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BIOGRAPHICAL HISTORY—CONTINUED

Henry Keiser, for 50 years a prominent business man of Bloomington, was born Nov. 14, 1846, in the old Keiser home on the banks of the beautiful Cheat River in Fayette County, Pa., the oldest son of John Keiser and Esther Gans. His great great grandfather, George Balzer Gans, a native of Neuremberg, Germany, and chamberlain to the king, was persecuted for his religious beliefs and his property confiscated. He fled to Holland where was born Jacob Gans, the Pennsylvanian colonist who after his arrival married a pretty Irish lassie near Philadelphia and with a large colony of settlers crossed the mountains in 1796 to western Pennsylvania and settled near Morris Cross Roads, where numerous Gans and Keisers still flourish.

John Keiser was born in 1802 and died in 1874. He was a native of Maryland and his ancestors came to this country before the Revolution; he was a skilled millwright and a contractor in western Pennsylvania. He was married in 1845 to Esther Gans, an unusually well educated woman with advanced ideas and a strong personality. She was born in 1802 and died 1900. She was the daughter of Benjamin Gans and Margaret Schidler. She was one of the early school teachers in Pennsylvania, where subscription schools often had to supplement

the scanty public schools. She was a strict disciplinarian and the front seat was always known as the "mourner's bench", over which unruly pupils were bent for the necessary chastisement. One of her old pupils, C. S. Hall, wrote in the *Pantagraph* of May 25, 1895: "It was my privilege last week to pay a visit to Aunt Hetty Keiser, my first school teacher. Over 55 years ago one May morning I entered an old log school house with slab benches and found as my teacher Miss Esther Gans, who had the courage to break away from the theory that woman's sphere was in the home alone. Her influence has been an inspiration to me all through my life and in 27 years of teaching, whatever success I have attained is due in great part to her influence. Like Lincoln, she was in advance of her contemporaries in all questions of the day." In those days girls were not considered worthy of an education, but she was a careful reader and a keen observer and became better informed than many a college graduate. She had a great love for music and could play by ear the violin, flute, and melodeon; when past 80 she learned to play the piano.

John Keiser and wife reared four children: Elizabeth, who married A. G. Burchinal and moved to Kansas; Henry, the subject of this sketch; Sarah, who married John A. Crookshank, and lived at Randolph; and Benjamin Gans, who was a skilled mechanic with Keiser-Van Leer Company until his death. All are deceased. The father and mother came to Bloomington in 1872, where the father died two years later. The mother lived to be 98, keeping her remarkable faculties until the last. Both rest in the Stewart Cemetery near Randolph. They were members of the Church of Disciples and the children were trained in the same faith.

Henry Keiser was a thoughtful youth with a great liking for mechanics. One day the father brought home from a sale an old German grandfather clock with wooden works for the boy to play with. But he skillfully regulated the works and for 70 years it has measured time and is still a valued heirloom. His father early taught him his own trade of millwright and builder and later Henry Keiser built mills and elevators in Iowa, Illinois, Kansas and Missouri, drawing his own plans and specifications and modeling his own patterns. He was a specialist in his line and was often called into consultation on important projects.

Henry Keiser gained the foundation for his education in the common schools of Pennsylvania. He was always a thinker and reader along scientific lines. His controlling passion was industry. His mother wrote

him on his 40th birthday, "From boyhood work has been your delight. I am afraid that when the time comes that you need no longer work you will not know how to give it up and will thus miss much of the better things of life". Until he was 22 he worked with his father and then came west, as it was then called. He went first to Knoxville, Iowa, to superintend the erection of a large flouring mill, and then to Mexico, Mo., where he erected a similar plant, laying the foundation for a close friendship with William Pollock, the owner, which lasted for over 50 years.

In 1871 Mr. Keiser came to Bloomington, his home for so many years, and began business as a partner in the firm of Letellier and Conger, contractors and builders. With the addition of the young millwright the firm name was changed to Letellier, Conger & Keiser. After several years, Mr. Keiser continued the business alone. In 1900, through his sagacity and upright dealings the business had increased to such an extent that he incorporated the Keiser-Van Leer Company, with Henry Keiser as president; E. N. Brown, vice-president; and B. C. Van Leer, secretary and treasurer. At that time Mr. Keiser erected the five story brick building on North East Street, facing Main, which has since been the home of the company. A general line of heavy hardware and mechanical supplies was added to the manufacturing and machine departments.

Mr. Keiser was an inventor of some note. He invented the mattress making machine and the United Mattress Machine Company was formed with headquarters in Boston. The Keiser-Van Leer Company are the sole manufacturers of this machine, which is shipped all over the world. He invented many other ingenious devices, but was too busy to develop the financial side, preferring to let others benefit from his mechanical genius. He was a stockholder in the United Mattress Machine Company, the Pantagraph Printing & Stationery Company, and a stockholder and director in the Glasgow Milling Company of Glasgow, Mo. He became interested in the natural gas fields in Kansas and formed the Keiser Gas Company of Yates Center, Buffalo, and Burlington, Kan., of which he was president and chief stockholder. This was a very successful enterprise and in 1914 he sold his interest at a handsome profit and devoted his time to his Bloomington interests.

Henry Keiser was first married in 1882 to Barbara, daughter of W. T. and Mary (Coleman) Wood of Bloomington, who died in 1900. On Feb. 17, 1909, he married Elizabeth Twining Hall, daughter of Calvin S. Hall

and Rachael Eberhart, early pioneers of McLean County, who survives him. Their only child, Dorothy Leone, died in infancy.

Elizabeth Hall was born at Downs, Oct. 30, 1870. She received her early education in the common schools of the county, graduated from the Illinois State Normal University in 1897 and received her B. A. degree at the University of Illinois in 1900 and the M. A. degree in 1901. She did some work on her Doctor's degree at the University of Chicago. She taught in the country schools in this county and later in the high schools at Oregon, Ill., Everett, Wash., Butte, Mont., and in the State Normal School at Pittsburgh, Kan. Her parents and the Keisers were old friends in Pennsylvania and her husband's mother was her father's first school teacher. Contrary to the usual custom of husbands, Henry Keiser considered his wife a real helpmeet and always consulted her about his business deals. She thus gained a knowledge of business detail and business methods, which with her natural intelligence, good education and training in making her own living for 20 years, enabled her to look after the business during her husband's long illness and after his death.

Just after Henry Keiser had branched out in business for himself, in what is known as the old Keiser Mill on Market St., and while the expensive and up-to-date machinery for wood and iron working was being installed, the entire building through the carelessness of a workman was destroyed by fire with quantities of patterns impossible to replace. There was no insurance and the accumulation of years of hard work and saving was swept away. The young millwright stood so high in the estimation of Bloomington business men that they voluntarily subscribed a sufficient amount to start him again. After his death this list of friends in need was found carefully kept among his most valued possessions.

At a dinner party given by Mr. Keiser in 1909 at the Illinois Hotel to his business associates and their wives, F. P. Casey wrote very clever verses, eulogizing the host:

"At this festal board assembled together,
In happiest mood regardless of weather,
We have represented each business and trade
In which our good host has entered and stayed.

Success in these lines is quite largely due,
To help of our host and things that he knew.
All hail to our Keiser,—a man we esteem,
Of all good things passing, may he have the cream."

A cherished project of his was an adequate water supply for Bloomington. It was known as the "Keiser Plan", and he wrote many articles to prove his theory. In the book, "Just For Fun", which caricatured the business men of the city, the little verse accompanying his cartoon was:

"The Panama project to him
Seems scarce worth its trouble and vim,
But to dam Sugar Creek
And to make it a lake
'Tis his chronic, his ingrowing whim."

The "Keiser Plan" was to establish a system of reservoirs in the valley northeast of the city to conserve the natural water fall. In 1909 he built a Weir dam across Sugar Creek, upon which to base the calculation of the volume of water. He took a party of business men out there to demonstrate to them that 2,500,000 gallons of water, a day's supply for Bloomington, flowed over the dam in 24 hours. He demonstrated to them that a vast stream of water constantly flowed by the city's doors and the only problem was to save and store this water. He planned to build dikes and reservoirs and let this surplus water into the underlying gravel beds by natural seepage and by pipes to deep wells and reservoirs. This water would be comparatively soft and solve the problem of suitable water for factory use.

Mr. Keiser was not a club man; in fact, he disapproved of clubs, thinking they were often the means of disturbing family ties. He was devoted to his home and business. He was a Republican from the formation of the party, a life long member of the First Christian Church, in which he served as an elder and a member of the official board, a valued member of the Y. M. C. A. and an active member of the Association of Commerce. He was always interested in Bloomington interests and gave freely of his time and money for that purpose. His last business transaction just a few weeks before his death was to help put over a Bloomington industry.

He was a man of robust health, although of slender build. He had not lost a day from business because of illness for over 45 years until he suffered a stroke of paralysis in January, 1922, but his vitality and indomitable will and determination sustained him when many would have succumbed. He was able to be about and enjoy his home and friends until just a week before his death. He retained his keen mind and vivid

interest in affairs until the last. He passed away at his home, 509 East Mulberry Street, on June 3, 1923, and rests in Bloomington cemetery.

A life of hard work and unremitting toil, unusual business sagacity, thrift, and above all, a record for honorable dealings enabled him to accumulate nearly a half million dollars before his death at 77 years. Quiet, unassuming, almost austere in manner, and yet with a quiet genial humor, silent except when he had something worth while to say, he made many friends, who recognized his real worth, and he had the genuine respect of everyone. He was an unusual man and left his impress upon his contemporaries.

C. J. Gillespie is an enterprising and successful young farmer of Chenoa Township. He was born in the township where he now lives, Oct. 24, 1893, the son of Park C. and Freida (Reichardt) Gillespie.

Park C. Gillespie, a prominent citizen of McLean County, who now lives retired at Normal, is a native of Illinois. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Christian Gillespie were among the earliest settlers of the state and were successful farmers. Mr. Gillespie became the owner of 540 acres of land in Chenoa Township and owns 832 acres in Kansas. He served as mayor of Chenoa for a number of years and always has taken an active interest in the affairs of his community. Mr. Gillespie was instrumental in securing paved streets for Chenoa and made other extensive improvements. He is a Republican, a member of the Methodist Church, and belongs to the Masonic Lodge. Mr. and Mrs. Park C. Gillespie have the following children: Herbert, farmer, Chenoa Township; Howard, twin brother of Herbert, is engaged in the insurance business at Chenoa; C. J., the subject of this sketch; Grace, deceased; May, deceased; and Frank, an extensive farmer, Chenoa Township, whose sketch also appears in this work.

C. J. Gillespie grew up on his father's farm and has always engaged in general farming and stock raising. He is now farming his father's farm of 160 acres in Chenoa Township. The farm has good buildings and a modern residence.

On Feb. 9, 1916, Mr. Gillespie was married to Miss Elva Payne, a native of Chenoa, born in 1894, and the daughter of Squire and Ida (Pirkey) Payne. Mr. Payne is deceased and his widow lives at Chenoa. To

C. J. and Elva (Payne) Gillespie one child has been born, Ruth, born Oct. 11, 1916.

Mr. Gillespie is a Republican and a member of the Methodist Church. He is a young man who stands well in his community.

Lucien Markland, an enterprising and successful merchant of Chenoa, is a native of Illinois. He was born June 17, 1877, the son of Daniel and Hannah (Miller) Markland.

Daniel Markland was born near Cincinnati, Ohio, July 21, 1846, and came to Illinois many years ago and settled in Henry County. He later removed to Weston, Ill., and engaged in the meat business there. Mr. Markland served as deputy sheriff of McLean County for a number of years, as constable, road commissioner, and school director. He was a Republican and died Dec. 22, 1920. Mrs. Markland died Dec. 19, 1922, and is buried at Pontiac, Ill., with her husband. They were the parents of the following children: Flora, married William New, retired farmer, lives in Iowa; John, deceased; Clarence, lives in Iowa; Effie, deceased; Musetta, married Maurice Pearl, professor; Lucien, the subject of this sketch; and Willis, lives at Pontiac, Ill.

Lucien Markland received his education in the public schools of Pontiac, and at the Illinois State Normal School. He then entered the meat business with his father at Weston and in 1907 he opened his own place of business in Chenoa. Mr. Markland also has a modern ice plant in connection with his meat business and has the only cooling system in the vicinity of Chenoa. He was the first merchant to install electric fans, electric grinders, and gasoline truck service. Mr. Markland owned a bakery in Chenoa for a number of years, which he sold to Burt Bloomenshine. The Markland Meat Market is among the up-to-date business houses of Chenoa and carries on a large volume of business.

On June 13, 1913, Mr. Markland married Miss Nadine Sarah McMackin, a native of Lawndale Township, McLean County, Ill., born Aug. 21, 1890. She died Jan. 20, 1923, and is buried in the Chenoa Cemetery. Mrs. Markland was the daughter of Henry C. and Arnetta (Spencer) McMackin. Mrs. McMackin died Aug. 31, 1898, and her husband, a prominent citizen, now lives in the Danville Soldiers Home. Henry C. McMackin was born in Cheney Township, McLean County, Ill., May 11,

1845, and enlisted in Co. B, 152d Regular Vol. Inf. during the Civil War and served four months. He is a Republican and a member of the Methodist Church. Mr. and Mrs. McMackin had the following children: Alpha, married Charles Williams, lives at Chenoa; Mrs. Markland; and Blanche, married Howard Buckley, lives at Newton, Kan. To Lucien and Nadine Sarah (McMackin) Markland two children were born, as follows: Lynn, born Dec. 26, 1917, died Jan. 4, 1920; and Arnetta, born on Armistice Day, Nov. 11, 1919.

Mr. Markland is a Republican, and belongs to the Masonic Lodge and Modern Woodmen of America. He is a substantial citizen of McLean County and widely known.

Calvin Springer Hall, early pioneer of McLean County, and influential citizen of Downs, and Old Town Township, was born May 29, 1836, in Fayette County, Pa., the seventh child of Samuel and Margaret (Kendall) Hall. All of his ancestral line came to America before the War of the Revolution. They were the Quaker, Mennonite and Huguenot faiths, each schooled in early privation and eager for religious freedom in the new world. The Baily line is traced as far back as 1500 A. D. in Wiltshire, England. Daniel Baily, one of the first followers of George Fox, the founder of the Society of Friends, or Quakers, was imprisoned for his beliefs. Bayard Taylor, the writer, belonged to this branch. Joel Baily, the Pennsylvania colonist, is on record as buying land in 1684. His wife, Ann Short, came in the "good ship Welcome" with William Penn in 1682.

Samuel Hall was born in 1797 and died in 1864 in Chester County, Pa. He was a son of Taylor Hall and Ruth (Johnson) Hall, both of Kenneth Square, Pa., and strict Quakers. He was a successful stone mason and millwright of western Pennsylvania. His wife, Margaret (Kendall) Hall, of Hopwood, Pa., was born in 1800 and died in 1891. She was the daughter of Elizabeth Walters, whose mother was a French Huguenot, Mary DeBolt. Her father, John Kendall, was the son of Thomas Kendall, a Revolutionary soldier. She was a thrifty, dominant housewife, who kept her seven sons and three daughters in order and ran the farm during the frequent absence of her husband.

Calvin S. Hall early developed a liking for books and received more schooling than was usual, attending college at Carmichaeltown, Pa. He

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began teaching school at 18, receiving \$18 per month, and when he was 23, on Oct. 20, 1859, in Uniontown, he married a pretty curly-haired 16-year-old pupil of his, Rachael S. Eberhart. She was born Feb. 20, 1843, a daughter of Martin and Frances (Lonenecker) Eberhart, of New Geneva, Pa.

Martin Eberhart was the great-grandson of John Adam Eberhart, Duke of Elsass, Germany, owner of large glass works, as factories were called then, whose four sons came to the new world in the early colonial days. Their descendants with Alfred Galletin from Switzerland established glass works at New Geneva, on the Monongahela River, in Pennsylvania, and were influential citizens. Rachael Eberhart Hall's great-grandmother was "Aunt Betsy" Eberhart, daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel Theophilus Phillips, an officer of the Revolution and a personal friend of George Washington, who mentions in his diary of visiting him in his Pennsylvania home.

Calvin Hall with his wife and baby came west in 1862, during the Civil War. They made the long trip by boat down the Ohio, up the Mississippi and Illinois to Peoria, and came by horseback through a sea of mud to McLean County. Calico, at a dollar a yard, had been purchased at Cincinnati, and the young wife made herself a dress by hand on the boat. Their first stop was on the hill where several years later they built their home, locally known for many years as the "Cal Hall Hill". They arrived in the new land with a \$20 gold piece, a team and wagon, and two dollars and fifty cents in silver. By thrift and industry they accumulated a comfortable fortune before the husband's death at 72 years. Six children blessed their union: Alpheus Leonard, who died at the age of 12 years; Mary Frances, died in infancy; Jessie Lee, married T. F. Weaver of Downs and died in 1889, leaving twins, Earl J., who married Ethel Dorland and lives in Normal, and Maude Riser of Bloomington; Allie Leona, who married J. W. Staten, of Bloomington and died in 1914, leaving two children, Verne G., American vice-consul in China, and Rachael Lee McCormick of Emden; Elizabeth Twining, widow of Henry Keiser of Bloomington; and John Calvin, who married Grace Debo and is a successful lawyer of Whiting, Ind.

Calvin Hill was farmer, school teacher and lawyer. He taught in country schools in Downs and Old Town Townships for over 30 years and carried on his farming at the same time. Many of the older men now living were his pupils. He was a strict disciplinarian of the old school

and a stern enforcer of positive authority, in the home, the school, and the state. When past 60, he was importuned by the directors to teach an unruly school that had "run" off several teachers, and bring order out of chaos. A firm believer in "no lickin', no larnin'," he soon brought obedience by the proper methods.

He was a man of commanding presence and unusual force, whose stern glance impelled implicit obedience; tall, with spare frame, heavy gray hair, worn in a militant pompadour, flashing black eyes, long white patriarchal beard, a quick temper, a kind heart, and a generous friend to every one in need. A strong Republican from the formation of the party, he held many positions of responsibility. One of the early justices, his advice was sought by his neighbors, and many a tilt did this country lawyer have before the county magistrate with the city attorney and usually worsted him for he had an uncanny knowledge of practical law and a rough eloquence and oratory that appealed to the country juror. He was long a member of the Methodist Protestant Church and his wife was a Presbyterian. They both were workers in the Union Church at Downs and for many years Mr. Hall was Sunday school superintendent. His delight was to attend church and prayer meetings and he went to every service, no matter how severe the weather or how bad the roads. Later, when misplaced and mistaken zeal changed the Union service to strict Methodist Episcopal lines, with his wife and family he joined the new Presbyterian Church at Downs, in which he served faithfully as teacher and superintendent. Daily family worship with grace before each meal was his invariable custom.

He lived for 40 years on his farm one mile west of Downs, on the old State road, until in 1902, he rented the farm and built a cottage in Downs, where he spent his last days and well earned leisure, and where his widow still resides. He was a pioneer in the early Grange movement and a member of the Knights of Pythias. He was a man of robust health and was only ill a few days before his death at the age of 72 years. He rests in the beautiful Hopewell Cemetery at Downs.

His wife was even more an unusual character than her husband. She was a fitting helpmeet in the new country, and by her thrift, industry, even disposition, kindly nature, shrewd judgment, and wise counsel, she helped rear the children to positions of honor and influence and to accumulate enough of this world's goods to give all the children a good education, and send the two younger ones through the state normal uni-

versity and the University of Illinois. Even more than her husband was she in favor of higher education and while ready money was always scarce on the farm she worked and saved until she accomplished her purpose. John and Elizabeth often said that they came through school and college so successfully because "they slid through on mother's butter."

Mrs. Rachael Hall is still living in the home at Downs at the age of 81, with hair scarcely silvered. She manages her own house, looks after her business affairs, and has the same enthusiasm and interest in life that enabled her, a young wife and mother, in her teens, to leave the old Pennsylvania home and friends to establish a new home in the unknown West.

John Jacobs, now living retired, is a substantial citizen of Chenoa Township. He was born in Yates Township, McLean County, Aug. 27, 1859, the son of Frederick and Elizabeth (Myers) Jacobs.

Frederick Jacobs, a native of Germany, came to the United States with his parents and settled on a farm near Bloomington. He became a large landowner and was among the successful farmers of the early days. He died in 1884 and his wife, also a native of Germany, died in 1908. Mr. and Mrs. Jacobs had five children, as follows: John, the subject of this sketch; Emma, the widow of August Schultz, lives at Chenoa; Lucy, the wife of William Whals, retired farmer, lives at Chenoa; Frank, farmer, Yates Township; and Albert, retired farmer, Yates Township.

John Jacobs was educated in the district schools of Yates Township and has always lived on a farm. He owns 900 acres of well-improved land in Chenoa Township. The Jacobs farm is among the finest stock farms of the community and there is an attractive residence on the place.

On June 9, 1891, John Jacobs was married to Miss Mary Schwager, a native of Pennsylvania, born Jan. 6, 1871, and the daughter of Frederick and Sophia (Frush) Schwager. Mr. Schwager died in 1908 and his wife lives at Pontiac. They were the parents of the following children: Mrs. Jacobs; Sophia, married Lou Biers, lives in Momence, Ill.; Frederick, lives at Peoria; William and Benjamin, in the garage business at Pontiac. To John and Mary (Schwager) Jacobs seven children have been born, as follows: Lottie, married Henry Harms, lives at Fairbury, Ill.; Ralph, farmer,

lives in Yates Township, is a World War veteran, having served at Camp Grant, Ill., where he contracted influenza which kept him from going overseas; Florence, married William Winters, farmer, Lexington Township, he is also a World War veteran, having served for 16 months; Ethel, married William Rinehart, a farmer, Gridley Township, also a veteran of the World War, having served throughout the war in France; Irene, married Clarence Gray, a farmer, lives in Yates Township; Theodore, farming the home place; and Arthur attending high school. Mr. and Mrs. Jacobs have 10 grandchildren.

Mr. Jacobs is identified with the Republican party in politics and is a member of the Lutheran Church. The Jacobs family are highly respected citizens.

Jacob Rocke, a well known retired farmer, living at Meadows, was born in France, Dec. 1, 1844, the son of John and Katie (Yordy) Rocke.

John Rocke was a minister of the Mennonite Church in Germany and France, where he spent his entire life. He also followed general farming and owned 100 acres of land. Mr. and Mrs. Rocke, deceased, were the parents of the following children: Peter, Magdalene, Lizzie, Joseph, John, Barbara, Peter, all deceased; Jacob, the subject of this sketch; and Christian, a retired farmer, lives at Meadows.

Jacob Rocke received his education in the schools of Germany and came to this country when he was a young man, where he worked on a farm. Mr. Rocke worked by the day when he first came here, receiving one dollar per day. He then worked by the month one and a half years, received \$20.00 per month, and later rented land. He now owns 480 acres of well-improved farm land, 160 acres being in Pike Township, Livingston County, and the rest in Waldo Township, Livingston County. For many years he was a successful stockman and farmer. Mr. Rocke now lives retired at Meadows, and has a nice modern home on North Main Street.

On Nov. 29, 1868, Mr. Rocke was married to Miss Magdalene Stalter, a native of France, born July 31, 1847, and the daughter of John and Elizabeth Stalter. Mr. Stalter came to this country in 1853, after the death of his wife, and settled on a farm in Tazewell County, Ill. In 1860 he moved to Livingston County, where he became a successful farmer.

He died in 1893. Mr. and Mrs. Stalter were the parents of the following children: John, deceased; Joseph, a retired farmer, lives in Livingston County; Daniel, a retired farmer, Meadows, Ill.; Christian, deceased; Jacob, deceased; Elizabeth, deceased; and Mrs. Rocke. To Jacob and Magdalene (Stalter) Rocke four children were born, as follows: John, engaged in business at Bloomington; Barbara, married Andrew Mosemann, a farmer, lives in Livingston County; Jacob, lives in Michigan; and William, engaged in business with his brother in Bloomington. Mr. and Mrs. Rocke have 17 grandchildren and one great-grandchild, Mildred Rocke, born at Pontiac, Ill., in 1914.

Mr. Rocke is identified with the Republican party in politics and he is a member of the Mennonite Church. He is a substantial and reliable citizen of his community.

David Nicholas Claudon, president of The Bank of Meadows, is a prominent citizen of McLean County. He was born in Livingston County, March 30, 1867, the son of Joseph and Mary (Mosiman) Claudon.

Joseph Claudon was born in Alsace-Lorraine and came to the United States when he was 20 years of age. He settled first in Peoria, Ill., and went to Livingston County in 1861, where he farmed for many years. Mr. Claudon owned 480 acres of good farm land and was an extensive grain farmer and among the leading stockmen of the county, specializing in the breeding of Shorthorn cattle. He was also a feeder and shipper of stock. Mr. Claudon was a Democrat and served as school director for a number of years. He died in 1908 and his wife, a native of Peoria, Ill., died in 1903. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Claudon were the parents of the following children: Joseph, deceased; Amos, retired farmer, lives at Gridley; David N., the subject of this sketch; Sarah, married J. D. Jorg, a retired farmer, lives at Flanagan, Ill.; Mary, married David Gerig, a farmer, lives at Gridley, Ill.; Daniel H., a banker, lives in Ohio; and Emma, married Noah Egly, undertaker, lives at Canton, Ohio.

David Nicholas Claudon received his education in the public and high schools of Chenoa and started life as a farmer. He also taught school for a number of years and later entered the grain and mercantile business. Mr. Claudon organized the Bank of Meadows in 1903 as a private bank,

and in 1920 it became a state bank, taking out a state charter. The Bank of Meadows now has a capital stock of \$20,000.00 and Mr. Claudon has been president of it ever since its organization. His varied training and his business acumen have made him an invaluable asset to the bank. The officers of The Bank of Meadows are as follows: David N. Claudon, president; A. Beller, vice-president; and Jesse D. Claudon, cashier. Directors of the bank are: R. L. Rathbun; A. Beller; Joseph H. Claudon; E. A. Vercler; and David N. Claudon.

In 1891 David Nicholas Claudon was married to Miss Kathryn Egly, a native of Adams County, Ind., born Oct. 5, 1867, and the daughter of Henry and Kathryn (Goldsmith) Egly. Henry Egly was a native of Germany and a pioneer settler of Ohio. He later moved to Adams County, Ind., where he farmed for many years. He was a Democrat and a minister of the Mennonite Church. Mr. Egly died in 1890 and his wife died in 1905. They were the parents of seven children, as follows: Jacob, retired, lives at Meadows; Joseph, farmer, lives at Phoenix, Ariz.; Henry, a farmer, lives in Los Angeles, Calif.; Samuel, grain dealer, lives at Geneva, Ind.; Mrs. Claudon; Abraham, a farmer, lives at Geneva, Ind.; and Christian, lives at Ft. Wayne, Ind. To David Nicholas and Kathryn (Egly) Claudon seven children have been born, as follows: Joseph, born in 1893, banker, lives at Gridley, Ill.; Esther, born in 1895, married O. D. Lugbill, a farmer, lives near Gridley; Ruth, born in 1897, taught school for two years and married C. D. Diller, banker, lives at Pandora, Ohio; Naomi, born in 1899, was assistant cashier in the Bank of Meadows for six years before her marriage to E. A. Vercler, a director of the bank, lives at Meadows; Jesse, born in 1903, is cashier of the Bank of Meadows, a sketch of whom appears in this work; Adah, born in 1905, lives at home; and Lois, born in 1910, at home.

David Nicholas Claudon is one of the enterprising and substantial citizens of McLean County, and holds the following offices: president of the First National Bank of Gridley; trustee of Bluffton College; secretary and treasurer of the Mennonite Mission Board, president and superintendent of the Salem Orphanage Home in Flanagan, Ill.; president of the Mennonite Home for Aged People at Meadows; and school director.

Mr. and Mrs. David N. Claudon have five grandchildren: Marjorie Claudon; Carol Lugbill; Paul David Lugbill; J. Herbert Claudon and Marcella Marie Diller. The Claudon family is well known throughout McLean County, and representative of the best citizenship of the community.

Jesse D. Claudon, the popular and efficient cashier of the Bank of Meadows, was born at Meadows in 1903, the son of David Nicholas and Kathryn (Egly) Claudon.

David Nicholas Claudon, president of the Bank of Meadows, is among the enterprising and successful business men of Meadows. He was born in Livingston County, Ill., April, 1867, the son of Joseph and Mary (Mosiman) Claudon. Joseph Claudon was a native of Alsace-Lorraine and came to this country when he was 20 years old, settling first near Peoria, Ill. He later moved to Livingston County, where he became a leading farmer and stockman. He died in 1908 and his wife, a native of Peoria, Ill., died in 1903. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Claudon were the parents of the following children: Joseph, deceased; Amos, retired farmer, lives at Gridley; David N., father of the subject of this sketch; Sarah, married J. D. Jorg, a retired farmer, lives at Flanagan, Ill.; Mary, married David Gerig, a farmer, lives at Gridley, Ill.; Daniel H., a banker, lives in Ohio; and Emma, married Noah Egly, undertaker, lives at Canton, Ohio.

David Nicholas Claudon, the president of the Bank of Meadows, is a leading and influential citizen of his community. He has been president of the Bank of Meadows since the time of its organization, and also holds office in other banks and business enterprises of McLean County. In 1891 Mr. Claudon was married to Miss Kathryn Egly, a native of Adams County, Ind., and to this union the following children were born: Joseph, born in 1893, a banker, lives at Gridley, Ill.; Esther, born in 1895, married O. D. Lugbill, a farmer, lives near Gridley; Ruth, born in 1897, taught school for two years and married C. D. Diller, banker, lives at Pandora, Ohio; Naomi, born in 1899, was assistant cashier in the Bank of Meadows for six years before her marriage to E. A. Vercler, a director of the bank, lives at Meadows; Jesse, the subject of this sketch; Adah, born in 1905, at home; and Lois, born in 1910, lives at home.

Jesse D. Claudon was educated in the public and high schools of Meadows and attended Wesleyan University at Bloomington and was then engaged in the bank with his father. He has been cashier of the bank since 1920, which office he very capably and efficiently fills.

In 1923 Mr. Claudon was united in marriage with Miss Selma Stucky, a native of Geneva, Ind., born Oct. 18, 1901, and the daughter of David and Barbara (Rich) Stucky. Mr. and Mrs. Stucky, natives of Adams County, Ind., are prominent and substantial citizens of Berne, Ind., where Mr. Stucky owns 300 acres of well-improved land. He is a Democrat and

a member of the Mennonite Church. Mr. and Mrs. Stucky have ten children, as follows: Ida, married Joel Augsburger, lives at Bluffton, Ind.; Elmer, engaged in the hardware business at Woodburn, Ind.; Noah, a farmer, lives at Geneva, Ind.; Albert, a banker, lives at Woodburn, Ind.; Joseph, hardware dealer, lives at Woodburn, Ind.; Christian, hardware dealer, lives at Woodburn, Ind.; Lillian, at home; Mrs. Claudon; Eli, a farmer, lives at Geneva, Ind.; and Ivan, a farmer, lives at Woodburn, Ind. Christian Stucky served throughout the World War.

Jesse D. Claudon is a Republican and a member of the Mennonite Church. He is one of McLean County's best known and promising young men and is deservedly popular with his many friends.

Dr. Edwin P. Sloan has been a successful and widely known surgeon of McLean County for 25 years. He was born at Neosho, Mo., and is a son of George S. and Hanna O. (Plummer) Sloan.

George S. Sloan was a native of Neosho, Mo., where he engaged in farming and stock raising during his entire life. He died in 1889 and his wife died in 1918. They were the parents of the following children: Erma, married Dr. O. H. Ball, lives at Dennis, Kan.; William E., lives at Anderson, Mo; George, died in 1919; Dr. Orville J., a physician, lives at Bloomington; Durward, lives at Joliet, Ill.; Dr. Guy A., a physician, lives at Bloomington; and Dr. Edwin P., the subject of this sketch.

Dr. Edwin P. Sloan was reared on his father's farm at Neosho, Mo., and received his preliminary education in the public schools there. He was graduated from the University Medical College at Kansas City, in 1898, and from that time until 1903 practiced medicine at Danvers, Ill. He has taken post graduate work at Chicago, New York and Berlin, and since 1905 has been located at Bloomington, where he specializes in abdominal and goiter surgery exclusively.

In 1899, Dr. Sloan was united in marriage at Kansas City with Miss Emily Parks Miller, a native of Utica, Mo., and a daughter of Edward J. and Nancy Howard (Greene) Miller. Mr. Miller was born at Utica, Mo., of New England parents, and his wife was a native of Niles, Mich. He lives at Utica. Mrs. Miller died in 1920. To Dr. Edwin P. and Emily Parks (Miller) Sloan, three children were born, as follows: George Edward, a law student in the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich.;



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Howard P., a medical student at Chicago, Ill.; and Ralph E., at home. Mrs. Sloan died Oct. 31, 1908, and in 1916, Dr. Sloan was married to Miss Mary A. Bell, a native of Wellsville, Mo., and a daughter of Rev. Hay and Lilly Bell, the former a native of Kentucky, and the latter of Irondale, Mo. Rev. Bell, a Presbyterian minister, died at Wellsville, Mo., in 1918, and his wife died the following year.

Dr. Sloan is a member of the Presbyterian Church, belongs to the Masonic lodge, Consistory and Shrine, and Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Red Men. He has served as president of the McLean County Medical Society, the Illinois State Medical Society, the American Association for the study of goiter, and the Illinois State Board of Health Advisory Board. He is vice president of the Tri-State Medical Society of Illinois, Iowa and Wisconsin. He is chief of the surgeons staff at St. Joseph's hospital and at Mennonite Sanatorium.

In addition to his constant research work and brief post graduate courses in Chicago and New York, he spent three months in Europe, 1921, in the study of clinical and general health conditions in the countries of England, France, Germany, Italy and Switzerland.

Doctor Sloan has an international reputation as a goiter surgeon having been one of the pioneers in that particular field. He has made valuable contributions to both the technique of the surgery of goiter and to the literature based on the subject.

Doctor Sloan is a member of the American and Canadian Association of abdominal surgeons, a limited and elected group of physicians whose prime object is the carrying out of original research.

John H. Klassen, well known superintendent of the Mennonite Home for Aged People at Meadows, was born in Russia, Oct. 10, 1876, the son of John P. and Sarah (Heinricks) Klassen.

John P. Klassen was a native of Russia, as also was his wife. They came to this country in 1877 and settled on a farm in Kansas, later moving to Texas, where they remained for four years. Mr. Klassen was a prosperous farmer and stockman of McPherson County, Kan., and owned 240 acres of land, which he improved. He was an extensive feeder of stock. Mr. Klassen was a Republican and a member of the Mennonite Church. He died Feb. 24, 1918, in Lehigh, Kans., and his wife died Aug.

10, 1908. They were the parents of the following children: John H., the subject of this sketch; Peter, farmer, lives in Texas; Anna, deceased; Sarah, deceased; Kate, married Henry Nuss, a farmer, lives in Perth, Kan.; Frank, a carpenter, lives in Texas; George, lives in Wyoming; Jacob, a farmer, lives in Texas; Henry, deceased; and Abraham, lives in Texas.

John H. Klassen was reared on his father's farm and followed farming for many years. He attended the district schools and in early life owned 100 acres of land in Fort Bend County, Texas. He also owned 160 acres in Canada. In January, 1921, Mr. Klassen came to Illinois and was employed at the orphanage at Flanagan for 15 months. He has been superintendent of the Mennonite Home for Aged People at Meadows since April 10, 1923, when the home was organized. The home is located about two blocks northeast of the Toledo, Peoria and Western Railway depot and is one of the beautiful buildings at Meadows. It will accommodate 14 people. At present there are 13 inmates. The cost of the building and 10 acres of land was about \$50,000.00. The institution is conducted by the Central and Defenseless Mennonites and there is no restriction against different denominations becoming affiliated with the home. Mr. Klassen is a capable manager and the place is well conducted.

On Aug. 20, 1899, Mr. Klassen was united in marriage with Miss Lizzie Peters, a native of Marion, S. D., born June 20, 1878, and the daughter of Aaron and Helena (Uruh) Peters, both natives of Russia. Mr. Peters was a prominent farmer of South Dakota and one of the earliest settlers of that section. He died Aug. 10, 1906, in Canada, and his widow now lives at Meadows, Ill., with Mr. and Mrs. Klassen. They were the parents of the following children: Mary, married Jacob Unruh, lives in Reno County, Kan.; Barbara, married John Williams, a farmer, Marion, S. D.; Mrs. Klassen; Alena, deceased; Aaron, lives in Canada; John, veterinary surgeon, lives in Canada; Katie, married Robert Peters, lives in Canada; Susie, deceased; and Lena, the wife of A. P. Janzen, a farmer, lives in Canada. To John H. and Lizzie (Peters) Klassen two children were born, as follows: Anna, born March 12, 1901, married John A. Dickman, who is connected with the orphanage at Flanagan; and Lena, born June 12, 1903, who lives at home with her parents.

Mr. Klassen is a Republican and a member of the Mennonite Church, and assistant superintendent of the Sunday School class. He is highly esteemed as a man of progress, industry, and initiative.

Elmer A. Vercler is among the enterprising and successful young farmers of Chenoa Township. He was born on the farm where he now lives, May 9, 1897, the son of Andrew and Jacobina (Lehman) Vercler.

Andrew Vercler was born in France, Oct. 21, 1850, the son of Christian and Jacobina (Schirtz) Vercler. The Verclers came to the United States from France in 1874 and settled on a farm four miles northwest of Chenoa, where Christian Vercler became a leading farmer and stockman. He improved 240 acres of land from raw prairie and for many years was a widely known stockman. He was also a minister of the Mennonite Church and died Sept. 17, 1884. His wife died March 16, 1915. Mr. and Mrs. Christian Vercler were the parents of the following children: Andrew, father of the subject of this sketch; Christian, a retired farmer, lives at Pontiac, Ill.; Joseph, deceased; Jacob, postmaster, Opportunity, Wash.; and Peter, deceased.

Andrew Vercler and his wife now live retired at Meadows. They are the parents of five children, as follows: Chris, a farmer, Tazewell County; Anna, married Peter Summer, lives at Lexington, Ill.; Edward, deceased; Emma, deceased; and Elmer A., the subject of this sketch. Andrew Vercler was educated in France and has always followed farming. He is a minister of the Mennonite Church, having been one since 1891. He owns 600 acres of land and is among the substantial citizens of McLean County. Jacobina (Lehman) Vercler, mother of the subject of this sketch, was born in McLean County, Ill., Jan. 13, 1858, the daughter of Peter and Magdalene (Stalter) Lehman, the former a native of France and the latter of Germany. Mrs. Vercler has the following brothers and sisters: Peter, deceased; Joseph, deceased; Ella, deceased was the wife of Daniel Rich, a farmer, Tazewell County, Ill.; Elizabeth, married Samuel Zehr, a farmer, lives in Livingston County, Ill.; and Christian, lives at Flanagan, Ill.

Elmer A. Vercler was educated in the public schools of Meadows and owns 120 acres of well improved farm land, and also operates 120 acres of his father's land. He is known as a successful breeder of Jersey cattle and Duroc Jersey hogs, and the Vercler farm is among the attractive and modern stock farms of Chenoa Township.

On Feb. 7, 1922, Elmer A. Vercler was married to Miss Naomi Claudon, a native of Flanagan, Ill., born May 1, 1899, and the daughter of David N. and Kathryn (Egly) Claudon, a sketch of whom appears in this volume. Mrs. Vercler has the following brothers and sisters: Joseph, born in 1893, a banker, The First National Bank of Gridley; Esther, born

in 1895, married O. D. Lugbill, a farmer, lives near Gridley; Ruth, born in 1897, married C. D. Diller, a banker, The First National Bank of Pandora, Ohio; Jesse, cashier of the Bank of Meadows, a sketch of whom also appears in this volume; Adah, now lives at Meadows, Ill., and Lois, also at Meadows, Ill. Before her marriage, Mrs. Vercler was assistant cashier of the Bank of Meadows, of which her father is president.

Elmer A. Vercler is identified with the Republican party in politics and is judge of the election board of District No. 247. He is a director of the Bank of Meadows and a member of the Mennonite Church, and president of the Young Peoples Society. Mr. Vercler is one of McLean County's best known and successful young men and has many friends.

Miss Hazel Steele, the efficient and well known agent operator for the Toledo, Peoria and Western Railroad at Meadows, is a native of McLean County. She was born at Meadows and is the daughter of Leslie W. and Anna (Oyer) Steele.

Leslie W. Steele, a native of Indiana, has been in the employ of the Toledo, Peoria and Western Railroad for the past 33 years and is now agent operator at Gridley, Ill. He is thoroughly competent, as his many years of service with the railroad company proves, and he is well and favorably known throughout the county. Mr. Steele is a member of the Methodist Church at Gridley and is Sunday School superintendent. His wife, who was born on a farm in Livingston County, Ill., died in October, 1911. Mr. and Mrs. Steele were the parents of the following children: Claude, lives in Chicago; Earl, lives at Hillsboro, Ill., further mention of whom is made below; Hazel, the subject of this sketch; Ethel, married O. L. Noble, lives at Clinton, Ill.; Erma, deceased; Erna, also deceased; and Lona, lives at home.

Claude Steele is a veteran of the World War, having served for two years. He enlisted during the trouble on the Mexican border and served in France during the World War with the 124th Artillery, 33d Division. He was also with the army of occupation in Germany.

Earl Steele also enlisted for service during the World War and was on his way to France when the armistice was signed.

Hazel Steele received her education in the public schools of Gridley and has been connected with the telegraph office at Meadows since 1917

as agent operator. She holds the distinction of being the only woman in the employ of the Toledo, Peoria and Western Railroad, as operator. Miss Steele is widely known throughout the community and has a host of friends. She is a member of the Methodist Church at Gridley.

Benjamin Sharp, a farmer and stockman of Chenoa Township, is a native of Woodford County, Ill. He was born Oct. 29, 1874, the son of Peter and Barbara (Garber) Sharp.

Peter Sharp, who now lives retired with his son, Benjamin, is a native of Pennsylvania. At the age of six years he came to Woodford County, Ill., with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Sharp. Peter Sharp followed farming for many years and from 1887 until 1890 lived in Minnesota. He then returned to Illinois, where he farmed until 1903, at which time he purchased a large tract of land in Missouri. Mr. Sharp is a Republican and a member of the Mennonite Church. His wife died in 1916. They were the parents of three children: Ely, mail carrier, lives in Kansas City, Mo.; Benjamin, the subject of this sketch; and Lydia, married Frank McCullough, a farmer, lives in South Dakota.

Benjamin Sharp spent his boyhood on his father's farm and attended the district schools. He then engaged in the grain and grocery business in Woodford County, Ill., for five years, and then began farming 200 acres in Chenoa Township. Mr. Sharp has pure-bred Chester White hogs, Duroc Jersey hogs, Shropshire sheep, and other good stock. He is also an extensive grain farmer. The residence is equipped with electricity, a hot water heating system, and other modern appliances. The farm is owned by Mrs. Sophia Yoder.

In 1897 Benjamin Sharp was married to Miss Lavina Augspurger, a native of Illinois, born in 1875, and the daughter of Joseph S. and Jacobina (Stuckey) Augspurger. Mr. Augspurger died in 1917 and his widow lives with her children. They were the parents of the following children: Aaron, a farmer, lives in Gibson City, Ill.; Lydia, married S. M. Stuckey, lives in Chenoa Township; Bertha, married U. G. Stutzman, postmaster, Carlock, a sketch of whom appears in this work; Daniel, deceased; Louis, lives at Bloomington; Eugene, lives in Nebraska; Mrs. Sharp; Joseph, lives at Meadows; Tillie, lives with her mother; Mabel, married Arthur Claudon, a farmer, lives in Indiana; Manuel, a farmer, lives in

Gridley Township; and Marie, wife of Herbert Stuckey, Danvers, Ill. To Benjamin and Lavina (Augsburger) Sharp seven children have been born, as follows: Lloyd V., a farmer, lives in Gridley Township; Orville, farms with his brother, Lloyd; Lila, married Frank Klein, a farmer, Chenoa Township; Lona, at home; Wilmington, a farmer, lives at home; Fern, at home; and Jacobina Marie, at home.

Mr. Sharp is identified with the Republican party in politics, has served as school director and is a member of the Farm Bureau. He and his family are well known and stand high among the citizens of the township and surrounding country.

W. E. Froehlich is among the enterprising and successful business men of Gridley. He was born at Roanoke, Ill., Feb. 24, 1890, the son of Phillip and Salome (Blunier) Froehlich.

Phillip Froehlich was born in Alsace-Lorraine and came to this country when he was 25 years of age. He settled at Roanoke, Ill., and was among the pioneer furniture men of the state. Mr. Froehlich now lives retired in Gridley, Ill. His wife died in 1894. They were the parents of the following children: Samuel, a farmer, lives in Canada; Emma, married Ford Nysonger, a farmer, lives at Ligonier, Ind.; W. E., the subject of this sketch; Dena, married A. L. Klopfenstein, lives at Gridley; Anna, married George W. Freed, a farmer, lives at Gridley; Fred, lives at Gridley; and Margaret, at home.

W. E. Froehlich spent his boyhood at Roanoke and received his education in the public schools there. He then worked at the carpenter trade for about two years and has been engaged in the furniture business at Gridley since 1911. Mr. Froehlich is also an undertaker and has an automobile business in connection with his other interests. He has been very successful and is among the leading business men of McLean County.

On Nov. 23, 1912, Mr. Froehlich was married to Miss Edna Gingerich, a native of McLean County, born Nov. 7, 1892, and the daughter of Joseph and Emma (Engel) Gingerich. Mrs. Froehlich has one brother, Dr. Ralph, a veterinary surgeon of Bloomington. To W. E. and Edna (Gingerich) Froehlich three children have been born: Helen Louise, born Aug. 16, 1913, who now attends school; William Wallace, born Aug. 31, 1923; and Mary Katheryn, died Feb. 19, 1922.

Mr. Froehlich takes an active interest in the affairs of his community and is secretary of the Gridley Commercial Club and a member of the Masonic Lodge. He is a Republican and a member of the Congregational Church. Mr. Froehlich is a member of the village board and is secretary of the local board of improvements. He ranks among the leading citizens of the county.

C. T. Wilson, an enterprising and well known business man of Gridley, was born in Highland County, Va., July 22, 1873, the son of John B. and Martha (Price) Wilson.

John B. Wilson and his wife were natives of Virginia and early settlers of Illinois. He became a prosperous farmer and owned 292 acres of land. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, now deceased, were the parents of the following children: William, a farmer, lives in Illinois; Rhoda, married Jonas Heffner, a farmer, lives in Hightown, Va.; C. T., the subject of this sketch; Jane, deceased; Nancy, married Henry Propst, a farmer, lives in Pennsylvania; George P., lives in Chenoa; Solomon, deceased; Mary Emma, married James Smith, a farmer, lives in Virginia; Martha, deceased; Gerald, lives in Maryland; and Lucinda, lives at Gridley.

C. T. Wilson was reared on his father's farm in Virginia and came to Illinois when he was 14 years old. He settled on a farm and worked out by the month for 13 years, after which he entered the restaurant business at Gridley. Mr. Wilson operated this business until 1903. He then engaged in the grocery and drug business.

On Sept. 6, 1906, Mr. Wilson was married to Miss Effie McColm, a native of Ohio, born Aug. 8, 1882, and the daughter of Mathew and M. McColm, natives of Ohio and now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. McColm were the parents of four children, as follows: Ira, a farmer, lives in Ohio; John, lives in Chili; Henry, lives in Lexington, Ill.; and Mrs. Wilson. Mr. McColm served throughout the Civil War was a well known farmer of McLean County. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson have two children: Ione and Marvin, both at home.

Mr. Wilson is a Democrat and a member of the Methodist Church. He has been president of the Gridley School Board since 1918. Mr. Wilson is a progressive business man of Gridley and widely and favorably known.

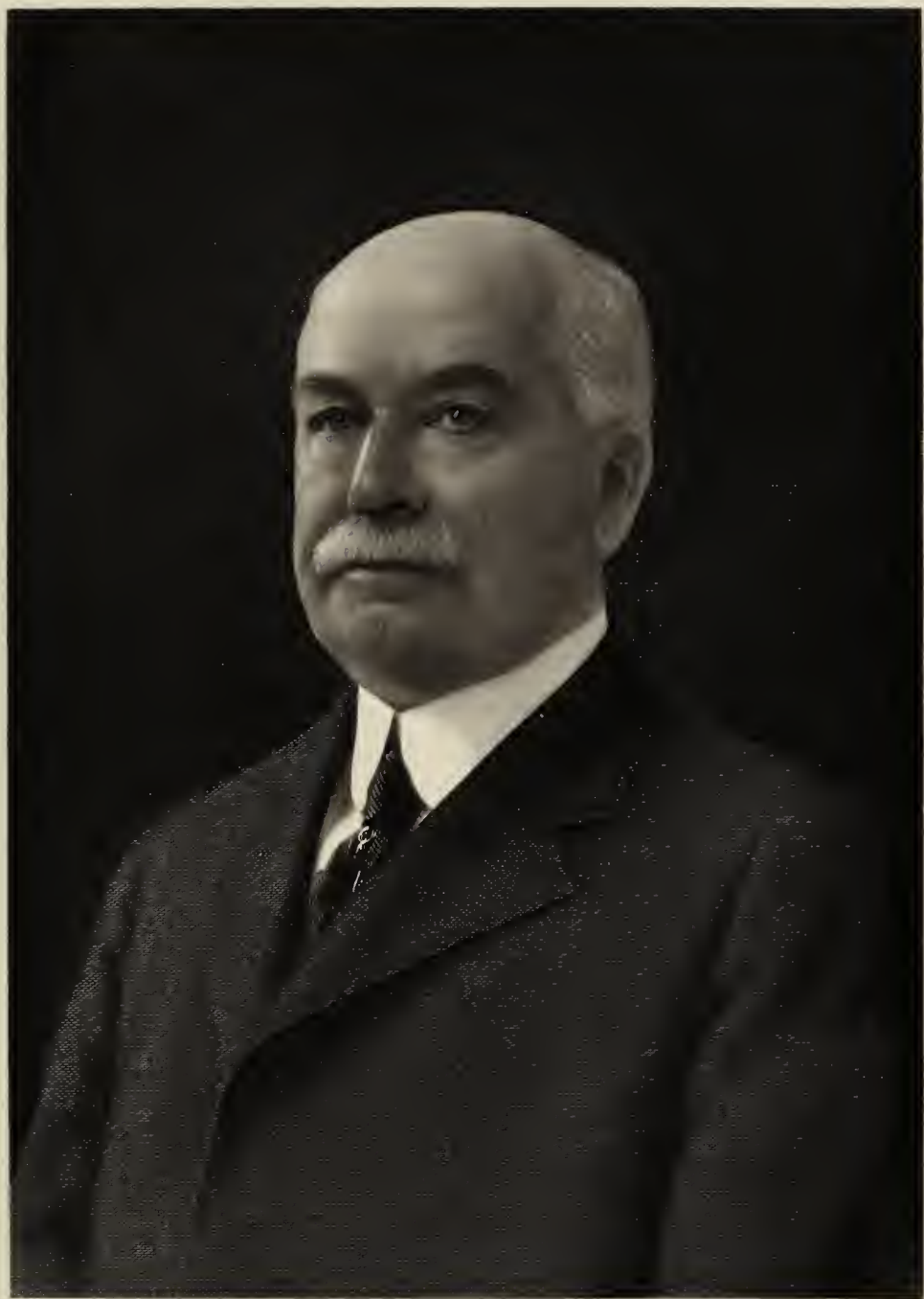
Clinton P. Soper, deceased, was one of the best known and most successful business men of Bloomington. He was born at Verona, N. Y., March 21, 1851, and died in Pasadena, Cal., Jan. 24, 1916. Mr. Soper was the son of Philander and Eliza Angeline (Adams) Soper.

Philander Soper was a native of Verona, N. Y., and his wife was born in Rome, N. Y. He followed farming for many years and died Oct. 14, 1894. His wife died March 17, 1855. They were the parents of four children, as follows: Horace Wylie, born May 18, 1842; Willard H., born April 6, 1846; and Clinton P., the subject of this sketch. Clinton P. Soper had a half-sister, Emma (Soper) Wilson, who was born June 17, 1859.

Clinton P. Soper received his education in the public schools of Verona, N. Y., and attended Whitestown Seminary. At the age of 21 years he left his home state, where he had been a teacher, and came to Chicago, where he remained one year before coming to Bloomington. For many years he and his brother, Horace W. Soper, were interested in the foundry business, which they established at the corner of Market and Prairie streets. This firm was known as Soper & Rogers, and later was moved to a large plant on East Washington street, just east of the Illinois Central Railroad. Horace W. Soper died in 1898, and the company was later reorganized under the title of The American Foundry & Furnace Company. It is one of the largest private manufacturing concerns in Bloomington and employs many men. Mr. Soper died suddenly in Pasadena, Cal., while there on a vacation.

On Nov. 23, 1881, Mr. Soper was married to Miss Emma Burr, a native of Bloomington and the daughter of Hudson and Lucy Wright (Pelton) Burr, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this volume. Mr. Burr died Feb. 17, 1891, and his wife died Aug. 11, 1907. To Mr. and Mrs. Soper two sons and a daughter were born, as follows: Dr. William Burr Soper, a biographical sketch of whom appears in this volume; Horace Adams, vice president of the American Furnace & Foundry Company, whose sketch also appears elsewhere in this volume; and Lucy A., married Henry Richardson Lane, and they live in Boston, Mass.

Clinton P. Soper was identified with all the larger social and charitable organizations of the city and one of the city's philanthropic institutions which will stand as a monument to the influence and public spirit of Mr. Soper is Brokaw Hospital, for to his work and interest in this



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noble establishment was largely due the fact that it was placed upon a substantial financial basis. From the earlier years of the hospital when it was struggling along under the constant deficit at the end of every year, he was one of the earliest advocates for support in a financial way from time to time as its needs became apparent. Those who are intimately acquainted with the inner history of the negotiations by which the late Abram Brokaw was finally induced to bestow upon the hospital a princely sum as an endowment, are aware that it was mainly Mr. Brokaw's confidence in Mr. Soper's wisdom and discretion in the management of the institution that led the millionaire plow-maker to give the large sum to the hospital, the income from which creates a fund which provides against future stringencies. Mr. Soper was for seven years president of the hospital board and even after his resignation maintained close personal touch with all the affairs of the hospital and constantly gave his time and business knowledge in promoting the welfare of the institution. The hospital lost one of its best friends and constant well wishers in the death of Mr. Soper.

Mr. Soper and his family were regular attendants of the Second Presbyterian Church and he was prominent in all affairs of the church. He was the first president of the Bloomington Country Club and also a charter member of the Bloomington Club, and served as president one term and as director for many years.

Dr. Willard Burr Soper, a native of McLean County, is recognized as one of the leading authorities of our time in the study and treatment of tuberculosis. He is the son of the late Clinton P. and Emma (Burr) Soper, a complete biographical sketch of whom appears in this work.

Immediately upon the declaration of war by the United States, Dr. Willard Burr Soper enlisted in the medical corps on May 4, 1917, was commissioned captain. Sailing from New York May 14, 1917, he had the distinction of being a member of one of the first hospital units to leave for France during the World War. Captain Soper was at first connected as medical officer to U. S. Base Hospital No. 2, which was recruited from the Presbyterian Hospital, New York, Columbia University and New York City. Upon arrival in France this hospital unit took over No. 1 Gen-

eral Hospital, B. E. F., at Etretat, Seine, Inferieure. From this time on the unit was known as No. 1 (Presbyterian U. S. A.) General Hospital B. E. F, continuing as such until the end of the war. On July 1, 1918, Dr. Soper was placed in command of this hospital and continued so until demobilization, Feb. 18, 1919, at Camp Meade, Md. The great Casino at Etretat was commandeered and converted into a hospital and 1,000 beds installed for the soldier patients under charge of Dr. Soper. The emergency capacity was 1,200 wounded. Dr. Soper was promoted to major in August, 1918. The work assigned to him was both surgical and medical, and 23,000 cases passed through during 18 months. Although the whole personnel of the staff was American, the hospital was British and almost all patients were from the British forces. This unit was one of six loaned to the B. E. F. on America's entrance into the war. All were retained until the Armistice. Helen Crocker Soper, wife of Major Willard B. Soper, went to France in June, 1917, for service with the American Ambulance Corps at Paris, but it developed that her services would be of more value at Etretat where there was a colony of 250 orphans of the Association Nationale Des Orphelins de la Guerre. In July, that year, she took charge with Miss Peabody of the Infirmary of the colony and of the general health of its children. From June, 1918, Mrs. Soper was assisted in this work by Miss Laura McNulta, formerly of Bloomington. Their work terminated Jan. 1, 1919. At Christmas, 1918, the prefect of the Department of the Seine Inferieure, presented Mrs. Soper with the medal of Reconnaissance of the department, in recognition of her invaluable services. The self sacrifice and tireless devotion to his line of duty won for Major Soper the gratitude of the patients in his charge and he was at all times alert to their needs and watchful of their comfort and care.

Dr. Soper elected to specialize in his chosen profession as bacteriologist, and for several years prior to the war was instructor for physicians at the Truedeaux School of Tubercular Diseases, located at Saranac Lake, N. Y. Upon his return from France with the conclusion of hostilities, he was induced by the managers of the Rockefeller Foundation to devote three or four years to experiments in the treatment of tuberculosis with headquarters in Paris, France. Dr. Soper accepted this commission and his selection was a notable tribute to his ability and the fame that he has already commanded in this important field of work. It is believed that the result of his study and experimentations will doubtless alleviate the terrors of the "Great White Plague".

Horace A. Soper, vice-president of the American Foundry & Furnace Company, is a veteran of the World War, and a prominent business man of Bloomington. He was born in Bloomington, Oct. 12, 1886, and is the son of Clinton P. and Emma (Burr) Soper, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work.

Horace A. Soper was educated in the public and high schools of Bloomington, attended Lawrenceville school at Lawrenceville, N. Y., and is a graduate of Yale University. Since completing his education, Mr. Soper has been interested in the American Foundry & Furnace Company, which was organized by his father, the late Clinton P. Soper.

Of the young business men of Bloomington who responded to the call of service during the World War, Mr. Soper was fortunate in being sent abroad. He won a commission as first lieutenant on Oct. 11, 1917, and due to his business training and administrative experience, he was first assigned to duty in Washington, D. C., and later placed in charge of the purchasing department for steel helmets, fire control instruments, etc. Making good in this field, he was commissioned captain in June, 1918, and given greater responsibilities abroad. He was sent to France and placed in charge of the purchases of iron and steel and various classes of machinery necessary for the projection of the war. Capt. Soper made his headquarters at Tours while in France, thus enabling him to participate in the tremendous activity necessary in carrying on the war and also getting an insight of the superhuman *modus operandi* that no writer has yet been able to adequately describe. Capt. Soper remained in the service until the close of the great conflict and was honorably discharged Jan. 4, 1919, returning to Bloomington to resume his position with the American Foundry & Furnace Company.

On June 7, 1911, Mr. Soper was united in marriage with Miss Anne Bell, a native of Staunton, Va., and the daughter of Richard P. and Emma Lisle (Frazier) Bell, natives of Virginia and now deceased. To Horace A. and Anne (Bell) Soper three children have been born: Jean, Clinton Burr, and Emma, all at home. The Soper family resides at 1122 E. Monroe Street.

Mr. Soper is a Republican and a member of the Presbyterian Church. His wife belongs to the Episcopal Church. Mr. Soper is a progressive and successful man of affairs and the Soper family ranks among the leading representative citizens of McLean County.

Hudson Burr, now deceased, was for many years a prominent member of the McLean County bar. He was born in Litchfield County, Conn., Jan. 23, 1830, the son of Rufus and Anne (Hudson) Burr.

Rufus Burr was born in Litchfield County, Conn., in December, 1800, and was a farmer of moderate means. On May 9, 1827, he was married to Miss Anne S. Hudson, a daughter of Barzilli Hudson. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Burr settled at Torrington, Conn. Mr. Burr died in 1863 while visiting his children in Bloomington, Ill. His wife died in 1878. They were the parents of nine children, of whom Hudson, subject of this sketch, was second in order of birth.

Hudson Burr passed his boyhood days in his native state and received his primary education in the public schools, later entering Yale College, where he pursued a thorough course of study and was graduated in 1853. He then entered the law office of Henry S. Barber, of Wolcottville, Conn. where he remained one year. He then came to Bloomington and was admitted to the bar in 1858, soon afterwards becoming a partner of Major Packard. This partnership continued until 1862. The Civil War being then in progress, Mr. Burr enlisted, becoming Adjutant of the 94th Illinois regiment, and was detailed for duty on the frontier until the summer of 1863. The regiment was then transferred to the Army of the Potomac. In 1864, Mr. Burr was forced to resign on account of ill health. During his military experience he distinguished himself for bravery and faithfulness and served as Adjutant-General with the rank of Captain. He took part in the battle of Prairie Grove and was at the siege and capture of Vicksburg, July 18, 1863. After receiving his honorable discharge from the army, Captain Burr returned to Bloomington and formed a law partnership with Robert E. Williams, which continued for 19 years. The firm was for many years known as Williams, Burr & Capen. It was a strong one and gained favor from the beginning.

Mr. Burr was married in his native state in 1855 to Miss Lucy W. Pelton, a daughter of Robert Pelton, of Wolcottville, Conn. To this union four children were born, Charles Hudson; Mrs. Emma Burr Soper, of Bloomington; Louis H., who died at the age of nine months; and Lillie, died at six years of age.

Mr. Burr and his family were regular attendants of the Second Presbyterian Church. He was always regarded both socially and in his business relations as a valuable citizen of McLean County.

Walter H. Sieberns, now living retired at Gridley, is among the leading citizens of McLean County. He was born in Woodford County, Aug. 19, 1862, the son of Henry E. and Caroline (Niergarth) Sieberns.

Henry E. Sieberns was born in Germany and came to this country when he was a young man, making the trip in a sailing vessel which required 46 days. He landed at New Orleans, where he followed his trade as cabinet maker for a short time before coming to Woodford County, Ill., in 1860. Mr. Sieberns owned and operated the first store at Gridley, where he remained until 1882. He then moved to Peoria, where he died Jan. 11, 1914. His wife died March 27, 1918. Mr. Sieberns owned 1,640 acres of well-improved land which is now owned by his children. Mr. and Mrs. Sieberns were the parents of eight children, as follows: Etta, the widow of C. P. Ohl, lives at Peoria; Anna, married B. F. Schertz, lives at Peoria; Mary, married George W. Brickner, lives at Peoria; Walter H., the subject of this sketch; Minnie, married William Ohl, deceased, and she lives with Mrs. Brickner at Peoria; John R., retired, lives at Peoria; Otto, lives in Wisconsin; and Carl lives in Wisconsin.

Walter H. Sieberns was reared on the farm and received his education in the district schools of McLean County. He succeeded his father in business at Gridley, and now lives retired. Mr. Sieberns owns 160 acres of land and town property, as well as a fine residence which was built in 1921.

On Sept. 6, 1886, Mr. Sieberns was married to Miss Caroline Freidinger, a native of Tazewell County, Ill., born July 3, 1862, and the daughter of John and Mary (Sandmeyer) Freidinger, both natives of Germany, now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Freidinger have seven children, as follows: George, lives at Peoria; Kate, deceased; Lizzie, married Barney Eisle, lives at Pekin, Ill.; Henry, deceased; Mary, lives at Peoria; Anna, married George Crawford, lives in Livingston County, and Mrs. Sieberns. To Walter H. and Caroline (Freidinger) Sieberns four children have been born, as follows: Oscar W., born Feb. 5, 1888, further mention of whom is made below; Lynn C., born Feb. 7, 1889, further mention of whom is made below; Anna S., born Jan. 14, 1890, trained nurse and now superintendent of nurses in the Methodist Hospital at Peoria; and Henry E., born July 4, 1900, died in 1902.

Oscar W. Sieberns served four years in the United States navy before the World War and took part in the battle of Vera Cruz during the Mexican trouble. During the World War he was inducted into service and

was overseas eleven months with the 68th Regiment, Coast Artillery. Mr. Sieberns owns and operates a garage at Gridley and is among the successful young business men of the community. He married Miss Carrie Blair, a native of Bloomington, and the daughter of Henry Blair. She died one year after their marriage.

Lynn C. Sieberns is among the prominent young attorneys of the McLean County bar and has practiced at Gridley for seven years. He was inducted into service during the World War and sent to Fort Riley, Kan., with the medical division. Mr. Sieberns served overseas for 13 months and took part in many of the important battles of the war. He married Miss Edna Meyer of Oak Park, Ill., and lives at Gridley.

Walter H. Sieberns is a Democrat and he and his family are members of the Congregational Church. They are highly respected citizens of McLean County.

George K. Young, a well known and respected citizen of McLean County, who is now living retired, is a member of one of the county's prominent pioneer families. He was born near Lexington in McLean County, March 11, 1860, the son of Isaac and Julia A. (Kemp) Young.

Isaac Young was born in Money Creek Township, McLean County, where he spent practically his entire life. He was the son of Madison Young, who was among the early settlers of Illinois. Isaac Young was the owner of 200 acres of land near Lexington, which he improved, and he was among the leading stockmen of that section, driving his stock on foot to Chicago before the time of the railroad. During the early days the Young family and the Funk family were close friends. Mr. Young died Aug. 4, 1907, and his wife died April 17, 1913. They were the parents of three children, as follows: George K., the subject of this sketch; Belle J., married C. K. Ream, retired, lives in Bloomington; and Martha A., married H. B. Montgomery, both deceased.

George K. Young was educated in the district schools and attended Illinois Wesleyan University, afterward taking a business course at the then known Evergreen City Business College at Bloomington. He then engaged in general farming and stock raising and later specialized in the breeding of draft horses. Mr. Young bought and sold horses for the Chicago market for more than 15 years and during the World War did a

large volume of business. At one time Mr. Young sold a pair of dapple gray horses to the Papst Brewing Company and they were used for show purposes by the company, and sent throughout the country.

On Sept. 30, 1886, Mr. Young was united in marriage with Miss Permelia L. Kemp, a native of Fort Scott, Kan., born Sept. 23, 1862, and the daughter of Shadrick and Cynthia (Dawson) Kemp, natives of Madison County, Ohio. The Kemp family came to Illinois in 1857 and almost immediately went to Kansas, where Mr. Kemp became a prominent farmer. He served during the Civil War and took part in many battles. Mr. and Mrs. Kemp, now deceased, were the parents of six children, as follows: Elizabeth, died Oct. 31, 1922, was the wife of S. J. Bean; James, killed in Alaska, Feb. 4, 1897; Mrs. Young; S. J., lives at Lexington, Neb.; Cynthia Ellen, lives with her brother in Nebraska; and Croghan, deceased. To George K. and Permelia L. (Kemp) Young four children were born, as follows: Eunice, born April 19, 1887, married on Nov. 4, 1911, to Prof-Boyd E. Whisnant, lives in Montana; Grace Ellen, born Sept. 29, 1889, married on March 11, 1920, to Earl J. Conrad, and they live in Idaho; Russell P., born March 6, 1892, is a veteran of the World War, lives at Gridley; and George Lyman, born March 27, 1895, also a World War veteran, and he lives with his parents at Gridley. Mr. and Mrs. Young have eight grandchildren.

In politics Mr. Young is a Democrat and he has served as alderman of Gridley for three years. He is a member of the Methodist Church and is held in high esteem throughout the county.

T. Curtis, a prominent citizen and successful business man of Gridley, was born in Norfolk, England, March 28, 1871, the son of William and Anna Curtis.

William Curtis was a game keeper on a large estate in England and is now deceased, as also is his wife. They were the parents of three children, as follows: Sarah, lives in England; William, deceased; and T., the subject of this sketch.

T. Curtis received his education in the public schools of England and was then employed in the kennels of Rothschild, famous breeder of fox hounds and other blooded dogs. He came to the United States when he was 19 years of age and settled on a farm in McLean County, where he

worked for \$15.00 per month. Mr. Curtis later operated rented land for six years. He entered the jewelry business at Gridley 25 years ago in partnership with James Rogers. Mr. Curtis owns his place of business, which is located on Main Street and he is among the leading and reliable business men of that section.

Mr. Curtis is a Republican.

George Stipp Hanna, one of Bloomington's most prominent native sons, died Feb. 21, 1920. He was born in Bloomington, July 5, 1849, and spent his early life there, attending the University High School at Normal. In 1869 he accompanied the Hon. E. B. Washburne, United States minister, to France and was a member of his family for some time, afterwards going to Germany and studying at Heidelberg University. At the time of the Franco-Prussian war he returned to Paris and acted as German interpreter for the United States embassy.

Mr. Hanna was the son of the Hon. William H. Hanna, one of Bloomington's distinguished lawyers in his time, and was the last of his family, his father, mother and brother, W. Claibourne Hanna, having preceded him in death.

The Hanna family is traced back to Castle Corbley in Scotland and from there large numbers of the family went to Ireland. After the restoration of Charles II to the throne of England, things became quite warm for these Scots, who had fled to the county of Down in Ireland, and many of them hurried to America. Some of the family settled in Pennsylvania and from there Mark A. Hanna, who was famous as a politician in his day, was descended. One of the Hannas settled at Wilmington, Del., and another went to South Carolina, and from him William Hanna, father of the subject of this sketch, was descended. William Hanna's father bore the name of Robert and his grandfather's name was the same. Both were natives of Carolina. The battle of Cowpens during the Revolutionary War was fought on land belonging to a member of the Hanna family. From the Carolinas the Hannas moved to Brookville, the county seat of Franklin County, which in the early days was quite an important post.

The father of George S. Hanna was one of the most prominent members of the McLean County bar. His death occurred when he was but 46 years of age and came in a most distressing way. The family



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home was located in a large imposing house, which stood where Paul F. Beich's home is now located at Albert and Grove streets. There was a thunder storm on the night of Aug. 5, 1870. He was sleeping soundly when lightning struck the house, the bolt finding its way to the chamber of Mr. and Mrs. Hanna. He was struck and lived but an hour after the shock, while Mrs. Hanna was uninjured. Their son was in Europe at the time.

George S. Hanna was like his illustrious father in that he did not care for the plaudits of the world, preferring to remain at his post and to live his life quietly as was his choice. He was a wealthy man, but never made a display of his worldly goods, but took a great pride in his home life. His residence on East Front street is one of the finest in that part of the city.

Mr. Hanna was a large land owner in Illinois and Kansas, his principal activity being the management of his farms. His model farm located near Holder is an example of Mr. Hanna's advanced method of farming. The farm has been of vast importance to many farmers as a great many experiments of note have been conducted there. With his cousin, Samuel C. Hanna, in Kansas, he has also been largely engaged in the importation of horses from France and the breeding of Shorthorn cattle. Mr. Hanna was a man of enterprise in matters pertaining to the city and it was largely through his efforts that the erection of the Illinois Hotel was made possible. He was one of the owners of that property and also owned several other pieces of business property, one of which is the Hanna building on Center Street.

Mr. Hanna was married on Oct. 31, 1895, to Miss Ida Spence, of Bloomington, a daughter of John Adams and Emily Ruth (Stevens) Spence. John Adams Spence was a successful lawyer of Bloomington and was engaged in the practice of his profession here for many years. He was born at Hamilton, Ohio, and died in Bloomington, Ill., Aug. 1, 1895. His wife was born at Ann Arbor, Mich., and died Jan. 7, 1916, and the remains of both rest in Evergreen Cemetery at Bloomington, Ill. They were the parents of four children, as follows: Laura Martha, married James Seymour Capen; Kitty, deceased; and Mabelle Ruth.

Mr. Hanna was a man of high standing in the community and had many friends. He was a Republican and a member of the Bloomington Country Club and the Bloomington Club. Mrs. Hanna is a Republican and attends the Second Presbyterian Church of Bloomington.

J. M. Slown, a well known, retired teacher and farmer of Gridley, is a veteran of the Civil War and a prominent pioneer citizen of McLean County. He was born at Mackinaw, Ill., March 7, 1840, the son of John and Polly (Hearst) Slown.

John Slown was a native of Kentucky and was among the earliest settlers of the Mackinaw River section. He operated a general merchandise store at Gridley for many years in partnership with Frank George, and served as justice of the peace for 50 years. Mr. Slown volunteered for service during the Civil War and served with the 94th Illinois Volunteer Infantry. J. M. Slown, the subject of this sketch, had the following brothers and sisters: William H., deceased; Sarah, deceased; and Abigail, deceased. He has two half-brothers, Dr. John, who lives in Indianapolis, Ind., and Albert, a druggist, in Indianapolis.

J. M. Slown attended his first school in a log cabin, and after his preliminary education attended normal school. He is one of the pioneer teachers of Livingston and McLean counties, having taught for 26 years. After his retirement he came to Gridley and worked at the carpenter trade for a number of years and also farmed. During the Civil War Mr. Slown served with Company C, 33d Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and was in service four and one-half years. He was engaged in a number of the important battles of the war, including the Battle of Vicksburg, Champaign Hill, Black River Bridge, Jackson, Red River, and Spanish Fort. Mr. Slown's father and brother-in-law, D. D. Phinney, also engaged in the war.

After the close of the war Mr. Slown went to New Orleans, La., and served as overseer on a large plantation for two years.

On Aug. 27, 1870, Mr. Slown was married to Miss Clara H. Rollins, a native of Indiana, and the daughter of James and Polly (Miller) Rollins. Mr. Rollins died Dec. 12, 1898, and his wife died July 7, 1912. They were the parents of four children, as follows: Isabel, deceased; Emma, deceased; James, deceased; and Mrs. Slown. To J. W. and Clara (Rollins) Slown three children have been born, as follows: Albert, died in infancy; Jennie, born June 10, 1882, at home; and James, born April 24, 1885, mail carrier at Chatworth, Ill. Mrs. Slown died Dec. 29, 1923, and is buried in the Gridley cemetery.

In politics Mr. Slown is a Republican, and he has been a member of the Masonic Lodge since 1874. He is one of the interesting men of his community and a highly respected citizen of McLean County.

Dr. R. J. Brady, a well known and successful dentist of Gridley, is a member of one of McLean County's prominent families. He was born at Chenoa, July 22, 1874, and is the son of James and Jane (Boyd) Brady.

James Brady, who died May 19, 1919, was a resident of Chenoa for more than fifty years and had an eventful career. He was born in County Dublin, Ireland, on Feb. 2, 1837. With an uncle he came to America in 1852, sailing from Dublin in the sailing vessel, *New Brunswick*, and landing at Quebec on June first of that year after a voyage of six weeks. The same year he came to Granville, Putnam County, Ill., and got employment on a farm, working for five dollars per month at the start. He was in the employ of the same man for six years. Then he opened a butcher shop which he operated for several years.

In the spring of 1863, Mr. Brady settled on 80 acres of land south of Weston. He went to Chicago and bought the lumber for his house. This is part of the farm now owned by Christian Schwager and occupied by H. H. Harms. While residing there Mr. Brady sold the place to John Rupp and purchased an adjoining section of land, where he spent the remainder of his life. In 1869 Mr. Brady built a barn, which was the first frame barn in Chenoa and Yates townships. It was built in a substantial manner and stands there yet.

Mr. Brady was married on Aug. 25, 1858, to Miss Jennie Boyd, and to this union eight children were born, as follows: Lawrence, lives at Chenoa; Edwin, near Fairbury; Samuel, lives at Saunemin, Ill.; Louis, lives at Chicago; Mrs. Mary Murdy, lives at Chenoa; Mrs. Jennie Kuntz, lives at Streeter, Ill.; Dr. R. J., the subject of this sketch; and Mrs. Grace Hewitt, lives in Chicago. Mr. Brady's wife died Feb. 11, 1882, and on June 24, 1884, he was married to Mrs. Frances Bowman, of Livingston County, and to this union four children were born as follows: Earl, lives on the home place; Mrs. Frances Alice Mears, lives south of Chenoa; Mrs. Myrtle McDonald and Mrs. Nina Bell McFarland of Chenoa. Mr. Brady was active not only as a farmer but also as a business man. He was a dealer in real estate, buying and selling a number of farms. Later he engaged in the live stock business, which he continued for many years. In spite of all his extensive business transactions Mr. Brady never had a lawsuit. He said, "If we would all live as we ought to live, we could do without preachers, lawyers and doctors."

Dr. R. J. Brady was reared in Chenoa and received his education in the public schools. He practiced dentistry in the office of Dr. Gallhugh

for six months and then attended the dental college at Keokuk, Iowa, from which he graduated April 24, 1904. He has practiced dentistry at Gridley since May 3, 1907, and has an extensive practice and is efficient in his work.

On July 3, 1905, Dr. Brady was married to Miss Irma Drum, a native of Gridley, and the daughter of Michael and Abbie (Martin) Drum, both now deceased. Mrs. Brady has the following brothers: Harry S., lives at Galesburg, Ill.; Ford, veterinary surgeon, lives at Saybrook, Ill.; and Lloyd, veterinary surgeon, Iowa Falls, Iowa. Dr. and Mrs. Brady have one daughter, Abigail Jane, born March 7, 1914.

Dr. Brady is a Republican and contributes to the Congregational Church.

Edwin V. Neuhauser, who is successfully engaged in the insurance business at Gridley, was born in Gridley Township, McLean County, Dec. 2, 1896, the son of Emil and Anna (Claudon) Neuhauser.

Emil Neuhauser was a native of Gridley and a leading farmer of McLean County during his entire life. He was a Republican and a member of the Mennonite Church. Mr. Neuhauser died Feb. 26, 1902, and his widow lives at Gridley. They were the parents of four children, as follows: Ellen, died in infancy; Edwin V., the subject of this sketch; Irene, a post-graduate of the Chicago Medical School, now teaching school; and Pearl, died in infancy.

Edwin V. Neuhauser was educated in the public and high schools of Gridley, graduated at Bradley Polytechnic Institute of Peoria, and also spent two years at the University of Illinois. He engaged in farming for two years and was also in the garage business. Mr. Neuhauser entered the insurance business in January, 1920. He owns an attractive home at Gridley, as well as 80 acres of well-improved land in Waldo Township, and six and one-quarter acres in Gridley Township.

On June 24, 1920, Mr. Neuhauser was married to Miss Lucille Lusher, a native of Gridley, born July 27, 1895, and the daughter of J. F. and Emma (Settle) Lusher. Mr. Lusher is a well known merchant of Normal, Ill., a Republican and a member of the Presbyterian Church. Mr and Mrs. Lusher have nine children, as follows: Charles, lives at Washburn, Ill.; Mrs. Neuhauser; Jessie, married Paul Kent, lives at Champaign, Ill.;

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Frank, lives at Normal; Herbert, Iona, Louis, and Russell, all at home; Ralph, deceased.

Mr. Neuhauser is a Republican, a member of the Congregational Church, and belongs to the Masonic Lodge. He is an enterprising and well-known young business man of McLean County.

Elmer Kaufman, a well known citizen of Gridley, is the owner of an up-to-date men's furnishing store. He was born at Orrville, Ohio, Sept. 16, 1885, and is the son of Edward and Catherine (Augustine) Kaufman.

Edward Kaufman was born in Switzerland and came to America at the age of 17 years, settling in Wayne County, Ohio, where he conducted a tailoring establishment. Later Mr. Kaufman came to Illinois and engaged in farming in Livingston County. He died at the age of 36 years and his widow now lives with her only child, Elmer, the subject of this sketch.

Elmer Kaufman received his education in the public schools of Livingston County, after which he engaged in farming for three years. He then entered the employ of Ruvenacht & Lusher, a general merchandise store, where he remained four years. In 1914 Mr. Kaufman established his present business, which was the first store to be operated on a cash basis. He does a large volume of business and carries a high class line of merchandise.

In 1912 Mr. Kaufman was united in marriage with Miss Minnie Diggle, a native of Gridley, born Feb. 28, 1888, and a daughter of John L. and Betty (Punke) Diggle. Mr. Diggle was born in Peoria County, Ill., in 1855, and for many years was a prosperous farmer and stockman of McLean County. He now lives retired at Gridley. His wife was born Dec. 2, 1866, and died July 31, 1903. They were the parents of three children, as follows: Mrs. Kaufman; Henry E., assistant cashier of the State Bank, Gridley; and Edith, married Freeman Beckwitz, a merchant, St. Joseph, Ill. To Elmer and Minnie (Diggle) Kaufman four children have been born, as follows: Alberta, born Dec. 3, 1912; Aldine, born Jan. 6, 1919; Maxine, born July 19, 1921, and Ruth Pauline, born Sept. 24, 1923.

Mr. Kaufman is a Republican, a member of the Masonic Lodge and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a keenly, observant business man, an excellent citizen, and an asset to his community.

Charles Smith Rowley, deceased, was a successful and widely known newspaper man of McLean County, and at the time of his death was editor of the Gridley Advance. He was born at Elmira, N. Y., Nov. 2, 1848, the son of William and Charlotte (Elmendorf) Rowley.

William Rowley was a native of New York and during his life was engaged in the hotel business at Elmira. He died in 1862. Mr. and Mrs. William Rowley had three sons, as follows: Henry W., deceased; John W., deceased; and Charles Smith, the subject of this sketch.

When he was a boy Charles Smith Rowley removed with his parents to Watkins, N. Y., and from there to Havana, N. Y., where his boyhood was spent, and where he attended school and was a playmate of Senator David B. Hill, Senator Dolph, of Oregon, Prof. Halsey C. Ives, and many others who have since become eminent men and women. Both his brothers enlisted for service during the Civil War and on June 20, 1863, Mr. Rowley enlisted at the age of 14 years as a drummer boy, in Co. D, 14th Regiment, New York Heavy Artillery, under Capt. L. D. Jones. He left his widowed mother and joined the regiment at Rochester, N. Y., where he was mustered into service. From there they went to New York City and from this point the regiment was sent, part to Staten Island, and part to Fort Sandy Hook in New York harbor. Young Rowley's company was among those sent to Sandy Hook and here they remained until spring, when they were sent to Washington, D. C., and from there started on a great campaign that was destined to witness the close of the rebellion.

