mentioned age he enlisted in the Union Army, Company I, Third Missouri Cavalry, under Gen. Fisk and Col. Matthews, and served about three years. He was in Pilot Knob and many other hard-fought battles. He was bugler and had a horse shot from under him at Pilot Knob. After fighting bravely for the old flag and serving as a good soldier, he returned to his farm and began his duties on the same. In 1869 he married Miss Catherine Copeland, daughter of William Copeland, of this county, and six children have been given them, five now living: Julia, wife of Joseph Home, of Birch Tree; Sallie died when four years of age; Viola; Mary, William and Stella. Mr. Moore has lived on his present farm for the past ten years, and is classed among the best farmers of the county. He is a prominent stockraiser, and always has some fine stock on hand. Prominent in politics and a stanch Republican he is one of the county's most successful and influential citizens. He is a Mason, and assisted in establishing the Barnesville Masonic Lodge.

CAPT. SAMUEL W. GREER. Industry, frugality and honesty were the main principles instilled into the lives of their children by the parents of Capt. Samuel W. Greer. Who can doubt but these principles, which have been adopted by Mr. Greer throughout his career, have had much to do with his success?

He was born in Rockingham County, N. C., July 28, 1828, and is the son of John and Mary Jane (Brown) Greer, natives also of the Old North State. The mother died in that State when our subject was but a boy and the father afterward married Miss Parthenia Tuer. In 1849 they moved to Smith County, Tenn., and from there to Missouri in 1859, locating in Oregon County. There the father died in 1867 when about fifty-nine years of age. He was a very successful farmer and bought the land which Capt. Greer now owns, near Alton. Mr. Greer was a member of the Methodist Church and was a class leader as far back as our subject can remember. He was a Mason, a member of blue lodge, and in politics a Whig at first, and later a Democrat. His father, Truman Greer, was born in Norfolk, Va., and was a soldier in the War of 1812. He died in North Carolina. By his first marriage John Greer became the father of eight children, two sons and six daughters, five of whom are now living. There were no children born to the second union that grew to mature years. Capt. Samuel W. Greer was the eldest of the children born to the first union. He spent his school days in North Carolina and in Smith County, Tenn., and was twenty-three years of age when he left the schoolroom. He learned the carpenter's and millwright's trades when in Tennessee, and in 1859 came with his father to Missouri and commenced farming and milling in Oregon County, continuing the same until early in 1861. He then volunteered in Gen. McBride's division of State Militia and he was the second man to enlist. He was in the militia six months and was first lieutenant of Company D, Second Regiment, before leaving the State service. After the Wilson's Creek battle he was promoted to the rank of captain on joining the Confederate Army, Second Missouri Cavalry, Company C. He remained in the service two years and a half and was then transferred to Gen. Marmaduke's regiment, with which he remained until cessation of hostilities. Capt. Greer surrendered at Jacksonport May 5, 1865. He was in many of the prominent engagements, Wilson's Creek, Cape Girardeau, Pilot Knob and Price's raid. The Captain received a number of slight wounds, one on the head and another across the shoulder, but was never disabled. He was taken prisoner while at home on leave of absence, and after remaining at Alton a short time was exchanged. At the close of the war he had no means, but at once went to the spring that bears his name and commenced operating a mill. Afterward he built a mill there and operated a grist mill, saw mill, cotton gin and wool cards until 1891, since which time he has been engaged in farming. He owns a farm of 344 acres (100 acres under cultivation), but has 1,001 acres altogether. He represented the county of Oregon from 1879 to 1887 in the Legislature and was again elected to that position in 1892. On the 25th of June, 1857, Capt. Greer was married to Miss Martha A. Foley, a native of Smith County, Tenn. Two living children have been given them: Rachel F., wife of J. J. H. Jones, the present sheriff of Oregon County, and John W., at home. The children deceased were: Lewis W., who died when twenty-three years of age, was a farmer of this county and a prominent educator. The other two children died in infancy. Capt. Greer holds membership in the Baptist Church. He is a member of the Masonic lodge at Alton, has represented the lodge in the Grand Lodge and he is an Odd Fellow, a member of Eleven Points Lodge. Politically he is a Democrat. Greer Spring is one of the finest water powers known. It discharges fully as much water as the Mammoth Spring and is well located. When operating his mill Capt. Greer ground for a Territory in which there are twenty-six mills at the present time.

JACOB L. WALKER. To the honest, pushing, hardworking and enterprising farmer is due the prosperity, wealth and advancement of any community, and to their zeal, energy and integrity will its future prosperity be indebted, as it

has been in the past, and among the names that are prominent in agricultural circles is that of Jacob L. Walker, who, in addition to tilling the soil, is most successfully engaged in mercantile pursuits at Mt. View. He was born in what is now Phelps County, Mo., in 1847, a son of Col. James and Margaret (Love) Walker, who were born in Tennessee, but when quite young removed to Illinois, and later to Missouri, where they married and spent the rest of their lives. The father died soon after the war, and the mother in August, 1893, when nearly ninety years of age. Mr. Walker was a farmer, was a minister of the Missionary Baptist Church for about thirty-four years, and during the early part of his life spent some time in teaching school. He held the rank of colonel in the Black Hawk War. His father, Prof. Jacob Walker, was a teacher in the schools of St. Louis for quite a number of years, and was considered one of the foremost educators of the State in his day. He became the father of ten sons and one daughter, and is supposed to have spent his last days in St. Louis. The maternal grandfather, Isaac Love, died some twenty years ago near Rolla, Mo., a farmer, blacksmith and merchant by occupation. He was one of the pioneers of Phelps County and an honorable and useful citizen. The subject of this sketch was the third of twelve children born to his parents: Ellen, wife of William Colvin, of Phelps County; Isaac, who was in the Federal Army, died at Rolla, Mo., during the war; Jacob L.; Monroe, of Rolla; Eliza, widow of Thomas Duncan; Retta, wife of Henry Scott; Tesa, wife of Jacob Berrien, and Robert. The rest died young. Jacob L. Walker received no schooling in his youth, and at the time he was twenty-one years of age was unable to write his name. During the last two years of the war, although but a mere lad, he served the United States Government as a teamster throughout the entire Price raid. At the age of twenty-one he began railroading at Rolla, but after following this occupation for a few years he began working in an iron furnace, after which he learned the blacksmith s and wagonmaker's trades. In 1869 he came to Mt. View and followed his trade here until about seven years since, when he opened a mercantile establishment, and is now one of the leading merchants of the town, and carries a well-selected and extensive stock of general merchandise. He owns three good farms, amounting to 400 acres in all, and has been quite extensively engaged in stock dealing. When he came to this section he could have easily carried all his possessions, but that could by no means be said of him now, for he is one of the wealthy citizens of the county, and has the satisfaction of knowing that he has gained his property through his own efforts. He was first married in 1869 to Miss Mary Smith, who died in 1875, leaving two children: Frances, wife of George Overless, and Annis, wife of George Styles. In 1877 Mr. Walker married his second wife, Martha Holden, who also died, and in 1883 Martha Fisher became his wife. He is a Democrat in politics, has held the office of deputy sheriff six years, and has been constable of his township four years. He is a member of Mt. View Lodge No. 294 of the K. of P., and he and his wife are members of the Southern Methodist Church.

DRURY UPSHAW (deceased). Among the early pioneers of Douglas County, Mo., stands the name of Drury Upshaw, whose advent into this county dated from the year 1838. Earnestly and zealously he labored to subdue the wilderness and by persistent effort gathered around him many of the comforts and conveniences of life. He was a native of Tennessee and a son of Drury Upshaw, who was also a native of that State, and who passed his entire life there. In his native State our subject was married to Miss Frankie Parnue, a native of North Carolina. In 1812 he served in the war, and as before stated, came to this county in 1838, and took up Government land. His death occurred in 1846 and his widow followed him to the grave in 1861, her death occur-

ring in Crawford County. Mr. Upshaw was at one time a Whig, but later espoused the principles of the Republican party, with which he remained until his death. He became well known all over the county and passed his entire life in tilling the soil. To his marriage were born nine children, as follows: John S.; William, who died in 1849; Essel, died in 1876; Le Roy died in 1876; David died in 1849; Cynthia, deceased, was the wife of William Garnar; Polly was the wife of James Patten; Rebecca was the wife of James Wood, of Greene County, Mo., and Martha, who is the wife of Jackson Wood, of Douglas County. The father and mother of this family were consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Their son, John S. Upshaw, was born in the State of Tennessee May 28, 1813, and there he received the principal part of his education. In the year 1833 he married Miss Jane Woods, a native of the same State and the daughter of Isaac Woods, who came to Greene County, Mo., at an early date. After marriage Mr. Upshaw and wife located first in Greene County, Mo., and cultivated the soil there until 1838 when they came to Douglas County. Two years later they settled on Fox Creek, where Mr. Upshaw still owns a farm and is half owner of a mill in company with his nephew, John Upshaw. His union with Miss Woods resulted in the birth of nine children, only one of whom lived to mature years. The others were Sarah, William, Oletha, Elizabeth, and five who died in infancy. Oletha grew to womanhood and married Zack Wells, but she is now deceased. Mr. Upshaw and wife are living at Upshaw and are well-known and representative citizens. Politically Mr. Upshaw supports the principles of the Republican party. During the war he was captain of Company C, Forty-sixth Regiment, Missouri Home Guards, and was in a number of battles. He and Mrs. Upshaw are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Upshaw is a self-made man and his principal occupation in life is farming and milling. The Upshaw family came to the State of Missouri in 1828 and to Douglas County in 1838, as before stated. They were the very best of citizens, being honest, industrious and progressive. Essel Upshaw was born on the 29th of April, 1838, and received his education in Missouri. After reaching mature years he married Miss Gussie McKey, daughter of John McKey, and later located in Greene County, where he remained for some time, when he came to this county locating on Fox Creek. There he farmed until his death in 1878. His children, eight in number, were named as follows: William, who died when small; John, the miller at Upshaw; Drury, who died in 1848; Frankley, a farmer and a resident of Upshaw; Henry, a farmer of Webster County; Benjamin, who is also a resident of Webster County; Sequel, farming in Webster County, and Patsey also living in Webster County. John Upshaw was born in Webster County, Mo., eighteen miles east of Springfield, October, 1841, and was the second son born to Essel Upshaw. He assisted his father on the farm in early life, attended the schools of Webster County, and when twenty-one years of age branched out to make his own way in life. He married Miss Margaret Caldwell, daughter of James Caldwell, who came to Webster County, Mo., from Illinois in an early day, and there passed the remainder of his days. Mr. and Mrs. Upshaw settled on a farm in Webster County, where they remained until 1871, when he came to Upshaw, settling on Fox Creek, where he followed the arduous duties of a farmer. In 1890 he and his uncle built the roller mill at that place and he now resides on a farm near the mill. Eight children were the fruits of his marriage: William, John S., Henry, Elizabeth, Evaline, Martha, Frank and Edward. His wife died in 1874 and his second union was with Miss Frances Woolton, who has borne him five children: Sarah, Victoria, Ida, Sheldy and Early. In politics Mr. Upshaw is a stanch Republican, and as a citizen and neighbor stands deservedly high.