Mr. Rowley was transferred from Company D to Company I under Capt. Louis Faas. He was engaged in the following battles: Wilderness, Spottsylvania Court House, North and South Anna, Petersburg, Weldon Railroad and the great fight on the 25th of March and the evacuation of Petersburg, Va., April 3rd.

Returning from the war in 1865 Mr. Rowley took part in the grand review in Washington, D. C., and was mustered out on Aug. 26, 1865, at Rochester, N. Y. He then returned to Havana, N. Y., where his mother, who had remarried, was residing. For a short time he worked in a yeast cake factory, and then entered the office of the Havana Journal as apprentice. After working here for about a year he accompanied his step-father to Illinois, coming to Bloomington, Oct. 23, 1866, where he finished up his trade in the Merchant's Advertiser office, then conducted in Washington Street by Messrs. Remington and Holmes. His health not being considered good in a printing office, Mr. Rowley commenced work in the great

Bloomington Nursery of F. K. Phoenix. In 1868 he went to Lacon, Ill., where he worked in the Lacon Nursery and finally began business for himself as a grower of small fruit, in which he was quite successful.

After a few years Mr. Rowley was afflicted with asthma and suffered from it so severely that he was compelled to give up outdoor work and take up his old work of a printer, the love for which he had never lost. In company with E. R. McKinney, he founded the Fruit Grower and Horticulturist, a monthly magazine which was a success. He sold his interest in the business to George A. Bangs. After a time he bought out Mr. Bangs, who was then sole owner of the plant, and after getting out a few copies of the magazine, found it was not a paying proposition any more and it was discontinued.

In April, 1891, Mr. Rowley removed his plant to Washburn, Ill., and founded the Washburn Leader, a local newspaper. From the first the Leader was a success and was acknowledged to be one of the best in the county. After conducting the Leader until Sept. 20, 1892, he received a good offer for it from a German Evangelical preacher, named John Schultze, who paid \$1,200.00 for the plant and good will of the paper. Mr. Rowley then cast about for a new location and in February, 1893, visited Gridley, and receiving every assurance of hearty support, decided to locate there. He did so and on the 17th of March, 1893, presented the people with the first number of the Gridley Advance, a bright and newsy six-column quarto which soon won the esteem of the people and became a success. Mr. Rowley remained editor of the Gridley Advance until the time of his death, Oct. 1, 1911.

On Sept. 30, 1885, Mr. Rowley was married to Miss Clara A. Culp, a native of Laporte, Ind., born March 23, 1866, and a daughter of Marcus and Martha (Lough) Culp. Mr. and Mrs. Culp came to Illinois in 1870 and settled at Lacon. He died Jan. 18, 1922, and his wife died Sept. 18, 1900. They were the parents of the following children: Carrie, died in infancy; Mrs. Rowley; Everett, lives at Peoria, Ill.; Willard, civil engineer, lives at Peoria, Ill.; Richard, died in infancy; Ada May, lives at Peoria, Ill.; John David, deceased; Frank, lives at Peoria, Ill.; and Ralph, died in infancy.

To Charles Smith and Clara (Culp) Rowley, six children were born as follows: Russell W., died in infancy; Ada, born Aug. 14, 1889, married James Coyle, restaurant owner, Princeville, Ill.; Evangeline, born April 7, 1891, married Charles Hughes, Jr., lives at Gridley, Ill.; Marcus D., born April 4, 1896, linotype operator, Chenoa Clipper-Times, is a veteran of

the World War, having served with Company F, 112th Infantry, 31st Division, eight months of which were spent overseas; Charlotte, born Aug. 30, 1900, at home; and Charles Howard, born Feb. 4, 1904, a compositor on the Chenoa Clipper-Times. Mrs. Rowley has six grandchildren, as follows: James Marcus, Margaret Shirley, and Mirian Lucille Coyle; Charles Randall Hughes; Marjorie Lucille Rowley, died in infancy; and Charles Marcus Rowley.

Charles Smith Rowley was always a Republican in politics. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge and the Grand Army of the Republic. He was also a member of the Methodist Church. During his residence of over 23 years in Lacon, Mr. Rowley was prominent in horticultural matters, and was one of the founders and for many years secretary of the Marshall County Horticultural Society. He was also a prominent contributor to the Inter-Ocean, Germantown Telegraph, Cincinnati Grain Bulletin, Chicago Tribune, and many other influential papers, on horticultural topics, and gained a great reputation as an authority of practical horticulture. Mrs. Rowley resides at Gridley. After the death of her husband she conducted the newspaper until 1918, when she sold out to the Clipper-Times.

Benoni S. Green, deceased, was a prominent pioneer business man of Bloomington. He was born in Columbia County, N. Y., March 19, 1846, and is a son of Gilbert and Lydia (Sherman) Green.

Benoni S. Green was reared to manhood in New York and received his education in the public schools there. When he was a young man he was employed by the Tilden family at New Lebanon, N. Y. Samuel J. Tilden, later candidate for president, was a member of that family. Mr. Green came to Bloomington in 1870, but shortly afterward returned to New York with his parents. He entered the employ of Risser & Wright, manufacturers and wholesalers of saddlery, and remained in their employ until he purchased the business in 1878. Mr. Green was identified with this business until the time of his death, Aug. 16, 1920. During the last few years of his life his son, Ralph M. Green, had active charge of the business. The business has been located in its present location since 1880, at the corner of East and Monroe Streets. The original building was destroyed by the fire of 1900, but was replaced by a six-story modern brick building. About 30 men are employed by the company, although formerly 100 men were employed there.



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Mr. Green was first married to Miss Betta Marquis, a sister of C. C. and F. D. Marquis. To them were born two children, as follows: Laura B., died in 1901 at the age of 19 years; and Ralph M., who conducts his father's business in Bloomington. Mrs. Green died in 1886, and he was later married to Miss Bernice Kidder, a native of Minonk, Ill. To this union two children were born: Bernice K., deceased; and Benoni S., lives in Pasadena, Cal.

Mr. Green was also interested in farming in McLean County and at one time owned and operated three farms. He was particularly interested in breeding standard bred trotting horses and was secretary of the McLean County Fair Association. He was a member of the Second Presbyterian Church and served as president of the Board of Trustees for a number of years, taking an active interest in church work. Mr. Green was a man who gave generously to public improvements, a man of modest notion, and one of the substantial men of Bloomington. He was one of the directors of the McLean County Bank for several years. One of the finest residences in the city is the Green home which was built in 1895. It is located at 1102 North Main Street.

Andrew Oliver Rupp, the well known editor of The Gridley Advance News, was born in Tazewell County. He came to McLean County with his parents when he was a boy and attended the Chenoa schools, Illinois Wesleyan University, and was graduated from the University of Illinois at Champaign, Ill. Mr. Rupp is the son of Joseph and Anna (Baechler) Rupp, natives of Alsace-Lorraine, and early settlers of Tazewell County. Mr. Joseph Rupp died when Andrew was six months of age, and his widow later married Christian Claudon, who was as devoted a father to Andrew and his sister, Mrs. P. S. Ropp, of Bloomington, as he was to his own daughters, Mrs. S. T. King and Martha H. Claudon, both of whom now live at Chenoa.

After finishing his school work, Andrew Oliver Rupp taught school for several years and was principal of Heyworth schools. However, Mr. Rupp was interested in newspaper work and gave up his position as principal to become editor of The El Paso Journal. He has served as editor of the Monmouth Atlas, the Monmouth Evening Journal, the Lena Star, the McHenry Plain Dealer, the McHenry Journal, and the Chenoa Times,

and was a reporter for the Chenoa Clipper and the Chenoa-Clipper-Times. In March, 1920, Mr. Rupp became editor of The Gridley Advance, which position he has since filled in a capable and efficient manner.

Mr. Rupp has always taken an active interest in the affairs of his town and was instrumental in obtaining the water works for Gridley. He has held several positions of honor and trust, such as city clerk of Chenoa for three terms, village clerk of McHenry for two terms, justice of the peace of Chenoa for two terms, and he is now village clerk of Gridley. Mr. Rupp has always been one of the enterprising citizens of the township and is widely and favorably known.

Henry Trohler, who has been in business at Gridley for 11 years, is a native of Yates Township, McLean County. He was born Dec. 3, 1881, and is a son of Philip and Rosa (Dennewitz) Trohler.

Philip Trohler, a native of Alsace-Lorraine, came to the United States with his parents in 1844 and settled on a farm near Chillicothe, Ohio, where Mr. Trohler spent his boyhood. He later went to Waverly, Ohio, and after his marriage there, came to Illinois and settled in Livingston County. In 1880 he moved to Yates Township, McLean County, where he operated a farm of 86 acres. Mr. Trohler was an extensive grain farmer and a breeder of good stock. He served during the Civil War for three years. He died Dec. 12, 1923, at the age of 82 years, 8 months, and 24 days. His wife is 74 years old. There are 14 children as follows: John, killed by accident in 1904; Elizabeth, married John Rusterhultz, lives at Fairbury; Catherine, married Frank Young, lives at Fairbury; Mary, married Amion Hendershot, deceased, and she lives at Pontiac; George, deceased; Anna, deceased; Rose, married Theodore Laidley, Chicago; William, lives in Ohio; Henry, the subject of this sketch; Emma, married John A. Smith, lives at Jackson, Ohio; Grover, lives at Fairbury; Levi, lives at Fairbury; Fred, lives at Fairbury; and Martha, married Edward Thomas, lives at Fairbury.

Henry Trohler spent his boyhood on the home place and attended the district schools. He then worked on his father's farm at \$20 per month until he was 23 years of age, when he learned the barber trade. Mr. Trohler has conducted his business at Gridley for 18 years and has an up-to-date shop on Front Street, and has a large patronage.

Mr. Trohler is a Democrat, a member of the Methodist Church and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a substantial citizen and stands high in the community and county.

Joseph S. Rich, a well known retired farmer of Gridley Township, is the owner of 400 acres of land and one of the finest residences in McLean County. He was born in Woodford County, Ill., June 7, 1865, the son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Sommers) Rich.

Jacob Rich was born in Paris, France, Oct. 30, 1838, and came to America with his parents when he was 10 years old. They settled on land near Gridley and Mr. Rich became the owner of 320 acres of land, which he improved from raw prairie. He was an extensive farmer and also a feeder of stock, and during the early days drove his stock two and one-half miles to Gridley to market, receiving only three cents per hundred-weight. Mr. Rich was a Republican and a member of the Christian Church. He died Jan. 19, 1907, and his widow now lives with her daughter at Gridley and is 78 years of age. They were the parents of six children, as follows: Joseph S., the subject of this sketch; Peter, retired farmer, lives at Gridley; Mary, married Gustave Buckner, a retired farmer, lives at Gridley; Anna L., married Amiel Stoller, lives near Gridley; Lizzie, married John Yergler, a retired farmer, lives at Gridley; and Katie, married Christian Buckner, lives south of Gridley.

Joseph S. Rich received his education in the Grandview district school, which was west of Gridley. He started life farming on rented land and later purchased his present farm of 400 acres, which is located near Gridley. Mr. Rich specialized in the breeding of Shorthorn cattle and Poland-China hogs and has been widely known throughout McLean County as a progressive and enterprising farmer. The Rich residence is modern and is among the beautiful farms of the community.

On Dec. 1, 1887, Mr. Rich was united in marriage with Miss Katie D. Slagell, a native of Washington, born Dec. 29, 1869, and the daughter of Christian and Magdelene (Turk) Slagel, the former a native of Washington and the latter of France. Mr. Slagell died Feb. 27, 1913, and his wife died Feb. 27, 1921. They had only one child, Mrs. Rich. To Joseph S. and Katie (Slagell) Rich 10 children have been born, as follows: Alvin, lives at home; Silas, World War veteran and now postmaster of Gridley,

a sketch of whom appears in this work; Theodore, a veteran of the World War, having served with the 125th Engineers in France, and he lives at Gridley with his parents; Alice, married Mathew Heinold, a farmer, lives in Indiana; Ollie, at home; Simon, lives in Indiana; Elmer, a farmer, at home; George, Roy, and Lucille, all living at home. Mr. and Mrs. Rich have five grandchildren, as follows: Dorothy, Virgil and Fern Heinold; and Kenneth and Bettie Rich.

In politics Mr. Rich is a Republican and he has served as school director for 12 years and also as road commissioner for two years. He is a member of the Christian Church. Mr. Rich attributes his success in life to hard work, and he and his family are highly respected citizens and stand high in McLean County.

Samuel Rinkenberger is a successful farmer and stockman of Gridley Township and farms 140 acres of land. He was born in Gridley Township, Jan. 1, 1885, the son of Peter and Christina (Funk) Rinkenberger.

Peter Rinkenberger settled on a farm in Gridley Township in 1883 and for many years has been among the leading farmers of the county. He owns 714 acres of land and was a shipper and feeder of stock. Mr. and Mrs. Rinkenberger, who now live retired at Gridley, are the parents of four living children, as follows: John F., a farmer, lives in Gridley Township; Elizabeth, married Chris Stoll, lives at Peoria, Ill.; Mary, married Thomas Tully, lives at Gridley; and Samuel, the subject of this sketch.

Samuel Rinkenberger spent his boyhood on the home farm and attended the public schools. He has always lived in Gridley Township and now farms his father's land of 140 acres, and raises Chester White hogs.

On Jan. 20, 1909, Mr. Rinkenberger was united in marriage with Miss Goldie E. Surber, a native of McLean County, born Feb. 27, 1892, and the daughter of Albert and Hester (Hall) Surber, deceased. Mr. Surber died April 23, 1915, and his wife died March 20, 1919. They were the parents of four children, as follows: Margaret, married Arthur Atkins, a farmer, lives in Gridley Township; Mrs. Rinkenberger; and two children died in infancy. To Samuel and Goldie E. (Surber) Rinkenberger five children have been born, as follows: Edward Lowell, born Nov. 20, 1909; Burl E., born Dec. 22, 1911; Lyle S., born Jan. 12, 1917; Gayle, born Feb. 26, 1919, died Aug. 28, 1921; and Perry L., born March 17, 1921.

In politics Mr. Rinkenberger is a Democrat and in 1916 he was elected township assessor, which office he still holds. He is a member of the Methodist Church and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Mr. Rinkenberger is a progressive farmer and an excellent citizen of McLean County.

John F. Rinkenberger, a substantial farmer and stockman of Gridley Township, has lived on the same farm for 40 years. He was born in Nebraska Township, Livingston County, Oct. 28, 1877, the son of Peter and Christina (Funk) Rinkenberger.

Peter Rinkenberger, who now lives retired at Gridley, is the owner of 714 acres of well-improved land, and for many years was a prosperous farmer of Livingston and McLean counties. He and his wife are the parents of eight children, as follows: Lydia, deceased; John F., the subject of this sketch; Lizzie, married Chris Stoll, lives at Peoria; Mary, married Thomas Tully, real estate dealer, lives at Gridley; Samuel, a farmer, lives in Gridley Township; Leah, deceased; and two children died in infancy.

John F. Rinkenberger received his education in the district schools and started life farming with his father. He now operates 180 acres of his father's land in Gridley Township and is a breeder of Shorthorn cattle, registered Percheron horses, and Chester White hogs. The Rinkenberger farm is improved with modern farm buildings, and there is a silo on the place, 50-ton capacity.

On Aug. 26, 1909, Mr. Rinkenberger was united in marriage with Miss Anna Gasser, a native of Brooklyn, N. Y., born Dec. 19, 1892, and the daughter of Nicholas and Magdalene (Miller) Gasser, the former a native of Germany and the latter of Alsace-Lorraine. Mr. Gasser settled in Brooklyn, N. Y., after coming to this country. He was drowned July 13, 1893, while in swimming, and his widow resides in White Pigeon, Mich. Mrs. Rinkenberger has one brother, Joseph, a farmer, lives at White Pigeon, Mich. She has two half-brothers, William and Ernest, who live at White Pigeon, Mich. To John F. and Anna (Gasser) Rinkenberger seven children have been born, as follows: Glenn J., born July 12, 1910; Arthur H., born Aug. 24, 1911; Madlyn K., born Oct. 31, 1913; Clarence L., born Oct. 19, 1916; Ralph L., born March 15, 1918; Dale E., born Dec. 11, 1919; and Lester M., born June 10, 1922.

Mr. Rinkenberger is a Democrat and served as a member of the school board. He is a director of the Farmers Elevator Company. Mr. Rinkenberger is a progressive citizen and is known for his industry and integrity.

Ira Gregory, a well known citizen of Gridley Township and the owner of 600 acres of good farm land, is a member of one of the early pioneer families of McLean County. The Gregory family came to Illinois from Ohio in 1844 and John Gregory, father of the subject of this sketch, settled on the present home place in Gridley Township. He was born in Fayette County, Oct. 8, 1821, and after coming to McLean County became one of the leading and influential citizens. He served as vice-president of The First National Bank of Bloomington and owned 3,200 acres of well improved land.

Ira Gregory was born on the farm where he now resides, Nov. 14, 1866. He spent his boyhood on the farm and received his education in the schools of Normal. For many years Mr. Gregory has been a successful breeder of pure bred Chester White hogs and he also raises bronze turkeys, many of which have won prizes at the poultry shows in Chicago. Mr. Gregory has shipped his turkeys throughout the United States and he is widely known. He now lives retired on his farm, which is among the fine stock farms of McLean County.

On Nov. 3, 1886, Mr. Gregory was united in marriage with Miss Minnie Lanhan, a native of Sangamon County, Ill., born Jan. 14, 1869, and the daughter of Clifton and Elizabeth (Sappington) Lanhan, the former a native of Indiana and the latter of Kentucky. Mr. Lanhan was among the first settlers of Sangamon County, where he improved a large tract of land. He died Jan. 10, 1884, and his wife died in 1899. They were the parents of 11 children, as follows: John, deceased; Mary, married W. J. McCann; Thomas, deceased; Sarah, deceased; P. T., a farmer, lives in Sangamon County; Ardena, married J. W. Boules, lives in Ohio; Martha, married Robert Lee, both deceased; Cora, married Lincoln King, both deceased; Will, deceased; Iva, lives in Ohio; and Mrs. Gregory. To Ira and Minnie (Lanhan) Gregory nine children have been born, as follows: Edna, born Sept. 1, 1887, married B. J. Kinsella, a farmer, lives in Gridley Township; Harold, born Feb. 9, 1890, a farmer, lives in Canada; Iva, born

March 25, 1893, married Charles Dodson, a farmer, lives on part of the Gregory farm in Gridley Township; Gerald and Earl, twins, the latter died in infancy, and Gerald died Jan. 10, 1919; Violet B., born Dec. 1, 1899, married Gilbert Dodson, lives in Gridley Township; Lawrence, born Aug. 30, 1904, lives at home; and two children died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Gregory have 10 grandchildren.

The Gregory Church and Gregory School sites were given to the county by Mr. Gregory's father, John Gregory. Mr. Gregory is a Democrat and a member of the Christian Church, and the Gregory family is representative of the best citizenship in McLean County.

Silas Rich, well known postmaster of Gridley, is a veteran of the World War, and a member of one of McLean County's pioneer families. He was born in Gridley Township, Sept. 12, 1890, the son of Joseph S. and Catherine D. (Slagell) Rich.

Joseph S. Rich and his wife are natives of McLean County, where they have always lived. He has been a widely known feeder and shipper of stock and owns 200 acres of well-improved land in Gridley Township. Mr. Rich is a Republican and is now serving as road commissioner and school director. He and his wife, who live retired on their farm, are the parents of 10 children, as follows: Alvin, a farmer, Gridley Township; Silas, the subject of this sketch; Theodore, further mention of whom is made below; Alice, married Matt Heinold, a farmer, lives in Indiana; Ollie, at home; Simon, lives in Indiana; Elmer, a farmer, lives in Gridley Township; George, a farmer, lives in Gridley Township; Roy, at home; and Lucille, at home.

Theodore Rich was inducted into service during the World War and served with Company A, 124th Engineers. He saw active service in France for eight months and was discharged in Chicago.

Silas Rich attended the public schools of Gridley Township and started life farming on rented land. During the World War he was inducted into service from Bloomington and served with Company A, 124th Engineers, for four months, when he contracted influenza and was discharged. After returning to Gridley Mr. Rich engaged in the oil business for two years and later served as rural mail carrier for seven months. In

the fall of 1922 he entered the automobile business at Gridley which he conducted until Sept. 1, 1923, when he sold out and became postmaster at Gridley. He is well known throughout the county.

Mr. Rich is a Republican and is treasurer of American Legion Post No. 218 at Gridley.

William A. Gerken, deceased, was a successful business man and prominent citizen of Bloomington for many years. He was born at Midlum, Hanover, Germany, June 25, 1835, the son of Charles Albert and Catherine Gerken, the former a well known professor in Germany.

William A. Gerken came to the United States when he was 17 years of age, and located in Charleston, S. C. He later went to Kenosha, Wis., where he entered the grocery business. In 1870 he removed to Bloomington and the following year established the Gerken Baking Company, which became one of the leading business enterprises of Bloomington. The first year Mr. Gerken rented the store building, but purchased it the following year from Mr. Wakefield. The structure is one of the landmarks of the city. Mr. Gerken had the first scale in Bloomington for weighing grain and his business was one of the first of its kind to be established at Bloomington or in McLean County. He had a stepping stone placed in front of his shop, which was used by his customers in alighting from their carriages, and this stone still remains and gives evidence of its many years' use. Mr. Gerken's first cracker machine was propelled by horse power, which was later followed by steam. He continued as sole owner of the business until 1899 when several business men bought stock and the company was incorporated under the name of the W. A. Gerken Bakery Company. Mr. Gerken died Sept. 17, 1903.

On Nov. 5, 1863, Mr. Gerken was united in marriage with Miss Mary Amelia Stemm, a native of Canada, born in 1845. To this union three children were born: one died in infancy; Albert Frederick, who died suddenly at the age of 17 years; and Catherine, the wife of Paul F. Beich, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this volume. Mrs. Gerken lives with her daughter at 209 East Grove Street, Bloomington.

Mr. Gerken was an active member on the board of the Withers Public Library and served as a member of the Bloomington school board for a number of years. He was on the building committee when the Franklin



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Ward School was built. He was also greatly interested in the erection of the Coliseum in Bloomington. When the tract of land for Miller's Park was purchased he took an active interest in the zoo addition and his gift to that department was two deer. Mr. Gerken was a member of the Unitarian Church and always contributed liberally to its support. He belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and was an active member of the Turner Society, being for years treasurer of the latter society. He was a lover of outdoor life and was very fond of horses.

Mr. Gerken was a fine type of business man; honest, upright and courteous. He was an energetic man who stood well in the esteem of his fellow citizens.

Walter R. Steward, manager of the Gridley Electric Light Company, is a native of Paxton, Ill., and a substantial citizen of McLean County. He was born May 22, 1892, and is the son of Charles and Louise (Turner) Steward.

Charles Steward is a native of Illinois and has been a leading business man of Paxton for many years, being engaged in the automobile business there. He is a Republican, a member of the Congregational Church, and belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America. Mrs. Steward died Aug. 17, 1913. They had eight children, as follows: Archie, lives in California; Walter R., the subject of this sketch; Ruth, died at the age of 19 years; Florence, married Captain Ralph Gibson, who is stationed with the air service in St. Louis; Ray, lives at Paxton, Ill.; Frank, lives at Paxton, Ill.; Bessie, at home; and one child died in infancy.

Walter R. Steward received his education in the public schools of Paxton and then entered business with his father, where he remained until 1912, when he entered the employ of the B. and M. Railroad. Mr. Stewart remained in the electric shops of the railroad until October, 1913, when he was appointed manager of the Gridley Electric Light Company.

On March 2, 1916, Mr. Stewart was married to Miss Alberta Keller, a native of Cuba, Ill., born Dec. 13, 1891, and the daughter of C. M. and Mary (Anderson) Keller, the former a native of Illinois and the latter of England. Mr. and Mrs. Keller live at Gridley and Mrs. Steward is their only child. To Walter R. and Alberta (Keller) Steward three children have been born, as follows: Mary Louise, born May 30, 1917; Bud, born Aug. 3, 1919; and Victoria, born Nov. 11, 1921.

In politics Mr. Steward is a Republican. He is a member of the Christian Church and belongs to the Masonic Lodge. Mr. Steward is a progressive business man and is well liked in the town and surrounding community.

Gilbert Reeves is a well known retired farmer of Gridley Township and the owner of 432 acres of good farm land. He was born in Ireland, July 1, 1858, the son of Gilbert and Sarah (Green) Reeves.

Gilbert Reeves, Sr., followed farming during his entire life in Ireland and he and his wife are now deceased. They were the parents of the following children: Jane, married John Cleary, both deceased; Johanna, the widow of Edward Lynch, lives in Illinois; James, lives in Ireland; Elizabeth, the widow of Martin Donahue, lives in Ireland; Margaret, married Dennis Maher, both deceased; John, a retired farmer, lives in Walnut, Kan.; Myra, deceased; Gilbert, Jr., the subject of this sketch; and William, deceased.

Gilbert Reeves, Jr., came to this country from Ireland with his brothers when he was 14 years of age. He worked on a farm in Gridley Township for \$12.00 per month and attended school at the same time. Mr. Reeves then rented land for three years and later purchased the farm of 165 acres for \$35.00 per acre. He was also an extensive grain farmer. About three years ago he had his land drained with tile at a cost of \$4,000.00.

On Feb. 1, 1881, Mr. Reeves was married to Miss Mary Glasgow, a native of McLean County, and the daughter of John and Mary (Tully) Glasgow, natives of Ireland. Mr. Glasgow was a successful farmer for many years and is now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Reeves are the parents of the following children: Sadie, married J. T. Fruin, a farmer, Gridley Township; John, a farmer, Gridley Township; James, a farmer, Gridley Township; Thomas, a farmer, Gridley Township; Blanche, married Leo Render, lives in Panola, Ill.; Anna, married Earl Sullivan, lives in Minonk, Ill.; Marcelle, married Burt Sullivan, lives in Marshall County, Ill.; Joseph, is a veteran of the World War and now lives at home; and Helen, at home. Mrs. Reeves died Feb. 16, 1902, and is buried in the Catholic cemetery at El Paso, Ill. Mr. Reeves has 33 grandchildren.

In politics Mr. Reeves is a Democrat and he is a member of the Catholic Church. He is one of the interesting men of his community, and a highly respected citizen of McLean County.

Charles S. Brown is a leading farmer and stockman of Gridley Township and the owner of a fine farm of 114 acres. He was born on a farm in Indiana, May 1, 1872, the son of Lewis E. and Hulda (Laboytaux) Brown.

Lewis E. Brown was a native of Virginia and during the early days moved to Indiana, where he farmed for a number of years. He served throughout the Civil War with the Indiana Volunteer Infantry and shortly after the close of the war came to Illinois. Mr. Brown died in 1908 and his wife died in 1875. They were the parents of six children, as follows: Edgar, deceased; James, lives in Indiana; Rheta, died in infancy; Norville, lives in Indiana; Frank, deceased; and Charles S., the subject of this sketch.

Charles S. Brown spent his boyhood on his father's farm and was educated in the district schools. At the age of 14 years he came to Illinois with his parents and worked on a farm for \$15.00 per month. He later went to Iowa, where he remained for three years, after which he came to Woodford County and farmed. Mr. Brown settled on his present farm in Gridley Township in 1899 and he is well known as a breeder of Duroc Jersey hogs and Shorthorn cattle. He is also an extensive grain farmer.

In March, 1896, Mr. Brown was united in marriage with Miss Lizzie Eft, a native of Woodford County, Ill., born July 15, 1875, and the daughter of Henry Eft, a native of New Jersey and an early settler of Illinois. Mr. Eft was a successful farmer of Woodford County and owned over 600 acres of land. He and his wife, now deceased, were the parents of six children, as follows: John, lives at Taylorville, Ill.; Anna, married William Kingdom, a retired farmer, lives at El Paso, Ill.; Joseph, retired, lives at El Paso, Ill.; William, a retired farmer, lives at El Paso, Ill.; George, a retired farmer, also lives at El Paso, Ill.; and Mrs. Brown. To Charles S. and Lizzie (Eft) Brown three children have been born, as follows: Mabel May, born in April, 1897, married Castle Kingdom, a banker, First National Bank, El Paso, Ill.; Clyde Joseph, born July 15, 1906, at home; and Ruth, born in May, 1908, died in 1912 by accident. Mr. and

Mrs. Brown have two grandchildren, Beth Lucile, born in 1920, and Iona Jean, born in February, 1923.

Mr. Brown is identified with the Republican party in politics and he has served as school director for a number of years. He is a member of the Christian Church, and belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America. Mr. Brown is among the substantial citizens of Gridley Township and is well known.

Homer Stuckey, a prominent business man of Gridley and a well-known and substantial citizen of McLean County, was born at Danvers, Ill., Nov. 14, 1893, and is the son of Samuel and Lydia (Augsburger) Stuckey.

Samuel Stuckey, a native of Danvers, is among the prosperous farmers of McLean County. He operates a well-improved farm near Lexington and is a breeder of a good stock. He is a Republican and a member of the Mennonite Church. Mr. and Mrs. Stuckey have four children, as follows: Guy, deceased; Eva, married Ora May, a farmer, lives near Gridley; Earl, at home; and Homer, the subject of this sketch.

Homer Stuckey spent his boyhood on the home place and attended the public schools of Waldo Township. He then worked on a farm for two years and also as a thresher. Mr. Stuckey operated a grocery business at Gridley for three and one-half years and on April 15, 1922, entered the coal business at Gridley. His venture in that business promises to be successful, as he is well and favorably known throughout the county.

In April, 1917, Mr. Stuckey was married to Miss Edith Ogden, a native of Lexington, Ill., born Feb. 19, 1900. To this union one child was born, Garnette, born Feb. 11, 1919. On Feb. 19, 1919, Mrs. Stuckey died, and on June 2, 1921, Mr. Stuckey was married to Miss Laverne Kibler, a native of Pontiac, Ill., born in February, 1902, and the daughter of William Kibler. Mr. Kibler, a native of Virginia and an early settler of Illinois, now lives retired at Pontiac. Mrs. Stuckey has two sisters, as follows: Bessie, married George Young, Jr., lives in Bloomington; and Lela, married Otis Oldfield, real estate agent, Centralia, Ill.

Mr. Stuckey is a Republican, a member of the Congregational Church, and belongs to the Masonic Lodge.

C. R. Hughes, a successful business man of Gridley and a member of one of the early pioneer families of Illinois, was born at Peoria, Ill., July 29, 1865, the son of James and Mary (Garber) Hughes.

James Hughes was a native of Pennsylvania and came to Illinois in 1831, making the trip across the country by oxen teams. He came from Pittsburgh, Pa., to Peoria, Ill., where he worked at his trade as carpenter. Mr. Hughes took part in the building of most of the early business houses at Peoria, as well as residences. Mr. and Mrs. Hughes, deceased, were the parents of nine children, as follows: William, deceased; Ellen, married Mathew Lingo, lives retired in Iowa; Jonothan, deceased; Franklin, deceased; Sarah, the widow of George Tamplin, lives in Wichita, Kan.; Mary, deceased; Jennie, the widow of Henry C. Miller, lives at Peoria, Ill.; C. R., the subject of this sketch; and James, deceased.

C. R. Hughes' first business venture was in the lumber business with Jeff Carson at Peoria, where he remained for several years. He then was with the Kent Lumber Company at Gridley for five years. In 1888 he was promoted from fireman to engineer on the Toledo, Peoria and Western Railroad until 1895. He then was employed by the Kent Lumber Company. Mr. Hughes later operated the Statler farm, his father-in-law's land, and for a number of years was a successful breeder of Belgian horses. He has been engaged in the plumbing and heating business at Gridley since 1913, where he resides.

Mr. Hughes was married on July 21, 1889, to Miss Anna Statler, a native of Waldo Township, Livingston County, born June 20, 1866, and the daughter of Lewis and Anna (Schrock) Statler. Mr. Statler was born in France and came to this country when he was a boy, settling in Illinois, where he became a prominent citizen. He was the owner of 600 acres of land and was known as a prosperous farmer and stockman. Mr. Statler died in 1916 and his wife died in 1874. They were the parents of the following children: Joseph, lives at Peoria, Ill.; Lena, married Robert White, both deceased; Mrs. Hughes; Peter, a farmer, lives in Illinois; Lewis, a farmer, lives in Ohio; and two children died in infancy. To C. R. and Anna (Statler) Hughes four children have been born, as follows: Edna F., married Oakley Osborne, employed with the telephone company at Pontiac, Ill.; Charles Roy, married Evangeline Rowley, and he is engaged in business with his father at Gridley; Millicent C., lives at home; and George Austin, also in business with his father. Mr. and Mrs. Hughes have one grandchild, Randall Hughes, born September, 1918.

Oakley Osborne was inducted into service during the World War and served for one year overseas. Mr. Hughes' nephew, Lewis White, served during the World War, and Mrs. Hughes' two nephews, Benjamin and Joseph Statler, are also veterans of the World War.

C. R. Hughes is a Republican, a member of the township board, and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is known as a man of enterprise and ability, and is esteemed as a progressive business man.

Thomas Enright, Jr., a successful young farmer and stockman of Gridley Township, was born on a farm in Woodford County, Ill., Dec. 18, 1893, the son of Thomas and Margaret (Roach) Enright.

Thomas Enright is a native of McLean County and the son of Timothy and Mary (Healy) Enright, natives of Ireland and early settlers of Illinois. After living in New York for two years, Timothy Enright came to Illinois, where he became the owner of 540 acres of land. He was a leading farmer and stockman and an extensive grain dealer. Mr. Enright served throughout the Civil War and was among the first Catholic settlers of this section of the state and the town of Enright was named after him. He died March 19, 1918, and his wife died Jan. 4, 1901. Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Enright were the parents of the following children: Thomas, father of the subject of this sketch; Margaret, married Robert Quinn, lives in Chicago; Mary, the widow of Dennis O'Brien, lives in Chicago; Jerry, lives in Chicago; Catherine, married John Kearney, lives in Chicago; Ellen, the widow of William Sutton, lives at Peoria, Ill.; Bridget, the widow of James Gallagher, lives in Joliet, Ill.; Theresa, lives in Chicago; Sadie lives in Chicago; Elizabeth, deceased; William, deceased; Lucy, married William O'Shea, lives in Chicago; and Florence, married George Fitzpatrick, lives in Chicago.

Thomas Enright, Sr., has always followed farming and has met with success. He now lives retired on his farm two miles west of El Paso. Mrs. Enright died in 1891. They had two children: William, an extensive farmer, lives in Woodford County; and Thomas, Jr., the subject of this sketch.

Thomas Enright, Jr., received his education in the public schools at El Paso, and then farmed on rented land for a number of years. He moved to the present farm of 171 acres in Gridley Township, in 1917.

Mr. Enright was united in marriage with Miss Helen Krones, a native of Woodford County, born Feb. 21, 1897, and the daughter of William and Mary (Donohue) Krones, the former a native of Woodford County and the latter of Ireland. Mr. Krones has been a progressive farmer of Woodford County and now lives retired at Gilman, Ill. His wife died Oct. 27, 1919. They were the parents of eight children, as follows: Anna, married William Cleary, lives in Gridley Township; Vincent, lives in Livingston County; Mrs. Enright; George, lives at Gridley; Florence, married Frank Benedict, lives in Livingston County; Donald, lives at Gilman, Ill.; Mary, deceased; and Joseph, lives at Gilman. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Enright have five children, as follows: Kathleen, born Jan. 17, 1914; Madeline, born Nov. 19, 1916; Florence, born July 12, 1918; Helen, born May 8, 1920; and Thomas, born July 29, 1922.

In politics Mr. Enright is a Democrat. He is a member of the Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus. Mr. Enright is well known in McLean County and has many friends.

Clarence Foltz, manager of the Farmers Elevator Company at Enright, Ill., is a prominent young business man of McLean County. He was born at El Paso, Ill., Sept. 4, 1893, the son of Adam and Elizabeth (Valentine) Foltz.

Adam Foltz is a native of Illinois and now lives with his daughter at Chenoa. His wife died June 17, 1916. Before the time of his retirement, Mr. Foltz was engaged in business at El Paso, Ill., where he owned a barber shop for 30 years. Mr. and Mrs. Foltz had three children, as follows: Clarence, the subject of this sketch; Anna, married Henry Masso, garage owner, Chenoa; and Francis, lives in Bloomington, Ill.

Clarence Foltz was educated in the public schools at El Paso and later was employed in a watch factory at Elgin, Ill., where he remained for two years. He later engaged in farming for four years, after which he took up the duties of manager of the Farmers Elevator Company at Enright. This company is owned by farmers of El Paso and the elevator is located at Enright, a small village.

On April 7, 1917, Mr. Foltz was married to Miss Pauline Fritz, a native of Elgin, Ill., born Oct. 11, 1895, and the daughter of George and Ada (Bair) Fritz, natives of Gridley. Mr. and Mrs. Fritz, who now live

retired at Elgin, have seven children, as follows: Ralph, lives at Elgin; Mrs. Foltz; Dewey, a farmer, lives in Illinois; Gerald, a painter, lives at Elgin; Lucile, at home; Chelsea, a painter, lives at Elgin; and Earl, at home. To Clarence and Pauline (Fritz) Foltz two children have been born: Bethryn born May 30, 1918; and Margine, born July 4, 1921.

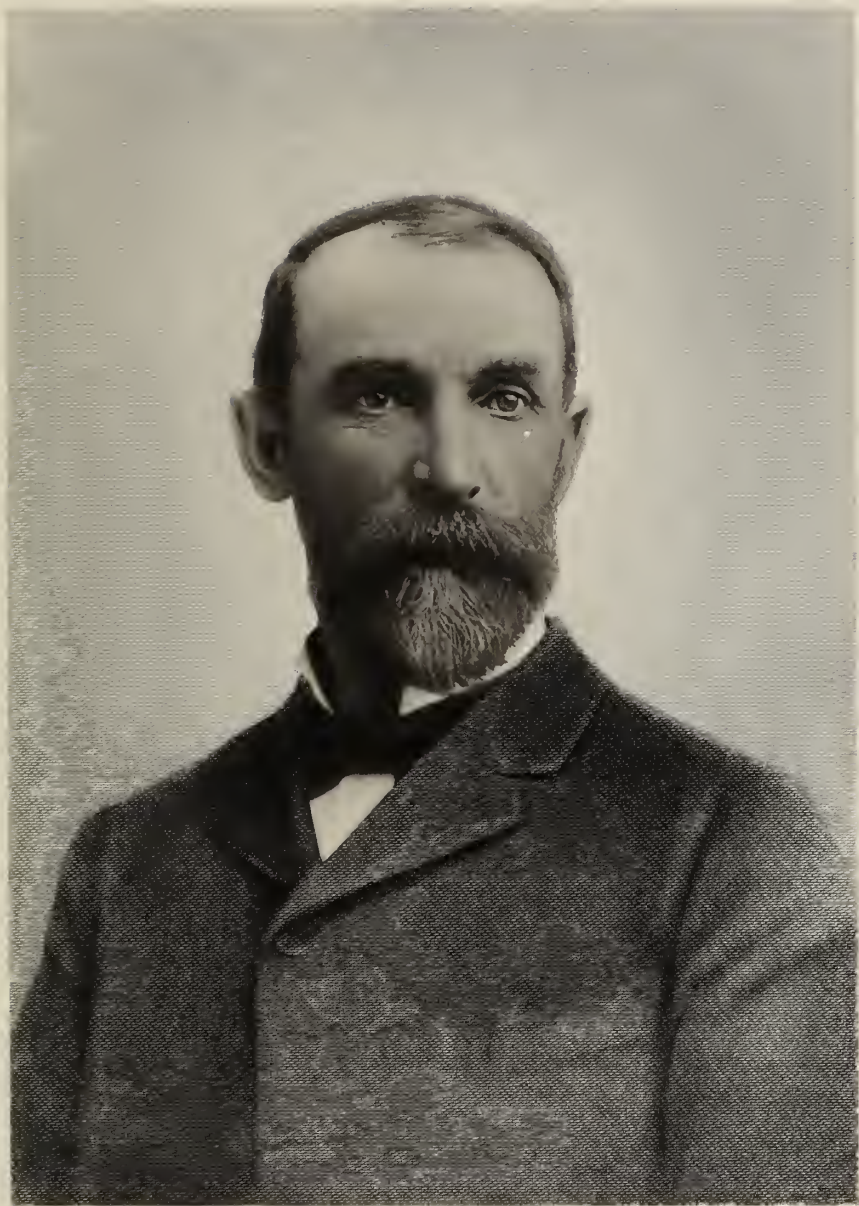
Mr. Foltz is a Democrat and a member of the Baptist Church. He is a progressive and enterprising young business man, whose success in life is practically assured.

J. F. Ward, well known retired banker and farmer of McLean County, now living at Colfax, was born in Gaston County, N. C., July 23, 1843, the son of David and Minerva (Weathers) Ward.

The Ward family moved to Bullinger County, Mo., from North Carolina in 1856 and David Ward purchased 200 acres of land, which he farmed until the time of his death in 1862. Mr. and Mrs. Ward had six children, as follows: Cypress, died during the Civil War; Alexander, deceased; Jasper, deceased; David, deceased; J. F., the subject of this sketch; and Minerva Ann, the widow of Marshall Hagar, lives at Colfax.

J. F. Ward received his education in a log school house in North Carolina and was 13 years old when his parents moved to Missouri. He engaged in general farming and stock raising on the home place until 1872, when he came to Illinois and settled on a farm in McLean County. Mr. Ward paid \$30.00 per acre for his first land in Lawndale Township, which he improved, and for many years he was a leading stockman of the county and specialized in the breeding of Poland China hogs. Several years ago Mr. Ward retired from farming and entered the banking business at Anchor, Ill., in partnership with Stephen A. Smith, and the firm was known as Ward and Smith. After two years the bank was robbed and Mr. Ward came to Colfax, where he entered the banking business with Edward McReynolds. Mr. Ward now lives retired at Colfax.

On Dec. 6, 1866, Mr. Ward was united in marriage with Miss Hannah Eliza Whitner, a native of Madison County, Mo., born Feb. 28, 1847, and the daughter of Daniel and Margaret (Best) Whitner. Mr. and Mrs. Whitner, natives of Madison County, Mo., and now deceased, were the parents of the following children: Bernice, married David Pew, both deceased; Lydia, the widow of Sidney Strolp, lives in Missouri; Pinkney,



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deceased; Martha, married Joel Hovis, both deceased; Mrs. Ward; Catherine, married Anderson Dameron, lives at Colfax; Daniel, deceased; and Margaret, deceased. To J. F. and Hannah Eliza (Whitner) Ward three children were born, as follows: Noah, born Dec. 31, 1868, died June 7, 1922; Laura, born May 10, 1871, married Burt Morgan, a farmer, lives in Ohio; and Alice, born March 15, 1873, married Charles Summers, a retired farmer, lives in Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Ward have reared a niece, Della Ward, born Aug. 31, 1881, and she is now the wife of Charles Compson, lives at Cropsey, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. Ward have two grandchildren, Marie Summers, the wife of Albert Malo, Chicago. She has one son, Clarence Malo; and Iva Ward, the wife of Alfred Homberger.

In politics Mr. Ward is a Democrat and he has served as school director for a number of years. He is a member of the Christian Church and an elder in the church. Mr. Ward is a substantial and progressive citizen of MacLean County, and has an extensive acquaintance throughout the community.

T. O. Tanton is a successful breeder of thoroughbred racing horses, and the owner of 480 acres of well-improved land in Gridley Township. He was born in Woodford County, Ill., Sept. 24, 1891, and is the son of Thomas Oscar and Amanda (Martin) Tanton.

Thomas Oscar Tanton was an extensive farmer of McLean County and the owner of large tracts of land in Kansas and Missouri. He was well known as a breeder of hogs and also as a horse fancier, breeding driving and draft horses. Mr. Tanton died May 4, 1913, and his wife died in 1895. They were the parents of two children: Florence Edith, married Dennis Nickols, both deceased; and T. O., the subject of this sketch. T. O. Tanton has the following half-brothers and sisters: Elizabeth, deceased; Josephine, deceased; Edna, lives in Montana; Maude, lives in Phoenix, Ariz.; and John Oscar, an extensive farmer of Woodford County, Ill.

T. O. Tanton received his education in the public schools of Peoria and has always followed farming and stock raising. He owns a well-improved farm near Gridley, but his home is located in the city of Gridley. Mr. Tanton is a race horse fancier and breeds some of the fastest horses in this section of the state.

On Nov. 25, 1911, Mr. Tanton was married to Miss Josephine Garrison, a native of Washington, Ill., born Dec. 16, 1894, and the daughter of Joseph

A. and Mary Ann (Myers) Garrison, residents of Washington, Ill., and the parents of the following children: Jessie, married Herman Gronewald, a farmer, lives in Illinois; Maude, lives at home; Clyde, lives at Peoria, Ill.; Nellie, married Edward Norman, lives in Chicago; and Mrs. Tanton. Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Tanton have four children, as follows: Thomas, Jr., born Nov. 25, 1912; Stanford Hill, born April 23, 1914; Mary Ann, born Aug. 31, 1917; and Josephine Hope, born Feb. 16, 1922.

Mr. Tanton is a Democrat and served as mayor of Gridley for one term. He is a member of the Congregational Church and is among McLean County's substantial and influential citizens.

William H. Fever is a prosperous farmer and stockman of Gridley Township and the owner of 160 acres of well improved land. He was born at Secor, in Woodford County, May 13, 1871, the son of Thomas and Susan (Reed) Fever.

Thomas Fever and his wife were born in England and shortly after their marriage came to this country. They settled at Secor and Mr. Fever was employed as a section foreman by the Toledo, Peoria and Western Railroad, where they remained for a number of years. Mr. Fever then purchased 240 acres of land and he became a successful farmer and stockman. He is a Democrat and served as tax collector for several years. Mr. and Mrs. Fever now live retired at Secor and are the parents of the following children: William H., the subject of this sketch; Ann, married Harvey Wright, a farmer, lives near Eureka, Ill.; Lewis, lives retired in Minnesota; Thomas, lives in Iowa; Maude, married Frank Bradle, a farmer, lives near Eureka, Ill.; Tinia, married Jacob Flinner, lives in Peoria County, Ill.; Hazel, married Carl Hettinger, lives near Eureka, Ill.; and Harvey, died in infancy.

William H. Fever spent his boyhood on his father's farm and attended the district schools. He has always engaged in farming and stock raising and specializes in the breeding of Poland-China hogs, Jersey and Swiss cattle, and is also a breeder of horses.

On Dec. 22, 1892, Mr. Fever was united in marriage with Miss Mary Shelmon, a native of Indianapolis, Ind., born Nov. 17, 1875, and the daughter of John P. and Elizabeth E. (Walker) Shelmon. Mr. Shelmon was a native of Pennsylvania and came to Indiana after the Civil War and set-

tled on a farm and later lived in Bloomington, Ill. He now lives retired at Remington, Ind. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Methodist Church. Mr. and Mrs. Shelmon are the parents of the following children: Anna, deceased; Mrs. Fever; Laura, deceased; Cora, married Andrew Smith, lives at Laporte, Ind.; William, deceased; Scott, lives at Remington, Ind.; John, lives at Remington, Ind.; and Florence, married Edward Kusboki, lives at Remington, Ind. Mr. and Mrs. William H. Fever are the parents of seven children, as follows: Violet, born Feb. 21, 1894, married William Gull, lives near El Paso, Ill.; Myrtle, born July 15, 1896, married Charles Schaffer, lives at El Paso, Ill.; Clarence, born Oct. 21, 1897, a farmer, lives in Gridley Township; Freida, born March 4, 1900, married Samuel Culp, lives in Woodford County; Bernice, born Oct. 4, 1903, married Fred Lampe, now lives at Gridley, Ill.; Gordon, born May 5, 1905, at home; and Leo, born April 18, 1909, also at home. Mr. and Mrs. Fever have five grandchildren, as follows: Virgil Gull, Fern Schaffer, Vernon Fever, Kenneth Culp, and Cletus Fever.

Mr. Fever is a Democrat, a member of the Methodist Church, and belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America. He is a man of integrity and a substantial citizen of McLean County.

John L. Messer, a farmer of Gridley Township, is a member of one of McLean County's oldest and most prominent pioneer families. He was born in the same house in which he now lives, Sept. 11, 1879, and is the son of John P. and Elizabeth J. (Dawson) Messer.

John P. Messer was born at Lexington, in McLean County, on March 11, 1836, and when he was six months old the parents moved to Gridley Township and settled on the Messer farm adjoining the subject's farm one quarter mile east. John P. Messer was the son of John Boyd Messer, a noted hunter, who was born in Lancaster County, Pa., Aug. 4, 1807, the son of Isaac Messer. During the War of 1812 the Messer family moved to Franklin County, Ohio, and Isaac Messer, great-grandfather of our subject, fought during the war. In 1816 the family moved to Pickaway County, Ohio, where they lived for 12 years. It was there that John Boyd Messer began his hunting career, for which he was afterward famous. At the age of 14 years he was an expert shot and was fond of deer hunt-

ing. In 1829 the Messer family came to Illinois and settled at Lexington, and they were among the first settlers of that section. Two creeks, Turkey Creek and Buck Creek, were named by the hunter, John Boyd Messer, and many interesting stories are related concerning his career as a hunter in Illinois. His father, Isaac Messer, gave the land for the cemetery in the community, which is known as the Messer Cemetery. John Boyd Messer married Sidney Ann Forbes, a native of Pennsylvania, born in 1811.

John P. Messer, the father of the subject of this sketch, was a prominent farmer and stockman of Gridley Township, and owned 200 acres of land, which he improved from raw prairie. He drove his stock to Peoria during the early days before the time of railroads. Mr. Messer was a staunch Democrat, a member of the Christian Church, and belonged to the Masonic Lodge. He died July 30, 1897, and is buried in the Messer Cemetery. Mr. Messer's first wife was Mary Weakley, a native of Gridley Township, born Feb. 21, 1842, and to this union seven children were born, as follows: Dora P., married Samuel Philis, a retired farmer, lives in Davis City, Iowa; Benjamin P., a retired farmer, lives in Minnesota; Ira D., deceased; John B., deceased; Myra J., married S. A. Wells, lives in Utah; William, a farmer, lives in Minnesota; and one child died in infancy. Mrs. Messer died Dec. 27, 1867, and on Sept. 30, 1869, John P. Messer was married to Miss Elizabeth J. Dawson, a native of Pickaway County, Ohio, born Nov. 7, 1838. To this union six children were born, as follows: Henry D., deceased; Arthur E., a farmer, Gridley Township; Francis C., a farmer, Money Creek Township, a sketch of whom appears in this work; Irvin, a farmer, Lexington Township; John L., the subject of this sketch; and one child died in infancy.

John L. Messer has always lived in Gridley Township and is an enterprising farmer and stockman of McLean County. He was educated in the public schools of Gridley Township and has always followed farming. Mr. Messer owns 160 acres of land and is a breeder of pure-bred Short-horn cattle. He is also an extensive shipper of stock.

On March 16, 1904, Mr. Messer was united in marriage with Miss Lilly Flesher, a native of Woodford County, Ill., born Nov. 16, 1881, and the daughter of James Scott and Hattie (Drury) Flesher. Mr. Flesher, a native of Illinois, followed farming during his life and owned 287 acres of land. He died June 1, 1919, and his widow lives at Normal, Ill. They had seven children, as follows: Mrs. Messer; Clarene, married Francis

Messer, Money Creek Township; Lester, a farmer, lives in Scott County, Ill.; Fred, a farmer, lives in Money Creek Township; Stella, married Henry Simpson, lives at Flanagan, Ill.; Eldon, a farmer, lives at Winchester, Ill.; and Hershall, a farmer, lives in Gridley Township. To John L. and Lilly (Flesher) Messer five children have been born, as follows: Arthur Wayne, born Dec. 14, 1904, farming with his father; Isabelle, born Feb. 9, 1906; Blanche, born Sept. 29, 1907; one child died in infancy; and another son, born Sept. 1, 1919, is also deceased.

Mr. Messer is a Democrat and has been school director of district No. 230 since 1909. He is a reliable and highly esteemed citizen of McLean County.

James W. Van Dolah, now living retired at Lexington, is a prominent and substantial citizen of McLean County. He was born at Lexington, Feb. 22, 1865, the son of David Hyatt and Britanna (Bray) Van Dolah. Mr. Van Dolah had one brother, Louis Sheridan Van Dolah, deceased, whose sketch also appears in this volume.

James W. Van Dolah was reared in Lexington and received his education in the schools there. He was associated with his father and brother in business, and they were well-known importers of Percheron horses, being the largest importers of fine draft horses in the state of Illinois. Mr. Van Dolah has made three trips to Europe in connection with this work, which he followed until 1890. At that time he engaged in general farming and stock raising and met with success. Mr. Van Dolah now manages the estate of his mother and wife, which consists of more than 1,200 acres of good farm land in McLean County.

In 1887 Mr. Van Dolah was united in marriage with Miss Ella Elizabeth Kennedy, a native of Lexington, Ill., and the daughter of W. H. and Caroline (Harness) Kennedy, both deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Van Dolah two children were born, as follows: David Hyatt, a farmer, lives at Lexington, further mention of whom is made below; and Louise, a graduate of the Lexington High School and also attended the National Kindergarten, Chicago, Ill., married Charles Carnahan, and they have one child, Gwen, live at Lexington, Ill.

David Hyatt Van Dolah received his education in the public schools of Lexington and attended Culver Military Academy in Indiana. He was inducted into service during the World War in 1918 and sent to France,

where he served for one year. He was married on June 22, 1921, to Miss Ione Ballanger, a native of Chenoa, Ill., and the daughter of Fred and Blanche (Lord) Ballanger, the former a prominent druggist at Chenoa. To David Hyatt and Ione (Ballanger) Van Dolah one child has been born, Jean Lucile, born July 30, 1922.

James W. Van Dolah is a Republican, a member of the Christian Church, and belongs to the Masonic Lodge. He is a prominent citizen and stands high in the community and McLean County.

George Eckhart, well known postmaster and general merchant at Weston, is a native of Ohio. He was born at Circleville, Ohio, Nov. 1, 1861, the son of Henry and Julia (Wilson) Eckhart.

Henry Eckhart was a native of Ohio and owned and operated the first blacksmith shop at Circleville. In 1879 he engaged in farming at Fairbury, Ill., where he owned 160 acres of land. Mr. Eckhart served throughout the Civil War with Company E, 43d Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was in service for three years and five months. He was a Democrat, a 32d degree Mason, and died Oct. 19, 1910, in Bloomington. His wife died Nov. 18, 1889. They were the parents of six children, as follows: Katie, married Robert Voglesinger, a retired farmer, lives at Wing, Ill.; George, the subject of this sketch; Ella, married John Robinson, lives at Huntington, Ind.; Mary, married Burt Nahanna, lives at Springfield, Ill.; Bessie, married Edward Hankins, lives in Chicago; and Carrie, deceased.

George Eckhart spent his boyhood on his father's farm and received his education in the district schools. His first business venture was a railroad lunch room, which he conducted at Fairbury from 1889 until 1898. At that time Mr. Eckhart came to Weston and opened a general store, which he has since conducted. It is the largest business house at Weston and Mr. Eckhart carries a complete line of general merchandise. He was appointed postmaster of Weston on Aug. 10, 1914, which office he has filled in a most capable and efficient manner.

Mr. Eckhart was married on Dec. 25, 1889, to Miss Carrie Karnes, a native of Fairbury, Ill., born Oct. 23, 1870, and the daughter of William H. and Sarah (Dixon) Karnes, the former a native of Kentucky and the latter of Ireland. Mr. Karnes died in 1896 and his wife lives at Fairbury, Ill. They were the parents of the following children: Steve, deceased;

Thomas D., lives at Fairbury; Mrs. Eckhart; Sadie, lives at Fairbury; William, deceased; and Frank, lives in Chicago. To George and Carrie (Karnes) Eckhart two children have been born, as follows: William H., born April 26, 1894, further mention of whom is made below; and Helen Julia, born Oct. 3, 1898, taught school for two years and on Nov. 1, 1922, was married to Dr. R. B. Crawford, and they live at Weston.

William H. Eckhart was a rural mail carrier out of Weston until the time of the World War. He was inducted into service on March 20, 1918, and sent to Fort Bliss, Texas, where he died on Oct. 11, 1918, from influenza. He is buried at Fairbury, Ill.

Mr. Eckhart is a Democrat and a member of the Masonic Lodge. He is representative of the best citizenship of McLean County and is highly respected.

Adolph Roeseler, deceased, was a leading citizen of McLean County during his life. He was born at Campbellsport, Wis., July 3, 1888, the son of Ernest and Julia Roeseler.

Ernest Roeseler and his wife came to the United States from Berlin, Germany, and settled at Campbellsport, Wis., where he became a mason contractor. Mr. Roeseler died in 1913 and his wife died in 1912. They were the parents of eight children, as follows: William, lives in Montana; Augusta, married August Weber, a farmer, lives in Wisconsin; Anna, married James Gilboy, undertaker, lives at Campbellsport, Wis.; Ernest, a farmer, lives in Livingston County, Ill.; Ida, married Chris Garber, lives at Fairbury, Ill.; Mary, married Charles Henning, lives in Wisconsin; Adolph, the subject of this sketch; and Sarah, deceased.

Adolph Roeseler received his education in the public schools of Wisconsin and worked on the home place farming until 1904, when he came to Weston, Ill., and engaged in farming and stock raising in Yates Township. Mr. Roeseler operated 200 acres of well-improved land and was widely known as a breeder of Poland-China hogs, Shropshire sheep, horses and mules. He was also an extensive feeder and shipper of stock. Mr. Roeseler died on Feb. 13, 1919, after contracting influenza, and his widow and family still live on the home place.

On Nov. 24, 1909, Mr. Roeseler was married to Miss Anna Mary Readle, a native of Yates Township, born April 1, 1887, and the daughter

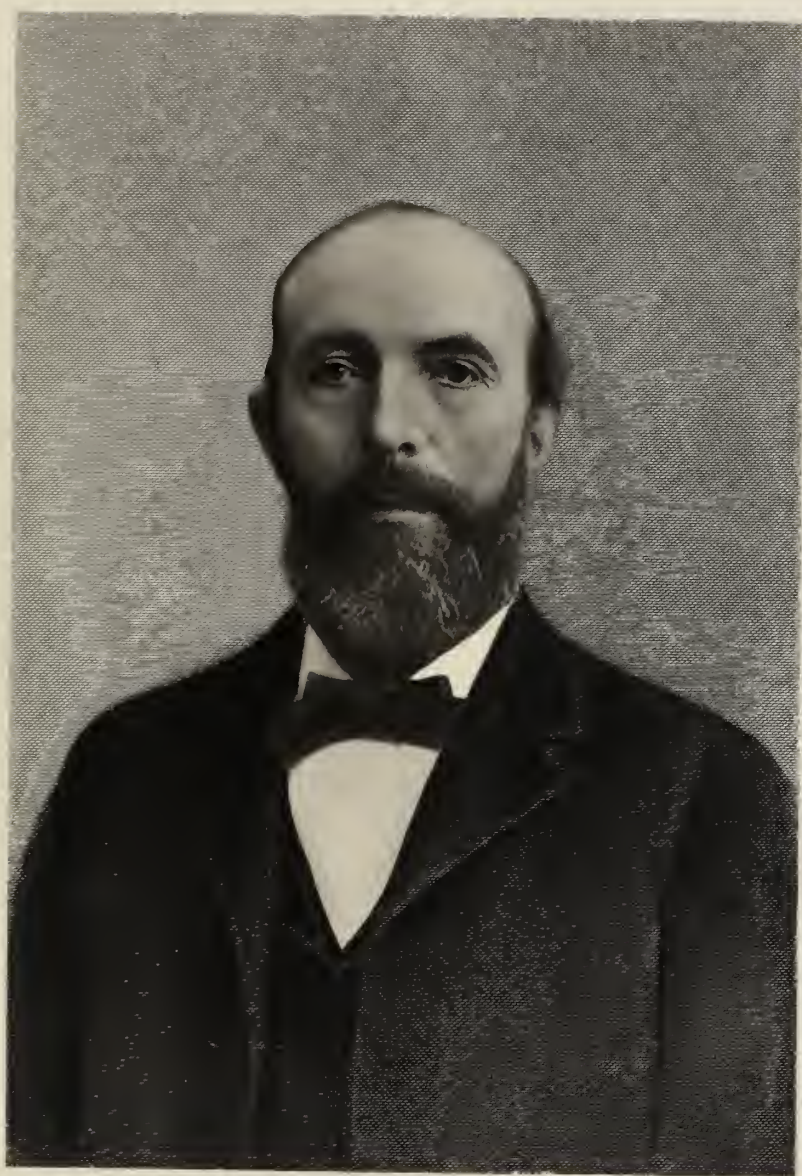
of Jasper and Carrie (Stewig) Readle. Mr. and Mrs. Readle, who now live retired on their farm in Yates Township, own 547 acres of well-improved land and are prominent citizens of McLean County. They have two children: Mrs. Roeseler and Fred. To Adolph and Anna Mary (Readle) Roeseler four children were born, as follows: Martha Marie, born Sept. 14, 1911; Ray Adolph, born Oct. 16, 1912; Ida Ruth, born Jan. 10, 1915; and Carl Donald, born July 2, 1916.

Mr. Roeseler was a Republican, a member of the Evangelical Church, and belonged to the Masonic Lodge and the Modern Woodmen of America. He was an energetic man who stood well in the esteem of his neighbors and fellow citizens.

John Klein, deceased, was one of the most progressive and public-spirited citizens of Pike Township, Livingston County, Ill. He was born in Rheinpfalz, Bavaria, Germany, Aug. 24, 1833, the son of Jacob and Margaret (Weiser) Klein.

Jacob Klein and his wife were natives of Germany, where he followed the weaver's trade. In 1855, accompanied by his family he came to America and located in Tazewell County, Ill., where some of his friends had previously settled. Mr. Klein rented land for some time and the second year rented a farm in Deer Creek Township, Tazewell County, giving in payment one-half of the crop raised that year. In 1864 Mr. Klein purchased a farm in Pike Township, Livingston County, upon which he spent the remainder of his life. He died in December, 1878, and his wife died in 1874. They were the parents of seven children.

John Klein, the subject of this sketch, acquired a good practical education in the common schools of his native land, which he attended for eight years. At the age of 14 years he began to earn his own livelihood in Germany and after coming to this country in 1855, assisted his father in getting started. Mr. Klein rented land in Tazewell County, Ill., where he remained until 1869. At that time he came to Livingston County and located on 40 acres of land in Pike Township, which he improved. Mr. Klein was able to add to his land holdings until he owned 240 acres of good farm land. He was successful as a stockman and was widely known. His success in life was due to industry, enterprise and good management. Mr. Klein was a man of good business ability and sound judgment and carried forward to successful completion whatever he undertook.



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On Oct. 18, 1904, Mr. Klein came to McLean County, where he spent the remainder of his life. He died Oct. 3, 1912, and is buried in Pike Township, Livingston County.

Mr. Klein was married Jan. 25, 1864, to Miss Margaret Moschel, a native of Germany, and the daughter of Christian and Margaret Moschel. Mr. Moschel was a cabinet maker by trade and after his death his wife and seven children came to America in 1862. They located in Tazewell County, Ill., and later moved to Pike Township, Livingston County, where Mrs. Moschel died Oct. 4, 1886. Mrs. Klein had the following brothers and sisters: Ludwig, deceased; Frederick, deceased; Catherine, married Jacob Klein, deceased, and she lives in Nebraska; Jacob, deceased; and Daniel, retired farmer, lives in Colorado. To Mr. and Mrs. John Klein seven children were born, as follows: Kate, married Theodore Lommatsch, deceased, and she lives in Pike Township; Lena, the widow of Louis Lommatsch, lives at Pontiac, Ill.; Anna, married George P. Moschel, retired, lives in Peoria, Ill.; John D., farmer, Pike Township; Matilda, lives with her mother; August, farmer, lives in Pike Township; and one child died in infancy. Mrs. Klein has 15 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, Donald and Norma Lommatsch, Vern Smith and an infant born to Elmer Lommatsch.

Mrs. John Klein now lives in a beautiful home at 301 Kentucky Street, Chenoa. She is among McLean County's most highly respected citizens and has many friends. Each Christmas Mrs. Klein has a family gathering at her home and presents each of her grandchildren and great grandchildren with a gift of \$100.

John Klein cast his first vote for Samuel J. Tilden in 1876 and was a staunch Democrat for many years of his life. However, he later became an independent voter. He always took an active interest in school affairs and all public matters and was a delegate to many senatorial and congressional and state conventions, and was honored with a number of important positions, having served as township clerk for 14 years, as assessor for two years, as justice of the peace for eight years, and as president and clerk of the school board in Livingston County. Mr. Klein's duties were most faithfully and satisfactorily performed and he won the commendation of all concerned.

In 1885 Mr. Klein and N. J. Meyer established the Eppards Point Fire Insurance Company and Mr. Klein served as president. He did much to aid the development and further the interests of his community. Mrs. Klein is a member of the Lutheran Church, as also was her husband.

Ernest E. Cox, an enterprising and progressive farmer of Chenoa Township, and the owner of 220 acres of well-improved land, was born at Ludlow, Vt., Sept. 27, 1877, the son of Daniel and Ellen (Pettengill) Cox.

The Cox family dates back to England and a William Cox was the first man in this country to sign as a witness to the first deed of land made in this country where the state of Maine is now located. That was June 25, 1625.

Daniel Cox was a native of Barnard, Vt., born Dec. 21, 1845, and his wife was a native of Hartland, Vt., born Nov. 16, 1841. The Cox family came to Illinois in 1880 and bought land north of Chenoa and later settled in Chenoa Township, where Mr. Cox became a successful farmer. He was a Republican, a member of the Methodist Church, and belonged to the Masonic Lodge. He died May 16, 1918, and his wife died June 26, 1923. They were the parents of seven children, as follows: Mary, deceased; Ernest E., the subject of this sketch; Harry, deceased; Eva, lives at Chenoa; Frank, lives at Chenoa; and Rosco, a farmer, lives in Chenoa Township.

Ernest E. Cox has always engaged in general farming and has met with success. He owns a well improved farm in Chenoa Township and is a breeder of Poland China hogs and Shorthorn cattle. Mr. Cox was president of the Farmers Shipping Association during the first two years of its organization.

On April 11, 1912, Mr. Cox was united in marriage with Miss Gertrude Castle, a native of McLean County, born Oct. 6, 1882, and the daughter of W. D. and Nancy Elizabeth (Hamilton) Castle.

The Castle family is of French and English descent, and dates back to Timothy Castle, a native of Connecticut and a prominent citizen. His son, Philo Castle, was the father of Justus Castle, who in turn was the father of W. D. Castle, Mrs. Cox's father. Justus Castle was born in Brattleboro, Vt., Nov. 5, 1823, and in 1845, desiring to see some of the west, he came to Illinois and spent one year in Adams County. He then returned to his home in Vermont, but did not give up his original intention of locating permanently in the west. In 1853 he returned to this state and purchased a farm in Bureau County, upon which he lived until 1867. In the meantime, on Jan. 1, 1853, he was married to Miss Harriet Boyd of Wilmington, Vt., and in 1867 they settled on land in Yates Township, McLean County, where Mr. Castle engaged in farming until 1879. In that year he moved to Chenoa and the following year engaged in the tile

business there. He died June 25, 1908. Mr. and Mrs. Justus Castle were the parents of five children, as follows: Timothy, deceased; William D., father of Mrs. Cox; Hattie May, married Fred Hubbard, Chenoa, Ill.; Walter, deceased; and Jesse, deceased.

W. D. Castle was born in Illinois June 3, 1855, and he engaged in farming in Yates Township until 1892, when he came to Gridley and engaged in the grain business. He retired from business in August, 1923, and lives at Gridley. Mr. Castle is president of the State Bank of Gridley and is a prominent citizen of the county. To W. D. and Nancy Elizabeth (Hamilton) Castle the following children were born; Mrs. Cox; Earl, deceased; and Hattie, married Fred Kirk, a farmer in Iowa. Mrs. Castle died May 31, 1900, and on Sept. 3, 1902, Mr. Castle married Miss Lavenia Gilmore, a native of Gridley. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest E. Cox have two children, as follows: Mary Elizabeth, born April 21, 1917; and Ralph Castle, born Nov. 11, 1918. Mrs. Cox attended the Illinois Wesleyan University at Bloomington, Ill., and the Eureka College at Eureka, Ill., and before her marriage taught school for two years in Eureka and four years in Chenoa High School.

Mr. Cox is a Republican and a member of the Methodist Church. He is a man of integrity and is well liked throughout the neighborhood in which he is well known.

George W. Busby, who is successfully engaged in business at Weston, has been a resident of that place since 1875. He was born in Harrison County, Ohio, Jan. 24, 1862, the son of John and Rebecca (Dennis) Busby.

John Busby, a native of Maryland, came to Illinois during the early days. He drove sheep through to Illinois from Harrison County, Ohio, and a Mr. White offered him 80 acres of land where the town of Normal now stands, in return for three months of labor. Mr. Busby was an extensive farmer of McLean County for many years and died in 1894. His widow now resides at Weston and is 80 years of age. They were the parents of the following children: George W., the subject of this sketch; Madison, lives at Chenoa; John, deceased; Elmira, the widow of William Ziller, lives at Weston, Ill.; Jane, married Frank Adams, lives in Chicago; Frank, Samuel, and Charles, all deceased; Emery, lives in Iowa; W. H., lives at Weston; and one daughter died in infancy.

George W. Busby was educated in the first school house in the vicinity east of Gridley. He then worked out on a farm and received \$14.00 per month during the first year, \$16.00 per month during the second year, and \$18.00 per month during the third year. Mr. Busby later worked as a thresher, and purchased 260 acres of land in Scott County, Ill., which he operated for about four years. Before entering his present business at Weston, Mr. Busby owned a livery at Weston for 10 years, which he sold in 1911. Since that time he has conducted his present business, and he deals in poultry and eggs. Mr. Busby owns town property at Weston and 1,000 acres of land in Mexico.

On June 6, 1885, Mr. Busby was united in marriage with Miss Katie Harrison Smith Aulthose, a native of Germany, and the daughter of Peter and Katie (Miller) Aulthose, natives of Germany and now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Aulthose settled in Illinois before the Civil War and owned land in Yates Township. They had five children, as follows: Katherine, deceased; Anna, married R. Johnson, both deceased; Mrs. Busby; John, a retired farmer, lives at Mendota, Ill.; and Mary, the widow of Chris Walling, lives at Fowler, Ind. Mr. and Mrs. Busby have one child, Amelia Katie, born June 9, 1886, and she lives in Chicago.

Mr. Busby is identified with the Democratic party in politics and he belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America and the Knights of Pythias. He is well known throughout McLean County and is a substantial citizen.

James G. Anderson, a retired farmer and stockman of McLean County, now living at Weston, was born at Lostant, in Woodford County, May 12, 1864, the son of William and Christina (Crawford) Anderson.

The Anderson family originally came from Scotland and they settled on land in Woodford County. Mr. Anderson died Aug. 28, 1899, and his wife is now 85 years of age. She lives at Fairbury, Ill. They were the parents of the following children: Jennie, married Fred Craig, a farmer, lives at Fairbury, Ill.; James G., the subject of this sketch; Ann, married Lincoln Baylor, now lives in Bloomington, Ill.; Robert, a farmer, lives in Britt, Iowa; William, lives at Fairbury, Ill.; Christina, married Sherman Veatch, a retired farmer, lives at Pontiac, Ill.; and Ella, married Edwin Vail, lives in Chicago.

James G. Anderson has always lived on a farm. He was educated in the district schools and then engaged in general farming and stock raising.

He retired in September, 1921, after having rented the same farm in Yates Township for 35 years, known as the Hale farm. Mr. Anderson now owns a beautiful home at Weston, where he and his wife reside. They have no children.

On Feb. 13, 1889, Mr. Anderson was united in marriage with Miss Etta Dawson, a native of Lexington, Ill., born May 18, 1866, and the daughter of Marion and Frances (Propst) Dawson, the former a native of Illinois and the latter of Virginia. Mr. Dawson moved from Illinois to Iowa in 1892, and engaged in general farming there. He died in September, 1908, and his wife died on July 31, 1896. They were the parents of nine children, as follows: Ethan, deceased; William, deceased; Ida, the widow of Orion Campbell, lives in Nebraska; Minnie, married Frank Hays, lives in Nebraska; Mrs. Anderson; Della, married William Henning, a retired farmer, lives at Fairbury, Ill.; Hattie, married Clarence Markland, lives in Nevada, Iowa; Frank, and Bert, both living in Iowa.

In politics Mr. Anderson is a Republican and he served as township and road commissioner for several terms. He belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America and he is a substantial and highly respected citizen of McLean County.

Adam Lehr is a leading farmer and stockman of Yates Township. He is a native of Germany, born Sept. 16, 1867, and the son of Henry and Margaret (Koch) Lehr.

Henry and Margaret (Koch) Lehr, natives of Germany, came to the United States many years ago and settled on a farm near Belleville, Ill., where Mr. Lehr died. His widow now lives in St. Louis. They had seven children, as follows: Henry, lives at Belleville, Ill.; Chris, also lives at Belleville, Ill.; Adam, the subject of this sketch; John, a farmer, lives at Marissa, Ill.; Mary, married William Hemstead, lives in St. Louis; Lizzie married William Rabe, a farmer, lives in Minnesota; and Fred, lives in St. Louis.

Adam Lehr received his education in the schools of Germany and later worked on a farm for \$15.00 per month. When he was a young man he came to this country with his parents and he is now a substantial citizen of McLean County, where he owns a well-improved farm of 80 acres. Mr. Lehr is a successful breeder of cattle and hogs and his farm contains a good residence and other buildings.

Mr. Lehr was married on Dec. 15, 1898, to Miss Catherine Heins, a native of Germany, born Nov. 4, 1878, and the daughter of Henry and Mettie (Miller) Heins. The Heins family also came from Germany and they settled on land in Iowa. Mr. Heins died in 1917 and his wife lives with a son in Iowa. They had eight children, as follows: Mrs. Lehr; Andrew, lives in Iowa; John, lives in Livingston County, Ill.; Henry, lives in Iowa; Annie, married Peter Thomas, lives in Iowa; Lizzie, married Rosco Boardman, a farmer in Iowa; Claus, also lives in Iowa; and Maggie, married Samuel Welke, and she died in 1923. Mr. and Mrs. Adam Lehr have one daughter, Freida Marie, born April 19, 1917. In 1905 they adopted a son, William, born March 31, 1905. He lives at home.

Mr. Lehr is a Republican and a member of the Lutheran Church. He is well and favorably known throughout the county.

H. C. Van Alstyne, the popular editor of the Colfax Press, a weekly newspaper at Colfax, was born at Chatsworth, Ill., Nov. 13, 1881, the son of Abraham and Margaret (Entwistle) Van Alstyne.

Abraham Van Alstyne was born in Herkimer County, N. Y., and came to Illinois during the early days, making the trip by horse and wagon. He settled on land near Chatsworth and became a prosperous farmer. He died in 1920 and his widow resides at Chatsworth. H. C. Van Alstyne has one sister, Edith, who lives at Chatsworth, and he has two half-brothers and sisters, Robert and Lillian.

H. C. Van Alstyne received his education in the public schools at Chatsworth and learned the printing trade. He has been editor of the Colfax Press for eight years, a weekly publication with a circulation of 1,000 copies. Mr. Van Alstyne has a large printing establishment and does a large volume of business. He has lived at Colfax since Aug. 1, 1915, and owns town property.

Mr. Van Alstyne was united in marriage to Miss Althere Knight on Nov. 1, 1910. She is the daughter of Ira and Hannah (Holmes) Knight, natives of Illinois. Mr. Knight was born Aug. 23, 1861, and he and his wife now live retired at Chatsworth. They have two children: Mrs. Van Alstyne; and Gladys, married Walter Halloway, a banker, lives in Illinois. To H. C. and Althere (Knight) Van Alstyne two children have been born, as follows: Harlan, born Oct. 1, 1915; and Glenn, born May 1, 1918.

Mr. Van Alstyne is a Republican, a member of the Methodist Church, and belongs to the Masonic Lodge and the Modern Woodmen of America. He is an enterprising and progressive citizen and is widely and favorably known throughout the county.

John Brady, deceased, was a prominent citizen of McLean County. He was born in County Cavan, Ireland, March 23, 1832, and died Feb. 15, 1909. He was the son of Terrance and Rose (Riley) Brady.

Terrance Brady brought his family to this country from Ireland in about 1840 and settled on a farm in Oneida County, N. Y. He carried on general farming, improved his land, and was a successful farmer and stockman. Mr. and Mrs. Brady were the parents of the following children: Bridget, deceased; Mary, married Patrick Gallagher, lives at Waterville, N. Y.; John, the subject of this sketch; Terrance, a retired farmer, lives at Utica, N. Y.; and Hugh, James and Thomas, deceased.

John Brady spent his boyhood on his father's farm and received his education in the schools of Ireland. In 1849 he went west with his brothers, Hugh and James, making the trip by oxen teams to Omaha, Neb. They freighted during the remainder of the trip and stopped at Denver, when it was then only a mining camp. Mr. Brady and his brother built the first frame house in Denver, which still stands on Laramie Street. John Brady and his brother Hugh conducted a grocery store about one year. They then, with James, the other brother, went to Idaho and mined gold two years. In 1864 Mr. Brady returned to New York and was married. He and his wife came to McLean County, Ill., shortly after their marriage and Mr. Brady became a prosperous farmer and stockman, owning 323 acres of well-improved land in McLean and Livingston counties at the time of his death. His widow still owns the land.

Mr. Brady was married on Oct. 3, 1865, to Miss Mary Gagan, a native of Ireland, born Feb. 16, 1848, and the daughter of Thomas and Margaret (McKirk) Gagan, natives of Ireland. Mr. Gagan died in Ireland and his wife moved her family to Quebec, Canada, where they remained for 12 years. They settled at Waterville, N. Y., in 1861, where Mrs. Gagan died Jan. 14, 1906. Mr. and Mrs. Gagan had seven children, as follows: Edward, Margaret, and Sarah, deceased; Betty, the widow of Flan Mulvinhill, lives at Deerfield, N. Y.; Mrs. Brady; and two children died in in-

fancy. To John and Mary (Gagan) Brady 11 children were born, as follows: Frank, born Aug. 19, 1866, died in 1919; Hugh, born Aug. 27, 1868, a farmer, lives in South Dakota; James, born Dec. 22, 1870, a farmer, lives in Indiana; John P., born March 27, 1872, a farmer, lives in Yates Township; Thomas M., born May 27, 1875, a farmer, Pike Township, Livingston County; Margaret, born July 5, 1877, taught in Brady school for four years and on June 14, 1909, was married to Frank Fruin, lives in Gilman, Ill.; Joseph, born, Oct. 7, 1880, died March 17, 1922; Phillip, born Feb. 16, 1888, lives with his mother; Rose, twin sister of Phillip, also at home; John and James, died in infancy. Mrs. Brady has 26 grandchildren.

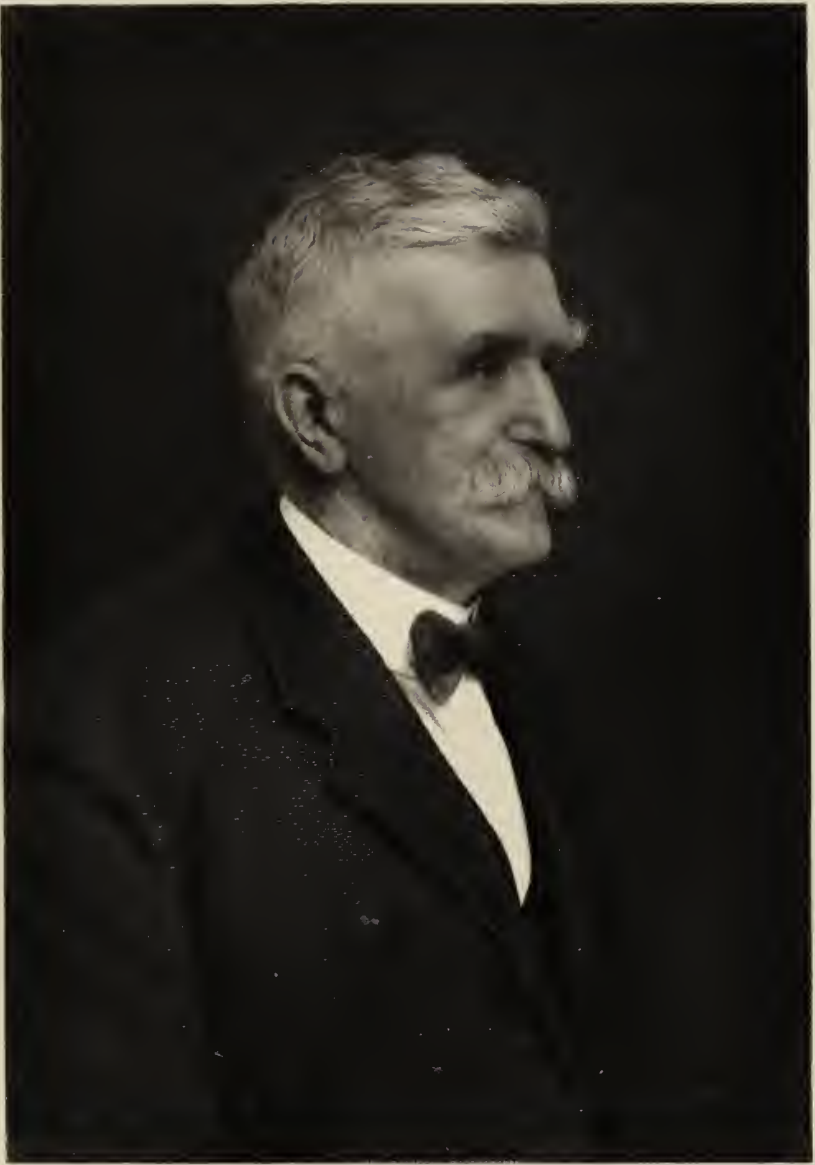
In politics Mr. Brady was a Democrat and he served as school director for 16 years. The Brady family were among the first Catholics to settle in McLean County. Mr. Brady was industrious, earnest and sincere, and merited the high regard in which he was held by the community.

M. R. Downey, a well known retired farmer of Lexington Township and the owner of 414 acres of land, is a native of McLean County. He was born on a farm in Lexington Township, Aug. 4, 1853, the son of Henson B. and Louisa (Hand) Downey.

Henson B. Downey was born in Maryland and his mother was Mary Tucker, a native of Virginia and a cousin to President Thomas Jefferson. Henson B. Downey was one of the earliest settlers of McLean County, where he owned 300 acres of land. He followed farming and stock raising and met with marked success. Mr. Downey died June 22, 1871, at the age of 53 years. His first wife was Phoebe Broomhead and to that union four children were born, one of whom is now living, Emily, the widow of Henry Waldon, and she lives in Indiana. Mr. Downey's second wife was Louisa Hand, a native of Pennsylvania, and to that union nine children were born, of whom two are now living, M. R., the subject of this sketch; and Henry B., lives at LaPorte, Ind.

M. R. Downey was reared on the farm and received his education in the district schools. He operated the farm after the death of his father and later purchased the other heirs' interest in the place. Mr. Downey has always followed farming and for many years was a successful breeder of stock. He has lived at Lexington since 1914.

On Dec. 18, 1877, Mr. Downey was married to Miss Amanda Brown, a native of Lexington Township, and to that union four children were



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born, as follows: one child died in infancy; Stella May, married Joseph Bull, lives in Lexington Township; Pearl, deceased; and Golda Ruth, born April 4, 1900, teaches school at LaRose, Ill. She is a graduate of Lexington High School, and the Illinois Wesleyan University at Bloomington. Mr. Downey's wife died in 1915, and on June 5, 1917, he was married to Miss Maude Elizabeth James, a native of Illinois City, Ill., and the daughter of Rev. J. F. and Lora (Grant) James, the former a native of Perry County, Ohio, and the latter of Livingston County, Ill. Rev. James was born in 1847 and died in 1912. He came to Illinois from Ohio when he was seven years of age and during his life was a leading member of the Central Illinois Conference of the Methodist Church. Mrs. Downey is a graduate of Heading College of Abingdon, Ill., and taught school in Illinois for 14 years. She is a member of the Lexington Woman's Club.

Mr. Downey is a Republican and has served as school director. He is a member of the Methodist Church and has been superintendent of the Sunday School for seven years. He has been a subscriber of the Pantagraph newspaper for the past 52 years, and he is a highly esteemed citizen of McLean County.

Charles C. Smith, a substantial farmer and stockman of Yates Township, and the owner of 240 acres of well improved land, was born in Marshall County, Ill., Oct. 18, 1858, the son of Rev. Thomas T. and Eliza (Carson) Smith.

Rev. Thomas T. Smith was born in Center County, Pa., in 1815 and came to Illinois in 1853. He established the first Presbyterian Church in Putnam County, Ill., and also organized a church of the same denomination in Marshall County. In 1865 Rev. Smith came to Yates Township and was one of the founders of the town of Weston and he taught the first Sunday school ever held at Weston. After coming to Yates Township he followed farming and stock raising until the time of his death in 1869. Rev. Smith was a prominent pioneer citizen of Illinois and was among the well educated men of his time, having attended Washington College in Pennsylvania. His wife died in 1894 and they were the parents of six children, as follows: Melanthon, died in infancy; Carson, deceased; J. Patterson, deceased; Willis P., deceased; Sarah Jane, deceased; and Charles C., the subject of this sketch.

Charles C. Smith has always followed farming and has met with marked success. He was educated in the district schools and then worked on his father's land for a number of years. Mr. Smith now owns and operates a well improved farm in Yates Township and he is a breeder of pure-bred Duroc Jersey hogs and Durham cattle.

Mr. Smith was married to Miss Jennie McCune, a native of Chenoa, born in 1861, and the daughter of John and Anna (Kelley) McCune. The McCune family came to Illinois from Pennsylvania during the early days and Mr. McCune was a prosperous farmer. Mr. and Mrs. McCune, now deceased, were the parents of seven children, as follows: Mary, died in 1911; Cornelia, deceased; Mrs. Smith; John, a farmer, lives in Ohio; Willie, deceased; Margaret, lives at Dixon, Ill.; and Craig, lives in Kansas City. To Charles C. and Jennie (McCune) Smith two children have been born, as follows: J. Charles, born Jan. 18, 1902, a graduate of Normal High School and now a student at the University of Illinois; and Cornelia Mary, born Nov. 9, 1904, a graduate of Normal High School and now attending Normal School.

Mr. Smith is a Republican and has been a member of the school board for 18 years. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church and is a highly respected citizen of the community in which he is well known.

Fred Wernsmann, a leading merchant of Weston and a prominent citizen of McLean County, was born on a farm near Peoria, in Woodford County, Ill., Feb. 11, 1858, the son of Henry and Mary Anna Wernsmann.

Henry Wernsmann and his wife were natives of Germany and came to this country in 1857, and settled near Peoria, and later settled on land in Worth Township, Woodford County, where Mr. Wernsmann owned and operated 188 acres of land. He was a Democrat and his family were all members of the Catholic Church. He died Aug. 3, 1883, and his wife is also deceased. They were the parents of 12 children, as follows: Fred, the subject of this sketch; Eva, deceased; Henry, deceased; Martin, a retired farmer, lives in Kansas; Mary, the widow of Frank Zeckler, lives in Missouri; Katie, married Peter Wernsmann, lives in Colorado; George, a farmer, lives in Woodford County; Theresa, the widow of James Maloney, lives at Peoria, Ill.; Elizabeth, married James Gould, lives in Kansas City; Peter, a farmer, lives in Woodford County; and Joseph, deceased.

Fred Wernsmann received his education in the Catholic schools and started life farming on rented land, which he operated for 16 years. He operated 200 acres of land and was an extensive grain farmer and also a thresher for 40 years. In December, 1921, Mr. Wernsmann opened his store at Weston, and he carries a full line of automobile accessories. There is also a confectionery store in connection with his other businesss. The store is located on Main Street.

On Jan. 8, 1884, Mr. Wernsmann was married to Miss Anna Krumholz, a native of Baden, Germany, born June 11, 1865, and the daughter of Jacob and Agatha (Krumholz) Krumholz, natives of Germany. The Krumholz family came to the United States in 1877 and settled near Peoria in Woodford County. Mr. Krumholz died Oct. 7, 1916, and his wife died in April, 1903. They had eight children, as follows: Mrs. Wernsmann; Joseph, a farmer, lives in Minnesota; Bernard, a farmer, lives on the home place in Woodford County; Josephine, married Albert Schmidt, a farmer, lives in Tazewell County, Ill.; Jacobina, married William Webber, lives in Minnesota; Andrew, lives in Peoria, Ill.; Jacob, lives in Minnesota; and Eva, married Daniel Webber, a farmer, lives in Minnesota. To Fred and Anna (Krumholz) Wernsmann 12 children have been born, as follows: Mary, born Oct. 8, 1884, a trained nurse, lives at home; Jacob, born May 20, 1886, lives at Gary, Ind.; Henry, born March 13, 1888, lives at LaSalle, Ill.; Joseph, born Feb. 26, 1890, a farmer, lives in Minnesota, is a veteran of the World War, having served overseas with Company B, 33d Division, and he was wounded in action; Elizabeth, born Feb. 26, 1892, married in 1911 to Fred Cooper, and she died April 6, 1914, leaving one son, Raymond Cooper; Gertrude, born Jan. 6, 1894, married Jesse Everett, lives at Pontiac, Ill.; Fredrica, born Dec. 17, 1896, married Charles Ambrose, lives at Weston, Ill.; Agnes, born Oct. 12, 1898, a nurse, lives in Chicago; Esther, born Jan. 4, 1901, married William Tice, lives in Chicago; Verina, born Dec. 28, 1902, lives in Chicago, and is forelady in the Melba Company; Francis, born Jan. 30, 1905, lives in Chicago; and Carol, born July 14, 1907, died May 9, 1908. Mr. and Mrs. Wernsmann have 10 grandchildren.

In politics Mr. Wernsmann is a Democrat and he is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America. He and his family belong to the Catholic Church and they are representative of the best citizenship of McLean County.

Charles Atkinson, president of The Farmers State Bank of Colfax, is one of the capable and excellent citizens of McLean County. He was born near Toledo, Ohio, Nov. 29, 1858, the son of George and Cassie (Argogast) Atkinson.

George Atkinson was a native of Toledo, Ohio, and his wife was born in Pennsylvania. They lived in Ohio for many years, where Mr. Atkinson owned 300 acres of good farm land. The Atkinson family came to Illinois many years ago and were pioneer settlers of Clark County. Mr. Atkinson died in 1871 and his wife died in 1915. They were the parents of seven children, as follows: Eva, married Louis Kohl, lives at Marshall, Ill.; Charles, the subject of this sketch; Lola, married John Kohl, and now deceased; Nettie, married Harry Cox, lumber dealer, Terre Haute, Ind.; Kate, married John Randall, lives at Marshall, Ill.; Fred, lives at Terre Haute, Ind.; and William, lives at Decatur, Ill.

Charles Atkinson spent his boyhood on his father's farm and was educated in the district schools of Clark County. He farmed for a number of years and has been engaged in the banking business for 26 years.

On Aug. 12, 1888, Mr. Atkinson was united in marriage with Miss Mary A. Rockwell, a native of Greencastle, Ind., born Jan. 5, 1866, and the daughter of Thomas and Angeline (Newman) Rockwell, the former a native of Kentucky and the latter of Indiana. Mr. and Mrs. Rockwell, deceased, were the parents of six children, as follows: Richard, deceased; Mrs. Atkinson; Frank, lives at Lexington, Ill.; Delmar, lives at Lexington, Ill.; Nona, married Sanford Popejoy, deceased, and she lives at Towanda, Ill.; and Daisy, married Clark Barbee, lives at Westville, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. Atkinson have one daughter, Edna, who is cashier of The Farmers State Bank of Colfax.

Mr. Atkinson is a Republican and a member of the Methodist Church. He belongs to the Masonic Lodge and has held many public offices during his life. Mr. Atkinson is progressive and public spirited and one of the substantial citizens of McLean County.

The Farmers State Bank of Colfax was organized in 1915 with the following officers: D. A. Horney, president; Joseph Martin, vice-president; and B. B. Harris, cashier. The directors were E. S. Lyons, D. A. Horney, E. L. Watson, W. A. Harris, Emery Hemphill, S. C. Bane, Arch Harpole, E. C. Curtis, B. B. Harris, V. S. Curtis, and Joseph Martin. The present officers of the bank are: Charles Atkinson, president; James Martin, vice-president; and Emma M. Atkinson, cashier. The directors

are Charles Atkinson, Joseph Martin, Edna M. Atkinson, E. A. Curtis, and Lester H. Martin.

The Farmers State Bank of Colfax has enjoyed a rapid and substantial growth since its organization and it is among the dependable banking institutions of McLean County.

James Fielding, ex-postmaster of Colfax, who is successfully engaged in the real estate and insurance business, is a prominent citizen of McLean County. He was born at Monroeville, Ohio, June 10, 1863, the son of James and Elizabeth (Ward) Fielding.

James Fielding and his wife were born in England and shortly after their marriage came to this country and settled at Cleveland, Ohio. They later moved to Monroeville, Ohio, where they remained until 1869, then coming to Illinois. Mr. Fielding owned a farm near Piper City, in Ford County, Ill., where he lived during the remainder of his life. Mr. and Mrs. Fielding had eight children, as follows: Fanny, deceased; Mary, married John Earl, both deceased; John, lives retired in Michigan; James, the subject of this sketch; William H., retired farmer, lives at Piper City, Ill.; and three children died in infancy.

James Fielding received his education in the district schools of Ford County and lives on the home place until the time of his marriage. He operated a meat market at Colfax for seven years and was appointed postmaster under President Cleveland's administration. Mr. Fielding was appointed postmaster again under President Wilson's administration and has also served as mayor of Colfax for two terms. He also has held other township offices. From 1910 until 1913 Mr. Fielding served as county supervisor of Martin Township. He owned the Colfax Press from 1900 until 1906 and was editor and manager until he sold the paper. Mr. Fielding is now engaged in the real estate and insurance business and is one of the substantial business men of his community. He owns several pieces of town property and has an up-to-date office on Center Street.

In August, 1885, Mr. Fielding was married to Miss Jane Dixon, a native of LaSalle County, Ill., born Feb. 14, 1868, and the daughter of George and Elizabeth (Hunt) Dixon. Mr. Dixon was a native of England and a pioneer settler of Ford County, Ill., where he farmed for many years. He served throughout the Civil War and was a member of the

Grand Army of the Republic. Mr. and Mrs. Dixon, deceased, were the parents of nine children, as follows: Anna, married F. Fyfe, deceased; Martha, married C. E. Wagner, lives at Brookfield, Ill.; Mrs. Fielding; Ida, married W. B. Phillips, lives at Melvin, Ill.; Nellie, married Jacob Munyon, lives in Mackinaw, Ill.; Nettie, married Edward Argo, lives at Mackinaw, Ill.; Letha, married Dr. Megarity, both deceased; Edward, a farmer, lives at Melvin, Ill.; and Charlotte, deceased. Mr. and Mrs. James Fielding have five children, as follows: Fanny, married C. C. Leaf, a farmer, lives in Minnesota; Merton A., married Florence Miller, lives at Detroit, Mich.; James Clair, is a veteran of the World War, married Edith Supple, and now lives at Ogden, Ill.; Ruth, died at the age of 18 years; and Floyd E., a medical student at Louisville, Ky. Mr. and Mrs. Fielding have one grandchild, James Franklin Fielding.

The children of Mr. Fielding have had a college education, except the daughter Fannie who is a graduate of the Colfax High School.

Mr. Fielding is identified with the Democratic party in politics and he is a member of the Methodist Church. He belongs to the Masonic Lodge, the Modern Woodmen of America, and the Knights of Pythias.

Dr. Elzy Reynolds, a dentist of Colfax and veteran of the World War, was born at Colfax, May 18, 1891, and is the son of James and Nancy (Hensline) Reynolds.

James Reynolds came to Illinois from Ohio when he was a young man and settled at Champaign, and later moved to Colfax, where he married. Mr. Reynolds has followed farming for a number of years and he and his wife now live retired on their farm, which is located two and one-half miles northwest of Colfax. Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds have two children: Arminda, married George Harms, a farmer, lives at Colfax; and Dr. Elzy, the subject of this sketch.

Dr. Elzy Reynolds was reared in Colfax and received his education in the public schools and later attended Northwestern University at Chicago, from which he was graduated in 1913. He then opened his office at Cooksville, Ill., and practiced there for four years before the World War. During the war, Dr. Reynolds was inducted into service from Bloomington and served with the dental corps at Fort Wright, New York, for 10 months. He opened his office at Colfax on March 1, 1919, where he is now located at the corner of Main and Center streets.

On Jan. 11, 1921, Dr. Reynolds was married to Miss Bernice Beath, a native of Illinois and the daughter of William C. and May (Speers) Beath. Mr. Beath now lives in Chicago and his wife is deceased. Mrs. Reynolds was their only child.

Dr. Reynolds is a Republican.

Dr. William McIntosh, a well known and capable physician and surgeon of Colfax, is a member of a prominent Mississippi family. He was born in Chickasaw County, Miss., in October, 1867, the son of James R. and Kitty (Buchanan) McIntosh.

James R. McIntosh was born in North Carolina in 1837 and moved to Mississippi in 1845, where he became the owner of 4,000 acres of land. Mr. McIntosh was among the leading and successful attorneys of his day and was a graduate of the University of Mississippi in 1860. He served in the Legislature from 1872 until 1873 and was a Democrat. Mr. McIntosh served throughout the Civil War in the Confederate army and was a lieutenant in his company. He died in 1906 and his wife died in 1915, and they are buried in Mississippi. Mr. and Mrs. McIntosh were the parents of six children, as follows: Alice, married R. P. Williams, an attorney, lives in St. Louis; Dr. William, the subject of this sketch; John, an attorney, now deceased; Lorena, married C. B. Williams, attorney, lives in St. Louis; Anna, married Ernest Smallman, lives in McMinnville, Tenn.; and Robert, died in infancy.

Dr. William McIntosh received his education in the schools of Mississippi and graduated from a college at Louisville, Ky., and from the St. Louis Medical College in 1895. After practicing in St. Louis for one year, Dr. McIntosh came to Colfax in 1896, where he has since been located. He has built up a splendid practice and is widely and favorably known throughout McLean County. Dr. McIntosh has been located in his present location since 1912, and he owns the building as well as his beautiful residence on Center Street, and other town property.

In 1898 Dr. McIntosh was united in marriage with Miss Pearl Morris, a native of Anchor, Ill., born June 27, 1880, and the daughter of C. D. and Mariah (Mann) Morris, both natives of Kentucky and early settlers of Anchor, Ill. Mr. Morris died in 1906 and his wife lives at Anchor, Ill. They were the parents of six children, as follows: Lulu, married

Horace Diddle, high school principal, Chapin, Ill.; Mrs. McIntosh; Clara, married John Deal, a farmer of Iowa, and she died in 1915; Edward, lives at Peoria, Ill.; Leona, married George Worrick, a farmer, lives at Cropsey, Ill.; and Pauline, teaches school at Lexington, Ill. Mrs. McIntosh's grandfather, Major James B. Mann, was a pioneer settler of Anchor Township, McLean County, where he owned several hundred acres of land. He sold his land to B. B. Stewart in 1883 and moved to Florida, where he died two years later, and his wife died 10 days after his death.

To Dr. William and Pearl (Morris) McIntosh two children have been born, as follows: James Robert, born Feb. 16, 1899, now attending the medical school in New Orleans, La., and he is a veteran of the World War, having served overseas for 10 months with a medical corps, and he was discharged on June 30, 1920; and Edith, born Dec. 16, 1903, a graduate of Ward-Belmont University in Nashville, Tenn., and now living with her parents in Colfax.

Dr. McIntosh is a Democrat and a member of the Masonic Lodge and the Knights of Pythias. He is a leading and representative citizen of McLean County.

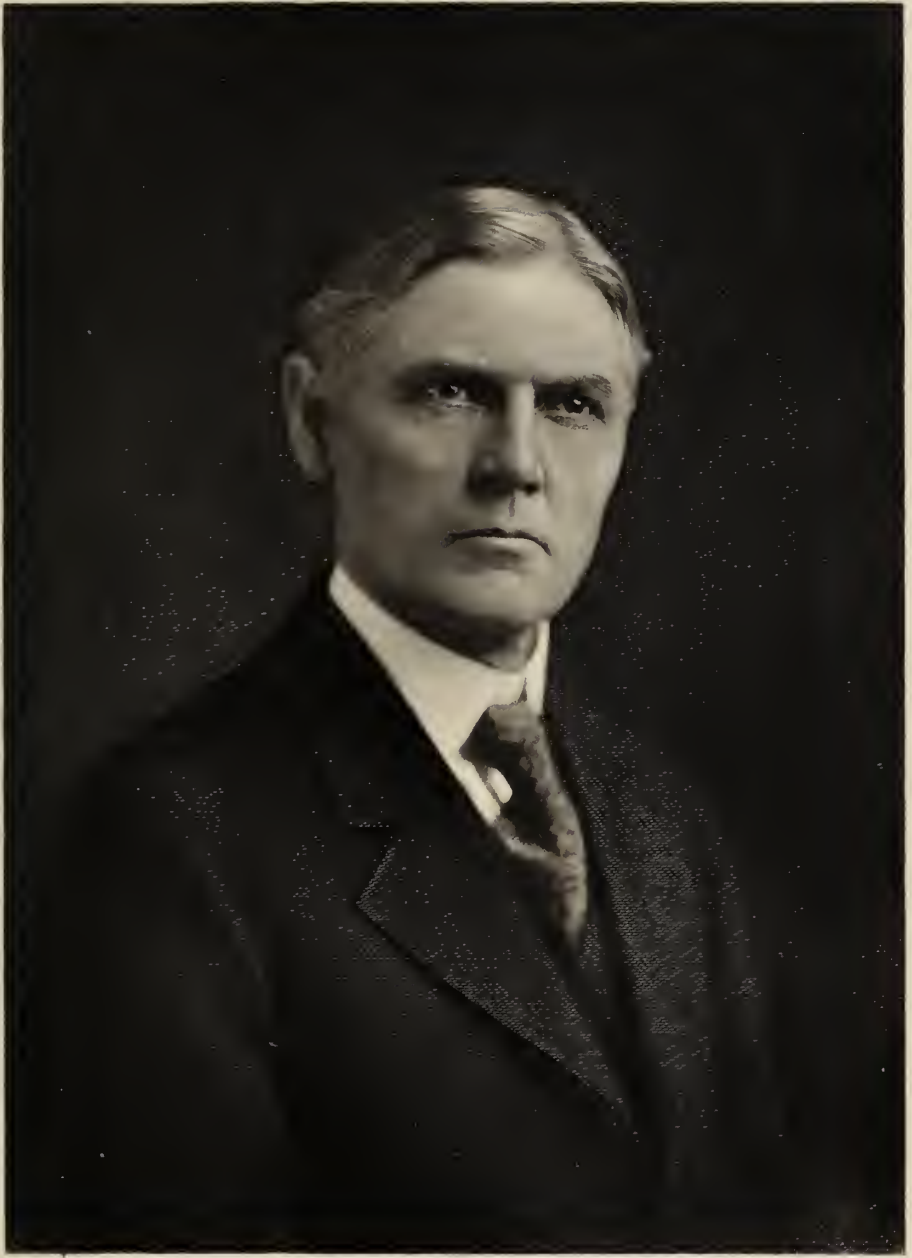
Mrs. McIntosh has won many prizes in golf tournaments and is considered one of the finest players in Illinois.

John A. Goodwin, a well known lawyer and business man of Normal, was born on a farm near Litchfield, Ill., Nov. 13, 1867, and is the son of George and Harriet (Cowle) Goodwin.

George Goodwin was born at Trenton Mills, County of Stafford, England, Nov. 10, 1837. He came to America with his parents Thomas and Jane (Chappell) Goodwin, and family, in a sailing vessel, six weeks from Liverpool to New Orleans, thence via Mississippi river, landing at Alton, Ill., June 8, 1844, and later settling on a farm in Madison County, Ill.

Harriet (Cowle) Goodwin, was born at Guyandott, W. Va., April 22, 1840, the daughter of Daniel and Hannah (Fanning) Cowle, who were following the tide of emigration from New York to Ft. St. Louis via the Ohio river, later becoming settlers in Madison County, Ill. Daniel Cowle was born in the Isle of Man, and his wife was a native of Scotland, both having given up family and titles for the romance of the new world.

George and Harriet (Cowle) Goodwin were married May 24, 1863, and settled on a farm near Litchfield, Ill. In 1868 the family moved to a



John A. Goodwin

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farm in Shelby County, purchased, and still owned, from the Illinois Central Railroad, where they continued to reside until 1887, when they moved to Normal for benefit of schools. In 1902 they took up their residence in El Reno, Okla., where they now reside.

To them were born four children: Charles W., at Clinton, Okla.; John A., at Normal; Dr. Clarence G., at Chicago, Ill.; and Florence (Goodwin) Reid, who died at El Reno, Okla., April 14, 1913.

John A. Goodwin grew to young manhood on the farm in Shelby County where he experienced a touch of pioneer life in the new and thinly settled prairie country. His first lessons were indelibly impressed upon him at the age of six years, from the rostrum of a log school house, with jack-leg benches and log fire place. Later this was replaced with a new school house at the corner of the farm. In 1887 he entered the Normal University taking the college course. In 1891 he began the study of law, in connection with reporting for the Daily Bulletin. In 1893 he entered the Wesleyan Law School, but passed the Supreme Court bar examination at the end of the first term and was admitted to practice. During the ensuing three years he was also court reporter for the Daily Pantagraph. In 1899, he went to El Reno, Okla., where he practiced law until 1907, when he was appointed United States Commissioner for Alaska, at Fairbanks. At the end of six months he was appointed receiver for the Alaska Central Railroad, by the Federal court. This road was afterward taken over by the bond holders and subsequently sold to the government. His work required five trips by sled over the government trail 400 miles between Valdez and Fairbanks, also the Yukon river by boat from mouth to source, and three trips across the ocean. He was also owner and publisher of the Fairbanks Daily News while there.

In 1909 Mr. Goodwin returned to Normal, where on Sept. 15, 1909, he was married to Mrs. Grace (Gregory) Liggitt.

Mr. Goodwin has always been a Republican and active in politics. While in Oklahoma he was secretary of the county central committee, and later confidential secretary to the president of the Senate during the last Territorial Legislature. From 1916 to 1918 he served as mayor of Normal, being identified with all of the world war activities and other duties of a confidential nature for the government. He is a member of the Masonic lodge, at Normal, Bloomington Consistory, Mohammed Temple at Peoria, the First Christian Church at Normal, member of the official board, the board of trustees of Brokaw Hospital, and has served as a

member of the Board of Education. Mr. Goodwin is a progressive and public spirited business man of McLean County, in which he is also largely interested in farming as well as his professional work.

Gilbert Lawrence, retired, was an enterprising farmer and stockman of McLean County, and now lives at Colfax. He was born in Guernsey County, Ohio, Aug. 10, 1837, the son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Starkey) Lawrence.

Jacob Lawrence was a native of Virginia and one of the earliest settlers of Ohio, where he homesteaded 240 acres of land in Guernsey County. He was a prominent farmer and also a breeder of good stock. Mr. Lawrence sold wheat for 27½ cents per bushel and hauled it 13 miles to market on horseback, using two horses with four bushels on each horse. He was a Democrat and a member of the Christian Church and died at the age of 60 years and his wife died at the age of 82 years. They were the parents of 13 children, as follows: Thomas, died in infancy; Farlo, died in 1908; William, deceased; Stephen, deceased; Gilbert, the subject of this sketch; Rachael, the widow of Samuel Young, lives in Ohio; Rebecca, deceased; Spencer, deceased; Albert, George, Alonzo, and James, all deceased; and Newton, a farmer, lives on the old home place in Guernsey County, Ohio.

Gilbert Lawrence was educated in a log school house and started life farming on rented land. In September, 1864, he settled in McLean County on a farm in Lawndale Township. After several years he purchased 240 acres of land in McLean County, which he farmed for many years. He and his wife now live retired in their home on Main Street, Colfax.

In March, 1861, Mr. Lawrence was married to Miss Sarah Ross, a native of Guernsey County, Ohio, born Jan. 2, 1837, and she died in 1891. Seven children were born to this union, as follows: Eliza, deceased; Anna, deceased; Emma, deceased, was the wife of West Hurt; Avery, deceased; Lydia, married William Harris, lives at Colfax; Wesley, a farmer, lives on the old home place; and Belle, died in infancy. On March 9, 1892, Mr. Lawrence was married to Anna Eliza (Neniger) Starkey, a native of Athens County, Ohio, born in 1844, and the daughter of John and Mary (Wright) Neniger. Mr. Neniger was born in Switzerland and came

to America when he was 18 years of age and settled in Athens County, Ohio. In 1863 he came to Illinois and lived in Kankakee County, Ill., where he died. Mr. and Mrs. Neniger were the parents of the following children: Elizabeth, deceased; Mrs. Lawrence; Eleanor, deceased; John L., lives in Cullom, Ill.; Ella, the widow of James Crumbaker, lives at Des Moines, Iowa; Lusetta, married George Swan, lives at Kankakee County, Ill.; Vesta, lives at Kankakee County, Ill.; and James, lives at Des Moines, Iowa. Mr. Lawrence has eight grandchildren.

Mr. Lawrence is a Republican and a member of the Methodist Church. He has served as school director, and he is a substantial and highly respected citizen of McLean County. Mr. Lawrence is one of the organizers of the Farmers State Bank of which he is a stockholder.

Amos Gomien, now living retired at Colfax, has been a successful and widely known farmer of McLean County for many years. He was born in Ohio, Jan. 15, 1857, the son of Michael and Mary (Conrad) Gomien.

Michael Gomien was a native of France, as also was his wife. He came to the United States with his parents when he was 13 years old and settled on a farm in Clermont County, Ohio. Mr. Gomien became a prominent farmer and owned 164 acres of land, which he improved, and for many years he was a breeder of good stock. He died in 1866 and his wife died in 1920. They were the parents of eight children, as follows: William, a carpenter, lives at Cincinnati, Ohio; Amos, the subject of this sketch; Edward, died in 1917; Charles, a farmer, lives near Cincinnati, Ohio; Lewis, a farmer, lives in Clermont County, Ohio; John, railroader, lives at Cincinnati, Ohio; Josephine, married William Craver, a merchant, lives in Clermont County, Ohio; and Albert, dairy farmer, lives in Ohio.

Amos Gomien was reared on his father's farm and educated in the district schools of Clermont County, Ohio. He worked on a farm for 11 years, receiving \$18.00 per month and later rented land in McLean County for 16 years, having come here in 1887. Mr. Gomien then purchased a farm of 168 acres, which he improved. He has lived retired at Colfax for the past nine months and owns a modern home on Wood Street.

On Feb. 9, 1888, Mr. Gomien was married to Miss Susie Martin, a native of Woodford County, Ill., born Sept. 26, 1857, and the daughter of Henry and Sarah (Wilson) Martin. The Martins were natives of Ohio

and early settlers of Woodford County, Ill., where Mr. Martin followed farming. He died in 1908 and his wife died in 1919. They had five children, as follows: Joseph, a farmer, lives at Colfax; Amanda, married Oscar Tanton, both deceased; Mrs. Gomien; Andrew, deceased; and one child died in infancy. To Amos and Susie (Martin) Gomien five children have been born, as follows: Frank, born Jan. 4, 1889, lives at Springfield, Ill., and is a veteran of the World War, having served for 11 months at Camp Grant, Ill., as a sergeant; Harry, born Nov. 29, 1891, rural mail carrier, lives at Colfax; Dr. Scott, born Feb. 8, 1894, practicing physician in the St. Louis City Sanitarium, and also a World War veteran, having served overseas for one year as a first lieutenant in the medical corps; Motie, born Dec. 14, 1895, died March 31, 1918, leaving one child, Gomien D. Brown, who was born March 19, 1918; and Roy, born Sept. 17, 1899, farms the old homestead in Anchor Township. Mr. and Mrs. Gomien have five grandchildren.

Mr. Gomien is a Republican, a member of the Methodist Church and belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America. He is one of the highly esteemed citizens of McLean County and has many friends.

T. F. Kennedy, justice of the peace at Colfax for the past 22 years, and also a leading farmer and stockman, was born near Winchester, Ky., March 23, 1852, the son of George F. and Nancy E. (Railsback) Kennedy.

The Kennedy family came to Illinois from Kentucky in 1852 and settled on a farm two miles west of Bloomington, where they remained until 1859, at which time they purchased a farm near Colfax. Mr. Kennedy died March 10, 1865, and his wife died in November, 1869. They were the parents of seven children, as follows: James E., deceased; T. F., the subject of this sketch; Leona Z., married J. B. Dooley, both deceased; Laura B., deceased, was the wife of Stephen Kiblinger; Mary A., the widow of Harrison Stottard, lives at Houston, Texas; Jessie B., married Abso-lom Frankenberger, both deceased; and Leslie, deceased.

T. F. Kennedy was reared on his father's farm and attended the district schools. After renting land for several years, Mr. Kennedy purchased a farm of 160 acres, which he farmed for many years, and he was widely known as a breeder of good stock and an extensive grain farmer. Mr. Kennedy now lives retired at Colfax and owns a nice home on Cooper

Street. He has served as justice of the peace of Colfax for 22 years and as township supervisor of Martin Township for 14 years, and also as road commissioner.

On Oct. 12, 1875, Mr. Kennedy was married to Miss Nancy J. Wilson, a native of Saybook, Ill., born Aug. 25, 1856, and the daughter of John and Clara (Able) Wilson, the former a native of Tennessee and the latter of Bloomington, Ind. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, now deceased, were the parents of the following children: Sylvester, deceased; Joseph B., deceased; James G., deceased; Sarah, the widow of C. B. Lawrence, lives in Illinois; Mrs. Kennedy; John M., lives at Bloomington; Anna Alice, deceased; Frank, lives at Bloomington; and Lydia, married E. Hall, a farmer, lives in McLean County. To T. F. and Nancy J. (Wilson) Kennedy five children have been born, as follows: Charles O., born Aug. 15, 1876, died Feb. 28, 1906; Ora C., born May 10, 1878, died Oct. 5, 1921; George F., born Oct. 29, 1880, lives near Colfax; Gertrude F., born Sept. 24, 1882, married Frank Harms, lives at Colfax; and Myrtle B., born Jan. 22, 1886, married H. J. Smith, a farmer, lives at Bluffton, Ind. Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy have 19 grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Mr. Kennedy is a Democrat, a member of the Christian Church, and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a man of integrity and industry, and is one of the reliable and substantial men of his community.

John M. Lorig, a well known farmer and stockman of McLean County, now living retired at Colfax, was born in Chicago, April 7, 1866, the son of Peter and Margaret (Urbahnas) Lorig.

Peter Lorig was a native of Germany, as also was his wife. He came to the United States in 1837 and settled in Chicago, where he worked at his trade as painter and decorator. Later Mr. Lorig purchased a farm of 57 acres in Illinois, which he operated until the time of his death in 1903. His wife died in 1886. They were the parents of the following children: John M., the subject of this sketch; Albert, lives in Iowa; Nicholas, lives in San Francisco, Calif., unheard of after the earthquake there; Peter, a farmer, lives in Sherburn, Minn.; Clara, the widow of Joseph Sherra, Steger, Ill.; Tillie, married Emil Peterson, who died in 1923, and she lives in Chicago Heights, Ill.; Anna, married John Klein, lives in

Chicago Heights, Ill.; Mary, married Wilbur Johnson, lives in Chicago Heights, Ill.; Maggie, married Charles Algood, lives in Chicago Heights, Ill.; Joseph, lives at Crete, Ill.; and Godfrey, deceased.

John M. Lorig received his education in the schools of Chicago and started life on a farm, working for \$16.00 per month. He later operated 320 acres of land in McLean County, and for many years was a successful breeder of Poland-China hogs. He was also an extensive feeder and shipper of stock and for 26 years was a well known thresher of McLean County, having come here in 1884.

On Aug. 24, 1887, Mr. Lorig was married to Miss Bertha E. Hoffmann, a native of Germany, born Aug. 23, 1869, and the daughter of Fred and Augusta (Fricke) Hoffmann, natives of Germany. Mr. Hoffmann, who was a leading farmer of McLean County for many years, now lives retired at Anchor, Ill., and is 84 years of age. His wife died in 1913. They were the parents of 16 children, as follows: Tena, the widow of John Kerber, lives in Iowa; Bertha Lorig; Henry, a farmer, lives in Anchor Township, McLean County; Charles, a farmer, lives in Anchor Township; Harry, a farmer, lives in Ford County, Ill.; Millie, married John George, a farmer, lives in Colorado; Marie, married Carl Lage, a farmer, lives in Anchor Township, McLean County; Fred, a farmer, lives in Ford County, Ill.; Louie, a farmer, lives in Minnesota; Augusta, married M. Oman Piles, lives at Anchor, Ill.; Caroline, married Ernie Brown, a farmer, lives in Iowa; Minnie, married John Meulenfort, a farmer, lives in Melvin, Ill., and four children died in infancy. To John M. and Bertha (Hoffmann) Loring 13 children have been born, as follows: Carl J., born May 24, 1888, a farmer, lives in North Dakota; Fred, born Aug. 22, 1889, lives in Emmetsburg, Iowa, is a World War veteran, having served overseas with the 88th Division throughout the war and with the army of occupation in Germany, and he was discharged March 6, 1919; John, born Jan. 9, 1891, a farmer, lives in Minnesota; Tillie, born April 15, 1892, married Lawson Denton, lives at Decatur, Ill.; Joseph, born Sept. 2, 1893, lives at Colfax; Peter A., born July 2, 1895, rural mail carrier at Arrow-smith, Ill., also a World War veteran, having served overseas during the war and with the army of occupation, and he was discharged from service July, 1919; Augusta, born April 15, 1897, married Ira Cottner, a farmer, lives in Cropsey Township, McLean County; Tena, died in infancy; Minnie, born Jan. 26, 1900, married Joseph Grosse, a farmer, lives in Cropsey Township, McLean County; Harry, born Nov. 8, 1901, employed by

the Paramount Knitting Mills at Kankakee, Ill.; Bertha, born June 17, 1904, at home; Henry, born Oct. 4, 1906, at home; and Lewis, born Nov. 23, 1908, also lives at home. Mr. and Mrs. Lorig have 16 grandchildren.

John M. Lorig is a Democrat, a member of the Catholic Church, and belongs to the Knights of Columbus. He has served as justice of the peace for a number of years and also as school director. Mr. Lorig is a dependable citizen and a worthy representative of McLean County's pioneer families.

Judge David Davis.—The life and fame of David Davis are inseparably interwoven with the history of Illinois and his services to the state and nation are recognized as important features of general history. He was born in Cecil County, Md., March 9, 1815. His father died when David Davis was a youth, although he left quite a considerable estate, thus enabling the young man to obtain a good education. After receiving a thorough preparatory education in the public schools of Maryland, he entered Kenyon College, Ohio, and upon completion of his course there read law in the office of Judge Henry W. Bishop, of Lennox, Mass. He finished his professional education with a course in the New Haven Law School. He was admitted to the bar in 1835 and came to Illinois the same year. He first located at Pekin, but removed to Bloomington within a year. Here he began the practice of law and laid the foundation of his future greatness as a lawyer, jurist and statesman.

His public life commenced as a member of the Illinois State Legislature in 1844, in which he served one term, declining a renomination. He was next elected to the constitutional convention in 1847. He was judge of the Eighth Judicial Circuit of Illinois, the one in which Abraham Lincoln practiced, from 1848 to 1862. From 1862 until 1877 he was a Justice of the United States Supreme Court, and from 1877 to 1883 he represented the state of Illinois in the United States Senate. He was the intimate friend and companion, as well as a trusted advisor, of Abraham Lincoln, and it was at Lincoln's personal request that Judge Davis attended the Republican Convention which met at Chicago, on May 16, 1860, at which Lincoln was nominated for president. Judge Davis was a delegate at large and it was largely through his leadership and management that Lincoln was nominated over Seward of New York, who was

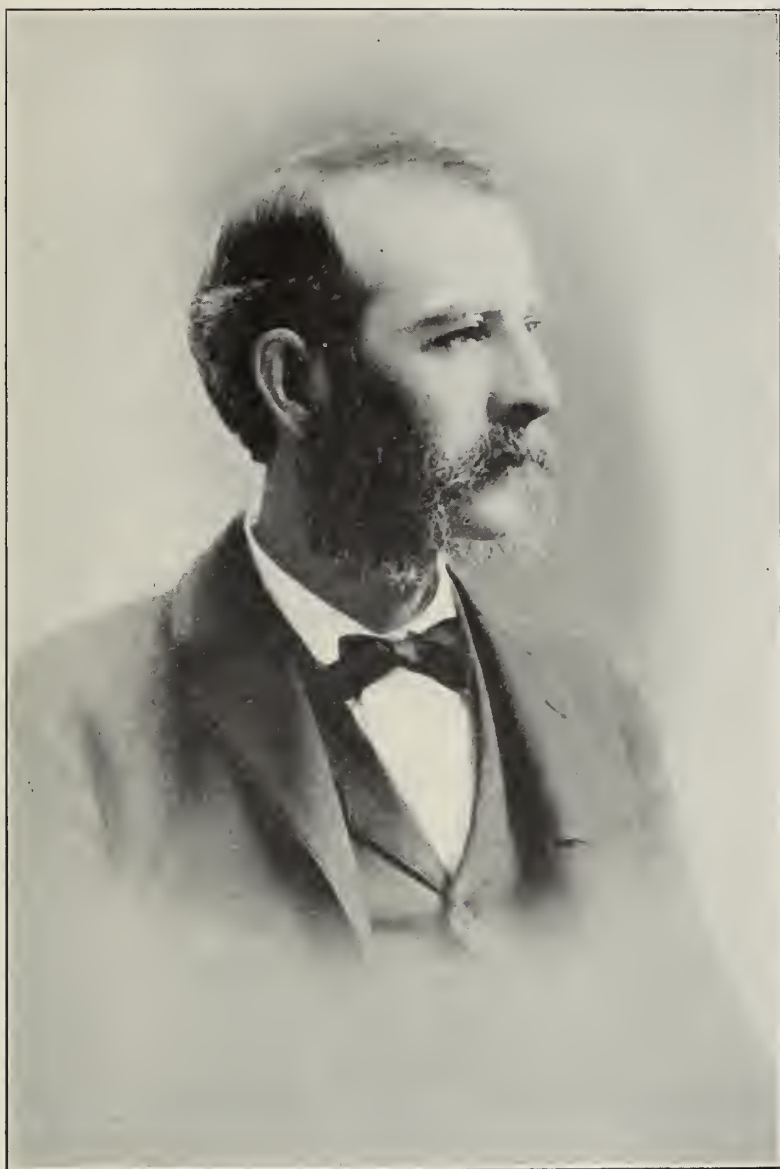
practically conceded the nomination before the convention met. In 1861 Judge Davis was appointed one of a commission of three by President Lincoln to adjudicate conflicting claims against the quartermaster of the army of the Department of Missouri. While a member of the United States Senate he served as acting vice-president of the United States for nearly two years during the administration of President Arthur, after the death of Garfield.

In every position of public trust and responsibility, Judge Davis discharged his duties with the highest standard of ability and integrity, and few men in the history of the state or nation had a more complete or honorable record of public service than did this great man of whom McLean County is justly proud. Judge Davis was not only a great figure in public affairs, an unusually strong character as a jurist and statesman, but he was great in all the essentials of the highest standard of manhood.

Judge Davis was first married to Miss Sarah W. Walker, a daughter of Judge William P. Walker, of Lennox, Mass. Mrs. Davis died Nov. 9, 1879, leaving two children: George Perrin Davis and Mrs. Sarah D. Swayne. In March, 1883, Judge Davis was married to Miss Adeline Burr, of Fayetteville, N. C. Judge Davis died June 26, 1886, and thus closed the career of one of the notable men of Illinois.

George Perrin Davis, deceased, was for many years a prominent factor in the affairs of Bloomington and McLean County during the period of the greatest industrial and social development. He was a son of the late Judge David Davis and Sarah Woodruff (Walker) Davis. A biographical sketch of Judge David Davis appears in this volume.

George Perrin Davis was born in Bloomington, June 3, 1842. He passed his childhood days in Bloomington and when old enough to attend school he was sent to the private boarding school of Deacon A. Hyde, at Lee, Mass. He afterwards attended Illinois Wesleyan University at Bloomington and Beloit College at Beloit, Wis. He then entered Williams College in Massachusetts, where he was graduated in the class of 1864. He later entered the law department of the University of Michigan and was graduated from that institution in 1867. After being admitted to the bar he engaged in the practice of law in partnership with



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William H. Hanna. Two years later, however, owing to the fact that public affairs required his father's constant attention in Washington, George Perrin Davis took over the management of the extensive landed interests of his father in McLean County. In addition to the management of the estate he was also interested in cattle feeding.

Mr. Davis was interested in a number of enterprises in addition to the vast farm interests of the Davis estate. He was a director of the First National Bank of Bloomington and interested in several other banking institutions. He was vice-president of the board of trustees of Illinois Wesleyan University and for a time was president of the McLean County Historical Society.

On June 17, 1869, George Perrin Davis was married at Attica, Ind., to Miss Ella Hanna, of Indianapolis, Ind., a granddaughter of Gen. Robert Hanna, who was the first man to serve as a United States senator from Indiana. To George Perrin Davis and wife were born the following children: Alice Scranton, born March 23, 1870, married Dr. E. Wylls Andrews, of Chicago; David, born June 23, 1876, and Mercer, born May 6, 1878.

Politically, George Perrin Davis was a Republican, although he never had any ambition to hold any public office. However, he served as supervisor of Bloomington Township for about 20 years. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Bloomington and served in the capacity of trustee for a number of years. He was widely known and held in high esteem.

David Davis, whose home is at 1000 East Jefferson street, Bloomington, Ill., is a man of extensive interests in McLean County. He was born in Bloomington, June 23, 1876, a son of George Perrin Davis and Ella (Hanna) Davis, the former a native of Bloomington, where his father, Judge David Davis settled when Illinois was new. Ella Hanna Davis was a native of Indianapolis, Ind. Further biographical history of Judge David Davis and George Perrin Davis appears in this volume.

David Davis has one sister, Mrs. Alice D. Andrews, who lives in Chicago, and a brother, Mercer Davis, whose home is in Bloomington, Ill., and a sketch of whom appears in this volume.

David Davis was reared to manhood in Bloomington and received his education at Lawrenceville, N. J., and Williams College at Williamstown,

Mass. For 20 years prior to the death of his father, David Davis, had charge of farm lands and other real estate. After the death of his father he acted as executor of the George P. Davis estate. Besides being executor of the extensive Davis estate, Mr. Davis has other interests and is interested in numerous activities. He is a director of the First National Bank of Bloomington and also a member of the board of directors of the First National Bank of Normal. He is trustee of the Abraham Brokaw Endowment Fund and a director of the McLean County Historical Society.

On Sept. 28, 1899, David Davis was united in marriage at Bloomington, Ill., with Miss Edith Melliush, a native of Bloomington and a daughter of Joseph H. and Hannah Bell Melliush, both natives of England, and now deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Davis have been born two children: George Perrin Davis, graduated from Williams College with the degree of A. B., is now a student in the electrical engineering course in Massachusetts Institute Technology, and David Davis, Jr., is a student in the University High School, Normal, Ill.

Mr. Davis is a Republican and he and Mrs. Davis are members of the First Presbyterian church of which he is a member of the board of trustees. He is a progressive and enterprising citizen.

Mercer Davis, a well known citizen of Bloomington, who is extensively interested in McLean County, is a member of the Davis family, which has been conspicuous in McLean County and Illinois for three generations. He is a son of George Perrin Davis and a grandson of Judge David Davis, biographies of whom appear in this volume. His mother bore the maiden name of Ella Hanna, a native of Indiana and a member of a prominent family of that state.

Mercer Davis was born in Bloomington, Ill., May 6, 1878, and was one of three children born to his parents, the other two being David, who is engaged in the management of the Davis estate, and resides at Bloomington, and Alice Scranton Davis, who married Dr. Wyllys Andrews, of Chicago. Mercer Davis was reared in Bloomington and received his education in the Illinois Wesleyan University and Hotchkiss School in Connecticut. After completing his education he returned to Bloomington and engaged in farming and stock raising and in the management

of the extensive Davis estate in McLean County. Mr. Davis was married at Fairbury, Ill., April 22, 1903, to Miss Dorothy Phelps, a native of Fairbury and a daughter of Albert and Linda (Hanna) Phelps, both natives of Illinois. Mr. Phelps was an extensive farmer and stock raiser in the vicinity of Fairbury.

Mr. Davis is a Republican.

Palmer Fincham, the able and highly esteemed deputy sheriff of McLean County, was born at Colfax, March 11, 1891, and is the son of L. S., Sr., and Elizabeth (Wiley) Fincham.

L. S. Fincham, Sr., has been a successful farmer of Martin Township, McLean County, since 1883. He operated 400 acres of well-improved land and has been a leading stockman, shipping stock throughout the United States. Mr. Fincham is a Democrat, served as road commissioner for 18 years, and is a member of the Masonic Lodge. He and his wife now live retired west of the town limits of Colfax. They are the parents of six children, as follows: Lawrence, engineer on the Northwestern Railroad, lives in Waseca, Minn.; Fred, a farmer, lives in Lawndale Township, McLean County; L. S., Jr., a farmer, lives in Blue Mound Township, McLean County; Palmer, the subject of this sketch; Gertrude, married LeRoy Withers, a farmer, lives in Martin Township; and Earl, employed as baggageman on the Illinois Central Railroad at Champaign, Ill.

Palmer Fincham received his education in the public schools of Colfax and started life as a drayman and later as a coal miner. He has been superintendent of the Colfax Pumping Station for three years and has served as marshall of Colfax since 1920. Since being elected deputy sheriff of McLean County, Mr. Fincham has filled his position in a very capable and efficient manner and is highly esteemed throughout the county. His home is located on West Brook Street in Colfax.

On Sept. 11, 1913, Mr. Fincham was married to Miss Ethel Sutton, a native of Decatur, Ill., born Sept. 29, 1891, and the daughter of Frank and Martha (Oxley) Sutton, natives of Indiana. The Sutton family came to Macon County, Ill., in 1893, and in 1910 moved to Martin Township, McLean County, where Mr. Sutton engaged in general farming and stock raising. They now live retired in Indiana and are the parents of the following children: Mrs. Fincham; Grace, married Frank Binkley, lives in Illi-

nois; Carl, a farmer, lives in Indiana, and is a veteran of the World War, having served with the navy for three years; Clarence, lives in Indiana, served about three years in the navy; and Maude, lives with her parents. To Palmer and Ethel (Sutton) Fincham two children have been born, as follows: Marie, born Sept. 29, 1915; and Marjorie, born March 20, 1917.

Mr. Fincham is a Democrat, a member of the Methodist Church, and belongs to the Masonic Lodge and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

C. H. Ficken, well known garage man of Colfax and agent for Chevrolet automobiles, was born in Germany, Dec. 6, 1866, the son of John Peter and Catherine (Lange) Ficken.

John Peter Ficken spent his life in Germany, where he owned a small farm. He died at the age of 84 years and his wife died at the age of 76 years. They were the parents of the following children: Margaret, deceased, was the wife of John Miller; Mattie, married John Leppler, lives in Minnesota; John, a farmer, lives in Germany; and C. H., the subject of this sketch.

C. H. Ficken came to America from Germany when he was 16 years of age, after having attended the public schools there. He lived in Ohio for one year and then came to Colfax, and later he engaged in farming near Anchor, Ill. Mr. Ficken owns 265 acres of well-improved land in Michigan and for 16 years he operated a general store at Anchor, Ill. He came to Colfax in 1920 and opened his garage. Mr. Ficken is a mechanic and does all kinds of automobile repair work, and handles automobile accessories. His store is located on East Main Street and the garage is located in the west part of town.

On Feb. 13, 1890, Mr. Ficken was married to Miss Margaret Henson, a native of McLean County, born Aug. 18, 1875, and the daughter of H. A. Henson. Mr. Henson was a native of Germany and an early settler of McLean County, where he farmed until the time of his death. Mr. and Mrs. Henson were the parents of the following children: Minnie, married Jacob Rhode, a retired farmer, lives in Oregon; Mrs. Ficken; Mary, married Henry Fasking, a farmer, lives in McLean County; and John, a farmer, lives in McLean County. To Mr. and Mrs. Ficken five children have been born, as follows: Christina, married C. T. Glinghagen, general merchant, Clara City, Minn.; John, undertaker at El Paso, Ill., and is a

veteran of the World War, having served overseas during the war; C. H., engaged in the garage business with his father, married Helen Parmlee; Mabel, teaches music and lives at home; and Violet, at home. Mr. and Mrs. Ficken have two grandchildren, Margaret and Stanley Klinghagen.

C. H. Ficken is a member of the Lutheran Church and has held many township offices. He is a capable and progressive man and an enterprising citizen.

Frank Powell, pioneer hotel man of McLean County, was born in Fayette County, Ohio, March 23, 1852, the son of Jackson and Malinda (Robertson) Powell.

Jackson Powell was a prominent farmer of Fayette County, Ohio, for many years and was a veteran of the Civil War. The Powell family came to Illinois in 1872 and settled on a farm near Lexington, where Mr. and Mrs. Powell spent the remainder of their lives. They were the parents of five children, as follows: Frank, the subject of this sketch; Marion, retired, lives in California; Albert, Charles and Elmer, all deceased.

Frank Powell spent his boyhood on his father's farm in Ohio and was educated in the district schools there. After coming to Illinois with his parents he was employed at various occupations, such as drug clerk, for a number of years. In 1885 Mr. Powell entered the hotel business at Colfax, where he owned and operated the only hotel until the Colfax Hotel was erected. He is widely known throughout Illinois as an enterprising and successful business man and during his many years in the hotel business he built up a good business. For the past six years he has owned and conducted a billiard and pool hall at Colfax.

In June, 1885, Mr. Powell was united in marriage with Miss Adeline Ridgley, a native of Colfax, born in 1863, and the daughter of Samuel and Jennie (Smith) Ridgley. Mr. and Mrs. Ridgley were natives of Indiana, early settlers of McLean County, and the parents of the following children: Mrs. Ritchie, lives in Nebraska; Lizzie, deceased; Lucy, deceased; Dixie, deceased, George, lives in Nebraska; James, lives in Iowa; and Mrs. Powell. Mr. Ridgley died in October, 1899, and his wife died in March, 1916. Mr. and Mrs. Powell have no children.

In politics Mr. Powell is a Democrat.

U. S. Lyons, a prosperous and widely known farmer of Martin Township, was born on the farm where he now lives, Aug. 11, 1864, the son of John U. and Mary J. (Wiley) Lyons.

John U. Lyons, a native of Kentucky, was born Oct. 22, 1830, the son of William and Catherine (Eddings) Lyons, the former a native of Kentucky, and a pioneer settler of Illinois, where he followed farming for many years. Later, William Lyons went to Indiana, where he died. He had four children, as follows: Anderson, deceased; John U., father of the subject of this sketch; Mary, married Elijah Wiley, both deceased; and Mahaley, married Collins Bradley, both deceased.

John U. Lyons came to Illinois during the early days and settled on the present Lyons farm in Martin Township, which is now operated by his son, U. S. Lyons. He became a successful farmer and owned 240 acres of land, and during the early days drove his stock to Bloomington and Lexington for the markets. Mr. Lyons held many township offices and was a Democrat. He is deceased and his wife now resides at Colfax and is 87 years of age. They were the parents of the following children: Thomas, deceased; Rhoda C., married O. S. Hatch, both deceased; John D., a retired farmer, lives with his mother at Colfax; William, deceased; U. S., the subject of this sketch; Sarah C., married L. W. Baldwin, both deceased; Emma, married Franklin Batterton, deceased; Mary E., married Sheldon Powell, lives at Colfax, Ill.; Hannah M., the widow of Otis Hollingsworth, lives at Bloomington; and E. S., a farmer, lives in Martin Township, a sketch of whom appears in this volume.

Mary J. (Wiley) Lyons, mother of the subject of this sketch, was born in Kentucky, Oct. 24, 1837, and is the daughter of Thomas R. and Rhoda (Swift) Wiley, the former a native of Kentucky and the latter of Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Wiley were the parents of the following children: William Thomas, deceased; Lucinda, deceased; Sarah, deceased; Elijah, deceased; Mrs. Lyons, now lives in Colfax; Ruth and Americus, both deceased; and Nancy, married Charles Burke, lives at Saybrook, Ill.

U. S. Lyons received his education in the district schools of Martin Township and attended Illinois Wesleyan University. After finishing his school work, he engaged in farming on the home place in Martin Township, which he has always lived on, and Mr. Lyons now owns the farm. He has 245 acres of land and is a successful breeder of pure-bred Poland-China hogs and also ships stock extensively.

In 1893, Mr. Lyons was married to Miss Sarah Janes, a native of Money Creek Township, McLean County, born Sept. 27, 1862, and the daughter of Peter H. and Eliza (Croser) Janes. Mr. Janes was an early settler of Money Creek Township and a prominent farmer. He and his wife, deceased, were the parents of six children, as follows: Annette, married John W. Brown, both deceased; Laura, married James Beasley, both deceased; Mrs. Lyons; May, deceased; Barbara, married E. S. Lyons, brother of the subject of this sketch; and Minnie, deceased. Mr. and Mrs. U. S. Lyons have two children: Flossie, born Jan. 25, 1895, married John Steinlicht, lives in Anchor Township, McLean County; and Nellie E., born March 6, 1903, married Harry Morefield, a farmer, lives in Martin Township. Mr. and Mrs. Lyons have four grandchildren, as follows: Dorothy and Wayne Steinlicht; and Helen and Warren Moorefield.

Mr. Lyons is a Republican and a member of the Methodist Church. He is well known in the county and is one of the progressive and energetic citizens of his community.

Harlan O. Lundgren, a well known and successful young business man of Colfax, was born at Aurora, Ill., in September, 1899, and is the son of Oscar and Tillie (Swanson) Lundgren.

Oscar Lundgren came to this country from Sweden when he was 26 years of age and settled in DeKalb, Ill., and later went to Aurora where he worked at his trade as machinist. Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Lundgren, who now live retired at LaCrosse, Wis., are the parents of five children, as follows: Raghild, deceased; Harlan O., the subject of this sketch; Roland, lives at home; Hazel, died at the age of 18 years; and Ralph, died in infancy.

Harlan O. Lundgren was educated in the public and high schools of Aurora and LaCrosse, Wis., and also took a correspondence course at the University of Wisconsin. After completing his college education, Mr. Lundgren followed his profession as mechanical engineer until Sept. 11, 1922, when he opened his store at Colfax. He has an excellent business, being located on Main Street.

On Sept. 15, 1921, Mr. Lundgren was united in marriage with Miss Dorothea Stadsholt, a native of Bloomington, Ill., born in January, 1900,

and the daughter of John and Marie (Steinke) Stadsholt, natives of Germany and early settlers of McLean County. Mr. Stadsholt was a prominent farmer for many years and now lives retired at Bloomington. Mrs. Lundgren, who taught school for one term at Normal before her marriage, has the following brothers and sisters: Clara, married W. L. Mays, a farmer, lives near Bloomington; John A., merchant, Bloomington; and Cecelia, deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Harlan O. Lundgren have one daughter, Dorothea Fern, born Nov. 17, 1923.

Mr. Lundgren is a member of the Baptist Church. He owns considerable property in Wisconsin and is an enterprising young business man of McLean County, whose success in life is practically assured.

Carl Schurz Vrooman, of Bloomington, former assistant secretary of agriculture, is perhaps the best known man in national affairs of any McLean County citizen. A well known publicist for years, the most prominent "dirt farmer" in national democratic politics, and a trusted representative of the government during President Wilson's administration, Mr. Vrooman has not only had to deal with national but international affairs.

He was born at Macon, Mo., in 1872, a son of Hiram Perkins and Sarah (Buffington) Vrooman. The father was a native of New York, born on a farm in the Mohawk Valley, and the mother was born in Trenton, N. J. Hiram Perkins Vrooman was a lawyer, having attained distinction in his profession and served as judge of the common pleas court for a number of years. He and his wife are both deceased and their remains are buried at Worcester, Mass. Beside Carl Vrooman they were the parents of the following children: F. B. Vrooman, University Club, Washington, D. C.; Rev. H. C. Vrooman, Greenville, Maine; and Hiram Vrooman, Chenoa, Ill.

Carl Vrooman was reared in Topeka and Kansas City, Kan. He received his education in Washburn College, Topeka, Kan., Harvard University, and studied abroad. He began life as a publicist and for years has been recognized as an able writer, who has a comprehensive mastery of important economic subjects. Many of his articles have been published in the Outlook, McClures, Century, Review of Reviews, etc., etc. He is the author of "American Railway Problems in the Light of Euro-



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pean Experience" and joint author with Mrs. Vrooman of "The Lure and Lore of Travel". Mr. Vrooman wrote a Bulletin for the U. S. Department of Agriculture entitled "Grain Farming in the Corn Belt with Live Stock as a Side Line", which put in the simplest possible language the results not only of the experiments and investigations of a score of the ablest agricultural experts in America, but as well the results of Mr. Vrooman's own experience and observation as a "dirt farmer". This bulletin was so popular among practical farmers that a million copies were called for and distributed.

Mr. Vrooman was assistant secretary of agriculture from 1914 until 1919 and discharged the duties in connection with that office in a manner that reflected credit upon himself and the department. During the summer of 1918 he was sent on a Presidential War Mission abroad, Mrs. Vrooman going at the same time as a Y. M. C. A. worker. As a guest of the various armies, he visited the British, French and American fronts. He had luncheon with General Pershing at the general's Field Headquarters, and on his return to Paris had a conference with Premier Clemenceau, who arranged an interview for him with Marshall Foch at his headquarters. Later, Mr. Vrooman spent two months at the Paris Peace Conference in an unofficial capacity, returning home in April, 1919, Mrs. Vrooman remaining overseas with the soldiers in the occupied territory of Germany until December, 1919. During the war, Mr. Vrooman's position as a mouthpiece of the Wilson administration far overshadowed his official position as first assistant secretary of Agriculture. During those history making days he made more speeches throughout the country than any other member of the President's official family, speaking in over three-fourths of the States in the Union. He not only spoke for the Department of Agriculture, but frequently took the place of different members of the Cabinet at patriotic meetings, and several times addressed important state and national conferences as the personal representative of the President himself.

In 1906 Carl Vrooman was united in marriage at St. Louis, Mo., with Miss Julia Green Scott, a native of Bloomington. She is a daughter of Mathew T. and Julia (Green) Scott, natives of Kentucky, and prominent residents of Bloomington, both of whom are now deceased.

Mrs. Vrooman traveled extensively in Europe with her mother before her marriage and after her marriage at different times spent several years abroad traveling and studying. During their official life at Wash-

ington, her knowledge of French and Italian was a useful as well as ornamental accomplishment, and together with her cosmopolitan culture and rare personal charm helped to make of her perhaps the most popular hostess in the Wilson administration.

In the summer of 1918 she went abroad as a Y. M. C. A. worker to help keep up the morale of our boys in France. After the signing of the Armistice she went with our troops into the occupied territory of Germany, where she stayed until December, 1919. According to the head of these important activities she was reported to have done the most effective work of any American woman sent to the war zone.

During the past year, as chairman of the 17th District Federation of Woman's Clubs, Mrs. Vrooman carried on probably the most active and successful campaign on record for World Peace, by means of the World Court and the Bok plan. She not only spoke all over her district and in some of the nearby districts, but personally sent out thousands of peace documents, published by the Federation of Churches and other similar agencies. Mrs. Vrooman is a director of the Illinois League of Women Voters, a member of the Women's Illinois State Central Committee, and chairman of the 17th District Democratic Woman's Clubs.

Carl Vrooman served as regent of the Kansas Agricultural College during the years 1898-1900. Mrs. Vrooman is a member of the Presbyterian Church and he holds membership in the Congregational Church. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias. He is a Democrat and is active in the party organization and in furthering its policies and principles. For many years he has been farming scientifically several thousand acres of land in Illinois and Iowa. He is also president of the McLean County Coal Company.

Isaac Popejoy, a farmer and stockman of Martin Township, was born on the farm where he now lives, Feb. 28, 1879, and is the son of Mathias and Miria (Stroud) Popejoy.

Mathias Popejoy was born in Indiana, March 24, 1833, the son of Madison Popejoy, who was a leading farmer of Indiana. Mathias Popejoy had the following brothers and sisters: John, deceased; William, deceased; Amanda, married James Ricker, both deceased; Miria, married Daniel Ridenhour, both deceased; Jane, married James Smoker, both de-

ceased; and Julia, lives in Michigan. Nicholas Popejoy came to Illinois when he was a young man and settled on land in Martin Township, McLean County, where he became the owner of 373 acres of land. He was an extensive grain farmer and also a well-known stockman during his life. Mr. Popejoy died March 29, 1908, and is buried in Wiley Cemetery, Colfax.

On Dec. 5, 1861, Mathias Popejoy was united in marriage with Miss Miria Stroud, a native of Money Creek Township, McLean County, born April 24, 1844. She died Dec. 23, 1923. She was the daughter of Levi and Eliza (Stretch) Stroud, the former a native of Kentucky and the latter of Ohio. Mr. Stroud was an early settler of Money Creek Township, McLean County, where he improved 120 acres of land. He died in 1863 and his wife died in 1861. They were the parents of the following children: Leander, deceased; Dorothy, deceased; Isaac, Jessie, Washington, Tabitha, Lafayette, all deceased; Mrs. Popejoy, deceased; Flora, married Alma Henline, lives in Boise, Idaho; and Scott, lives in Wisconsin. To Mathias and Miria (Stroud) Popejoy the following children were born: Eva, married Albert Batterton, both now deceased; William, a farmer, lives in Iowa; Ida, deceased; Sanford, deceased; Marion, a farmer, lives in Martin Township, McLean County; Arabelle, married Roland Moyer, a farmer, lives near Cooksville, Ill.; and Isaac, the subject of this sketch. Mr. and Mrs. Popejoy have 14 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Isaac Popejoy received his education in the public schools of Martin Township and started farming on rented land. He now owns 57 acres of land in Martin Township, and is a successful farmer and stockman.

On Nov. 28, 1900, Mr. Popejoy was married to Miss May Coleman, a native of Colfax, born Nov. 4, 1881, and the daughter of George W. and Parmelia (Shaver) Coleman, natives of Ohio and early settlers of Illinois. Mr. Coleman died Nov. 1, 1907, and his wife died Aug. 8, 1914. They were the parents of the following children: Winfield, lives near Bunker Hill, Ind.; John, a farmer, lives near Walton, Ind.; Vada, married Ross Hutchison, a farmer, lives near Colfax; Ray, lives at Decatur, Ill.; George, a farmer, lives near Bunker Hill, Ind.; Mrs. Popejoy; and Ira, a farmer, lives near Bunker Hill, Ind. To Isaac and May (Coleman) Popejoy five children have been born, as follows: Blanche, born Nov. 5, 1901, married George Kallbrier, lives at Lexington, Ill.; Vada, born Feb. 10, 1904, married Bryan Powell, farms with Mr. Popejoy; Hartzell, born May 27, 1906;

Gladys, born June 13, 1910; and Raymond, born Nov. 1, 1914. Mr. and Mrs. Popejoy have one grandchild, Dorothy Powell.

Isaac Popejoy is a Democrat and a member of the Methodist Church. He has inherited the stability and genius of his father, and is one of the progressive and successful men of the county.

William H. Moore, a Civil War veteran, and for many years a successful farmer and stockman of McLean county, is now living retired at Bloomington. He was born in Jackson township, Clay county, Ind., June 6, 1843, and is the son of Levi and Indiana (Slaven) Moore.

Levi Moore was a native of Henry county, Ky., and his wife was born in Indiana. In 1855 the Moore family removed to Illinois and lived in Tazewell county for two years, and then settled on a farm in Hudson township, McLean county. There were five children in the Moore family, all of whom are now deceased except Elizabeth Humphrey, who lives in South Dakota.

William H. Moore spent his boyhood days on the farm and attended the district schools during the winter months. When he was 20 years old he enlisted in Company F, 68th Illinois Volunteer Infantry, but was discharged after four months and sent home. He later re-enlisted and served in Company H, 94th Illinois Volunteer Infantry, under the command of his brother, who was captain of the company. One year after the close of the war Mr. Moore was discharged at Houston, Tex., and returned home. Besides his farming interests he was engaged in the selling of granite and marble monuments for 37 years, and in 1910 was appointed postmaster of Bloomington, which office he filled in an efficient manner until December, 1918, at which time retired.

On Jan. 25, 1876, Mr. Moore was united in marriage with Miss Almira Morris, a daughter of Jefferson and Helen Morris, natives of Ohio and early settlers of Illinois. To Mr. and Mrs. Moore three children were born, as follows: Arthur, who died at the age of six years; William H. Jr., a traveling salesman, lives at 1106 North McLean St., Bloomington, and has four children, Delmar, William H. Jr., Dorothy and Richard; Edna married Rennie Hull, lives at Bloomington. Mrs. Moore died in 1919.

Mr. Moore has been a member of the Grand Army of the Republic since 1883 and was commander one year. He is a member of the First Methodist church and belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America.

Mr. Moore relates an interesting though hazardous experience he had in 1868. While working in his wheat field a severe storm came up and Mr. Moore drove his team to his barn for shelter. When in the act of unharnessing his team, lightning struck the barn, coming down a pole and killed both horses. Mr. Moore's clothing was entirely removed from his body, even his shoes, and he was rendered unconscious for 48 hours, but owing to the prompt and heroic efforts of Dr. Lee Smith, who lived in Bloomington, he recovered from the shock.

Harrison Foster, now living retired in Martin Township, was a leading farmer and a member of a prominent pioneer family of McLean County. He was born on a farm in Martin Township, McLean County, Dec. 10, 1847, the son of William and Elizabeth Foster.

William Foster and his wife were natives of Kentucky and were among the first settlers of Martin Township, where they entered land from the government. Mr. Foster owned 200 acres of land and was a leading stockman of the county and also an extensive grain farmer. During the early days he hauled his grain to Chicago. Mr. Foster was a Republican and a member of the Methodist Church. He died Oct. 6, 1901, and his wife died Nov. 27, 1893. They were the parents of the following children: Harrison, the subject of this sketch; John, died at the age of six years; Evelyn, married William Batterton, deceased; Craig, deceased; Mallissa, deceased; Andrew, deceased; and three children died in infancy.

Harrison Foster has always lived in McLean County. He was reared on his father's farm in Martin Township and received his education in the district schools, after which he rented land until the time of his marriage. Mr. Foster now owns 130 acres of well improved land, and is now living retired on the farm. He was an extensive feeder of stock.

On Jan. 10, 1877, Mr. Foster was united in marriage with Miss Flora May Osbon, a native of Hancock County, Ind., born Aug. 19, 1860, and the daughter of G. W. and Sarah (Wright) Osbon, both natives of Indiana. Mrs. Foster has three half-brothers and sisters, as follows: William, a farmer, Lawndale Township, McLean County; Morgan, a farmer, Ford

County, Ill.; and Emma, the widow of Stephen Curtis, lives in Indiana. Mr. Osbon served throughout the Civil War and was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. He died in 1913. To Harrison and Flora May (Osbon) Foster four children have been born, as follows: Shirley, born Dec. 12, 1878, died Dec. 22, 1915; Ida, born Sept. 15, 1879, married on Sept. 16, 1896, to G. E. Kelley, and they live in Chicago, Ill.; Andrew, born in 1881, died at the age of 19 years; and Luna May, born in 1884, married George Kennedy, a farmer, lives on the old Foster home place in Martin Township.

Harrison Foster is a Republican and a member of the Methodist Church. The Foster family is well known in McLean County and are highly respected among their many friends and acquaintances.

N. L. Elbert, president of the State Bank of Cooksville, is a prosperous farmer of Blue Mound Township and the owner of 540 acres of well-improved land. He was born in the township where he now resides, Aug. 4, 1861, the son of William and Elizabeth (Smith) Elbert.

William Elbert, a native of Pennsylvania, was among the early settlers of Blue Mound Township, having come here in 1858. He followed farming during his entire life and was successful. Mr. Elbert served throughout the Civil War with Company G, 33d Illinois Volunteer Infantry. Mr. and Mrs. Elbert, now deceased, were the parents of five children: Laura, married S. A. Finley, lives at Lexington, Ill.; Sarah, married Frank Casey, lives at Peoria, Ill.; N. L., the subject of this sketch; Anna, the widow of Carson Hutchinson, lives at Lexington, Ill.; and Annetta, married Parker Heffner, lives retired at Lexington.

N. L. Elbert spent his boyhood on his father's farm and received his education in the Cooksville schools. Besides his farming interests, Mr. Elbert was one of the organizers of the State Bank of Cooksville in 1893 and has served as president since that time. The Elbert farm is well improved and for many years Mr. Elbert has been an extensive feeder and shipper of stock. He is also a grain farmer.

On Nov. 25, 1886, Mr. Elbert was married to Miss Clara Etnier, a native of Fulton County, Ill., born Oct. 29, 1866, and the daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Jontz) Etnier. Mr. Etnier, now deceased, was a veteran of the Civil War. His wife lives in Iowa. There were seven chil-

dren in the Etnier family as follows: Idella, the widow of W. C. Arnold, lives in Iowa; Mrs. Elbert; Minnie, married James Homan, lives in St. Paul, Minn.; Arthur C., a farmer, lives in Iowa; Samuel, Walter and Gale, all living in Iowa; and Anna, married Walter Shearer, lives in Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Elbert have one son, Vernon, who was born Feb. 9, 1896. He lives at home with his parents.

Mr. Elbert is a Republican. He ranks among the leading citizens of McLean County.

Charles Thiss, farmer and stockman of Martin township, is well known in the county as a man of integrity and industry. He was born in Woodford County, Ill., July 25, 1876, and is the son of Felix and Elizabeth (Mahan) Thiss.

Felix Thiss was a native of France, born March 31, 1845, the son of Dominic and Jeanette (Simon) Thiss. The Thiss family came to the United States from France in 1847 and settled at Spring Bay, Ill., and later moved to a farm near Eureka, Ill. Felix had the following brothers and sisters: Charles, killed during the Civil war; Mary, deceased; John, died during the Civil war; Frank, deceased, was also a Civil war veteran; Nicholas, retired, lives in Minnesota; Victoria, married Gilbert Webster, both deceased.

Felix Thiss was a successful farmer and stockman of McLean County. He died Oct. 24, 1914, and is buried in the Wiley cemetery at Colfax, and his widow now lives on North Center street, Colfax. Mr. and Mrs. Thiss had one child, Charles, the subject of this sketch.

Charles Thiss received his education in the public schools of Colfax and has always followed farming and stock raising. He owns and operates a well improved farm of 160 acres in Martin township.

On Jan. 7, 1910, Mr. Thiss was united in marriage with Miss Mabel Stoddard, a native of Colfax, born March 25, 1887, and the daughter of W. B. and Amelia (Ballew) Stoddard, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Iowa. Mr. Stoddard has been an extensive grain farmer for many years and now lives retired at Colfax. He is a Democrat and a member of the Christian church, and also a 32nd degree Mason. Mr. and Mrs. Stoddard had two children: William, deceased; and Mrs. Thiss. To Charles and Mabel (Stoddard) Thiss one child has been born, William, born Jan. 10, 1911.

Charles Thiss is a Republican, a member of the Methodist Church. He belongs to the Masonic Lodge and Consistory of Bloomington. Mr. Thiss is a reliable citizen who is highly esteemed by his fellow citizens in the township.

William K. Bracken, an attorney of Bloomington, was born in Greensburg, Indiana., Sept. 14, 1866, and was reared at Brookville, Ind., which was the permanent home of his parents, William H. and Phoebe A. (Kerrick) Bracken. Mrs. Bracken is a sister of Thomas C. Kerrick, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this history.

William H. Bracken was a native of Indiana and practiced law at Brookville. He served in the 4th Indiana Cavalry during the Civil war as a first lieutenant, and after the war took an active part in politics in Indiana. He served as internal revenue collector in the southern district of Indiana and held other important offices. He was a Democrat, and was at one time a presidential elector from Indiana. He died in 1912. Mr. Bracken was the son of Dr. William Bracken; who practiced medicine in Decatur County, Ind., for over 50 years, and was a skilled surgeon. He was a member of the Indiana Constitutional Convention and served in the state legislature. Dr. Bracken was a native of Kentucky. A number of years prior to the Civil War the family settled in Indiana.

Phoebe A. (Kerrick) Bracken, mother of William K. Bracken, was a daughter of Rev. Nimrod Kerrick, a Methodist minister and a teacher who settled in Indiana. He had three sons, the eldest of whom was William, who was killed at the siege of Vicksburg, and William K. Bracken was named after him. Mrs. Bracken now lives in the old home at Brookville, Ind. There were seven children in the Bracken family, six of whom are now living: William K., the subject of this sketch; Josephine, married William McMillan, lives at Fort Wayne, Ind.; Mrs. Martha Kimble, lives at Brookville, Ind.; Thomas E., an attorney, lives at Muncie, Ind.; Sallie M., married H. S. Voorhees, lives at Fort Wayne Ind., and L. L. Bracken, an attorney, lives at Muncie.

William K. Bracken, after finishing high school, was a teacher in the country schools. He later taught the seventh and eighth grades at Brookville, Ind., and then taught at Falmouth, Ky. Mr. Bracken then returned to Brookville, where he conducted the Brookville Democrat for 18



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months, after which he came to Bloomington and entered the Illinois Wesleyan University. He graduated from the law department with the honors of his class, in 1892, and engaged in the practice of his profession at Chicago, in partnership with S. W. Ayres. After one year he returned to Bloomington and became a member of the firm of Kerrick, Spencer & Bracken, which later became Kerrick & Bracken. After the retirement of Mr. Kerrick, the firm was known as Bracken, Young & Pierce. Upon the withdrawal from the firm of Mr. Pierce, it was known as Bracken & Young. Mr. Bracken now practices alone, and while he is engaged in the general practice of the law he has specialized in corporation and banking law. His offices are located in the First National Bank Building. He has been district attorney for the Chicago & Alton Railroad Company for the past 15 years, and is also attorney for the Nickle Plate Railroad. Mr. Bracken has acted as attorney for banks as general counsel and in mergers and consolidations of banks and other financial institutions in this section and other parts of the state. He has organized many corporations, and has given that branch of the law special study.

On June 19, 1893, Mr. Bracken was married to Miss Grace S. Funk, daughter of Francis M. Funk, and a granddaughter of Isaac Funk. They have one son, Dwight Funk Bracken, a graduate of the State Normal High School and the University of Illinois, where he took a course in agriculture. He has also taken the course at the Y. M. C. A. College, Chicago, and is now taking a special course in the University of Chicago, in preparation for Y. M. C. A. general secretarial work. During the World War, Dwight Bracken served as an aviator with the aviation department of the Navy. He was an ensign, and continued in the service until March, 1919.

William K. Bracken is a Republican, although independent in local and State politics. He served as a member of the school board several years. He and his family are members of the First Methodist Church, and Mr. Bracken belongs to the Knights of Pythias, of which he is Past Chancellor, and the Elks. He and his son are 32nd degree Masons. Mr. Bracken is a member of the American and State Bar Associations. He served last year as President of the Federated Bar Associations of the Third Supreme Court Judicial District, and is a member of the Board of Governors of the State Bar Association. He has been a member of the College Alumni Club of Bloomington for many years. For two years he

held the office of vice president of the Bloomington Rotary Club, and recently was elected its president.

In his final financial statement of the Chicago & Alton Extension Fund, subscribed by the citizens of Bloomington in the year 1910, and used in the purchase of additional lands for new railroad shops and other improvements at Bloomington, Mr. Alonzo Dolan, chairman of the committee in charge of the fund, said:

"At the dedication of the new Alton Passenger Station I made the following statement, which I desire to repeat and put into permanent form, by including it in this report:

"In the bringing about of the happy and gratifying results in connection with the building and enlargement of the shops, a number of men, both in the railroad company and locally, might truthfully say: 'Had it not been for what I did it couldn't have been done;' but when it comes to the one man, locally, who is entitled to the greatest measure of credit and appreciation, both from the Alton Company and Bloomington citizens in general, I want to tell you that that man's name is William K. Bracken, local counsel for the road. He it was who, at a most critical time, performed a service for Bloomington and the railroad company which, in my judgment, can never be fully repaid. I know what I'm talking about when I say this, and there are two or three other gentlemen here this evening who know the same thing."

H. W. Sticklen is a successful farmer and stockman of Martin Township, where he operates 480 acres of well improved land and handles high grade stock, and is known as an enterprising and substantial man. Mr. Sticklen was born in Ohio, Jan. 28, 1869, the son of Frederick and Elizabeth (Shramm) Sticklen.

Frederick Sticklen was a native of Germany and his wife was born in Holland. He was a well known farmer of Ohio for many years and died in 1871. Frederick and Elizabeth (Shramm) Sticklen had eight children, as follows: John, a farmer, lives near Jackson, Ohio; George, deceased; Elizabeth, deceased, was the wife of William Schroeder, lives in Ironton, Ohio; Michael, lives at Jackson, Ohio; Lewis, deceased; Nicholas, lives in Ironton, Ohio; Anna, married William McClure, both de-

ceased; and H. W., the subject of this sketch. H. W. Sticklen has one half-sister, Sophia, married Jacob Sergeant, lives at Peoria, Ill., and he has one half-brother, Chris, lives at Peoria, Ill.

H. W. Sticklen grew up on his father's farm in Ohio and received his education in the public schools there. He worked as a farm hand for eight years and then rented land. Mr. Sticklen came to McLean County when he was a young man and settled on land in Martin Township, and for many years he has been well known as a breeder of pure bred Poland China hogs, Shropshire sheep and other stock. There is a beautiful residence on the Sticklen place and good farm buildings.

On Oct. 12, 1898, Mr. Sticklen was married to Miss Anna Garner, a native of Marquand, Mo., born July 1, 1877. To this union six children were born, as follows: Nellie F., married Homer Messamore, a farmer, McLean County; Mildred May, married Charles Keller, owner of the Gibson Hotel, Gibson City, Ill.; William J. Bryan, died in 1915; John H., at home; Mabel Catherine, at home; and Dorothy Helen, also at home. Mrs. Sticklen died Jan. 7, 1916, and is buried in Wiley Cemetery at Colfax.

On Jan. 27, 1923, Mr. Sticklen was married to Mrs. Margaret J. Miller, a native of Jackson County, Ohio, born March 13, 1870, and the daughter of W. A. and Seletha (Dyson) Armstrong, natives of Ohio. Mr. Armstrong was a prominent farmer of Jackson County, Ohio, and served throughout the Civil war. He was a Republican, a member of the Methodist Church, and belonged to the Grand Army of the Republic. He died Aug. 27, 1886, and his wife died Aug. 26, 1917. Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong had 10 children, as follows: Lawrence Edgar, an attorney, lives in Wyoming; Mrs. Sticklen; Anna May, deceased; Jesse, deceased; Lewis, deceased; Harvey Everett, lives at Jackson, Ohio; Bessie, deceased; Ada, married Oscar Davis, a farmer, lives in Ohio; Marshman E., lives in Wyoming; Ida, married Frank Bloss, lives at Jackson, Ohio; and Charles W., lives in Ohio. Mr. Sticklen has three grandchildren: Chalmers and Norma May Messamore, and Evelyn Louise Keller.