ROBERT S. SUTTON. This substantial and extremely well-known citizen of Eminence Township, Shannon County, Mo., has devoted his life to farming and stockraising, and what he does not know about these two branches of human endeavor is hardly worthy of consideration. He owes his nativity to Washington County, Mo., where he was born in 1858, a son of William J. and Ellen (McClowney) Sutton, natives of Kentucky and Washington County, Mo., the birth of the former occurring in 1831. When a boy William J. Sutton came with his parents to Washington County, Mo., where he married and lived until after the war, when he took up his abode in Shannon County, and here resided for ten or twelve years, after which he returned to Washington County, and there still lives. He has been an industrious, honest and hard-working farmer, and has been successful in the accumulation of a competency. During the war he served over three years as wagon master in the Eighth Missouri Infantry, with Price's army and was in the Missouri raid. He is now living with his second wife, who was Malinda Highley, by whom he had three children: Ida, wife of Charley Edmonds, of Crystal City, Mo.; Maggie, wife of Charley Lucas, of Washington County, and William. The paternal grandfather, Robert Sutton, came from Kentucky to Washington County, Mo., in an early day and here spent the rest of his life, dying about 1854, one of the wealthiest farmers of Washington County. He was of Irish-French descent. Four of his brothers located in Washington County. Valentine became prominent there and in Texas County, and he and his brothers were farmers. The maternal grandfather, Robert McClowney, died near Potosi in Washington County, a well-to-do farmer, and his wife died there also. They were of French origin and were early settlers of Missouri. The subject of this sketch was left motherless when he was an infant, and was the only child born to his father's first marriage. His early life was spent on a farm, and like many other lads of his day in Missouri he received a limited common-school education. At the age of twenty-two years he began doing for himself, and in 1874 came with his father to Shannon County, and here he was married in 1882 to Eva, daughter of Frank and Margaret Chilton, who were born in Shannon County and Tennessee, respectively. Mr. Chilton spent his entire life in his native county, and here passed from life, but his widow still survives. Mrs. Sutton was born in this county and has never been outside its boundaries. She has borne her husband five children: Alice, Maggie, Nova, Grover and an infant unnamed. For two years after his marriage Mr. Sutton rented land on Current River, and for the past ten years has resided on his present farm, seven miles northwest of Winona, where he has an excellent tract of land comprising 160 acres, of which 118 acres are under cultivation. Although he has resided on this place but a comparatively short time, it is remarkably well improved, and Mr. Sutton is with justice considered a thrifty and pushing farmer. He is a careful and shrewd manager and has been quite extensively engaged in feeding and shipping stock, which he has found to be a profitable business. He has always been a Democrat and cast his first vote for Hancock in 1880, and although he is by no means a politician, yet he takes great interest in local politics. The names of his father's brothers and sisters were as follows: Jane, who died in Washington County, the wife of William Smith; Frank, who served in the State Militia during the war, died in Washington County; Margaret is the wife of John Taylor, of Washington County; Lizzie is the wife of Jesse Marks, of Ste. Genevieve County; John is a prominent farmer and stock dealer of Washington County. All these children were born in Washington County, Mo., with the exception of William J. Sutton, who was born in Kentucky.

JAMES CHILTON. This descendant of one of the most prominent families of Shannon County first saw the light of day on the old homestead near Eminence, his birth occurring April 3, 1854. He was but about eight years of age when his father was killed, and he attended the schools in the county until fifteen years of age. After this he commenced farming for himself and has continued this occupation up to the present time. He bought a farm near where his brother Perry now lives, 200 acres, and this he improved and resided on for some time. From there he moved to Willow Springs and after running a hotel for one winter, returned to Shannon County, and for some time resided on the old home place. In 189– he bought the place where he now lives and has as fine land as is to be found on Current River. He is wide-awake and progressive, his house and outbuildings are all in good condition, and it needs but a glance to show that an experienced hand is at the helm. Mr. Chilton enjoys not only the reputation of being a substantial and thorough-going farmer, but of an intelligent and thoroughly posted man on all the current events of the day. He chose his wife in the person of Miss Mary E. De Priest, daughter of Abraham De Priest, and their nuptials were celebrated in 1876. Mrs. Chilton passed away to that bourne whence no traveler returns, on April 15, 1884. She was the mother of four children, three now living: Charles O., Nora E. and Isaac M. One, Walter S., died when six years of age. On September 24, 1891, Mr. Chilton married Miss Anna Laura McCaskill, and to them have been born two children: Caladonia and Pearl. Like his father and brothers, Mr. Chilton is a pronounced Democrat in politics.

COL. HOMER F. FELLOWS. In these days of money-making, when life is a constant struggle between right and wrong, it is a pleasure to lay before an intelligent reader the unsullied record of an honorable man. To the youthful it will be a useful lesson—an incentive to honest industry. Col. Homer F. Fellows is acknowledged by all to be one of Springfield's most public-spirited and honorable citizens. He has been largely identified with the public enterprises of that city, is a promoter of its improvements and the real founder of one of the largest mechanical industries in this part of the State. He springs from old Colonial stock, and is of English-Puritan extraction, two brothers of that name, John and Drane, having emigrated from England in old Colonial times. John Fellows, grandfather of our subject, was born in the town of Canaan, Conn., where his ancestors had settled, and served in the Revolutionary War, fighting bravely for independence. His wife, whose maiden name was Edna Deibold, was a native of Canaan, and came of French extraction. After marriage this worthy couple moved to Luzerne County, Penn., and settling on a farm went actively to work to make many improvements in their new home. Indians were very plentiful at that time. About 1820 Mr. Fellows moved with his family to Tioga County, Penn., and there he passed the remainder of his days, dying at the good old age of eighty-three years. He reared a family of six children: Horace, Asahel, Erastus, Merritt, Eliza and Hulda. As a man of intelligence and as one of the first citizens of his town he was well known and held in the highest esteem. His son, Erastus, father of our subject, was also a native of the old town of Canaan, Conn., and was but a boy when he went with his parents to Luzerne County. He obtained a fair education for his day, and when a young man went to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he remained one year. Returning to the Keystone State he married a widow, Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson, *nee* Cole. Her father, Royal Cole, was born in New York State, but was of English extraction. He served as a soldier in the Revolutionary War, took an active part in several battles, Trenton and others, and was present at the surrender of Burgoyne. He also served in the War of 1812. Mr. Cole was a well-informed man, a wide reader, and a Universalist in his religious

belief. To his marriage was born a large family. His death occurred at Wellsboro. Following his marriage Erastus Fellows and wife settled at Wellsboro, Penn., where, in connection with farming, he followed hotel keeping. From 1825 to 1865 he was proprietor of the Fellows' Temperance House, and was known far and wide as a man of sterling worth and high moral character. He was one of the early promoters of the cause of temperance, and accomplished much good by his determined stand. He was also a strong Abolitionist, a lover of liberty, and his house was the refuge for slaves escaping to Canada. He was ever fearless in the advocacy of any cause he believed to be right, and did not hesitate to express his views when it was necessary. The famous James G. Burney, at one time candidate for the presidency on the Abolitionist ticket, when lecturing in Pennsylvania, came to Wellsboro, but could find no place in which to deliver his lecture, as the Abolition cause was very unpopular. Mr. Fellows gave him the use of his diningroom, and there his lecture was delivered. In his political views Mr. Fellows was at one time an Old-Line Whig, later an Abolitionist, and finally a stanch Republican. During the latter part of his days he became a prosperous and wealthy man. His death occurred in 1884, when eighty-four years of age. His wife was a lady of education for her day, and an old teacher's certificate bearing date as early as 1813, and issued to her by the directors of the district at Coeymans, Albany County, N. Y., attesting her ability to teach school, is yet in existence. Throughout her life she took an interest in literary matters, was a great reader, and was a poetess of no mean ability, writing many poems, some of which were published. She was a devout member of the Methodist Church, a woman of high moral worth, and a great strength of character. By her first husband she was the mother of two children: Newton and Almira, and her second union resulted in the birth of four children: Rachel A., Homer F., Norris W. and Mary E., all now living except the last named. Mr. and Mrs. Fellows passed all the days of their married life at Wellsboro, Penn. Col. Homer F. Fellows, son of the above and our subject, was born at Wellsboro, Penn., and his youthful days were divided between assisting his father on the farm and in attending the common schools. At the age of seventeen he began clerking in a dry goods store in Wellsboro, and this business continued for about a year and a half. He then taught a district school, and later entered the Wesleyan University at Lima, N. Y., where he continued for one year. At the age of twenty-one, having acquired a good education for his day, he emigrated West with the intention of going to Texas. On reaching Rock Island, Ill., he was taken sick, and this interfered with his plans. However, he went on as far as Muscatine, Iowa, remaining there for some time, but later went to Burlington, that State, where he engaged as salesman for a mercantile firm, Gear & Baum. Subsequently he became a collector for Mr. Baum, and afterward managed a store for him at Chariton, Iowa, for a year and a half. Following this he managed a general store for David Waynick for some time, and one for Joseph Mitchell, by whom he was sent East to purchase the stock. In the year 1856 he went to Plattsburg, Mo., as a member of the firm of J. S. Sheller & Co., in the real estate business, and one year later he bought out the business and established offices at Warsaw and Springfield, Mo., under the firm name of Fellows, Todd & Robinson. This was in 1857, and the firm located many land warrants in the Platt Purchase and in southwest Missouri. Being a stanch Republican and possessing first-class qualities for the position, Mr. Fellows was appointed register of lands for the district of Springfield by President Lincoln in May, 1861. He continued in this office until the battle of Wilson's Creek. In 1861 he visited Washington on military business in the interests of Gen. Sigel, and made

the personal acquaintance of President Lincoln. Springfield then being occupied by the Confederates, the Union men remained away from the city, and Mr. Fellows engaged in general merchandising at Rolla, Mo., as a member of the firm of McElhaney, Jaggard & Co. In 1863 he was appointed lieutenant-colonel of the Forty-sixth Missouri Militia. The regiment was called out under Gen. McNeil, mustered into the United States service, and was on guard duty during the last invasion of Missouri by the Confederates under Gen. Price. In the winter of 1864 Mr. Fellows sold out his interests in Rolla and engaged in the wholesale grocery business at St. Louis, the firm being McElhaney & Fellows. Continuing in this business until 1867 he then sold out and went to Arlington, where he established a general store under the firm name of Fellows, McGinty & Co. Arlington is on the S. F. R. R., and as the road was then being opened for business, Col. Fellows established stores at convenient points on the same, one being at Lebanon, and another at North Springfield. This business was largely wholesale. In 1871 Col. Fellows built a grain elevator, the first one erected in Springfield, and in 1872 he was induced to take charge of the Springfield Manufacturing Company, which had been organized but a few months, and which was in a bad condition financially. Finding the concern hopelessly involved the stockholders surrendered their stock and a new company was organized as the Springfield Wagon Company. The principal stockholders were Col. Fellows, his brother Morris W., and Capt. Boyden. New capital being invested, the company made the manufacturing of farm wagons a specialty, and from the start did a good business. In 1883 the plant was destroyed by fire but was rebuilt after one year, and the capital stock was increased from $25,000 to $50,000. One year later it was increased to $75,000. The plant was greatly enlarged and the business increased, so that the demand has since been equal to the capacity of the works. During 1893 about 3,500 wagons were manufactured. The reputation of the Springfield wagon for utility and service has steadily gained, so that it now commands the highest price in southwest Missouri, Arkansas and Texas. Its equal is not manufactured by any firm in the United States, and it comes in competition with all other wagons manufactured in this country, and ranks as the best. The Springfield Wagon Company gives employment to seventy-five men, and as an industrial enterprise, employing labor, is a direct benefit to the city. As a public-spirited citizen, Col. Fellows has done much to further the interests of the city, and in 1881 he was the chief promoter of a street railway between north and south Springfield, and was president of the company for three years. In 1859 he was one of the stockholders of the first telegraph line through Springfield. This line followed the overland stage road, and was established by Clowrey Stebbens. Col. Fellows built the first telephone line that came into Springfield, and it conneced his office and residence. This was in 1877. The Colonel was a liberal contributor to the Gulf Railroad, and is a subscriber to the railroad now projected. He was one of the organizers of the Springfield Water Works, and president of the company for three years. Originally a Republican in politics, in 1860 he was the only man in Springfield who openly voted that ticket, excepting John M. Richardson, a presidential elector. He now entertains liberal views politically. In the year 1876 he was mayor of Springfield, and for many years was a member of the city council and school board. He has ever extended a helping hand to the cause of education, and has done much to establish good schools in Springfield. Liberal in his views and progressive in his ideas, Col. Fellows has always assisted with his means the churches of the city without regard to denomination. Formerly a member of both the Masonic and Odd Fellow orders, he is now a member of the Knights

of Honor. He selected as his companion in life Miss Martha Alvira McElhaney, of Springfield, and their nuptials were celebrated November 15, 1859. Three living children have blessed this union: Emma, widow of Charles T. Keet, resides in Springfield; Clara, wife of F. J. Curron, also resides in Springfield, and Ada, widow of George Rothbun, makes her home in Springfield. Mrs. Fellows was called from the scenes of this life on October 5, 1869, and on August 15, 1872, the Colonel was married to Miss Minnie L. Boyden, of Neosho. One son, Homer F., was born to this marriage, and he is now in the office of the "Frisco" Railroad in St. Louis. Mrs. Fellows died September 24, 1881, and the Colonel has since married Mrs. Matilda (Dickard) Jackson, widow of Mr. J. C. Jackson.

H. M. Watchorn. Among the most noted and enterprising men of the flourishing city of Willow Springs, Mo., stands the name of H. M. Watchorn, the most efficient and capable mayor of the same. He has made his home in this city since 1883, and during that time his name has been inseparably linked with its progress and development. He is a native of the Emerald Isle, born May 27, 1862, and there grew to mature years and received a part of his education. He came to America with his father, Thomas Watchorn, who is now living on a farm in Lincoln County, Miss. After coming to this country our subject attended school for some time, but while still young started out to make his own way in life. He first became a foreman in the lumber business, and in 1883 he came to Willow Springs, where he took charge and was manager for the South Missouri Land Company, of the railroads and timber lands. He remained with this company seven years. In 1892 he bought a mill in Douglas County, Mo., and this he still operates. It is located in a good pine country, and the mill is sawing 15,000 feet per day. This lumber is shipped from Willow Springs. Mr. Watchorn bought the planing mill, formerly the property of the South Missouri Land Company, employs forty-five hands, and is doing the largest business in this section of the county. He has made a success in a business way, and is the owner of four handsome dwelling houses in Willow Springs, besides his fine residence. All his property is the result of his own honest industry, and he deserves the praise of all. Mr. Watchorn is the owner of 160 acres of land, and is turning it into a fine fruit farm. In politics he is a Democrat, and an ardent supporter of his party, and socially he is a K. of P., at Willow Springs Lodge No. 156. In 1893 he was elected mayor of Willow Springs, and has since discharged the duties incumbent upon that position in a most capable manner. His happy domestic life began when he married Mrs. Sue Myers, daughter of J. H. West. Two children have been given them: Eddie and May. Mr. and Mrs. Watchorn are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Mr. Watchorn has always been one of the foremost citizens of the city, and has done much to improve the same.

David B. Young. Ripley County, Mo., boasts of many prominent citizens who came originally from Tennessee, and among the number is David B. Young, born in Gibson County, near Trenton, June 1, 1850. He was about eight years of age when he came with his father, Benjamin Young, to this county. Subject's mother died when he was an infant. She was a native of Tennessee, as was also the father. After the death of his first wife Mr. Young married Mrs. Margaret O. Cole, whose maiden name was Slayton. He died during the war, January 8, 1863, and was in one of the Missouri regiments of the Federal Army. He was wounded at Vicksburg from the effects of which he died. By occupation he was a carpenter, farmer, and he was also a successful educator. David B. Young remained with his stepmother until his marriage, which occurred in 1870, to Miss Sarah V. Kittrell, a native of Ripley County, Mo. She died January 17, 1880, and five

years later Mr. Young wedded Miss Mary J. Jones, of St. Louis. One son, Frank, was the result of the first union. He is a resident of Doniphan. To the last union have been born two children, both daughters. After his marriage Mr. Young commenced farming near Barfield, where he was elected justice of the peace of Thomas Township, when but twenty-one years old. In 1874 he was elected sheriff and collector, held this position two years and was then reëlected collector. In 1884 he was again elected sheriff and held the position one term. In 1888 he was elected by his party to the position of collector again and reëlected in 1890 and 1892, thus showing his great popularity. He has a host of warm friends and no man is better fitted for the position of collector than he. During 1881, 1882 and 1883 he was engaged in merchandising and he helped build the Doniphan Roller Mills, in which he is a stockholder and director. He also deals in real estate. Mr. Young was active in getting the railroad here, helping buy land and the right of way, etc. He is a member of the A. F. & A. M., the A. O. U. W., K. of P., K. of H., and is an officer in all. In politics he is a Democrat.

WILLIAM RAYFIELD. This well-known and successful farmer and stockman of Middle Fork, Reynolds County, Mo., was born in Cumberland County, Ky., in 1829, of which State his parents, John and Nancy (King) Rayfield, were also natives. They resided in Kentucky until the subject of this sketch was about one year old, then came by wagon to what is now Reynolds County, Mo., and were among the very first settlers of this section, and for many years experienced severe hardships and privations, which always fall to the lot of the pioneer. Indians were very numerous in that early day, wild animals abounded in the woods, and there was a marked scarcity of white settlers. They improved a fine farm in this section, but it was long before they had anything but the barest necessities of civilized life. Their nearest market and post-office was Potosi, forty miles away, but they were very frequently compelled to go to St. Louis to market their farm products. Mr. Reynolds died just prior to the opening of the Civil War, having been an industrious farmer, a substantial citizen and an accommodating friend and neighbor. He and his wife, who died soon after the war, were worthy members of the Missionary Baptist Church. The maternal grandfather, William King, also came to Reynolds County in a very early day and here was engaged in farming until his death, his wife also dying here. William Rayfield was the third of nine children born to his parents, the other members being: Andrew, who died at about the close of the war; Lucinda, widow of Andrew Parks; Mary, wife of John Ketcherside, of Iron County; Matilda, widow of James Parks; Martha, wife of William C. Brooks; Alfred who died in early manhood; James, who also died at about that time, and Catherine Welsh. William spent his early days in assisting his father and received such education as that wild and unsettled country afforded. Upon reaching manhood he was married to Lucy, daughter of John and Elizabeth Boyd, who came from Kentucky to Reynolds County, and in this section spent the rest of their lives. Mrs. Rayfield was born in Kentucky, and has borne her husband twelve children: Nancy E., who died in childhood; Sarah Jane, who is the deceased wife of William Goggins; James F. is postmaster and merchant of Centreville, Mo.; George W.; John A.; William H., in Oklahoma; Andrew J., Alfred G., Henry Thomas, and Mary L., wife of Thomas Whortonberry. Two children died in infancy. For a good many years Mr. Rayfield was engaged in blacksmithing in connection with farming, but later became an extensive stock dealer, and is now one of the most extensive stockmen and farmers of the county. For about three years he has been a member of the firm of Adams & Rayfield, general merchants at Lesterville, and in 1883 he and his son James F. embarked in the same busi-

ness at Centreville, under the firm name of Rayfield & Son, and are doing a thriving and constantly increasing business. He is a wide-awake man of affairs, pushing, enterprising and industrious, and in addition to these most necessary qualities he is strictly honorable. He is a member of Hopewell Lodge No. 329, of the A. F & A. M. of Lesterville, and he was formerly a member of the I. O. O. F. He and his wife are members of the Missionary Baptist Church, and although he has always been a stanch Democrat he has never been a political aspirant.

JUDGE ALFRED PERRY COUCH. The gentleman whose name heads this sketch has always been a potential element in the growth and development of Oregon County, Mo., and as a representative citizen stands second to none in the county. He was born in what is now known as Couch, in Oregon County, Mo., November 28, 1842, and is the son of Simpson and Rebecca (Roberts) Couch. It is thought that the father came originally from Virginia, but the family lived in North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky and Illinois, and long years ago, in the thirties, came to Fulton County, Ark. Soon after this family moved to what is now Oregon County, Mo., and made the journey in a truck wagon, with wheels sawed from the end of a log, and oxen for motive power. On coming to Missouri the family located on Town Fork of Frederick River, and here the grandfather of our subject put up a little store that gave the creek the name of Town Fork. The grandfather, Lindley Couch, afterward went to Dade County and located in Rock Prairie, where he died soon after the war, when sixty years of age. All his life his principal occupation had been farming, although he had been engaged in other enterprises. The father of Judge Couch was not yet grown when he came to the wilds of Missouri, and here he finished his growth and received a limited education. When a man he located at what is now Couch, on a farm that had few improvements on the upper Frederick. He married Miss Roberts and ten children were born to their union, seven of whom are now living, five in Oregon County and two in Saline County, Ark. Mr. Couch with the assistance of his eldest son, our subject, and the remainder of the family, cleared up a fine farm and he became a wealthy man. The war, however, made great havoc with his property, and left him in straitened circumstances. He was county judge ten years, and after the war was elected to the same office by an overwhelming majority, but through some fraud he was prevented from taking the office. At his death, which occurred in Oregon County in 1868, when forty-nine years of age, he was a worthy member of the Missionary Baptist Church, and was deacon in the same for many years. His widow, who is now living and seventy-three years of age, is also a member of that church. Judge Alfred Couch spent much of his time up to the age of fifteen years in the schoolroom, but after that turned his attention to farming, and continued this up to the breaking out of the war. In June, 1861, he joined the State troops under McBride in the Second Regiment, but subsequently enlisted in the regular Confederate service. This was in August, 1862, and he joined Coleman's regiment of dismounted cavalry, but later was in Col. Slein's regiment for a time, or until the fall of Vicksburg, 1863, when he came home. He enlisted in Col. Wood's cavalry regiment, with which he remained until the surrender. He participated in the battles of Wilson's Creek, Lexington, Jenkins' Ferry, Pine Bluff, Poison Springs, and was in a number of skirmishes. He started on Price's raid, but was taken sick and left behind. Judge Couch was never wounded to amount to anything and was never taken prisoner. He surrendered at Jacksonport June 5 or 6, 1865. Following the war Judge Couch farmed until 1871, when he commenced working at the blacksmith's trade in Lawrence County, Mo., continued the same occupation in Webster County for two years, and then moved back

to Oregon County. For about a year he resided at Alton and then moved to Couch. In 1874 he was elected probate judge and held that position until 1878. During the time he was in office he studied law, and was admitted to the bar in February, 1883. In November, 1884, he was elected prosecuting attorney, held that position two years, and was then elected presiding judge, which position he held four years. Later he was elected county and probate judge, which position he still holds. He is prominent in official circles and is a true and tried Democrat. His entire career has been upright and honorable, and he is in every way worthy the respect in which he is held. On the 15th of March, 1860, he married Miss Martha Ann Boze, a daughter of James Boze, who was a pioneer of this county. To this union five children were born: Litha Jane, Lucy and Eliza (Litha is the wife of Samuel W. Braswell, a farmer of this county; Lucy married R. A. Oliver, residing near Couch, and Eliza became the wife of Robert A. Young, a farmer of this county). Those dead are Mary T., who was nearly fourteen years of age at the time of her death, and Matilda, who was but eight months old. Judge and Mrs. Couch are worthy members of the Missionary Baptist Church, and he is a deacon in the same. He is also a member of the A. F. & A. M.