Mr. Sticklen is a stockholder in the Co-operative Grain Company of Colfax of which he is one of the directors. He has served as a member of the school board for 13 years. He is a Democrat, a member of the Methodist Church, and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen of America. Mrs. Sticklen is a member of the Daughters of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Henry Flinspach, a well known retired farmer of Martin Township, is a native of McLean County. He was born at Danvers, Ill., May 11, 1869, the son of Andrew E. and Louise (Heverly) Flinspach.

Andrew E. Flinspach was a native of Germany, as also was his wife, and they were early settlers of St. Louis, where Mr. Flinspach worked as a wagon maker. Later they moved to Bloomington where he worked at his trade for a time before moving to Danvers. In later life Mr. Flinspach followed general farming and stock raising in Arrowsmith Township and met with success, having moved there in 1873. He died Jan. 7, 1907, and his wife died in June, 1876. They were the parents of the following children: Lewis J., lives in California; Minnie, married August Weber, lives at Bloomington; Andrew, lives retired at Bloomington; Clara married John Rundberg, lives in California; Mary, twin sister of Clara, lives at Bloomington; Henry, the subject of this sketch; Louise, married H. C. Ewert, lives at Bloomington; and four children died in infancy.

Henry Flinspach has lived in McLean County all his life. He received his education in the district schools of Arrowsmith Township and then engaged in farming on his father's farm. Mr. Flinspach has been successful as a grain farmer and his farm in Martin Township is well improved. He and his wife own 160 acres together, and they now live retired. They have lived on this farm since 1908.

On May 18, 1904, Mr. Flinspach was married to Miss Rose Brinkhoff, a native of Bloomington, born Sept. 21, 1872, and the daughter of Richard and Mary (Aydt) Brinkhoff, the former a native of Germany and the latter of near Centralia, Ill. Mr. Brinkhoff was an early settler of Illinois and a prominent farmer of Arrowsmith Township. During the Civil war he enlisted in Company I, 94th Illinois Volunteer Infantry and served for three years. This company was organized when President Lincoln called for more men and it was composed entirely of McLean County men and was known as the McLean County Regiment. Mr. Brinkhoff left Bloomington on Aug. 25, 1862, and this regiment was later combined with the 19th Iowa and the 20th Wisconsin Infantry, and they were known as the 2nd Brigade of the 3rd Division of the Army of the Frontier, commanded by Colonel Orme. Mr. Brinkhoff took part in 11 of the hardest fought battles of the war and was discharged in Texas, July 17, 1865. He died Sept. 7, 1910, and his wife died May 8, 1919. They were the parents of four children, as follows: Belle, lives at Colfax; Mrs. Flinspach; Lena, married James Small, a retired farmer, lives at Bloomington;

and Lillian, married Charles Harding, a farmer, lives in Martin Township, McLean County. Mr. and Mrs. Flinspach have no children.

Mr. Flinspach is a Republican and his wife is identified with the Catholic Church. They are highly respected citizens and stand high in McLean County.

Russell W. Bane, a well known and successful young farmer of Martin Township, is a native of McLean County. He was born on a farm in Arrowsmith Township, July 19, 1891, the son of Alfred and Ella (Connell) Bane.

Alfred Bane was born in West Virginia and came to Illinois when he was a young man, settling on land in Dawson Township, McLean County. He later moved to Arrowsmith Township, where he became the owner of 1,000 acres of land, which he improved, and for many years Mr. Bane was a leading stockman of McLean County. He died July 1, 1915, and his widow now lives in Arrowsmith, Ill. They were the parents of four children, as follows: Grace M., married H. Anderson, a farmer, lives in Ford County, Ill.; Frank, a farmer, lives in Cheneys Grove Township, McLean County; Russell W., the subject of this sketch; and Corydon, a farmer, lives in Arrowsmith Township, McLean County.

Russell W. Bane spent his boyhood on the home place and received his education in the public schools at Arrowsmith. He followed farming on his father's farm for several years and now owns 240 acres of good farm land in Martin Township. Mr. Bane specializes in the breeding of pure bred Duroc Jersey hogs, and also is a breeder of Shorthorn cattle and Percheron horses. He has lived on this farm since 1914, and there is a fine residence on the place and good farm buildings.

On Aug. 19, 1914, Mr. Bane was married to Miss Dorothy Mae Kirkpatrick, a native of Arrowsmith, Ill., born Sept. 27, 1896, and the daughter of William P. and Jennie (Loubough) Kirkpatrick, the former a native of Virginia and the latter of Illinois. Mr. Kirkpatrick came to Illinois when he was a young man and settled at Arrowsmith. He held many township offices and was a Democrat. Mr. Kirkpatrick died May 31, 1919, and his widow now lives in Arrowsmith Township. They were the parents of six children, as follows: Laura, married Frank Clark, a farmer, lives in Arrowsmith Township; Ethel, married Dr. George Wheeler, lives

in McLean County; Mrs. Bane; Charles, deceased; Hazel, lives with her mother; and one child died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Russell W. Bane have one child, Russell W., Jr., who was born June 27, 1919.

Mr. Bane is a Democrat and a member of the Methodist Church. He has an extensive acquaintance in McLean County and stands high in the community.

William Deleno, who has been station agent at Heyworth for the past 35 years, is a member of one of McLean County's prominent pioneer families. He was born in the house where he now resides at Heyworth, Oct. 6, 1859, and is the son of George M. and Joanna (O'Brien) Deleno.

George M. Deleno was born at Portland, Maine, June 23, 1823, the son of James Delano. The Delano family originally came to this country from France. In 1846 George M. Delano was married by Bishop Taylor of Boston, Mass., and he then engaged in the harness making business there. Mr. Deleno made the harness used in the inaugural parade of President Pierce and in 1852 he came to Bloomington, Ill., where he followed his trade with L. M. Moore. He later moved to LeRoy and in 1858 came to Heyworth, where he continued in business during the remainder of his life. He was appointed postmaster of Heyworth in 1860, which office he filled in an efficient manner for 37 years. Mr. Deleno died April 23, 1886, and his wife died in 1897. They were the parents of three children, as follows: Mary, died in 1921; George, deceased; and William, the subject of this sketch.

William Deleno received his schooling in the schools of Heyworth and when he was 12 years of age sold *The Pantagraph* and was the originator of daily circulation at Heyworth. When he was 18 years of age he entered the employ of the Illinois Central Railroad, working in the depot as telegraph operator, and he has been station agent for 35 years.

On Sept. 20, 1882, Mr. Deleno was united in marriage with Miss Mary Short, a native of Heyworth, Ill., born Oct. 31, 1859, and the daughter of August Short, a native of Ohio. To William and Mary (Short) Deleno two children have been born: Effie, born Sept. 12, 1883; and Edward E., born Dec. 31, 1885. Edward E. Deleno is bookkeeper in the First National Bank at Bloomington. He was married in 1908 to Miss Mabel Lutz, a native of Bloomington, and they have three children, as follows: Howard, Helen Marie, and Robert Deleno.

William Deleno is a Republican and has been a member of the school board for 35 years. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church and belongs to the Masonic lodge. Mr. Deleno has always been a progressive citizen with high standards of civic pride and stands high in the community.

Albert Kruse, deceased, was a prominent farmer and stockman of Lawndale Township for many years. He was born in Germany, Aug. 28, 1849, the son of John and Lubka (Kohlbus) Kruse.

John Kruse brought his family to the United States from Germany in 1869 and settled at Washington, Ill., where he and his wife died. They were the parents of two children, as follows: Albert, the subject of this sketch; and Fannie, married Ira Parsons, lives at Fremont, Nebr.

Albert Kruse received his education in Germany and after coming to this country engaged in general farming and stock raising. He was also an extensive grain farmer and owned 435 acres of well improved land in Lawndale Township, McLean County. Mr. Kruse died Aug. 10, 1915, and is buried in the Wiley cemetery at Colfax.

On May 29, 1874, Mr. Kruse was married to Miss Anna Light, a native of Germany, born Dec. 1, 1852, and the daughter of Hugh and Alena (Klassen) Light, the former a native of Germany and the latter of Denmark. Mr. and Mrs. Light, now deceased, were the parents of nine children, as follows: John, died in infancy; Wilhelmina, lives in Germany; Ida, deceased, was the wife of Henry Meyers; Hannah, deceased; Hannah, deceased; Mrs. Kruse; John, retired, lives at Peoria, Ill.; Hannah, married Ripp Basche, retired farmer, lives in Minnesota; and Claus, deceased. There were three children named Hannah in the Kruse family, two of whom died in childhood. To Albert and Anna (Light) Kruse six children have been born, as follows: John, born Jan. 16, 1876, a farmer, lives in Peoria County, Ill.; Hannah, born March 8, 1878 died in 1883; Lena, born Oct. 3, 1879, married William Lobdell, a farmer, lives in Lawndale Township, McLean County; Ida, born in 1880, died in infancy; Anna, born in 1883, lives with her mother at Colfax, and Albert Edward born in 1881, a farmer, lives in Lawndale Township, McLean County. Mrs. Kruse has twelve grandchildren.

In politics Albert Kruse was a Democrat, and he served as school director and county supervisor of Lawndale Township for two years. He

was a member of the Lutheran Church. He was a substantial citizen and merited the high regard in which he was held in the community. Mrs. Kruse now lives at Colfax, where she owns her home on North Center Street.

Ira D. Adams, manager of the Ira D. Adams Lumber Company at Lexington, is a successful and well known business man of McLean County. He was born at Minier, in Tazewell County, Ill., Jan. 19, 1877, the son of John R. and Elizabeth (Dance) Adams.

John R. Adams was a veteran of the Civil War and an early settler of Tazewell County, Ill. He was born in Kentucky and came to Illinois when he was a young man and worked at his trade as carpenter and contractor. During the Civil War he served with the 3rd Illinois Volunteer Infantry and took part in many important battles of the war. After the close of the war Mr. Adams settled at Minier, Ill., where he died April 1, 1895, at the age of 53 years. His wife was a native of England, born Jan. 3, 1855. She came to the United States when she was three years old and located in Tazewell County, Ill., where her father farmed. Mrs. Adams now lives at Minier. Mr. and Mrs. John R. Adams had six children, as follows: Ira D., the subject of this sketch; Imo, lives in South Dakota; Elmer, a farmer, lives in South Dakota; Dollie, married Louis Clou, lives at Omaha, Nebr.; Robert, lives in South Dakota; and one child died in infancy.

Ira D. Adams was educated in the public schools of Minier and was graduated from high school in 1895. He then clerked for one year in a grocery store before coming to Lexington, and after coming here he taught school for two years. Mr. Adams was employed as bookkeeper for the Shade and Crothers Lumber Company at Lexington in 1901 and later was employed by Wolf Griesheim at Bloomington. In 1903 he returned to Lexington and was appointed manager of the W. D. Alexander Lumber Company, which he purchased in 1916. At that time Mr. Adams incorporated with W. J. Whyte and Mrs. Bertha C. Adams and they are now the owners of the Ira D. Adams Lumber Company. This is one of the substantial business houses of McLean County and carries a complete line of building materials.

On May 15, 1903, Mr. Adams was united in marriage with Miss Bertha C. Hallstein, a native of Minier, Ill., and the daughter of Leonard



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and Caroline (Appenseller) Hallstein, natives of Germany. To Mr. and Mrs. Adams two children have been born, as follows: Crete, married Paul T. Liggitt, lives at Lexington; and Esther, at home.

In politics Mr. Adams is a Republican and he has held many important offices, such as chairman of the Republican County Central Committee, city clerk, city treasurer, alderman of the city ward, county supervisor, and in 1922 served as assistant state bank examiner. He is a stockholder in the Lexington Garage and The Peoples Bank of Lexington. Mr. Adams is a member of the Christian Church and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias, the Modern Woodmen of America, and he is also a 32nd degree Mason. Mr. Adams and his family are representative citizens of McLean County and are widely and favorably known.

Allen Bilbrey, now living retired at Cooksville, Ill., is a veteran of the Civil war, and a member of a family that has lived in McLean County since the early days. He was born on a farm in Money Creek Township, McLean County, Oct. 28, 1841. His parents were Young and Amanda (Patrick) Bilbrey.

Young Bilbrey was a native of Tennessee, born May 21, 1802, and his wife, also a native of Tennessee, was born Oct. 31, 1805. Mr. and Mrs. Bilbrey were among the earliest settlers of Money Creek Township, McLean County, and during the early days he drove his stock to Chicago, which was then the nearest trading post. On one occasion Mr. Bilbrey sold a load of corn there, receiving in payment a barrel of salt. Mr. and Mrs. Bilbrey had nine children, as follows: Jane, born Oct. 14, 1829, married Donathan Coon, both deceased; Mary Ann, born Jan. 8, 1832, married Rankin Armstrong, both deceased; Malinda, born Dec. 17, 1833, married Henry Smith, both deceased; William, born March 29, 1836, deceased; Ellen, born Oct. 25, 1837, married Jacob Henthorn, both deceased; Margaret, born March 16, 1839, deceased; Elmira, born Sept. 28, 1840, married William Henthorn, both deceased; Allen, the subject of this sketch; and Eli, born Oct. 5, 1849, a farmer, lives in Money Creek Township, McLean County.

Allen Bilbrey grew up on his father's farm and attended school in the log school house in Money Creek Township. He then engaged in

farming and worked for two years at 10 per month, after which he rented land in Hudson Township, McLean County, until the outbreak of the Civil war. Mr. Bilbrey enlisted for service during the Civil war with Company A, 108th Illinois Volunteer Infantry, 16th Army Corps, and served three years. He was engaged in many important battles of the war, receiving wounds which crippled him. Mr. Bilbrey receives a pension of \$50 a month from the government, and he is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Mr. Bilbrey was married first to Miss Mary Michael, a native of Virginia, and to this union five children were born, as follows: Laura, married George Tedrow, lives at Lexington, Ill.; Viola, married Elgie Henthorn, both deceased; Jane, deceased, was the wife of Dick Rankin, a carpenter, lives at Normal, Ill.; Rebecca, deceased; Armanda, deceased; and Orville, deceased. On Nov. 12, 1910, Mr. Bilbrey was married to Miss Melissa Williams, a native of Ohio, born May 10, 1850. Mr. Bilbrey is a Republican in his political views and cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln. He is a highly esteemed member of the community.

E. H. Burbank, now living retired at Cooksville, Ill., is a man whose memories cover a period of more than 50 years in McLean County. He was born in New York, March 16, 1841, the son of Alden and Eliza (Salter) Burbank.

Alden Burbank was born in Massachusetts and in early life went to New York where he followed farming in Wyoming County until the time of his death. Mr. and Mrs. Alden Burbank were the parents of five children, as follows: Seth, deceased; E. H., the subject of this sketch Julia, married William Dailey, both deceased; Maducia, married R. Holmes, both deceased; and Llellwyn.

E. H. Burbank attended the rural schools of New York and grew to manhood on his father's farm. For several years he was employed as a farm hand, earning \$16 per month. More than 50 years ago Mr. Burbank came to McLean County and settled in Old Town Township, where he remained for seven years. He then purchased 80 acres of land in Blue Mound Township, where he was engaged in farming until his retirement. At one time Mr. Burbank owned 760 acres of land and for many years he was among the leading stockmen of the county.

On March 29, 1854, Mr. Burbank was united in marriage with Miss Isadora Frink, a native of New York, born July 25, 1842. Mrs. Burbank was the daughter of John B. and M. (Wells) Frink, natives of New York, and pioneer settlers of McLean County. Mr. and Mrs. Frink were the parents of five children, as follows: Harriet, Cora, Harrison, Wells, and Mrs. Burbank, all of whom are deceased. Mrs. Burbank died in October, 1921. To E. H. and Isadora (Frink) Burbank two children were born, as follows: Harriet Estelle, married George John Sutter, a farmer, lives in Blue Mound Township, McLean County, and Grant, deceased. Mr. Burbank has six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

In politics Mr. Burbank is a Republican and he has served as road commissioner for 20 years. He is a dependable citizen and is highly respected in McLean County.

S. J. Pitzer, a well known retired farmer of Blue Mound Township, now living at Cooksville, was born in Monroe County, W. Va., Dec. 4, 1859, the son of John H. and Barbara (Young) Pitzer.

John H. Pitzer lived in West Virginia all his life and was a shoemaker by trade. His wife died at Colfax, Ill. They were the parents of 12 children, as follows: Margaret, deceased; C. A., deceased, was a Civil War veteran; Jasper, deceased, also a Civil War veteran; Lucinda, married Bill Ramsey, both deceased; Ellen, deceased; Amanda, deceased; Michael, deceased, also a veteran of the Civil War; Albert, a farmer, lives in Texas; Pius, deceased; S. J., the subject of this sketch, and two children died in infancy.

S. J. Pitzer received his education in a log school house and lived in Virginia until 1892, when he came to Illinois, locating on a farm in Blue Mound Township, McLean County. He lived on this farm for 30 years, owned 200 acres of land, and for many years was a successful stockman. Mr. Pitzer now lives retired at Cooksville, where he owns a comfortable home.

On July 29, 1886, Mr. Pitzer was married to Miss Rosie Marshall, a native of Monroe County, W. Va., born Aug. 6, 1865, and the daughter of William A. and Delilah (Erskin) Marshall. Mr. and Mrs. Marshall, deceased, were the parents of nine children, as follows: William, deceased; Sue, married Thomas Ellis, both deceased; Jennie, married Clint Densmore,

a farmer, lives in West Virginia; Margaret, deceased, was the wife of James Longacre, lives in West Virginia; Jackson, lives in West Virginia; Fletcher, grocer, lives at St. Joseph, Mo.; Lydia, married Otto Kaufman, lives in Kansas; Hunter, lives in Illinois; and Mrs. Pitzer. Mrs. Pitzer has three half-brothers and sisters, as follows: Mary, the widow of James Kershner, lives in West Virginia; Elizabeth, the widow of George Lemmons; and James, deceased.

To S. J. and Rosie (Marshall) Pitzer five children have been born, as follows: Zora, married Edward Spencer, a farmer, lives in McLean County; Everett, born Aug. 3, 1888, a farmer, lives in Blue Mound Township, McLean County; Cecil, born in 1891, a farmer, lives in Arrowsmith Township, McLean County; Fayette, born in 1895, employed in the First National Bank at Gibson City, Ill.; and Guy, born Dec. 4, 1905, at home. Mr. and Mrs. Pitzer have six grandchildren: Mabel and Vivian Spencer; Arrington, Verda, Thelma, and Cyril Pitzer.

Mr. Pitzer is a member of the Christian Church, and the Pitzer family is one of the well and favorably known families of McLean County.

W. W. Rike, a well known business man of LeRoy, was born Nov. 9, 1868, in LeRoy, the son of L. A. and Leah (Long) Rike.

W. W. Rike received his education in the public and high schools of LeRoy, from which he was graduated in 1887. He then attended the Gem City Business College at Quincy, Ill., and after finishing his school work, was employed in the nurseries of the Augustine Company at Normal, Ill., where he remained for one year. Mr. Rike then entered business with his father at LeRoy, and the firm was known as L. A. Rike and Son, Florists. In 1903 W. W. Rike purchased his father's interest in the business and since that time has conducted the business alone. Mr. Rike has built up a splendid business and has the largest greenhouses in the county outside of Bloomington. He is a member of the Florists' Telegraph Delivery Association.

On May 16, 1891, Mr. Rike was married to Miss Louise VanAtta, a native of Delphi, Ind., born Nov. 26, 1869, and the daughter of Isaac and Florence (Stewart) VanAtta. Mr. and Mrs. VanAtta were the parents of four children, as follows: Ida Kirkpatrick, lives in Ohio; Arista, deceased; Adelle, deceased; and Mrs. Rike. To W. W. and Louise (VanAtta) Rike

three children have been born, as follows: Florence Keenan, lives at LeRoy; Ronald, lives at East Orange, N. J., where he is engaged in the insurance business; and Wilbert, lives at Menasha, Wis., where he is head of the art department in the Menasha Printing Company. Mr. Rike received his training at the Academy of Fine Arts in Chicago, and he has been located with the Menasha Printing Company since 1919.

W. W. Rike is a Republican and has served as city treasurer and as school director for 15 years. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias at LeRoy. Mr. Rike is one of the substantial citizens of his community and has a host of friends.

Joseph A. Fletcher, a retired farmer of Heyworth, who is now enjoying the freedom from active business cares, was born in Bedford County, Pa., Feb. 28, 1866, the son of Alexander and Elizabeth (Smith) Fletcher.

Alexander Fletcher was born in Pennsylvania in 1821 and followed farming for many years. He went to West Virginia and later to Maryland, where he died April 15, 1886. His wife was also a native of Pennsylvania, born in 1831, and she died in 1896. Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher were the parents of the following children: Daniel, deceased; Phillip, deceased; Susan Ann Powell, lives at Akron, Ohio; Manuel, lives at Leoti, Kans.; Jennie Haynes, deceased; John, deceased; James, lives in Parsons, Kans.; Franklin, lives in Maryland; Sallie, lives in Maryland; Joseph A., the subject of this sketch; and William, lives on a farm near Heyworth, Ill.

Joseph A. Fletcher was reared on his father's farm and received his schooling in the schools of West Virginia, and when he was a boy walked three miles to a log school house. When he was 33 years of age, Mr. Fletcher engaged in farming for himself, and came to McLean County in 1883. He has lived retired at Heyworth since 1917.

On Dec. 17, 1891, Mr. Fletcher was united in marriage with Miss Carrie May James, a native of McLean County, born Oct. 24, 1874, and the daughter of Merith and Florence Amelia (Buck) James, the former a native of Virginia and the latter of Henry County, Ill. Mr. James was an early settler of McLean County and a successful farmer. He died July 14, 1921, and his widow now resides at McLean, Ill. She was born June 27, 1852, and is the daughter of John and Elizabeth (Lineback) Buck. To Mr. and Mrs. Merith James four children were born, as follows: Mrs.

Fletcher; Nellie Edith Baker, deceased; Elizabeth Pearl Mathews, deceased; and Bertha Maude Dye, lives at McLean, Ill.

To Joseph A. and Carrie May (James) Fletcher three children have been born, as follows: Verna I. Hicks, born June 13, 1893, a nurse, lives at Normal, Ill.; Clay Philip, born June 28, 1894, died Sept. 28, 1912; and Warren Harris, born Aug. 9, 1896, died Sept. 28, 1918.

Warren Harris Fletcher was inducted into service during the World War on April 1, 1918, and served with Company L, 139th Infantry. He took part in many important battles of the war, including St. Mihiel. He was killed during the Argonne Drive and his body is buried in France.

In politics Joseph A. Fletcher is identified with the Republican party. He is a member of the Methodist Church, and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Masonic lodge and the Modern Woodmen of America. Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher are among the dependable citizens of McLean County and are widely and favorably known.

Fred Ehlers, who recently retired and now lives at Cooksville, has been an extensive farmer and stockman of Blue Mound Township for many years. He was born at Bloomington, Ill., July 17, 1871, the son of Fred and Louise (Pflughaupt) Ehlers.

Fred Ehlers, Sr., was a native of Germany, as also was his wife. After coming to the United States they settled at Bloomington, Ill., where Mr. Ehlers was employed as a miller for 13 years. He then purchased a farm in Arrowsmith Township which he operated for 35 years. Mr. Ehlers owned 180 acres of land and was an extensive farmer in his time. Later, he retired and moved to Bloomington, where he died Nov. 1, 1918. His widow resides at Bloomington. Mr. and Mrs. Ehlers had three children, as follows: Fred, the subject of this sketch; Frank, a farmer, lives in Martin Township, McLean County; and Emma, married Isaac Fariss, a farmer, and they live on the old home place in Arrowsmith Township.

Fred Ehlers has always followed farming and stockraising and has met with marked success. He spent his boyhood on the home place in Arrowsmith Township and attended the district school. He rented land for a few years and now owns 440 acres of good farm land in Blue Mound Township. Mr. Ehlers has a well improved farm and has been known as a breeder of Chester White hogs, Aberdeen Angus cattle, and Shropshire sheep.

On Feb. 14, 1894, Mr. Ehlers was married to Miss Emma Conrad, a native of Towanda Township, McLean County, born March 27, 1871, and the daughter of Charles and Ida (Schmidt) Conrad. Mr. and Mrs. Conrad came to this country from Germany and were early settlers of Towanda Township. They were the parents of three children, as follows: Minnie and Louie, died in infancy; and Mrs. Ehlers. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ehlers have two children, as follows: Lena, born May 25, 1895, married Ollie Eades, a farmer, lives in Blue Mound Township, McLean County; and Minnie, born Feb. 23, 1900, married J. P. Sarver, a farmer, lives in Blue Mound Township. Mr. and Mrs. Ehlers have five grandchildren: Dale, Lyle, LaVerne, and Virgil Eades; and Oleta Sarver.

In politics Fred Ehlers is a Republican and he has served as road commissioner and school commissioner. He is a member of the Methodist Church and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Mr. Ehlers has put much energy, thought and time into his business of farming and stockraising, and merits the marked success which he has made.

Robert T. Smith, deceased, was a prominent farmer of McLean County, and was born in New Albany, Ind., Oct. 18, 1846, the son of Jacob T. and Eliza (Williams) Smith. The Smith family came to Illinois from Indiana in 1858 and located on land in Blue Mound Township, where Jacob T. Smith became a widely known stockman. He owned and operated 160 acres of land and was a breeder and feeder of pure bred stock. To Jacob T. and Eliza (Williams) Smith the following children were born: William L., served throughout the Civil War and is now deceased; Julia, married John Newton, both deceased; Robert T., father of the subject of this sketch; Eliza, married Thomas Newton, both deceased; Charles and George, deceased; and Oliver, lives retired in California.

Robert T. Smith spent his boyhood on his father's farm and received his education in the district schools. He rented land for several years and later owned 160 acres in Blue Mound Township. Mr. Smith met with success in his work and was a leading stockman of McLean County. He died April 24, 1918, and his wife died Jan. 21, 1905.

On Jan. 1, 1867, Robert T. Smith was united in marriage with Miss Rhoda Arnold, a native of Wabash, Ind., born Sept. 5, 1850, and the daughter of William Arnold. William Arnold was a native of New Jersey

and an early settler of Blue Mound Township, McLean County, where he improved 320 acres of land. Mr. and Mrs. Arnold were the parents of four children, as follows: Elizabeth, married Vinton Wamsley, both deceased; Mary, deceased, was the wife of John Clupper, and he lived in Indiana; Mrs. Smith; and John, served throughout the Civil War and is now deceased.

To Robert T. and Rhoda (Arnold) Smith seven children were born as follows: John, deceased; Edward, deceased; Miss Jennie; Zelma, deceased; Bessie, married Ollie Gilbert, a farmer, lives near Decatur, Ill.; Mabel, lives with her sister Jennie at Cooksville; Jennie and Mabel Smith are members of the Daughters of the American Legion; and Earl, born July 16, 1890. He enlisted for service during the World War on Sept. 1, 1918, and on Oct. 15, 1918, died of influenza at Camp Taylor, Kentucky.

Robert T. Smith was a Republican and served as county supervisor for 26 years. He was a member of the Methodist Church.

Andrew Beller, the well known mayor of Meadows, in Chenoa Township, is a prominent pioneer citizen of McLean County. He was born in France, May 5, 1849, the son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Shirk) Beller.

Jacob Beller and his wife were natives of France, where they spent their entire lives. He was a farmer and owned 40 acres of land. Mr. Beller died in 1876 and his wife died in 1871. They were the parents of the following children: Joseph, deceased; Jacob, deceased; Lena, deceased; Mary, deceased; Elizabeth, came to America and married Joseph Moseman, both now deceased; Kate, married Joseph Eyman, a farmer, lives at Pontiac, Ill.; Fannie, married Joseph Good, a retired farmer, lives in Iowa; Mary, married Joseph Hudley, a farmer, lives in Indiana; Peter, lives in France; Christian, a farmer, lives in Iowa; John, a retired farmer, lives at Pontiac, Ill.; and Andrew, the subject of this sketch.

Andrew Beller was educated in the schools of France and came to the United States in 1874, the trip requiring 15 days in a sailing vessel. He rented land in McLean County for three years and then purchased 80 acres. Mr. Beller owns 361½ acres now in Livingston County, and also land in Indiana. He was an extensive stockman for many years and shipped stock to different points. Mr. Beller now lives retired at Meadows, and his home is located on North Main Street.



ANDREW BELLER

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On March 4, 1877, Andrew Beller was married to Miss Elizabeth Baker, a native of France, and to this union one child was born, John, who lives with his father. After the death of his first wife, Mr. Beller was married to Miss Mary Stiffen, a native of Austria.

Mr. Beller is identified with the Republican party in politics and is serving as mayor of Meadows. He has served as school director for 20 yeears and as road commissioner for 17 years. He was one of the organizers of the Bank of Meadows and is now vice-president and director of the bank. Mr. Beller is a member of the Mennonite Church. He performs his duties of office very faithfully and has many friends who hold him in high esteem.

Oscar Pickering, now living retired at Cooksville, has been a resident of Blue Mound Township for 60 years. He was born in Grundy County, Ill., Nov. 2, 1861, the son of John L. and Elizabeth (Eaton) Pickering.

John L. Pickering, a native of Ohio, came to Illinois with his parents in 1835, settling in Grundy County. In 1860 Mr. Pickering moved to McLean County, where he owned a well improved farm in Blue Mound Township. He died April 22, 1913, and his wife, a native of Ohio, died Jan. 19, 1908. They were the parents of nine children as follows: LaDrew, deceased; Rebecca Jane, died at the age of 15 years; Oscar, the subject of this sketch; Thomas B., a farmer, lives in New York; George L., a retired farmer, lives at Normal, Ill.; William C., a farmer, lives in Indiana; Lewis S., deceased; D. C., a farmer, lives in Indiana; and John A., a farmer, also lives in Indiana.

Oscar Pickering spent his boyhood on the home place and received his education in the district school. After renting land for seven years, Mr. Pickering purchased 160 acres of land in Blue Mound Township, which he improved. He is widely known as a breeder of pure bred Shorthorn cattle and Duroc Jersey hogs, and now has 125 head of the latter. He is also an extensive shipper of stock, shipping two carloads per year.

In 1886 Mr. Pickering was united in marriage with Miss Alvira Lilly, a native of Livingston County, Ill., born April 1, 1860. To this union two children were born: Johan Doran, born Nov. 29, 1891; and one child died in infancy. John Doran Pickering served throughout the World War and after the armistice re-enlisted in the regular army for three years and

again re-enlisting at the expiration of that time. He is now stationed in the Philippine Islands.

In 1898 Oscar Pickering married Miss Salina Leatherman, a native of Ford County, Ill., born in 1867, the daughter of Cyrus and Mary Jane (Allen) Leatherman. Mr. Leatherman was a native of Pennsylvania and an early settler of Ford County, Ill. He died in 1898 and his wife died in 1913. They were the parents of nine children, as follows: William, lives at Watseka, Ill.; Maggie, the widow of George Edwards, lives at Watseka, Ill.; John and Cyrus, deceased; Mattie, the widow of Edgar Pettys, lives at Urbana, Ill.; Emma, the widow of Morrison Pettys, lives at Chicago; Mrs. Pickering; Eva, married George Schub, lives at Chicago; and James, lives in Illinois. To Oscar and Salina (Leatherman) Pickering one child has been born, Mildred Lucille, married Clyde Hefner, a farmer, and they live in Lexington Township, McLean County. Mr. and Mrs. Pickering have two grandchildren, Marjorie C., and Bernard P. Hefner.

Mr. Pickering is a Republican and has served as road commissioner and school director. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Mr. Pickering has been unusually successful and is considered one of Blue Mound Township's most efficient citizens.

Charley Barker is a prominent farmer and stockman of Blue Mound Township. He was born at Holder, Ill., July 13, 1879, and is the son of Jesse and Martha (Thompson) Barker.

Jesse Barker came to this country from England when he was a young man and located in McLean County, near Holder. In 1881 he removed to a farm in Blue Mound Township, which he operated until the time of his death in 1911. His wife, also a native of England, died in 1906. They were the parents of seven children, as follows: Thomas, Samuel, and William, all deceased; Richard, a retired farmer, lives in Blue Mound Township; Charley, the subject of this sketch; Mary, married Cyrus Perry, a retired farmer, lives at Heyworth, Ill.; Lizzie, the widow of James Leary, lives at Cooksville, Ill.; and Ella, married William Lausterer, a farmer, lives in Blue Mound Township.

Charley Barker grew up on his father's farm and received his education in the district schools. After renting land from his father for a few years he purchased his present farm and now operates 320 acres of

good farm land. Mr. Barker is a widely known breeder of Shorthorn, Jersey and Hereford cattle, and Duroc Jersey hogs. He is also a grain farmer.

On Oct. 5, 1904, Mr. Barker was united in marriage with Miss Mollie Williams, a native of Kentucky, born May 27, 1881, and the daughter of Edward and Susie L. (Ridings) Williams, natives of Virginia. Mr. Williams was a successful farmer of Virginia for many years and in 1903 came to Cooksville, where he died in November, 1905. He served throughout the Civil War and was a member of the Methodist Church. His widow lives at Cooksville. There were eight children in the Williams family, as follows: Thomas, a farmer, lives in Kentucky; Richard, deceased; Newton, lives in Erie, Ill.; John, died in infancy; Harry, a farmer, lives near Lexington; Mrs. Barker; and Mattie, married Wesley Woodward, a retired farmer, lives at Cooksville, Ill.; and Margaret, married Ike Harness, garage owner, Lexington, Ill. To Mr. and Mrs. Barker three children have been born, as follows: Jesse, born Oct. 12, 1905; Carl, born Sept. 8, 1907; and Alvin, born July 10, 1913.

Mr. Barker is a director of the Cooksville Telephone Company and the Farmers Co-operative Store at Cooksville. He is a Republican, a member of the Methodist Church, and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Fred Kerber, an enterprising and reliable farmer of Blue Mound Township, was born in the township where he now lives, May 12, 1869, the son of William J. and Elizabeth (Lorig) Kerber.

Mr. and Mrs. William J. Kerber came to this country from Germany and were pioneer settlers of McLean County. Mr. Kerber owned 120 acres of land in Blue Mound Township and was an extensive grain farmer. During the early days he hauled his grain to Bloomington, receiving only 11 cents per bushel for it. Mr. and Mrs. Kerber, deceased, were the parents of the following children: Nicholas, deceased; John, deceased; William, a retired farmer, lives at Bloomington; Mathew, a retired farmer, lives at Bloomington; Mary, married Joseph Sutter, a retired farmer and they live at Bloomington; Michael, a retired farmer, lives at Bloomington; Fred, the subject of this sketch; Peter, a retired farmer, lives at Bloomington; Henry, a farmer, lives at Chatsworth, Ill.; Anna, married William

Leary, lives in New Jersey ; Lizzie, married Charles Froelich, lives in Iowa ; and Clara, married John Grimes, a farmer of Blue Mound Township, McLean County.

Fred Kerber was reared in Blue Mound Township and received his education in the district school. He then engaged in farming on his father's farm land and later purchased his present place in 1911. Mr. Kerber owns 180 acres of well improved land and raises a good grade of stock. The Kerber farm is located on the main road from Bloomington to Cooksville.

Mr. Kerber was married on Feb. 1, 1912, to Miss Elizabeth Seiwert, a native of Germany, born in 1892, and the daughter of Mathew and Eva Seiwert. Mr. and Mrs. Seiwert live in Chicago, and are the parents of six children, as follows: Gertrude, married Ward Murray, lives in Chicago; Mrs. Kerber; Eva, married Patrick Russell, a banker, lives in Chicago; John, Nicholas and Joseph, all living in Chicago. To Fred and Elizabeth (Seiwert) Kerber two children have been born: Eva, born Feb. 17, 1914; and Robert, May 21, 1915.

Fred Kerber is a Democrat and a member of the Catholic Church. Mr. Kerber's home is one of the attractive homes of Blue Mound Township, and he is a substantial citizen of the community.

William Naylor, known as a capable and efficient engineer on the Chicago & Alton Railroad, was born in Racine, Wis., May 28, 1868, and is the son of Joseph and Sarah (Henderson) Naylor.

Joseph Naylor was a native of England and his wife was born in Scotland. They were early settlers of Wisconsin where Mr. Naylor farmed for many years. He died in 1875 and his wife died in 1921. They were the parents of the following children: Esther, the widow of Reuben Neff, lives at Racine, Wis.; Jennie, deceased, married Hiram Bowers, lives in Wisconsin; Emma, the widow of Henry Levy, lives at Racine, Wis.; William, the subject of this sketch; George, deceased; Maggie, deceased; and Joseph lives in California.

William Naylor was reared and educated at Racine, Wis., and began life as a fireman on the Wisconsin Central Railroad. After 13 years, in 1889, he entered the employ of the Chicago & Alton Railroad as engineer. He has had a passenger run out of Bloomington since 1903. The Naylor home is at 706 West Mulberry Street.

On Dec. 28, 1889, Mr. Naylor was married to Miss Tillie Schaefer, a native of Wisconsin, born May 25, 1873, and the daughter of Martin and Margaret (Palm) Schaefer, natives of Germany and early settlers of Wisconsin. Mr. Schaefer died in 1875 and his wife died April 12, 1912. They were the parents of nine children: George and Frederick, deceased; Otto, lives at Waukesha, Wis.; Alyta, deceased; Emma, lives in Chicago; Albert, lives in Milwaukee, Wis.; Mrs. Naylor; Edward, lives in California; and one child died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Naylor have one daughter, Helen, born Jan. 2, 1901, the wife of Robert Edmond, Peoria, Ill.

In politics Mr. Naylor is identified with the Republican party. He and his family are members of the Methodist Church and he belongs to the Masonic lodge, as also did his father. He is also a member of the Locomotive Engineers. During his long residence in Bloomington Mr. Naylor has established an excellent reputation.

G. H. Brown, well known passenger conductor on the Chicago & Alton Railroad, living at Bloomington, is a native of Illinois. He was born at Joliet, March 24, 1875, and is a son of George and Julia (Borgen) Brown.

George Brown was among the pioneer railroad men of Illinois. He was born in Ohio and in early manhood came to Joliet, where he entered the employ of the Chicago & Alton Railroad as a fireman and later was promoted to engineer. In 1876 he removed his family to Bloomington. Mr. Brown was killed on the railroad in 1891. His wife, who is now 80 years of age, lives at 702 South Indianapolis Street, Bloomington. There were 10 children in the Brown family as follows: May, married Sidney Duncan, lives at Normal, Ill.; Julius, died in infancy; G. H., the subject of this sketch; Bessie, married Bernard Crosby, an engineer, lives in Bloomington; Harry, lives in Bloomington; Margaret, the widow of Leslie A. West, lives with her mother; Nellie, married Charles O'Connor, lives in Roodhouse, Ill.; Gussie, married Harry Hempstead, lives in Bloomington; and Anna and John, deceased.

G. H. Brown received his education in the public schools at Bloomington and in 1891 entered the employ of the Chicago & Alton Railroad as an engine wiper and later fired five years. He then began braking and in 1902 was promoted to freight conductor, and in 1914 was promoted to passenger conductor. He has been a conductor for 22 years and has been in the passenger service for the past 10 years.

On Dec. 31, 1903, Mr. Brown was married to Miss Anna O'Brien, who was born in Ireland, Aug. 1, 1877, the daughter of Daniel and Mary (Spillane) O'Brien. The O'Brien family came to the United States in 1880 and located in Bloomington where Mr. O'Brien was employed by the Chicago & Alton Railroad. He died March 15, 1904, and his wife died Jan. 25, 1924. They were the parents of eight children: Michael, who died in 1905; Mrs. Brown; John, deceased; Dennis, lives in California; Philip, lives in California; Nellie, married Joseph Richard, lives in St. Louis; William, lives in California, and Marie, also lives in Bloomington. To Mr. and Mrs. Brown five children have been born: Anna May, born March 19, 1905; George, born Sept. 29, 1908; Harry, born April 7, 1909; Florence, born Sept. 7, 1913, and Ilene, born April 5, 1916.

Mr. Brown and family are members of the Catholic Church. He is a member of the Order of Railway Conductors and the Brotherhood of the Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen.

William F. Lausterer, one of the progressive farmers and stockmen of Blue Mound Township, was born on a farm north of Normal, Ill., Sept. 10, 1862, a son of Fred and Regina (Wolf) Lausterer.

Fred Lausterer and his wife came to this country from Germany during the early days and settled on land in Menard County, Ill., where Mr. Lausterer engaged in general farming. After several years they returned to Germany for a visit, after which they returned to McLean County, locating in Towanda Township. Mr. Lausterer was a Republican and a member of the Lutheran Church. He died May 25, 1883, and his wife died April 15, 1915. They were the parents of two children: William F., the subject of this sketch; and Catherine, married John Sutter, both deceased.

William F. Lausterer received his education in the district schools of McLean County and also in Bloomington. He farmed on the home place until the time of his father's death, then purchased his present farm of 440 acres in Blue Mound Township. The land is well improved and the farm is equipped with excellent buildings and facilities for caring for the stock. Mr. Lausterer ships three carloads of stock each year.

On Dec. 14, 1892, Mr. Lausterer was married to Miss Ella Barker, a native of Old Town Township, McLean County, born Sept. 15, 1867, and

the daughter of Jesse and Martha (Thompson) Barker. The Barker family were natives of England, and were early settlers of Dawson Township, McLean County, where Mr. Barker owned 320 acres of land. He died July 19, 1912, and his wife died Nov. 4, 1895. They were the parents of nine children, as follows: Mary, married Cyrus Perry, a retired farmer, lives at Heyworth, Ill.; Thomas, deceased; Lizzie, the widow of James Leary, lives at Cooksville, Ill.; Mrs. Lausterer; Richard, a farmer, Blue Mound Township, McLean County; Charley, a farmer, Blue Mound Township, McLean County; Thomas, William and Samuel, all deceased. To William F. and Ella (Barker) Lausterer six children have been born, as follows: Catherine, born Sept. 29, 1893, married Raymond Benjamin, a farmer, lives in Dawson Township, McLean County; Charles W., born Aug. 25, 1896, a farmer, lives at home; Anna, born March 26, 1899, at home; Frederick J., born Dec. 9, 1901, a farmer, lives near Heyworth, Ill.; George H., born Jan. 2, 1905, a farmer, lives at home; and Franklin R., born Sept. 26, 1911, at home. Mr. and Mrs. Lausterer have two grandchildren: Charles and Anna Benjamin.

In politics Mr. Lausterer is identified with the Republican party and he is now serving as justice of the peace. He is a member of the Lutheran Church and belongs to the Masonic lodge, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Elks lodge. Mr. Lausterer is an industrious and energetic farmer, highly esteemed in his neighborhood.

Clarence Deetz, a well known citizen of Bloomington, highly esteemed for his integrity and industry, was born at Stanford, Ill., Jan. 25, 1885, and is the son of Henry and Elizabeth (Garris) Deetz.

Henry Deetz, a native of Zanesville, Ohio, came to Illinois during the early days and located at Stanford. He served throughout the Civil War and is now deceased, as also is his wife. They were the parents of four children, as follows: Marshall, lives at Milwaukee, Wis.; Susie, deceased; Maude, the widow of T. P. Davis, lives in Bloomington; and Clarence, the subject of this sketch.

Clarence Deetz grew up in Bloomington and attended the schools there. He has always followed railroading and has been connected with the Chicago & Alton Railroad since 1906. In 1910 he was promoted to engineer.

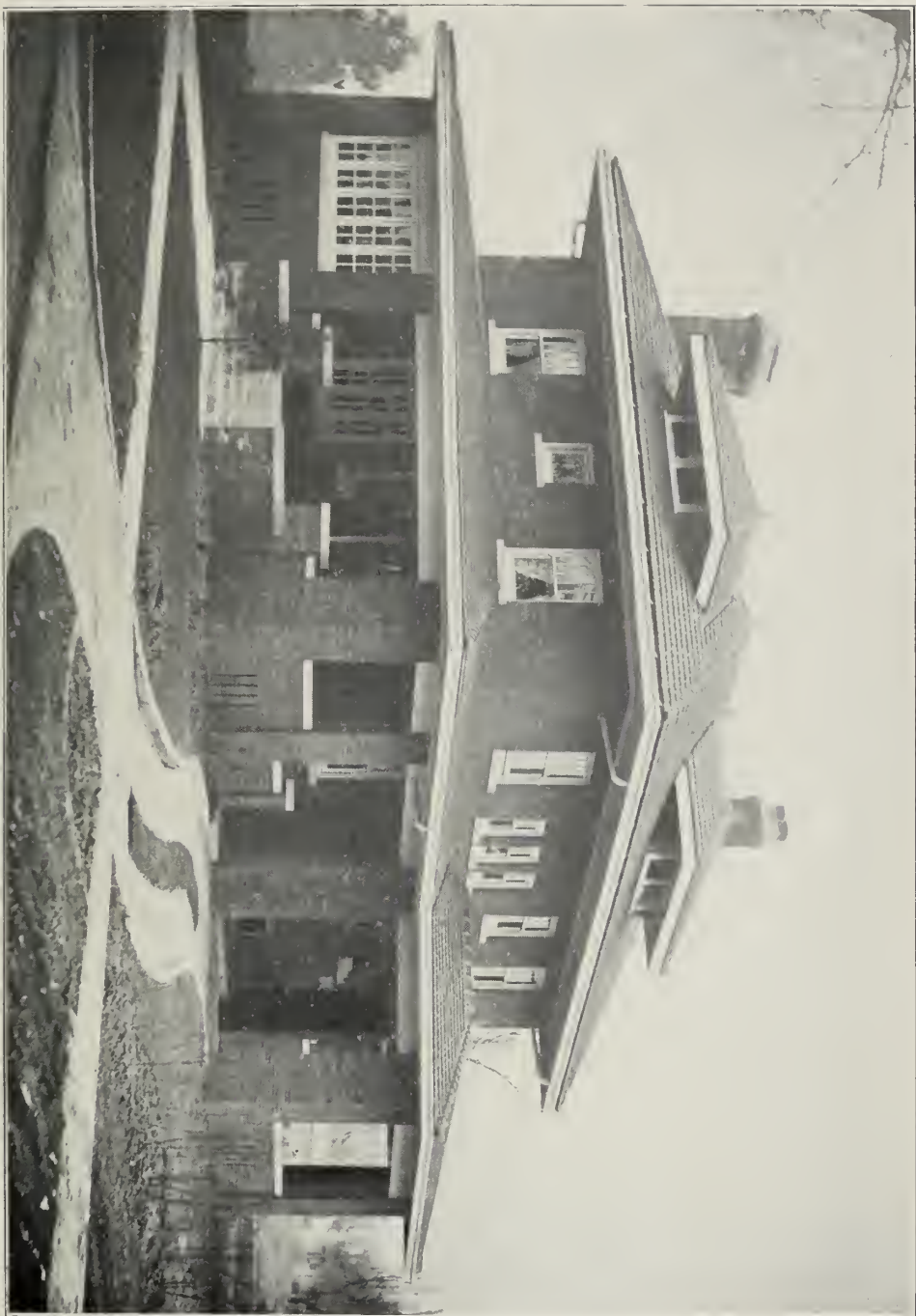
On June 15, 1909, Mr. Deetz was united in marriage with Miss Orra Strayer, a native of Bloomington, born in the home where the Deetz family reside at 806 East Douglas Street. She is the daughter of Charles and Alice (Woodard) Strayer, now deceased. Charles Strayer was a soldier of the Civil War, having enlisted from Lexington, Ill. There were six children in the Strayer family, as follows: Alma, married Marshall Deetz; Frank, lives in Bloomington; Charles, lives in Chicago; Mrs. Deetz; George, who died while in the service during the World War. To Mr. and Mrs. Deetz two children have been born: Ralph, born Oct. 6, 1911; and Virginia, born Jan. 7, 1913.

Mr. Deetz and his family are members of the Christian Church and are favorably known in McLean County.

L. J. Schultz, a reliable and successful business man of Chenoa, is a native of McLean County. He was born on a farm three and three-quarters miles south of Chenoa, the son of August and Emma (Jacobs) Schultz.

August Schultz, a native of Germany, came to this country at the age of four years and settled in the vicinity of Bloomington, Ill., where his father, Frederick, became a leading and successful farmer. Frederick Schultz served throughout the Civil War and was a prominent pioneer citizen of McLean County. August Schultz followed general farming and stockraising during his life and met with marked success. He was among the largest land owners of the township and owned over 900 acres of land. He was a Republican and a member of the Lutheran Church. Mr. Schultz died Dec. 28, 1921, and his widow lives at Chenoa. They were the parents of four children, as follows: L. J., the subject of this sketch; Dorothy, died in infancy; Frank C., farmer, lives on the old home place in Chenoa Township; and Lena, married Elmer Whals, farmer, Chenoa Township.

L. J. Schultz spent his boyhood on his father's farm and was educated in the district schools of Chenoa Township. He started life farming on rented land and later purchased a farm of 160 acres, which he improved. In 1908 Mr. Schultz entered the automobile business at Chenoa and opened the first garage in the town, which he operated successfully until 1920. He then sold his business and opened a machine



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shop at Chenoa, which is located on the corner of Green and Lincoln Streets. Mr. Schultz's shop is one of the finest machine shops in the county and he is also a road oiling contractor and makes all machinery used in that work. He owns several patents and the oil business is carried on throughout the country. Mr. Schultz has recently completed his new home at Chenoa and it is among the beautiful homes of McLean County.

On April 22, 1903, Mr. Schultz married Miss Martha Seaman, a native of Chenoa, born Jan. 24, 1883, and the daughter of Frederick H. and Elizabeth (Jacobs) Seaman, the former a native of Germany and the latter of Chenoa. Mr. Seaman, for a number of years lived retired, and died Nov. 28, 1922. His widow lives at Chenoa. They were the parents of four children: Louie, deceased; Dorothy, married D. F. Ehrhardt, farmer, Yates Township; Martha Schultz; and Elmer, farmer, lives in Livingston County, Ill. To Mr. and Mrs. Schultz three children have been born, as follows: Elmo, born Dec. 2, 1904; Esther, born Jan. 28, 1906; and Dorothy, born June 7, 1908.

L. J. Schultz is widely known and is representative of the best citizenship of McLean County.

Noah A. Arnold is a reliable citizen of Bloomington and a member of one of McLean County's pioneer families. He was born at Colfax, Ill., July 17, 1876, and is the son of George Washington and Winifred I. (King) Arnold.

George Washington Arnold, now living retired, is a native of Ohio. At the age of 21 years he settled in McLean County and for many years was engaged in the lumber business at Colfax. His wife died in March, 1910. Mr. and Mrs. Arnold were the parents of the following children: Joseph P., engaged in the grain business at Coral Springs, Ill., near Heyworth; Nellie V., deceased; Noah A., the subject of this sketch; Mildred Edna, married Samuel Wiley, lives in Bloomington; and Albert Lee, lives at Deer Creek, Ill.

Noah A. Arnold was reared and educated at Colfax and his first business occupation was as interurban conductor. He has been employed as conductor on the Chicago & Alton Railroad since 1908, and since that time has made a splendid record for himself with the company. The Arnold home is at 305 South Lumber Street.

On Nov. 1, 1913, Mr. Arnold was united in marriage with Miss Mary A. Foley, a native of Bloomington, born Jan. 25, 1890, and the daughter of Jeremiah and Johanna (Phalen) Foley. Mr. Foley was born in Ireland and came to this country in early manhood, locating at Decatur, Ill. He died Dec. 29, 1919, and his wife died Aug. 7, 1911. They were members of the Catholic Church and the parents of nine children, as follows: Daniel J., lives in Nebraska; Emmett and Joseph, deceased; Clarence, lives in Los Angeles, Calif.; James and Eva, deceased; Mrs. Arnold; John, lives in Bloomington; and Margaret, married Russell Malan, lives at Peoria, Ill. To Noah A. and Mary A. (Foley) Arnold three children have been born: George W., born Dec. 21, 1914; Betty, born March 27, 1916; and Mary Winifred, born Aug. 6, 1919.

Mr. Arnold is a member of the Order of Railway Conductors and the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen. His wife is a member of the ladies' auxiliary of these two lodges. Mr. Arnold and his family are members of the Christian Church and are well and favorably known in Bloomington.

James A. Crowley is among the competent locomotive engineers on the Chicago & Alton Railroad. He was born at Grafton, W. Va., Dec. 1, 1873, and is the son of James and Margaret (Reagan) Crowley, the former a native of Ireland and the latter of England. Mr. and Mrs. Crowley, both now deceased, were the parents of the following children: Michael, lives at Clarksburg, W. Va.; Bridget, deceased; Kate, deceased; James A., the subject of this sketch; Margaret, the widow of Henry Moore, lives in West Virginia; and Rose, deceased, was the wife of Arthur Wadsworth.

James A. Crowley attended the schools of Grafton, W. Va., and started life as a machinist on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad. He has been in the employ of the Chicago & Alton Railroad since 1899 and was promoted to engineer in 1906. Mr. Crowley has lived in Bloomington since 1900.

On Nov. 14, 1900, Mr. Crowley was united in marriage with Miss Sophia Bowmaster, also a native of Grafton, W. Va., and the daughter of Charles and Sophia Bowmaster, natives of Germany, and early settlers of West Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Bowmaster are deceased. They had six children, as follows: Minnie, the widow of James Leathers, lives in Maryland; Charles, deceased; Lizzie, the widow of Ike Shingelton, lives at Parkersburg, W. Va.; William, lives in Bloomington; Julia, married Thomas

Starkey, both deceased; and Mrs. Crowley. To Mr. and Mrs. Crowley four children have been born, as follows: Margaret, married Paul Ruska, lives in Bloomington; Pearl and Florence, twins, live at home; and Arthur, an employe of the Chicago & Alton Railroad in Bloomington.

Mr. Crowley belongs to the Loyal Order of Moose and he and his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. There are two grandchildren in the Crowley family, Virginia and Paul Ruska.

James Gaddis, now living retired on his farm in Martin Township, was born on a farm in Hopedale Township, Tazewell County, Ill., Feb. 15, 1863, a son of Rees and Martha Ann (Bennett) Gaddis.

Rees Gaddis was born in Green County, Ohio, Nov. 26, 1807, and in 1849 came to Illinois, making the trip by horse and wagon. He settled in Tazewell County, where he remained until 1885, at which time he came to Martin Township, McLean County, and settled on the present Gaddis farm. Mr. Gaddis died March 26, 1891, and his wife died in June, 1916. They were the parents of five children, as follows: Sarah, married A. M. Hicks, a retired farmer, lives at Colfax, Ill.; John, died at the age of 10 years; William, died in October, 1917; James, the subject of this sketch; and Alpheus, lives at Beaver City, Neb.

James Gaddis was educated in the public schools of Hopedale Township, Tazewell County, and has always been a farmer. He settled in McLean County in 1885, and his farm in Martin Township is well improved.

On Jan. 22, 1890, Mr. Gaddis was united in marriage with Miss Mary Alice Huffman, a native of Martin Township, McLean County, born Oct. 23, 1868, and a daughter of Preston and Anna Mary (Gillan) Huffman. Preston Huffman was born in Virginia, April 2, 1846, the son of Daniel and Dinah (Ritchie) Huffman, natives of Virginia. Daniel Huffman brought his family to Illinois in 1854 and settled near Bloomington. Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Huffman had five children, as follows: Mary, married Bernard Freeman, both deceased; Preston, father of Mrs. Gaddis; Jackson, deceased; Elizabeth, married Samuel McClure, both deceased; and Addison, deceased. In 1867, Preston Huffman was married to Miss Anna Mary Gillan, a native of Tazewell County, Ill., born Jan. 12, 1848, and a daughter of James and Sarah (McClure) Gillan, natives of Ireland. Mr. and Mrs. Gillan were the parents of 10 children, as follows: William, de-

ceased; Anna Mary Gillan; David, deceased; Eliza, married Milton Morris, both deceased; Rev. David J., Methodist minister, lives in California; Margaret, married Christian Ritchie, lives in North Dakota; Martha, married Addison Baker, lives in Nebraska; Ada, married J. Esty, lives in New Jersey; Eva, married Dr. Samuels, both deceased; James, lives in Omaha, Neb.; and Jennie, married Elza Wood, lives in Oklahoma.

To Preston and Anna Mary (Gillan) Huffman five children were born, as follows: Mrs. Gaddis; Mattie, married Frank Stauffer, lives at Colfax; Lila, died at the age of 18 years; Royce, a farmer, lives in Martin Township; and Flo, married Robert Ray, both deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Preston Huffman live retired at Colfax.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gaddis have four children, as follows: Anna L., born April 17, 1893, married Otto Batterton, lives at Colfax; Lila Ruth, born Nov. 19, 1895, lives at home; Jessie Mildred, born Aug. 10, 1898, married Willard Dysert, a farmer, lives in Martin Township, McLean County; and Alpheus, born July 1, 1904, at home. Mr. and Mrs. Gaddis have six grandchildren.

James Gaddis is a Republican, a member of the Christian Church, and one of the reliable and substantial members of his community.

Oscar F. Ross, known as a dependable locomotive engineer on the Chicago & Alton Railroad, is a native of Bloomington. He was born March 18, 1884, and is the son of Claus and Anna (Anderson) Ross.

Claus Ross was born in Sweden, as also was his wife. They came to this country in 1878, and settled in Chicago, later removing to Bloomington, where Mr. Ross worked at the carpenter trade. He now lives retired with his daughter at 1118 W. Olive street, Bloomington. Mrs. Ross died in 1908. They were the parents of the following children: Ella, married Andrew G. Stone, lives in Bloomington; Anna, the widow of Ernest Granback, lives in Bloomington; Henning, deceased; Hilda, married Delbert Webb, lives at Perry, Ohio; Minnie, married Oscar Bettsburg, lives at Milwaukee, Wis.; Elizabeth, married Charles Oliver, lives at Bloomington, and Oscar F., the subject of this sketch.

Oscar F. Ross attended the public schools of Bloomington and has been in the employ of the Chicago & Alton Railroad since he was a young man, first being employed in the carpenter shops. In 1904 he became a

fireman and in September, 1909, was promoted to engineer. Mr. Ross is thoroughly competent in his work and has a good record with the company.

On Nov. 9, 1909, Mr. Ross was united in marriage with Miss Delia Johnson, a native of Bloomington, born Dec. 17, 1883, and the daughter of Fred and Augusta Johnson, natives of Sweden and now deceased. Mr. Johnson died in May, 1914, and his wife died in May, 1917. They were the parents of three children: Mrs. Ross; Esther, married Gerald Odell, lives in Bloomington; and Lela, married Clem Proctor, lives in Pana, Ill. To Oscar F. and Delia (Johnson) Ross four children were born, as follows: James, born March 2, 1911; Russell, born June 21, 1913; Allan, born April 4, 1916; and Edna, born Jan. 25, 1924.

In politics Mr. Ross is identified with the Republican party. He and his family are members of the Methodist Church and he belongs to the Masonic Lodge and Loyal Order of Moose. Mr. Ross is also a member of the Locomotive Engineers. The Ross home is located at 1107 West Jackson Street.

LeRoy R. Sams, a substantial citizen of Bloomington, was born at Asheville, N. C., Jan. 15, 1878, and is a son of Allison Burton and Abigail (Presley) Sams.

Allison Burton Sams and his wife were natives of Madison County, N. C., where they spent their entire lives. He was a Republican, a member of the Baptist Church, and belonged to the Masonic Lodge. He died April 28, 1904, and his wife died Aug. 6, 1920. They were the parents of four children, as follows: Bridget, married Marvin Nix, lives at Asheville, N. C.; Rebecca, married Delphos Wardup, a druggist, lives in South Carolina; Vesta, married Bascom Hunter, lives in North Carolina; and LeRoy R., the subject of this sketch.

LeRoy R. Sams was educated in North Carolina and learned the plumber trade when he was a young man. He started railroading in 1898 on the Southern Railroad at Asheville, N. C., as a brakeman and was promoted in 1902 to conductor on that road and has been associated with the Chicago & Alton Railroad since 1908. He is now a freight conductor and has a run between Bloomington and St. Louis.

LeRoy R. Sams was married on April 10, 1904, to Miss Mabel Wells, a native of North Carolina and the daughter of Tull and Margaret (Law-

rence) Wells, natives of North Carolina and the parents of the following children: Lucy, the widow of S. J. Dover, lives at Asheville, N. C.; Ellen, married W. P. Robinson, lives at Lester, N. C.; Mrs. Sams; Rose, lives at Asheville, N. C.; Augusta, married L. B. Spivey, Asheville, N. C.; Ward, Asheville, N. C.; Frank, County Superintendent of Schools, Asheville, N. C.; and Roberta, teacher, Boone, N. C. Mr. Wells served throughout the Civil War and died in 1893. His wife died in 1910. Mr. and Mrs. Sams have three children, as follows: Louise, born Oct. 5, 1906; Edwin, born Oct. 28, 1908; and Wayne, born July 13, 1913.

Mr. Sams is a Republican, a member of the Baptist Church and belongs to the Masonic lodge, and also the Order of Railway Conductors. He is a reliable citizen of his community and favorably known.

B. F. Woodard, known as a capable locomotive engineer on the Chicago & Alton Railroad, is a native of Bloomington. He was born June 18, 1861, the son of Oliver and Catherine (Baughn) Woodard.

Oliver Woodard was born in Kentucky, as also was his wife. They came to Bloomington in 1852 where Mr. Woodard became a prominent building contractor. He died in 1903 and his wife died seven years later. They were the parents of the following children: Robert Ellis, an engineer on the Union Pacific Railroad, lives in Ellis, Kan.; Millard, died in infancy; B. F., the subject of this sketch; and Oliver, who died at the age of 19 years.

B. F. Woodard has always lived in Bloomington. He attended the public schools and after completing his school work, was employed as a farm hand on the F. M. Funk farm for four years. In 1881 he entered the employ of the Chicago & Alton Railroad as fireman and in 1893 was promoted to locomotive engineer. The Woodard family residence is located at 1216 North Madison Street.

On June 28, 1888, Mr. Woodard was married to Miss Mary Wilson, a native of Paducah, Ky., born Feb. 19, 1867, and a daughter of Fletcher and Jeanetta (Dovanan) Wilson, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Kentucky. At the time of his death Mr. Wilson was living at Denver, Colo., where he was engaged in the insurance and real estate business. There were seven children in the Wilson family, four of whom are now living as follows: Robert, lives in Colorado; Kate, married J. E.

Burke, lives in Bloomington; Mrs. Woodard; and Helen, deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Woodard four children have been born, as follows: Margaret, married Frank Schmidt, a conductor on the Big Four Railroad, lives at Urbana, Ill.; Grace, married Ray Schuler, lives at Bloomington; Joseph, manager of the Atlantic & Pacific Tea Store in Bloomington; and Jeanetta, married Percy Homer, a musician, lives at 507 South Clayton Street, Bloomington. Mr. and Mrs. Woodard have three grandchildren: Beverly W. Schuler, born in 1915; Mary Catherine Schuler, born in 1919, and Jack T. Woodard, born in February, 1920.

Mr. Woodard is a Democrat, a member of the Christian Church and belongs to the Masonic Lodge. He has an excellent standing in Bloomington and is highly respected.

Roy Chaddon, an enterprising and well known citizen of Bloomington, was born at Chenoa, Aug. 21, 1887, and is a son of Charles M. and Anna K. (Price) Chaddon.

Charles M. Chaddon was born in Oswego, N. Y., in 1845 and came to Illinois before the time of the Civil War, locating at Chenoa where he engaged in the contracting business. He served throughout the Civil War in Company G, 25th Illinois Volunteer Infantry. Mr. Chaddon was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and belonged to the Christian church. He died in Chicago, May 6, 1902, and his wife lives with her children. She was born in London, England, and is now 73 years of age. To Mr. and Mrs. Chaddon seven children were born, as follows: Florence, the widow of Al Wilder, lives in Chicago; Maud, married Alvin Ballenger, lives at Chenoa, Ill.; George, lives at Grand Haven, Mich.; Irene, married Fred Eastman, lives in Bloomington; Cora, married William Eastman, lives at Wheaton, Ill.; Otis, died in infancy; and Roy, the subject of this sketch.

Roy Chaddon received his education in the public schools of Chicago and started life railroading at the age of 17 years with the Northwestern Railroad. In 1907 Mr. Chaddon entered the employ of the Chicago & Alton Railroad as fireman and in 1918 was promoted to conductor.

On April 20, 1910, Mr. Chaddon was married to Miss Minnie Steinkraus, a native of Bloomington, born June 3, 1890, and a daughter of Charles and Mary Steinkraus, natives of Germany, and early settlers of

Bloomington. Mr. Steinkraus died March 26, 1891. His wife lives at 1615 West Locust Street, Bloomington. They were the parents of five children, as follows: Herman, lives in Bloomington; Carl, druggist, lives in Bloomington; Rev. William, Baptist minister, lives at Logansport, Ind.; Otto, a druggist in business with his brother; and Mrs. Chaddon. To Mr. and Mrs. Roy Chaddon three children have been born: Charles, born Jan. 16, 1911; and Lyle Richard and Lois June, twins, born April 21, 1921.

Mr. Chaddon is a member of the Christian Church and belongs to the Masonic lodge.

Rev. Frederick D. Hogben, pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic Church at Chenoa, is an influential and highly respected citizen of McLean County. He was born in New Haven, Conn., June 20, 1879, the son of Frederick and Mary (Agnew) Hogben.

Frederick Hogben was born in England and came to the United States in 1861, locating at New Haven, Conn., where he owned and conducted a retail grocery and meat market. He died Nov. 6, 1895, and is buried at New Haven, Conn. The mother of this young clergyman was a native of the North of Ireland, migrating to America with her parents in childhood and residing in Seymour, Conn. Her name before marriage was Mary Agnew and she now resides at Rye, N. Y. Mr. and Mrs. Hogben were the parents of seven children, as follows: Thomas, deceased; Charles, deceased; Edward, Doctor of Chiropractic, Newark, N. J.; Frank, a musician, lives in Los Angeles, Cal.; Rev. Frederick D., the subject of this sketch; Jane, married William Mayer, lives at Jersey City; and Dr. George, a physician, lives at Rye, N. Y.

Rev. Frederick D. Hogben was educated at Holy Cross College, Worcester, Mass., and Grand Seminary in Montreal. He was ordained to the priesthood Dec. 23, 1905, and his first charge was at St. Patrick's Church, at Danville, Ill., where he remained a year and a half. He was then transferred to St. Columba Church at Ottawa, Ill., remaining there four years, when he was transferred as assistant pastor at Lincoln, Ill., where he remained a year and a half. Rev. Hogben was then promoted to the pastorate of St. Johns Church at Rapids City, Ill., to which was attached the chaplaincy of the Watertown State hospital. December 19, 1919, he was transferred to Chenoa where he is pastor of St. Joseph's Church.



ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, CHENOA, ILLINOIS.

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The following is copied from the Chenoa Gazette dated Dec. 2, 1893: "The ceremony of dedicating the new Catholic Church in this city was performed Sunday, at 10:30 a. m., by Rt. Rev. Bishop Ryan of Alton, assisted by Rev. Frs. O'Reilly, Vicar General of Peoria, and Smythe, of Evanston. The ceremony closed with a solemn high mass; Rev. Burke of Bloomington, celebrant, assisted by Revs. O'Gorman, of Ivesdale, and Smyth, of Evanston, Bishop Ryan giving the benediction at the close of the mass. The sermon by Father Smythe of Evanston was an elegant dissertation on "Religion and its influence".

"Up to 1865 the members of the Catholic denomination at Chenoa were visited occasionally and ministered to in spiritual matters by clergymen from Bloomington and elsewhere, and by Rev. Fathers Kennedy and Campbell in regular monthly services. In 1865 the members were attached to the church at El Paso, and Father Keenan visited them monthly. In 1868 Hugh Brady, James Welch and John Hayes, with Father Keenan as president, were appointed a committee to select ground and erect a church. Father Fanning, then missionary rector at Fairbury, succeeded Father Keenan, and he engaged William O'Brien, of East Lynn, Ill., to build a frame church 33x60 on land secured from M. T. Scott. Service was first celebrated in the new church in February, 1869.

"In 1871 Bishop Foley visited the church and confirmed a class of 125 persons. The church was dedicated to the service of God November 3, 1876, in honor of St. Malachi and St. Columbkil. In 1881 Father Fanning was transferred to another charge in the west and on Aug. 6, 1881, Father Scheuren was appointed pastor, this being his first charge. He was very popular with his church and citizens generally. In 1882 the church purchased the land on which stood the old National hotel and Zerah Munsel's residence. The hotel was one of the landmarks of the city and was kept by Mr. Munsell several years. The hotel was moved away and the old Catholic church was moved onto the site of the old hotel. Repairs were made in Mr. Munsel's residence which was used as a home for the priests. During Father Scheuren's pastorate, the Catholic cemetery, three miles northeast of the city was purchased. Prior to this they had buried their deceased members in Bloomington, El Paso and Fairbury.

"Father Scheuren remained here until April, 1887. He was succeeded by Rev. C. Rimmels, who remained until November, 1888. Father H. W. Finch, of Pontiac, was transferred to this charge, November, 1888, and remained until 1892. He was succeeded by Father J. Kelley, a young

priest from Ottawa, who remained but a few months. On Sept. 14, 1892, Rev. M. J. O'Callaghan, of Gilman, was transferred to Chenoa, being sent there to superintend the erection of a new church. He was very successful in raising funds and the new Catholic Church just completed is one of the beautiful buildings in our city, and Father O'Callaghan deserves great credit for it, as it will stand as a monument to his ability in presiding over the financial as well as spiritual welfare of his church. The cost of this beautiful church edifice is \$16,000."

In 1910 Fr. W. P. Burk succeeded Fr. O'Callaghan and was here until 1918. In 1916 he erected the Lyceum, a hall built for recreation and amusement which is not only used by the parish but by the entire community. The building cost \$10,000.00. This is another ornament added not alone to the parish but also to the town.

Perry Chism, deceased, was a prominent citizen of McLean County. He was born near Hudson, Ill., April 4, 1866, the son of Jesse and Artinsey (Brown) Chism.

Jesse Chism and his wife were natives of Tennessee and early settlers of Bloomington. He owned large tracts of land in McLean County and was an extensive stockman, driving his stock to Chicago markets during the early days. Mr. Chism was one of the organizers and builders of the first Christian Church in Bloomington. At one time he was the owner of 1900 acres of land. Mr. and Mrs. Chism, now deceased, were the parents of five children: Amelia, married John Riley, both deceased; Perry, the subject of this sketch; Josephine, who died at the age of 17 years; and two children died in infancy.

Perry Chism received his education in the district schools and after completing a course of study at Eureka College, engaged in general farming and stock raising. After a number of years he retired and engaged in the grocery business near Des Moines, Iowa. Mr. Chism died June 16, 1916, and is buried in Bloomington.

Mr. Chism was united in marriage with Miss Louelda Brandenburg, a native of McLean County, and the daughter of Aaron and Helen Jane (Henderson) Brandenburg, natives of Ohio and early settlers of McLean County. Mr. Brandenburg was a prosperous farmer and stockman, as well as a breeder of horses. He shipped horses to various parts of Europe.

He was a Democrat and a member of the Christian Church. Mr. Brandenburg died Feb. 10, 1907, and his wife died June 4th of the same year. They were the parents of eight children, of whom Mrs. Chism was the youngest. To Perry and Luella (Brandenburg) Chism one daughter was born, Josephine Helen, who is a graduate of Berkley School in Los Angeles, Calif. Mrs. Chism and her daughter reside at 703 North Evans Street, Bloomington, where they own a beautiful home. They travel extensively throughout Europe and other foreign lands.

Perry Chism was a Republican and a member of the Christian Church in Bloomington. He was one of the interesting men of the county, where he held the esteem of all who knew him.

Frederick Lighthart, deceased, was a substantial farmer of McLean County for many years. He was born at Ottawa, Ill., Oct. 1, 1858, the son of Charles and Sophia (Wakie) Lighthart.

Charles Lighthart was a native of Germany, as was also his wife. They were early settlers of Ottawa, Ill., and later removed to Bloomington. Mr. Lighthart followed farming and stock raising during his life and was successful. There were 13 children in the Lighthart family, as follows: Frederick, the subject of this sketch; Jessie, deceased; Lina, married William Richter, lives in Oklahoma; Tillie, deceased; Dora, married Fred Powell, lives in Bloomington; Effie, married Harvey Scott, now deceased; Charles, deceased; Kate, married William Rinker, lives in Kansas; Tena, deceased; Emma, deceased; Mary, the widow of John Wilhite, lives in Kansas; Lydia, married Edward Sawyer, lives in Illinois; and one child died in infancy.

Frederick Lighthart was reared on his father's farm and attended the district schools of Illinois. He followed farming and stock raising during his entire life and was widely known. Mr. Lighthart operated the home place of 200 acres in Randolph township, McLean County, Ill. He died Nov. 2, 1918.

On Feb. 23, 1887, Mr. Lighthart was married to Miss Iva Alice Bray, a native of Colfax, Ill., born Aug. 7, 1868, and the daughter of Sion W. and Nancy (Railsback) Bray, the former a native of North Carolina and the latter of Kentucky. Mr. Bray was among the pioneer school teachers of his day, having been professor of an Indiana high school for three years.

He settled in McLean County many years ago, entering land from the government at \$1.25 per acre. Mr. and Mrs. Bray are now deceased. Mrs. Lighthart is their only living child. To Mr. and Mrs. Lighthart two children were born: Forrest F., born Aug. 10, 1890, lives in Los Angeles, Calif.; and Walter W., born Oct. 8, 1892, lives near Carlock, Ill. He served throughout the World War in the Navy, and was stationed on the same ship for five years. There are two grandchildren, Alice Louise, born July 6, 1914, and Ellen Irene, born Feb. 6, 1917.

Mr. Lighthart was a Republican, a member of the Methodist Church, and belonged to the Knights of Pythias and the Modern Woodmen of America. He was a progressive citizen of McLean County and merited the esteem in which he was held by his fellow citizens. Mrs. Lighthart lives at 1209 West Elm Street, Bloomington.

Frank Supple is one of the most enterprising and successful business men of Bloomington, where he has been a citizen since 1883. He is a grain dealer with offices in the Durley building, and has many other business interests. Mr. Supple's complete name is James William Franklin Supple. He was born April 17, 1865, at Greenville, in Augusta county, Va., about twelve miles south of Staunton, the seat of the famous military school. He is the son of James and Sallie (Mitchell) Supple. His father served through the civil war and was a cooper by trade. He was a native of Greenville and died in 1868. The mother, also a native of Virginia, died in 1877. There were two children, John and Frank.

After attending the public schools at Greenville, Va., Frank Supple came west to McLean county, arriving here in Feb. 2, 1883. After his arrival in Bloomington he was employed by the Chicago & Alton Railroad company at 88 cents a day. After a few months of this work, he entered the employ of E. H. Rood, former mayor of the city, who owned an elevator just off South Main street near the Big Four railroad. In 1896 Mr. Supple decided to embark in business for himself, renting a grain elevator from Ike Livingston with \$185, the only capital he then had. From that time his interests gradually expanded and in time he owned seven elevators at different stations. He now owns four, three at Ogden, Ill., and one at Rumpler, Ill. He also owns city property. He is agent for the city property of Mrs. Sarah Lillard, one unit of which is the Durley building, where Mr. Supple has had offices for 14 years. The only public office that he ever

occupied was that of park commissioner, which he held for two years, and during that time advanced many progressive ideas for the improvement of the city parks.

In 1895 Mr. Supple was married to Miss Mattie M. Brandenburg, a native of Germany, and the daughter of Charles Brandenburg. Mrs. Supple was brought to this country by her parents when she was three months old. The family home is at 1105 South Fell avenue in Normal. To Frank and Mattie Supple two children have been born, as follows: Edith, who married J. C. Fielding and lives at Ogden, Ill.; and Hazel, who married Rogers S. Getty and lives with Mr. and Mrs. Supple. Mr. and Mrs. Fielding have one son, James Frank Fielding. Edith Supple Fielding is a graduate of Illinois Wesleyan University, and her sister is a graduate of Illinois Normal University.

Mr. Supple is identified with the Republican party in politics. He is a self made man and is well and favorably known in McLean county.

Paul F. Beich is one of the leading citizens of Bloomington, where he has been successfully engaged in the candy business for many years. He was born at Wehlau, East Prussia, May 22, 1864, the son of August and Hulda (Vogelsang) Beich, the former of whom was born in Margonin and the latter in Schneidemuhl, Germany. The parents moved to Wehlau shortly after their marriage and here the father held the position of Government Hospital Inspector for many years. In time he moved his family to Culm, one of the oldest towns in West Prussia, located on the Vistula river, 70 miles from Dantzic, and was overseer of the cadet school at that point, one of the finest military schools in Germany. In late life he retired.

As a small lad Paul F. Beich attended the German kindergarten and later a private elementary school, completing his student life with a seven-year course in the Gymnasium at Culm. At the age of 18 years he completed a three-year apprenticeship in the mercantile trade and in 1822 came to the United States. When he arrived in Bloomington he secured employment with S. A. Maxwell & Co., dealers in wall paper and interior furnishings. In 1883 he began work for Bruce & Brown, confectioners, and the following year went to St. Louis as a traveling salesman for the firm of O. H. Peckham Candy Manufacturing Company, with whom

he remained until 1891. In the meantime he had acquired a comprehensive knowledge of the confectionery business, and upon severing his connection with the Peckham people, organized the Beich Buffe Candy Company, which did a large jobbing business in St. Louis until 1893. Mr. Beich then sold out and returned to Bloomington, where he purchased the confectionery business of J. W. Gray & Co., at 121 East Front Street. Succeeding beyond his expectation he soon was compelled to seek larger quarters, so moved to 107 East Front Street. Still later, outgrowing his capacity, he moved to the present quarters at 109-111 East Front Street. Mr. Beich's products have a reputation for purity and excellence, and are sold throughout the country. In January, 1899, Mr. Beich purchased an interest in the Bloomington Caramel Company, which on Jan. 1, 1905, became the Paul F. Beich Company. Mr. Beich is vice president of the American State Bank of Bloomington and holds other offices.

On April 4, 1888, Mr. Beich was united in marriage to Miss Kittie Gerken, a daughter of William A. Gerken. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Beich: Otto G. and Albert C.

Mr. Beich was president of the National Confectioners' Association of the United States. Fraternally, he is connected with the Consistory and the Mozart Lodge, A. F. and A. M. With his wife he is a member of the Episcopal Church.

Mr. Beich was one of the men of Bloomington who was most active in different war projects during the World War. He devoted many of his days and nights to promoting one after another of the enterprises designed to help with the war. He was chairman of the membership committee of the McLean County Chapter of the Red Cross, and in this capacity he directed two of the greatest drives of the war, for the purpose of increasing the membership of the Red Cross. That he was successful is shown in the fact that from an initial membership of 174 persons when the chapter was organized, the numbers grew until they reached a maximum of nearly 15,000 or one person in every five in the county. Mr. Beich was also very active in the different Liberty Loan campaigns, serving as chairman of precinct committees in several of them. In all his effort for war work he was of course assisted by many willing co-workers, who had confidence in his ability and energy to put "over the top" any proposition which he undertook. The employes of the Paul F. Beich Company were a patriotic company, and one of the red letter days of the war with them was the occasion of a flag raising with due ceremonies, when Mr.

Beich addressed them. Mr. Beich gave liberally of his own income toward every worthy war subscription and in every way assisted the community in its struggle toward the final victory.

Mr. Beich has gained wealth, influence and high business standing through his integrity and perseverance. He and his family are highly esteemed throughout Illinois.

Judge Homer W. Hall, attorney of Bloomington, is among the highly esteemed and prominent citizens of McLean County. He was born at Shelbyville, Ill., July 22, 1870, and is the son of William Wesley and Margaret Catherine Hall.

William Wesley Hall was a native of Illinois and the son of William and Sarah Hall, who came to Illinois from Christian County, Ky., in 1828. Margaret Catherine Hall was the daughter of James H. and Ann (Byers) Fouke, who came to this state from Virginia in 1830. William Wesley Hall served in the Civil War in Company G, 115th Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He was a wholesale and retail shoe merchant for many years and also engaged in farming and stock raising in McLean County.

Judge Homer W. Hall was an alderman in the city of Bloomington under Mayors Neville, Holland and Costello. He was assistant attorney general of Illinois under William H. Stead and was appointed County Judge of McLean County by Governor Charles S. Deneen to succeed Judge R. A. Russell, who resigned in 1909, and he was elected to succeed himself in 1910, later serving as master in chancery. In 1915 Judge Hall formed a partnership for the practice of law with Lester H. Martin, now state's attorney, and Oscar G. Hoose, now commander of Louis E. Davis Post, American Legion. This firm is still in practice under the name of Hall, Martin, Hoose and DePew, Mr. Joseph W. DePew having joined the original firm.

Judge Hall was vice president of the Illinois Savings & Trust Company at the time of its consolidation with the State Bank of Bloomington and the First National Bank of Bloomington in 1921, and is now vice president of the First National Bank. He is extensively interested in farming and stock raising in this county and has been so interested for 30 years.

Judge Hall is a descendant of Lyman Hall, who signed the Declaration of Independence. He is a Republican and has been officially identified

with the party organizations for many years. His official and political life has been marked by careful, conscientious and painstaking work and as an attorney and judge he has had to do with many important cases. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church, the Bloomington Consistory, the Bloomington Club, and the Bloomington Country Club. He is at present president of the McLean County Bar Association.

In 1893 Judge Hall was married to Miss Susan E. Forman, a daughter of David Gordon and Sarah (Flock) Forman. To this union was born one son, Harry H. Hall, who served throughout the World War. There are two grandchildren, Janice and Harber Hall, children of Harry H. and Dorothy (Harber) Hall. Harry H. Hall is assistant cashier of the First Trust and Savings Company of Bloomington. Judge Hall has served faithfully and efficiently as an officer of the county. He is capable in his profession and is a citizen of high ideals.