James A. Ferguson. This prominent citizen, who is a member of the firm of Ferguson, Lucas & Kennedy, of Willow Springs, and president of the Willow Springs Bank, has been a resident of this city and vicinity since 1871. He was born in Greene County, Tenn., May 9, 1851, and is a son of William M. and Elizabeth (Hogan) Ferguson, both natives of Tennessee. The grandfather, Alexander Ferguson, was a native of Virginia, but at an early date came to Tennessee. Some of the early members of this family served in the Revolutionary War. The father of our subject came to Howell County, Mo., in 1871, and located a quarter of a mile from Willow Springs. There his death occurred in 1888. He was a blacksmith and farmer, and a man well and favorably known throughout the county, being one of the early settlers of his section. In politics he was a Republican. While a resident of Tennessee he held the office of justice of the peace, and was elected to the same office in this neighborhood but did not serve. For many years he was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, held the office of steward in the same, and was an excellent citizen. The old home place is only a quarter of a mile from Willow Springs, and part of the town is built on it. Mrs. Ferguson died in 1892. She was a sister of Squire James H. Hogan, of Willow Springs, and a lifelong member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. They were the parents of ten children, eight of whom grew to mature years, and six are now living: Thomas J., married, resides five miles west of the city on a farm; James A., subject; David, married and resides on a farm three miles west of the town; Emanuel C., married and resides on the old homestead; Susan E., wife of Marshall M. Harris, a farmer of Willow Springs; Sarah E., wife of S. T. Byars, a carpenter of this city; John A., and Mary J., who died young. The children living are all residents of Howell County, and most worthy people. When a boy our subject attended the common schools of Tennessee, and after twenty months' schooling, and when but sixteen years of age, he became a teacher in a private school. Later he taught in the public school a short time and then assisted his father in the blacksmith shop, becoming a good workman. When nineteen years of age he came to this county and followed teaching up to 1877, after which he branched out as a farmer, tilling the soil on a farm two miles east of Willow Springs until 1883. He then moved to Willow Springs, clerked in a general store up to 1887, when he branched out in business for himself in partnership with W. H. Fetherengill, with whom he continued until July, 1888. Mr. Ferguson then bought out the business, and formed a partner-

ship with Chase & Kennedy, with whom he continued until 1889. Then Mr. Chase retired and the firm then became Ferguson, Lucas & Kennedy. This company owns the building located on the corner of Harris and Second Street, carries a stock valued at $6,000, and does an annual business of $30,000. Mr. Ferguson is president of the Willow Springs Bank, and is one of the leading men of the city. He is a Republican in politics and takes a deep interest in all good work. He has held the office of city collector two terms and other positions of importance. He is a Mason, a member of Willow Springs Lodge, and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, being trustee in the same. Mr. Ferguson was married in this county to Miss Arenia P. Feathergill, daughter of William and Mary Feathergill, of Evansville, Ind. Five children have been born to them: James B., Mary E., Homer, Myrtle and Sybel. The three eldest are in school.

JAMES E. BUNYARD. This gentleman has long been connected with the farming interests of Douglas County, Mo., and has shown himself to be a thrifty, progressive and energetic agriculturist. He was born in Tennessee March 14, 1845, and in that State both his parents, James and Nancy (Poiner) Bunyard, were also born and reared. The father was a soldier of the Mexican War and died in Chattanooga, Tenn., in 1851, having followed the occupation of farming. His wife was born December 8, 1815, a daughter of John Poiner, who died in Missouri. Mrs. Bunyard removed to Arkansas in 1851, and, after residing in Arkansas until 1853, came to Greene County, Mo., settling about fifteen miles from Springfield, where she died on a farm May 15, 1866, after having reared, alone, her children to honorable maturity. She and her husband were members of the Baptist Church. The paternal grandfather, Ephraim Bunyard, was a soldier of the War of 1812 and died in Texas. James Bunyard was married prior to his marriage with Miss Poiner and by his first wife became the father of one child, Amanda J., who lives in Texas. His second union resulted in the birth of three children: John, who served three years as a soldier during the Civil War and is now a farmer of Putnam County, Mo.; Polly is the wife of William Cox, of Stone County, Mo., and James E. The latter was reared in Missouri and in 1862, at the age of seventeen years, enlisted in a company of Home Guards, but at the end of three months became a member of Company F, Eighth Missouri Cavalry, and was with that command three years and eight days, taking part in the engagements at Prairie Grove, Little Rock, Pine Bluff, Devall's Bluff and numerous skirmishes. During his service he was sick for about eighteen months and suffers from the effects of his service to the present day. He voted for Lincoln at Little Rock during the war and has ever since voted the Republican ticket. He filled the office of sheriff of Douglas County from 1882 to 1884, has always been active in the political affairs of the county, is one of the leading business men of this section and is an honest, upright and useful citizen. He belongs to Ava Lodge No. 305 of the A. F. & A. M. and he is also a member of the I. O. O. F. He is the owner of a farm of 200 acres nine miles southwest of Ava and is giving considerable attention to stockraising, buying and shipping, which business has proven both remunerative and agreeable. He was married in Christian County to Miss Eva A., the daughter of Elias and Elizabeth (Payne) Roller, who were born in Virginia and Tennessee, respectively, the former in 1812 and the latter in 1818. In 1859 they came to Missouri, and, after residing for some time in the vicinity of Springfield, came to Douglas County, where the father died in 1887. He was a son of Henry Roller and to him and wife a family of twelve children were born, ten of whom are living: Andy, a resident of Tennessee; Enoch, a farmer of Douglas County, Mo.; Jacob, who is a resident of Virginia; Sarah (Fulton) lives in Greene County,

Mo.; Dolly A. died young; Eve (Mrs. Bunyard); Henry, a resident of the Indian Territory; Hyman, who also lives there; William also resides there; Elias died at the age of fifteen years; Eddie is married and lives in Texas, and Arthur, who lives in Texas. Mrs. Bunyard was born April 15, 1844, and of ten children born to herself and husband, six are living: John W. died when young; James H. married a daughter of Dr. Small; Joseph died at the age of six years; Nancy A. and Elias A. were twins, the former being the wife of Samuel Felton, a farmer of this county; Lois L.; Robert L. died at the age of twelve; Ida B.; Andrew V., who died at the age of six months, and Ivy Dell. Mr. Bunyard and wife are justly considered among the best people of the county and have reared an honorable family.

GEORGE WASHINGTON COLLINS. This wide-awake man of affairs is engaged in a most important business, for he is an extensive manufacturer and wholesale dealer in yellow pine lumber at Low Wossie, Shannon County, Mo., and has been for a number of years past. He is a native of White County, N. C., where he was born in 1857, a son of Wilson and Almira (Mills) Collins, who were also natives of the Old North State. The father was a noted politician, and for many years was prominent in public life. He filled the positions of county clerk, collector and circuit clerk of White County, and being a man of more than ordinary ability and intellect he wielded a wide influence in political circles. He was captain of a company in the Confederate Army during the great Civil War, and was killed in 1863 at Pittsburg, Miss. He had led an active, honorable and useful life, and sacrificed himself to the Southern cause, which he deemed just and right. He was one of four sons and two daughters: Moses, who resides in White County, N. C.; William, who lives in Union County, N. C.; Hezekiah, a resident of Texas; Wilson; Elizabeth J., wife of Jordan Faulk; Mary, wife of William Romine, of Arkansas. The father of this family, John Collins, died in the Old North State, where he, without doubt, spent his entire life. He was of Irish origin and was a successful and extensive flour manufacturer. He died about 1890. The maternal grandfather, George Mills, also died in the Old North State. He was of English descent and devoted his attention to tilling the soil. His wife died in North Carolina also, and they reared a large family. Their son, Watt, was a Confederate soldier, and their son, Simeon, was in the Federal Army. George W. Collins is the younger of two sons, William, a prominent merchant of Stoddard County, Mo., being the other son. When George W. was about eight years old the family moved to near Little Rock, Ark., where the mother died about three years later, after which George W. was sent back to North Carolina, where he educated himself, finishing his scholastic education at Charleston (S. C.) Institute. He then returned to Stoddard County, Mo., and for some time thereafter was engaged in teaching schools in that and Dunklin Counties, after which he clerked for about two years in Stoddard County. He then followed railroading in New Mexico and Utah for a short time, after which he returned to Missouri, and was in the employ of a lumber company until 1888, and while the Current River was being built he came to Shannon County and located in the woods where Low Wossie now is, before the track was laid to that point. Here he built a saw mill, and when a station was established here he became agent, and as the place increased in size his business also increased, and so rapidly that it became necessary for him to enlarge his plant, which now has a capacity of 25,000 feet per day. He also has a planer which is kept constantly going, for, although he owns 2,000 acres of pine timber land, he has thus far purchased his timber of others. He came to this place with a capital of $400, and his estate is now valued at not less than $12,000, while his extensive plant gives employment to about 100 hands. He

has been truly the architect of his own fortunes, and he, as well as all his friends, has every reason to be proud of his success. The Democrat party has always received his support, and his first presidential vote was cast for Hancock in 1880. He is a member of Winona Lodge No. 74 of the A. F. & A. M., and of West Plains Chapter No. 101, West Plains Commandery No. 58. He was formerly a member of Mt. Grove Lodge No. 158 of the A. F. & A. M. In 1884 he was married in Texas County, Mo., to Laura, daughter of William and Permelia Ann Light, who came from Kentucky to Texas County, where they still live. Mrs. Collins was born on Blue Grass soil, and is the mother of five interesting children.

M. B. Chitwood, another of the early pioneers of Reynolds County, Mo., was born in Campbell County, Tenn., on the 6th of July, 1828, to the marriage of William and Cecili (Whitecotton) Chitwood, both natives of that State also. The paternal grandfather, Pleasant Chitwood, passed his entire life in Tennessee, engaged in farming. The maternal grandfather, Aaron Whitecotton, came to this county in 1844, and followed farming on Webb's Creek until his death about 1866. The parents of our subject were married in their native State, and in 1841 they moved with ox-teams from that State to Reynolds County, Mo. They settled on a farm on Webb's Creek, in the woods, and there the father died a few years later, leaving our subject, who was the eldest of the family, although but sixteen years of age, to take charge of affairs. Mrs. Chitwood reared her family and after all were married she was wedded to J. Odell. Both are now deceased, her death occurring in 1878. Her children, eight in number, were named as follows: M. B. (subject), Kizzie, Sallie, Helen, Pleasant, Aaron, Elizabeth and William. Only Helen, Aaron and Elizabeth, besides our subject, are living, and the latter is the only one living in this county. When sixteen years of age young Chitwood assumed control of affairs on his father's farm and managed this successfully for many years. When twenty-seven years of age he married Miss Elizabeth Lewis, a native of Tennessee, and the daughter of Jacob Lewis, who came to this State from Tennessee, and here died. Mr. Chitwood has resided on his present farm since 1855, and has met with substantial results. He has 218 acres of land and a fine farm in Dickson Valley, south of Barnesville. He is a Mason, a member of Barnesville Lodge, and he is also a member of the Baptist Church. In politics he is a Democrat. His marriage was blessed by the birth of fourteen children, twelve of whom are living: Cecili A., deceased; Nancy J., wife of George Campbell; Helen M., wife of S. Helms; Urzilla, wife of William Page; Izora, Anzona, Millie, Debbie, Fannie F. The sons are: William Nelson, married; Nimrod I. and Grover C.

Col. Randolph D. Casey. To this gentleman belongs the distinction of having built the first house in Mountain Home. He entered the land where the town is now situated, and has President Buchanan's signature to his land patent. Col. Casey was born in Smith County, Tenn., on March 10, 1810, and is the son of Hiram Casey, who died in Hardeman County, Tenn., in 1828, at the age of thirty-nine years. He was a Missionary Baptist minister and a man of worthy principles. The mother, Catharine De Priest, was born in Georgia. She came to Arkansas with the subject of this sketch in 1855, and died in 1863, at the age of seventy-six years. There were twelve children born to their marriage, of whom Randolph D. was the next to the eldest of the family. The family in 1824 moved to west Tennessee, but he received his education in Tennessee after his marriage, principally by his own exertions. Upon reaching manhood, he was honored by an election to the offices of treasurer and clerk of Hardeman County, serving from 1844 till 1848, and was also a land office official two years. He then came to Arkansas in 1855, and located at what was

then known as Rapp's Barrens, but in the neighborhood of Mountain Home, and sold goods there, meeting with success. Before the county was organized he built the first house here, and sold goods until 1885, when he sold out and retired from business. His operations were very extensive and he accumulated a fortune and won a wide reputation. In 1874 he was elected to represent the then new county of Baxter in the State Legislature and was the first representative of the county—the only office he has held in the State and the only office he has ever sought. After reconstruction days he was magistrate, and made an able official. In 1861 he enlisted in the Fourteenth Arkansas Infantry as a member of Capt. Adrain's company, and was in that regiment for a time, when he was honorably discharged at Corinth, Miss. He was in the battle of Pea Ridge and other engagements of less note and was considered a brave soldier and faithfulness itself to the cause of the South. During the war he was frequently robbed by stragglers and thieves on both sides, and lost heavily, but later retrieved his losses. He was in the border warfare and consequently could not look after his property, and the result was he lost everything he valued. He has done more to advance the interests of the community in which he lives than almost any other one resident and took an active part in the organization of the college at Mountain Home. In 1828 he married Miss Gilla Dean, of Tennessee; she died in 1857, the mother of two children: Mrs. Paul and Mrs. Hicks. In 1858 Col. Casey married Mrs. Cynthia G. Joiner, but was again left a widower. In December, 1879, he married Miss Lizzie Smith, daughter of Henry B. Smith. She was born in Missouri. To this union the following children were given: Hiram, Randolph and Samuel. Col. Casey is a member of the Missionary Baptist Church; socially he is a member of the blue lodge and chapter of the A. F. & A. M., and has represented his lodge in the Grand Lodge of the State of Arkansas, and also in Tennessee. He is a Democrat and voted for Gen. Jackson in 1832, and for every Democratic President since. He is a fine man, a substantial citizen and one whom to know is to honor. Col. Casey helped remove the Cherokee Indians to the Indian Nation, and was lieutenant of a company of which Gen. Polk Neely was captain. In 1838 he helped organize the militia of Tennessee and was colonel of the One Hundred and Twenty-fourth Tennessee Militia.

JAMES MCCASKILL. This resident of Texas County, Mo., owes his nativity to Maury County, Tenn., where he was born February 13, 1854. His parents, William and Mary (Blassingame) McCaskill, were born, reared and married in Giles County, Tenn. They immigrated to Shannon County, Mo., in 1855, where they entered land and began making a home for themselves and family. Mr. McCaskill served in the Confederacy under "Old Pap" Price during most of the war and was with him in his famous raids through Arkansas and Missouri. He was captured on Pike Creek, Shannon County, but effected his escape and returned to his command. After the war he resided in Shannon County until 1876, when he moved to Texas County, where he died April 17, 1881. He and his wife are most estimable people and to them were born the following children: Eliza, James, George, John, Elizabeth, William, Zimri, Levi, Alice and Dona. The paternal grandparents were pioneer settlers of Tennessee, from the "Old North State," where they became well and favorably known. The grandfather served under "Old Hickory" in the War of 1812. James McCaskill was reared principally in Shannon County, Mo., and received but a limited education owing to the war and the scarcity of schools. He remained at home until twenty-four years of age, when he married Alcy Summers, daughter of Jesse and Ditha Summers, early settlers of Texas County, the town of Summerville, that county, being named in honor of the family May 1, 1881, Mrs. McCaskill died and three years later Mr. McCas-

kill married Miss Orpha, daughter of William and Eliza Wekley, who moved to Missouri from McLean County, Ill. Since locating at Summerville Mr. McCaskill has been engaged in merchandising, milling, farming and stock dealing and is one of the progressive and public-spirited citizens of Texas County. He has held the position of postmaster at Summerville and has been a lifelong Democrat.

ANDREW J. BOLINGER, a merchant at Grant, Bowen Township, Madison County, Ark., was born near Cumberland Gap, Claiborne County, Tenn., June 6, 1822, and is a son of Fred and Polly (Hunter) Bolinger. His grandfather, Fred Bolinger, was a native of Pennsylvania, and went to North Carolina, and from there to east Tennessee, with a family of twenty children, seventeen of whom lived to maturity. He then removed from Tennessee to Illinois, and nine years later went to Arkansas, dying in War Eagle Township in 1840. His widow died soon after in her ninetieth year. Fred Bolinger, Jr., grew to manhood in Tennessee, and came to Arkansas with his family in 1850, locating on his present place of residence. To him and wife these children were born: Andrew J., Henry H., Bethma, Emily, Isaac H., Lucinda, Hester Ann, Mary and Rachel R. Our subject remained at home until twenty-six years of age, when he married, and located in 1850 where he now lives. He has been engaged in blacksmithing until the last few years, which have been spent in the mercantile business. He has been justice of the peace a number of years, and also postmaster. Sarah Newport became his wife in 1843, and has borne eight children: William H., Mary Ann, Asa M., Bethema, A. J. and Henry R. Olive and Elizabeth are deceased. Mrs. Bolinger's father was a minister, and both Mr. and Mrs. Bolinger are active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Bolinger is a stanch Republican, and during the war worked in the Government blacksmith shops.

THOMAS W. FANCHER, a prominent farmer of Carroll County, Ark., was born in Overton County, Tenn., on January 24, 1833. He is a son of James and Elizabeth (Carlock) Fancher, natives of North Carolina and Tennessee, respectively. When twelve years of age James Fancher removed from his native State to Tennessee. After his marriage in the latter State he located on a farm and resided there until 1838, when he came to Carroll County, Ark. Locating on a farm, he spent the remainder of his life here, and died on June 8, 1866. His widow is still living (1888). James Fancher served as a private in the War of 1812. In 1842 he represented Carroll County in the Arkansas Legislature. Thomas W. Fancher grew to manhood on his father's farm, and on July 9, 1857, was married to Elizabeth B. Sneed, a daughter of Charles Sneed. She was born and reared in the neighborhood of her present home. After his marriage Mr. Fancher located on a part of his present farm. The place now contains 500 acres, of which 230 acres are under cultivation and finely improved. Mr. and Mrs. Fancher have a family of ten children, viz.: James, Wilburn H., Martha J. (a widow, who resides with her parents), Mary D. (one of the county teachers), Polk, Charles R., Wilkins H., Bessie May, Joseph J. and Jesse. Both Mr. and Mrs. Fancher are earnest Christians. She is a member of the Methodist Church, and he of the Cumberland Presbyterian. In 1862 Mr. Fancher enlisted in the Confederate Army, and was assigned to the Fourth Arkansas Infantry. Later he was placed in Herrell's battalion, and served until hostilities ceased, acting part of the time as first lieutenant. Among other engagements he participated in the battles of Prairie Grove, Poison Springs and Mark's Mills. His regiment was disbanded in Texas, after which he returned home, arriving in June, 1865. Mr. Fancher is a charter member of Osage Masonic Lodge, and is a Master Mason.

CHARLES GALLOWAY. In the veins of the gentleman whose name heads this sketch flows sterling Scotch blood, for his paternal grandfather, James Galloway, was born in the land of "thistles and oatmeal," of Scotch parents. He immigrated to this country from the land of his birth in early manhood and later settled in the district known as the old Crab Orchard, Ky. He was the founder of the family in this country, and eventually passed from life in Knox County, Tenn. He was one of the pioneers of that State, was active in its development, and took part in a number of engagements with the Indians, when his home and that of his neighbors was threatened. Politically he is a Democrat. He reared a family of four sons and five daughters, Jesse Galloway, the father of the subject of this sketch, being one of the former and a native of the "dark and bloody ground." He was taken to Tennessee when quite small, and after residing there until about sixty years of age he removed to Indiana, and in 1839 became a resident of Barry County, Mo., of which place he was a resident until his death ten years later. Like his father before him he was a Democrat, and also like him he was active in assisting in the settlement of his section, which at that time was in a very wild state, inhabited by plenty of wild game of various kinds. He took part in the Creek, Seminole and Cherokee Indian Wars, and was also a participant in the War of 1812. He was married in Tennessee to Miss Williams, who bore him three children: Dilla, Lonie and Sallie, and after the death of his first wife he again married in Tennessee, his second wife bearing him eight children: Mariah, Peggie, Elizabeth, Charles (the subject of this sketch), Alexander, Caroline, Mary and one who died in infancy. The mother died in Morgan County, Ind., in 1836, her birth having occurred in Tennessee, she being a member of a prominent old family of that State by the name of Caldwell. The father's third marriage was to a Mrs. Coons, who bore him three children: Melville, Anna and Francis. The last wife is still living, though advanced in years, in Berry County, Mo. Charles Galloway, whose name heads this sketch, was born in Knox County, Tenn., October 5, 1825, a son of Jesse Galloway, mentioned above. He grew to manhood in Barry County, Mo., and as game was very abundant in those days he became a skillful marksman. When the Mexican War came up he enlisted as a private in Company G, Third Regiment of Missouri Mounted Volunteers, which company was raised in the vicinity of Springfield and was commanded by Capt. Samuel A. Booke. It was sent up the Rio Grande River, and until the war closed was engaged in fighting with the Indians. Mr. Galloway rose to the rank of major, and while fighting with the Apaches was wounded in the foot, from which he yet suffers considerably. He returned to Springfield after the war ended and arriving on election day he cast his vote for Cass and Butler. He was married in 1849, immediately purchased the old homestead and with his young bride settled down to farming, which ideal country life was broken in upon by the bursting of the war cloud which had so long hovered over the country in 1861. The country round about was at that time infested by bushwhackers, and after a number of cold-blooded murders Charles Galloway, without waiting for authority, organized a company in Stone County (formerly Barry) and tendered his services to Gen. Lyon, at Springfield, who at first ordered the company to remain on home guard duty, but he participated in the Dug Creek fight and returned to Lyon just after the battle of Wilson's Creek, having scouted for him. He and his men protected the families that had been threatened by bushwhackers, and in his vigilance and activity made it rather warm for these desperadoes during 1861–62. His capture was very much desired by the guerrillas and Capt Galloway was in one quite severe engagement with the noted guerrilla chief, Bledsoe, and while the latter lost fifteen men, only one of his own men