Gustave Punke, who now lives retired on his farm in Gridley Township, is a highly respected citizen of McLean County. He was born in LaSalle County, Ill., Dec. 11, 1861, the son of Henry and Lena (Magnus) Punke.

Henry Punke and his wife were natives of Germany and early settlers of Illinois, having come here in 1856. After living in LaSalle County for a number of years he moved his family to Woodford County, where he owned and operated a large farm. Mr. Punke was a Republican, a member of the Lutheran Church, and served as road overseer for a number of years. He died Feb. 22, 1921, and his wife died May 12, 1921. They were the parents of the following children: Reinhold, a farmer, lives in Woodford County; Gustave, the subject of this sketch; Otto, died in 1920; Minnie, married Edward Flesher, a retired farmer, lives at Gridley; Betty, married John Diggle, and she died in 1911; Caroline, married Burton Lee, a farmer, Woodford County; Henry, a farmer, lives in Grundy County; Anna, married Henry Blessman, lives at Gridley; and one child died in infancy.

Gustave Punke spent his boyhood on the home place and received his education in the district schools of Woodford County. He worked



MR. AND MRS. GUSTAVE PUNKE.

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as a farm hand for two years at \$15.00 per month and then rented land for a number of years before purchasing his farm of 240 acres in Gridley Township. Mr. Punke is a breeder of Duroc Jersey hogs and Short-horn cattle, and his farm is among the modern and well equipped stock farms of the county.

On Feb. 21, 1888, Mr. Punke was married to Miss Lucinda Peck, a native of Woodford County, Ill., born March 26, 1868, and died April 22, 1922. She was the daughter of John and Catherine (Bauman) Peck, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Peck, deceased, were the parents of the following children. Catherine, married Samuel Gross, both deceased; Susan, married Marion Cannon, lives in Wisconsin; Mrs. Punke; Phoebe, married Otto Punke; and four sons died in infancy. To Mr. and Mrs. Gustave Punke nine children have been born, as follows: Harry, further mention of whom is made below; Elmer, a farmer, lives in Gridley Township; Ethel, married William Pinkham, lives in McLean County; Alice, married Chris Rinkenburg, a farmer, lives in Indiana; Grace, married Samuel Kiefer, real estate and life insurance dealer, lives at Gridley; Nora, married Earl Burrows, lives at El Paso, Ill.; Gustave, Jr., lives at El Paso, Ill.; Minnie, at home; and Theodore, also at home. Mr. and Mrs. Punke have 11 grandchildren.

Harry Punke was inducted into service during the World War and trained at Camp Wheeler, Georgia, and served overseas for six months with Company C, 130th Machine Gun Battalion, 35th Division. He now farms on the home place with his father.

Gustave Punke is a member of the Lutheran Church and has served as school director for a number of years. He is a respected citizen of McLean County.

A. F. Heineman, justice of the peace at Bloomington, is a substantial and highly respected citizen of McLean County. He was born at Belleville, Ill., Dec. 25, 1855, and is the son of Jacob and Catherine (Werckle) Heineman.

Jacob Heineman was a native of France and of German descent. In 1849 he came to America with his wife and three children, landing at New Orleans. On their way up the Mississippi river his wife died, leaving the following children: Henry, a Civil War veteran, now deceased; August died while in the army during the Civil War; and Mary, married Joseph

Krieg, and now deceased. Mr. Heineman was a linen weaver by trade and later in life engaged in the milling business at Belleville, Ill., where he remained until the time of the Civil War, then removing to Peoria, Ill. However, in 1868, he returned to Belleville, where he died. Catherine (Werckle) Heineman was first married to William Miller, who died of cholera in 1849, leaving one child Catherine, now deceased. Catherine was the wife of M. Peterson and she died at Fresno, Cal. To Jacob and Catherine (Werckle) Heineman three children were born, as follows: A. F., the subject of this sketch; Elizabeth, died in infancy; and Maud, deceased. Mr. Heineman was a great admirer of Lincoln and was personally acquainted with him. His son remembers of having seen both Lincoln and Douglas.

A. F. Heineman was reared in Belleville, Ill., and attended the public schools there and the Lutheran school at Peoria. When he was ten years of age he spoke German fluently. He learned the barber trade in Peoria when a boy and on Sept. 1, 1873, came to Bloomington as a journeyman barber. In 1882 he became a traveling salesman out of Bloomington, later traveling out of Chicago. In 1893 Mr. Heineman was appointed government gauger of the 8th District of Illinois and remained in the Internal Revenue service for five years and eight months, serving under Dr. Wilcox of Springfield and Richard Yates. In 1899 he returned to Bloomington and entered the employ of Paul Beich as traveling salesman for a time, and was later engaged in the manufacture of cigars. In 1901 Mr. Heineman was elected justice of the peace in Bloomington and has served in that capacity ever since. He heard the first case to be tried in the present court house in Bloomington, in 1903, which was the murder trial of People versus Jarine. Mr. Heineman's records are unusually neat and remarkably well kept, and consist of 38 volumes of closely written material.

On Feb. 24, 1874, Mr. Heineman was united in marriage with Miss Lenora Wilkie, and to this union three children were born, as follows: Vera, died at the age of 14 years; Mrs. Lottie Canan, lives at Owensborough, Ky.; and Harry F., engaged in the printing business at Bloomington.

Mr. Heineman is a member of the Masonic Lodge of Bloomington, the Improved Order of Red Men, the Knights of Pythias, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Modern Woodmen of America, and the Yeoman Lodge. He has passed through all chairs and grand lodge of the Red Men in Illinois and has been a delegate at the great council of the United

States of the Red Men 12 times. He has also passed through chairs of the Knights of Pythias, the Yeoman Lodge, the Eagles and the Modern Woodmen of America.

William R. Bach.—Rising by his own efforts, William R. Bach of Bloomington has attained positions of distinction, in his profession, the practice of law, and as a public servant and worker for the good of the community, in which he was born and in which he has lived all his life. Mr. Bach is the grandson of a minister, his father's father having been Rev. Frederick Bach, a Lutheran preacher in his native land, Germany. His father, William Bach, was also a native of Germany and grew to young manhood there, but when he had attained manhood he left that country and came to America for the sake of his ideas of political freedom which he could not realize in the rule of the German empire. The elder Mr. Bach was liberally educated for a man of that time, and when he reached America he located in Philadelphia and learned the printer's trade. It was while he was in Philadelphia that the Civil War came on and Mr. Bach enlisted in the Third Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery, with which he served throughout the war. After the capture of Jeff Davis, the president of the defunct Confederacy, Mr. Bach was one of the soldiers detailed to keep guard over the person of Davis while the latter was prisoner in Fortress Monroe. After the Civil War, in 1869, the elder Mr. Bach emigrated to Bloomington, having been attracted to this city by a friend who had located here. He became connected as a printer with the Pantagraph newspaper office and later was transferred to the press room and mailing department, where he served until his retirement in 1907. His death occurred shortly afterward, and he left behind him a fine record as a craftsman, a patriot and a citizen.

William R. Bach was one of several children who grew up in the humble home of his parents in Bloomington. He was born Dec. 10, 1871. He attended the grade schools in Bloomington as a lad, and then attended and was graduated from the Bloomington High School in the class of 1889, being near the head of his class in his studies. During his high school course he worked much of the time to earn money for his own support, by carrying papers and otherwise. After leaving school he entered the

Bloomington postoffice as a letter carrier, where he served four years before entering Illinois Wesleyan Law School. He was graduated in law in 1894, with the highest honors of his class. He at once formed a partnership with Sigmund Livingston, a classmate, and they continued in business together for many years.

Mr. Bach took an active interest in politics and public affairs from the very time of his entrance upon the practice of law. In 1897, only three years after graduation, he was elected city attorney, and was re-elected in 1899. In his term as city attorney he had to do with many of the most important municipal problems that had come up for many years. This experience broadened Mr. Bach's knowledge of the law and of public affairs and in 1904 he was elected to the most important position of state's attorney for McLean County. This position he filled for a continuous period of eight years, or two terms, which is about as long as any state's attorney serves in this county. He made a fine record for impartial law enforcement during his whole term of office. He had to try some of the most important cases that have been upon the criminal docket during recent years. In all cases he secured conviction where the evidence was available to prove the indictments. Before his retirement from the office of state's attorney, Mr. Bach was called back into the service of his well beloved city by his appointment to the office of park commissioner, a position in which he served without pay. Under his regime and that of his fellow commissioners, the present handsome pavilion at Miller Park was constructed, and a general policy of progressiveness was inaugurated in regard to all the parks of the city. The other park commissioners who served with Mr. Bach were Oscar Wakefield and J. B. Stevenson.

But it was not alone in the line of his official duties in many stations that Mr. Bach has proved his worth to the community. On the contrary, in ways of usefulness as a private citizen he has more than ever shown his willingness to work and sacrifice for the public good. One of the most notable instances of this kind was the great Wesleyan campaign of the summer of 1921, when Mr. Bach was one of the most active personal workers for raising the required fund of \$650,000 and was himself one of the most liberal, if in fact not the very most liberal contributor. He announced early in the campaign that he would give a certain sum to match another given sum at every recurring period of the drive. In consequence when the campaign was over it was found that he had pledged a total sum which would have been a credit to many another citizen of

ten times the wealth or resources of Mr. Bach. He gave his own effort and work in addition to the money that he contributed.

But in addition to all this, Mr. Bach was at that time mainly instrumental in securing for the city and county a magnificent gift in the form of the McBarnes Memorial building for the soldiers and sailors of all wars. Mr. Bach acted as legal advisor for Mr. and Mrs. John McBarnes after they had first indicated their wish to donate a sum of \$150,000 for such a memorial building. It was first proposed that the gift be made to the Wesleyan fund, to be used for a special memorial building. However, there were certain legal difficulties about the acceptance of such a gift by the Wesleyan trustees. Then it was proposed that the same offer be made to McLean County through the board of supervisors. After much negotiation the supervisors accepted the gift, having previously secured a site for the building by a long lease granted by Mrs. Ida Hanna for the lot at the corner of Grove and East Streets which had belonged to her late husband, George S. Hanna. The negotiations between the board of supervisors and Mr. and Mrs. McBarnes were carried on for several weeks, but the papers were finally signed and the gift was secured which resulted in the building of the handsome McBarnes Memorial, which is now the state headquarters of the American Legion and the center of all the patriotic societies of Bloomington and of the county.

Mr. Bach was married on June 17, 1897, to Miss Lelia Frances Means, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph C. Means, old and well known residents of the city and county, her father having formerly been a business man and later county treasurer. Mrs. Bach is a member of the D. A. R. and was one of the trustees of the Bloomington public library. They have one son, William, Jr. Both Mr. and Mrs. Bach are active members of the First Methodist Church. Mr. Bach from his youngest manhood had been active in the local councils of the Republican party and acted as official of the organization for several years. In a fraternal way, he is a member of the Knights of Pythias, Modern Woodmen, Odd Fellows, Bloomington Lodge No. 43 of the Masonic fraternity, of DeMolay commandery of the Knights Templar, and of the Bloomington Consistory, being a 33d degree Mason. He was an active promoter of the plans of the building of the great Consistory Temple in Bloomington and also of the Masonic Temple at the corner of Jefferson and East Streets in Bloomington.

Of recent years in the practice of his profession Mr. Bach has made a specialty of business connected with grain and grain elevators. In

that connection he had to do with all the important litigation for the Illinois Grain Dealers' Association. He has appeared many times before government bodies for the purpose of securing from the railroads and other public utilities equitable terms for the business of the grain dealers and producers. Mr. Bach is a member and has served as an officer of the Rotary Club of Bloomington, and is affiliated with the Bloomington Club and the Bloomington Country Club. He takes an interest in clean sports, being a follower of local school athletics and of the Three Eye League baseball team. He plays golf and enjoys other outdoor pastimes.

E. B. Lanier, the efficient and well known cashier of the State Bank at Downs, was born in Downs Township, Oct. 7, 1860, the son of W. and Mary (McCain) Lanier.

W. Lanier was born in Georgia in 1835 and during the Civil War enlisted for service. He died in 1863 while serving with the 94th Illinois Volunteer Infantry and is buried in the National Cemetery at New Orleans, La. To W. and Mary (McCain) Lanier only one child was born, E. B., the subject of this sketch. After the death of her husband, Mrs. Lanier later married Thomas Clark, and to that union one son was born, George L. Clark, lives near Downs. Mrs. Clark died Dec. 12, 1912, and is buried at Downs.

E. B. Lanier received his education in the district schools and at Ohio Wesleyan University and Northwestern University. After finishing his schoolwork, Mr. Lanier engaged in general farming in Downs Township until 1888. He then entered the Keenan Bank at Downs, where he remained for two years, after which he again followed farming until 1901. At that time the bank was organized at Downs and Mr. Lanier was appointed cashier, which office he has since filled in a capable and trustworthy manner.

On Sept. 6, 1883, Mr. Lanier was married to Miss Cora Buckles, a native of LeRoy, born May 15, 1862, and the daughter of Thomas Buckles. Mrs. Lanier died April 28, 1888. They had one son, Elmer, who died July 7, 1886. On Aug. 7, 1901, Mr. Lanier was married to Mrs. Mary (Welch) Ready, a native of McLean County, born July 17, 1874, and the daughter of Patrick and Mary Welch. To E. B. and Mary (Welch) Ready Lanier

two sons have been born: Lynn, born June 29, 1902, assistant cashier of the State Bank of Downs; and George, born April 28, 1904, at home.

E. B. Lanier is a Republican and a member of the Knights of Pythias and Modern Woodmen of America.

The State Bank of Downs was organized in 1901 as a private bank with a capital stock of \$10,000. The first officers were: J. D. Downs, president; E. S. Hobart, vice president; E. B. Lanier, cashier; and J. W. Dooley, assistant cashier. The directors were: J. D. Downs, J. R. Carlisle, W. M. Buckles, E. S. Hobart, Frank Cowden, C. W. Tallon, Alvin Null, E. B. Lanier, J. W. Dooley, and W. M. Kendell. On Jan. 1, 1921, the bank was reorganized as a state bank and with a capital stock of \$26,000 and surplus of \$25,800. The present officers of the bank are: J. R. Carlisle, president; G. H. Merrier, vice president; E. B. Lanier, cashier, and Lynn Lanier, assistant cashier. The directors are: H. H. Wagner, J. D. Downs, W. M. Buckles, E. L. Clarke, and O. L. Scott.

W. M. Ijams, an enterprising farmer and stockman of Downs Township and the owner of 172 acres of well improved land, is a native of Illinois. He was born at Farmer City, Oct. 15, 1873, the son of T. L. and Rosetta (Walker) Ijams.

T. L. Ijams was born in Ohio, in 1842, and came to Illinois with his parents in 1853, settling in McLean County. He became a well-to-do farmer and was widely known. Mr. Ijams died Aug. 26, 1908, and his wife, a native of Bloomington, died in 1919. They were the parents of the following children: H. L., lives at Farmer City, Ill.; Hattie, lives at Farmer City, Ill.; Ida Kendall, lives at Farmer City, Ill.; George, lives also at Farmer City; W. M., the subject of this sketch; J. M., lives in Los Angeles, Calif.; Ella Nichols, lives in Florida; Edith Curtis, lives at Downs, Ill.; and Edna Johnson, lives at Bloomington, Ill.

W. M. Ijams received his education in the public and high schools of Farmer City, Ill., and after finishing his school work engaged in general farming on the home place in Downs Township. Mr. Ijams is an extensive feeder of stock and has about 1,000 head of sheep on his place at present. He has a fine residence, and his farm is modern in every respect.

On Feb. 24, 1897, Mr. Ijams was united in marriage with Miss Nellie Scott, a native of West Township, McLean County, born Dec. 23, 1876,

and the daughter of J. D. and Susan Aletta (Kumler) Scott, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Pennsylvania. J. D. Scott was born Feb. 14, 1843, and came to Illinois in 1873. He served throughout the Civil War in Company I, 167th Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He and his wife now reside at Farmer City, Ill. They are the parents of the following children: O. G., lives at Springfield, Ill.; O. E., lives in Montana; Ollie May Ruble, died Dec. 24, 1918; and Mrs. Ijams.

To W. M. and Nellie (Scott) Ijams two children have been born, as follows: Lynn, born Jan 14, 1900, a graduate of Illinois Wesleyan University; and Lee Scott, born June 5, 1908, attends school.

Mr. Ijams is a Republican, a member of the Methodist Church, and belongs to the Knights of Pythias. He is well known in his community, where the Ijams family have always been held in high esteem.

Clinton E. Graves, a well known business man of Weston, who is engaged in the grain, lumber and coal business, was born at Duncan, Stark County, Ill., April 5, 1873, the son of Jacob and Sidnia (Barnett) Graves.

Jacob Graves was a native of McArthur, Vinton County, Ohio, and at the age of 22 years married Sidnia A. Barnett. In April, 1864, he heeded his country's call, and bid farewell to his wife and four children to enlist in Company C, 148th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, serving with the army of the Potomac, around Richmond, City Point and Petersburg until the close of the war. Within a few days after his discharge from the service, he set out with his family for Illinois, locating on a farm near Duncan, Ill., which land is after 60 years still owned by his family. Jacob and Sidnia Graves were the parents of 11 children: Mary A. Fouts of Ottawa, Kan.; Lucinda A. Schiabel of Cumberland, Wis.; Elba V.; Smiley R.; Stanley S.; and Elton O. of Duncan, Ill.; Lyman S., postmaster at Wyoming, Ill.; Jennie E. Addis of Toulon, Ill.; Julia E., and Emery R., deceased, and Clinton E. the subject of this sketch.

The father of this large family was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and a staunch Republican in politics. As assessor of Essex Township for 20 years, the Board of Equalization never changed one of his figures and as supervisor his associates never negatived one of his propositions, thus showing in all political and social connections his precision and adherence to truth and fairness brought him the esteem of every



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one. He passed away in August, 1913, being preceded by his wife in July, 1887.

Clinton E. Graves, the subject of this sketch, received his education in the country school, which was located on his father's farm, and at Abington Normal College from which he graduated in the class of 1892. He began teaching at the age of 19 and spent eight years in the schools of Stark County, serving as principal at Duncan and Elmira.

Wishing to enter the grain business he resigned the principalship of the Elmira school in January, 1901, to accept the position as manager of the grain business for F. L. Churchill at Weston, Ill. He remained with Mr. Churchill for 12 years and upon the retirement of the latter from business in 1912, purchased the grain elevators of both F. L. Churchill and the Shearer Grain Company at Weston. His business prospered from the beginning and in 1915 he took over the lumber and hardware business of H. J. Greene and Company thus acquiring one of the most substantial and prosperous business plants in Central Illinois.

Mr. Graves was married on June 15, 1899, to Nellie B. Stephens, a native of Weston, Ill., born May 17, 1870, and the daughter of Richard and Sarah (Mayo) Stephens. Mr. and Mrs. Stephens, now deceased were the parents of the following children: Addie and Frank living on the old homestead in Yates Township; Delmar and Jennie, deceased; Wilbur, a farmer near Weston; Luella Davis of Austin, Texas, and Nellie B., the wife of the subject of this sketch.

Mr. and Mrs. Graves were the parents of two sons, the first born July 17, 1900, and only lived two days; the second, Claude Myron, was born Dec. 8, 1901. He received his early education in the Weston schools and at the age of 15 years entered St. John's Military Academy at Delafield, Wis., for training that would prepare him for service in the World War, when his country called him. He had spent two years in the Reserve Officers Training Corps at the academy, and was just ready to return for his third year when stricken with an incurable malady and passed away Aug. 7, 1919, after an illness of only four days' duration. Memorial services, in his memory, were held at the military academy at the same hour of the funeral services in his home. Both sons were laid to rest in the family lot in Graceland Cemetery at Fairbury, Ill.

In politics Mr. Graves is a Republican and as strong in the faith of his party as his father and grandfather before him. He has served 10 years on the school board, nine years as its secretary and one year as president.

Also served Yates Township for 12 years as town clerk, and is now beginning his sixth year as supervisor. He is a member of the county farm and county officers committees on the McLean County Board of Supervisors, also a director of the Fairview Tuberculosis Sanitarium, in which he and Mrs. Graves have endowed a room in memory of their son Claude. He has also represented Yates Township on the Republican County Central Committee for 22 years and has served as delegate to various county judicial, senatorial, congressional and state conventions during that time.

His 23 years' experience in the grain trade has given him a wide acquaintance throughout the state, and he has served several years as a director of the Illinois Grain Dealers' Association, being first vice-president of that organization at the present time. Mr. Graves is a 32d degree Mason, having taken both the York and Scottish Rites degrees in Masonry; has also been a member of the Modern Woodmen for 30 years. He has tried to follow the precedent set by his father, as a man of integrity and industry and thus be one of the reliable and substantial men of his community.

James Fulton, a progressive and successful farmer and stockman of Downs Township, was born in Heyworth, Ill., Jan. 17, 1868, the son of James and Mary (Bishop) Fulton.

James Fulton, Sr., was a native of Harrison County, Ohio, born Sept. 10, 1826, the son of William Fulton, a native of Westmoreland, Pa. The Fulton family originally came from Ireland and Scotland. William Fulton died in 1872. James Fulton, Sr., came to Illinois in 1852 with his father and settled on a farm near Bloomington. He became a successful farmer and was well known. On Jan. 6, 1856, James Fulton, Sr., married Mary Boyd, a native of Ohio, and to this union two children were born: Eliza A. Black, lives in Ohio; and Albert, lives at Heyworth, Ill. On Sept. 9, 1858, Mr. Fulton was married to Miss Mary E. Bishop, a native of McLean County, born June 24, 1836, and the daughter of Jacob and Mary (Weedman) Bishop. Jacob Bishop was born in Maryland, June 25, 1797, and died Jan. 23, 1889. His wife was born Dec. 15, 1799, and died Jan. 23, 1873. She was the daughter of John Bishop. To James and Mary E. (Bishop) Fulton the following children were born: Mary B., lives at Bloomington; Sarah, deceased; John, deceased; Mattie E. Brown, lives at Heyworth; and James, the subject of this sketch.

James Fulton, Jr., attended the district schools and spent his boyhood on his father's farm. He has always followed farming and stock raising and has lived on his farm in Downs Township for 53 years. Mr. Fulton specializes in the breeding of Shorthorn cattle and is a lover of good horses.

On Oct. 4, 1904, Mr. Fulton was married to Miss Anna J. Graves, a native of Franklin County, Mo., born Dec. 8, 1878, and the daughter of George H. and Margaret (Stillman) Graves. Mr. Graves was born Jan. 28, 1847, in Virginia and came to Ohio at the age of 16 years. His wife was born near Heyworth, Ill., Dec. 7, 1850, and they were married Feb. 14, 1878. Mr. and Mrs. Graves were the parents of the following children: Anna J.; Samuel, Randolph Township, McLean County; David, lives in Bloomington; and Sarah, wife of Charles Banner, lives in Champaign County, Ill. To James and Anna J. (Graves) Fulton the following children have been born: Iris A., born Sept. 2, 1905, attends high school; Altha Louise, born Nov. 5, 1908, attends high school; James Howard, born March 19, 1912, died Dec. 30, 1919; and Elsie B., born Oct. 28, 1921.

Mr. Fulton is a Republican and he has been a member of the school board for 10 years. He is a member of the Methodist Church and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen of America. Mr. Fulton is a substantial citizen and stands high in the township and county.

Ralph Teter is a prosperous farmer and stockman of Downs Township and a member of one of McLean County's prominent pioneer families. He was born on the farm where he now resides and is the son of Laban C. and Esther (Honnor) Teter.

Laban C. Teter, now deceased, was a veteran of the Civil War and a well known citizen of McLean County for many years. He was born in Pendleton County, W. Va., in 1840, and died May 11, 1884. Throughout the Civil War he served with Company K, 26th Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and saw active service during the entire period of the war.

On March 8, 1877, Mr. Teter was married to Miss Esther Honnor, a native of Kent, England, born March 21, 1859, and the daughter of William and Harriet (Peckman) Honnor, both natives of England. When

Mrs. Teter was 11 years of age her parents came to this country and located in Old Town Township, McLean County. There were seven children in the Honnor family, of whom three are now living: Mrs. Teter; William, lives in Nebraska; and George. By a former marriage Laban C. Teter had three children, as follows: Martha E. Honnor, died 1912; Ida May Lantz, lives in McLean County; and Marietta, died in infancy. To Laban C. and Esther (Honnor) Teter three children were born, as follows: William C., deceased; Jessie Alice, married Chauncey Adams, lives at Normal, Ill.; and Ralph D., the subject of this sketch.

Ralph Teter received his education in the district schools of Downs Township. He has always been a farmer, and now operates the home place.

On Nov. 14, 1903, Mr. Teter was married to Miss Aletta D. McMillen, a native of McLean County, born July 4, 1885, and the daughter of Samuel W. and Mary E. (Oaks) McMillen, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Nebraska. Mr. and Mrs. McMillen have seven children, as follows: John, Craig, Colo.; Mrs. Teters; Nell, wife of Edward Subke, lives near Bloomington; Ruth, deceased; Thomas, lives in Craig, Colo.; Della; and Lottie, now live Grand Island, Neb. To Ralph and Aletta D. (McMillen) Teter two children have been born: Esther A., born May 9, 1905; and Ralph G., born June 4, 1914.

Ralph Teters is a Republican, a member of the Methodist Church, and belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America. His mother makes her home with him and his family. The Teters family has always been one of the well known and highly esteemed families of McLean County.

Joseph Fisher, a well known and successful farmer of Randolph Township, and owner of Fairview Farm, was born near Centralia, Ill., March 15, 1862, the son of Joseph and Sophronia (Nurseberger) Fisher.

Joseph Fisher was a native of Germany and came to this country when he was 17 years of age, locating on land near Centralia, Ill., where he became a successful fruit grower. He died at the age of 49 years and his wife, also a native of Germany, lived to the age of 74. They had four children, as follows: Charles, lives near Centralia, Ill.; Otto, near Centralia, Ill.; Pauline Wright, lives near Centralia, Ill.; and Joseph, the subject of this sketch.

Joseph Fisher received his education in the district schools and has always followed farming. He has lived on his present farm in Randolph Township since 1903 and is among the leading stockmen of that township. Mr. Fisher specializes in the breeding of pure bred Chester White and Duroc Jersey hogs, and is also a feeder of cattle and dairy stock.

On Dec. 25, 1892, Mr. Fisher was married to Miss Barbara Stringfield, who was born in Randolph Township, McLean County, daughter of Alford M. and Amelia (Hand) Stringfield. Alford M. Stringfield was born in Tennessee, Oct. 14, 1809, and was one of the early settlers of McLean County, having settled on the present Stewart farm in 1822, in Randolph Township. He was the son of John Stringfield, who served as a soldier in the Revolutionary War. Mr. Stringfield died June 15, 1895, and his wife, who was born in Ohio, Oct. 2, 1814, died in 1885. They were the parents of 10 children, two of whom are now living, Mrs. Fisher and Mrs. Frank Rust, who lives in Peculiar, Mo. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Fisher have no children.

Joseph Fisher is a Democrat and a member of the Methodist church. He is a progressive and enterprising citizen of McLean County. He served as school director about nine years and was also a member of the Shipping Association.

Henry Schmidt is a successful breeder of thoroughbred horses and a well known farmer of Downs Township. He was born in Germany, April 12, 1867, the son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Fry) Schmidt.

Jacob Schmidt and his wife spent their entire lives in Germany, where they owned a well improved farm. They were the parents of seven children, as follows: Kate, lives in Germany; Jacob, died in 1921; Adam, lives in Germany on the home place; Elizabeth, lives in Germany; Caroline, lives in Germany; Henry, the subject of this sketch; and Louis, lives on the home farm in Germany.

Henry Schmidt spent his boyhood on his father's farm in Germany and was educated in the district schools. He came to the United States when he was 16 years old and settled on a farm in DeWitt County, Ill., where he worked for two years. Mr. Schmidt then began farming on his own land and has lived on his present farm in Downs Township since 1874. He is a widely known breeder of Percheron horses and has many

thoroughbred horses on his place, including Napoleon, registered by the Percheron Society of America, No. 118748. Mr. Schmidt has many prize winners among his horses and he is well known also as a breeder of Duroc Jersey hogs, and holds several sales each year. During his last sale, Mr. Schmidt sold 55 head. Mrs. Schmidt is successful as a chicken fancier and specializes in the raising of Buff Orpington chickens.

On Feb. 9, 1893, Mr. Schmidt married Miss Martha Longhoff, a native of Bloomington, born Jan. 30, 1874, and the daughter of Fred and Lena Longhoff, natives of Germany and early settlers of Bloomington. Mr. and Mrs. Longhoff were the parents of the following children: Lena Schultz, lives at Bloomington; Rickie, lives near Bloomington; William, deceased; Alvina, lives at Bloomington; Matilda, deceased; Herman, lives near Bloomington; Charles, lives at Normal; Mrs. Schmidt; Emma, lives in Ohio; John, deceased; Frank, lives at Normal; Rose, lives in Ohio; and Fred, lives in Iowa. To Henry and Martha (Longhoff) Schmidt the following children have been born: Alvina Studeman, born Feb. 7, 1894, lives near Heyworth; Henry, born Dec. 25, 1896, lives near the home place; Minnie, Weed, born Aug. 1, 1899, lives in Downs Township; Freddie, born Aug. 18, 1902, lives in Francefield, Panama, and is a mechanic with the air force there; and Martha, born May 3, 1905.

Mr. Schmidt is an independent voter. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church at Heyworth and belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America. Mrs. Schmidt is a member of the Royal Neighbors Court of Honor and the Pythian Sisters at Heyworth. They have many friends and stand high in the community.

Frank W. Benjamin, a leading farmer and stockman of McLean County is a native of Bloomington Township, having been born on the farm where he now resides, Jan. 30, 1858. His parents were born in New York and came to McLean County in 1856 and settled on the present Benjamin farm. There were two other children besides Frank W., the subject of this sketch. Mary is deceased, and Addie lives in Gibson City, Ill.

Frank W. Benjamin received his education in the district schools and has always followed farming. He raises a good grade of stock and has a well improved farm, which is located one and one-half miles east of Bloomington. There is a fine well on the Benjamin farm, which is 158 feet deep.

It also produces natural gas. It was drilled in 1901 and still has an abundant supply of water, and gas for household use.

On Feb. 23, 1888, Mr. Benjamin married Miss Nettie Greenlee, who was born near Lexington, Ill. To this union two sons were born, Ralph G., at home, and Paul K., a teacher at Normal University. Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin have one grandson, Paul Kingsley Benjamin, Jr. Mrs. Benjamin attended Illinois Wesleyan University and is a member of the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority, and each year the annual picnic of the sorority is held on the Benjamin farm. She is president of the McLean County Household Science Association, which office she has held for 14 years, and she was also state vice president for three years.

Mr. Benjamin is a Republican and has served as road commissioner and school board director. He belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America No. 110, and is a highly respected citizen of McLean County.

Samuel James Reeder, who is successfully engaged in the transfer business at Normal, Ill., was born at Normal, Aug. 9, 1864, the son of Samuel J. and Sallie Mary (McWhorter) Reeder.

Samuel J. Reeder and his wife were natives of Miami County, Ohio, and came to Illinois many years ago and settled at Normal. Mr. Reeder taught school throughout the county for a number of years and later operated a farm. He died in 1881 and his wife is also deceased. They were the parents of six children, as follows: Cora, married Hampton M. Roach; Jessie, married D. W. Gamble; Jane, married Fred W. Loehr, lives in Illinois; Edna, deceased; Grace, married Harry W. Ator, lives at Waukegan, Ill.; and Samuel James, Jr., the subject of this sketch.

Samuel James Reeder was educated in the public schools at Normal and after finishing his school work he was employed by the Chicago and Alton Railroad. He later was employed as bookkeeper for the Rodehouse Stockyard Company and then entered the employ of the Canadian Pacific Railroad in British Columbia, where he remained for one year. Mr. Reeder followed farming for several years and then came to Normal, where he held a city position for 20 years. He served as sheriff of McLean County from 1910 until 1914 and after his term expired entered the transfer business at Normal.

On Feb. 8, 1888, Mr. Reeder married Miss Cornelia Gibbs, and to this union two children were born, as follows: Sallie, the wife of Harry S.

Cogdall, lives at South Haven, Mich.; and Samuel J., born in 1894, lives at home.

Mr. Reeder is identified with the Republican party in politics and he is a member of the Masonic lodge. Mrs. Reeder is a member of the Episcopal Church.

E. L. Flesher, retired, has been a prominent farmer and stockman of McLean County. He was born in Money Creek Township, McLean County, Sept. 7, 1862, the son of William and Rebecca Ann (Pirtle) Flesher.

William Flesher was born in Monterey, Va., in 1827 and came to Illinois with his parents when he was eight years of age. They located at Jeffersonville and three years later moved to Lexington, Ill. Mr. Flesher improved 120 acres of land and was among the successful pioneer farmers of the county. In about 1857 he went to Iola, Kan., where he improved 160 acres of land. While living there a daughter was born to them, Mary Elizabeth Curry, who was the first white child born in Iola. Later the family returned to McLean County and Mr. Flesher died Dec. 9, 1909, and his wife died in November, 1921. They were the parents of eight children, as follows: Andrew McCoy, lives in Wata, Okla.; John H., a retired farmer, lives at Lexington, Ill.; James Alonzo, died May 30, 1921; Mary E., married William H. Curry, a retired farmer, lives at Lexington, Ill.; E. L., the subject of this sketch; Charles S., a carpenter, lives at Gridley; George E., former sheriff of McLean County, now deceased; and Benjamin Franklin, lives in Chicago.

E. L. Flesher was reared on his father's farm and was educated in the district school. He has always followed farming and stockraising and has met with marked success, specializing in the breeding of pure bred Poland China hogs and Shropshire sheep. At one time Mr. Flesher owned 350 acres of land in partnership with his brother-in-law, J. L. Diggle, and he now owns 40 acres of the old Punke homestead, his wife's birthplace. He now lives retired at Gridley, where he owns a modern bungalow on First Street, and other town property. Mr. E. L. Flesher and wife moved to Warren County, Iowa, in 1900, where Mr. Flesher was a farmer and stockman in that county until December, 1908, when he returned to McLean County. He has bought and sold a good deal of land along the Mackinaw River.



E. L. FLESHER.

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On Dec. 25, 1883, Mr. Flesher was married to Miss Minnie A. Punke, a native of LaSalle County, born Aug. 8, 1865, and the daughter of Henry and Anna Pauline (Mangner) Punke. The Punke family originally came from Germany and were among the earliest settlers of Illinois. Mr. Punke was a miller by trade in Germany, but after coming to Illinois engaged in general farming. He died Feb. 22, 1920, and his wife died April 30, 1920. They were the parents of 10 children, as follows: Reinhold, a farmer, lives at Flanagan, Ill.; Pauline, deceased; Gustave A., a farmer Gridley Township; Otto, deceased; Mrs. Flesher; Betty, died July 31, 1903, was the wife of John L. Diggle; Henry, Jr., a farmer, lives at Verona, Ill.; Anna Pauline, married Henry Blissman, a retired coal dealer, lives at Gridley; Caroline, married Albert Lee, lives in Woodford County, Ill.; and a twin of Anna, died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Flesher have no children.

In politics Mr. Flesher is a Republican and he has served as road commissioner and township collector. He is a member of the Christian Church and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In his early manhood Mr. Flesher was a baseball player of note and during one game made two home runs in one inning. Mr. Flesher is a reliable citizen and was able to build up a successful farming business by his integrity and progressive methods.

H. H. Argo, cashier of the First National Bank at Danvers, is a reliable and successful business man of McLean County. He was born at St. Joseph, Ill., April 8, 1878, the son of Harrison and Mary (Worl) Argo.

Harrison Argo was a native of Illinois, as also is his wife. He engaged in general farming and stock raising during his life and was successful. Mr. Argo died in 1881 and his widow now resides at St. Joseph, Ill. They had three children, as follows: Bertha, married William Woody, retired farmer, lives at St. Joseph, Ill.; John T., married Essie Gordon, engaged in the transfer business at LaGrange, Ill.; and H. H., the subject of this sketch.

H. H. Argo was educated in the public schools at St. Joseph and after attending high school there went to the Dixon Business College at Dixon, Ill. After finishing his school work Mr. Argo entered the employ of the Big Four Railroad as telegraph operator and remained with that company

for 20 years. He was stationed at LeRoy, Ill., for one year, at Mackinaw, Ill., for one year, at Muncie, Ill., for two years, and spent the remaining years at Danvers. In 1920 Mr. Argo left the employ of the railroad and was appointed cashier of the First National Bank, which is the largest bank at Danvers. It is among the dependable and leading banking institutions of the county.

In 1907 Mr. Argo married Miss Emma Trickel, a native of Danvers and the daughter of A. and Margaret (Ehling) Trickel, natives of Germany, now deceased. Mr. Trickel came to this country several years after his wife, who came in 1865, and they were married in McLean County. Mr. Trickel was a prominent merchant at Danvers for many years, being engaged in the harness business. To H. H. and Emma (Trickel) Argo one child has been born, Donald H., who attends school.

Mr. Argo is identified with the Republican party in politics and he is a member of the Masonic Lodge of Danvers and the Knight Templars at Bloomington and the Shriners at Peoria. He is school treasurer of Danvers. Mr. Argo is a progressive, enterprising and substantial citizen.

E. A. Kinzinger, now living retired on his farm in Danvers Township, is among McLean County's leading farmers and stockmen. He was born on the farm where he now resides, Jan. 18, 1872, the son of Christian and Magdaline (Strubhar) Kinzinger.

Christian Kinzinger was a native of Woodford County, Ill., born in 1846, and the son of Michael Kinzinger. Michael Kinzinger came to this country from Germany in 1836 and settled in Ohio, where he lived for one year before moving to Illinois. He settled on a farm in Woodford County, where he spent the remainder of his life. His son, Christian Kinzinger, moved to McLean County in the fall of 1871 and settled on the present Kinzinger farm in Danvers Township. Christian Kinzinger died in 1914 and his widow resides at Danvers. They were the parents of three children, as follows: E. A., the subject of this sketch; Ophelia, married Albert Nafziger, and died in 1901; and Ervinia, married John W. Yoder, who died in 1923.

E. A. Kinzinger spent his boyhood on the home place and was educated in the district schools. He operated a thrashing machine for 10 years and has always been a farmer. Mr. Kinzinger raises Percheron

horses and Shorthorn cattle and has won many premiums on his stock at various exhibitions. He now lives practically retired and the farm is rented out. The Kinzinger farm contains 240 acres of well improved land and Mr. Kinzinger also owns 98 acres of good timber land. There are fine farm buildings on the place and the residence was built in 1917.

In 1895 Mr. Kinzinger married Miss Emma Kohler, a daughter of Philip and Eliza (Ummel) Kohler, both natives of Switzerland and early settlers of Woodford County, Ill., where Mrs. Kinzinger was born. To E. A. and Emma (Kohler) Kinzinger two children were born: Myrtle May, died at the age of one year; and Edith Hazel, married Harvey P. Miller, and they live on one of his father's places. Mr. and Mrs. Harvey P. Miller have one son, Leo Dean Miller.

Mr. Kinzinger is a Republican and a member of the Mennonite Church. He is a director of the First National Bank at Danvers and treasurer of the Mutual Insurance Company of Danvers. Mr. Kinzinger is well known in McLean County and is one of the leading representative men of his community.

John W. Barclay, a well known farmer and stockman of Danvers township, now living retired, was born near Centralia, Mo., May 30, 1861, the son of William and Mary Jane (Roberts) Barclay.

William Barclay and his wife were natives of Madison County, Ky., and early settlers of Boone County, Mo. They settled on a farm near Centralia and Mr. Barclay became a successful and well known farmer. He died in 1898 and his wife died in Seattle, Wash. They were the parents of the following children: Elihu, deceased; Samuel, married Fannie Hill, lives near Covell; Woodson, died Feb. 2, 1923; J. W., the subject of this sketch; Flora, married Charles Shively, lives in Seattle, Wash.; and Mary, married Henry Morrison, and now deceased.

J. W. Barclay came to McLean County in 1865 with his parents and received his education in the district schools of Covell and also attended Wesleyan University. He purchased his first farm of 40 acres in Dale Township and later owned 157 acres in the same township. Mr. Barclay has lived on his present farm in Danvers Township since 1913, and owns 200 acres of good farm land, which he rents. He was widely known for many years as a breeder of Percheron horses and other good stock.

In 1885 Mr. Barclay married Miss Emma Piper, a native of McLean County and the daughter of Mark and Catherine (Harvey) Piper. Mr.

and Mrs. Piper were natives of Pennsylvania and came to Illinois in the early fifties. They had seven children, as follows: Addie, deceased; Jennie, deceased; George, married Alice Baumgarten, lives in Bloomington; Grant, married Dora Barclay, lives near Covell; Cora, married Josiah Bozart, lives in Allin Township, McLean County, and one child died in infancy. To J. W. and Emma (Piper) Barclay three children were born, as follows: Homer, married Frances Springer, lives at Carlock, Ill., and have had two children, John, Jr., deceased, and Evelyn Dale; Fern, married Edwin Miller, lives at Normal, Ill.; and Aurelle, lives at home.

Mr. Barclay is identified with the Republican party in politics and he has been school director, town clerk, and road commissioner. He has served as an elder of the Christian Church for 12 years and as deacon for six years. Mr. Barclay is well known throughout McLean County, where he has always been esteemed as a man of progress, industry, and initiative.

James A. Hougham, a well known farmer of Funks Grove Township and the owner of 600 acres of good land, is a native of McLean County, where his family has been favorably known for many years. He was born in Funks Grove Township, Feb. 10, 1855, and is the son of Lamon and Elizabeth (Pemberton) Hougham.

The Hougham family originally came from England, where Runyon Hougham, grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was born. He came to this state in 1832, locating in McLean County, where he became a successful farmer. His wife, Sarah Lamon, was born in Germany. Mr. Hougham had lived in Ohio for many years before coming to Illinois. His son, Lamon Hougham, was born in Highland County, Ohio, and came to McLean County with his parents in 1832. He built the present homestead in Funks Grove Township in 1854 and the sugar trees which stand around the home were set out 65 years ago by Mr. Hougham. He was an extensive cattle feeder and drove hogs to Chicago to market in the early days. Mr. Hougham died March 19, 1885, and his wife died May 21, 1901. She was the daughter of James and Susan (Beaver) Pemberton, who came to McLean County in 1832. Mr. and Mrs. Runyon Hougham were the parents of the following children: William; John; Lamon; Wesley; Carrie; Matilda; Malinda; Anne; and Betty. To Lamon and Elizabeth (Pemberton) Hougham three children were born, as follows:

James A., the subject of this sketch; Sarah, married Harvey Cochran; and Emery L., married Mary Belle Nicol.

James A. Hougham received his education in the district schools of Funks Grove Township and has always lived on a farm. The land he now owns was entered from the government by his father at \$1.25 per acre, and is one of the finest stock farms in McLean County. Mr. Hougham has improved the place extensively and is a successful breeder of pure bred stock.

In 1876 Mr. Hougham was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Dozier, a native of Estill County, Ky., and the daughter of Ephriam and Hulda (Benton) Dozier. Mr. Dozier died in 1877 and his wife died in 1865. They were the parents of the following children: Mrs. Hougham; James B., married Anna Ridel, lives in Iowa; John, married Mildred Covington, lives in Gibson City, Ill.; Greenup, married Elizabeth Ridel, lives at Gibson City, Ill.; and Curtis, married Alice Stivers. To Mr. and Mrs. James A. Hougham four children have been born, as follows: Leota, married Thaddeus Stubblefield; James, unmarried, lives at home; Sue, married Lawrence Stubblefield; and Hulda, died in infancy.

In politics Mr. Hougham is a Democrat and he belongs to the Christian Church. He has served as township trustee and school director. He belongs to the Masonic Lodge No. 582, Shirley, and his father was a charter member of the Masonic Lodge. Mr. Hougham is one of the highly esteemed citizens of his community.

A. B. Miller, a prosperous farmer and stockman of Danvers township and the owner of 450 acres of well improved land, is a native of Woodford County, Ill. He was born April 15, 1865, the son of Jacob and Mary Miller.

Jacob Miller was born in Germany and came to America with his parents when he was a small child. His wife was born in Butler County, Ohio, and came to Illinois with her parents during the early days and settled in Woodford County. They made the trip by horse and wagon and while coming through Indiana encountered much swamp land. Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Miller had five children, as follows: Phoebe, married John Risser, lives in Idaho; Michael, married Effie Stephen, lives at Carlock, Ill.; Ella, married Dave Risser, lives at Congerville; Joseph, married Edna Detwiler; and A. B., the subject of this sketch.

A. B. Miller spent his boyhood on his father's farm and attended the district schools. He has always been a farmer and purchased his first farm at the age of 21 years. In 1891 he came to McLean County, where he has since been located. Mr. Miller has been very successful as a farmer and stockman and owns and operates one of the finest stock farms in the township. He specializes in the breeding of Aberdeen cattle and is also a feeder of stock.

In 1889 Mr. Miller married Miss Lydia Maurer, a native of Illinois and the daughter of Nicholas and Mary (Kohler) Maurer. The Maurers were natives of Switzerland and early settlers of Woodford County, Ill. They later moved to McLean County, where they died. Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Miller had five children, as follows: Erwin; John; Bert; Etta; and Leta. Mrs. Miller died in 1916 and is buried in the North Danvers cemetery.

Mr. Miller is a director of The Farmers Bank of Danvers and also director of the Farmers Elevator. He is an independent voter and a member of the North Danvers Mennonite Church. Mr. Miller is a substantial citizen of McLean County and has many friends.

Robert W. Lander is an enterprising farmer and stockman of Danvers Township. He was born one and one-half miles from where he now lives in Danvers Township, Oct. 20, 1866, the son of George B. and Mary Ann (Stuffings) Lander.

George B. Lander was a native of England, as also was his wife. After coming to the United States they settled in New York and later went to Peoria, Ill. Mr. Lander served throughout the Civil War with the Union army and served with Company K, 108th Brigade, 77th Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He served for three years and escaped injury. On Jan. 1, 1866, the Lander family moved to McLean County and settled on a farm in Danvers Township. Mr. Lander died Jan. 1, 1896, just 30 years after coming to McLean County, and his wife died in August, 1898. They were the parents of the following children: George H., died in April, 1920, and his wife died May 25, 1918; Robert W., the subject of this sketch; Frank E., married Effie Fogle, lives in South Dakota; James A., married Eva Martin, lives in South Dakota; and three children died in infancy.

Robert W. Lander was educated in the district schools of Danvers Township and worked on the home place for a number of years. His

father owned and operated a saw mill on the farm. It was operated by water power first and later by steam. Mr. Lander left his father's farm 20 years ago and purchased his present farm of 220 acres near the home place. He is a successful and widely known breeder of Durham cattle and Percheron horses.

In 1894 Mr. Lander married Miss Matilda Miller, a native of Germany. She came to America with her parents when she was about three years of age and they settled in McLean County, where her father died in 1909. Her mother died in 1914. To Robert W. and Matilda (Miller) Lander five children were born, as follows: Fern, married Clinton Kaufman, lives in Danvers Township; Milo R., married Tressie Gardner, lives on the home place and has one child, Eugene; Ermel, unmarried, lives at home; Gladys, married Earl Killian; and Carrie, at home.

Mr. Lander is a Republican and a member of the Farm Bureau. He is a substantial and well known citizen and the Lander family is among the highly respected citizens of the township.

J. N. Habecker, well known in Danvers Township as a successful lumber dealer and the owner of 160 acres of well improved land, is a native of McLean County. He was born in Danvers Township, June 7, 1881, the son of Joseph and Katie (Burkey) Habecker.

Joseph Habecker was a native of Danvers Township and his wife was born in Woodford County, Ill. They were the parents of five children, as follows: J. N., the subject of this sketch; Edward E., married Nellie Enoult, and lives at Washington, Ill., where he is engaged in the undertaking business; Ida, married Luther Ayres, lives in Danvers Township; Bessie, married George Kime, who was a lumber dealer in partnership with J. N. Habecker, the subject of this sketch; and Clark, married Edna Miller, lives in Wisconsin. Joseph Habecker followed farming during his life and died in 1919, and his wife now lives at Danvers.

J. N. Habecker spent his boyhood on the home place and received his education in the public schools at Danvers. He remained on the home place for some time and later purchased a farm of his own. Mr. Habecker purchased his present farm in 1915, which was the original L. R. Stephenson farm. He is widely known as a successful breeder of Poland China hogs and Angus cattle. Mrs. Habecker owns the old farm place of her

parents of 470 acres and other farm land. Mr. Habecker entered the lumber business at Danvers in 1921 and the firm is known as the Habecker and Kime Lumber Company.

In 1906 Mr. Habecker married Miss Laura B. Stephenson, who was born on the farm where she now lives, the daughter of L. R. and Martha E. (Murdock) Stephenson, both natives of Knox County, Ohio, and prominent pioneer settlers of McLean County. Mr. Stephenson died in 1915 and his wife died in 1922. They had three children, as follows: Leroy, married Alma Kaufman, lives at Danvers; Mamie, married Clarence Gravitt, lives in Dry Grove Township; and Mrs. Habecker. Mr. and Mrs. Habecker have no children.

J. N. Habecker is a Republican and belongs to the Elks lodge of Bloomington. He is a director of The First National Bank of Danvers and is esteemed throughout his community as a substantial and reliable man.

John C. Harris, deceased, had a successful career as a farmer and stockman of McLean County. He was born in Devonshire, England, Sept. 1, 1856, and was the son of John and Mary (Cooper) Harris.

The Harris family came from England to the United States in 1857 and settled near Bloomington, Ill., where Mr. Harris engaged in farming. He became an extensive farmer and during the early days drove his stock to the Lexington and Fairbury markets, having later moved to Livingston County, Ill. Mr. Harris owned 320 acres of land in Livingston and McLean counties, which he improved from raw prairie. He died in July, 1903, at Colfax, Ill. His wife died in May, 1908, and they are buried in the Colfax Cemetery. They were the parents of eight children, as follows: John C., the subject of this sketch; Frank, died in 1922; Walter, died in 1922; William M., a retired farmer, lives at Colfax; Manuel, a retired farmer, also lives at Colfax; James, a farmer, lives south of Colfax; Mary, lives at Colfax; and Lydia, married Colbert Ward, lives at Colfax.

John C. Harris was reared and educated in McLean County and after finishing his school work engaged in the hardware business at Colfax, for a number of years. He later purchased a farm of 200 acres and conducted the farm in connection with his hardware store. He was a successful stockman, as well as a feeder and shipper. Mr. Harris died March 19, 1903, and is buried in Wiley Cemetery at Colfax. Mrs. Harris still



JOHN C. HARRIS

owns the home place and a nice residence on Main Street in Colfax, where she resides.

On Nov. 9, 1881, Mr. Harris was united in marriage with Miss Mary A. Weeks, a native of Colfax, born Sept. 23, 1863, and the daughter of Samuel and Mary Weeks, natives of England and the parents of the following children: George, lives in South Dakota; L. A., married Jacob Anthers, lives in Everett, Wash.; William, a farmer, lives in Livingston County; Mrs. Harris; Minnie, married Robert Abby, a farmer, lives at Cropsey, Ill.; and Maria Hamilton, deceased, was the wife of Charles Hamilton, lives in Everett, Wash. Mrs. Harris, Minnie Abby, and Maria Hamilton were triplets. Mrs. Harris' father owned 1,280 acres of good farm land in McLean County at the time of his death, June 27, 1917. His wife died in October, 1920. To John C. and Mary A. (Weeks) Harris four children were born, as follows: Blanche, born July 25, 1883, married Miles Mitchell, manager of the Sumner Iron Works at Everett, Wash.; Mable, born Dec. 6, 1891, died March 27, 1916; Fern, born July 3, 1890, married C. L. Harris, the Illinois Central Railway agent of Anchor, Ill.; and Ina, born Dec. 31, 1893, lives with her mother at Colfax. Mrs. Harris has four grandchildren: Mary Elizabeth and John C. Harris; Mabel Louise, and Marion Elizabeth Mitchell.

Mr. Harris was a Republican, a member of the Methodist Church, and belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Mr. Harris served on the Colfax High School for a number of years. He was one of the interesting men of his community and held the esteem of all who knew him.

Chester R. Ewins, president of the First National Bank at Danvers, is one of McLean County's most prominent business men and a highly respected citizen. He was born on a farm five miles north of Danvers, April 2, 1866, the son of John A. and Malinda (Frank) Ewins.

John A. Ewins was born in Salem, N. H., and his wife was born in Kentucky. Mr. Ewins came to Danvers Township, McLean County, in 1835 with his parents and they settled on the present Ewins farm. He was engaged in the implement business at Danvers for a number of years and was a leading citizen of the county. Mr. Ewins died in 1895 and his wife is now 88 years old. They had five children, as follows: Jennie E., married B. F. Harber, Harber Implement Company at Bloomington; Frank

P., married Amelia Clark, lives in Los Angeles, Calif.; Chester R., the subject of this sketch; and two girls that died in infancy.

Chester R. Ewins spent his boyhood on the farm and was educated in the district schools. He farmed the home place of 420 acres and in 1884 his father moved to Danvers, where he had built a fine residence. In 1908 Mr. Ewins moved to the family home at Danvers, where he has since lived.

In 1888 Mr. Ewins married Miss Etta Barrett, a native of Dry Grove Township, and the daughter of John and Mollie Barrett, both now deceased. To this union two children were born, as follows: Lester, born in 1889, was graduated from Wesleyan University and taught school for one year and died in 1919, leaving a wife, Eva (Puterbaugh) Ewins and one child, Elizabeth Ann; and Glenn E., born in 1892, lives on the home place and married Miss B. Sakemiller and they have three children, Wayne, James and Eleanor. Mr. Ewins' wife died in 1893 and he was married in 1897 to Miss Ada Wright, a native of White Oak Township, and the daughter of A. S. and Martha Wright. Mr. Wright is deceased and his wife lives with her daughter, Mrs. Ewins.

Chester R. Ewins was elected president of the First National Bank at Danvers in 1922, which is the oldest bank in the town. It has a capital stock of \$25,000.00 and is located in its own building, a two-story brick structure. The present officers of the bank are, as follows: Chester R. Ewins, president; Peter Risser, vice president and director; H. H. Argo, cashier; and Clark S. Jarrett, assistant cashier. The directors are: Homer R. Johnson; Fred Stappenbeck; Jesse Hebecker; and Philip Ehemann. Before being connected with the First National Bank at Danvers Mr. Ewins served as president of the Farmers State Bank at Carlock from 1904 until 1908. During the World War he served on the exemption board No. 1, and at the close of the war had handled 8,000 men on his books. His work was done in a most efficient manner. Mr. Ewins is identified with the Republican party in politics and served for three years as tax assessor, from 1894 until 1897, and then served as township supervisor, which office he has held for the past 26 years. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church and has belonged to the Elks Lodge at Bloomington for 20 years. Mr. Ewins is a man of integrity, a believer in progressive methods in his work and always ready to support the best interests of his community.

Marshal Fitchhorn, a well known farmer and stockman of Downs Township, and the owner of 120 acres of good farm land, was born on the farm where he now lives, July 3, 1877, the son of Samuel and Mary (Finster) Fitchhorn.

Samuel Fitchhorn was a native of Pennsylvania and his wife was born in Germany. They came to Illinois during the early days and settled on a farm near Downs. Mr. Fitchhorn died at the age of 87 years and his wife at the age of 72 years. By a former marriage, Samuel Fitchhorn had the following children: Daniel W. Williams, Iowa; William, Wood River, Neb.; Dick, lives in Nebraska; James, lives in Denver, Colo.; and John, deceased. By a former marriage, to Mr. Meyers, Mrs. Fitchhorn had the following children: Mollie Roller, lives in the State of Washington; Simm Meyers, lives at Bluffton, Ind.; Maggie O., deceased; and Louis Meyers, lives in California. To Samuel and Mary (Finster) Fitchhorn the following children were born: Henry, lives at Downs; Minnie, deceased; Lulu, lives in Canada; Marshal, the subject of this sketch; Anna Johnson, lives at Normal, Ill.; Stella, deceased; Charles, lives in Rutland, Ill.; Hattie, the wife of J. J. Zoellers, McLean, Ill.; Marian, lives in Iowa; Alba, the wife of Earl Brooker, lives in Warwick, N. D.; and Lester, lives in Williams, Iowa. Mrs. Fitchhorn also reared two adopted children, Elsie O'Neil and Merle Fitchhorn.

Marshal Fitchhorn spent his boyhood on the home place and was educated in the district schools. He owns and operates a well improved farm of 120 acres in Downs Township and there is a good residence on the place. Mr. Fitchhorn does general farming and stock raising and keeps a good grade of stock.

Marshal Fitchhorn was united in marriage with Miss Mamie A. Baker, a native of McLean County, born March 8, 1886, and the daughter of Joseph P. and Malinda (Stillman) Baker. Mr. Baker was a native of McLean County, born Sept. 7, 1851, and the son of Harrison and Mary (Taylor) Baker. He died July 1, 1908, and his wife died Sept. 21, 1897. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph F. Baker were the parents of the following children: Charles F., McLean, Ill.; Albert, lives at Normal; Robert, lives at Decatur, Ill.; Garfield, lives at Hudson, Ill.; Cora McKee, lives at Gary, Ind.; Mrs. Fitchhorn; George, Bronaugh, Mo.; and Pauline, lives at Joliet, Ill. To Marshal and Mamie A. (Baker) Fitchhorn five children have been born, as follows: Opal Marie, born Nov. 19, 1905; Mildred M., born June 12,

1907; Iris Bernice, born May 28, 1909; Paul Kenneth, born March 13, 1911; and Doris Irene, born Nov. 12, 1912.

Mr. Fitchhorn has been school director of District No. 24 since 1910, and he is identified with the Republican party in politics. He is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and his wife belongs to the Christian Church at Heyworth. Mr. Fitchhorn is progressive and enterprising, and one of the substantial citizens of Downs Township.

Dr. F. L. Wakefield, a physician and surgeon at Heyworth, is well known throughout the community as a successful man in his profession. He was born on a farm near Heyworth, Dec. 29, 1866, the son of John E. and Catherine (Turner) Wakefield. The Wakefield family originally came from Ohio, where Campbell Wakefield, grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was born in 1804. In 1835 they came to Illinois, purchased land where Heyworth now stands. Campbell Wakefield died in 1888, and his son John E. inherited the entire property. He was a prominent farmer for many years and died Sept. 10, 1903. Catherine (Turner) Wakefield was born in Ohio, Feb. 17, 1832, the daughter of William and Margaret (McKinnie) Turner, natives of Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. John E. Wakefield were the parents of ten children, as follows: Margaret was the wife of F. H. Hill, died in 1890; Alice, the widow of N. J. Battershell, lives at Heyworth; James C., died in 1898; Porter T., lives in Florida; Minnie Stewart, lives at Heyworth; Dr. F. L., the subject of this sketch; Mrs. Jennie, the wife of F. C. Gault, lives in Chicago; Mary E., wife of Dr. J. P. Noble, lives at Bloomington; Herbert L., lives at Heyworth; and Andrew M., died in 1921.

Dr. F. L. Wakefield received his education in the public and high schools at Heyworth and attended Illinois Wesleyan University. He was graduated from the Bellevue Medical College in New York City in 1890. He then established himself at Heyworth where he has since been located. Dr. Wakefield has established an excellent practice in McLean County. Besides his professional interests, Dr. Wakefield is interested in farming and stockraising and owns 480 acres of good farm land in Illinois, which he rents. He is a lover of fine saddle horses and is the owner of many.

On April 15, 1891, Dr. Wakefield was married to Miss Iris Ryburn, a

native of Heyworth, born in 1868, and the daughter of Edward and Amanda (Passwaters) Ryburn. Mr. and Mrs. Ryburn were the parents of five children, as follows: Anna R. Hayes, at home; Mrs. Wakefield; William, lives at Breckenridge, Mo.; John R., lives at Heyworth; and James D., lives at Springfield, Mo.

To Dr. and Mrs. Wakefield three children have been born, as follows: Bertha, born Sept. 14, 1893, the wife of H. G. Mostoller, lives at Saybrook, Ill.; Marie, born Nov. 6, 1896, a graduate of Illinois Wesleyan University, and now teaching school at Saginaw, Mich.; and Maurice, born Dec. 23, 1898, further mention of whom is made below.

Maurice Wakefield was graduated from the public and high schools at Heyworth and was attending Lake Forest College in Chicago, at the time of the World War. He enlisted for service in the Student Army Training Corps, and died two weeks after his enlistment of pneumonia, Oct. 12, 1918. He is buried at Heyworth. Mrs. Iris (Ryburn) Wakefield died June, 1907, and is buried in the Heyworth Cemetery.

Dr. Wakefield was married on May 12, 1912, to Stella L. Morrow, a native of Hudson, Ill., and the daughter of William and Josephene Morrow, natives of Virginia, both now deceased.

Dr. F. L. Wakefield has served as school director for 28 years. In April, 1923, he was elected county supervisor of Randolph Township. He is a citizen of great public spirit, and a man known to his community for his ideals of civic pride and public service.

Guy A. Hilton, owner and proprietor of Clover Hill Farm, is a prominent farmer and dairyman of Dry Grove Township. He was born on a farm one mile east of Yuton, Ill., April 30, 1885, the son of Jacob N. and Louisa (Bohrer) Hilton.

Jacob N. Hilton was a native of Butler County, Ohio, as also was his wife. When Mr. Hilton was 19 years of age his parents came to Illinois and settled on a farm in McLean County. The Hiltons moved on the present farm in Dry Grove Township in 1888 and there were seven children, as follows: A. W., married Mae Massey, lives at Normal; Edna, married Elmer Gerber, lives in Dry Grove Township; C. W., married Minnie Waugler, lives in Chicago; Nellie, married Fred Stappenbeck; Guy A., the subject of this sketch; N. M., married Freda Krentel, lives at Bloom-

ington; and Gladys, married Leslie Ernst. Jacob N. Hilton lives in Bloomington and his wife died September 23, 1922.

Guy A. Hilton received his education in the public schools and has always farmed on the home place in Dry Grove Township. He has made vast improvements on the place and has a finely equipped farm and dairy, having been engaged in the dairy business since 1917. Mr. Hilton owns 160 acres of land and is a breeder of Holstein cows and other stock.

On Nov. 28, 1907, Mr. Hilton was married to Miss Lena Mercier, who was born one mile north of Danvers in 1888, the daughter of August and Lina (Sumy) Mercier. Mr. and Mrs. Mercier were born in Alsace-Lorraine and came to McLean County in 1883, where Mr. Mercier followed farming. They were the parents of five children, as follows: Jennie, married G. Greenough, lives in South Dakota; August, married Laura Baldrige, lives in Hudson Township, McLean County; Mattie, died at the age of 16 years; Mrs. Hilton; and Charles, married Ruth Ceruti. To Guy A. and Lena (Mercier) Hilton two children have been born, as follows: Hazel Lucile, born Sept. 30, 1909; and Guy Mercier, born Feb. 26, 1917.

Mr. Hilton is a member of the Presbyterian Church of Normal and is an enterprising citizen of his community.

Horace Burton Carlock, cashier of The Farmers State Bank and president and treasurer of the Carlock-Long Lumber Company at Carlock, is among the successful and well known business men of McLean County. He was born just across the line of Woodford County, Ill., Dec. 5, 1873.

The Carlock family came to Illinois from Tennessee and Reuben Carlock, great grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was among the earliest settlers of McLean County. He came to Illinois in 1827 and entered land from the government and became a prosperous farmer. His farm was located just across the line in Woodford County. Winton Carlock entered government land located across from where the Farmers State Bank of Carlock stands. Winton Carlock, grandfather of Horace Burton Carlock, was also a leading farmer of McLean County and a prominent pioneer citizen, having come here with his parents when he was eight years old. Horace Burton Carlock, the subject of this sketch, is the son of Philip M. and Sarah J. (Denman) Carlock, the former having

died in 1884. Sarah J. (Denman) Carlock was born in Licking County, Ohio, and came to Illinois when she was a young girl. In 1900 she married William A. Long, who died in 1921, a native of Woodford County, Ill., and to that union no children were born. She now lives at Carlock. To Philip M. and Sarah J. (Denman) Carlock four children were born, as follows: Horace Burton, the subject of this sketch; Willard Lee, born Jan. 22, 1877, married in 1900 to Letitia Benedict, and lives at Carlock; Effie Pearl, born Oct. 6, 1878, married in 1903 to John H. Stauffer, lives at Carlock, where he is secretary of the Carlock-Long Lumber Company; Harry G., born July 25, 1881, married in 1904 to Frances Rodman, and he is engaged in the insurance business at Carlock.

Horace Burton Carlock was educated in the Hudson and Crown Point schools near Carlock and took a business course at Valparaiso, Ind. He was then engaged as clerk by his uncle, John F. Carlock, in his lumber yard and hardware store, where he remained for three years. Mr. Carlock later in 1895 became his uncle's partner, R. A. Carlock, in the lumber business. The Carlock-Long Lumber Company has been owned and operated by the Carlock family for a number of years, the business being established by John F. Carlock, who owned the land. Horace Burton Carlock has been president and treasurer of the company since 1903.

In 1899 Mr. Carlock entered The Farmers State Bank at Carlock. It was organized by R. L. Beshers, of El Paso, Ill., and Winton Carlock, who served as president. Horace Burton Carlock has been cashier of the bank since its organization. It was incorporated in 1903 as The Farmers State Bank with a capital stock of \$25,000.00, and now has a surplus of \$35,000.00, and undivided profits of \$3,000.00. The bank is now located in its own two story building and is among the thriving and dependable banking institutions of the county. Mr. Carlock was not connected with The Farmers State Bank from 1915 until 1921, but was associated during part of that time with the Liberty State Bank at Bloomington as cashier.

In November, 1899, Horace Burton Carlock was married to Miss Julia A. Beetz, a native of Bloomington, Ill., and the daughter of John and Anna (Pape) Beetz, the former a native of Germany and the latter of St. Louis. Mr. Beetz was a cabinet maker by trade and worked in Bloomington and Cleveland, Ohio. He died in 1885, leaving one child, Mrs. Carlock. Later Mrs. Beetz married Charles L. Howard, and to that union the following children were born: Charles, lives in California; Leola, was married in 1910, to Henry Guensel and lives in Towanda, Ill.; Zella,

married in 1912 to Samuel Arbuckle who lives at Oblong, Ill.; Erma, lives at Towanda, Ill.; Harold L., married in 1922 to Nellie Stone, lives in Illinois; and Ida Mae, lives in Towanda. To Horace Burton and Julia A. (Beetz) Carlock four children have been born, as follows: Harry C., born Dec. 21, 1901; Cecil M., born May 9, 1903; Raymond P., born June 7, 1905; and Horace Burton, Jr., born March 27, 1907.

Mr. Carlock is identified with the Democratic party and served as postmaster of Carlock from 1895 to 1897. He is a member of the Christian Church and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Mr. Carlock is one of the reliable and progressive citizens of the county, energetic and far sighted in his methods of business and dependable in his dealings.

Daniel D. Sailor has lived on the same farm in Martin Township for the past 44 years, and is a leading farmer and stockman of McLean County. He was born at Hudson, Ill., Dec. 14, 1857, the son of Lewis and Martha (Dodson) Sailor.

Lewis Sailor was a native of Logan County, Ohio, as also was his wife. They came to McLean County many years ago and settled near Hudson, where Mr. Sailor became a successful farmer and the owner of 320 acres of land. He served as justice of the peace, was a Republican, and a member of the Methodist Church. In 1890 Mr. Sailor retired from his farm in Hudson Township and moved to Normal, where he died in 1917, and his wife died in 1910. They were the parents of the following children: Mary, the widow of T. C. Moots, lives in McLean County; John, deceased; Daniel D., the subject of this sketch; Ida J., deceased; C. K., a carpenter, lives in Kansas; and Joseph H., a retired farmer, lives at Wichita, Kan.

Daniel D. Sailor received his education in the district schools of Hudson Township and has always followed farming and stockraising. For several years he rented land, but for the past 44 years has lived on the same farm in Martin Township, where he owns 80 acres of well-improved land. He also owns 154 acres of land in Sumner County, Kan. Mr. Sailor is among the successful farmers of the community.

On June 30, 1887, Mr. Sailor was married to Miss Cora E. Bowen, a native of Woodford County, Ill., born Nov. 9, 1867, and the daughter of



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T. C. and Sarah R. (Baird) Bowen. Mr. Bowen died in 1873 and his wife died in 1919. They had four children, as follows: Mrs. Sailor; Lewis John and Lilly Emily, twins, and both deceased; and Thomas W., a retired farmer, lives in Kansas. To Daniel D. and Cora E. (Bowen) Sailor three children have been born, as follows: Rev. Dwight K., born June 15, 1888, Methodist minister, pastor at Mazon, Ill.; Rev. Lewis John, born June 26, 1894, Methodist minister, pastor at Lewistown, Ill.; and Mary R., born Sept. 3, 1901, a graduate from college at Wilmore, Ky., in the class of 1924, where she specialized in history. Mr. and Mrs. Sailor have five grandchildren: Elaine, Thomas H., Olive Jean, John Neil, and Danton B. Sailor.

Mrs. Sailor's grandfather, Rev. John Bowen, was one of the first Methodist ministers of Woodford County, Ill., and was widely known as an influential and highly respected citizen.

In politics Daniel D. Sailor is a Republican and he is a member of the Methodist Church. He is one of the highly esteemed citizens of McLean County and one of the few remaining pioneers of Martin Township.

Daniel Augstin, a prosperous farmer and stockman of White Oak Township, and well known breeder of thoroughbred horses, is a native of McLean County. He was born on a farm in the southwestern part of the county, Jan. 24, 1860, the son of Valentine and Anna (King) Augstin.

Valentine Augstin was a native of Alsace-Lorraine and his wife was born in Germany. They came to this country in 1853 and settled on a farm in Woodford County, on land which was later made a part of McLean county. After 15 years the Augstin family moved to Livingston County, Ill., where Mr. and Mrs. Augstin spent the remainder of their lives. They were the parents of the following children: Valentine, married Elizabeth Stalder, deceased, and they had one daughter, Mary; Daniel, the subject of this sketch; Phoebe, married William Egley; and C. B., married Barbara King, lives in Bloomington.

Daniel Augstin spent his boyhood on the home place and was educated in the district schools. His first farm was located in Livingston County and he has lived on his present farm in White Oak Township since 1886. Mr. Augstin owns and operates 360 acres of well improved

land and carries on general farming and stock raising. He is also an extensive breeder of fine Percheron horses and has taken many prizes in Ohio and Illinois with his horses. One stallion, Absolm, won first prize at the exposition in St. Louis in 1904, and another, Lady Burzetta, has also won prizes at various fairs and shows. Mr. Augstin has shipped his horses to practically every state in the union and has been in the business since he was 21 years old.

In 1884 Daniel Augstin was married to Miss Emma M. King, a daughter of Peter and Barbara (Holder) King, both natives of Illinois. To Mr. and Mrs. Augstin six children have been born, as follows: Martha, married Joseph Rich, lives in Tazewell County, Ill.; Arthur L., married Pearl Elgrew, lives in Illinois; Chester, married Nina Shoemaker, deceased; Aaron, married Mary Shoemaker, lives near the Augstin farm; Edward, married Theresa Deer, lives near Heyworth, Ill.; and Irwin, married Mabel Shepard, lives near Heyworth.

In politics Mr. Augstin is a Democrat. He is president of the Telephone Exchange of Carlock, a member of the school board, and president of the McLean County Percheron Horse Breeders' Association. He is a director of the Farmers Elevator and a director of the Old People's Home at Meadows. Mr. Austin belongs to the White Oak Mennonite Church, of which he has been a trustee for eight years. He is a substantial citizen and stands high in the community and county.

Walter A. Ropp, a successful farmer and stockman of White Oak Township, is a member of one of McLean County's oldest and most prominent families. He was born in Dade County, Mo., Aug. 12, 1872, the son of J. S. and Mary (King) Ropp.

The Ropp family is among the oldest families of Illinois. They settled in White Oak Township, McLean County, where Walter A. Ropp's great grandfather was born in 1776. He died in 1868 and there is a tombstone on the present Ropp farm that was erected in 1868. There is a buggy shed on the farm that was built in 1858, and the old Ropp Cemetery is among the landmarks of early days.

J. S. Ropp and his wife were born in Tazewell County, Ill., where they lived until 1874, when they moved to McLean County. Mr. Ropp

was a prominent farmer and died July 29, 1920, and his wife died March 7, 1923. They were the parents of the following children: Amelia, died in 1900, was the wife of John Meyer; Walter A., the subject of this sketch; Albert, married Mary Shad, lives at Carlock; Ezra, married Rebecca Esh, lives in Oklahoma City, Okla.; Irwin, married Margaret Esh, lives in Pennsylvania; and May, married John Gundy.

Walter A. Ropp received his education in the district schools, Brown Business College, and Normal University. He was brought to Tazewell County, Ill., by his parents in 1874 and to McLean County in 1885. Mr. Ropp's father purchased land in 1870 for \$4.00 per acre, which he sold in 1883 for \$25.00 per acre. Later he purchased a large farm in McLean County, which was sold for \$35,000.00. Walter A. Ropp now owns and operates land in White Oak Township, which was formerly owned by his father's uncle, Christian Ropp, and which he purchased in 1853. Walter A. Ropp has owned the farm since 1909, and he built a fine residence on the place the following year. Mr. Ropp carries on general farming and stock raising and has a well improved farm.

In 1903 Walter A. Ropp was married to Miss Maggie (Mohr) King, a native of Dry Grove Township, and the daughter of Peter and Anna (Stalter) King, both natives of McLean County. To Mr. and Mrs. Ropp two children have been born, Martha and Esther.

Mr. Ropp has served as township assessor of White Oak Township for eight years and school director for a number of years. He was secretary and treasurer of the Carlock Farmers Elevator for some time and is now a member of the board of directors. He is a member of the East White Oak Mennonite Church and a highly respected citizen of McLean County.

U. G. Stutzman, the well known and capable postmaster at Carlock, was born on a farm five miles northwest of Normal, Ill., May 23, 1864, the son of Jonathan and Annie (Fry) Stutzman.

Jonathan Stutzman was born in Pennsylvania and his wife was a native of Butler County, Ohio. They were married in McLean County and had the following children: Minnie, died at the age of 16 years; Emma, deceased, was the wife of Jacob Plank; Ida, unmarried, lives at Carlock; Maggie, the widow of Christian King, who died in 1917, and she

lives in Bloomington; Lottie, died at the age of 16 years; and U. G., the subject of this sketch. Jonathan Stutzman farmed for a number of years and died in 1873 at the age of 39 years.

U. G. Stutzman was reared on a farm near Normal until he was seven years old, and then lived on land east of Carlock for two years. He was educated in the district schools of Dry Grove Township, and while attending school worked on a farm to help support his mother. Mr. Stutzman later operated a farm of 80 acres for his mother until 1886, at which time he entered the general merchandise business at Carlock, where he owned the first store. Carlock was organized in 1888 and Mr. Stutzman's store was located just west of the present location of The Farmers State Bank. He was a successful merchant there for a number of years and later conducted a butcher shop at Carlock for six years and a grocery business for four years. In 1910 Mr. Stutzman sold his business to J. H. Esch, and two years later was appointed postmaster of Carlock, which office he has since filled in a most efficient manner. The Stutzman home at Carlock was built in 1909 and is of modern concrete block construction.

In 1886 Mr. Stutzman was married to Miss Ellen Lantz, a native of Dry Grove Township, and the daughter of Simon and Mary (Plank) Lantz, natives of Pennsylvania and early settlers of McLean County, where they purchased land in Dry Grove Township for \$1.25 per acre. To U. G. and Ellen (Lantz) Stutzman one child was born, Claude L., married Gertie Armstrong, lives in Normal, where he is employed by the Burroughs Adding Machine Company, and they have two children, Pauline and Harold. After the death of his first wife, Mr. Stutzman was married in 1889 to Miss Bertha Augspurger, a native of Danvers Township, and the daughter of Joseph and Jacobina (Stuckey) Augspurger, natives of Ohio. Joseph Stuckey was the first Mennonite minister in Danvers Township. To U. G. and Bertha (Augspurger) Stutzman four children have been born, as follows: Clara, married Charles C. King, lives on a farm in McLean County; Elmer, died at the age of 14 years; Verna, married Guy Meyer, lives two miles northwest of Carlock and they have three children, Elmo, Clara Marie, and Glen; and Russel L., married Pauline O'Dell, lives at Peoria, Ill. Mrs. Stutzman's father died in 1917 and her mother lives at Danvers.

Mr. Stutzman is a member of the Mennonite Church of Carlock, and is well known throughout McLean County.

Henry N. Miller, who for many years was successfully engaged in farming and stock raising, is now living a retired life, after having accumulated a competence by industry and good management, which are always the chief elements of a successful career. Mr. Miller was born in Germany, April 11, 1873, the son of J. J. and Annie (Boyer) Miller.

The Miller family came to the United States from Germany in 1874 and settled on a farm in Woodford County, Ill., near Congerville. J. J. Miller engaged in general farming and was successful. He died at St. Joseph's Hospital in Bloomington, and his wife is also deceased. They were the parents of the following children: Fred, married first to Sophia Beck and later to Nancy Henshaw, lives in Danvers Township; Dedclif, married first to Annie Slaubaugh and later to Ida Woolworth, lives in Iowa; Gustave, married Mary Bess, died in February, 1923, lives near Danvers; Emma, deceased; Matilda, married Robert Lander, lives in Danvers Township; H. N., the subject of this sketch; Herman, married Ida Shoultz, lives near Danvers; Annie, married Jack Anderson; and one child died in infancy.

H. N. Miller was educated in the district schools of Danvers Township and then worked on a farm. He later rented 320 acres of land, which he improved and farmed for 15 years. The farm was located three and one-half miles southeast of Danvers. In 1918 Mr. Miller purchased his present farm of 120 acres in Danvers Township, which is among the well improved farms of the township; he also owns 130 acres of well improved land in Danvers Township. He now lives retired and rents the farm.

In 1903 Mr. Miller married Miss Annie Lilienthal, a native of McLean County and the daughter of Henry and Christina (Benhoff) Lilienthal, natives of Germany. Mr. Lilienthal, for many years a leading farmer of McLean County, died in 1902 and his widow lives near the home of her daughter, Mrs. Miller. They had 13 children, as follows: Henry, unmarried, lives on the home place; William, married Annie Earps, lives east of Danvers; John, deceased; Lena, unmarried, lives in Bloomington; Mary, died May 14, 1923, married Lester Steele, lives in Iowa; Mrs. Miller; Dora, married Will Lamb, lives at Downs, Ill.; Fred, married Emma Schooner, lives north of Danvers; Katie, widow of Frank Weber, who died November 18, 1923, lived in Bloomington; Emma, at home; Lizzie, at home; Charles, died in infancy; and Christian, died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Miller have no children.

Mr. Miller is identified with the Republican party in politics and he is a school director. He is a highly respected citizen of Danvers Township, where he has a wide acquaintance and many friends.

Rev. Emmanuel Troyer, pastor of the East White Oak Mennonite Church at Carlock, is an influential and highly respected citizen of McLean County. He was born in Hudson Township, McLean County, Dec. 31, 1871, the son of Mannasses and Catherine (Salzman) Troyer.

Mannasses Troyer was a native of Holmes County, Ohio, and he lived there until he was 10 years old. He then came to Illinois with his parents and settled on a farm in Havens Grove, near Hudson, where he remained for two years. The Troyer family then moved to White Oak Township, where Mannasses Troyer became a successful farmer and veterinarian. He was the son of Jonas Troyer, a native of Holmes County, Ohio. Jonas Troyer went to Chicago, Ill., from Ohio and from there to Peoria during the early days, making the trip on horseback. He sold his horse at Peoria, and walked from there to Bloomington, where he remained for one night in a log tavern. The following day he took the stage coach to Cincinnati, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Mannasses Troyer were the parents of 13 children, as follows: Anna, married John Troyer, lives in Normal Township, McLean County; Lizzie, died at the age of 21 years; Lena, died at the age of 16 years; Ida, unmarried, lives with a sister; Ella, married George Shertz, lives on the home place; Rev. E., the subject of this sketch; Kate, married L. Augspurger, lives at Bloomington; Mary, married S. P. Hartzler, both deceased; one child died in infancy; Rosa, deceased; Daniel, deceased; Nellie, the widow of H. A. Patton, lives at Bloomington; and Ira, married Sadie Schantz, lives at Normal. Mannasses Troyer died Aug. 27, 1914, and his wife died April 20, 1921.

Rev. E. Troyer received his education in the district schools of Hudson Township and Moody Bible College at Chicago, which he attended for six months. He began preaching in 1899 at the East White Oak Mennonite Church at Carlock, which was organized in 1892 by Rev. Peter Schantz. Rev. Troyer succeeded Rev. Schantz as pastor of the church.

The original membership of the East White Oak Mennonite Church was 60 and it now has a membership of 355 members. The original

building committee of the church was: Jacob Schad, deceased; Joseph King, deceased; Mannasses Troyer, deceased; Christ Miller, deceased; and John Meyer, deceased. The building was remodeled in 1917 and it is modern throughout, being equipped with Edison lighting plant, water system, and vacuum cleaning system. Rev. Troyer built his residence in 1916, which is located next to the church. He also owns 160 acres of good farm land, which he rents. He followed general farming also until 1917.