went down. He afterward made his report to Gen. Lyon and by that brave and gallant chieftian was made a scout and was requested to ascertain where Gen. Price had his forces, and this he succeeded in doing satisfactorily, and also in finding out the size of the force commanded by Price. Although he was out on scouting duty when the battle of Wilson's Creek began, he heard the firing of the guns eight miles away and hurried back to Gen. Lyon's assistance and fought bravely all that day. Upon learning that the battle was lost and that Gen. Lyon was killed, he made his way to Stone County and succeeded in organizing a company which he later turned over to Gen. Fremont. He was frequently sent out on scouting expeditions under Col. John M. Richardson, the chief of scouts of Missouri. He was captured with twenty others of his company by 150 Confederates sent out for that purpose, was taken to Keithsville, and was confined in a corn crib for two days and nights, being allowed one meal every twenty-four hours. He was then taken before Judge Bird, and when asked by him if he was willing to join the Southern Army, he replied that he was not, and when in imminent danger of being hung, friends came to his relief and he returned home. Fourteen days before the battle of Pea Ridge he again became a scout, and by gaining timely information saved a large train of supplies from being cut off by the enemy. In 1862 he was made a captain in the First Arkansas Cavalry, and on August 7 was mustered into the service. On September 19 he and others captured the town of Cassville, Mo., killed fifteen and captured twenty men. On October 18 Capt. Galloway was ordered to Elk Horn and Lovejoy, and while there did much dangerous scouting. December 1 he was sent out with a company of 100 men to break up Ewart's band of marauders, and found them about fifteen miles north of Fayetteville, Ark., where they had a fight, in which Ewarts and one other man were killed and several wounded. Capt. Galloway seemed specially adapted to this line of work, for he was brave, determined, had a thorough knowledge of the country, and when told to do a certain thing was disposed to do it. He gave valuable assistance to the Union cause, and his name will long be remembered by those whom he protected during the times of lawless border warfare. He was in many engagements through Missouri and Arkansas, and on January 4, 1863, with only twenty men, made a dash into Ozark, Ark., and when ordered to halt gave his characteristic order to charge, the result being that a number of prisoners were taken, also several horses, and a number of guns, and some stores destroyed. He was also sent to Crawford County to break up the gang of Peter Mankin's desperadoes, who were supposed to be hiding there, and while en route had a fight with Col. Dorsey near Ozark, in which he had only one man wounded, while he repulsed a large force of the enemy, and killed a number. Near Wilson's farm, in Crawford County, he learned that the band of desperadoes, numbering thirty men, were just across the Arkansas River, in the canebrake, and he wisely decided it was impracticable to attack them, while Capt. Travis, who was with him, insisted upon doing so, and was killed with several of his men. After the war he settled at what is now Galloway Station, having purchased the land prior to the close of the war; but the cyclone of 1880 destroyed his house there, and his wife was killed. Their marriage occurred in February, 1849, her maiden name being Susan Carney, a native of Illinois, and daughter of Judge Thomas Carney, who came from Edwards County, Ill., to Barry County, Mo., where he was called from life. To Mr. and Mrs. Galloway eleven children were born, nine of whom are living: Catherine, wife of Richard King, is living in Idaho; Thomas is a farmer in Kansas; Jesse is a resident of Greene County, Mo.; Nathaniel is a resident of Oregon; Charles; Susan J., wife of D. Thompson, is a resident of Greene County; Absalom is a farmer of Kansas; Alexander

resides in Greene County; two, George and Sarah, died in infancy, and Andrew Jackson, the youngest, still makes his home with his father. After his house was destroyed and his wife killed, Mr. Galloway bought the farm on which he is residing, and is now living retired from the active duties of life. He was born October 15, 1825, and is therefore now in his sixty-eighth year. He has always been a Democrat politically, and has ever manifested much interest in the political affairs of his section, but has never been a seeker after office. He has long been connected with the Baptist Church, and socially was at one time a Mason. He has been successful as a business man, and his farm of 220 acres is considered one of the most valuable in the county. He has frequently owned much more than this, but finds that his present estate is all he can look after properly. He is a man of sterling principles, of an agreeable and genial disposition, and that he may live to goodly old age is the wish of all who know him.

WALDO G. GIDEON is one of the rising young attorneys of Springfield, who began the practice of law at the Greene County bar under the favorable circumstances of possessing an excellent general education and an accurate knowledge of law, besides coming from a family well known throughout southwest Missouri. He was born in Christian County, Mo., May 26, 1871, and is the son of Thomas J. Gideon, Esq., a prominent attorney of Springfield. (See sketches of Thomas J. and J. J. Gideon.) Waldo G. Gideon graduated at the Central High School, 1890, and then took a business course at the Southwestern Commercial College of Springfield. He then read law one year in his father's office, then attended the Columbian University at Washington, D. C., from which he graduated in the spring of 1893, and was admitted to the Missouri bar in September of the same year. He entered upon the practice of his chosen profession, in company with his father, under the firm name of Gideon & Gideon. Mr. Gideon is a young man of excellent character and good business ability. He is industrious and able, has more than ordinary enterprise, and his prospects of success are assured. He is a member of the Christian Church, and in politics a Republican.

LILBURN H. MURRAY, Springfield. The gentleman whose name heads this sketch is one of the best known men in Greene County. For many years engaged in business enterprises in which his name was always a synonym of integrity, he has in more recent years been the proprietor and publisher of the *Springfield Democrat*, which he has conducted in a liberal and able manner. He springs from sterling Scotch-Irish stock. John Murray, the father of our subject, was born in North Carolina, and received the common education of his day, and married Sarah Luttele, in Tennessee, where he lived some time. After marriage, 1834, he moved to Crawford County, Mo., where he settled on a farm. He came to Greene County in 1835, and settled seven miles north of Springfield; 1837 he settled in what is now Murray Township, where he died in 1867. He was one of the substantial men of his township, owning 700 acres of land and some slaves. He reared a large family of children: James A.; M. L.; John K.; Marshall C., who died at sixty years of age, the father of a family; L. H.; Rhoda M.; Arimentia T. and David L. All the children except L. H. were born in Tennessee, within twenty miles of Knoxville. Mr. Murray was one of the prominent pioneers of Greene County. In religious opinion he was a Methodist, one of the founders of the Methodist Church in this county. His house was the home of the Methodist circuit riders of those early days, and many interesting religious meetings were held there. He was a Democrat in political opinions, and held the office of justice of the peace in his township, and county judge. He lived to the age of sixty-

eight years. He was one of the honored and respected citizens in those early days. L. H. Murray, son of the above, born in Crawford County, Mo., September 15, 1835, on his father's farm, received the common-school education of his day and was reared a farmer. He began his business life as a stock-drover and trader, driving horses, mules and cattle to Independence, Mo. He was engaged in this business until the spring of 1857, then crossed the plains to California, as one of the owners of a herd of cattle. He rode a mule all the way. He remained in California nine years engaged in mercantile business, running a ranch in Napa County. He married in that county Areeneth L., daughter of Young A. and Almira (Thompson) Anderson. Mr. Anderson went from Greene County, Mo., in 1855. Mr. Murray returned to Springfield in 1866, engaged in the hardware and implement business in company with John McGregor, in 1867. He continued this business for nine years, during which time they prospered. He then engaged in farming, purchasing 300 acres of land three miles south of Springfield. He carried on this farm for six years, mostly engaged in stockraising and trading, which business he conducted successfully. He then, in 1877, was one of a company of Springfield men who bought the Kansas City and Memphis Railroad, and Mr. Murray was elected president. It was at that time simply a road bed and this company put it on a moving basis and operated it until June, 1879, when they sold it to the Gulf Railroad. In politics Mr. Murray is a stanch Democrat, who has always been true to his political friends. In 1871 he was elected mayor of Springfield, and in 1874 was elected to the State Legislature. In September, 1881, he revisited California on a pleasure trip. In 1885 he was elected president of the Exchange Bank, which he had assisted to organize in 1883, and held this office until January, 1893. Mr. Murray was one of the founders of the *Springfield Democrat*, and in 1892 bought the entire property. Since that time he has been sole proprietor and publisher. The *Democrat* is the ablest and best conducted newspaper in southwest Missouri. Mr. Murray was a member of the County Court for six years. He is a public-spirited man and a general promoter of public enterprise, notably the Springfield foundry, railroad, etc. Socially he is one of the members of the Masonic fraternity. Mr. Murray is a Methodist and has liberally assisted all the Springfield churches without regard to denomination. To Mr. and Mrs. Murray have been born seven children: Harry B., Lilly Y., Frank E., N. A., Jessie, W. D. and Elton B.

JUDGE W. I. WALLACE. Biography should be written for the sake of its lessons; that men everywhere may place themselves in contact with facts and affairs, and build themselves up to and into a life of excellence, where they may keep and augment their individuality. For this reason a sketch of Judge W. I. Wallace is here given, his career having been both honorable and useful. He was born in the Green Mountains, Franklin County, Mass., December 25, 1840, his parents being Zebina and Lucinda (French) Wallace, who were of Scotch-Irish lineage. The Wallaces trace their genealogical ancestry back to the earliest colonists immigrating to Massachusetts. The paternal grandfather, Seth Wallace, was born in that State, but became an early settler of the Empire State, where he followed the occupation of farming, a calling which received the attention of most of the members of his family. He had fought his country's battles as a soldier of the Revolution, during which time he was noted for his bravery and faithfulness to the Colonial cause. Zebina Wallace resided in Vermont until 1859, then moved to Dane County, Wis., where he became the owner and resided on a farm near Madison until his death, which occurred in 1881. He learned the trade of tanning in his youth, but his last days were spent on a farm. His mother died in 1883, having borne her

husband nine sons, seven of whom are living: William, Christopher, Dewitt C., Jonathan C., Francis E., Washington I. and Joseph W. One remarkable fact in connection with this family is that on the father's side the grandfather and father died at the age of eighty-five years, and on the mother's side the grandparents died at the age of eighty-five and eighty-four years, respectively. Judge Wallace spent the first fifteen years of his life in his native county, then removed with his parents to Wisconsin, in which State his literary education was acquired. Being desirous of fitting himself for a professional life he chose the law course, for which he seemed to have a natural aptitude and a decided inclination, and for the purpose of fitting himself for this career he entered the Law Department of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, from which he graduated in 1866, having two years previously graduated from the University of Wisconsin. After finishing his law course he came directly to Lebanon, Mo., where he entered into partnership with A. D. Groesbeck, a leading attorney and a very estimable gentleman, which firm continued as Groesbeck & Wallace until Mr. Groesbeck's death, which occurred in 1870. Since that date Mr. Wallace has continued the practice alone and his unusual ability has won for him a large practice and much prominence. He has always been a man of quick perception, one of those who speak out boldly from conviction, and while a practitioner he commanded the respect of the court and his arguments carried convincing weight. In 1868 he was elected prosecuting attorney, serving until 1870, and six years later he was elected a member of the State Senate, in which he served faithfully four years. In 1884 he was elected to the position of circuit judge (his circuit comprising seven counties), and to this position he was reëlected two years later and has since held it by reëlection. He has held several other offices of trust and has filled all in an honorable and satisfactory manner. His long career on the bench has been marked by the utmost judicial ability, the soundest of judgment, impartial fairness and a correct judgment of men and motives, and to the honorable position which he fills he has added luster and honor. In 1863 he enlisted in Company D, Fortieth Wisconsin Infantry, and served until the regiment was mustered out, and although he was offered an officer's position he declined to accept. He participated in many severe skirmishes and was a brave and gallant soldier. He was married in 1876 to Miss Louisa Groesbeck, by whom he has one child, Clara. Judge Wallace and his wife are members of the Congregational Church, and he is also a member of the Masonic fraternity, in which he has passed all the degrees.