On Jan. 23, 1895, Reverend Troyer was married to Miss Ida Horst, a native of Bloomington, and the daughter of Hiram and Amelia (Iba) Horst, natives of Pennsylvania, and early settlers of McLean County. Mr. Horst was a butcher by trade and lived in Bloomington during the latter part of his life. He and his wife, now deceased, were the parents of the following children: Elizabeth, married J. B. Palmer, lives at Gibson City, Ill.; Frank, died in infancy; Ann, married Emery Wood, who is deceased; Amelia, died in infancy; and Ida, the wife of Rev. Troyer. To them three children have been born, as follows: One died in infancy; Beula, died April 18, 1915, at the age of 16 years; Maurice, born Aug. 24, 1903, a college graduate, now teaching school.

Reverend Troyer is a member of the board of Bluffton College and president of the board of directors of the Mennonite Sanctuary of Bloomington. He is also secretary of the Foreign Missionary Board. Reverend Troyer is well known and has many friends throughout McLean County.

Marcus Gerbrick, the well known postmaster and druggist at Stanford, in Allin Township, was born at Lebanon, Pa., Aug. 24, 1849, the son of David and Anna (Bender) Gerbrick.

David Gerbrick was a native of Pennsylvania, as also was his wife, and they moved to Bloomington in 1851. Mr. Gerbrick followed general farming and stock raising and was successful and widely known. He died in 1893 from the result of an accident, which had left him crippled, and his wife died in 1885. They were the parents of the following children: A. D., married Sarah Maulfair, later married Minnie Freitag; Nathaniel, died in California in 1868; Francie, died in 1920; Anna, died in 1858; Marcus, the subject of this sketch; and John C., married Mary Penner.

Marcus Gerbrick was educated in the district schools of McLean County and taught school for eight years before he began the study of pharmacy. He has been engaged in the drug business at Stanford since 1883 and is among the leading and dependable pioneer merchants of the community. Mr. Gerbrick was appointed postmaster in November, 1914, which office he still fills in a capable and efficient manner.

Mr. Gerbrick's first wife was Lizzie Rockbold, who died in 1905, and he was later married to Mrs. Alice Morris, a daughter of A. Bozarth, a pioneer settler of McLean County from Ohio. Mr. Gerbrick has four stepchildren, as follows: Vera, married Oscar Roney, lives at Findlay, Ill.; John L., married Lola Otto, lives west of Bloomington, Ill.; Etta L., clerk in the Stanford postoffice; and George L., unmarried, is assistant postmaster of Stanford and township supervisor of Allin Township.

Mr. Gerbrick is a member of the Masonic Lodge, the Oriental Consistory of Chicago, the Mystic Shrine of Chicago, and the Knights of Pythias of Bloomington. He is an industrious and capable man, and has the esteem of his fellow citizens throughout the county.

George Swinehart, deceased, was a veteran of the Civil War and a man whose name is connected with the pioneer days of McLean County. He was born in Richland County, Ohio, May 4, 1841, and died Nov. 20, 1916. Mr. Swinehart was a son of Samuel and Barbara (Snivley) Swinehart.

Samuel Swinehart was born in Pennsylvania and when he was four years of age his parents moved to Ohio. In 1856 the Swinehart family moved to McLean County, settling in Funk's Grove Township, and later in Allin Township, where Mr. Swinehart became a successful farmer. He died Dec. 21, 1888, and his wife died March 5, 1879. They were the parents of ten children, as follows: George, the subject of this sketch; Elizabeth, married James Waltman, both deceased; Samuel, deceased; Barbara, deceased, was the wife of John Bender; Emanuel, a retired farmer lives at Stanford, Ill.; Nancy, married Ambrose May, both deceased; Henry, a retired farmer, lives in the state of Washington; Susan, John, and Sarah, all deceased.

George Swinehart received his education in the district schools of Ohio and McLean County; he spent his entire life on the farm. He owned



MR. AND MRS. GEORGE SWINEHART.

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480 acres of well-improved land in Blue Mound Township and for many years was a successful farmer and stockman.

On Aug. 7, 1862, George Swinehart enlisted in Company A, 117th Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and with his command went to Helena, Ark. They routed Forrest and his forces from Western Tennessee and afterward returned to Vicksburg. On March 4, 1863, the regiment took part in the Red River expedition, assisted in the battle and capture of Fort DeRussa; on March 14, 1863, in the battle of Pleasant Hill; from May 3d to May 7th in the battle of Bayou. After taking part in the battle of Vicksburg, the regiment arrived at Memphis, Tenn., on June 10, 1864, and on June 23d they began the Tupelo campaign which lasted until August 5th. On August 18th they took part in the battle of Hurricane Creek, afterwards returning to Memphis on August 30th. On September 18th the engagement of Franklin took place, and on October 1st the regiment returned to St. Louis; on November 19th the command next moved to Nashville, Tenn., and on December 1st, under the command of General Thomas and Major-General H. A. Smith, took part in the Battle of the Woods. On Jan. 4, 1865, the regiment embarked for New Orleans, arriving there January 17th; on March 7th, moved to Daupin Island, from there to Fish River, with the 16th Army Corps; from March 27th until April 2d, under the command of Maj. Gen. H. A. Smith, they were in the engagement at Spanish Fort; on April 9th the engagement at Fort Blakely; on April 13th, they marched to Montgomery, Ala., and from there to Camp Butler, Springfield, Ill., where George Swinehart was mustered out of service, and honorably discharged on August 5, 1865. During his term of service Mr. Swinehart traveled 2,300 miles, mostly on foot, and participated in six important battles and 33 skirmishes, and was always found at his post of duty bravely defending the flag and the cause it represents.

On Sept. 16, 1866, Mr. Swinehart was married to Miss Mary Maddocks, a native of Ohio, and to this union two children were born: William L., born Aug. 23, 1867, fruit grower, lives in Joplin, Mo., and Samuel E., born March 27, 1871, a farmer, lives in Blue Mound Township. Mrs. Swinehart died Dec. 8, 1873, and on Feb. 21, 1875, Mr. Swinehart was married to Miss Elizabeth J. McConkie, a native of Richland County, Ohio, born April 16, 1846, and the daughter of William and Jane (McCurdy) McConkie. The McConkie family settled in Illinois in 1852, and Mr. McConkie was a leading farmer of McLean County. He died Jan. 28, 1880,

and his wife died Oct. 12, 1874. They were the parents of six children, as follows: James, died during the Civil War; William, deceased; Daniel, deceased; Robert, lives with his sister, Mrs. Swinehart; George, deceased; and Mrs. Swinehart.

To George and Elizabeth J. (McConkie) Swinehart four children were born as follows: Winnie May, born Sept. 20, 1877, married Charles Wonderland, insurance agent, lives at Bloomington; Barbara Luella, born Sept. 21, 1878, married Richard Ward, a traveling salesman, lives at Bloomington; Dr. Bertram Oliver, born July 21, 1881, physician, at Aberdeen, Wash., is a veteran of the World War, having served as a first lieutenant; and George P., born April 7, 1886, undertaker, lives with his mother at Cooksville, and is also a veteran of the World War.

George Swinehart was a Republican and a member of the Methodist Church. He was an energetic man who stood well in the esteem of his neighbors and fellow citizens.

William H. Springer, president of The Stanford State Bank, and manager of the Stanford Grain Company, is among the leading business men of McLean County. He was born in Allin Township, McLean County, July 12, 1868, the son of Peter D. and Eliza (Brenneman) Springer.

Peter D. Springer, a native of France, came to this country when he was a young man and settled on a farm in Butler County, Ohio. His wife was a native of Ohio and they were the parents of six children, three of whom died in infancy. The others were, as follows: Mary, married D. S. Otto, lives at Bloomington, Ill.; Emma, married John Schwartzentruber, lives at Morton, Ill.; and William H., the subject of this sketch. Mr. and Mrs. Peter D. Springer are now deceased.

William H. Springer was reared on a farm in Allin Township, McLean County, where his father had moved several years before the time of his birth. He attended the district schools and Baker Business College, after which he engaged in farming on the home place. After following farming for 15 years, Mr. Springer entered the grain business at Stanford in 1907. In 1917 a new elevator was built and he was made manager of the business, which office he still holds. The Stanford Grain Company is an enterprising business house of McLean County and does a large volume of business.

The Stanford State Bank was organized in 1891 and reorganized in 1915. The first president of the bank was William Paul and Mr. Springer

has been connected with the institution since 1905 and has held the office of president since 1910. The Stanford State Bank now has a capital stock of \$30,000, and is a thriving institution.

In 1892 William H. Springer was married to Miss Freida Nafziger, a native of McLean County, and the daughter of C. J. and Eliza Nafziger, natives of Germany and early settlers of McLean County. Mr. Nafziger, a well known farmer for many years, died in 1915 at the age of 90 years, and his wife died at the age of 87 years. To William H. and Freida (Nafziger) Springer five children have been born, as follows: Bessie, married Charles Kane, lives at Bloomington; Laura, unmarried, teaches school at Milford, Ill.; Mildred, at home; Norris, at school; and Stanley, also attends school.

Mr. Springer has served as justice of the peace since 1914 and as School director since 1917. He is a member of the Danvers Mennonite Church and is one of the well known and highly respected citizens of McLean County.

Carey F. Kauffman is a prosperous farmer, stockman and thresher of Allin Township, and the owner of 320 acres of well improved land. He was born on a farm three-quarters of a mile from Stanford, Ill., Dec. 15, 1866, and is the son of John L. and Mary (Ebersole) Kauffman.

John L. Kauffman was a native of Pennsylvania and an early settler of Allin Township, where he farmed until the time of his retirement in 1907. He died in 1921 and is buried in the Brooks Grove Cemetery, and his wife died in 1888. They were the parents of four children, as follows: William R., married Alice McReynolds, lives in Missouri; C. F., the subject of this sketch; Sarah, married John Skinner, lives at Watertown, Ill.; and Lilly, married Mr. Brown.

Carey F. Kauffman has always lived in McLean County and has been well known as a thresher for the past 34 years. He received his education in the district schools of Stanford and then farmed with his father until 1894, when he purchased land in Allin Township. In 1921, Mr. Kauffman built a beautiful concrete bungalow just on the edge of the town of Stanford, where he lives with his family. He operates 320 acres of well improved land and is an extensive stockman.

In October, 1891, Mr. Kauffman was married to Miss Mary Givens, a native of Shirley, Ill., born March 13, 1869, and the daughter of Henry and

Julia (McCurdy) Givens. Mr. Givens was a native of Kentucky and his wife was born in Ohio. They were early settlers of McLean County and Mr. Givens was a substantial farmer. He died in 1872 and his wife died in 1921. To Mr. and Mrs. Kauffman five children have been born, as follows: Bertha J., Robert Ivan, Arthur H., Jean H., and Elsie Blanche.

Mr. Kauffman is a Republican, the family attends the Christian Church, and Mr. Kauffman belongs to the Knights of Pythias. He has served on the school board, as township supervisor and highway commissioner. The Kauffmans are well known in McLean County and are highly regarded among their many friends and acquaintances.

Clarence M. Gravett, a substantial farmer and stockman of Dry Grove Township, is a native of Kentucky, having been born in Powell County, near Clay City, Feb. 10, 1879. He is a son of Melvin and Polly (Hiley) Gravett, who were the parents of 11 children, all living. Mr. Melvin Gravett carried on general farming and stock raising. The mother died in 1912, and the father died in 1915. They were members of the Christian Church. The children of this esteemed family were: Ida, wife of John Burghers; Molly, wife of William Wells; George, whose wife was Mahalia Clark; Kitty, wife of Jefferson Wright; Mary, wife of Bert Barnett; Nancy, wife of Chas. Bush; Fanny, wife of Joseph Shimfessel; Mack, whose wife was Nora Lyne; Ernest, whose wife was Ruth Davis; all living in Kentucky; John, whose wife was Bernice Watson, living in Iowa; and Clarence M., the subject of this sketch.

Mr. Gravett is the fifth member of the family in order of birth. He passed his youth on the home farm and attended the district school in that vicinity. He came to Illinois while a young man and worked on a farm near Carlock four years. He then went to Iowa for a year, but returned to Illinois and worked on a farm until he rented a farm near Carlock. In 1914 he with his family moved to their own farm in Dry Grove Township, McLean County. This is among the large and well improved farms of the county.

Mr. Gravett also owns farm lands in Tazewell County. He carries on general farming and is well known as a breeder of Spotted Poland China hogs and also is an extensive feeder. Mr. Gravett is one of the farmers

of McLean County who has utilized opportunity to the highest degree, having something to show for every day's exertion.

Mr. Gravett is identified with the Republican party and both he and his wife have served as school directors in their district. He is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Mr. Gravett was united in marriage Feb. 1, 1910, with Miss Mary J. Stephenson, the daughter of L. R. and Martha V. (Mordock) Stephenson, natives of Knox County, Ohio, where the birth of her father occurred, June 2, 1849, and that of her mother, Feb. 26, 1849. Mary J. was born near Danvers, McLean County, Ill., Sept. 13, 1877.

L. R. Stephenson came to Illinois with his parents, David and Elizabeth Stephenson, in 1859, and settled on a farm southwest of Danvers. Martha V. Mordock came to Illinois with her parents, William and Mary Mordock, in the early 60's and located south of Minier in Tazewell County. Mr. and Mrs. Stephenson were married March 19, 1873. They were the parents of three children: LeRoy, whose wife was Alma Kauffman; Laura B., wife of Jesse N. Habecker; and Mary J. The death of L. R. Stephenson occurred March 25, 1915, that of Martha V. Stephenson, July 22, 1923. At the time of the death of L. R. Stephenson he was owner of several hundred acres of farm land in McLean County, which is now owned by the three children. To Clarence and Mary (Stephenson) Gravett one child has been born, Howard L., Sept. 21, 1912.

Mr. Gravett and his family are members of the Presbyterian Church.

Sidney B. Van Ness, vice-president of The McLean State Bank, is a successful and well known business man of McLean County. He was born near Mercerville, Pa., March 3, 1865, the son of George I. and Emily S. (Updike) Van Ness.

George I. Van Ness was a native of New Jersey and came to McLean County in 1858. He returned to his home in New Jersey, however, and served throughout the Civil War with the 21st New Jersey Volunteer Infantry. Mr. Van Ness was married in 1864 to Miss Emily S. Updike, also a native of New Jersey, and in 1867 they moved to McLean County and settled on a farm in Mount Hope Township. Mr. Van Ness was a brick layer and stone mason by trade and helped build many of the first buildings at McLean, and his brothers, John D. and William H., were also early settlers of McLean. Mr. and Mrs. George I. Van Ness

were the parents of 12 children, as follows: S. B., the subject of this sketch; Ida B., married William B. Fletcher, lives at Heyworth, Ill.; Jennie, the widow of John Wilcox, lives at Funks Grove, Ill.; Augustus L., married Nellie Stroud, lives at Bloomington, Ill.; George I., married Ada Comeley lives in Massachusetts, and he is in the United States Marine service; Joseph A., married Bertie Porter, lives in Wisconsin and he is vice-president of the Hardy Ryan Abstract and Brokerage Company; J. Alfred, married Grace Coveney, lives at Heyworth, Ill., and he is superintendent of the Heyworth Telephone Company; Agnes L., unmarried, teaches school; Lucy Edith, married Charles Wagoner, lives in Nebraska; Clifford R., married Carrie Spencer, lives on a farm in Logan County, Ill., and he is a World War veteran; Fern, married Dr. G. C. Bunton, a physician at Benton, Ill.; and L. D., married Avis Tudor, lives at McLean, Ill.

S. B. Van Ness received his education in the schools of McLean and then entered the employ of Darnell and Spence, grain dealers, and he remained with that firm for 18 years. Mr. Van Ness entered the McLean State Bank in December, 1914, as assistant cashier and three years later was made vice-president of the bank, which office he still holds. He is also a director.

In June, 1890, Mr. Van Ness was married to Miss Clara B. Jones, a native of Bloomington, born Sept. 11, 1871, and the daughter of George and Celia (Harley) Jones, natives of Illinois. Mr. Jones served throughout the Civil War with the 33d Illinois Volunteer Infantry and after the war settled in McLean County. He later went to Arkansas for a short time and died in McLean County. To S. B. and Clara B. (Jones) Van Ness three children have been born, as follows: Earl E., married Helene Dye, cashier of The Farmers State Bank at McLean, and they have two children, Russell Dye and Gerald Earl; Russell A., married Edith Brock, lives in Chicago, further mention of whom is made below; and Helen, taught school until 1922 and is now in the public library at McLean.

Russell A. Van Ness is a civil engineer for the Santa Fe Railroad Company and is a veteran of the World War, having enlisted at Chicago with the 604th Engineers. He was an instructor at Camp Sheridan, Ill., and later sent overseas as a captain. Mr. and Mrs. Van Ness have two children, Betty and Sidney B.

S. B. Van Ness served as president of the village board of McLean in 1912 and during his term of office the streets of the town were paved

and electric lights installed. He has also served as township clerk and village clerk. Mr. Van Ness attends the Methodist Church and belongs to the Masonic Lodge and has been a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows since July, 1886. He was a member Board of Supervisors of McLean County during the years 1922 and 1923. He also belongs to the Bloomington Consistory and the Shrine at Peoria. He is a representative citizen of McLean County and is widely and favorably known.

The McLean State Bank is one of the thriving banking institutions of McLean County. It was organized in 1906 with the following officers: C. C. Aldrich, president; Harry Palmer, vice-president; Frank W. Aldrich, cashier. The directors were: C. C. Aldrich, H. N. Palmer, Frank W. Aldrich, Dean N. Funk, Joseph W. Stubblefield, B. A. Canfield, and I. G. Funk. It was originally a private bank owned by C. C. Aldrich, a pioneer settler of McLean County.

The present officers of The McLean State Bank are as follows: Frank W. Aldrich, president; H. M. Palmer, first vice-president; S. B. Van Ness, second vice-president; and John W. Baker, assistant cashier. The directors are: Frank W. Aldrich, H. M. Palmer, Dean N. Funk, Joseph W. Stubblefield, B. A. Canfield, I. G. Funk, and S. B. Van Ness.

The capital of the bank at present is \$60,000.00 and the surplus is \$20,000.00. In 1920 a 50 per cent dividend was declared and the increase in capital made. The McLean State Bank occupies its own modern brick building and it is among the dependable banking houses of the county.

George W. Woodmancy, a well known retired farmer of Mount Hope Township, is a member of one of McLean County's pioneer families. He was born on a farm in Mount Hope Township, Aug. 26, 1862, the son of Samuel and Caroline (Trott) Woodmancy.

Samuel Woodmancy was a native of Rhode Island and an early settler of Mount Hope Township having come here about 1853 or 1854. His wife was born in Bath, Me., and was the daughter of Capt. Isaac and Jane (Smith) Trott. Captain Trott was for many years a captain of a New England sailing vessel, but in 1852 he abandoned the sea and moved his family to McLean County. Later he went to Lincoln, Neb. He died in Bloomington, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. Woodmancy were married in Mount Hope Township and were the parents of four children, as follows: Aphia,

married R. Mullin, lives at Hoopeston, Ill.; George W., the subject of this sketch; and two children who died in infancy.

George W. Woodmancy received his education in the district schools of Mount Hope Township and for many years was a successful farmer of McLean County. He now lives retired at McLean, where he owns a fine home on the paved highway. He rents his farm.

In 1882, Mr. Woodmancy was married to Miss Mary Johnson, a native of Ohio, and the daughter of William Johnson, one of the early settlers of Mount Hope Township. To Mr. and Mrs. Woodmancy six children have been born, as follows: Stella, married Charles Taylor, lives on the home place in Mount Hope Township; Edna, married Charles Knobelock, lives in Mount Hope Township; George, married Lulu Haning, lives at Pekin, Ill.; Clara, Belle; and Harold, married Lucille Bowers. He is a veteran of the World War and saw service in France.

Mr. Woodmancy is a Republican and served as a member of the school board. He belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Mr. Woodmancy is esteemed throughout the county as a capable and energetic man and the Woodmancy family is an asset to the community.

C. W. Kinsella, a prosperous farmer and stockman of Gridley Township, and supervisor of McLean County, was born in Blue Mound Township, McLean County, Oct. 4, 1870, the son of Edward and Mary (Urel) Kinsella.

Edward Kinsella came to this country from Ireland with his parents when he was six years of age, and lived in New York state for a short time before coming to McLean County. Mr. Kinsella was among the leading farmers and stockmen of Gridley and Blue Mound townships for many years and owned 440 acres of land. He is a Democrat and a member of the Catholic Church. Mr. and Mrs. Kinsella, who now reside at Bloomington, have eight children, as follows: C. W., the subject of this sketch; John, lives at Colfax, Ill.; Thomas, a farmer, lives in Money Creek Township, McLean County; Edward, a farmer, lives in Gridley Township; Lizzie, died at the age of 12 years; Burt, a farmer, lives in Gridley Township; Grace, lives in Bloomington; and Clara, also at home.

C. W. Kinsella was educated in the public schools and started life farming on the home place with his father. He now owns 120 acres of

well improved land in Gridley Township and is an extensive feeder and shipper of stock.

Mr. Kinsella was elected supervisor of McLean County in the spring of 1911, which office he still holds. He has also served as tax collector and road commissioner and is a Democrat. Mr. Kinsella is a member of the Catholic Church and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen of America. He is a good farmer and an excellent citizen.

August Nafziger, well known harness maker of Stanford, Ill., was born on a farm in Allin Township, McLean County, Aug. 1, 1859, the son of Christian and Catherine Nafziger.

The Nafziger family came to this country from Germany, and Christian Nafziger was among the earliest settlers of Allin Township. His wife also came from Germany and lived in Danvers Township, McLean County. The Nafziger farm was among the early farms of the community and Mr. Nafziger followed farming for many years and was successful. He died at Stanford and is buried in Indiana Cemetery. His wife is also deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Christian Nafziger were the parents of eight children, as follows: Ferdinand, died at the age of 51 years; Minnie, married Arnold Unsinger, lives in Danvers Township, McLean County; Eliza, deceased; August, the subject of this sketch; Amelia, married Julius Unsinger, lives in South Dakota; Katie, deceased; Julia, married John Bowers, lives at Stanford; and Bertie, married L. H. Wicks, lives in Michigan.

August Nafziger grew up on his father's farm and received his education in the district schools. He farmed on the home place in Allin Township until 1913, when he came to Stanford and engaged in the harness making business with his brother-in-law, L. H. Wicks. In 1919 Mr. Nafziger purchased Mr. Wicks' interest in the business. The farm is operated by his sons, Homer and Lee.

In 1887 Mr. Nafziger was married to Miss Lizzie Erisman, a native of Allin Township, and the daughter of Christian and Barbara (Downey) Erisman, natives of Germany and early settlers of McLean County. Mr. and Mrs. Erisman, now deceased, were the parents of six children. To August and Lizzie (Erisman) Nafziger four children have been born,

as follows: Tillie, married Albert Gingerich, lives at Danvers; Homer, at home; Lee, at home; and Chester, married Elsie Sauers, lives in South Dakota.

Mr. Nafziger is a member of the Danvers Mennonite Church. He is a man of industry and ability who has made a success of his work.

Deane N. Funk is a member of one of the oldest and most prominent pioneer families of Illinois. He was born on the farm where he now resides, in Mount Hope Township, on June 20, 1867, and is a son of Jacob and Mary (Waltman) Funk.

Jacob Funk was a native of Funk Grove Township, born in 1830. He was the son of Isaac and Cassandra (Sharp) Funk, the former a native of Kentucky and the latter of Maryland. Isaac Funk was one of the earliest settlers of McLean County, having come here in 1824. He settled in what is now known as Funk's Grove Township, and was the owner of 25,000 acres of land in that township and Mount Hope Township. He engaged in farming until the time of his death, Jan. 29, 1865. His wife died on the same day. Jacob Funk, the father of the subject of this sketch, was a prominent farmer during his life and died in 1919. Jacob and Mary (Waltman) Funk were the parents of three children, as follows: Charles, married Annie Stokes, lives in Bloomington, Ill.; Clara, married Howard D. Humphrey, lives at Bloomington; and Deane N., the subject of this sketch.

Deane N. Funk spent his boyhood on the farm, received his education in the district schools, later attending Yale University. He has always been engaged in general farming and stock raising and specializes in the breeding of pure-bred Angus cattle. He owns 800 acres of well-improved land and has a beautiful home on the old home place. Many improvements have been made on the Funk place and his home is among the finest in McLean County.

In 1894, Mr. Funk was married to Miss Fern Shores, a native of Atlanta, Ill., and the daughter of James and Louisa (Ewing) Shores. Mr. Shores was a native of Illinois and a well known merchant of Logan County. He died in 1908, and his wife died in 1904. Mr. and Mrs. Funk have two children, as follows: Donald S., born in 1905, and Jacob Deane,

born in 1906, and married in October, 1923, to Elinor McClure of Youngstown, Ohio.

Mr. Funk is a director of the McLean State Bank, and the First National Bank of Bloomington. He is president of the Funk's Grove Grain Company, and president of the high school board of McLean. Mr. Funk is a member of the Christian Science Church of Atlanta and belongs to the Masonic Lodge.

William H. Bode is a progressive farmer and stockman of Mount Hope Township and the owner of 245 acres of well improved land. He was born on a farm west of McLean, Ill., Oct. 28, 1877, the son of Herman and Anna (Wagner) Bode.

Herman Bode was born in Germany and came to this country when he was 17 years of age. He landed in Philadelphia, where he was employed in a candy kitchen for a short time, after which he went to Chicago, where he worked in a saw mill. He then came to McLean County and was employed on the farm of Ezra Kenyon. Mr. Bode's brother William, was also on this farm and they later went to Nebraska, but returned shortly to McLean County. After his marriage in Atlanta, Ill., Mr. Bode moved to the John Pitts farm, which he rented. In 1885 he purchased his first farm west of McLean, which consisted of 80 acres. He added to his land holdings until he became one of the large landowners of the county. Mr. Bode now lives retired at Atlanta, Ill., where he moved in 1913. His wife was born in Wisconsin. They were the parents of seven children, as follows: William H., the subject of this sketch; Harry, married first to Lulu Wilmert, deceased; and later married Ella Ziegler, and they live in Iowa; Louis, deceased; Winifred, married William A. Briggs; Anna, deceased; Frank, married Marie Wilmert; and Theodore, married Nita Van Ness.

William H. Bode grew up on his father's farm and attended the Mount Hope district schools. He began farming on the old Ezra Kenyon homestead and in 1903 purchased his first farm. His first purchase consisted of 160 acres in Logan County, near Jolly Bridge, which he farmed until 1913. He built a modern home on his farm in Mount Hope Township in 1913 and the place is well improved with good farm buildings.

Mr. Bode is successful as a breeder of Shorthorn cattle and Poland-China hogs, and he also raises Plymouth Rock chickens.

In 1899 Mr. Bode was married to Miss Mary F. Waldron, a native of McLean County, and the daughter of John and Mahala (Clawson) Waldron, natives of Ohio and early settlers of McLean County. Mr. and Mrs. Waldron who now live in Atlanta, Ill., are the parents of three children, as follows: Minnie, married Benjamin Shipley, lives at Atlanta, Ill.; Mrs. Bode; and Cora, married John Meadows, lives north of Atlanta, Ill. To William H. and Mary F. (Waldron) Bode three children were born, as follows: Arthur D., born Nov. 2, 1900, was married to Miss Mabel Hilpert on Nov. 28, 1923; John H., born May 27, 1902; and Fern, born Feb. 23, 1911.

Mr. Bode is a Republican and at one time served as road commissioner of Logan County. He is a member of the Catholic Church. He is an upright and industrious man and is held in high regard in his community.

Austin L. Hutson, a progressive and enterprising merchant at Colfax, is one of the well known and substantial citizens of McLean County. He was born on a farm west of Colfax, Feb. 20, 1878, and is the son of Almarion and Hannah E. (Wiley) Hutson.

Almarion Hutson was a native of Jeffersonville, Ohio, and came to Illinois when he was a boy with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Austin S. Hutson, and they made the trip in a prairie schooner. Almarion Hutson became a successful and widely known farmer and owned 160 acres of land. He was a Republican and a member of the Methodist Church and his wife was an active church worker during her life. She died Sept. 23, 1878, and Mr. Hutson died May 11, 1893. They had one child, Austin L., the subject of this sketch.

Austin L. Hutson was reared on his father's farm and was educated in the district schools and attended Colfax High School and Illinois Wesleyan University. He was employed in the store of Johnson Brothers at Colfax, and remained there until Dec. 28, 1904, at which time he engaged in business for himself at Colfax. Mr. Hutson carries a complete line of men's clothing, furnishings and shoes, and he is among the successful merchants of the community. His store is located on Main Street and is one of the fine business establishments of the town.

On May 24, 1905, Mr. Hutson was united in marriage with Miss Jennie D. Williams, a native of Colfax, born on the Bray farm, and the daughter of James Mitchell and Nancy (Bray) Williams. Mr. Williams died May 18, 1912, and his wife died Dec. 27, 1914. They were the parents of four children, as follows: Vauna, married A. B. Means, lives in Bloomington, Ill.; Mrs. Hutson; James S., lives at Hunter, Okla.; and Scott R., deceased. To Austin L. and Jennie D. (Williams) Hutson four children have been born, as follows: Hannah Gwendolyn, born Feb. 23, 1906, will finish Colfax high school in 1924; Dorothy Nan, born March 9, 1912, now a freshman in high school; Vauna Elizabeth, born July 1, 1913, in the seventh grade of school; and LaVerna Virginia, born Aug. 5, 1914, in the fourth grade of school.

Mr. Hutson is a Republican, and for the past eight years has been a member of the Board of Supervisors from Martin Township. He is now the McLean County nominee on the Republican ticket to the general assembly of the 26th Senatorial district subject to the November election, 1924. He has been a member of the school board for 15 years and clerk of the board for 14 years. He is a member of the Methodist Church and has been superintendent of the Methodist Sunday School for 14 years and treasurer of the church for 10 years. Mr. Hutson is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Modern Woodmen of America, the Knights of Pythias, Damon No. 10 Bloomington, the Masonic lodge and the Consistory of Bloomington. He is held in high regard throughout the community and is an excellent citizen of McLean County.

John Funk, a leading farmer and stockman of Mount Hope Township, is a member of an old, substantial family of McLean County. He was born near where he now resides, July 6, 1869, and is a son of Merritt C. and Hannah (Faris) Funk.

Merritt C. Funk was born in Funk's Grove Township in 1835, and is a son of John and Marguerite (Carr) Funk. John Funk settled in what is now known as Funk's Grove Township in about 1830. He was a native of Fayette County, Ohio, born in 1791. He died in 1834 just before the birth of his son, Merritt. Mr. and Mrs. John Funk were the parents of the following children: John, married Eliza Hougham; Nancy, married John Ross; James, married Sarah Ross; Isaac; Tabitha, married Tom

Carlin; Elizabeth, married William Carson; Sarah; Absolm married Letta Beaver; Julia married James Beard; Robinson Crusoe, married Mary Owen; and Merritt C., the father of the subject of this sketch. To Merritt C., and Hannah (Faris) Funk eight children have been born, as follows: Kate, married Samuel Brown, and she died in 1901; John, the subject of this sketch; William, married Mary Beard and they have one child, Gladys; Minnie, deceased, was the wife of George VanNess, and they have one child, Bessie; Eliza, married Harry Colebaugh; one child died in infancy; Nellie, married Albert Walters; George, married Minnie Yonas; and one child died in infancy.

John Funk has always lived in Mount Hope Township and is among the successful stockmen of the county. He received his education in the public and high schools at McLean. Mr. Funk moved to his present farm in 1901, where he owns a beautiful home.

In 1901 Mr. Funk was married to Miss Dorothy Stubblefield, a native of Mount Hope Township, and the daughter of Jesse and Mary C. (Shoudy) Stubblefield. Jesse Stubblefield was the first white child born in Funk's Grove Township, July 30, 1825, the son of Robert Stubblefield. The Stubblefields came from Virginia to Ohio and then to McLean County, on Dec. 18, 1824, and settled in Funk's Grove Township. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stubblefield were the parents of 13 children, as follows: Absolom, married first to Eliza Pearson, second, to Alice Wilson, and third, to Mary N. Campbell; Anne, married first to Mr. French, and second, to Mr. Lightner; Mary, married E. Groves; John, married Ellisannah Hauser; George, married Eliza Jane Murphy; Jesse, father of Mrs. Funk; Frances, married William Murphy; Adam, married Hannah Faris; Eva; Edward, married Eliza Fawcett; Isaac, married Mary Jeffrey; William, married Martha Jeffrey; and Charles Wesley, married Harriet Land.

Jesse Stubblefield was married first to Rebecca Cuppy, and to this union the following children were born: Thomas, married Lilliam Very, lives in Mount Hope Township; Robert N., married Ida Reed; John C., married Eva Thomas, is deceased; Frances, died at the age of six years; and Rebecca, married Charles Ross. Mr. Stubblefield was married the second time to Miss Mary C. Shoudy, a daughter of George W. and Almira (Tuttle) Shoudy, natives of Ohio. To this union the following children were born: Rowland, deceased; Ida, married Charles Brown; James, married Nellie Yates; Mrs. John Funk; George, married Cora Crain; William, married Eva Hall; Daisy, married Ina Crain; Edna, married Ray

Judy; and Aaron, married Buelah Yates. Jesse Stubblefield farmed until the time of his death, April 30, 1897. His wife was born Oct. 26, 1843, and now resides at McLean, Ill. To John and Dorothy (Stubblefield) Funk one child has been born, Eldon, born June 7, 1904, is a graduate of the McLean High School, class of 1923, lives at home.

Mr. Funk is a Republican and a member of the Modern Woodmen of America. He is accounted one of the reliable men of the township and is held in high esteem.

William P. Allin is a leading farmer of Mount Hope Township and a member of one of McLean County's oldest and most prominent pioneer families. He was born in Bloomington, Aug. 23, 1859, and is the son of John W. and Cordelia (Parsons) Allin.

James Allin, grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was a native of North Carolina and one of the founders of the city of Bloomington. After coming to Illinois with his wife he farmed at Vandalia, and later moved to the present site of Bloomington, where he owned a farm on the site of the Chicago & Alton Railroad shops. The first Allin residence was located where the McBarnes Memorial now stands and was built of logs. When Mr. Allin settled here the city of Bloomington was nearly all in timber, and he changed the name of the settlement from Blooming Grove to Bloomington. He made it the county seat and the first court to be held was held in the Allin log cabin. Abraham Lincoln was among the lawyers that held court there and Mr. Allin was a personal friend to Lincoln, Grant and Logan, all of whom were often entertained in the Allin home.

John W. Allin, son of James Allin, was born in McLean County, and was a prosperous and widely known farmer of the county for many years. He purchased the present Allin farm in Mount Hope Township in 1858, which is now operated by his son. Mr. Allin died in 1865 and his wife died in 1900. Cordelia (Parsons) Allin was a native of West Virginia and the daughter of Col. Hazo Parsons, a veteran of the War of 1812. Colonel Parsons was one of the first postmasters of Bloomington and the organizer of the Masonic lodge there. To John W. and Cordelia (Parsons) Allin four children were born, as follows: George, Lucy, and Hattie, all deceased; and William P., the subject of this sketch.

William P. Allin spent his boyhood on his father's farm and has always lived on the same place. He received his education in the district schools and also attended high school. Mr. Allin now owns the home place of 180 acres and is a successful breeder of stock. The residence, which was built in 1900, is among the fine homes of the township.

Mr. Allin was married in 1921 to Miss Rosie Sutherland, a native of Kentucky, and the daughter of Clinton and Maggie Sutherland. Mrs. Allin died the same year of her marriage.

Mr. Allin was nominated for the Legislature twice and also twice for Congress. In 1906 he was nominated for State Treasurer and received 90,000 votes, which was the largest vote ever polled in Illinois by a member of the prohibition party. Mr. Allin is a member of the Methodist Church and is a highly respected member of his community.

Thomas Lee Buck, deceased, for many years a farmer of McLean County and one of the most prominent citizens of his community, of which he was an early settler, was born in Switzerland County, Ind., Oct., 23, 1831, the son of Hiram and Mercy (Karr) Buck.

Hiram Buck was born at Trumansburg, N. Y., March 20, 1801, and William Sherman Buck, his father, was born at New Milford, Litchfield County, Conn., Feb. 17, 1764. The latter went first to New York, and followed the occupation of a farmer. He came to Ohio in 1818, arriving in Hamilton County, on Nov. 1st and after 11 years removed his family to Switzerland County, Ind., where he purchased a farm. There he remained until his death, Aug. 4, 1844, his wife, Berintha (York) Buck, a native of New York, having passed away in Hamilton County, Ohio, in October, 1827. In 1826 Hiram Buck began merchandising in Switzerland County, Ind., whither his father had removed. On April 5, 1827, he was married to Miss Mercy Karr, who was born in Warren County, N. J., Nov. 16, 1806, a daughter of Captain John and Mercy (Lee) Karr, both natives of Pennsylvania. The ceremony was performed by "Squire" William McConnell, whose son, John McConnell, later married Martha E. Buck, a daughter of Hiram Buck. In 1833, having sold out his stock of goods, Hiram Buck came to Illinois by way of the Ohio, Mississippi and Illinois Rivers. Arriving at Beardstown, he borrowed a horse from one man and a saddle from another and started across the country to find his brother-in-law,



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David Noble, who had settled at Randolph's Grove, McLean County, south of the city of Bloomington, about 1831. By the aid of Isaac Funk, the Noble home was reached, and there obtaining teams and wagons Mr. Buck returned to Beardstown for his family. Soon after his arrival in McLean County he bought a tract of 120 acres of government land near the present site of Heyworth, where he engaged in farming until 1836, when having been appointed deputy county surveyor of McLean County, he removed to LeRoy, where he built the first hotel in that place. Mr. Buck died May 12, 1888, and his wife died Aug. 6, 1886. They were the parents of six children: Mrs. Amanda Crumbaugh, now 95 years of age, lives in McLean County; Thomas Lee, the subject of this sketch; Mrs. Martha Ellen McConnell; Mrs. Nancy Joanna Dawson; Charles Albert; and Elizabeth. Mrs. Crumbaugh, the oldest member of this family, and Charles Albert, the youngest, are the only ones now living. Charles Albert is living in Texas.

Thomas Lee Buck was reared to the life of a farmer and in early youth utilized the opportunities offered by the common schools. Until he reached the age of 28 years he worked at home for his father. He then bought 160 acres of land in Empire Township, acquiring more at intervals, until he became the owner of more than 500 acres. He also owned land in Canada. In 1876 Mr. Buck abandoned active pursuits and lived retired at Leroy until the time of his death, Feb. 7, 1920.

On March 16, 1858, Mr. Buck was married to Miss Mary Jane McConnell, a native of Ohio and the daughter of William and Catherine (LaFever) McConnell, natives of Pennsylvania, who moved to Ohio at an early day, where they passed the remainder of their lives. To Mr. and Mrs. Buck two children were born: Rose, who died May 19, 1902; and Oral, who resides at the Illinois Hotel, Bloomington. Mrs. Buck died Feb. 12, 1903.

Politically, Mr. Buck was a Whig in early life and cast his first presidential vote for General Scott. From 1856 to 1884 he was identified with the Republican party, and from that time until his death he was an earnest and zealous Prohibitionist. Although never having entertained any strong inclination to hold public office, he was once a candidate for the county treasurership of McLean County on the Prohibition ticket. Mr. Buck was a lifelong member of the Universalist Church. He was always upright and fair in his business dealings and as a citizen he was the upholder of high standards.

A. G. Erickson, a well known merchant of Bloomington, was born in Sweden, July 7, 1863, the son of J. P. and Christine (Carlson) Erickson.

J. P. Erickson came to this country from Sweden in 1868, locatinng on a farm in Henry County, Ill. The following year he sent for his family. On Aug. 19, 1872, they removed to Bloomington, where Mr. Erickson worked at his trade of miner. He died in May, 1914, and his wife died May 21, 1910.

A. G. Erickson was educated in the district schools and at the age of 14 years entered the mines of the McLean County Coal Company, where he remained seven years. He then entered the employ of C. F. Cook, a grocer, of Bloomington, who was also a former mayor. In 1889 he received an appointment as letter carrier under James S. Neville, at that time postmaster of Bloomington. On April 5, 1895, Mr. Erickson engaged in the grocery and meat business with his brother at 1316 West Olive Street. On July 26 of the same year his brother died and he became sole owner of the store and market. The business is now located at 1311-1313 West Olive Street where the grocery and meat business are continued.

On Aug. 30, 1884, Mr. Erickson was married to Miss Mary Stahlberg, who was born in Sweden in 1863. To this union the following children were born: Edward A., born April 15, 1889, manager of his father's business; Carl Theodore, died in infancy; William Alexander, born Sept. 8, 1896, died Oct. 15, 1919; Elvira C., born June 7, 1895, resides at home; Delia B., born Sept. 30, 1890, married B. H. Proctor; Grace Alice, born Feb. 26, 1892, died in 1904; Lillian, born Nov. 20, 1893, clerk in her father's store; Edna L., born Jan. 2, 1902, a stenographer lives at home; Lawrence A., born July 13, 1903, a student, lives at home; Willis, deceased; and Roy, born Oct. 10, 1898, lives in Chicago.

Mr. Erickson is a 32d degree Mason, being a member of the Bloomington Consistory, a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, the Red Men and the Scandia Benevolent Association. He and his family are members of the First Evangelical Lutheran Church and he is a Republican, and has taken an active part in politics since casting his first vote for James G. Blaine in 1884. He has served as alderman three terms from the seventh ward and filled the unexpired term of James S. Neville, as mayor of Bloomington, serving one year.

When the commission form of city government was inaugurated in 1915 he was elected city commissioner of public health and safety and was re-elected in 1919, serving four years more until April 30, 1923, when

the city returned the aldermanic form of government.. Mr. Erickson also served one term as county supervisor during the year 1913. He has always taken an interest in the welfare of labor and served one year as president of the local Miners' Union. He served as official weighman for the miners in Bloomington one year. He has taken an active part in the progress of Bloomington, and in particular in the affairs of what is known as the west side. He has made a success of all his undertakings. Starting his career without capital, he has, by his own efforts, attained a standing in the community which might well be the ambition of any man. He is an upright christian gentleman and stands in the highest regard and esteem by all who know him in the community.

O. Vaughan Douglass, who is successfully engaged in farming and stock raising in Dale Township, was born on a farm in McLean County, June 16, 1879, and is the son of James and Nancy (Johnston) Douglass.

James L. Douglass was born in Pennsylvania in 1843 and came to McLean County in 1868. He died Jan. 8, 1924. Before coming to Illinois he had charge of a number of canal barges on the Potomac River during the Civil War. Upon his arrival in Illinois his entire capital consisted of \$7.50. His first acquaintance at Shirley was James Boulware and through his influence he received an appointment to teach school in Shirley. After teaching school for one and one-half terms he entered the employ of the Chicago & Alton Railroad as station agent at Shirley, which position he held 42 years. He was also postmaster at Shirley for a number of years, his term expiring in 1918. In 1876 he purchased land in Dale and Funks Grove Townships. He now lives retired on his farm near Shirley. Mrs. Douglass is deceased. There were five children in the Douglass family, as follows: Laura, died at the age of 17 years; Clara, married J. J. Strieby, lives in California; Mary, deceased; Isaac, lives in Bloomington, Ill.; and O. V., the subject of this sketch.

O. V. Douglass received his education in the public schools and attended Illinois State Normal University. He has always followed farming with his father and now operates the home place, which contains 350 acres. Mr. Douglass is unmarried.

Mr. Douglass was elected township supervisor in 1923, and is now serving in that capacity. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge, Royal

Arch Chapter, Commandery and Consistory at Bloomington. His father served as supervisor of Dale Township for a number of years; he was a member of the Masonic Lodge and Consistory. He served as commander of DeMolay Commandery, Knights Templar. He belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias and the Red Men.

Judge Earl Russell DePew, attorney-at-law and at present judge of the Municipal Court, was born at Slater, Saline County, Mo., Sept. 30, 1883, and is a son of James P. and Emma J. (Hesser) DePew.

James P. DePew was born in Bloomington, Ill., March 11, 1855, and his wife is a native of Hillsboro, Mo., born March 8, 1859. From early youth and until 1895 Mr. DePew was connected with the Chicago & Alton Railroad and later became a prominent contractor and decorator of Bloomington. He and his wife now live retired there. They are the parents of the following children: Mabel E. Floyd, lives at Kansas City, Mo.; Ethel, deceased; Joseph W., assistant state's attorney of McLean County, lives in Bloomington; Nellie M. May, lives at Peoria, Ill.; and Judge Earl Russell, the subject of this sketch.

Judge Earl Russell DePew has always lived in Bloomington. He was educated in the public schools and Illinois Wesleyan University and began life as a clerk with R. C. Rogers, a decorator of Bloomington. Judge DePew engaged in this work until 1910 when he entered the law school of Wesleyan University. Since being admitted to the bar in 1914 he has followed his profession and has served as judge of the Municipal Court of Bloomington since September, 1921.

On Aug. 18, 1908, Judge DePew was married at Normal, Ill., to Miss Grace M. Sill, a native of Yuton, Ill., and the daughter of William H. and Armenta (Swallow) Sill, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Illinois. They now reside at Glendale, Calif. To Judge and Mrs. DePew have been born three children: Richard William, born Oct. 4, 1915, deceased; James Russell, born March 19, 1919; and Marion Grace, born Nov. 26, 1921.

Judge Depew is a Republican and takes an active interest in politics. He and his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is affiliated with the following clubs and lodges: Arts & Crafts, A. F. & A. M. No. 1017; Bloomington Consistory; Ansar Shrine; DeMolay Com-

mandery No. 24, Knights Templars; Elks No. 281; Knights of Pythias No. 10 Damon Lodge; Camp 110 Modern Woodmen of America; Bloomington Association of Commerce; Eastern Star No. 50; Maplewood Country Club, Kiwanis Club, Young Men's Club, and the Y. M. C. A. Judge DePew is a capable lawyer and has a wide acquaintance in Bloomington and McLean County.

Dr. John Stewart Reece, dentist, who has been successfully engaged in the practice of his profession at Bloomington since 1901, is a native of Illinois. He was born at Eureka, Ill., March 8, 1871, and is the son of John S. and Ellen (Hack) Reece.

John S. Reece, a native of Pennsylvania, was among the early settlers of Illinois. He worked at the blacksmith trade for a number of years and at the time of his death in 1895 was a retired farmer. His wife, who was born in Peoria, Ill., in 1840, died in 1913. Mr. and Mrs. Reece had three children: Winfield, lives at Urbana, Ill.; Grant, lives at Normal; and Dr. John Stewart, the subject of this sketch.

Dr. John Stewart Reece lived at Eureka, Ill., during the first 19 years of his life and his education was received in the public schools there. He later attended the Illinois State Normal University for four years and was graduated from Northwestern University Dental College in 1901. Dr. Reece immediately came to Bloomington and opened his office in the Griesheim Building, where he remained for one and one-half years. Since that time he has been located in the Corn Belt Bank Building. Dr. Reece is thoroughly capable and during his many years in Bloomington has built up a splendid practice.

On June 14, 1899, Dr. Reece was married to Miss Estella J. Schaeffer, a native of McLean County, and the daughter of H. J. and Mary Ellen (Taylor) Schaeffer, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Brownsville, Pa. Mr. Schaeffer died Dec. 21, 1912, and his wife died April 1, 1917. To Dr. and Mrs. Reece three children have been born, as follows: John Hartzell, born in 1901, a grocer, lives at Normal, Ill.; Wilbur Taylor, born Aug. 23, 1910, a student; and Mary Ellen, born Nov. 7, 1912, also a student.

Dr. Reece is a Republican, a member of the Methodist Church, and belongs to the Masonic Lodge. He belongs to the McLean County Dental

Society, the Illinois State Dental Society, the National Dental Society, and the National Prosthetic Dental Society and has held offices in all of these associations. The Reece home is located at 605 S. Fell Avenue, Normal, and both Dr. Reece and his family are highly esteemed in their community.

Edward J. Carmody, a leading farmer and stockman of Towanda Township and the owner of 280 acres of well improved land, was born at Atlanta, in Logan County, Mo., May 22, 1870, the son of Terrence and Margaret (Normile) Carmody.

Terrence Carmody was a native of Ireland, as also was his wife. They were married in Bloomington and Mr. Carmody was employed on the railroad until he was 50 years of age and he then engaged in farming. The present Carmody farm in Towanda Township was purchased in 1881. Mr. Carmody died March 26, 1911, and his wife died at the age of 54 years. They were the parents of 10 children, as follows: T. J., lives in Chicago; John H., lives at Bloomington; Edward J., the subject of this sketch; James T.; Margaret, married Edward Holland, former mayor of Bloomington; Catherine C., unmarried, lives in Bloomington with the Sullivan family; Daniel G., married Nellie McDonald, lives near the home place; Mary A., married John Sullivan, attorney; and two children died in infancy.

Edward J. Carmody was educated in the public schools of Atlanta and was graduated from the Evergreen Business College. He then was employed in Chicago as bookkeeper by the January Manufacturing Company for six months, after which he returned to his father's farm. After working on the farm for five years, Mr. Carmody purchased the farm from his father and built a new residence on the place in 1914. He carries on general farming and specializes in the breeding of Shorthorn cattle.

On Oct. 13, 1898, Mr. Carmody married Miss Mary Hayes, a native of Bloomington, and the daughter of Michael and Bessie Hayes, both natives of Ireland and now deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Carmody four children were born, as follows: Lucille, died at four years; Clarence E., unmarried, at home; Marian, attends Rosary College in Chicago; and

Alice, attends school in Bloomington. Mrs. Carmody died April 26, 1919, and is buried in St. Mary's Cemetery at Bloomington.

Mr. Carmody is identified with the Democratic party in politics and he is a member of the Catholic Church. He has been school director of the Phoenix District School for the past 27 years and he has served as treasurer of the Central Democratic Committee for 12 years. Mr. Carmody is a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Modern Woodmen of America. He ranks among the substantial citizens of McLean County and is widely known.

Michael Kinsella, proprietor of the Merna Grain Elevator at Merna, and also owner of a well improved farm of 240 acres in Towanda Township, was born in the township where he now lives, Feb. 27, 1867, the son of Patrick and Margaret (Boland) Kinsella.

Patrick Kinsella and his wife were natives of Ireland and early settlers of Kentucky, where they were married. They lived near Lexington, Ky., until 1860 and then came to McLean County, where Mr. Kinsella owned and operated a farm near Merna. In 1905, he retired and moved to Bloomington, where he died in 1916. His wife died in 1907. They were the parents of 11 children, of whom Michael, the subject of this sketch, is the sixth in order of birth.

Michael Kinsella was educated in the district schools and has always been a farmer. He purchased his present farm in Towanda Township in 1891 and built a fine residence on the place. Mrs. Kinsella owns 160 acres of land in Money Creek Township. He carries on general farming and stock raising and is successful. Mr. Kinsella entered the grain business at Merna several years ago and the firm was then known as Carmody, Gahagan and Kinsella. In July, 1922, Mr. Kinsella purchased the interests of the other two members of the firm and now operates the elevator with his son, William.

In 1897, Mr. Kinsella married Miss Margaret Larkins, a native of Money Creek Township, and the daughter of James and Julia (Hogan) Larkins, natives of Ireland and now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Kinsella have eight children, as follows: Mary, married James Kelly, lives in Towanda Township; Angela, married Eugene Gould, living in Blue Mound

Township; William, at home; Charlotte, teaches school in Kankakee County; Margaret, attends Rosary College; Larkin, attends school at Peru; Francis; and Paul, at home.

Mr. Kinsella is a member of the Catholic Church and belongs to the Knights of Columbus. He ranks among the substantial citizens of McLean County and merits the esteem in which he is held by the community.

Dr. V. E. J. LamBeau, Bs. C. D. C., is a well known and successful chiropractor of Bloomington, with offices in the Peoples Bank Building. He graduated in the year 1913 and began his practice in Boston, Mass., and remained there until July, 1915, after which time he returned to Illinois and took a preparatory post-graduate course in medicine, and after passing the state board examination was granted an O. P. license to practice his profession in this state. He then located at Bloomington, Ill., April 28, 1915, and his practice has been a decided success.

Dr. LamBeau is a member of the Illinois State Association and of the Delta Sigma Chi, Davenport, Iowa, the Universal Chiropractic Association, and he has been appointed as McLean County examining chiropractor for the Chiropractic Psychopathic Sanitarium, organized in 1922 and the first of its kind in the world.

The history of every great movement is the history of hardship, opposition and struggle. Chiropractic is no different than any other great movement. Discovered in the year 1895 by D. D. Palmer, then a magnetic healer in the city of Davenport, Iowa, it was for a brief period of time kept a secret locked in the mind of this one man. He later began to teach a few of his friends its fundamental principles and among others was his son, B. J. Palmer, who was then but a boy in his teens, but who is now president of the Palmer School of Chiropractic, the largest chiropractic school in the world, numbering at this writing 2,800 students.

Very shortly after the Palmer School of Chiropractic was organized and founded, other schools sprung up and today there are about 100 schools teaching this remarkable science. Next to the Palmer School of Chiropractic the Universal Chiropractic College was organized and chartered in the state of Iowa, April 30, 1910, and from this school Dr. LamBeau was graduated in the year 1913.



W. E. J. Lamb Beau D.C.

There are approximately 18,000 practicing chiropractors in the field and these number several million people among their followers. Twenty-seven states of the union have provided straight Chiropractic Boards, and thus in those states the incompetent chiropractor is not permitted to find a haven. Four of the states have placed chiropractors under the medical board and in these states every chiropractor is formed into an organization, the purpose of which is to release them from the domination of the medical yoke. Illinois has just passed such a bill, No. 439, which places chiropractic under medical supervision without chiropractic representation. This bill will not protect the public from incompetency and Doctor LamBeau feels certain it will be found unconstitutional.

Dr. LamBeau says that in his estimation chiropractic is the greatest health science in the world and like a great wave it is sweeping over the states from ocean to ocean. The future of chiropractic he will leave to be read by you, the reader of this history.

John H. Dalton, who operates 340 acres of good farm land in Towanda Township, is one of the successful and well known farmers of McLean County. He was born in Bloomington, Nov. 20, 1867, the son of Henry and Ellen (Towhill) Dalton.

Henry Dalton was born in South Carolina and his wife is a native of Canada. They were married in Chicago and were the parents of the following children: J. H., the subject of this sketch; Minnie, married T. J. Carmody, manager of the Majestic Theater in Chicago; Agnes M. Rogers, lives in Chicago; Frank; and two children died in infancy. Henry Dalton was an engineer on the Chicago and Alton Railroad for 46 years and ran trains No. 1 and 2 for 33 years. He died at the age of 80 years just 10 years after the time of his retirement. His wife now lives in Bloomington.

J. H. Dalton received his education in the St. Mary's schools of Bloomington and St. Vitus in Kankakee and was later employed in the shops of the Chicago and Alton Railroad for two years.

In 1890 Mr. Dalton married Miss Ellen Callahan, who was born in Lexington, Aug. 19, 1868, the daughter of Jeremiah and Hannah Callahan, natives of Ireland. To J. H. and Ellen (Callahan) Dalton the follow-

ing children were born: Mary, died May 26, 1923, was the wife of Mike Kerber; Ellen, teaches school in Cooksville, Ill.; Gertrude, teaches school in Chicago; Rose Ann, married Eddie Kerber; Henry, farmer, lives at Bellflower; Theresa, attends Normal School, Normal University; and Francis, at home.

Mr. Dalton and his family are members of the Catholic Church at Merna, Ill. He is a reliable man in his community who has attained success in his work.

Arthur P. Tyner, now living at Danvers, is among the well known and highly esteemed citizens of McLean County. He was born near Stanford, in McLean County, Aug. 21, 1877, and is the son of William L. and Maggie (Halane) Tyner.

The Tyner family was among the early settlers of McLean County, having located here in 1855. William L. Tyner was born in Indiana and his wife was a native of Maryland. After coming to Illinois Mr. Tyner engaged in general farming and stock raising in Allin Township, McLean County, for many years. He is deceased. There were two children in the Tyner family: Ida, who married Joseph Dossett, lives at Stanford, Ill.; and Arthur P., the subject of this sketch.

Arthur P. Tyner was educated in the district schools and later attended the Stanford High School. He then engaged in farming in Allin Township, in which business he continued until 1907 when he moved to Danvers where he now resides.

On Jan. 1, 1901, Mr. Tyner was united in marriage with Miss Kate Risser, a daughter of Nicholas J. and Magdalena (Springer) Risser, the former a native of Alsace-Lorraine and the latter of Ohio. The Risser family settled in McLean County in 1860, where Mr. Risser became a successful farmer. He died in 1906 and his wife died in 1915. To Arthur P. and Kate (Risser) Tyner two children have been born: Howard D., and Mildred E.

In politics Mr. Tyner has been identified with the Republican party and he has served as a trustee on the village board of Danvers for ten years and as a member of the school board for six years and has just been re-elected on both boards. He and his family are members of the

Presbyterian Church at Danvers, in which church he has for many years served as one of the ruling elders and also served as superintendent of the Sunday school for several years.

Joseph Sutter, who owns 400 acres of well improved land in Towanda Township, is among the prosperous farmers and stockmen of McLean County. He was born on a farm southwest of his present farm, Aug. 22, 1862, the son of Mathias and Elizabeth (Balderscheeale) Sutter.

Mathias Sutter and his wife were natives of Germany and early settlers of McLean County. Mr. Sutter died in Bloomington in 1894 and his wife died in 1903. They were the parents of eight children, as follows: Mary, died at the age of 11 years; Joseph, the subject of this sketch; Sam, retired farmer, married Tillie Zable, lives at Cooksville, Ill.; Henry, married Elizabeth Beiers, living on a farm near Heyworth; Edward, married Mary Crimmin, lives in South Dakota; William, married Mary Wismiller, lives retired at Normal, Ill.; and Frank, died at the age of two years.

Joseph Sutter spent his boyhood on his father's farm and was educated in the Fletcher district school. He remained on the home place until he was 30 years of age and then rented his present farm in 1893. After 10 years Mr. Sutter purchased the farm and now owns one of the finest stock farms of McLean County. He and his sons are widely known as breeders of Shorthorn cattle and Duroc Jersey hogs.

In 1893 Mr. Sutter married Miss Minnie Geiger, a native of Towanda Township, and the daughter of John G. and Anna (Neis) Geiger, both natives of Germany and now deceased. To Joseph and Minnie (Geiger) Sutter 11 children have been born, as follows: Verla A.; Anna; Clarence, died at the age of five years; Olga, married Harry Merna, lives on a farm north of Normal and they have one child, Bernadine Louise; Ira, lives at home; Clifford, lives at home; Ruby, at home; Theodore, at home; Ernest, at home; Alta, at home; and Donald, also at home. Mrs. Joseph Sutter died Jan. 15, 1924.

Mr. Sutter is identified with the Republican party in politics and he has served as school director of Fletcher School for 10 years. He is a director of the Fletcher Grain Association and belongs to the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Sutter is a substantial and reliable citizen of his community, one who merits the high esteem in which he is held.

W. H. Whitney, Jr., a successful farmer and stockman of Downs Township, is a native of DeWitt County, Ill. He was born Oct. 7, 1881, the son of William H. and Susan (Mooney) Whitney.

William H. Whitney was born in Ireland, Feb. 29, 1846, and came to this country when he was a young man, and located on a farm near Heyworth. In 1880 he purchased 80 acres of land, which he operated until the time of his retirement, in 1913. He now lives with his daughter, Mrs. Browning, at LeRoy. Mrs. William H. Whitney was born in Ireland, April 27, 1846, the daughter of John and Elizabeth Mooney. She died Jan. 13, 1922. Mr. and Mrs. Whitney had six children, as follows: Hattie E. Scott; Alfred, lives in DeWitt County, Ill.; W. H., Jr., the subject of this sketch; Robert R., lives at Heyworth; Mrs. Browning, lives at LeRoy; and Edward, lives in DeWitt County.

W. H. Whitney, Jr., received his education in the public schools and began life for himself as a farmer and stockman at the age of 21 years. He now lives on 160 acres of well improved land in Downs Township, where he carries on general farming and stock raising. This is the original Whitney farm. Mr. Whitney raises Chester White hogs.

On Dec. 16, 1903, Mr. Whitney was married to Miss Grace B. Rolfson, a native of DeWitt County, Ill., born Oct. 12, 1886, and the daughter of C. S. and Minnie (Washburn) Rolfson. Mrs. Whitney has the following brothers and sisters: Mont, lives in DeWitt County; Frank; Lyne; Hugh, lives at Bloomington; Mrs. Fred McCannon, Wapella, Ill.; Clinton, deceased; and Willie, deceased. To W. H. and Grace B. (Rolfson) Whitney four children have been born, as follows: Floyd W., at home; Paul, deceased; Gladys Pauline, at home; and Avis Marie, deceased.

Mr. Whitney is identified with the Republican party in politics and he is a member of the Presbyterian Church at Heyworth. He is an enterprising farmer and meeting with well merited success.

Horace G. Lindheimer, who is engaged in the automobile business at Bloomington, was born in Chicago, Sept. 26, 1891, and is the son of Jacob and Lillie (Sonnenberg) Lindheimer.

Jacob Lindheimer was born in Germany and his wife was a native of New Orleans, La. They reside in Chicago and Mr. Lindheimer is president of the S. & L. Motor Company there. He has built up one of the most successful and largest Ford agencies in Chicago and is known as a sub-

stantial business man. He is also assistant county treasurer in Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Lindheimer have four children, as follows: Mrs. Horace Lepman, lives in Chicago; Benjamin, lives in Chicago; Arthur, lives in Chicago; and Horace G., the subject of this sketch.

Horace G. Lindheimer grew up in Chicago and attended the James R. Doolittle School and Wendell Phillips High School. After leaving school he entered the jewelry business and after several years became engaged in the automobile business. He is now associated with the Buick Motor Company in Bloomington and during the past year sold more cars in this territory than had been placed in any other two years prior.

On Jan. 10, 1924, Mr. Lindheimer was married to Miss Beatrice Block, a native of Kankakee, Ill.

Mr. Lindheimer is a member of the American Legion and belongs to the Elks. He is widely known in McLean County and is one of the capable and farsighted young business men of Bloomington.

Charles Masso, now living retired at Chenoa, has had a successful career as a mason and building contractor. He was born in Germany, Nov. 7, 1859, the son of Frederick and Elizabeth (Golnetck) Masso.

Frederick Masso and his wife were natives of Germany and the parents of four children, as follows: Frederick, lives in Germany; Mary, married Frederick Shultz, lives in Germany; Charles, the subject of this sketch; and Elizabeth, the widow of John Grutchmager, lives in Germany.

Charles Masso came to the United States when he was a young man and settled in Illinois, where he engaged in the contracting business. He was successful and was widely known throughout the township as a reliable business man. Mr. Masso now lives retired at Chenoa.

On Dec. 31, 1885, Mr. Masso married Miss Elizabeth Steinbrunner, a native of Germany, born Feb. 10, 1865, and the daughter of John and Catherine (Fuhlmer) Steinbrunner, now deceased. The Steinbrunner family came to America and settled in Chenoa in 1881. There were six children, as follows: Catherine, married Henry Otto, both deceased; Caroline, deceased; Chris, lives in Minnesota; Mrs. Masso; Charles, lives in Chicago; and Henry, lives in Minnesota. Mrs. Steinbrunner died in 1914 at the age of 80 years. To Charles and Elizabeth (Steinbrunner) Masso 11 children have been born, as follows: Caroline, born Oct. 19, 1886, deceased; Lena, born April 3, 1888, lives at home; Elizabeth, born

Jan. 24, 1890, died in infancy; Henry, born Nov. 19, 1892, garage business, Chenoa; Emil, born April 26, 1894, mason contractor, lives at Chenoa; Carol, born March 23, 1896, garage business at Chenoa, further mention of whom is made below; Paul, born Sept. 24, 1898, also in the garage business at Chenoa, further mention of whom is made below; Adelbert, born April 18, 1901, died July 16, 1916; John, born Aug. 8, 1904, also engaged in the garage business with his brothers at Chenoa; Marie, born Nov. 6, 1905, lives at home; and one child died in infancy.

Carol Masso is a veteran of the World War, having served for 11 months with the 82nd Division, eight months of which were spent in France.

Paul Masso is also a World War veteran, having enlisted in the navy. He was stationed at Chicago and at Norfolk, Va., and made many trips to France during his 13 months of service. While in the service Mr. Masso contracted influenza and was discharged after the armistice, but re-enlisted for four years following the war.

Charles Masso is widely known and is among the leading citizens of McLean County.

Rev. Charles M. Duncan, district superintendent of the Methodist Episcopal Church of the Bloomington District, was born in Crawford County, Ill., March 14, 1879, and is the son of John S. and Amelia (Richey) Duncan.

John S. Duncan was a native of Tennessee and his wife was born in Ohio. They were of Scotch descent and are now deceased. There were 10 children in the Duncan family, six of whom are now living

Rev. Charles M. Duncan was reared in Crawford County, Ill., and received his education in McKendree College at Lebanon, Ill., and the Garrett Biblical Institute at Evanston, Ill. He has been in the ministry 13 years, five of which he has been district superintendent. For one year he served in his present capacity in the Quincy District and he has been in the Bloomington District four years. Reverend Duncan served his church for the soldier boys at Rantoul, Ill., during the period of the World War. He has been connected with the Illinois Conference during the course of his ministry.

Reverend Duncan has been married twice. In 1900 he was married to Miss Millie Hawkins, of Crawford County, Ill., and to this union one

son was born, Paul B., a graduate of Illinois University and now manager of a store at Rantoul, Ill. Mrs. Duncan died in 1905 and Reverend Duncan was later married to Miss Susie L. Schulze, a native of Washington County, Ill. They have one daughter, Edith Eugenia, a student in Bloomington.

John G. Vaughan, a leading farmer and stockman of Chenoa Township, was born on the farm where he now resides, Dec. 21, 1881, the son of Hugh and Ellen (Jones) Vaughan.

Hugh Vaughan was a native of Wales and came to the United States when he was 17 years old and settled in New York. After two years Mr. Vaughan moved to Illinois and worked as a farm hand for \$15.00 per month. He was among the earliest settlers of Illinois and purchased 80 acres of land at \$8.50 per acre. Mr. Vaughan became a successful farmer and owned 480 acres of land at the time of his death, Jan. 28, 1907. He was an extensive grain farmer and was one of the most prominent stockmen of the early days. He was a Republican and at the time of Lincoln's election, walked from his farm in Chenoa Township to Bloomington to vote. Mrs. Hugh Vaughan now lives at Chenoa. They were the parents of eight children, as follows: Edward, deceased; Viola, married Kenneth McIver, Great Falls, Mont.; Hugh, deceased; Mary, lives at Chenoa; Grace, married Earl Starkey, farmer, lives at Mount Pleasant, Iowa; Robert, lives at Chenoa Township; Margaret, married Frank Thayer, lives at Chenoa; and John G., the subject of this sketch.

John G. Vaughan has always lived on the same farm in Chenoa Township and received his education in the district schools there. He now owns 120 acres of good farm land and is successful as a breeder of pure bred stock, and specializes in the raising of Poland China hogs and Short-horn cattle. Mr. Vaughan also ships stock and is an extensive feeder.

Mr. Vaughan was married on May 1, 1907, to Miss Minnie Thayer, a native of Yates Township, McLean County, born Jan. 2, 1883, and the daughter of Anthony and Margaret (Arnold) Thayer. There were four children in the Thayer family living, two having died in infancy, as follows: Clarence, farmer, lives in North Dakota; Ida, married Michael Heintz, farmer, lives near Chenoa; Frank, farmer, Yates Township, McLean County; and Mrs. Vaughan. Mr. Thayer is deceased and his widow lives in Chenoa Township. To John G. and Minnie (Thayer) Vaughan

two children have been born, as follows: Luella, born Oct. 28, 1913, and Margaret, born in Aug. 3, 1917.

John G. Vaughan is a member of the Presbyterian Church. He is an enterprising and progressive citizen of McLean County and the Vaughan family are among the representative citizens of the community.

Dr. James C. McNutt, a prominent physician and surgeon of Bloomington, was born at Herrick, in Shelby County, Ill., June 13, 1878, and is a son of Dr. I. B. and Katherin (Buchanan) McNutt.

Dr. I. B. McNutt was a native of Johnson County, Ind., and his wife was born in Fayette County, Ill. He was a successful physician, practicing medicine at Herrick for 30 years. He died in 1892 and his wife died in 1889. They were the parents of six children, as follows: Dr. John H., a physician at Hammond, Ill.; Dr. James C., the subject of this sketch; Mrs. Mary Moberley, lives at Carlsbad, New Mexico; Miss Ella, lives at Hammond, Ill.; and two daughters, who are deceased.

Dr. James C. McNutt was reared at Herrick, Ill., and after finishing high school at Windsor, Ill., entered Illinois Wesleyan University in 1896. After receiving his Bachelor of Arts degree there in 1901, he entered Washington University at St. Louis, from which he received the degree of medicine and surgery in 1905. He then practiced his profession a short time in Paris, Ill. and 10 years at Indianola, Ill., removing to Bloomington in 1915. Dr. McNutt's offices are located in the Griesheim Building.

On Sept. 28, 1902, Dr. McNutt was united in marriage with Miss Margaret Newkirk, a native of Indianola, Ill., born Feb. 6, 1880, and the daughter of Enoch and Mary E. (Williams) Newkirk, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Illinois. Mr. Newkirk died in 1902 and his wife lives with the McNutt family. Dr. and Mrs. McNutt have three children: Dorothea R., born Feb. 24, 1907, a senior in Bloomington High School; Virginia, born Aug. 26, 1909, a junior in high school; and Justin C., born Feb. 13, 1914, a student at Irvington school.

Dr. McNutt is an independent voter. He is a 32nd degree Mason and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows No. 778 Encampment. He belongs to the McLean County Medical Society, the Illinois State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He also belongs to the T. K. E. Greek letter fraternity and is a charter member of the orig-



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inal fraternity, Alpha Chapter of Illinois Wesleyan University. Dr. McNutt and his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is a substantial citizen of Bloomington and a progressive man in his profession.

Charles Peck, operator of Fox Fire Stock Farm in Chenoa Township, is among the leading farmers and stockmen of McLean County. He was born on the farm where he now resides, Oct. 21, 1881, the son of John and Alice (Hiser) Peck.

John Peck, who now lives retired at Lexington, Ill., has been among the prominent farmers and stockmen of McLean County for many years. He was born in Blue Ridge and his wife is a native of Lexington, Ill. They are the parents of five children, as follows: Charles, the subject of this sketch; Rebee, married Walter Dawson, lives at Redfield, N. D.; Grace, married Earl Johnson, lives at Lexington, Ill.; Carrie, married Orville Bradford, lives at Colfax, Ill.; and Mary, married Roswell Smith, manager of Woolworth stores at Des Moines, Iowa. John Peck owns 432 acres of good farm land in McLean County. He is a Republican, school director, and a member of the Methodist Church.

Charles Peck attended the public schools of Lexington and Chenoa Township and has always been a farmer. He now operates his father's land, which is known as Fox Fire Stock Farm. Mr. Peck is a breeder of Shorthorn cattle, Duroc Jersey hogs, and Shropshire sheep, and his wife raises chickens extensively. She now has about 350 chickens and 800 in incubators. Mrs. Peck ships eggs throughout the country. The Peck farm is modern in every detail, being equipped with modern machinery throughout. Mr. Peck is also an extensive honey man and last year sold more than two tons of honey. He has exhibited his corn, oats and other farm products at various shows and has won many prizes.

On Dec. 11, 1900, Mr. Peck was married to Miss Norrissa Farr, a native of Chenoa Township, born July 19, 1888, and the daughter of William and Ellen (Gallehugh) Farr, both natives of Virginia. Mr. Farr served throughout the Civil War and was a prominent farmer of McLean County. He and his wife, now deceased, were the parents of the following children: John, a farmer, lives in Chenoa Township; Kate, married A. Dawson, lives retired at Lexington; Jessie, married Guy Wil-

liams, lives in California; Ross, a farmer, lives at Carthage, Mo. To Charles and Norrissa (Farr) Peck three children have been born, as follows: Dorothy, born Nov. 5, 1901; John, born Aug. 7, 1904; and Florence, born Nov. 21, 1910.

Mr. Peck is a member of the Methodist Church and belongs to the Knights of Pythias, and the Modern Woodmen of America. He is an enterprising farmer and an excellent citizen.

J. R. Heiple, vice-president and cashier of the State Bank of Gridley, is a prominent citizen of McLean County. He was born in Washington, in October, 1884, and is a son of Frank and Maude (Crane) Heiple.

Frank Heiple, who now lives retired in Washington, was born in Pennsylvania. He went to Washington many years ago and engaged in business there. He now owns 3500 acres of land. There are ten children in the Heiple family, as follows: Gertrude, married H. J. Finney; Mary, married Harry Birkett, lives in Washington; Maud, the widow of Philo Ocbenrider, lives in Washington; J. R., the subject of this sketch; Frank; Dr. Edward, a veteran of the World War, now practicing his profession in St. Louis; Harold, lives in Washington, is also a veteran of the World War; Donald, who served in the army throughout the war and is now in the navy, being stationed on the U. S. S. Prometheus; Ray, lives at Peoria, Ill.; and Leva, at home.

J. R. Heiple received his education in the public schools in Washington. After holding a government position for ten years, Mr. Heiple came to Gridley in 1913. Since that time he has served as vice-president and cashier of the State Bank of Gridley.

The State Bank of Gridley is among the dependable banking institutions of the county. Its present officers are: W. D. Castle, president; J. R. Heiple, vice-president and cashier; and H. E. Diggle, assistant cashier. The directors are: W. D. Castle, J. R. Heiple, H. E. Diggle, W. H. Boies, J. F. Ropp, W. A. Freed, and E. F. Kent.

In 1913, Mr. Heiple was married to Miss Lucile Musser, a native of Chicago, and the daughter of B. J. and Jennie (Harshaw) Musser, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Wisconsin. Mr. and Mrs. Musser, who now reside with the Heiple family, have six children: Madge, married Herman Seigle; Mrs. Heiple; Byron, an artist, lives in

New York City; Walter, a lumber dealer, lives at Peoria, Ill.; William, lives at Evansville, Ind.; and Eugene, a World War veteran, lives at Seattle, Wash. Mr. and Mrs. Heiple have four children: Martha, Lucille, Mary and Maud.

Mr. Heiple has land holdings in Illinois, Texas and Kansas. He is a Republican, a member of the Lutheran Church and belongs to the Masonic lodge. Mr. Heiple is an influential citizen and stands high in his community.

A. L. Coyle, ex-postmaster of Gridley, who is now employed by the John R. Thompson Company as night manager and cashier in their Bloomington Cafe, is a substantial and highly respected citizen of McLean County. He was born in Madison County, Ky., May 19, 1867, the son of William and Lydia (Hudson) Coyle.

William Coyle was a native of Madison County, Ky., as also was his wife. He owned large tracts of land in Kentucky and was a prosperous farmer. Mr. Coyle was a Republican, a member of the Baptist Church, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and held many offices. He died May 1, 1881, and his wife died April 4, 1914. They were the parents of 13 children, of whom only four are now living, as follows: Nan, married James Champ, lives in Kentucky; Maggie, married George Bengel, lives in Oklahoma; J. W., a retired farmer, lives at Gridley; and A. L., the subject of this sketch.

A. L. Coyle lived in Kentucky until he was a young man and attended the district schools and Berea College in Kentucky. He came to Illinois and taught school for a number of years, and was later appointed postmaster of Gridley on July 15, 1897, which office he held until the time of his retirement, April 30, 1915. Mr. Coyle made a splendid record for himself during his many years of public service and is widely and favorably known.

In April, 1890, Mr. Coyle was married to Miss Sarah Freed, a native of Gridley, born Jan. 14, 1871, and the daughter of Henry and Amanda (Gilmore) Freed, natives of Illinois and parents of the following children: James, lives at Joliet, Ill.; Blanche, the widow of Daniel Clatfelter, lives at Gridley; Eva, married Arthur Kent, lives at Golden City, Mo.; O. G., deceased; Mrs. Coyle, who died Sept. 4, 1914; and Charles, lives in

Colorado. Mr. Freed died in 1906 and his wife died in 1920. To A. L. and Sarah (Freed) Coyle four children were born, as follows: Henry R., a railway mail clerk, World War veteran, having served overseas for 15 months; William Donald, a broker, lives in Chicago, also a veteran of the World War, serving in France throughout the war; Marcus Wayne, lives in Springfield, Ill., is also a veteran of the World War, having run away from home to enlist, and he was in service for three years; and Cassius, who is stationed at Trinidad B. W. I., with the United States Navy in the radio department. Mr. Coyle has one grandchild, Henry R. Coyle, Jr.

Mr. Coyle is a Republican, and a member of the Congregational Church. He is also a member of the Masonic lodge. He now resides at 701 S. Main Street, Bloomington, Ill.

Dr. Paul A. Humphries, a well known physician of Towanda, was born at Hudson in McLean County, June 2, 1898, the son of William Humphries.

William Humphries was born at Hudson and spent his entire life there and his wife was a native of Vermont and came to Illinois about 40 years ago. Mr. and Mrs. William Humphries had seven children, as follows: Dr. Paul A., the subject of this sketch; Edward; Burt; John; Fred; and Mary, the wife of Mr. Miller, lives at Marinette, Wis.; and Kate, died at the age of 14 in the year 1912. Mr. and Mrs. Humphries now reside on the farm, which is located one-half mile east of Hudson.

Dr. Paul A. Humphries attended the public and high schools at Hudson and Normal and was graduated from medical school at St. Louis University on July 1, 1921. He then served as interne at Alexian Brothers Hospital for 12 months and practiced with Dr. N. B. Panther of Waterloo, Ill., following hospital service. Dr. Humphries has been located at Towanda for the past two years and he is the only physician in the town.

On Sept. 24, 1919, Dr. Humphries married Miss Marie Adams, a native of Woodson, Ill., and they have one daughter, Mary, and one son, William.

Dr. Humphries is a member of the Phi Chi fraternity, member Towanda Lodge A. F. & A. M. and DeMolay Commandery of Bloomington, Ill. He is one of McLean County's best known young men and is deservedly popular with his rapidly increasing practice.

J. Earl Taylor, prominent druggist of Gridley, is among the enterprising and successful business men of McLean County. He was born at Gridley, Aug. 7, 1879, the son of Dr. John Aaron and Margaret (Appaline) Taylor.

Dr. John Aaron Taylor is among the prominent pioneer physicians of McLean County. He was born in Illinois, June 7, 1850, and has always lived in the same state. Dr. Taylor attended the public schools of Chenoa and received his degree as doctor of medicine in New York City in 1875. On Nov. 2, 1875, he located at Gridley and began the practice of medicine, remaining there until he retired. Dr. Taylor also has owned a drug business at Gridley, known as the J. A. Taylor and Sons Company, which is now operated by his sons. He lives retired. Dr. Taylor is a member of the Baptist Church, the Masonic lodge, the Knights of Pythias, and the Modern Woodmen of America. He is a staunch Republican and has always taken a commendable interest in the affairs of his community. Dr. and Mrs. John A. Taylor were the parents of five children, as follows: Grace Ellen, born Sept. 9, 1877, married on Nov. 11, 1903, to Charles Kirk, and they live in Seattle, Washington; J. Earl, the subject of this sketch; Lola A., born June 24, 1881, married on April 8, 1905, to Perry C. Brown, lives at Streator, Ill.; Margaret Appaline, born June 23, 1887; and John Aaron, Jr., born Jan. 3, 1890, also engaged in the drug business with his brother, J. Earl Taylor. Mrs. J. A. Taylor died May 10, 1902, and is buried at Gridley.

J. Earl Taylor lives in McLean County. He received his education in the public and high schools of Gridley, and was graduated from the school of pharmacy at Northwestern University in Chicago in the class of 1898. He then entered the drug business, which was then operated by his father. Mr. Taylor is a registered pharmacist in the states of Kansas, Iowa, and Illinois, and was the Illinois state representative for the United States Rubber Company for 12 years. He has been unusually successful in his work and is a leading business man of the state.

On Dec. 7, 1904, Mr. Taylor was united in marriage with Miss Margaret I. Settle, a native of Gridley, born April 5, 1878, and the daughter of William H. and Amy D. (Wilcox) Settle, natives of New York and early settlers of Illinois. Mr. Settle lived retired at Gridley until his death, Jan. 19, 1924. He was a veteran of the Civil War and was one of the only two remaining soldiers of this vicinity. He was a Republican, a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and belonged to the Knights

of Pythias and the Modern Woodmen of America. Mr. and Mrs. Settle were the parents of the following children: Jessie Mildred, married Joe L. Piper and lives in Iowa; Minerva Elizabeth, married J. H. Andrews, merchant of Gridley; Emma, married J. F. Lusher, lives at Normal, Ill.; Mary A., married H. S. Drum, lives in Galesburg, Ill.; and Margaret Isabelle, married J. Earl Taylor. To J. Earl and Margaret I. (Settle) Taylor three children have been born, as follows: Russell Earl, born Jan. 9, 1907, died April 3, 1908; Margaret Edith, born Sept. 30, 1908, at home; and J. Earl, Jr., born May 3, 1912, at home.

Mr. Taylor is identified with the Republican party in politics and he is a 32nd degree Mason. He is a member of the Congregational Church and an excellent citizen.

Russell Armstrong, a well known garage owner of Gridley, and agent for the Durant and Star automobiles, is a leading business man of that section. He was born in McLean County, Jan. 29, 1896, the son of John and Isabelle (Bayler) Armstrong.

John Armstrong, who now lives retired at Normal, Ill., has been a leading farmer of McLean County for many years. He is a Republican, a member of the Methodist Church. Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong are the parents of the following children: Elmer John, now a captain in the United States army, having been in the service since 1903, serving throughout the World War, and now stationed in the Panama Canal Zone; Robert, deceased; Frank, deceased; James D.; Herbert, a farmer, lives in McLean County; Agnes, teaches school in Chicago; Ruth, also teaches school in Chicago; Mary, lives at home; Margaret, married Lyle Moore, lives at Normal; Edith, attends school; Russell, the subject of this sketch; and Viola, attends high school.