THOMAS J. GIDEON is one of the leading attorneys practicing at the Springfield bar and a man who served his country faithfully as a soldier and bears the honored scars of wounds received in her defense. He is the son of William C. Gideon, an honored pioneer of Christian County. (See sketch of Judge James J. Gideon.) He was born on his father's farm in Christian County January 24, 1845. He received the common education of the district school in the old log pioneer schoolhouse of those days. After the war he attended a private academy in Springfield for two years and thus gained a good education. On March 5, 1862, he enlisted in Company F, Fourteenth Regiment, Missouri State Militia, same company and regiment as his father, being then eighteen years of age. He was appointed corporal and our young soldier was in the battle of Ozark, Mo., Talbot Ferry, Ark., Turner Station and Springfield. At this last battle he was wounded by a piece of shell which ruined his left hand and wrist. He was also struck by a ball in the head and narrowly escaped death, falling insensible on the battlefield. He was picked up by his father and carried to the rear and regained consciousness. The ball had struck him above the frontal bone, broken through the skull and losing its force

plowed through the scalp to the back of the head. He was in the hospital two months. He was discharged on account of his wounds. Not being content with his experience as a soldier and wishing to be of service to his country, in July, 1864, he recruited at Springfield, Company A, Fifty-first Missouri Infantry. In the spring of 1865 he recruited in Christian County a company of enrolled militia to exterminate the bushwhackers and horse thieves which then greatly infested the country, and was commissioned by Gov. Fletcher as first lieutenant. He acted as commander of his company, it having no captain. He was soon released from his duties on account of the close of the war. In 1866 he was elected clerk of the County and Circuit Court, and ex-officio recorder of Christian County, and held the office until 1875. On September 3, 1868, he married Letitia F., daughter of Robert H. and Emeline (Bailey) Williams, and to Mr. and Mrs. Gideon have been born five children: Mary B., Waldo G., Thomas H., Charles R. and Nellie G. In 1875 Mr. Gideon read law with his brother, Judge Gideon, and was admitted to the Missouri bar in 1877. He practiced successfully at Ozark until 1880, when he moved to Springfield, where he is now engaged in the practice of his profession and where he has built up an excellent business. Socially he is a member of the I. O. O. F., New Harmony Lodge, of Springfield, and has held all the offices in his lodge and has been a member of the order twenty-eight years. He is also a member of the Solomon Lodge of Masons, of Springfield. He is a member of the G. A. R. post, Capt. John Matthews, No. 69. In politics he is a stanch Republican. Mr. Gideon is one of those men who, when the country needed his services as a soldier, had no hesitation in facing bullets in her defense. As a lawyer and as a man he is widely known in southwest Missouri and his integrity is unimpeached.

R. L. Goode. Of the many members of the bench and bar in the West, none has awakened more respect for his character and ability than R. L. Goode, of Springfield, Mo. He is descended from a long line of honorable ancestors who were noted for their patriotism and love of liberty. The family of Goode first became represented in this country by two brothers who, on account of their religious belief, were compelled to leave England in 1648. They settled at Norfolk, Va., where some member of the family has resided to the present day. The original home of the family was at Whitery, Yorkshire, England, but after coming to America they identified themselves with American interests and upon the opening of the Revolutionary War several members of the family served in the Patriot Army, Richard S. Goode, the great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch, being a colonel in the Continental Army. The grandfather, who also bore the name of Richard S. Goode, took an important part in the War of 1812, under Col. Richard Johnson, who was also a participant in the famous Black Hawk War. Richard S. Goode at an early day settled in the wilds of Kentucky and made his home in Henry County until 1860, from which time until 1868 Jefferson County, of the same State, became his home, following which his residence was in Jefferson County, Mo. He has always been a Democrat in politics, is still living and is a resident of Springfield, which place he has called his home for the past six years. He was united in marriage to Miss Martitia E. Guthrie, and by her he became the father of four children, a daughter named Virginia dying in infancy; Martitia, who lived to maturity, a son who died in infancy and R. L., who is the only surviving member of this family. The mother of these children died in Lawrence County, Mo., in 1876. William T. Goode was born in Henry County, Ky. In the late Civil War there were 100 men by the name of Goode who took part in the struggle and all but three were members of the Confederate Army. R. L. Goode was born in Henry County, Ky., February 4, 1855,

and up to the age of twelve years his life was spent on a farm. At that time his father moved to Missouri and he was soon after put to school in Jefferson College, Kentucky, and later graduated from Drury College in 1876. Following this he was principal of the Springfield schools for two years, from 1876 to 1878, 1879 being spent as principal of the schools. Immediately thereafter he began the practice of law, having prepared himself for this profession with Col. Jerry Cravens, and the day he was admitted to the bar he became a partner with his preceptor, and since that time they have been associated, and during these long years that he has been a member of the bar he has handled many important law cases and almost without exception has brought them to a termination in favor of his client. He is a gentleman of high personal character, and literary and legal attainments. He is possessed of a judicial cast of mind, a clear insight, cautious and deliberate judgment, and a thoroughness which leaves no effort untried in the management of business intrusted to him; is a clear and forcible debater, and both in court and public life exercises a marked and increasing influence; a man of courteous and pleasing manners, upright in character, and public spirited in all his actions. He has been employed on some of the most important cases that have come up in the West, and in connection with Col. John A. Day assisted in the defense of the St. Louis & Frisco Railroad, in what was known as the "Granger Cases," growing out of alleged exorbitant freight charges. He was also attorney for the Springfield Gas Light Company in litigation, which has become a part of the history of the city, assisted in the defense of John W. Vaughn and Theodore Morrison, as well as taking part in similiar important cases. Not only is he attorney for the Springfield Gas Light Company, but also the Springfield Electric Light Company, the Springfield Wagon Company and the Central National Bank. He is a director in the Gas and Electric Light Companies, the Central National Bank, and is interested in other enterprises of importance. He is a large real estate owner in city and country property, and has shown excellent judgment in looking after his business affairs. His long practice has made him a wise counselor and valuable assistant for many of the lawyers who seek his advice. Mr. Goode was married in 1885 to Miss Estella B. Maurer, daughter of Manuel Maurer, of this city. She is a native of Fremont, Ohio, and has borne her husband two children: Grace, who is seven years of age, and Katherine, who is three years old. Mr. Goode and his family attend the Calvary Presbyterian Church, of which Mrs. Goode is a member. They have a pretty and home-like residence at 588 East Walnut Street, where they dispense a generous and sincere hospitality.

BRADFORD NORBURY. Bradford Norbury has made his home in Greene County, Mo., since 1862, and has become widely and favorably known to its citizens. He owes his nativity to Dane County, Wis., where he was born February 5, 1835, a son of Thomas E. and Anna (Dickson) Norbury, the former of whom was born in Ireland and came to America in 1834. He was married in his native land and after coming to this country located near Lockport, N. Y., where he engaged extensively in the manufacture of woolen goods, but after a very short residence there moved to Wisconsin and began tilling the soil, but died before his hopes of making a competence for his family were realized. His widow still continued to live on the farm until 1841 when she also died, leaving a family of three sons and two daughters: Elizabeth, who became the wife of a Mr. Charlesworth, died at about the age of forty years; George, who went to California in search of gold in 1849, has never been heard of since, and is undoubtedly dead; William became a resident of New Jersey, and is deceased; Mary, who died in her early girlhood; and Bradford, who is the only surviving member of the family. After the death

of the mother the family separated, after selling the home farm and dividing the proceeds, and, although Bradford was only six years old at this time, he continued to make his home in Dane County with friends and obtained a fair education in the common schools of that section. At the age of twenty-one he went to Milwaukee, and later to New York City, where he remained a few months, then returned to Milwaukee in which place he made his home for about a year. He learned the trade of a blacksmith when a boy and while in Milwaukee followed that occupation. Upon leaving that city he went to St. Louis, where he remained some two years, after which he went to Rolla, Mo., in which place he made his home from 1859 to 1862, running a blacksmith and wagon shop and manufacturing plows. He has been a resident of Greene County since 1862, and soon after locating in Springfield was appointed master mechanic of the Government shops at Rolla, and in 1861 transferred from Rolla to Springfield, a position he held until the close of the war. After the close of hostilities he was transferred to Fort Reilly and served in the same capacity until October, 1866, when he received his discharge. During the war he was located most of the time at Springfield, the shops being situated where Everett's planing mill now stands on Phelps Avenue. Since then he has been engaged in general blacksmithing and farming, following the first occupation two years and the latter the remainder of the time, becoming the owner of his present farm of 143 acres, situated four miles east of Springfield. Since then he has been engaged in general farming and has dealt in stock to some extent. Everything about his place indicates that he is a man of thrift and energy, for his buildings and fences are kept in good repair and his stock is as good as can be found in Greene County. Near his residence is a fine spring of clear and cold running water, and on other portions of his farm are good streams, which make his place an admirable one for the raising of stock. Nearly all the land is under cultivation and in all respects it is one of the most valuable places in the county, due largely to Mr. Norbury's industry and good judgment in its improvement and cultivation. Mr. Norbury has always been a firm Democrat and takes a deep and active interest in political matters. He is a master Mason and has made a success of his efforts to win a competency for himself and those dear to him. He is a member of the Christian Church, in which he is also a trustee, and of this church his wife, whom he married May 15, 1864, and whose maiden name was Victoria A. Maupin, is also a member. She is a daughter of A. W. and Margaret (Adams) Maupin, both of whom were from Madison County, Ky., members of the first families in the State. He emigrated to Missouri and settled in Boone County in 1820, or about that time, but about 1835 became a resident of Greene County, and until his death, which occurred in 1858, was a resident of Springfield. He was a carriage maker and conducted a large business in his line on Boonville Street. He was a very prominent business man of Springfield in his day, and was an active member of the Christian Church. His wife died in Ozark County while there on a visit to a daughter in 1884, being quite advanced in years and one of the oldest residents of the county. She was born in Kentucky in 1813, and became the mother of nine children, three of whom are living: Phœbe married William Victor and died in 1860; Martha married Mr. Campbell, and after his death Mr. Hightower, and died in 1861; Gorton died in 1866, having been a soldier in the Forty-sixth Regiment, and orderly sergeant of Company A, leaving a wife and two children; Lucy, who died in 1885, was the wife of A. Fisher, of Ozark County; James T. is living in the Choctaw Nation, is a farmer and a man of family (he was a soldier in the Sixth Missouri Cavalry); Victoria (Mrs. Norbury); Mary, who married F. Duffy, died in 1882, in Rich Hill, Mo.; Fannie is the wife of Andrew Myers

and lives in Springfield; and Archie, who died when young. Mrs. Norbury was born in Springfield May 14, 1843, on Boonville Street, near the public square, and obtained a good education in the public schools and in Carlton College. She has borne her husband three sons and three daughters: Winnifred, born April 28, 1867, the wife of W. C. McBee, of Marion County, Ark., of which place he is a merchant (they have one child, Lucy); Charles F. was born July 12, 1869, married Jennie Shockley and has one child, Mary Victoria (they live at Springfield; Charles is in the employ of the Springfield Grocery Company); Edwin was born March 8, 1873, and is still assisting his father on the farm; Anna E. was born in June, 1876, and is also at home with her parents; two died in infancy. The family attend the Washington Avenue Christian Church and stand high in the estimation of the people of the county. Mr. Norbury carries on blacksmithing on his farm, but for some years has given it but little attention. He has everything about him that heart could wish, a pleasant and comfortable home, and a fine orchard, grapery, etc.

DANIEL CURRAN KENNEDY is the founder of *The Leader*, the oldest newspaper in Springfield, a breezy sheet, which enjoys a good circulation and is published in the interests of the community, especial attention being paid to local affairs, making it a history of the events that transpire in this locality. Moreover it reviews intelligently the public issues of the day, and its advertising columns are well filled and show that the business community of Springfield and neighboring towns appreciate it as a medium for making themselves known to the people at large. The intelligent and able editor of this journal is a native of Dublin, Ireland, where he was born February 14, 1842. His father, Michael Kennedy, was obliged to flee from Ireland on account of political complications, and in 1843 came to America with his family and settled on land in Alabama, where he became a tiller of the soil. Later he came West to Missouri, settled at St. Louis and engaged in steamboating on the Mississippi River, rising to the rank of captain. He prospered in this business and continued it until his death, which occurred about 1853. He was a Democrat politically, and he and his wife, Elizabeth Candron, whom he married in Dublin, were devout members of the Catholic Church, and in that faith reared their children: Catherine, Anthony, Mary, William and Daniel C., all of whom were born in the Isle of Erin. Daniel Curran Kennedy was educated in the public schools at St. Louis, after which he attended a commercial college for some time, where he acquired a sound and practical education. Upon leaving this institution, he, in 1858, began the study of law, and in 1867 was admitted to the bar, the interruption in his legal studies being caused by his enlistment in the Confederate Army at the breaking out of the war. He was first a member of the Missouri State Guards, and on May 6, 1861, his regiment was encamped at St. Louis. On the 10th of that month an attack was made by the Federals under Gen. Lyon, and the entire brigade under Gen. D. M. Frost were taken prisoners, and Mr. Kennedy was paroled and exchanged in December, 1861. He then enlisted in Guiber's battery, Green's brigade, with which he served from the battle of Pea Ridge through the Vicksburg campaign, where Gen. Green was killed and Col. F. M. Cockrell was promoted to brigadier-general. He was in the battles of Camp Jackson, Pea Ridge, Ark., after which he was transferred east of the river, and was at Shiloh, Corinth, Iuka, the second battle of Corinth, Grand Gulf, Champion Hill, Big Black, thence to Vicksburg, in which engagement he was taken prisoner and sent to a parol camp where he remained until December, 1863, after which he was in the battle of Franklin and the Atlanta campaign. He first held the rank of sergeant, then quarter-

master-sergeant, and after the battle of Vicksburg was promoted to lieutenant. On April 9 his brigade was disbanded near the city of Mobile, and he returned to St. Louis with a view of becoming a lawyer, but owing to the Missouri Constitution of 1865, which debarred any person who was engaged in the Confederate service from practicing law, preaching the Gospel or holding any office of honor or trust, etc., he was unable to resume his legal career. By the advice of friends he came to Springfield in 1867, and established the *Springfield Leader*. Some time after the law of prohibition having been declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court of the United States, Mr. Kennedy was examined and admitted to the Missouri bar, St. Louis, in 1867. He, however, continued his newspaper enterprise, and *The Leader* has continued to be published to the present time, as it was established on broad Democratic principles. In the years immediately following the war the paper experienced great opposition, the bitterness of war partisanship freely expressing itself, at times to such an extent as to endanger the personal safety of the editor and employes of the paper. *The Leader* was fearless and outspoken and advocated its principles so freely, as it saw fit, that in those days a man was considered disloyal who was one of its patrons. At one time, after an exceedingly bitter political campaign, the office building was destroyed by fire, the work of an incendiary. In 1890 a substantial and commodious brick building was erected as the home of *The Leader*, and the facilities for publication were increased. In size and editorial ability it compares favorably with its contemporaries, and is recognized as the leading Democratic organ in that section of the county, if not in the Southwest. Whatever cause he sustained he espoused because he believed it with his whole heart, and being a man of strong convictions, whatever he believed in he clung to with tenacity. He is a versatile writer—decidedly original, sometimes unique, and always interesting and entertaining. Nothing is suffered to lag that he takes hold of, and the success of the paper, which was started with very small capital and in the interests of an unpopular cause, has been due to his push and perseverance. It has been a great benefit to the town of Springfield, for it has always advocated all public improvement, and is decidedly public spirited in its tone. Mr. Kennedy has been liberal with his means in behalf of public improvement, and assisted in the erection of the St. Louis & Santa Fe Railroad, being one of the delegates of Springfield men who visited the State Legislature in 1868, and secured the passage of an act for its establishment. About the same time Mr. Kennedy advocated in his paper the construction of a railroad from Kansas City to Springfield and Memphis, which resulted in the building of the Kansas City, Fort Scott & Memphis Railroad, to which Greene County subscribed $400,000. Mr. Kennedy has also given liberally of his means for the building of mills, foundries, the Metropolitan Hotel and the Gulf Railroad shops, the Sewerage Water Works, street car lines, besides many other enterprises of a like nature. In 1887 he was appointed by Gov. Marmaduke, without solicitation, as a member of the Board of Managers of the Insane Asylum No. 3, at Nevada, Mo., and was reappointed by Govs. Morehouse, Francis and Stone. While at all times active in politics, and arduous in his devotion to his political friends, he has never been an office seeker. Socially he is a Mason of Solomon Lodge No. 271, Springfield, and in the chapter has held the offices of high priest, captain of the host, master of the veil, and in St. John's Commandery has held the office of captain-general. He is also a member of Aarat Temple of the Mystic Shrine, and a non-affiliated Knight of Pythias and Odd Fellow. He was married November 20, 1866, to Miss Lulu Boyd, daughter of Hon. Marcus and Lucinda (Price) Boyd, and to their union three children have been born: Robert L., Daniel C. and Norman. Both Mr. and

Mrs. Kennedy are members of the Episcopal Church, and have many and faithful friends, consequent on their correct mode of living.

THOMAS J. DELANEY. To become distinguished at the bar requires not only capacity, but also sound judgment and persevering industry. These qualifications are combined in no gentleman at the Greene County bar to a greater extent than in Thomas J. Delaney. A careful and accurate adviser, and an earnest and conscientious advocate, his success at the bar has been achieved by the improvement of opportunities, by untiring diligence, and by close study and a correct judgment of men and motives. Like so many of the eminent men of the present day his early career was not a very auspicious one and gave no hints of the honor that was to come to him in later years. He was born in the city of New Orleans May 10, 1859, a son of James Delaney, who lost his life while serving for the South in the great civil strife of 1861, being fatally wounded at the siege of Corinth. He was a native of Ireland, but became a citizen of America in 1850, first making his home in the city of Brooklyn, and in 1859 removing to New Orleans, in which city his widow still resides. To their union a family of five children were given, the following of whom are living: Mary (Kearney), of Springfield, Mo.; Jennie (Bevens), of McComb, Miss., and Thomas J. The education of the latter was acquired in Mary's College, New Orleans, in which institution he enjoyed excellent instruction and made the most of his opportunities. In April, 1874, he came to Springfield, Mo., and took up the study of law in May, 1878, with F. S. Pfefferman, but gave it up for a time to engage in railroading, which he continued until October of the same year, at which time he entered the Law Department of the Washington University of St. Louis, from which he graduated with first honors in 1880, in a class comprising forty-two members, many of whom are now prominent attorneys of Missouri. Mr. Delaney entered upon the practice of his profession in St. Louis as a partner of Brillian A. Hill, but on account of ill health left that city in April, 1881, and came to Springfield, having been married in St. Louis in December, 1880, to Miss Cordie Boyd, daughter of Hon. S. H. Boyd, of this city. Since he has made his home at this place he has been actively engaged in the practice of law, and gives attention to both civil and criminal practice. He has been a lifelong Democrat, has taken a deep interest in politics, and in 1882 was elected by his party to the office of city attorney of Springfield, serving that year and during 1883. In the latter year he was appointed prosecuting attorney of Greene County, which position he filled until 1885, when he refused to be renominated. After the defeat of Cleveland in 1888, he was appointed assistant United States District Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, and under Harrison's administration he tendered his resignation. In 1890 he was elected a member of the State Central Committee, representing the old Thirteenth District, and in 1892 he was elected to the same position to represent the new Seventh District. For a number of years he was associated in the practice of his profession with his father-in-law, Hon. S. H. Boyd (from 1885 to 1890), and the firm proved a strong one and became widely and favorably known. He and his wife have one child living, James Boyd, who was born July 2, 1882.

JUDGE JOHN ROWLETT WOODSIDE (deceased). This gentleman was born in Calloway County, Ky., in the Kentucky Purchase, in 1814. He was self educated and from Kentucky removed to Scott County, Mo., and later to Oregon County, and was engaged in school teaching for some time, but while teaching he broke his shoulder which forced him to other pursuits. He took up law and was soon admitted to practice, and later was made State attorney. He was a member of the State Legislature when the secession ordinance was passed.

During the early part of the war he served as a recruiting officer for the Confederacy for a time, when he was captured and imprisoned at St. Louis for some time when he was released upon his honor. After the war in 1872 he was elected district judge which position he filled with distinction and ability for fourteen years. He made the circuit on horseback and frequently was compelled to swim the swollen streams. He was a Democrat but never allowed politics to interfere with his canvass for the judgeship. He was a master Mason and a member of the Southern Methodist Church for fully thirty-five years. He died February 28, 1887, one of the most honored and prominent characters who ever resided in Oregon County. He was married in Scott County, Mo., to Miss Emily H. Old, who still survives and is the mother of eight children, five of whom are living, and all in Oregon County.

CAPT. JAMES B. OLD, a prominent citizen of Oregon County, Mo., was born May 22, 1835, and is the son of Thomas E. and Mary E. (Posey) Old, who were born in Halifax County, Va., and lived in various places. They were married in Virginia and afterward moved to Weakley County, Tenn, and January 1, 1841, landed in Oregon County, Mo., coming through with teams, and located where Thomasville now is. They both died in 1872 at the age of seventy-two years. Mr. Old was a farmer, but practiced medicine for many years. He was educated at a prominent old Virginia institution, and was judge of Oregon County Court some years. He was a member of the Southern Methodist Church, and a Democrat in politics. His father, James Old, removed from Virginia to Tennessee, where he died. Dr. Old was quite successful financially, but lost heavily during the war, but recovered before his death. Capt. James B. Old, the subject of this article, was reared in Missouri and educated principally at Bethel Academy in Jasper County. He served in the Confederate Army from March, 1862, till July, 1863, as sergeant of Company D, Fourth Missouri Infantry. He then came home and organized a company which he commanded until his surrender at Jacksonport, Ark., at the close of the war. He was all through the Price raid. He was never wounded, but was taken prisoner at Vicksburg. After the war he engaged in farming, and for some years was also in the real estate business. For fifteen years he followed the mercantile business with success at Thomasville, but in 1888 returned to the farm. He was married in 1857 to Miss Elizabeth F. Lewis, a native of Alabama. Mr. and Mrs. Old are the parents of six children, five of whom are now living. The Captain and his wife are Methodists. He is a Democrat, is a member of the Masonic order, and is an Odd Fellow.



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