Russell Armstrong received his education in the public schools and attends Illinois Wesleyan University at Bloomington. During the World War he enlisted for service in the army and served 21 months, 18 of which were spent in France. Mr. Armstrong engaged in several important battles of the war, including the battle of Saint Mihiel and the Argonne Drive. He was discharged Jan. 25, 1919. In January, 1921, he opened his garage at Gridley, and he has built up a good business there. He is a first class mechanic and does general repair work, and also carries a complete line of accessories and tires.

On Dec. 25, 1922, Mr. Armstrong was united in marriage with Miss Aletha Fuller, a native of Normal.

Mr. Armstrong is a member of the Methodist Church. He is one of the enterprising young business men of his community.

Austin King, well known merchant of Gridley, is a native of Livingston County. He was born Oct. 21, 1885, the son of John B. and Lena B. (Meyers) King.

John B. King is a native of Livingston County, Ill., and the son of Christian R. King, who settled in Waldo Township, Livingston County, Ill., in 1860. He became a leading farmer and was a large land owner. John B. King farmed for many years and owned 160 acres of land and was a breeder of thoroughbred horses. He now lives retired at Peoria, Ill. His wife died Aug. 7, 1910. Mr. and Mrs. John B. King had three children, as follows: Minnie, married L. E. Raber, a farmer, Pike Township, Livingston County; Austin, the subject of this sketch; and Roy, lives in Michigan.

Austin King was educated in the district schools of Waldo Township, Livingston County, and spent his boyhood on his father's farm. He has owned and operated his meat market at Gridley since May 20, 1918, and has an ice plant in connection with his meat business. Mr. King's shop is equipped with modern devices and is among the up-to-date and busy markets of the community, and Mr. King carries a fine grade of meats.

On Jan. 17, 1906, Mr. King was married to Miss Katherine Raber, a native of Waldo Township, Livingston County, born Sept. 9, 1884, and the daughter of Joseph K. and Lena (Ehresman) Raber, natives of Ohio and early settlers of Illinois. Mr. Raber has been a prosperous and well known farmer for many years and now lives retired at Gridley. Mr. and Mrs. Raber are the parents of the following children: Dr. D. D., lives at Bloomington, a veteran of the World War, having served in France for 18 months; Phoebe, married A. Zook, a farmer, lives in Woodburn, Ind.; Mrs. King; Emanuel, lives on the home place; and Wilda, at home. To Austin and Katherine (Raber) King three children have been born, as follows: Evelyn, born Aug. 8, 1907, was graduated from high school in 1923 and now teaches school; Dale, born Aug. 17, 1908, at home; and Lillian, born July 19, 1914, at home.

In politics Mr. King is a Republican and he has served as tax collector and as member of the school board. The King family are members of the Methodist Church and are widely known throughout McLean County and have many friends.

Lewis Green Stevenson.—Here is a citizen of Bloomington and McLean County who has had an interesting experience in public life, and served with honor in various positions, both in the state and national capitals. He is the only son of the late Adlai E. Stevenson, former vice president of the United States, and one of the most distinguished sons of McLean County. Mr. Stevenson was born at Chenoa on Aug. 15, 1868. His early education was received in the public schools of Bloomington while his father was building up a law practice and serving in various public offices. When a young man, Mr. Stevenson attended the State Normal University, and was also a student at Phillips Exeter Academy, at Exeter, New Hampshire. When Lewis G. was still a young man, his father was elected to the position of vice president of the United States, and served as such from 1893 to 1897. Mr. Stevenson served as private secretary to his father while the latter was in official Washington. Politically, the son was attached to the same party as his father had adhered to, and which had honored the elder Mr. Stevenson by choosing him to the second highest office in the nation. In 1904, Lewis G. Stevenson was one of the Illinois delegates to the national Democratic convention. Four years later, Adlai E. Stevenson was made the Democratic candidate for governor of Illinois, and his son managed his campaign, when he polled such a strong vote that the Republican candidate for governor in a nominally Republican state was elected by only a few thousand majority, whereas the head of the national Republican ticket received a majority of 170,000 in Illinois. Mr. Stevenson's friends still believe he was elected; they failed, however, to secure a recount from the Republican legislature.

In 1913, Mr. Stevenson was appointed chairman of the state board of pardons by Gov. Edward P. Dunne. During his administration of that position for nearly two years, Mr. Stevenson introduced many desirable changes in the parole law. He so conducted this office that in 1914, Gov. Dunne appointed Mr. Stevenson secretary of state for Illinois on the



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death of the then secretary of state. This position Mr. Stevenson filled for the balance of the Dunne administration. There was a bitterly fought deadlock in the election of a speaker of the house that lasted for seven weeks, and during this time Mr. Stevenson presided over the sessions with such eminent fairness and impartiality that at the close he was tendered a unanimous vote of thanks by the members of the house.

Mr. Stevenson was elected president of the Illinois Centennial Commission, which had charge of the selection of a site for the election of the Centennial building at Springfield, which is now one of the finest in the group of state buildings. The Centennial marked the one hundred years of Illinois as a state, its admission to the union having taken place in 1818.

Mr. Stevenson was a candidate for re-election as secretary of state, and although he was defeated, he ran 40,000 votes ahead of the highest man on the party ticket. After his retirement from state office, he was appointed during the world war as investigator for the U .S. navy, with headquarters in Washington, and in this position he served throughout the war.

In the time when he was not in public office, Mr. Stevenson lived for several years in Arizona, New Mexico and California, where he managed successfully gold and copper mines, including the famous Chino Copper mine at Santa Rita. In Illinois for many years, he managed, in addition to his own farms, several estates of other people, part of which included forty-nine large and well improved farms in Illinois, Iowa and Indiana. He pioneered in the education of farm tenants, and for several years in succession he had as many as fifty tenants attending the agricultural short courses at the University of Illinois.

Mr. Stevenson was married to Miss Helen Davis, daughter of the late W. O. Davis, who was for forty years proprietor of the Bloomington Pantagraph. They have two children, a son, Adlai, and a daughter, Elizabeth.

In anticipation of the campaign of 1924, the leaders of the rival factions of the Democratic party of the state of Illinois offered Mr. Stevenson the nomination for secretary of state, the same position which he so creditably filled under Gov. Dunne. He, however, declined the tender, owing to illness in his family. He spends one-third of his time in New York in connection with business interests.

The Stevenson family home is at 1316 East Washington Street in Bloomington.

Mrs. Letitia Green Stevenson.—To be the gracious and talented wife of a man who had attained high place in his city, state and nation, might be enough for the career of any one woman, but also to win other honors because of her own talents and worth, was the rare achievement of Mrs. Stevenson, wife of Adlai E. Stevenson, former vice president of the United States. For many years a leader in the social life of her own city, Bloomington, and then also occupying a place of equal prominence at the national capital, where she was the companion of her husband in the years of his own distinguished public service, Mrs. Stevenson's life was crowned with womanly successes which few are given to attain. Four terms did she occupy the position of president general of the national society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the largest and most notable patriotic organization of women in the country. After serving her fourth term in that office, the title of honorary president general was bestowed upon her, and carried until the day of her death, which occurred on Christmas night, 1913.

There is much in inheritance, good breeding and good blood, for one's ancestors have larger influence in mental, physical and moral endowment than any acquired wealth or station can bestow. Therefore we naturally would expect that a woman of Mrs. Stevenson's outstanding talents should have behind her a line of distinguished forebears. Her father, Rev. Lewis W. Green, was a learned divine who had become head of the Allegheny Theological Seminary at Allegheny, Pa., where he lived at the time of the birth of Mrs. Stevenson on Jan. 8, 1843. Farther removed in the line of her ancestor we find such men as Joseph Fry and Dr. Thomas Walker, the former a mere lad when he served in the military forces of the colonies during the Revolution, and the latter an intimate of Washington and Jefferson during the great crisis. Her maternal great-grandfather, James Speed, was a captain in the Revolution and was seriously wounded at Guilford Court House. Her ancestry was in direct line from the family of Washington on both sides.

Mrs. Stevenson was a mere child when her father removed with his family to Danville, Ky., where he became head of Centre College, famous for its list of notable alumni, before and since that time. In the atmosphere of scholarship and refinement the young woman first met Adlai E. Stevenson, then a student at the college, and the friendship began which was to ripen into marriage. When her father died, the young woman removed to Chenoa, McLean County, Ill., to make her home with her

sister, Mrs. Matthew T. Scott, whose husband was then a prominent citizen and land owner of that vicinity. The wedding of Letitia Green and Adlai E. Stevenson took place on Dec. 20, 1866, at the Scott home in Chenoa. The young couple went to live at Metamora, where Mr. Stevenson was just establishing himself in the practice of the law. After a period there, Mr. Stevenson and his young wife removed to Bloomington, where Mr. Stevenson began the professional career in which he was to attain distinction. The Stevensons first lived in a modest home on South Albert Street, but later purchased the fine house fronting on Franklin Park, where they resided during all the years while Mr. Stevenson was building up his law practice, and when at intervals he was chosen to public office, congressman, assistant postmaster general, and finally vice president of the United States. This house was the scene of very many notable gatherings of the personal and political friends of Mr. Stevenson during the years of his active career, and in all of these occasions Mrs. Stevenson bore a gracious and helpful part.

The period of Mrs. Stevenson's life which stood out in brilliant relief was the time when she temporarily resided in Washington during the '90's. Mr. Stevenson had been elected vice president of the United States in the fall of 1892, and was to be inaugurated on March 4, 1893. About two weeks prior to the inauguration, or on Feb. 22, 1893, Mrs. Stevenson was chosen president general of the Daughters of the American Revolution, her election following the death of Mrs. Benjamin Harrison, the first president general. She was re-elected the following year, and then after an interval during which Mrs. John W. Foster served in the position, Mrs. Stevenson was chosen in 1896 for the third time to head the great and growing society. Her fourth election came in 1897. She was the only president general who held office four times. On her retirement in 1898 she was given the title of honorary president general. The official life of Mrs. Stevenson in the leadership of the D. A. R. was marked by notable progress, the society advancing from its first struggles to become an influential factor in the patriotic life of the nation. Some time after her retirement she wrote a history of the organization, which is until this day considered authoritative.

At the close of her official life in Washington, Mrs. Stevenson returned to her home in Bloomington, where her friends had followed with interest and admiration her fulfillment of their hopes for her success in the exacting social life of official Washington. Her Bloomington home

again became the place from which radiated her genial friendships, and for sixteen years afterward she continued to enjoy the simpler society of her home city and its more intimate associations.

For a short time she was later again called away from home when she accompanied Mr. Stevenson to Europe with the government monetary commission, which spent several months in studies of the financial systems of European governments. She was blessed with good health up to within a few weeks of her final illness which preceded her death.

Four children came into the Stevenson home, three of whom survive. One daughter, Mary, died in young womanhood. Another daughter, Julia, is the wife of Rev. Martin D. Hardin, a distinguished Presbyterian minister of New York state, and the third daughter, Miss Letitia Stevenson, now lives in New York. The only son, Lewis G. Stevenson, makes his home in Bloomington. He has himself been honored with public office, having served as secretary of state of Illinois, chairman of the state board of pardons, and in other state and federated positions.

Analyzing the elements of Mrs. Stevenson's influence, it was discerned that the same gracious personality which made her the idol of her household shone out in new brilliance in her official sphere as head of the D. A. R. To her directly was due the initiative for the organization of the chapter of the society in Bloomington, which took her name as a lasting honor to her. This chapter was the only one in the country which chose the name of a then living person as its designation. Her history of the national society was graciously dedicated to her home chapter. But aside from any official station that she occupied, Mrs. Stevenson was ever a christian gentlewoman, and whether standing at the side of her distinguished husband receiving the honors of the people of our nation, or quietly engaged in her wifely duties and more neighborly functions of her home city, she was always the same sweet, gracious and magnetic woman. Her patriotic devotion came next to her love of God and home and family. Her mind was pure, and she ever made herself felt on the side of right and justice. Her business judgment, her social tact and prestige, her great quality of love for all, combined to make her life one exceptionally well rounded in its fullness and beauty.

Adlai E. Stevenson, the distinguished husband of Mrs. Stevenson, died only about six months after the wife's death, his demise taking place in June, 1914. The burial place of both is in the Bloomington cemetery, where yearly many call to pay reverent honor at their graves.

Wyett P. Griffin, who ranks among the reliable engineers on the Chicago & Alton Railroad, is a native of Illinois. He was born in Chandlerville, March 27, 1883, and is a son of Cyrus and Lydia (Watkins) Griffin.

Cyrus Griffin and his wife, natives of Illinois, now live retired at Chandlerville. They are the parents of five children: Willie, deceased; Belle, married Elmer Lindsay, lives at Petersburg, Ill.; Viola, married Sanford Sparks, lives at Allentown, Ill.; Wyett P., the subject of this sketch; and Thomas, deceased, was an engineer on the Chicago & Alton Railroad and was killed in a wreck in 1919.

Wyett P. Griffin received his education in the public schools of Pontiac and began railroading in 1902. He entered the employ of the Chicago & Alton Railroad in 1907 as a fireman and three years later was promoted to engineer.

On Sept. 15, 1906, Mr. Griffin was married to Miss Emma Jeanette Glines, a native of Pike County, Ill., born July 10, 1882, and the daughter of A. P. and Ida M. (Read) Glines, natives of Perry, Ill. Mr. Glines died Sept. 20, 1900, and his wife lives with the Griffin family. Mrs. Glines is the daughter of John A. Read, who lives at Perry, Ill. He was one of the first settlers of that place and is 97 years of age. Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Glines had four children: William, lives in Kentucky; Read, deceased; Nellie, married Robert Caldwell, lives at Seattle, Wash.; and Mrs. Griffin. Mr. and Mrs. Griffin have three children: Nellie Grace, born Oct. 12, 1907; Margaret May, born Aug. 1, 1911; and Ida Jane, born Oct. 12, 1920.

Mr. Griffin is a Republican and a member of the Masonic lodge and Shrine of Peoria. He and his family are members of the Christian Church and are favorably known in Bloomington.

Emil Masso, mason contractor at Chenoa, is among the successful and representative business men of his community. He was born at Chenoa, April 26, 1894, and is the son of Charles and Elizabeth (Steinbrunner) Masso.

Charles Masso, who now lives retired at Chenoa, is a prominent citizen of McLean County. He was born in Germany, Nov. 7, 1859, the son of Frederick and Elizabeth Masso, natives of Germany.

Charles Masso has lived in the United States since he was a young man, having settled in Illinois, where he engaged in the contracting business. He is now retired. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Masso have 11 children, as follows: Caroline, born Oct. 19, 1886, deceased; Lena, born April 3, 1888, lives at home; Elizabeth, born Jan. 24, 1890, deceased; Henry, born Nov. 19, 1892, garage owner at Chenoa; Emil, the subject of this sketch; Carol, born March 23, 1896, a veteran of the World War, and now engaged in the garage business at Chenoa; Paul, born Sept. 24, 1898, also a World War veteran, lives at Chenoa; Adelbert, born April 18, 1901, died July 16, 1916; John, born Aug. 8, 1904, engaged in the garage business with his brothers; Marie, born Nov. 6, 1905, at home; and one child died in infancy.

Emil Masso was educated in the public and high schools of Chenoa and after finishing his school work engaged in business with his father, well known mason contractor of Chenoa. He has worked at this trade for 10 years and since the retirement of his father conducts it alone.

On July 1, 1918, Mr. Masso was married to Miss Reba Hill, a native of Kansas, born May 19, 1893, and the daughter of Frank and Alice (Vanbuskirk) Hill, natives of Kansas and now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Masso have one daughter, Dorothy, born Aug. 17, 1919.

Mr. Masso is identified with the Republican party in politics and he is widely and favorably known throughout McLean County.

Lawrence Watt, a well known locomotive engineer, on the Chicago & Alton Railroad, is a native of McLean County. He was born at LeRoy, Feb. 14, 1882, and is a son of Bruce and Carrie (Pence) Watt.

Bruce Watt and his wife are natives of LeRoy, Ill., where he conducted a mercantile establishment for many years. At one time Mr. Watt followed farming and stock raising in Empire Township, where he owned 220 acres of land. He and his wife now live retired at LeRoy. They are the parents of the following children: Sybil, married Richard Flansburg, lives at St. George, Ga.; Jessie, married Charles Nox, lives at Pomona, Cal.; Lawrence, the subject of this sketch; Rupert, lives at Peoria, Ill.; Rudolph, who died of tuberculosis while in the service during the World War; Madeline, married Raymond Cruz, lives at Indianapolis, Ind.; Geraldine, married W. J. Bendschneider, lives at Bloomington; Guy

and Grace, twins, both deceased; Kenneth, deceased; and Max, lives in Bloomington.

Lawrence Watt attended the public schools of LeRoy and entered the employ of the Chicago & Alton Railroad as fireman in 1903. In 1912 he was promoted to engineer. During the World War Mr. Watt served as fuel supervisor for one year.

On Jan. 18, 1904, Mr. Watt was married to Miss Hattie Runyan, a native of Dawson Township, McLean County, born Sept. 28, 1885, and the daughter of P. S. and Melissa Runyan, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of McLean County. Mrs. Runyan died Oct. 31, 1906. Mr. Runyan resides in Bloomington. There were four children in the Runyan family: Minnie, married John Murphy, lives at Normal, Ill.; Etta, deceased; Hope, married William Ulbrich, lives in Bloomington; and Mrs. Watt. Mr. and Mrs. Watt have no children.

Mr. Watt is a Democrat, a member of the Masonic lodge and belongs to the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. He is a man of excellent character, industrious and competent.

John P. Romans, known as an efficient engineer on the Chicago & Alton Railroad, is a native of Illinois. He was born at Charleston, March 14, 1884, the son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Hennesey) Romans.

Jacob Romans, now living retired at Charleston, Ill., is among the pioneer railroad men of the west. He was born at Frankfort, Ky., and came to Indiana at an early date, locating at Terre Haute. He later removed to Illinois. Mr. Romans is now 74 years of age and his wife is 71 years old. They are the parents of six children: Anna, married David McDonald, lives at Mattoon, Ill.; Mary, deceased; John P., the subject of this sketch; Theresa, deceased; William, lives in Montana; and Leora, deceased.

John P. Romans was reared at Charleston, Ill., and attended the public schools there. When a young man he was employed by the Clover Leaf Railroad, now a branch of the Nickel Plate Railroad. In 1908 Mr. Romans was promoted to engineer, at which time he entered the employ of the Chicago & Alton Railroad.

On Nov. 23, 1908, Mr. Romans was married to Miss Maude MacLeod, of Mattoon, Ill., born at Columbus, Ohio, March 1, 1890, and the daughter

of Norman and Margaret MacLeod, natives of Scotland. Mr. MacLeod lives retired at Detroit, Mich. His wife is deceased. They were the parents of seven children, as follows: Margaret, married Frank Walters, lives at Detroit, Mich.; Christina, married Bert Dryden, lives at Detroit, Mich.; John, lives at Granite City, Ill.; William, lives at West Frankfort, Ill.; George, lives at Detroit, Mich.; Bertha, married Gus White, lives at Detroit, Mich.; and Mrs. Romans. Mr. and Mrs. Romans have one son, John Leonard, born March 21, 1916.

Mr. Romans is a Democrat, a member of the Catholic Church and belongs to the Elks lodge. He is esteemed as one of the progressive citizens of Normal.

Frank M. Gillespie, a veteran of the World War, is among McLean County's prominent young farmers. He was born in Chenoa Township, May 4, 1899, the son of Park C. and Freida (Reichardt) Gillespie.

Park C. Gillespie is a member of one of McLean County's most prominent pioneer families. His father, Christian Gillespie, came to Illinois during the early days and became a leading farmer of the county. Park C. Gillespie was also an extensive farmer and stockman of Chenoa Township, and owned 540 acres of land here and 832 acres in Kansas. He and his wife now live retired at Normal. Mr. Gillespie is a Republican and served as mayor of Chenoa for a number of years, and during his administration the streets of Chenoa were paved and other improvements made. Mr. and Mrs. Gillespie are the parents of the following children: Herbert, a farmer, Chenoa Township; Howard, twin brother of Herbert, engaged in the insurance business at Chenoa; C. J., a farmer of Chenoa Township, a sketch of whom appears in this volume; Grace, deceased; Mary, deceased; and Frank M., the subject of this sketch.

Frank M. Gillespie received his education in the public schools of Chenoa and then farmed on the home place for several years. He now owns and operates 220 acres of the original farm which belonged to his father, and he is among the leading and wide-awake young farmers of Chenoa Township.

During the World War Frank M. Gillespie enlisted from Bloomington, Ill., and was stationed at Camp Jefferson in St. Louis for two months. He was then sent to Camp Taylor, Ky., where he served with motor trans-



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port company No. 720. Mr. Gillespie contracted scarlet fever while in the service and was in a camp hospital for six weeks.

On May 4, 1920, Frank M. Gillespie married Miss Lorene Kilpatrick, a native of Chenoa Township, born May 12, 1900, and the daughter of William and Ida (Frederickson) Kilpatrick, the former a native of Ireland and the latter of Nebraska. Mr. and Mrs. Kilpatrick now live retired at Fairbury, Ill., and are the parents of the following children: Pearl, married William Travis, lives in Livingston County; Merle, deceased; Mrs. Gillespie; Edna, lives at home; and one child died in infancy. Mrs. Gillespie taught school for two years near Weston.

In politics Mr. Gillespie is a Republican and he is a member of the Methodist Church and belongs to the Masonic Lodge. He is well and favorably known throughout McLean County and the Gillespie family ranks among the representative people of the county.

Edward and Walter H. Kahle, proprietors of 240 acres of well improved land in Yates Township, are enterprising and progressive young farmers of McLean County, and Edward Kahle is a veteran of the World War. He was born at Cullom, in Iroquois County, Ill., May 11, 1896, and his brother was born in McLean County, June 23, 1901. They are the sons of Henry and Mary (Fischbach) Kahle.

Henry Kahle was born in Germany and came to the United States when he was 14 years of age, settling at Cullom, Ill. He later moved to Yates Township in McLean County, where he operated a farm of 160 acres. Mr. Kahle was a successful farmer and died May 12, 1908, and his widow now lives at Chenoa. They were the parents of the following children: Harry, a farmer, lives in Yates Township; Charlotte, lives with her mother at Chenoa; Henrietta, married Elvie Cooper, a farmer, lives in Yates Township; L. D., and Frank, further mention of whom is made below; Edward, subject of this sketch; Verna, married Roy Jones, a farmer, lives in Lexington Township; Walter H., subject of this sketch; and Gertrude, lives with her mother at Chenoa.

L. D. Kahle was inducted into service during the World War on June 24, 1918, and was sent to Camp Wheeler, Georgia. He was discharged from service Dec. 6, 1918, after contracting pleurisy, and he now farms in Chenoa Township.

Frank Kahle was inducted into service in March, 1918, and served with Company A, 358th Infantry, 90th Division. He served overseas for more than a year, taking part in the Battle of Saint Mihiel and the Argonne Drive, and he was also with the army of occupation in Germany. Mr. Kahle now lives in South Dakota.

Edward and Walter H. Kahle received their educations in the public schools and have always lived on a farm. During the World War Edward Kahle was inducted into service and served with Company C, 337th Machine Gun Corps, and he was in service from Sept. 18, 1917, until May 20, 1919. Mr. Kahle served overseas and took part in many important battles and drives of the war, including the Battle of Saint Mihiel, the Meuse-Argonne and the Toule and battle of Marbaugh. At one time he was in the lines for 21 days without relief. Since the close of the war the Kahle brothers have engaged in general farming. The Kahle farm is a section of the old Fischbach farm and has belonged to the family for a long time, their grandmother now owning it. A sketch of Charlotte Fischbach appears elsewhere in this work.

The Messrs. Kahle are Republicans, and belong to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. They are good farmers and excellent young citizens of McLean County.

Adolphus Dillon, deceased, was a well known and successful business man of Normal. He was born in Tazewell County, Ill., Oct. 28, 1849, the son of Ellis and Martha (Fisher) Dillon, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Tazewell County, Ill.

Adolphus Dillon received his education in the district schools of Tazewell County and came to McLean County with his parents when he was 15 years of age. They lived at Bloomington and Mr. Dillon also attended school there. In 1872 he became a member of the firm of Ellis Dillon, a partnership consisting of his father and two cousins, Isaiah and Levi Dillon. They were importers of French draft horses and this partnership continued about 10 years. Mr. Dillon made a trip to France with his cousin, Isaiah Dillon, in the spring of 1873, where they purchased draft horses for the company. Mr. Dillon owned 579 acres of well improved land mostly in Tazewell County, Ill. He died July 17, 1922.

On Nov. 20, 1873, Mr. Dillon was married to Miss Paulina Britt, a native of Logan County, Ill., born Oct. 30, 1850, and the daughter of W. S. and Sally (Burt) Britt, natives of Kentucky and Illinois respectively, and the parents of the following children: Mrs. Dillon; John C., a farmer, lives near McLean, Ill.; Emma, married J. E. Richmond, lives at Normal, Ill., a sketch of whom appears in this volume; Hattie, married Byron Gregory, lives at Normal, Ill. To Adolphus and Paulina (Britt) Dillon three children were born, as follows: Harlen Britt, married Jessie W. Brown, lives at Normal; Mertie May, married Frank I. Blair, lives at Normal; and Bessie D., married Guy L. Shaw, lives at Beardstown, Ill. Mrs. Dillon has 12 grandchildren, as follows: Harlie Deane, Elmo, Burt, Ruth, Irene, Esther, and Gordon James Dillon; Britt and Ellis Blair; and Jean and Lyman Shaw.

Adolphus Dillon was a firm believer in prohibition. He went quietly to the polls and cast his vote for the ones who in his judgment were the best fitted to make honest and conscientious office holders. He was a member of the Christian Church. Mr. Dillon was a substantial citizen, a believer in progressive methods in his work, and always ready to support the best interests of his community.

DeWitt G. Gray, a well known and substantial citizen of Bloomington, was born in New York, Jan. 9, 1856, and is the son of Robert and Elizabeth (Whitten) Gray.

Robert Gray was a native of Ireland, as also was his wife. He was born in 1826 and came to this country with his family in 1848, locating in Bloomington, where he owned a harness shop for many years. He died in 1904, and his wife also died during the same year. They were the parents of the following children: John W., a sketch of whom appears in this work; David, lives in Chicago; George T., engaged in the grocery business with his brother, John W.; DeWitt, the subject of this sketch; Elizabeth, died Dec. 31, 1915, at the age of 56 years, was the wife of W. E. Bush; Anna, married G. R. Holden, lives in San Antonio, Texas; Eva, the widow of William Flynn, lives with her brother, George; and two children died in infancy.

DeWitt G. Gray was educated in the public schools of Bloomington and after finishing his schooling was engaged as a printer in a local

printing shop. Later he was employed in the telegraph office and then the owner of a fruit stand where the Ike Livingston building now stands. In 1873 Mr. Gray went to Farmer City, Ill., where he worked in a bakery, and two years later he went into business with Brown and Gray, grocers of Bloomington. After nine years he purchased Mr. Brown's interest in the business and he and his brother, John, conducted the grocery, at 113 West Front Street, until 1913, at which time DeWitt G. Gray retired from the business. He is now a clerk there.

In April, 1923, Mr. Gray was elected alderman of the first ward in Bloomington and he is chairman of the claim department. Since his term of office began there have been many improvements made in the repairing of streets and sidewalks in Bloomington.

On April 18, 1877, Mr. Gray was married to Miss Jennie Haney, a native of Piper City, Ill., and the daughter of John and Bridget Haney, natives of Ireland. To Mr. and Mrs. Gray one child was born, Florence Edna Klopp, and she now resides at home.

Mr. Gray is a Republican and belongs to the Masonic lodge and Consistory. He has many friends throughout McLean County and the Gray family has always stood high in the community.

George T. Gray, who is successfully engaged in the grocery business in Bloomington with his brother, John W., was born at Johnstown, N. Y., Dec. 12, 1853. He is the son of Robert and Elizabeth (Whitten) Gray.

The Gray family came to the United States from Ireland in 1848 and located in Bloomington, where Robert Gray owned and operated a harness shop. He was born in 1826 and died in 1904. His wife also died the same year, when she was struck by a street car in Bloomington. Mr. and Mrs. Gray were the parents of the following children: John W., a sketch of whom appears in this volume; David, lives in Chicago; George T., the subject of this sketch; DeWitt, a sketch of whom also appears in this volume; Elizabeth, died Dec. 31, 1915, at the age of 56 years, was the wife of W. E. Bush; Anna, married G. R. Holden, lives in San Antonio, Texas; Eva, the widow of William Flynn, lives with her brother, George T.; and two children died in infancy.

George T. Gray has lived in Bloomington since he was 10 years old, and he was educated in the public schools there. After completing his

school work he was a fireman for three years, after which he was promoted to locomotive engineer on the Chicago & Alton Railroad. In 1886 Mr. Gray resigned from the railroad and went into business with his brother in Bloomington. They have a fine up-to-date store on Main Street and are pioneer business men of McLean County.

On Feb. 16, 1880, Mr. Gray was united in marriage with Miss Mary C. Wagstaff, a native of Hamilton, Canada, and the neice of Richard Butler, at one time editor of the Clinton Public, of Clinton, Ill. Mrs. Gray died Jan. 28, 1916, and is buried in the Evergreen Cemetery of Bloomington. Mr. and Mrs. Gray had no children.

Mr. Gray is a Republican. He is a substantial and highly respected citizen of McLean County.

Walter Havens Trimmer, deceased, was for many years a prominent citizen of McLean County. He was born at Hudson, Ill., Jan. 16, 1862, the son of John Anderson and Maria (Clark) Trimmer.

John Anderson Trimmer was born at Havens Grove, Ill., May 11, 1834, and died at Uniontown, Kan., July 15, 1880. He was a farmer during his life and had lived in Kansas since 1870. His wife was born July 4, 1836, and died in 1864. They were the parents of one child, Walter Havens, the subject of this sketch.

Walter Havens Trimmer was reared on his father's farm and at the age of 20 years began railroading on the Chicago & Alton Railroad. He was a fireman for several years and was promoted to engineer in 1893. Mr. Trimmer was killed in a railroad accident on Jan. 24, 1917, when his engine was struck by a Pennsylvania switch engine, running wild. He was backing his engine into the Chicago Union Station when the accident occurred. Mr. Trimmer's only other accident was when his train left the tracks at Hopedale, Ill.

On Nov. 22, 1911, Mr. Trimmer was married in Bloomington to Miss Alice Scibird, a native of Bloomington, and the daughter of Joseph H. and Frances (Clark) Scibird, the former a native of Delaware County, Ind., and the latter of Kingston, Ind. Joseph H. Scibird was a major during the Civil War, having enlisted at Bloomington in the 70th Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He was the photographer that took the pictures of the indignation meeting at the time of President Lincoln's assassina-

tion. Mr. Scibird was a well-known photographer and his brother, John, was in business with him. He served as postmaster of Bloomington in 1870 and was the founder of the *Leader*, a newspaper later merged with the *Bulletin*. There were three children in the Scibird family, as follows: Mrs. Alice Trimmer; Albert Clark, deceased; and Florence, married Walter H. Craber, lives in Chicago. Mr. Scibird died Jan. 1, 1889, at the age of 48 years and his widow now lives with her daughter, Mrs. Trimmer. Mr. and Mrs. Trimmer had no children.

Mr. Trimmer was a Republican, and a member of the Locomotive Firemen and Engineers. He belonged to the Knights of Pythias and the Masonic Lodge, No. 43, of Bloomington. He was active in the Consistory and Shrine and was elected a 32d degree Mason in September, 1916, but was killed before receiving the degree. Mr. Trimmer was a substantial citizen, who stood well in the esteem of his fellow citizens. His widow lives at 911 South Fell Street, Normal.

Frank O. Hanson, State senator and attorney, is among McLean County's most prominent and influential citizens. He was born in Gridley Township, McLean County, Nov. 16, 1875, and is the son of Pleasant Milton and Amanda (Coon) Hanson.

The Hanson family is of Scotch-Irish descent and were early settlers of Virginia. William Hanson, grandfather of the subject of this sketch, came to Illinois in 1830. He was an orphan and was brought here from Ohio by William Boner and William Taylor. His twin brother Uriah also came. They settled at Lacon, in Henry County, Ill., and later Uriah Hanson purchased land in Gridley Township, McLean County, for \$1.25 per acre.

The Coon family originally came from Pennsylvania and located in McLean County. Before the time of the Civil War they went to Missouri and lived in Chillicothe. Later, however, they returned to McLean County.

Pleasant Milton Hanson was born in Gridley Township, McLean County, in 1855, and his wife was a native of Livingston County, Mo., born in 1857. They were the parents of the following children: Frank, the subject of this sketch; Dr. Charles P., a physician; Herbert H.; William Cassel; Archie; Rachael, married M. R. Hodgkinson; and Dorothy Lynch.

Frank O. Hanson received his education in the public schools and after finishing high school at Lexington attended the University of Illinois. In May, 1903, he was graduated from Illinois Wesleyan University. Mr. Hanson then began the practice of law in Bloomington, soon afterward becoming associated with Judge Owen T. Reeves. After five years he practiced alone, and is now located in the Livingston Building. Mr. Hanson was elected State senator on Nov. 2, 1920.

In 1910 Mr. Hanson was married to Miss Ethel R. Hamilton, a daughter of Frank Y. and Emma (Cove) Hamilton, and a niece of ex-Governor John Hamilton. Mrs. Hanson was born in Bloomington in 1882 and died Oct. 28, 1920. There are two children in the Hanson family: Franklin, born in November, 1911; and Betty, born in 1913.

Mr. Hanson is a member of the First Christian Church and belongs to the Bloomington Club, the Kiwanis Club, the Modern Woodmen of America, the B. P. O. E., the Masonic lodge of Normal, Consistory and Blue Lodge of Bloomington, and the Shrine at Springfield. Mr. Hanson is well known in McLean County and has many friends.

Phillip Klein, deceased, was one of the well known and dependable citizens of this section. He was born in Bavaria, Germany, Feb. 4, 1836, the son of Jacob and Margaret (Weiser) Klein.

Jacob Klein and his wife came to the United States in 1855 and settled on a farm in Deer Creek Township, and later moved to Pike Township, where Mr. Klein carried on general farming and stock raising. Mr. and Mrs. Klein, now deceased, were the parents of five children, as follows: John, deceased, a sketch of whom appears in this history; Phillip, the subject of this sketch; Charles, deceased; Jacob, deceased; and Catherine, married Louis Moschell, deceased.

Phillip Klein came to this country from Germany at the age of 19 years and engaged in general farming in Livingston County, Ill. He became the owner of 90 acres of land, which he improved, and for many years he was widely known as a successful stockman. Mr. Klein died June 16, 1912, and is buried in Pike Cemetery, Livingston County, Ill. His widow, who lived on McClellan Street, Chenoa, Ill., died Jan. 3, 1924.

In 1864 Mr. Klein married Miss Margaret Dehner, a native of Germany who came to the United States when she was 16 months old with her

parents, Daniel and Catherine Dehner. The Dehner family came to this county and settled at Danvers, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. Dehner, deceased, were the parents of the following children: Mrs. Klein; Daniel, retired, lives at Chenoa; Wilhelmina, deceased, was the wife of Martin Miller; John, lives in Virginia; Christian, lives in Salt Lake City, Utah; Fred, lives in Salt Lake City, Utah; Louis, lives in Illinois; Elizabeth, lives near Hudson, Ill., married Louis Ernst; Tobias, painter, lives in Bloomington; and Susan, married Anton Dirks, deceased, Danvers, Ill. To Phillip and Margaret (Dehner) Klein the following children were born: Jacob, farmer, lives in Nebraska; Catherine, married Fred E. Oech, farmer, lives in Iowa; Charles, lives in Illinois; Daniel, carpenter, lives in Iowa; and George, farmer, lives in Iowa. Mrs. Klein has seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, Kenneth Klipple and Phillip Galley, Robert and Rose.

Phillip Klein was a Democrat and served as road commissioner and school director. He was a member of the Lutheran Church and was a highly respected citizen of the community.

Dr. Bernice Curry.—Alpha Bernice Curry, M. D., is medical director and superintendent of Fairview, the McLean County tuberculosis sanatorium, located on North Main street road one mile north of Normal, and she also carries on a general practice of medicine, her home being at 107 East Locust Street, in Bloomington. Dr. Curry was born in Eminence Township, in Logan County, two and one-half miles west of Atlanta. Her father was James Benjamin Curry, a native of Shelby County, Ohio, and her mother was Jennie E. (Judy) Curry, who was born near Armington in Logan County. The father is deceased, and the mother lives with Dr. Curry at their home in Bloomington. The father died April 12, 1906, and his burial place is in Evergreen cemetery near Atlanta. He was a school teacher for 35 years, and for many years was a newspaper correspondent and general writer, his productions appearing under the nom de plume of "Nancy Jane." He was a Civil War veteran, and held several county offices in Logan County, including deputy sheriff, census enumerator and tax assessor. He was a staunch republican, and acquired the honorary title of the "Sage of Eminence."

Dr. Curry grew up on the home farm and was educated in Walnut Row district school, then Atlanta High School, and her professional training was at Keokuk Medical College and the College of Physicians and



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Surgeons at Keokuk, Iowa. She was secretary of the class of 1903 and a member of George F. Jenkins Medical society at Keokuk. She spent the summer of 1901 in special training at the general hospital at Ft. Dodge, Iowa. Her first work was that of clerk in the Henry Hawes dry goods store at Atlanta. After graduating from the Keokuk medical school in 1903, Dr. Curry located at Delavan, but after a few months she came to Bloomington and began a general practice of medicine. She soon gained a name in the local medical society and was secretary of the county medical society for several years. For the special work in which she is now engaged she began special training by being appointed medical director of the County Tuberculosis dispensary in January, 1918. In the summer of 1919, she attended the Trudeau School of Tuberculosis at Saranac Lake, N. Y., receiving her diploma and being secretary of the class in which she graduated. Upon the completion of the McLean County tuberculosis sanatorium, Dr. Curry was named as its medical director in August, 1919, and in March, 1920, she was given the additional duties of the superintendent, a position which had at first been filled by Miss Catherine Smith. Since 1920, Dr. Curry has continued to fill both positions with eminent satisfaction of the patients and of the board of managers appointed by the county supervisors. To enhance her special knowledge along these lines, Dr. Curry attended the Colorado School of Tuberculosis at Colorado Springs in 1922 and received a diploma there. She also took a special course under Dr. George T. Palmer, tuberculosis specialist at Springfield.

Dr. Curry is and has been for some years one of the medical examiners for Royal Neighbors of America, No. 637, of the Woman's Benefit Association of Maccabees, Hive No. 101, the National Protective Life Association, Bloomington Assembly 1773, of which she is also secretary and treasurer. She is a member of the McLean County Medical Society, the Illinois State Medical Society, the American Medical Association and the National Tuberculosis Association.

The members of Dr. Curry's immediate family, aside from her mother, are two half brothers, Sylvester Bowen, of New Mexico, and Leslie J. Bowen, of Lakota, N. D.; one half sister, Mrs. John L. Houser, of Ft. Collins, Col.; and two sisters, Mrs. Fred W. Schultz, of Stanford, and Mrs. Deane Archer, of Bloomington.

Of strictly social organizations, Dr. Curry is a member of the Woman's Club, the Maplewood Country Club and the Y. W. C. A.

E. M. Pike, a well known retired lumber dealer of McLean County, and veteran of the Civil War, is a member of one of the county's oldest and most prominent pioneer families. He was born July 1, 1848, at Casco, Maine, the son of Harrison Wallace and Susan A. (Mobberly) Pike.

Harrison Wallace Pike, a native of Cornish, Maine, came to Bloomington with his family in 1854 and became a successful trader. He established the Pike House during the early days, which was the first hotel west of Chicago. He died in June, 1875, and his wife died the following year. They were the parents of the following children: E. M., the subject of this sketch; Noah H., pioneer lumber man of Chenoa, a sketch of whom appears in this volume; Susan, married James Sanders, insurance, Bloomington; I. H., attorney Oak Park, Ill.; A. H., deceased; Anna M., deceased; Mary Alice, married Dr. Ely Gale, both deceased.

E. M. Pike came to McLean County with his parents in 1854 and received his education in the district schools. He left school during the Civil War to enlist in Company A, 33d Illinois Normal Regiment and was in service for three years and three months. Mr. Pike took part in a number of important battles and was made orderly sergeant during the battle of Cash River, on July 7, 1863. After the close of the war he received a medal for bravery during that battle.

Mr. Pike and his brother, Noah H., are the leading lumber men of McLean County and also operated the first brick and tile business in the vicinity of Chenoa. Mr. Pike invented the first brick kiln used in the county and he furnished all the tile that was used in draining farm lands and the cities of McLean County. The factory burned several years before the time of Mr. Pike's retirement. He lives on Mason Street, in Chenoa.

On July 28, 1869, Mr. Pike married Miss Eunice Fugate, a native of Bloomington, and the daughter of William Fugate, a native of Kentucky and early settler of Illinois. Mrs. Pike had the following brothers and sisters: John, deceased; Mary, married William Hogue, both deceased; and Thomas, deceased. To E. M. and Eunice (Fugate) Pike two children were born, as follows: Edward Scott, born June 2, 1870, a graduate of Jackson College, now associated with an advertising agency at Quincy, Ill.; and Eunice A., born May 30, 1874, married Joseph Powell Kerr on Aug. 24, 1901, who is an extensive farmer and stockman of Versailles, Ill., where he owns and operates 1,500 acres of well-improved land. There are 13 tenants on the Kerr land and during the early part of 1923, from

Jan. 1st, until April 1st, Mr. Kerr shipped eight cars of stock. Mrs. E. M. Pike died Dec. 13, 1919, and is buried in Chenoa Cemetery. Mr. Pike has two grandchildren, William Edward Pike, who attends the University of Wisconsin, and Robert Pike Kerr, attends high school.

E. M. Pike was one of the organizers of The State Bank of Chenoa and is now a director of the institution. He has served as sheriff of McLean County for two years and as supervisor of Chenoa for two terms. Mr. Pike has acted as president of the school board and for 34 successive years has given a gold medal to the student with the highest honors of the Chenoa schools. He has been presented with a gold-headed cane on two occasions, one by the board of school directors and the other by the Pike Hotel.

Mr. Pike has traveled extensively and his library is filled with many interesting and valuable souvenirs of his travels. He attended the reunion of his company of Illinois infantry at Joliet, Ill., on June 14, 1911, and on that occasion there were few of his comrades of Civil War days remaining. Mr. Pike has always been a temperate man and has been a member of all temperance organizations, and he has never used tobacco. He has been a member of the Presbyterian Church at Chenoa since Dec. 3, 1916. Mr. Pike is widely known and is one of the leading citizens of McLean County.

Wilbert Ferguson, professor of modern languages at Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington, is among the widely known educators of McLean County. He was born in Union County, Ohio, Jan. 16, 1857, the son of William H. and Sarah (Main) Ferguson. William H. Ferguson was a native of western Pennsylvania and his wife was born in Ohio, her parents having moved there from Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson spent their entire lives in Ohio.

Wilbert Ferguson was educated by his father, who was a teacher for many years. He entered Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, Ohio, and was graduated from there in 1879 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Before completing his school work there Mr. Ferguson taught at LaRue, Ohio, and was also principal of the schools there. He then taught Greek at Adrian College in Michigan for eight years and at the end of that time went to Leipzig, Germany, as a student for two years.

Mr. Ferguson returned to Adrian College and came to Illinois Wesleyan University in the fall of 1894. With the exception of the year 1913, Mr. Ferguson has taught at the university in Bloomington, and during that year he took a special course of study at Lausanne, Switzerland.

In 1881 Mr. Ferguson married Miss Mary Godman, a native of Richwood, Ohio, and to this union three children have been born, as follows: French T., managing editor of the Missoulian and Evening Sentinel at Missoula, Mont.; William G., secretary of the Commercial Club at Helena, Mont.; and Constance, married George L. Doty, professor of romance languages at Allegheny College, Meadville, Pa.

Mr. Ferguson is a member of the Phi Gamma Delta and the Phi Kappa Phi fraternities. He is a 32d degree Mason and one of Bloomington's highly respected citizens.

Joseph A. Watchinski, who operates a wholesale and retail oil station at Chenoa, was born in Bloomington, Sept. 22, 1893, the son of John and Helen (Sahl) Watchinski.

John Watchinski was born in Germany, as also was his wife. They came to the United States many years ago and settled in Bloomington, Ill., where Mr. Watchinski engaged in the grocery business. He now lives retired in Bloomington. Mr. Watchinski is a Democrat and a member of the Catholic Church. There are 14 children in the Watchinski family, as follows: Helen, now deceased, was the wife of John Hoag, Bloomington; Mary, married Elmer White, lives in Bloomington; John, associated with the Pike Studio at Peoria, Ill., and is a World War veteran, having served with the aviation and later with the artillery for one year; Anna, married Fred Phillips, butcher, lives in Bloomington, Ill.; Joseph A., the subject of this sketch; Francis, died in infancy; Frances, married J. K. Reiley, who is associated in the oil business with Joseph A., the subject of this sketch; Anthony, lives in Cleveland, Ohio; Margaret, married John Walsh, lives in Bloomington; Louise, married Frank Robitske, sales manager for the C. U. Williams Company, Cleveland, Ohio; George, at home and in business with his father; Carl, lives in Bloomington; Gertrude, at home; and Albert, also at home.

Joseph A. Watchinski received his education in St. Mary's Academy at Bloomington, after which he engaged in the woodworking business,

then in the oil business in Bloomington, Ill., until he entered the service. Mr. Watchinski enlisted for service during the World War and was in camp for one year. After the close of the war he entered the employ of the Standard Oil Company and in 1921 opened his oil station at Chenoa. Mr. Watchinski also has a gasoline station and his business is located on Veto Street. He does a large volume of business and is among the enterprising and progressive young business men of Chenoa, whose success in life is practically assured.

On Sept. 5, 1917, Mr. Watchinski married Miss Louise J. Lundquist, a native of Bloomington, born Oct. 10, 1894, and the daughter of G. J. and Sophia (Swanson) Lundquist, natives of Sweden and early settlers of Illinois. Mr. Lundquist lives retired in Bloomington. He is a republican, a member of the Christian Church, and belongs to the Knights of Pythias and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Mr. and Mrs. Lundquist are the parents of the following children: Anna, married Frank White, lives in Bloomington; Doris, deceased; Selma, lives in Los Angeles, Calif.; Mrs. Watchinski; Noble L., is a World War veteran, having served in the navy throughout the war, lives in Bloomington; and Gus, lives in Bloomington, is also a World War veteran, having served on the U. S. S. Arkansas for three years during the war. He saw duty in Scotland and was wounded severely while in service there. To Joseph A. and Louise J. (Lundquist) Watchinski one child has been born, Betty Louise, born Oct. 30, 1919.

Mr. Watchinski is a member of the Catholic Church, is a member of the Knights of Columbus and the American Legion, Ben Roth Post No. 234, Chenoa.

Grant Sandham, the well known and capable rural mail carrier out of Chenoa, is a native of Illinois, born Sept. 17, 1879, the son of Millard F. and Flora (Spangler) Sandham.

Millard F. Sandham came to Illinois during the early days and settled near Chenoa, where he was employed in the rubber works. He is a Republican and served as tax collector for a number of years. Mr. and Mrs. Sandham now live at Chenoa and are the parents of the following children: Grant, the subject of this sketch; Herbert, lives at Chenoa; Lillie, married Charles Henshaw, lives at Chenoa; and Merlin, painter, lives in McLean County.

Grant Sandham was educated in the district schools near Chenoa and has been in the employ of the government as rural mail carrier out of Chenoa since 1905. The Sandham residence is located on Grant Street, Chenoa.

On April 15, 1906, Mr. Sandham married Miss Minnie Daley, a native of Chenoa, born May 6, 1885, and the daughter of James and Mary (Walker) Daley, natives of Kentucky and the parents of the following children: Lydia, married William Perkey, retired, lives at Chenoa; Albert, lives in Bloomington; Rosetta, lives in Illinois; Mrs. Sandham; Clarence, lives in South Dakota; Charles, lives in Bloomington; Frank, lives in Colorado; Ray, lives in Iowa; Harry, lives in Bloomington; Orville, lives in Bloomington, is a World War veteran, having served overseas for 18 months; Dewey, lives in Bloomington; and Roy, lives in Bloomington. Mr. and Mrs. Daley live in Bloomington. To Grant and Minnie (Daley) Sandham two children have been born, as follows: Clyde, born Dec. 11, 1907, was graduated from Chenoa High School in 1923; and Lucile, born Dec. 26, 1909.

In politics Mr. Sandham is a Republican. He is a member of the Baptist Church and belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America. Mr. Sandham is highly respected throughout McLean County and has many friends.

Frank Fischbach, deceased, was for many years a prosperous farmer and stockman of McLean County. He was born in Germany, June 7, 1831, and came to this country with his parents when he was a young man.

Frank Fischbach was among the earliest settlers of Peoria, Ill., where he conducted a blacksmith shop for two years. He then went to Groveland, Ill., and conducted a blacksmith shop there for seven years, after which he engaged in general farming and stock raising in Chenoa Township, where he purchased 160 acres of land. At the end of 29 years, Mr. Fischbach retired and moved to Peoria, Ill., where he died Dec. 10, 1903.

Mr. Fischbach was married to Miss Charlotte Locklan, a native of Germany, born Feb. 28, 1838. They were married July 14, 1855, and to this union 14 children were born, as follows: August, retired farmer, lives at Huntley, Ill.; Louise, married Edwin Wright, retired railroad conductor, lives in Oklahoma; Mary, the widow of Henry Kahle, lives at

Chenoa; Katie, married Fred Rhoda, retired farmer, lives in California; Lizzie, married and lives with her mother; Minnie, married Henry Rhode, lives in Minnesota; Frank, farmer, lives at Fowler, Ind.; Julia, married Henry Guth, lives in Peoria, Ill.; John, lives at Peoria, Ill.; Dorothy, married Oran Hoefer, lives in Wisconsin; Charles, farmer, lives in Wisconsin; Dave, lives at Chenoa; Benjamin, deceased; and Edward, farmer and fruit grower, lives in Illinois.

Mrs. Frank Fischbach now lives at 923 North Street, Peoria, Ill. She owns a farm of 240 acres in Chenoa Township and other property. She has 36 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Frank Fischbach was a Democrat and a member of the Catholic Church. He served as school director for a number of years, and was a highly respected citizen of his community. Mrs. Fischbach is a member of the Lutheran Church and is an interesting pioneer woman of Illinois, where she has spent so many years.

David M. Stutzman, a prosperous farmer and stockman of Chenoa Township, and the tenant of 560 acres of good farm land, was born on a farm north of Danvers, Ill., April 13, 1885, the son of J. H. and Maggie B. (Miller) Stutzman.

J. H. Stutzman was a native of Illinois and his wife was born in Ohio. He was a minister for a number of years and had charge of the Mennonite Church at Danvers. He was a Republican and died Sept. 19, 1891, and his wife now lives on the home place in White Oak Township. Mr. and Mrs. Stutzman had four children, as follows: Mary Irene, lives at Carlock, Ill.; David M., the subject of this sketch; Clarence F., garage business, Carlock, Ill.; and Joash, farmer, lives on the home place.

David M. Stutzman spent his boyhood on the home place and was educated in the public schools at Carlock, Bluffton College, and Illinois Wesleyan College at Bloomington. He then farmed on the home place for a number of years and is now among McLean County's leading stockmen and tenants a well improved farm, which is located on the Corn Belt Line. Mr. Stutzman is a breeder of Jersey cattle, Hampshire hogs, horses and mules, and is also an extensive shipper of stock. He is in partnership with Carl Vrooman of Bloomington, land owner, and live stock dealers. Mr. Stutzman's residence is located on Maple Street, Chenoa.

On Jan. 22, 1914, Mr. Stutzman was married to Miss Mabel Petty, a native of Illinois, born March 1, 1891, and the daughter of H. and Louisa (Bright) Petty. Mr. and Mrs. Petty, both deceased, were the parents of the following children: Mary, married Chester Stout, deceased, and she lives in Oklahoma; Julia, deceased, was the wife of Theodore Frederick, farmer, lives in Nebraska; Ada, deceased, married William Frederick; Stella, deceased, was the wife of Hugh Strickland, lives in Iowa; Elva, married Walter Engle, lives at Carlock; Mrs. Stutzman; and Cassie, married Gordon Denman, lives in Iowa.

Mr. Stutzman is a director of the McLean County Bureau of Farmers. He is a Republican and a member of the Mennonite Church. Mr. Stutzman is a substantial citizen of McLean County and favorably known.

William Colaw is a veteran of the Civil War and one of the earliest settlers of McLean County. He was born in Highland County, Va., July 10, 1839, the son of William and Sabina (Gum) Colaw.

William Colaw, Sr., a native of Virginia, was born in 1813 and came to Illinois with his family in 1854 and settled on a farm in Downs Township. He purchased 240 acres of land and improved it, becoming one of the leading farmers and stockmen of the early days. Mr. Colaw died at the age of 81 years and is buried in Oak Park Cemetery. His wife was born in 1812 and died in 1859. Mr. and Mrs. Colaw had eight children, two of whom are now living, as follows: Amos K., lives at Chanute, Kan., and William, the subject of this sketch.

William Colaw, Jr., spent his boyhood on his father's farm and received his education in the district schools. He has always been a farmer and now owns 270 acres of well improved land. Mr. Colaw now lives retired at Downs.

During the Civil War Mr. Colaw enlisted for service in August, 1862, and served throughout the war with Company F, 94th Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He served under Captain Dennis and engaged in a number of important battles of the war, including the battle of Vicksburg. Mr. Colaw's brother, Amos, enlisted with him and they were together throughout the war and discharged at the same time.

On Aug. 19, 1866, Mr. Colaw was married to Miss Mary Jones, the daughter of Squire and Rachael (Barnett) Jones, both natives of Kentucky.



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Mr. and Mrs. Colaw have one daughter, Della, the wife of O. L. Scott, born Feb. 15, 1871, lives near Downs. Mr. Colaw has five grandchildren as follows: Edna, the wife of Downey Phillips, Indianapolis, Ind.; Alta, married Forrest Watson, Bloomington; Imo, wife of Floyd Cole, Old Town Township; Hazel, married Lynn Lanier, Downs, and Inez, lives at home with her parents. There are three great grandchildren, Mary Pauline and Phyliss Phillips and Harold Lanier. Mrs. Colaw died April 10, 1918, and is buried in Downs Township.

In politics Mr. Colaw votes an independent ticket. He is a member of the Methodist church and belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic. He is a substantial and highly respected citizen of Downs Township and has many friends.

H. E. Diggle, assistant cashier of the State Bank of Gridley and veteran on the World War, is a native of Illinois. He was born at Crescent City, Dec. 3, 1890, and is the son of John L. and Betty (Punke) Diggle.

John L. Diggle was born in Peoria County, Ill., Jan 18, 1865, and now lives retired at Gridley. He started life farming and became the owner of 380 acres of land. Later Mr. Diggle came to Gridley where he engaged in the implement and coal business. Later he built and operated the first hotel in Gridley. Mr. Diggle is a Republican and served as a member of the town board for 25 years. He is a member of the Christian Church and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Mrs. Diggle died July 31, 1903. To Mr. and Mrs. Diggle three children were born: Minnie, married Elmer Kaufman, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this volume; H. E., the subject of this sketch; and Edith, married Freeman Bockwitz, lives at San Jose, Ill.

H. E. Diggle was educated in the public and high schools of Gridley and his first position was as bookkeeper in the bank where he is now employed. In 1913 he was appointed assistant cashier, which office he has since filled in a most efficient manner. He is also a director of the bank.

On April 16, 1921, Mr. Diggle was married to Miss Clarissa B. Benedict, a native of Flanagan, Ill., and the daughter of H. D. and Mary (Hershe) Benedict, natives of Livingston County, and the parents of the following children: Mrs. Diggle; Lloyd, a chemist, lives in Chicago; McKinley, rural mail carrier, lives at Gridley; Tracy, automobile salesman,

lives at Gridley; Vida, a nurse, Methodist Hospital, Peoria, Ill.; and Zelda, deceased. McKinley Benedict is a veteran of the World War. Mr. H. D. Benedict died in 1911, and his wife lives at Gridley. Mr. and Mrs. Diggle have one son, Edward Lee, born Jan. 17, 1922.

During the World War Mr. Diggle enlisted for service at Bloomington, Ill., and served from Aug. 20, 1917, until Jan 11, 1919. He is a Republican and belongs to the Masonic lodge and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a member of the Christian Church and his wife is a member of the Congregational Church. Mr. Diggle is a progressive young man and is well and favorably known throughout the county.

John H. Hatfield, who has been a member of the police force of Chenoa since 1917, is a substantial and highly respected citizen of McLean County. He was born in Lincoln County, W. Va., March 1, 1863, the son of F. F. and Nancy Anne (Harris) Hatfield.

F. F. Hatfield spent his entire life in West Virginia, where he was among the prominent and successful farmers of pioneer days. He owned 1,000 acres of land, which he improved, and the first Hatfield home was a log cabin. Mr. Hatfield served as justice of the peace for 20 years, and he was a Democrat. Mr. and Mrs. Hatfield, now deceased, were the parents of the following children: R. F., deceased; Marcena, deceased; John H., the subject of this sketch; Zura, deceased; Cora, deceased; Mary, deceased; Cordelia, married John Riggs, lives in Wayne County, W. Va.; and Peter, farmer, lives in Wayne County, W. Va. John H. Hatfield, the subject of this sketch, had the following half-brothers and sisters: William, farmer, lives in Lincoln County, W. Va.; Julia Ann, deceased; and Elizabeth, deceased.

John H. Hatfield was reared on his father's farm in Lincoln County, W. Va., and attended a log school house. He followed farming for a number of years and came to Illinois on April 1, 1904, and settled in Chenoa, where he has since lived. Mr. Hatfield engaged in general farming and stock raising for a number of years in McLean County and has been connected with the police force since 1917. He has been an efficient and capable officer and stands high in the community.

John H. Hatfield was married the first time to Miss Pauline Jane Franklin, a native of Lincoln County, W. Va., and to this union two chil-

dren were born, as follows: R. D., farmer, lives in Lincoln County, W. Va.; and Barbara Ella, married Price McCoy, farmer, lives near Bryan, Ohio. Some time after the death of his first wife, Mr. Hatfield married Miss Esther A. Adkins, a native of Lincoln County, W. Va., and the daughter of Samuel and Nancy Ann (Belcher) Adkins, both natives of West Virginia, and the parents of the following children: Alice, the widow of Wesley Ketchem, lives in Wayne County, W. Va.; Harriet, married Irvin Lewis, retired farmer, lives in Huntington, W. Va.; Lucy, deceased, was the wife of Ballard Payne, farmer, Lincoln County, W. Va.; Millard, farmer, lives in Lincoln County, W. Va.; and Mrs. Hatfield. Mr. Adkins was a leading farmer of West Virginia and is now deceased. His widow is 82 years old and she lives in Wayne County, W. Va. To John H. and Esther A. (Adkins) Hatfield the following children have been born: Lulu, married Leo McCarthy, lives in Livingston County, Ill.; Eustis Jennings, lives in Chicago, and is a World War veteran, having served for three years, 10 months of which were spent on the front lines in France; Eunice, married Calvin Wersnia, banker, lives in Chicago; Edith, married Robert Means, insurance business, lives at home; Winifred, married Julian Phillips; lives at Chenoa; Minnie Paul, Sophia, Doris, Bernadine, Geraldine, and Thelma, all living at home. Mr. and Mrs. Hatfield have six grandchildren.

Mr. Hatfield is identified with the Democratic party in politics and he is a member of the United Baptist Church. He is an energetic man who stands well in the esteem of his neighbors and fellow citizens.

W. H. Settle, deceased, was a veteran of the Civil War, and for many years a prominent farmer and stockman of McLean County. He was born at Lockport, N. Y., Jan. 15, 1846, the son of James and Dorothy (Charlton) Settle.

James Settle was a native of New York and the genealogy of the Settle family can be traced back for 150 years. He came to Illinois in 1855, settling in McHenry County. He later went to Wisconsin and in 1861 moved to Livingston County, Ill., where he engaged in the mercantile business. Mr. Settle also followed farming for a number of years and was among the prominent pioneer citizens of Livingston County. He died in 1866 and his wife died in 1889. They were the parents of six chil-

dren, as follows: Stephen, who enlisted during the Civil War on Jan. 18, 1864, and died in a Chicago hospital, Feb. 1, 1864; Margaret, deceased; Elizabeth Anne, deceased; Isabelle Jane, died at the age of 14 years; W. H., the subject of this sketch; and Thomas, deceased.

W. H. Settle lived in Illinois from boyhood and was educated in a log school house. He volunteered for service at the age of 16 years and served for two years during the Civil War with Company A, 17th Illinois Volunteer Cavalry. Mr. Settle was engaged in many battles and skirmishes of the war, including General Price's Raid, and he was wounded severely. Six months of his service were spent in guard duty during the Indian Hostilities on the great plains after the war was over. After the close of the war he returned to his farm and for many years was among the leading farmers and stockmen of the county.

On Aug. 13, 1867, Mr. Settle was married to Miss Amie D. Wilcox, a native of New York and the daughter of Jesse and Orilda (Harrington) Wilcox, both natives of New York and early settlers of Illinois. Mr. Wilcox came to Christian County, Ill., in 1833, where he remained until 1848, at which time he purchased land in Livingston County, Ill. He was among the prosperous farmers of the community and was widely known. Mr. and Mrs. Wilcox died in 1867, both within a week of each other. They had five children, as follows: Matilda, deceased; Samuel, deceased; Minerva, married David West, both deceased; Mary, married J. D. Little, both deceased; and Mrs. Settle.

To W. H. and Amie D. (Wilcox) Settle five children were born, as follows: Jessie Mildred, the wife of Joel Piper, a merchant at Chariton, Iowa; Minerva Elizabeth, the wife of J. H. Andrews, a merchant at Gridley, Ill.; Emma S., the wife of J. F. Lusher, lives at Normal, Ill.; Mary A., married H. S. Drum, lives at Galesburg, Ill.; and Margaret I., married J. Earl Taylor, a druggist, lives at Gridley, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. Settle have 24 grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren, as follows: Willard Henry Andrews; Gayle Andrews; Millard Keith Moll; Minerva Moll; and Herbert Lee Sherman.

The grandchildren in the Piper family are: James D.; William H.; George Samuel; John T.; Helen Catherine; Howard Joseph; and Robert L. The grandchildren in the Andrews family are: William Thomas; Henry Willard, deceased; Amie Evelyn; and Minerva Belle. The grandchildren in the Lusher family are: Charles William; Emma Lucile; Jesse Settle; John Franklin; Herbert; Iona; Lois May; Russell; and Ralph, de-

ceased. The grandchildren in the Drum family are: Thelma Dorothy; Carabelle Abbie; Harry Dale; and Mary Orilda. The grandchildren in the Taylor family are Justus Earl and Margaret Edith.

W. H. Settle died Jan. 19, 1924, at his home in Gridley, Ill. He was one of the three remaining veterans of the Civil War living at Gridley. He was a staunch Republican in politics, a charter member of the local Grand Army of the Republic Post, a charter member of the Gridley Camp, Modern Woodmen, a charter member of the Gridley Lodge, Knights of Pythias. He was a man of the highest integrity, the soul of honor, good natured and genial, devoted to his family and a booster for his town. His standing was high in the estimation of his many friends and acquaintances. His death removes the last of the business men who were active when Mr. Settle entered upon his career in Gridley.

DuBois Marquis, a progressive and enterprising young farmer of Martin Township, is a native of Bloomington, where he was born in August, 1890. He is the son of Chalmers C. and Nellie (Harpole) Marquis.

Chalmers C. Marquis, business manager of The Pantagraph, of Bloomington, is a well known business man of McLean County. He was born in Illinois. Mr. Marquis is a member of the Presbyterian Church, belongs to the Masonic Lodge, and he and his wife live at Bloomington. They have five children, as follows: Laurastine, lives at Bloomington; Chalmers H., lives at Bloomington; DuBois, the subject of this sketch; Alice, married Dr. J. Norman Elliott, lives at Detroit, Mich.; and Margaret, lives with her parents in Bloomington.

DuBois Marquis has always lived in McLean County and received his education in the public schools of Bloomington and is also a graduate of Illinois Wesleyan University and University of Illinois. He operates a farm of 300 acres, which belongs to his mother, and Mr. Marquis is one of the successful young stockmen of Martin Township. He specializes in the breeding of Shorthorn cattle and Duroc Jersey hogs.

On March 9, 1915, Mr. Marquis was married to Miss Margaret Raymond, a native of Evanston, Ill., born in 1891, and the daughter of F. D. and Carrie (Wyckoff) Raymond, the former a native of Massachusetts and the latter of New York City. Mr. Raymond died in 1907 and his wife died in 1921. They were the parents of five children, as follows:

Ruth, a professor in the University of Minnesota; Mary, married Dr. J. J. Lambert, lives in Iowa; Philip W., lives in Chicago; Mrs. Marquis; and Frederick, lives in Duluth, Minn. Mr. and Mrs. Marquis have two children, as follows: Alice Ruth, born in January, 1916; and Barbara, born in May, 1919.

Mr. Marquis is a Republican, a member of the Methodist Church, and belongs to the Masonic Lodge. He is now president of the school board. Mr. Marquis is a reliable and excellent citizen of his community.

William B. Young is a reliable and substantial citizen of Bloomington, where he was born Jan. 28, 1884. He is a son of James R. and Catherine (Gallagher) Young.

James R. Young was born in Scotland, and came to this country in 1871 and located in Bloomington. He now lives retired. Mrs. Young died Dec. 27, 1891. There were five children in the Young family, as follows: Robert, deceased; William B., the subject of this sketch; Walter, an engineer on the Chicago & Alton Railroad, lives in Bloomington; Charles, a veteran of the World War, now deceased; and James, with Armour & Co., lives in Kansas City.

William B. Young attended the public schools of Bloomington and started life in the drug business. On Nov. 4, 1905, he entered the employ of the Chicago & Alton Railroad as brakeman, and five years later was promoted to conductor. Mr. Young is on a through freight to Chicago from Bloomington.

On Sept. 25, 1905, Mr. Young was married the first time to Miss Jeanette Brown, a native of Bloomington, born Jan. 2, 1886. She died May 30, 1918, leaving one child, Madeline, who was born May 7, 1907. On June 8, 1920, Mr. Young was married to Mrs. Mary (Walsh) Jefferson, who was born in Bloomington, May 18, 1888, the daughter of Michael and Anna (O'Shaughnessey) Walsh, the former a native of Ireland and the latter of England. Mr. Walsh was among the early settlers of Bloomington and for many years engaged in the contracting business, which is now carried on by his son. The business is known as M. Walsh & Sons. His first large contract in Bloomington was the erection of the rectory of Holy Trinity Church. Mr. Walsh died March 1, 1909, and his wife is also deceased. They were the parents of the following children: Michael

E., superintendent of M. Walsh & Sons; Thomas, a veteran of the World War, also a member of the firm; Anna, married James Cavallo, associated with the firm of Klemm Company, Bloomington; Lawrence, in business with his brothers; Margaret, married Lawrence Wagner, merchant of Bloomington; John, also a member of the firm; Eleanor, married Thomas Salmon, and she operates a hair dressing establishment in Bloomington; Edward, now serving with the navy and stationed at Washington, D. C.; and Julia, married Fred Gerht, a merchant of Bloomington. Mrs. Young was formerly the wife of Joseph Jefferson, deceased. By her first marriage Mrs. Walsh had two children: Eleanor, born June 17, 1911, and Anna, born June 17, 1913.

Mr. Young and his family are members of the Catholic Church, and he is a fourth degree member of Bloomington Council No. 574 Knights of Columbus. They are well known and dependable citizens of Bloomington.

John Branson, a citizen of Bloomington, highly esteemed for his integrity and industry, is a native of Missouri. He was born Jan. 18, 1885, and is the son of Valentine and Elizabeth (Smith) Branson.

Valentine Branson is a native of Missouri as also was his wife. He engaged in general farming and stock raising for many years and now lives retired. Mrs. Branson died May 2, 1893. They were the parents of the following children: Norman, lives in Missouri; Rose, married Joseph Havelka, lives at East Alton, Ill.; Emmett, lives at Wood River, Ill.; John, the subject of this sketch; Vernon, a veteran of the World War, lives in South Dakota; Laura, married Clarence Cobb, at present sergeant in the army, and has been in military service for 12 years, lives in Utah; and Grace, married Walter Hayes, and lives in St. Louis, Mo., where he works for Hamilton-Brown Shoe Co.

John Branson received his education in the public schools of Missouri and has been in the employ of the Chicago & Alton Railroad since November, 1905. Previous to that time he was in the employ of the Rock Island Railroad as fireman. Mr. Branson was promoted to engineer in 1909, and is in the freight service.

In December, 1908, Mr. Branson was married to Miss Minnie Schumacher, who was born at Larose, Ill., Nov. 15, 1884, the daughter of C. K. and Minnie (Winkler) Schumacher. Mr. and Mrs. Schumacher, natives

of Germany, were early settlers of Illinois. Mr. Schumacher died Dec. 28, 1923, aged 80 years.

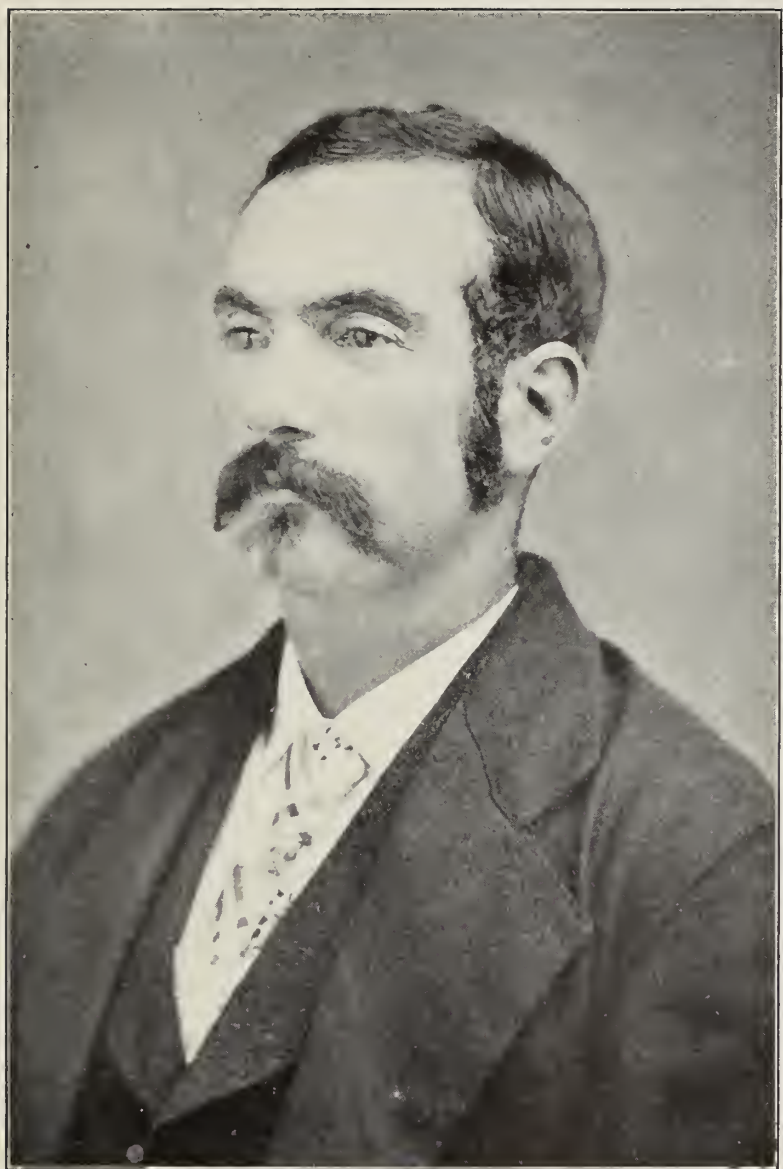
They were the parents of the following children: Edward, lives at Larose, Ill.; Otto, lives at Toluca, Ill.; William, lives at Aurora, Ill.; Herman, lives at Toluca; Fred, lives at Larose; Hulda, married Earnest Quiram, lives at Larose; Mrs. Branson; Laura, married Henry Schumacher, lives at Springfield, Ill.; John, lives at Larose; Alfred, a veteran of the World War, lives at Larose; Elizabeth, at home; and Anna, deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Branson have one child, Bernice, born Aug. 8, 1910. She will be graduated from ward schools in the 1924 class. Mr. Branson is a member of the Masonic lodge and he and his family belong to the Lutheran Church.

Isaac N. Peasley is a prosperous farmer and stockman of McLean County and a member of one of the most prominent and oldest families of the county. He was born in Downs Township, McLean County, Oct. 24, 1851, and is the son of Sylvester and Mary (Stillman) Peasley.

Sylvester Peasley was a native of Virginia and came to McLean County in 1832, locating on land in Randolph Township and later in Downs Township. He improved 80 acres of land and was a well known stockman for many years. Mr. Peasley helped build the old court house at Bloomington, which was destroyed by fire in 1905. He died at the age of 84 years in 1916 and his wife had died many years before. They were the parents of five children, as follows: Granville, lives on the old home place in Downs Township; Susan, deceased; Isaac N., the subject of this sketch; John, lives in Oregon and E. J., deceased.

Isaac N. Peasley was reared in McLean County and received his education in the district schools. He began farming for himself when he was 21 years of age and is now one of the biggest stock feeders in McLean County. Mr. Peasley owns 430 acres of well improved land and he raises a good grade of stock.

On Feb. 19, 1872, Mr. Peasley was married to Miss Alice Crull, a native of Indiana, born in 1854, and the daughter of William and Rena Crull. Mrs. Peasley died May 20, 1917, leaving the following children: Newton, lives in DeWitt County, Ill.; Lawson D., lives near the home place in Randolph Township; John, also a farmer in Randolph Township;



ISAAC N. PEASLEY.

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Lyle, at home with his father; Esther Downs, lives near the home place; Rena Moore, lives near Heyworth, Ill.; and Minnie Hazlett, lives in DeWitt County, Ill. Newton Peasley has two children, Mabel and Marjorie. Lawson D. Peasley has seven children, as follows: Lawson, Helen, Clifford, Melvin, Dorothy, Elva and Paul Eugene. John Peasley has three children: Thelma, Lewis and Irene. Lyle Peasley has one child, Lyle, Jr. Esther Downs has two children, Newell and Alice Downs. Rena Moore has one child, Eva Moore.

Mr. Isaac N. Peasley is a Republican and has served as school director for 12 years. He has an extensive acquaintance in McLean County and is recognized as a dependable citizen.

Andrew Moews, deceased, was a substantial and highly respected citizen of Bloomington. He was born in Germany, July 11, 1866, and was the son of Jacob and Anna (Sinkopski) Moews.

Jacob and Anna (Sinkopski) Moews, now deceased, were natives of Germany and early settlers of Bloomington, where Mr. Moews was employed by the Chicago & Alton Railroad for many years. They were the parents of the following children: Jacob, lives retired in Bloomington; John, deceased; Frank, lives in Bloomington; Martin, also a resident of Bloomington; Anna, deceased; Rose, deceased; Mary, the widow of William Warner, lives in Bloomington; and Andrew, the subject of this sketch.

Andrew Moews was educated in Germany and came to this country with his parents in 1881. He was employed by the Chicago & Alton Railroad after arriving in Bloomington and remained in their employ until the time of his death, Dec. 30, 1912. Mr. Moews was in an accident on the railroad, losing both legs. He then worked as a flagman until the time of his death.

On Oct. 10, 1891, Mr. Moews was married to Miss Mary Hartwich, a native of Germany, born Nov. 1, 1863, and the daughter of John and Florentina (Harder) Hartwich, natives of Germany, now deceased. Mrs. Moews has one sister living in Germany. To Andrew and Mary (Hartwich) Moews four children were born, as follows: Joseph, born Aug. 15, 1893, mention of whom is made below; John, born Oct. 13, 1894, lives in Chicago; Florence, born Jan. 14, 1897, lives with her mother; and Mary,

born May 20, 1900. There are three grandchildren: Mary Violet, Rose Marie and Barbara Florence Moews.

Joseph Moews is a veteran of the World War. He was inducted into service and served with Battery D, 68th Artillery, throughout the war. He was overseas for seven months and discharged from Camp Grant in 1919. Mr. Moews lives at 1411 Market Street, Bloomington.

Mrs. Andrew Moews and her family live at 1518 West Market Street. They are members of the Catholic Church and are well known in Bloomington.

C. M. House, who holds a responsible position with the Chicago & Alton Railroad as master car builder and assistant superintendent of the shops, is a substantial citizen of Bloomington. He was born in Missouri, in March, 1890, and is the son of Mitchell and Percilla (Adams) House.

Mitchell House was born at St. Paul, Minn., and at an early age removed to Missouri, where he was employed as a machinist with the American Car & Foundry Company at St. Charles. He served throughout the Civil War as a drummer. Mr. House died in 1906 and his widow lives in St. Louis. They have five children, as follows: John, deceased; Ada, married T. Kennebeck, lives in St. Louis; Claude, lives at Sedalia, Mo.; C. M., the subject of this sketch; and Harry, deceased.

C. M. House was educated in the public schools of St. Charles, Mo., and his first position was with the American Car & Foundry Company there. He came to Bloomington in 1910 and entered the employ of the Chicago & Alton Railroad as a draftsman. He was later promoted to mechanical valuation engineer in 1920 and now holds the position of master car builder and assistant superintendent.

On Sept. 12, 1908, Mr. House was united in marriage with Miss Theresa Scott, a native of St. Paul, Minn., born in 1889, and the daughter of R. W. and Emma (Mathews) Scott, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of St. Paul, Minn. Mr. and Mrs. Scott, who live at Wilmington, Del., are the parents of the following children: Roland, deceased; Dennis, lives in Delaware; May, lives in Virginia; William, lives in Virginia; Mrs. House; and Reuben, deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. House three children have been born: Robert, Charles and Mitchell, all at home.

In politics Mr. House is identified with the Republican party. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge and Consistory and he and his family are members of the Episcopal Church. Mr. House is well and favorably known in Bloomington and has many friends.

Albert J. Bressie, a locomotive engineer on the Chicago & Alton, became a resident of Bloomington in 1900 when he entered the employ of the Chicago & Alton as an engineer. He had previously been employed as an engineer by the Illinois Central from 1890 to 1898 and by the Chicago and Northwestern from 1898 to 1900. Mrs. Bressie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Moore of Livingston County, both of whom are now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Bressie have two daughters who are teachers. They were educated at the Illinois State Normal University at Normal and at the University of Chicago.

Mr. Bressie's family is typical of the families that settled the Middle West. When the westward migration began early in the nineteenth century, Mr. Bressie's grandfather and grandmother came west in a prairie schooner and settled in southern Indiana. Mr. Bressie's father served through the Civil War in an Indiana regiment. After the war he came to Illinois and settled in Ford County where he still lives. He has been a member of the Masonic Lodge since 1864 and also belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic and the Knights of Pythias. Mr. Bressie's only brother, Charles E., who was instantly killed in a grade crossing accident at Roberts, Illinois, in 1921, was employed as a locomotive engineer by the Chicago & Alton and resided in Bloomington in 1902.

In politics Mr. Bressie is identified with the Republican party. He and his family are representative of the best citizenship of McLean County.

Frank A. Kranzusch, crew dispatcher for the Chicago & Alton Railroad, is a progressive and enterprising citizen of Bloomington, where he was born, Oct. 21, 1895. He is the son of August and Louise Kranzusch.

August Kranzusch and his wife are among the early settlers of Bloomington, where he has been employed for many years in the Chicago & Alton shops. He is a Republican, a member of the Catholic Church, and belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America and the Loyal Order of

Moose. There are seven children in the Krantzusch family: Paul, lives in Idaho; Elizabeth, married Leonard Rogers, lives in Missouri; Emma, married Frank Arndt, lives in Bloomington; Elsie, married Oscar Seibel, lives in Bloomington; Frank A., the subject of this sketch; George, lives in Idaho; and Agnes, at home.

Frank A. Krantzusch received his education in the public schools of Bloomington and entered the employ of the Chicago & Alton Railroad in 1910 as a caller. In 1918 he was promoted to crew dispatcher. During the World War Mr. Krantzusch did government work for the Chicago & Alton and Chicago, Peoria and St. Louis Railroads.

Mr. Krantzusch lives at 809 East Washington Street, and is well and favorably known in Bloomington.

P. A. Chapman, a prominent business man of Heyworth, is a native of Illinois. He was born in Vermilion County, Feb. 21, 1877, the son of Nelson and Rose Ann (Simms) Chapman.

Nelson Simms was a native of Newport, Ind., where he farmed until the time of his death. He died at the age of 35 years, leaving three children, as follows: Charles, deceased; P. A., the subject of this sketch; and B. L., lives at Charleston, Ill. Several years after the death of her husband, Mrs. Simms was married to Martin Basinger, and to this union one child was born, Minnie Paddock, who lives in Wisconsin. Mr. Chapman's mother was born at Newport, Ind., March 19, 1856, the daughter of Clayton Simms, a native of Virginia.

P. A. Chapman was reared on a farm and attended the country schools. He followed farming until April 1, 1915, at which time he entered the newspaper field at Bellflower, Ill., publishing the Bellflower News. In 1921 Mr. Chapman went to Paxton, Ill., where he was on the staff of the Paxton Daily Record for one year and eight months. On May 10, 1923, he came to Heyworth and since that time has been publisher of the Heyworth Natural Gas, a weekly newspaper.

On Feb. 15, 1905, Mr. Chapman was married to Miss Laura McGowan, a native of Foosland, Ill., born Sept. 10, 1882, and the daughter of J. A. McGowan. Mr. and Mrs. McGowan were the parents of nine children, as follows: Grace Young, deceased; Blanche Ramey, lives at Mansfield, Ill.; Kate Delaney, lives at Shelbyville, Ill.; Mrs. Chapman; Ethel Hall, lives at

Fisher, Ill.; Vernon, lives at Kansas City, Mo.; James, lives at St. Louis; Howard; and Stacey, deceased.

To P. A. and Laura (McGowan) Chapman five children have been born, as follows: Lindon, O., born June 23, 1906; Alta Marie, born Dec. 9, 1909; Ardra Lee, born Sept. 29, 1911; Austa Lavon, born Oct. 15, 1913; and Helen, born July 30, 1917.

Mr. Chapman and his family are members of the Methodist Church at Heyworth. He is a man esteemed in his community for his integrity, and spirit of co-operation in all civic affairs.

Thomas H. Kinsella, who is successfully engaged in farming and stock raising on his farm of 220 acres in Money Creek Township, was born in Blue Mound Township, McLean County, Feb. 17, 1878, the son of Edward and Mary (Uriel) Kinsella.

Edward Kinsella is a native of Ireland, born in County Wexford and the son of Thomas Kinsella. He came to the United States with his parents when he was six years of age and they lived in New York for some time before moving to McLean County. Thomas Kinsella worked on the Isaac Funk farm near Bloomington for many years. His son, Edward, has been a prominent farmer of Money Creek Township for years and now owns 440 acres of well improved land there. He is a member of the Gridley Elevator Company at Gridley, and has lived retired in Bloomington since 1915. Mr. Kinsella is 78 years of age and his wife, a native of New York, is 75 years old. They are the parents of eight children, as follows: Charles, lives on the home place in Gridley Township; John, a grain dealer, lives at Colfax, Ill.; Edward W., a farmer, and ex-ball player, having been a pitcher on the St. Louis Browns for several years, and he now lives in Gridley Township; Thomas H., the subject of this sketch; Elizabeth, deceased; Bert, a farmer, lives in Gridley Township; Grace, a stenographer, lives in Chicago; and Clare, at home with her parents in Bloomington.

Thomas H. Kinsella spent his boyhood on his father's farm and received his education in the district schools. He rented land in Minnesota and after two years there returned to McLean County in 1906. Mr. Kinsella owns one of the finest stock farms in the county and has made many exhibits of his horses and hogs at county, state and national fairs. He

specializes in the breeding of pure bred Chester White hogs, and is a member of the McLean County Farm Bureau Association.

On Jan. 20, 1904, Mr. Kinsella was united in marriage with Miss Theresa Haas, a native of Woodford County, Ill., born Jan. 28, 1879, and the daughter of Joseph and Mary (Simon) Haas, the former a native of Woodford County, Ill., and the latter of Germany. Mr. Haas was a prosperous farmer of Woodford County for many years and died May 24, 1922, and his widow now resides at ElPaso, Ill. Mrs. Kinsella is the fifth child in order of birth and she had six brothers and sisters. To Thomas H. and Theresa (Haas) Kinsella six children have been born, as follows: Claude R., a graduate of Lexington High School; Harold J., Earl E., Clyde F., Dorothy M., and Madeline, all at home.

In politics Mr. Kinsella is a Democrat. He is a member of the Catholic Church and he is a public spirited citizen, who holds the high regard of all who know him.

L. D. Poole, now deceased, was a prominent citizen of Lexington and a pioneer of McLean County. He was born at Troy, Ohio, Oct. 13, 1849, and died Jan. 9, 1903. Mr. Poole was the son of Daniel and Louise (Payne) Poole.

The Poole family came to Illinois from Ohio in 1875 and the following year Daniel Poole died at the age of 55 years. His wife died May 8, 1890, at the age of 63 years. They were the parents of two children, as follows: L. D., the subject of this sketch; and Emmett, lives in Chicago.

L. D. Poole was educated in the district schools of Ohio and Iowa and after finishing his school work taught school for four years in Iowa and McLean County, having come here in 1870. He was employed later as bookkeeper at the Campbell Elevator at Lexington and in 1875 entered the mercantile business, which he followed until 1882. At that time Mr. Poole retired from business on account of ill health and removed to their farm in Lexington Township, which he lived on until 1889, when he returned to Lexington and engaged in the grocery business there until the time of his death.

On Sept. 4, 1877, Mr. Poole was married to Miss Kate Smith, a native of Pleasant Hill, in Lexington Township, born March 29, 1856, and the daughter of Milton and Lydia Ann (Goddard) Smith, a sketch of

whom appears in this volume. Mrs. Poole now lives at Lexington, where she owns a modern home. She also owns the farm of 160 acres. To L. D. and Kate (Smith) Poole two children were born, as follows, Lura Delle, married Asa P. Goddard, lives in Chicago, and they have had four children, Leland P., Margaret V., Francis F. and W. Lloyd Goddard, the two youngest boys dying when they were young children; and Herman S., deceased, had two children, Esther H. and L. Dwight Poole.

L. D. Poole was a Republican, a member of the Presbyterian Church, and belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen of America. He had many friends in this county and was one of the most honored and respected citizens.

Peter Hopt, deceased, was a substantial farmer of Blue Mound Township. He was born in Sangamon County, Ill., Nov. 3, 1855. There were eight children in the Hopt family, as follows: Peter, the subject of this sketch; William, born July 20, 1861, lives at Cropsey, Ill.; Thomas, born Dec. 20, 1865, lives near Padua, Ill.; Frank, born Nov. 16, 1869, lives near Padua; George, born Oct. 15, 1872, lives near Bowling Green, Ohio; Joseph, born March 18, 1874, lives in Blue Mound Township, McLean County; Mrs. Jane Sacrey, lives at Holder, Ill., has three children, William, Frank and Ella; and Mrs. Anna Spencer, lives at Bloomington, Ill.

Peter Hopt received his education in the district schools of Sangamon County and followed farming and stockraising during his entire life. At the time of his death in November, 1917, he was the owner of 352 acres of well improved land near Merna, Ill.

Nov. 27, 1889, Mr. Hopt was married to Miss Bridget Murphy. Mrs. Hopt has lived in Bloomington since 1919 and the farm is now operated by her son, Melvin. To Mr. and Mrs. Peter Hopt three children were born, as follows: Mrs. Anna Morsey, born Sept. 22, 1890; Alta Larkin, born Dec. 17, 1893, lives on a farm near Merna, Ill., and Rosella Smith, married in 1916 and died Nov. 16, 1918, leaving one son, Roland. Mrs. Morsey has seven children: Monica, Ruth, Lucille, Paul, Rita, Rosemarie, and Betty Jean.

Peter Hopt was a Republican and a member of the Holy Trinity Catholic Church. He was well known and highly esteemed throughout the county.

--**Samuel Miller**, deceased, was a Civil War veteran and a highly respected citizen of Downs Township. He was born in McLean County, Nov. 17, 1845.

Samuel Miller followed farming during his entire life and met with success. He purchased 120 acres of land in Downs Township in 1855, which he operated until the time of his death and the place is now operated by his son, Franklin H. Mr. Miller died Sept. 30, 1913.

Mr. Miller married Miss Emma Passwater, a native of McLean County, born May 2, 1849, and the daughter of Clement and Rebecca (Yocom) Passwater, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Kentucky. Mrs. Miller has the following brothers and sisters: Steven, deceased; William Franklin, lives at Lewis, Kan.; Enoch D., Indiana; James C., dead; Mary, dead and John, Hutchinson, Kan. To Samuel and Emma (Passwater) Miller the following children were born: Rebecca Ellen Barclay, born Sept. 3, 1872, died April 20, 1895; Cora E., born April 1, 1875; died Nov. 2, 1912; Franklin H., born Sept. 12, 1878, farming the home place and Mary Leona Hougham, born May 28, 1880, lives at Heyworth, Ill.

Samuel Miller was a Democrat. During the Civil War he served with the 94th Illinois Volunteer Infantry for 26 months. Mr. Miller was an enterprising man in his vocation, with high ideals of his civic duty, a man who was highly esteemed by all for his integrity.

Frank Ogden is a well known practical farmer of Money Creek Township, and the son of Obadiah and Hannah (Wiley) Ogden. He was born on a farm in Money Creek Township, McLean County, Sept. 21, 1874.

Obadiah Ogden was born near Chillicothe, Ohio, March 24, 1830, the son of Samuel and Nancy (VanDolah) Ogden, who were among the earliest settlers of Illinois, having come from Ohio in 1834. Obadiah Ogden became a prominent and prosperous farmer of McLean County, and at one time owned 800 acres of land. He died June 7, 1912, and his wife, a native of Indiana, now lives at Lexington. Mr. and Mrs. Ogden had 11 children, seven of whom are now living. Frank, the subject of this sketch, is the sixth in order of birth.

Frank Ogden has always followed farming and has met with marked success. He attended the district schools of Money Creek Township. He has traveled considerably and has lived on the present farm in Money



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Creek Township since 1904, which he inherited from his father. Mr. Ogden has improved the place with a fine residence and other farm buildings and he is a successful breeder of Poland China hogs.

Mr. Ogden was married on Dec. 23, 1903, to Miss Louisa Berry, a native of West Virginia, and the daughter of Albert and Elizabeth (Dodson) Berry. The Berry family came to McLean County in 1891 and live on a farm in Money Creek Township. To Frank and Louisa (Berry) Ogden three children have been born: Albert, Pauline and Lucille, all at home.

Mr. Ogden is a Democrat and a member of the United Brethren Church. He is held in high regard throughout the community as a progressive farmer and an excellent citizen.

Ralph W. Pringle, principal of University High School at Normal, is a widely known educator of Illinois. He was born at Potsdam, N. Y., Oct. 5, 1865, and is the son of Ralph and Nancy (Blain) Pringle.

Ralph Pringle was a native of Potsdam, N. Y., and his wife was born in Ontario, Canada. He followed general farming during his entire life and is now deceased, as also is his wife. They were the parents of five children, four of whom are now living.

Ralph W. Pringle received his education in the district schools of New York and was graduated from high school at Madrid, N. Y., and later from St. Lawrence University at Canton, N. Y., in the class of 1888. He received the degree of Bachelor of Science and later the degree of Master of Science. Mr. Pringle has also taken post graduate work and the degree of Bachelor of Arts at Harvard University. Since the time of his graduation from college he has been engaged as high-school principal and has been located at Normal since 1913, where he is principal of University High School. For the past nine years he has been director of the second summer term of the Illinois State Normal University.

Mr. Pringle is well known throughout the country as the author of "Adolescence and High School Problems." The book was published in 1922 by the D. C. Heath Publishing Company of New York and contains about 400 pages. The introduction is written by Dr. Lotus D. Coffman, president of the University of Minnesota, and the book is used exten-

sively in state reading circles and in universities and normal schools in the United States.

On March 20, 1894, Mr. Pringle was united in marriage with Miss Lillian Smith, a native of Vermont, and the daughter of Samuel and Susan (Abbot) Smith. For many years Mr. Smith was superintendent of a large leather manufacturing concern in Boston, Mass. To Mr. and Mrs. Pringle have been born two children, as follows: Helen, teaches English in the Davenport High School, Davenport, Iowa; and Kenneth, attended the Illinois State Normal University and the University of Illinois.

Mr. Pringle is a Republican, an attendant of the Presbyterian Church, and belongs to the various Masonic Lodges. Since the publication of his new book he has been called to various institutions throughout the country to speak on high-school subjects. Mr. Pringle is a substantial citizen and is highly respected throughout McLean County.

Mrs. Jessie (Ross) Ausmus, chief probation officer of the juvenile court of Bloomington, was born at Warsaw, Hancock County, Ill. She is the daughter of William C. and Mary C. (Cyrus) Ross.

William C. Ross was a native of Pennsylvania and his wife was born in Adams County, Ill. Mr. Ross was a first lieutenant during the Civil War. He engaged in farming and stock raising in Adams County, Ill., for a number of years and is now deceased. After the death of her husband, Mrs. Ross removed to Quincy, Ill., where she engaged in newspaper work. Mr. and Mrs. Ross were the parents of eight children, four of whom grew to maturity.

Jessie (Ross) Ausmus lived on the farm until she was nine years old, when her parents moved to Camp Point, Ill. She received her education in the district school, Camp Point High School, and Normal school. On Nov. 24, 1892, she was married to Richard R. Ausmus, and two years later they moved to Bloomington, Ill. In 1918 Mrs. Ausmus was appointed assistant probation officer and two years later was made chief probation officer, which office she now holds.

Richard R. Ausmus was born in Schuyler County, Ill., May 10, 1862, and is a son of Rev. T. B. and Martha Ann (Clark) Ausmus, the former a native of Illinois, and the latter of Kentucky. Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Ausmus are both deceased. Richard R. Ausmus is a representative of the

Schaff Piano Company of Chicago. To Richard R. and Jessie (Ross) Ausmus one son was born, Carl. He was educated in the Bloomington Schools and High School and enlisted in the World War in the Aviation Department in November, 1917, and served a year in France. On his return from service in July, 1919, he returned to his former position as salesman for the Packard Motor Co., and in September, 1921, while on duty met a tragic death.

Mrs. Ausmus has been a member of the board of education for nine years and is the only woman on the board, and was re-elected for a fourth term on April 7, 1924. She is also a member of the Parent Teacher Club, the Art League, and the Womans Club. Mrs. Ausmus is a member of the Christian Church.

Sage H. Kinnie, who is successfully engaged in the general insurance business at Bloomington, was born at Cicero, N. Y., Jan. 1, 1888, and is the son of John S. and Edith R. (Peacock) Kinnie.

John S. Kinnie is a native of Oneida County, N. Y., born Feb. 12, 1862, the son of David and Catherine (Peck) Kinnie. Mr. Kinnie came to Illinois with his family in 1898 and entered the employ of the Bloomington Canning Company, of which he is now superintendent. Mr. and Mrs. John S. Kinnie have three children, as follows: Sage H., the subject of this sketch; Erma, married Herbert Steffens, lives at McLean, Ill., and they have a daughter, Edith; and Gladys, married Roy Chambers, lives at Quincy, Ill., and they have one son, John Delmar.

Sage H. Kinnie has lived in Bloomington since he was 10 years old. He received his education in the Franklin public school, Bloomington High School and also attended Illinois Wesleyan University. Mr. Kinnie has been engaged in the insurance business since 1912 and has met with success in his work. His company is known as the Sage H. Kinnie Company with offices at 501-503 Peoples Bank Building.

On Oct. 17, 1916, Mr. Kinnie was married to Miss Jessie M. Dunscomb, a native of Hoopston, Ill., who attended the University of Minnesota and Illinois Wesleyan University. Mr. and Mrs. Kinnie have no children.

Mr. Kinnie is a Republican, a member of the First Methodist Church, and belongs to the Knights of Pythias, the Arts and Crafts Masonic

Lodge, Masonic Lodge and Consistory, and the Maplewood Country Club of Normal. He is secretary of the Bloomington Club, member of the Association of Commerce, and a member of the Rotary Club since 1917. Mr. Kinnie served as secretary of the Rotary Club from 1918 to 1920, belongs to the Young Men's Club of Bloomington, and the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity of Illinois Wesleyan University, and is secretary-treasurer of the Phi Gamma Delta Association of Bloomington. He is a stockholder in the Illinois Feed and Elevator Company and also a director. Mr. Kinnie is a public spirited and progressive young business man of Bloomington and has many friends and acquaintances.

J. S. Kinnie, superintendent of the Bloomington Canning Company, is one of the well known and substantial citizens of McLean County. He was born in Oneida County, N. Y., Feb. 12, 1862, the son of David and Catherine (Peck) Kinnie.

The Kinnie family is of English descent and they were early settlers of New York, where David Kinnie followed farming during his entire life. There were nine children in the David Kinnie family, three of whom are now living.

J. S. Kinnie was reared on his father's farm and attended the district schools of New York. As a boy he began making tin cans for the packing of goods. At that time the cans were all made by hand. Mr. Kinnie later became an overseer in a canning factory at Milan, Ohio, and after five years he returned to New York, and was employed in a canning factory at Auburn. In 1898 he came to Bloomington and entered the employ of the Bloomington Canning Company, where he has remained ever since. He has about 25 men in his employ and during the busy season has a great many more. Mr. Kinnie owns a home at 109 E. Division St., and other city property in Bloomington.

On March 14, 1887, Mr. Kinnie was united in marriage with Miss Edith Peacock, a native of Somerset, N. Y., born Nov. 25, 1866, and the daughter of Harrison Peacock. To J. S. and Edith (Peacock) Kinnie three children were born, as follows: Sage H., a sketch of whom appears in this history; Erma, married Herbert Steffens, lives at McLean, Ill., and they have a daughter, Elizabeth Peacock; Edith; and Gladys,

married Roy Chambers, assistant manager of Kresge's store in Bloomington, and they have one son, John Delmar.

Mr. Kinnie is a Republican and a member of the Grace Methodist Church. He belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America.

Richard F. Dunn, city attorney of Normal, is one of the widely known and successful attorneys of McLean County. He was born in Bloomington, Sept. 18, 1888, and is a son of Richard T. and Mary G. (Lyons) Dunn.

Richard T. Dunn was born in New York, and his wife was a native of Bloomington. They live at Bloomington where Mr. Dunn is employed as an iron moulder with the American Foundry & Furnace Company. There are six living children in the Dunn family, of whom Richard F., the subject of this sketch, is the oldest.

Richard F. Dunn received his education in the public and high schools of Bloomington and in 1911 was graduated from Illinois State Normal University. In 1914 he was graduated from the law school of Illinois Wesleyan University and admitted to the bar in October, 1915. Mr. Dunn has since been engaged in the practice of his profession at Bloomington and has been successful. Since December, 1918, he has served as city attorney of Normal. While a student in high school and college Mr. Dunn was employed by the Pantagraph, and worked in several different departments.

On Aug. 26, 1913, Mr. Dunn was married to Miss Clara Huxtable, a native of Benson, Woodford County, Ill., and the daughter of Thomas and Mary G. (Barney) Huxtable, of Woodford County. To Mr. and Mrs. Dunn two children have been born, Richard Thomas and Robert Stafford.

Mr. Dunn is a Republican, a member of the Catholic Church, and belongs to the Elks, the Young Men's Club, the Y. M. C. A., the Bloomington Club, the Association of Commerce, the Commercial Club of Normal and the Maplewood Country Club. In 1919 he organized the Bloomington and Normal Sanitary District for sewage disposal. He was appointed by ex-Governor Frank Lowden as public guardian of McLean County in 1917, which office he still holds. Mr. Dunn is a reliable and efficient member of the community and has the esteem of his fellow citizens.

Frank C. Barley, a well known and substantial citizen of LeRoy, was born March 1, 1872, and is a native of LeRoy. He is the son of Charles A. and Mary A. (Dempsy) Barley.

Charles A. Barley was a native of Champaign County, Ohio, born March 19, 1845. He came to Illinois in 1868 and located at LeRoy in McLean County, where he taught school for a number of years, and was also principal of the LeRoy Public Schools for three years. Mr. Charles A. Barley was a son of George Barley and Julia Barley, and Mary A. Dempsy Barley was a daughter of Jefferson and Jane Dempsy, and lived on adjoining farms near Cable, Champaign County, Ohio.

In 1874 he engaged in the real estate, insurance and farm loan business at LeRoy, which he continued until a few years before his death. Mr. Barley served during the Civil War, being a member of the 134th Ohio Infantry. He died at his home in LeRoy, July 22nd, 1911, and his wife, Mary M. Barley died June 9th, 1914. They were the parents of five children as follows: Mrs. Inez Dodge of Bloomington, Frank C., the subject of this sketch; Miss Jessie Barley, of LeRoy; Canby A. Barley, of LeRoy, in business with his brother, Frank C. Barley; and Lloyd B. Barley, who lives in Arkansas.

Frank C. Barley has spent his entire life in LeRoy. He was educated in the public schools of LeRoy and later took a short course in the Bryant & Stratton Business College at Chicago. He then engaged in the real estate, insurance and farm loan business with his father under the name of C. A. Barley & Son. Later this business was carried on under the name of the Barley Loan & Land Co. This company does a large volume of business and is widely known throughout central Illinois.

In 1900 Mr. Barley married Miss Florence Martin, a native of Dawson Township, McLean County, Illinois, born January 4, 1871, a daughter of Willet L. and Demaris Dooley Martin. Mr. Martin was a son of Mr. Archer Martin and Jane Martin, early settlers of McLean County, and Demaris Dooley Martin was a daughter of William Dooley and Minerva Dooley, also early settlers of eastern McLean County. To Willet L. and Demaris Dooley Martin two children were born as follows: Mary M. Wirt of Leroy, Ill., and Florence M. Barley.

To Frank C. Barley and Florence Martin Barley two children have been born as follows: Arthur Wayne, born Jan. 6, 1902, now living with his parents at LeRoy; and Francis Jay, born March 12, 1905, now attending school at the Illinois Wesleyan University of Bloomington, Ill.

Mr. Barley is in politics a Republican, being one of the leading members of the party in eastern McLean County. The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church of LeRoy and Mr. Barley belongs to LeRoy Lodge No. 221, A. F. & A. M. He has served the community at LeRoy in various official capacities and was for many years vice-president of the J. Keenan's Bank of LeRoy and is secretary of the LeRoy Home Building Association.

The Barley Loan & Land Company occupies a very prominent corner at LeRoy in the Barley Building at corner of Chestnut and Center Streets. This concern has been prominently identified with LeRoy and the vicinity thereof for a great many years. Mr. Barley owned and laid out into building lots and streets what is now known as the Morehouse & Barley Addition and also adjoining same on the east what is now known as the Barley & Pfitzenmeyer East Park Addition to LeRoy, both of these additions now being the finest residential district in LeRoy.

Mr. and Mrs. Barley are members of old and well established families of McLean County and the names of their families have been known and respected for many years.

Dr. Guy F. Wait, a prominent dentist of LeRoy, was born at Reynolds, Ill., Oct. 17, 1874, the son of Meigs and Edith J. (Clark) Wait.

Meigs Wait, a native of Switzerland County, Ind., was born Sept. 9, 1836, and died Oct. 6, 1919. He was a well known farmer of Rock Island County, Ill., for many years, having settled near Reynolds when he was a young man. His wife, the daughter of William and Mary Clark, was born Oct. 9, 1842, and died July 1, 1923. Mr. and Mrs. Wait were the parents of the following children: Harry, lives at Liberty, Texas; Ernest, deceased; Daisy lives at Reynolds; Bert, farmer, lives in Arkansas; Marion, farmer, lives at Reynolds, Ill.; Dr. Guy F., the subject of this sketch; and Mark, lives at Augusta, Ill.

Dr. Guy F. Wait was educated in the Dexter District School and was graduated from the Geneseo Institute in Henry County, Ill., after which he attended Northwestern University, at Chicago, where he studied dentistry. He received his degree in 1898 and then began the practice of his profession at Reynolds, where he remained for nine years. On Jan. 1, 1909, Dr. Wait came to LeRoy, where he is now located. He has an excep-

tionally fine practice built up, due in no small part to his many years' experience.

On June 21, 1906, Dr. Wait was married to Miss Blanche Burgoyne, a native of Rock Island County, born June 16, 1884, and the daughter of J. C. and Emma (Ballard) Burgoyne. Mrs. Wait has one brother, J. B. Burgoyne. He now resides in Fresno, Calif. To Dr. Guy F. and Blanche (Burgoyne) Wait two children have been born: Myron, born Oct. 18, 1907, a junior in high school; and Edwin C., born July 15, 1920.

Dr. Wait is a member of the Illinois Dental Association and belongs to the Masonic Lodge No. 221, LeRoy. He is a Democrat and a public spirited and progressive citizen.

Chester C. Williams, the well known superintendent of the electric light and water department of Bloomington, is a native of Illinois. He was born in Vermilion County, March 27, 1881, and is the son of William Todd and Emma A. (Underwood) Williams.

William Todd Williams was born in Vermilion County, Ill., March 3, 1858, and his wife was also born in the same county, Feb. 14, 1858. The Williams family were early settlers of Vermilion County, where William Williams' father entered land from the government. Mr. Williams followed general farming and stock raising until 1893, at which time he entered the employ of the Big Four Railroad, where he served for 18 years. After representing a meat company from Chicago for several years, Mr. Williams retired and now lives at Bloomington. He and his wife are members of the Christian Church. Chester C. Williams, the subject of this sketch, is their only son. Emma A. (Underwood) Williams is the daughter of Harrison and Eliza (Gephart) Underwood.

Chester C. Williams spent his boyhood in Vermilion County and was educated in the public and high schools at Bloomington, Ill. When he was 13 years of age his family moved to Urbana, Ill., and he later attended the University of Missouri and the University of Illinois, where he studied engineering. After completing his school work, Mr. Williams worked at various electrical jobs until he was appointed foreman in the Chicago & Alton Railroad shops, where he remained for five years. In 1909 he took his family to Albuquerque, N. M., where he represented the Santa Fe Railroad. After two years Mr. Williams returned to Illinois



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and in 1915 was appointed superintendent of the electric light and water department of Bloomington, which office he has since filled in a most capable manner.

On Sept. 24, 1906, Mr. Williams was united in marriage with Miss Ida I. Jackson, a native of Illinois, born Sept. 24, 1885, and the daughter of David M. and Mary Jackson. Mr. Jackson now holds a responsible position with the Chicago & Alton Railroad and he and his wife reside in Bloomington. To Chester C. and Ida I (Jackson) Williams two daughters have been born, as follows: Grace L., born Nov. 30, 1907, a junior in University High School and also a student of the voice at the Skinner School in Bloomington; and Bernalillo was born Sept. 22, 1909, named after Bernalillo County, N. M., where she was born.

Mr. Williams and his family are members of the First Christian Church. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge No. 43 of Bloomington, and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen of America. He is a prominent citizen of McLean County and he and his family are representative citizens of their community.

R. E. Kimler, cashier of the First National Bank of LeRoy, is a veteran of the World War and one of LeRoy's enterprising and successful young business men. He was born at Saybrook, Ill., Jan. 2, 1893, the son of James E. and Emma (Clark) Kimler.

James E. Kimler was a native of LeRoy and followed farming for a number of years. He died June 7, 1911, at the age of 54 years. His wife, a native of England, came to this country with her parents when she was a young girl. Mrs. Kimler was the daughter of William and Fannie Clark, and she died June 17, 1911, at the age of 52 years. Mr. and Mrs. James E. Kimler had three children, as follows: Ora May Myers, lives at LeRoy; Harry H., lives near LeRoy; and R. E., the subject of this sketch.

R. E. Kimler received his education in the public and high schools of LeRoy, from which he was graduated in 1911. He then attended the Brown Business College at Bloomington and finished there in 1914. Mr. Kimler was then employed as clerk in the railway office at Clinton, Ill., and received three promotions while in the employ of the company there. In 1917 Mr. Kimler came to LeRoy and was appointed assistant cashier of the First National Bank, which office he held until the time of his

enlistment for service in the World War, on April 27, 1918. He enlisted at Bloomington and was sent to Camp Dodge, Iowa, with the 339th Machine Gun Battalion, 88th Division, and on Aug. 8, 1918, he sailed for overseas. Mr. Kimler took active part in the war and was discharged from service on June 11, 1919. After his return to LeRoy he resumed his former position as assistant cashier of the bank, and in March, 1921, became cashier, which office he has since filled in a capable and efficient manner.

Mr. Kimler is a Republican, a member of the Methodist Church at LeRoy, and belongs to the Masonic Lodge.

H. W. Green, a progressive farmer and stockman of Dale Township, was born at Henry, Ill., July 6, 1877, and is a son of Oscar and Eliza (Snyder) Green.

Oscar Green was born in Erie County, Pa., April 28, 1834, the son of Isaac A. and Sallie (Pettitt) Green, both natives of Saratoga County, N. Y., of English extraction. Isaac Green, during the early part of his life, engaged in farming but later became a banker and after a few years thus occupied, retired from active labor. Both he and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal church. He was a steward for a number of years. His wife, Sallie (Pettitt) Green, was born May 5, 1809, and the first representative of both families emigrated from England over 200 years ago, landing at Providence, R. I. Phillip Green, the paternal great-grandfather, was born in Dutchess County, N. Y., in 1782 and married Miss Nancy Addington in 1803. From there the family removed to Illinois in 1837. One of the sons took part in the Black Hawk War in 1831. Isaac Green removed to Peoria County, Ill., in 1838, where he lived until 1854. He then lived in Marshall County, Ill., for 30 years and later came to McLean County. Isaac A. and Sallie (Pettitt) Green were the parents of nine sons: George, Oscar W., Lloyd, Henry, Elisha P., Rowe, Christie, Lawton and Lorin. Oscar, father of the subject of this sketch, remained at home until the time of his marriage, Dec. 29, 1859, to Miss Eliza Jane Snyder, who was born in Marshall County, Ill., Nov. 11, 1836. Her father was Col. Henry Snyder, a Virginian, who was born April 24, 1790. Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Green had four children: Minerva C., the wife of Martin Luther Riggs, lives in Bloomington; Edwin P., married Minerva Hayes,

lives in Bloomington; A. O., married Minnie McClelland, now deceased; and H. W., the subject of this sketch.

Oscar Green, who now lives retired in Bloomington, was for many years among the representative farmers of Cheney's Grove Township. He was the owner of 366 acres of fine land, supplied with fine buildings and his herd of Shorthorn cattle included some of the finest animals to be found in the state.

H. W. Green received his education in the schools of Saybrook and has always followed farming. He has lived on his present farm since 1917, which is well improved. Previous to owning this land, Mr. Green lived in Old Town Township. He owns 180 acres and also operates his father-in-law's farm of 187 acres.

In 1904 Mr. Green was united in marriage with Miss Edith Clark, a native of Bloomington, and the daughter of Silas and Sallie (Parks) Clark, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Kentucky. Mrs. Green's grandfather, Jonathan Parks, came from Madison County, Ky., to Illinois in 1853 and was among the earliest settlers of Shirley, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. Green have two daughters, Viola Frances and Sylvia Irene.

Mr. Green is identified with the Republican party in politics and belongs to the Masonic lodge, the Consistory of Bloomington, the Shrine of Peoria and the DeMolay Commandery of Bloomington. He and his family are members of the Christian Church of Shirley and are highly esteemed members of their community.

John H. Stewart, a successful and well known merchant of Heyworth, is a native of Randolph Township, McLean County. He was born Jan. 13, 1858, the son of Robert and Elizabeth (Thompson) Stewart.

Robert Stewart was born in Ohio and came to McLean County with his parents when he was a young boy, and they located on a farm in Randolph Township. Mr. Stewart died in 1868, at the age of 42 years, and his widow was later married to William Creswell. Mrs. Creswell is deceased. To Robert and Elizabeth (Thompson) Stewart the following children were born: William, deceased; B. F., died in 1921; Charles, lives at Normal, Ill.; John H., the subject of this sketch; R. E., lives at Bloomington, Ill.; and Mary E., married John F. Miller, lives at Seattle, Wash.; and he is congressman from his district and has also served as mayor of

Seattle. To William and Elizabeth (Thompson) Stewart Creswell two children were born: George W., died in 1921; and Carol, lives in Montana.

John H. Stewart spent his boyhood on a farm and was educated in the district schools. He then went to Texas in 1878, where he became a cattleman. After five years he went into business with his step-father, a prominent rancher of Wyoming at the time. In 1911 Mr. Stewart engaged in the general merchandise business at Randolph and since 1919 has conducted his grocery business at Heyworth, and is among the leading merchants of the county.

On Nov. 29, 1882, Mr. Stewart was married to Miss Edith Noble, a native of Randolph Township, McLean County, born in 1860, and the daughter of Thomas and Sarah Jane (Hoover) Noble, natives of Ohio, and the parents of the following children: Mrs. Stewart; Grace, married a brother of John H. Stewart, and she lives at Bloomington, Ill.; and Nellie, died in 1922. To John H. and Edith (Noble) Stewart three children have been born, as follows: Bertha Clemm, lives at Bloomington; Walter, died at the age of five years; and John Harrison, in business with his father at Heyworth, and he has two sons, John William and Thomas Edward Stewart.

John H. Stewart is a member of the Knights of Pythias and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He has always been an energetic and industrious man and a highly esteemed citizen.

E. S. Lyons, now manager of the Lyons Grain Company, of Colfax, and one of McLean County's most extensive farmers and stockmen, is a native of Martin Township, and a member of one of the county's oldest and most prominent pioneer families. He was born April 22, 1876, the son of John U. and Mary J. (Wiley) Lyons.

John U. Lyons was born in Kentucky, Oct. 22, 1830, and was the son of William and Catherine (Eddings) Lyons, the former a native of Kentucky, and a pioneer settler of Illinois, where he followed farming during his life. Later, William Lyons went to Indiana, where he died. He had four children, as follows: Anderson, deceased; John U., father of the subject of this sketch; Mary, married Elija Wiley, both deceased; and Mahaley, married Collins Bradley, both deceased.

John U. Lyons came to Illinois during the early days and settled on land in Martin Township, McLean County. He became a prosperous

farmer and owned 240 acres of land, and during the early days drove his stock to Bloomington and Lexington. Mr. Lyons held many township offices and was a Democrat. He is deceased and his wife now resides at Colfax and is 85 years of age. They were the parents of the following children: Thomas, deceased; Rhoda C., married O. S. Hatch, both deceased; John D., a retired farmer, lives with his mother at Colfax; William, deceased; U. S., a farmer, lives on the old homestead, a sketch of whom appears in this history; Sarah C., married L. W. Baldwin, both deceased; Emma, married Franklin Batterton, deceased; Mary E., married Sheldon Powell, lives at Colfax, Ill.; Hannah M., the widow of Otis Hollingsworth, lives at Bloomington; E. S., the subject of this sketch; and one child died in infancy.

Mary J. (Wiley) Lyons, mother of the subject of this sketch, was born in Indiana and is the daughter of Thomas R. and Rhoda (Swift) Wiley, the former a native of Kentucky and the latter of Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Wiley were the parents of the following children: William Thomas, deceased; Lucinda, deceased; Sarah, deceased; Elijah, deceased; Mrs. Lyons; Ruth, deceased; Americus, deceased; and Nancy, married Charles Burke, lives at Saybrook, Ill.

E. S. Lyons was reared on his father's farm and received his education in the district schools. He worked on the home place for a number of years and also rented land. Mr. Lyons now owns 845 acres of well improved land with his wife, and he is among the prosperous and successful farmers of the county. He is an extensive grain farmer and specializes in the breeding of pure bred Duroc Jersey hogs. Mr. Lyons was manager of the Colfax Grain Company at Colfax. He was also director and sold out his interest in October, 1919. He then engaged exclusively in farming. In January, 1924, he became manager of the Lyons Grain Company of Colfax. The Lyons farm is well improved and is among the fine stock farms of McLean County.

On March 24, 1897, E. S. Lyons was united in marriage with Miss Barbara E. Janes, a native of Money Creek Township, born Oct. 26, 1866, and the daughter of Peter H. and Louisa (Croze) Janes. Mr. Janes was born in Ohio and was an early settler of Illinois, where he engaged in general farming. He owned 640 acres of well improved land and was a prominent stockman. Mr. Janes died March 31, 1909, and his wife died April 2, 1902. They were the parents of the following children: Annette I., married John W. Brown, both deceased; Laura Olive, deceased, was the

wife of James Beasley; Sarah Eliza, married U. S. Lyons, brother of the subject of this sketch; Alice, married B. Frances, deceased; Barbara Ellen Lyons; and Minnie, deceased, was the wife of C. H. Hall. To E. S. and Barbara E. (Janes) Lyons three children have been born, as follows: Homer H., born Jan. 30, 1898, an extensive farmer in Martin Township, McLean County; Beulah May, born Oct. 18, 1900, died May 8, 1907; and Roland A., born Dec. 12, 1906, attends school. Roland A. Lyons has one of the finest radio outfits in the community, which he built himself. Mr. and Mrs. Lyons have two grandchildren, Samuel H. Lyons, born Oct. 11, 1919, and Leon L. Lyons, born Aug. 8, 1923.

E. S. Lyons is a Republican, a member of the Methodist Church, and belongs to the Masonic lodge and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He served for two years as a member of the school board. Mr. Lyons is a citizen of material worth to his community.

William Wallis, dean of the College of Liberal Arts of Illinois Wesleyan University, is among the prominent and highly esteemed citizens of McLean county. He was born in Collinsville, Ill., the son of Rev. William and Eva (Hain) Wallis. Reverend Wallis was a Methodist minister and a member of the Southern Illinois Conference. He was a native of Ireland and his wife was born at Marion, Ohio. They are now deceased. There are five children in the Wallis family: William, the subject of this sketch; Mary, deceased; Dr. Marshall, a physician, lives at Houston, Tex.; Robert, a dentist, lives at Peoria, Ill. and Edward, also a dentist, lives at Chicago.

William Wallis was educated in the public schools and entered Southern Illinois State Normal University at Carbondale, Ill., from which he was graduated. He then taught school at Herrin, Ill., afterward entering Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, Ohio. He then was principal of the high school at Charleston, Ill., for a period of five years and from there went to Mattoon, Ill., where he was principal of the high school for three years. After acting as principal of the Urbana High School for one year, Mr. Wallis served in that capacity in Bloomington for 11 years and in 1918 went overseas with the Y. M. C. A., remaining there until June, 1919. He was stationed a short time at Plymouth, England, and after the Armistice was sent with the army of occupation to Andernach, Germany, 14 miles from Coblenz. He was later attached to the 32nd Division at

Rengsdorf, Germany, east of the Rhine. In April, 1919, the division was sent home and Mr. Wallis was sent to Paris and detailed there for "Leave Area" work. He came home in June, 1919, and took a year's graduate work, receiving his Master's degree at the University of Illinois. He has since held his present position at Illinois Wesleyan University, and resides in Bloomington.

In 1903 Mr. Wallis was married at Charleston, Ill., to Miss Mary Clark, of Charleston. Mr. Wallis is a 32nd degree Mason and belongs to the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity and the Phi Kappa Phi honorary society. He is a Republican and a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Dr. Nelson K. McCormick, deceased, was a leading physician and surgeon of McLean county for many years. He was born in LeRoy township, Boone county, Ill., Sept. 30, 1862, the son of Prof. Henry McCormick, vice-president and for many years prominent in the affairs of Illinois State Normal University.

At an early age Dr. Nelson K. McCormick came to Normal with his parents and attended the local schools, graduating from the Normal High School and the Normal University and later from the Wesleyan University. He then entered the Chicago Medical College, now known as Northwestern Medical, from which he was graduated in 1886. For a short time he was associated with Dr. Parke, one of the pioneer practitioners of Bloomington, and then he opened an office for himself at Normal, and was successful in his profession until he gave it up in 1907 to devote his entire time to his farming interests. Dr. McCormick had been in failing health for several years, his condition being due to an accident years ago when he was injured in a runaway. He died suddenly, however, on July 26, 1919, at a hospital in Petoskey, Mich., where he had gone for treatment.

On Nov. 8, 1889, Dr. McCormick was united in marriage with Miss Mary Sudduth of Normal, and to this union three children were born, as follows: Ella, married Harry L. Diehl, lives at Detroit, Mich.; Grace, at home and Robert, married Miss Elizabeth Funk, and he is engaged in farming near Gibson City, Ill. Dr. McCormick was also survived by a sister, Mrs. O. R. Trowbridge, of Long Beach, Calif., and three brothers, as follows: Edmund, who holds a responsible position in the agricultural department of the government at San Francisco; Dr. Ferd C., the well

known physician of Normal and Dr. Henry G., a prominent dentist of Normal.

Dr. Nelson K. McCormick was a member and supporter of the Methodist Church of Normal and was active in political and civic affairs, being an influence in the Republican party of McLean county. He was greatly interested in the welfare of Brokaw Hospital from the time it was started until his death and for a number of years he was president of the board of trustees. He was a director in The Peoples Bank of Bloomington, and his acquaintance in business and political affairs extended far beyond his home community.

C. W. Shade, deceased, of Lexington, Ill., was a substantial and highly respected citizen of McLean County. He was born in Franklin County, Pa., Sept. 9, 1854, the son of Lewis R. and Susan Frances (Maxwell) Shade.

Lewis R. Shade was born in Pennsylvania and was a wagon maker by trade. He died when he was quite young, leaving his wife with three sons, as follows: John, who was killed during the Civil War; W. P., lives at Decatur, Ill.; and C. W., the subject of this sketch. In 1862 Mrs. Shade brought her sons to Lexington and two years later she was married to Malcomb Magill. To that union two children were born: Garnette, married C. G. Henring, lives in California; and Dr. L. M. Magill, dentist of Lexington, a sketch of whom appears in this history. Susan Frances (Maxwell) Shade Magill was born in Hagerstown, Md., and died in 1892. Her husband died in 1894.

C. W. Shade grew up in Lexington and received his education in the public schools there. He was engaged at the blacksmith trade for a number of years and later entered the employ of the Chicago and Alton Railroad, where he remained for eight years. Mr. Shade later conducted a billiard and pool hall at Lexington for 15 years and also owned the first motion picture theater there. He was appointed postmaster of Lexington in 1914, which office he filled in a capable and efficient manner until June, 1923. He died Dec. 9, 1923, and is buried in the Lexington Cemetery.

On Jan. 28, 1895, Mr. Shade was married to Miss Mary Josephine Callahan, a native of Lexington Township, and the daughter of Jeremiah and Joanna (Doyle) Callahan, further mention of whom is made



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below. To Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Shade was born one daughter, Frances, who teaches school in Bloomington. She is a graduate of the University of Illinois and Illinois Wesleyan University.

Jeremiah Callahan was born in Cork County, Ireland, Aug. 15, 1831, and died June 4, 1906. He came to the United States in 1851 and lived in New York for two years, where he was employed as a stationary engineer. Later, he lived in Culpeper County, Va., and in Georgia, where he was employed as a brakeman on the railroad. Mr. Callahan returned to New York and was there during the anti-draft riots of the Civil War, and he was employed in the fire department while living in New York. His first wife was Mary Mack, deceased. Shortly after her death on June 24, 1867, Mr. Callahan was married to Miss Joanna Doyle, and to this union two children were born, as follows: Ella, married J. H. Dalton, lives at Merna, Ill.; and Mrs. Shade. Mrs. Callahan now lives with Mrs. Shade.

In politics Mr. Shade was a Democrat and he served as mayor of Lexington from 1897 until 1901. He served as president of the Commercial Club for three years and as bandmaster for six years. Mr. Shade erected the building occupied by the postoffice, which he sold in 1922. He was a representative and dependable citizen of McLean County. As a measure of esteem in which Mr. Shade was held by his fellow townsmen the following is quoted from an editorial which appeared in the Lexington Unit Journal at the time of his death:

"One of the most beautiful traits of human character is that of loyalty—loyalty to principle, loyalty to family and friends, loyalty to one's community. Lexington has this week lost a man who was in the fullest sense of the word an exponent of each of these priceless characteristics. Charles Wesley Shade was one of our most loyal citizens and in his passing Lexington has lost a man who never swerved in his allegiance to principle, friend or home. His principles were as dear to him as life itself and he was never untrue to the tenets he professed. His fidelity to his friends was something upon which they could always rely and his love and devotion to his family were beautiful and sacred things.

But added to these loyalties was yet another, his faithful allegiance to his community. Lexington has had few citizens who have been so loyal to her best interests as was Mr. Shade. He was always eager to assist and often led in the projects which were for the advancement and progress of Lexington. Her civic improvement and culture, her business enterprises,

her public institutions, had in him a faithful friend and one who always placed them before those of any other city or community. Lexington was his home and he loved her and was loyal to her. He will be missed here but he will long be remembered as one who loved and was ever faithful to his own."

Mrs. Shade is a member of the Catholic Church. She has been a very devoted wife and mother. Her work and interests have always been with that of her husband and home.

John W. Gray, a prominent pioneer business man of Bloomington, is a member of one of McLean county's oldest families. He was born in New York City, July 3, 1849, the son of Robert and Elizabeth (Whitten) Gray.

Robert Gray was born in County Armagh, Ireland, and his wife was also a native of Ireland. He was born in 1820 and came to the United States with his family in 1848, locating in Bloomington, in 1863, where he worked as a harnessmaker for many years. Mr. Gray died in 1904, and his wife also died the same year. She was struck by a street car at the corner of Miller and Main streets and died from injuries received. To Mr. and Mrs. Gray the following children were born: John W., the subject of this sketch; David, lives in Chicago; George T., engaged in business with his brother, John W.; DeWitt G., lives at 701 E. Washington St., Bloomington; Elizabeth, died Dec. 31, 1915, at the age of 56 years, was the wife of W. E. Bush; Anna, married G. R. Holden, lives in San Antonio, Texas; Eva, the widow of William Flynn, keeps house for her brother, George; and two children died in infancy.

John W. Gray received his education in the district schools and in 1875 entered into partnership with F. A. Brown, and they conducted a grocery business in Bloomington for nine years. Mr. Brown sold his interest to Dewitt G. Gray and went into business with his brother, John W. Gray, and in 1889 they opened another store, taking their brother, George, in as a partner. The three brothers conducted this business for 15 years, at the end of which time DeWitt G. Gray retired. In 1920 John W. and George Gray took as their partner, R. W. Batterton, their clerk, and the business is now conducted by them. The concern is located at 314 North Main Street, and is among the finest establishments of its kind in

McLean county. It is incorporated for \$10,000, and John W. Gray is one of Bloomington's leading business men.

On May 10, 1876, Mr. Gray was married to Miss Lavina Price, a native of Logan county, Ill., and the daughter of David Gambrel and Evelyn (Gambrel) Price, the former a native of Indiana and the latter of Illinois. David Price was a successful farmer of McLean county for many years and now lives with his daughter, Mrs. Gray. He is 93 years of age. Mrs. Price is deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Gray one child was born, Mabel, the wife of H. S. Merrick, a lieutenant colonel in the Iowa State Militia, and they live in Ottumwa, Iowa. They have one daughter, Lavina.

John W. Gray is a Republican, a member of the Methodist church and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows No. 77 of Bloomington. In 1923 he received a badge of honor for 50 years membership in the lodge. Mr. Gray attributes his success in life to hard work and perseverance. At the time of his start in business he had but \$600 and during the Civil war he worked for \$1.50 per week from 5 a. m. until 10 p. m.

Ralph O. Edwards, county superintendent of highways, is among the representative citizens of McLean County. He was born on a farm near Elliott, Ill., in 1878, and is the son of John W. and Chrissie Louisa (Long) Edwards.

John W. Edwards was a native of Morganfield, Ky. He served throughout the Civil war with an Illinois regiment and was a well known citizen of Bellflower, Ill., for many years. Mr. Edwards was engaged in the hardware business at Elliott until 1889 and in 1889 he moved to Bellflower, Ill.; and engaged in the hardware and furniture business until April, 1921. He died July 29th of that year. His wife was born at Lacon, Ill. and died June 11, 1896. They were the parents of the following children: Percy M., lives at Nogales, Ariz.; Mary A. McDowell, married W. E. McDowell, lives at Normal, Ill.; Della May, died at the age of three years; one child died in infancy and Ralph O., the subject of this sketch.

Ralph O. Edwards was born in Ford County and received his education in the public schools of Elliott and Bellflower and the high school of Gibson City. He also attended the University of Illinois. Mr. Edwards began life as a civil engineer with the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad and was later connected with the Illinois Central Railroad, the Chi-

cago & Northwestern Railroad and the Norfolk & Southern Railroad. He was formerly a funeral director, and still retains his license, later becoming county superintendent of highways. Mr. Edwards is the first man to fill this position in the county.

In politics Mr. Edwards is identified with the Republican party. He is a member of the Masonic lodge of Bellflower, the Consistory of Bloomington, and the Shrine of Peoria, and the Elks of Bloomington.

Mr. Edwards is a capable and popular official, and is intensely interested in every movement for civic improvement.

Rev. Francis A. McCarty, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal church of Bloomington, was born near Zanesville, Ohio, Dec. 16, 1867, and is the son of William and Martha (Brown) McCarty.

William McCarty was a native of Morgan county, Ohio and his wife was born in Londonderry, Ireland. He was a farmer and served throughout the Civil war with Company I, 97th Ohio Volunteer Infantry. In 1868 he settled near McLean, Ill., where he remained until 1885, at which time he removed to McPherson, Kans., where he died in 1909. His wife died in 1903. They were the parents of the following children: Mrs. Effie Ridgell, lives at McPherson, Kan.; Mrs. Isla M. Hill, lives at Detroit, Mich.; Etta, lives at Bloomington and Rev. Francis A., the subject of this sketch.

Rev. Francis A. McCarty was educated at Southwestern College, Winfield, Kans., Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington and Boston University at Boston, Mass. He taught school near McPherson, Kans., for two years and was student pastor at Bloomington circuit, Fremont, Ill. and Somerset, Mass. In 1901 he was ordained. After his student days Reverend McCarty served as pastor at San Jose, Mason City, Gibson City, Jacksonville, Ill., and for five years as superintendent of the Jacksonville district, later going to Quincy, Ill. In 1921 he came to Bloomington.

On Nov. 30, 1904, Reverend McCarty was united in marriage with Miss Alice M. Abbott, a native of Natrona, Ill., and the daughter of John B. and Mary Jane (Ainsworth) Abbott, natives of Illinois and of English descent. Mr. Abbott lives at Mason City, Ill. His wife died in 1915. To Reverend and Mrs. McCarty have been born three children: Mary Helen, Edith Louise and Alice Jeannette, all students.

In politics Reverend McCarty is a Republican. He was a member of the General Conference in 1916 and 1920 and for the past three years has

been secretary of the Business Committee of the Illinois Bi-Conference Educational Movement. He has a degree of Doctor of Divinity from Illinois Wesleyan University and is a trustee of that university and the Woman's College at Jacksonville.

Dr. Algy F. Strange, a prominent and successful dentist of Bloomington, is a native of Illinois. He was born at Walshville, Ill., April 12, 1878, and is the son of Alexander T. and Jessie (Copeland) Strange.

Alexander T. Strange was born in Floyd county, Ga., July 6, 1850, and his wife is a native of Montgomery county, Ill., born in 1846. They were married on Aug. 22, 1872, and to this union the following children were born: Roy Alexas, born Dec. 30, 1873, died Jan. 6, 1874 and Eury Boone, twin brother of A. F., and also a very successful dentist of Hillsboro, Ill. In early life Mr. Strange taught school for about 15 years, after which he became engaged in general farming. He served for several years by government appointment as a representative to the Farmers National Congress and organized and is at present secretary of the Hillsboro Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Company and the Poas Cyclone Insurance Company.

Dr. A. F. Strange and his brother were reared on a farm in Montgomery county, Ill., and attended the district schools. They were both graduated from the dental department of the St. Louis University. Before entering dental college he taught school for three terms. After completing his education in 1901 Dr. Strange took charge of clinics and was demonstrator of operative dentistry in the college from which he was graduated. For two years he practiced his profession at Litchfield, Ill., and came to Bloomington in 1912, where he has since been located. Dr. Strange has built up a splendid practice and is a progressive man in his profession.

On Sept. 1, 1897, Dr. Strange was married to Miss Lula Mae Hope, a native of Hillsboro, Ill., and a daughter of James C. and Mary (Chamberlain) Hope, natives of Illinois. Mr. Hope has been a prosperous farmer of Montgomery county for many years and lives on his farm four miles south of Hillsboro. His wife died several years ago. To Dr. and Mrs. Strange four children have been born as follows: Russell Hope, born June 6, 1899, a senior student of the Medical Department of Northwestern University at Chicago, having previously attended Bloomington High School

and received his pre-medic degree at Illinois Wesleyan University, married in 1923 to Miss Mary Cooper, and they live at 5054 Kenmore Avenue, Chicago; Artrude, born May 25, 1901, a graduate of Bloomington High School, and Lindenwood College for Girls, married in June, 1921, to Dr. William H. Barton, who has a very fine dental practice at Hampshire, Ill.; Mildred, born Feb. 4, 1908, a student in Bloomington High School and Roberta, born July 14, 1916, a student at Franklin grade school.

Dr. Strange is a Republican but has never had any political aspirations. While living at Litchfield, Ill., he served as alderman. He has held various offices in the local and district dental societies of the state. Dr. Strange is a member of the Presbyterian church and a member of all bodies in both the York and Consistory branch of Masonry, as well as the Ancient Arabic Order Mystic Shrine, having been for several years a member of the Mohammed Shrine Brass Band.

John C. Talbert, deceased, was a leading business man of Bloomington for many years. He was born near Carlisle, Ky., Feb. 10, 1860, and was the son of William and Sarah J. Talbert, both natives of Kentucky and now deceased.

John C. Talbert spent his boyhood on his father's farm and received his education in the schools of Carlisle and Kentucky State Normal University. When he was 27 years of age he came to Illinois and engaged in the lumber business at Bloomington with Parker Brothers. Later, he formed a partnership with Thomas Parker and they purchased the Trotter Lumber Company, which they conducted successfully for many years. Mr. Talbert died May 22, 1913.

On Jan. 7, 1897, Mr. Talbert was married to Miss Maude R. Benner, a daughter of Harry and Ella (Johnson) Benner, the former a native of Hagerstown, Md., and the latter of Dayton, Ohio. Mr. Benner was a railroad contractor and civil engineer for many years. Mrs. Talbert was reared by her grandmother. She resides in the family home at 717 West Monroe street, Bloomington. To Mr. and Mrs. Talbert one child was born, Sarah, who was educated at Bloomington and also attended Ward Belmont Academy.

Mr. Talbert was a member of the Christian church and belonged to the Masonic lodge, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Modern

Woodmen of America. He was a director of the Brokaw Hospital at Bloomington for many years. Mr. Talbert was an energetic man who stood well in the esteem of his many friends and acquaintances.

Dr. Edward W. Chrisman, a veteran of the World war, is a successful and widely known dentist of McLean county. He was born at Ingraham, Ill., Nov. 9, 1890, and is the son of Benjamin F. and Sarah E. (Stanley) Chrisman.

Benjamin F. Chrisman was a native of Pennsylvania and an early settler of Clay County, Ill. He followed farming near Ingraham for a number of years and retired in 1891, going to Ingraham where he resided until the time of his death, April 5, 1905, at the age of 84 years. Mr. Chrisman was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, having enlisted during the Civil war when Lincoln called for volunteers. He enlisted at Olney, Ill. and was in service two years. His wife was a native of Newton, Ill. and died at Ingraham, Aug. 10, 1915. They were the parents of five children, as follows: Ira, lives at Seattle, Wash.; Howard, lives at Peoria, Ill.; Gertrude E. White, lives at Shattuc, Ill.; Robert, lives at Saye, Ark. and Dr. Edward W., the subject of this sketch.

Dr. Edward W. Chrisman was reared at Ingraham, Ill., and attended the public school there. After teaching school from 1909 to 1911, he entered Northwestern University at Chicago, from which he was graduated in 1914. He then began practicing dentistry at Newton, Ill., where he remained until 1915. On Oct. 18, 1918, he enlisted for service in the World war and served as first lieutenant in a dental corps of the United States army at Camp Greenleaf, Ga. Previous to his enlistment he had been located at Clay City, Ill. Dr. Chrisman has been practicing dentistry in Bloomington since 1919, and lives at 107 Kreitzer Avenue.

On Aug. 22, 1915, Dr. Chrisman was married to Miss Clara A. Crowley, a native of Newton, Ill., and a daughter of James and Minta (Dodd) Crowley, natives of Illinois, and residents of Newton. Dr. and Mrs. Chrisman have two children, James Edward and Robert Anthony.

Dr. Chrisman is a Republican and in 1917 served as a member of the village council of Clay City, Ill. He is a member of the Second Presbyterian church; belongs to the Masonic lodge No. 43 Bloomington; the Bloomington Grove Camp, No. 110, Modern Woodmen of America; the

Louis E. Davis Post No. 56, American Legion; the Lions Club; the Bloomington Y. M. C. A. and the Bloomington Consistory. He is a member of the Illinois State Dental Society, the American Dental Society and is now serving as secretary and treasurer of the McLean county Dental Society. Dr. Chrisman is a progressive citizen with high standards of civic pride.

J. J. Wiley, known throughout McLean County as a prosperous farmer and stockman, is a member of one of the county's oldest and most prominent families. He was born on a farm in Martin Township, Dec. 3, 1847, the son of Lytle R. and Sarah R. Wiley.

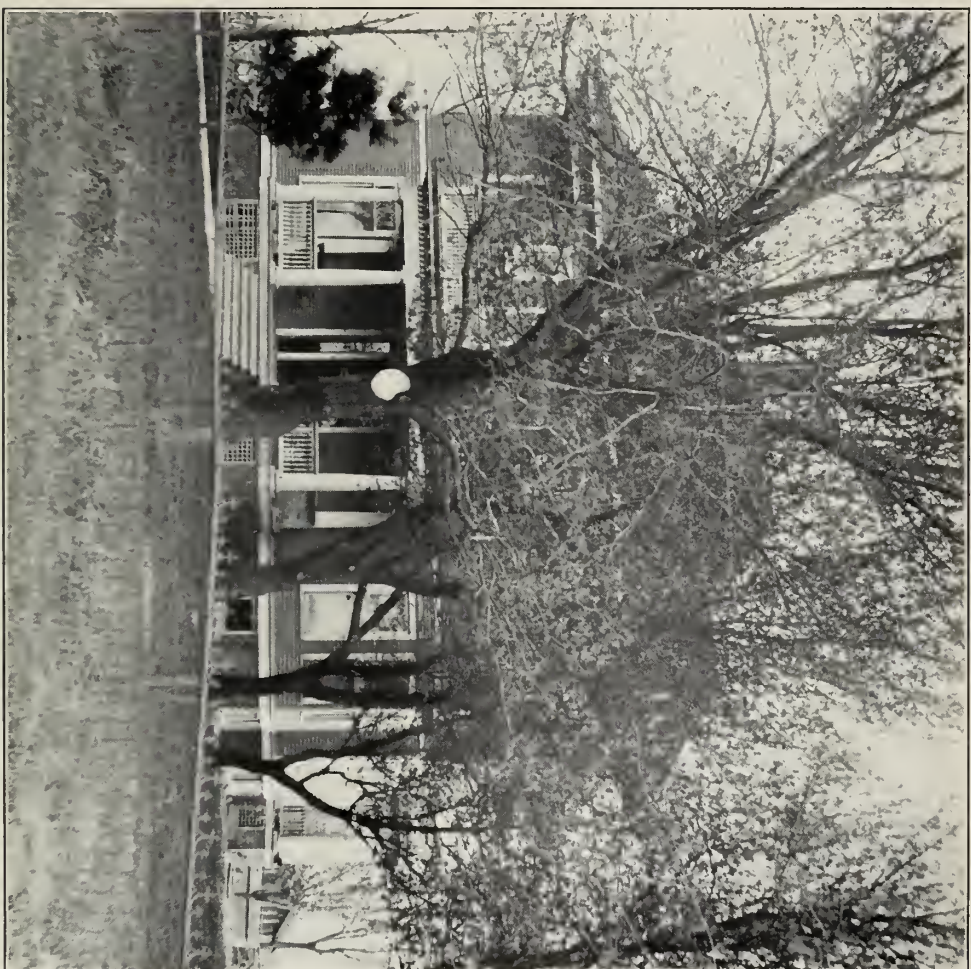
Lytle R. Wiley was a native of Kentucky and settled in Illinois in 1832, being one of the first settlers of McLean County. In making the trip from Kentucky to Illinois Mr. Wiley used oxen teams and a prairie schooner. He became a successful farmer and owned 1,100 acres of land in the vicinity of Colfax, which he improved with a wooden plow and oxen teams. Mr. Wiley hauled his grain and drove his stock to Chicago during the early days. He was a Republican. Mr. and Mrs. Wiley had eight children, as follows: Thomas, deceased; Rhoda, lives at Colfax; J. J., the subject of this sketch; Hannah E., deceased; William S., deceased; Sarah L., deceased; Lytle R., Chase County, Kans.; and Mary C., deceased. The Wiley Cemetery near Colfax is named after Lytle R. Wiley, who donated land for that purpose, and his son William S. Wiley, was the first person to be buried there.

J. J. Wiley has always lived in McLean County. He attended school in a log school house and started life farming on his father's land. Mr. Wiley now owns 540 acres of well-improved land and he is among the leading stockmen of McLean Conty, and is a breeder of pure-bred Herford cattle, Poland-China and Duroc Jersey hogs. The Wiley stock farm is well improved and contains good farm buildings and a fine residence.

On March 14, 1888, Mr. Wiley was married to Miss Sarah L. Harpole, a native of Logan County, Ill., born Dec. 6, 1870, and the daughter of Albert and Jane (Miller) Harpole, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Ireland. Mr. and Mrs. Harpole, deceased, were the parents of the following children: Emma, lives in Kansas; Augusta, lives in Kansas; Phoebe, deceased; Arch, a farmer, lives in Martin Township, McLean



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County; Nellie, lives in Iowa; Gillett, lives in Iowa; Alfred, lives in Iowa; Pearl, lives in Kansas; and Mrs. Wiley. To J. J. and Sarah L. (Harpole) Wiley four children have been born, as follows: James E., lives in New Mexico; Sarah J., lives in Indianapolis; Lytle, lives at Lexington, Ill.; John H., Indianapolis, Ind.; and Julia, at home. Mr. and Mrs. Wiley have five grandchildren. Mrs. Sarah Wiley died Feb. 17, 1924.

Mr. Wiley is a Republican and a member of the Methodist Church. He is a progressive and enterprising citizen, and the entire Wiley family are representative people of McLean County.

Dr. Richard Warren McLean is a successful and well known young dentist of Bloomington and a veteran of the World war. He was born at Princeton, Ill., Jan. 9, 1893, and is the son of George S. and Alice (Grimes) McLean.

George S. McLean was born at Hackestown, N. J., as also was his wife. He was successfully engaged in the undertaking business at Princeton, Ill., for 35 years and was director and vice president of the Farmers National Bank there for 15 years. Mr. McLean died Oct. 13, 1920, and his wife resides at Princeton. They had the following children: Mrs. Myrtle Swarthout, lives at Pentwater, Mich.; Dr. Charles R., a physician, lives at Ewa, Hawaii; Mrs. C. W. Gervin, lives at Hilo, Hawaii; G. L., an electric engineer for the Westinghouse Manufacturing Company in Chicago; Mrs. E. C. Gibbs, lives at Princeton, Ill.; Hazel, lives in Pittsburgh, Pa.; Mrs. Kenneth Edgerley, lives at Granville, Ill.; and Dr. Richard Warren, the subject of this sketch.

After finishing high school at Princeton, Ill., Dr. Richard Warren McLean attended the Chicago College of Dental Surgery, and after his graduation from that institution was made assistant to Dr. A. E. DeReimer in Chicago. On Sept. 8, 1917, Dr. McLean volunteered for service in the World war and was appointed First Lieutenant in the dental corps. At the time of his discharge on July 9, 1919, he held the rank of captain. Dr. McLean has been located in Bloomington since Oct. 15, 1919, and his offices are at 318-19 Durley bldg.

On Aug. 24, 1922, Dr. McLean was united in marriage with Miss Nan Scrogin, a native of Lexington, Ill., and the daughter of Austin Holmes

and Edith Mabel (Prebble) Scrogin, both natives of McLean county. Mr. Scrogin died April 26, 1919, and his wife lives at Lexington, Ill. Mrs. McLean received her education in the public schools there.

In politics Dr. McLean is an independent voter. He served as secretary of the McLean County Dental Society from 1921 to 1923, and is now president of the society. He is also president of the Young Men's Club. Dr. McLean is a member of the Second Presbyterian church and belongs to the Masonic lodge. During 1918 Mrs. McLean's father was state grand master of the Masonic lodge. Dr. McLean is an enterprising young man whose success in life is already assured.

Dr. Frank P. Minch, a successful dentist of Bloomington and veteran of the World war, was born at Roberts, Ill., April 5, 1892. He is a son of Philip F. and Bertha (Zimmerman) Minch.

Philip F. Minch is a native of Washington, Ill., and his wife was born at Ottawa, Ill. They live retired at Roberts. There are five children in the Minch family as follows: Harry E., lives at Roberts, Ill.; John J., lives in Chicago; Viola L. and Grace D., live at Roberts, Ill. and Dr. Frank P., the subject of this sketch.

After completing the high school course at Roberts, Ill., Dr. Frank B. Minch was graduated from Grand Prairie Seminary at Onarga, Ill. He then entered the Chicago College of Dental Surgery and after completing his course there practiced his profession at Lexington, Ill., from 1914 to 1917. During the World war he served as a first lieutenant in the dental corps. Since 1919 he has been located in Bloomington, where he has already built up a splendid practice.

On Nov. 30, 1922, Dr. Minch was married to Miss Dorothy Opal McBride, a native of DeLand, Ill., and a daughter of George Franklin and Anna (Davis) McBride, natives of Illinois, and residents of DeLand. Dr. and Mrs. Minch have one daughter, Beverly Jane, who was born Sept. 12, 1923.

Dr. Minch is a Republican and belongs to the Masonic lodge and Consistory of Bloomington and the Peoria Shrine. He also belongs to the American Legion. Dr. Minch and his family are members of the Methodist church.

Scott Price, now living retired in Bloomington, has been actively identified with McLean County all his life. He was born two miles southeast of Bloomington on the LeRoy road, March 23, 1854. His parents were George W. and Matilda B. Price, natives of Warren County, Ky., and early settlers in McLean County. They bought a farm shortly after coming to this county, a part of which they purchased from the government.

Scott Price was reared on the home farm in McLean County and attended the district school, which is still known as the Price school. Later he attended Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington. After his marriage Mr. Price settled on a farm in Normal Township, where he was successfully engaged in farming and stock raising until 1892. He then moved to Hudson and resided there for three years. He is now living retired at 510 East Grove Street, Bloomington, which has been his home since 1918.

On Feb. 23, 1876, Scott Price was married to Miss Anna Laura Benjamin, the wedding taking place at 510 East Grove Street, which was then the home of the late Judge R. M. Benjamin. Mrs. Price is the daughter of Rev. DeWitt Clinton and Sarah (Swartz) Benjamin.

Rev. DeWitt C. Benjamin was born May 28, 1820, and was educated at Kinderhook Academy. He became a Methodist minister in 1841, and was married Oct. 29, 1849, in Lancaster County, Pa., to Miss Sarah Swartz. He was born in Columbia County, N. Y., and came to McLean County, Ill., in 1853 and purchased a farm in Hudson Township. He later purchased more land in Hudson and Normal townships. He always took an active part in church and educational work and for several years was one of the trustees of Illinois Wesleyan University at Bloomington. He was a liberal contributor to the university. To Rev. DeWitt C. and Sarah Benjamin the following children were born: Benjamin, born Sept. 27, 1850, died March 31, 1885; DeWitt Clinton, born Nov. 11, 1852, died Feb. 11, 1875; Mary Caroline, born Aug. 25, 1855, died Aug. 16, 1887; Anna Laura, born Dec. 1, 1858, the wife of Scott Price; Rogers, born June 1, 1861, died July 6, 1861; Sarah Emeline, born July 30, 1862, died Nov. 10, 1864. Reverend Benjamin died Oct. 7, 1871, on his farm near Hudson, and his wife died July 23, 1892.

Rev. DeWitt C. Benjamin was a son of Darius and Martha Benjamin. Darius Benjamin was born near Red Rock, Columbia County, N. Y., Feb. 15, 1781. He was a soldier in the War of 1812. On July 5, 1817, he married Martha, daughter of Timothy Rogers, who was born Feb. 18, 1795.

He died at Chatham Center, N. Y., April 24, 1850, and she came to McLean County in 1856, where her children had preceded her. She died near Benjaminville, Nov. 20, 1884. The Benjamins are an old American family, having been founded in America by John Benjamin, who emigrated from England to this country in 1632.

To Mr. and Mrs. Scott Price have been born the following children: Reuben M. Price, born Dec. 28, 1877, is married and has two sons, Robert and Lafayette, and lives in Chicago; George R. Price, born Oct. 14, 1879, unmarried, lives in Bloomington; Rolla B. Price, born July 9, 1881, is married and has one daughter, Sarah Helen, and lives near Kerrick, Ill.; O. H. Price, born Feb. 14, 1883, married and has one daughter, Laura, and resides in Bloomington; Mrs. Sarah Matilda Underwood, born May 26, 1888, is married and has one daughter, Charlotte Margaret.

Mr. Price is one of Bloomington's representative citizens and the Price family stands high in the community.

Henry B. Stubblefield, a leading farmer and stockman of McLean County, is a member of one of the substantial and prominent pioneer families of Illinois. He was born near Funks Grove, Oct. 29, 1855, and is the son of John and Ellisannah (Houser) Stubblefield.

John Stubblefield was born in Fayette County, Ohio, June 4, 1820, the son of Robert and Sarah (Funk) Stubblefield, the father being a native of Halifax County, Va., and the mother a daughter of the Blue Grass state. Robert Stubblefield was a soldier from Virginia in the War of 1812, and in 1814 left his native state, locating in Fayette County, Ohio, where he married. His first wife died in Ohio, and his second marriage was to one of his first wife's sisters, Dorothy Funk, this couple coming to Funks Grove, McLean County, in December, 1824. At that time the township was a part of Fayette County, Ill. Mr. Stubblefield became the owner of 3,000 acres of land and died June 8, 1870.

John Stubblefield became a prosperous farmer of McLean County. He died Aug. 15, 1911, and his wife died March 3, 1895. They were the parents of nine children, as follows: Mrs. S. E. Rayburn, David R., George W., all living in Bloomington; Phineas Marian, deceased; Mrs. M. F. Crum, deceased; Henry B., the subject of this sketch; S. P., lives in Bloomington; John W., lives at Normal; and Eddie, died Feb. 26, 1861.

Henry B. Stubblefield has always lived in McLean County. He was educated in the old school house that stood near the Funks Grove cemetery, and in 1876 became a student at Illinois Wesleyan University. In 1879 Mr. Stubblefield shipped ten draft stallions west and sold them in Oregon and Washington. He then remained in those states for two years, riding the range and rounding up cattle and branding them in true cowboy fashion. Mr. Stubblefield returned to McLean County in 1882 and resumed farming. He has been among the successful stockmen of the county and is widely known. The Stubblefield residence is now in Bloomington at 516 East Locust Street.

On Nov. 12, 1884, Mr. Stubblefield was united in marriage with Miss Sue Lain, who died Jan. 23, 1920. She was a native of Richmond, Ky., and the daughter of I. G. and Mary J. (Boulmare) Lain, natives of Kentucky. To Mr. and Mrs. Stubblefield one son was born, Harry L., who married Miss Marion L., daughter of Dr. Franklin C. Vandervort, whose family history is printed elsewhere in this history. Harry L. has one child, Marjorie Jane, born July 25, 1911, attending the Bloomington school.

Mr. Stubblefield is a Republican and a member of the Sons of the American Revolution. He belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America. Mr. and Mrs. Stubblefield are members of the First Christian Church of Bloomington and are representative citizens of their community.

Asa M. Savidge is a progressive and enterprising business man of Bloomington and a member of one of McLean County's pioneer families. He was born in Downs Township, June 8, 1858, and is a son of John W. and Olive R. (Case) Savidge.

John W. Savidge was a native of Bowling Green, Ky., born Oct. 14, 1831. When he was five years of age his parents came to Illinois and located on a farm in Downs Township, where they purchased 80 acres of land. He followed farming and stockraising during his entire life and was successful. He died in 1912. Mr. Savidge was a life member of the Methodist Church and was Sunday school superintendent for many years. Olive R. (Case) Savidge was born in Old Town Township, McLean County, March 12, 1833, and was the daughter of Louis and Sarah (Hendryx) Case. Mr. Case was born Feb. 27, 1809, and died in 1897. His wife was born in 1810, and died in 1887. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Savidge were the

parents of seven children as follows: Mary A., lives at Danvers, Ill.; A. M., the subject of this sketch; Louis B., lives at Bloomington; Ada, deceased; J. H., lives in Bloomington; Roy, deceased; and Nellie, the wife of Fred Helen, lives in Bloomington.

A. M. Savidge was reared and educated in Downs Township and began farming for himself in 1893. For the past 29 years he has been agent for the American Fire Insurance Company in Bloomington. Mr. Savidge has won a medal for having done the largest volume of business for his company in the state. His first policy holder, A. E. Linton, is still on the company's books.

On April 2, 1896, Mr. Savidge was married to Miss Tillie West, a native of Downs Township, born March 11, 1868, and the daughter of John W. and Deliliah (Cronk) West, natives of Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Savidge have one child, Ivan Fern, born Nov. 20, 1898.

Mr. Savidge is a Democrat, a member of the Methodist church, and belongs to the Knights of Pythias, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Modern Woodmen of America. He is one of the substantial and highly respected citizens of Bloomington and McLean County.

Michael J. Curley, deceased, was born in Chicago, Feb. 15, 1853, and is a son of Michael and Anna (Stack) Curley. Mr. and Mrs. Curley were the parents of three children, as follows: Michael J., the subject of this sketch; Frank; and Mrs. Wm. O'Neill.

Michael J. Curley was reared and educated in Chicago. He began work as a railroad brakeman at the age of 17 and when he was 21 years old was an engineer on the Chicago and Alton railroad. He followed railroading until the time of his death, Nov. 21, 1922. He is buried in St. Mary's cemetery in Bloomington.

On Nov. 3, 1885, Mr. Curley was married to Miss Nellie Burke, a native of Bloomington, born Aug. 17, 1857, and the daughter of William and Catherine (Murrey) Burke. William Burke was born in Ireland, Dec. 25, 1817, and when he was a young man came to Bloomington in 1854, where he was employed as timekeeper in the Chicago & Alton railroad shops. He died in 1897. Mrs. Burke was also a native of Ireland, born in 1822, and she died in 1880. Mrs. Curley was their only child. To Mr. and Mrs. Michael J. Curley five children were born, as follows: William,

born Oct. 6, 1886, lives at 902 North Morris Ave., Bloomington; Henrietta Mary, born Aug. 17, 1892, a dressmaker, lives with her mother; Frank J., born Aug. 17, 1894, died March 11, 1923; Nellie Scanlon, born Oct. 22, 1896, lives at 706 East Washington Street, Bloomington; and Anna Irene, born July 28, 1899, a stenographer, lives at home.

The Curley family has lived in Bloomington for the past three years. Mr. Curley was a member of the Catholic Church, as are all the members of his family. He was a progressive and substantial citizen.

H. L. Young, a well known and successful farmer and stockman of Downs Township, was born in Downs Township, McLean County, May 11, 1878, the son of Otho and Susan (Mannen) Young.

The Young family were originally from Ohio, where Joseph Young, grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was born. Otho Young was born April 1, 1839, and moved to Illinois in 1849, settling on land in Downs Township. On May 16, 1859, he was married to Miss Susan Mannen, a native of Illinois, born May 3, 1840, the daughter of Henry and Susan Mannen. To this union five children were born, as follows: Miles K., born Jan. 21, 1861, lives at Bloomington; Charles J. born May 11, 1863, lives at Bloomington; William M., born Oct. 3, 1867, a physician at Bloomington; Belle, born March 26, 1870, died May 7, 1877; and H. L., the subject of this sketch. Mr. Young died March 22, 1914, and his wife died on Sept. 2 of the same year. They were members and organizers of the Methodist Church at Downs, Ill.

H. L. Young was reared on his father's farm and attended the public schools at Downs. He owns 120 acres of good farm land and is an extensive breeder of hogs.

On Aug. 15, 1900, Mr. Young was married to Miss Minnie E. Marcellus, a native of Downs Township, McLean County, born Aug. 30, 1878, and the daughter of Emanuel and Frances Ann (Miller) Marcellus. Emanuel Marcellus was born in Ohio, Jan. 5, 1848, and died July 24, 1904. His wife was born in Virginia, June 6, 1855, a daughter of Silas and Hannah (Kettermann) Miller. She died April 28, 1880. Levi Marcellus, grandfather of Mrs. Young, was born in Ohio, May 1, 1820, and died Sept. 5, 1884. In 1843 he was married to Miss Elizabeth Culp, who died Aug. 22, 1858. Hannah (Kettermann) Miller, grandmother of Mrs. Young, and who

reared Mrs. Young from a baby, was born Jan. 3, 1831, and died Nov. 25, 1905. Silas W. Miller, grandfather of Mrs. Young, was born May 5, 1824, and died Dec. 8, 1869. Mrs. Young has one brother, Frank Lee Marcellus, who was born Oct. 20, 1873.

To H. L. and Minnie (Marcellus) Young four children were born, as follows: The oldest died Jan. 12, 1902; Lyle M., born Dec. 14, 1905; Frank O., born Dec. 7, 1913; and Harry Joseph, born Oct. 6, 1915.

Mr. Young is a Republican and has served as school director. He is a member of the Methodist Church at Downs and belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America. The Young family is widely known in McLean County, and are highly regarded among their many friends and acquaintances.

Frank Wissmiller, an industrious farmer and the owner of 330 acres of well improved land in Blue Mound Township, is a native of McLean County. He was born April 30, 1885, and is a son of Jacob and Christina (Fink) Wissmiller.

Jacob Wissmiller was born in Germany and came to America before the Civil War, locating in Logan County, Ill. He served throughout the Civil War, taking part in many important battles. After the close of the war, Mr. Wissmiller moved to McLean County and purchased 880 acres of land in Blue Mound Township. He was a Republican, a member of the Catholic Church, and served as school director for a number of years. Mr. Wissmiller died July 10, 1913, and is buried in the Catholic Cemetery at Bloomington. His wife lives at Bloomington. They were the parents of eight children, as follows: Christina, married Jacob Blum, a farmer, lives at Sibley, Ill.; Rose, married Albert Blum, a farmer, lives at Sibley; Mary, married William Sutter, lives retired, at Normal, Ill.; John, a farmer, lives in Blue Mound Township; William, deceased; Emma, married William Brigham, principal of Shirley public schools; George, a farmer, lives in Blue Mound Township; and Frank, the subject of this sketch.

Frank Wissmiller received his education in the public school of Blue Mound Township and started life farming on his father's land. He now owns 330 acres of land, and his farm contains a fine residence and good farm buildings. There is a 95-ton capacity silo on the place. Mr. Wissmiller is well known as a breeder of pure-bred Poland China hogs, and he is also an extensive feeder of stock.



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On Feb. 16, 1911, Mr. Wissmiller was married to Miss Mary Pelz, a native of Carlock, Ill., born Oct. 13, 1891, and a daughter of Joseph and Caroline (Devine) Pelz. Mr. Pelz is a native of Germany and came to this country when he was a young man, settling on land west of Carlock, where he followed general farming and stock raising. He now lives retired at Carlock. His wife died July 6, 1920. They were the parents of 11 children, as follows: Herman, lives in Minnesota; Emma; Anna, lives at Carlock; Lena, married Pearl Holderly, lives at Bloomington; Louise, married Julius Brandt, a farmer, lives in McLean County; Rhenold, a farmer, lives near Carlock, Ill.; Mrs. Wissmiller; Edna, lives at Carlock, Ill.; Minnie, married Andrew Molton, lives at Washington, Ill.; Freida, married Ed Wikowsky, a farmer, lives in Blue Mound Township; and Maggie, deceased.

To Frank and Mary (Pelz) Wissmiller six children have been born, as follows: Morine, born May 5, 1912; Mervin, born April 25, 1914; Eldon, born Jan. 31, 1917; Virgil, born Nov. 25, 1920; Carol, born Jan. 24, 1922, and a daughter born April 5, 1924.

Mr. Wissmiller is a member of the Presbyterian Church. He is a progressive type of man, a good farmer and stockman and a successful manager.

Charles Thomas Evans has been connected with the street department in Bloomington since 1909 and is a substantial citizen of McLean County. He was born in Bloomington, Jan. 17, 1876, and is a son of Morris J. and Ann (Thomas) Evans.

Morris J. Evans was a native of Ebensburg, Pa., as was also his wife. He owned a stove foundry there for a number of years and later operated a saw mill at Highland, Pa. The Evans family were early settlers of Bloomington, where Mr. Evans was foreman for the John W. Evans Sons Company until the time of his death, July 3, 1902. His wife died March 24, 1916, and they are buried in Evergreen City Cemetery, Bloomington. Mr. and Mrs. Evans were the parents of 12 children, five of whom are living, as follows: John Howard, lives at Goodland, Kan.; Ella M. Ziegler, lives at 321 East Locust St., Bloomington; Martha E. Downs, lives at 801½ S. Lincoln Ave., Springfield, Ill.; Harriet J., lives at 1104 S. Second St., Springfield, Ill.; and Charles Thomas, the subject of this sketch.

Charles Thomas Evans' birthplace was at 510 East Mulberry Street, where he spent his boyhood. After receiving his education in the city schools, he was associated in business with the J. W. Evans Sons Company for several years. He has been in the employ of the city since 1909. He was elected in 1913 and again in 1923 as superintendent of streets.

Mr. Evans is a Republican, a member of the Second Presbyterian Church and belongs to the Loyal Order of Moose, No. 745, Bloomington, and the Fraternal Order of Eagles No. 527, Bloomington. He is unmarried.

Dr. E. C. Williams, a competent physician and progressive citizen of Downs, Ill., was born near Bellflower, Ill., Oct. 26, 1874, the son of T. F. and Anna (Rankin) Williams.

T. F. Williams was a native of Louisville, Ky., born in January, 1849, and his wife was born in Bloomington, Ill., in 1852. Mr. Williams came to Illinois in 1870 and operated a grocery business at Bloomington for a great many years. He and his wife are now deceased. They were the parents of the following children: May Mittleberger, lives in Chicago, Ill.; Kittie West; Dr. E. C., the subject of this sketch; Dr. R. W., lives in Oklahoma and is a veteran of the World war; Isabelle and Florence.

Dr. E. C. Williams was educated in the public schools and at Wesleyan University, after which he attended the Rush Medical College at Chicago in 1899. He later took post graduate courses in Chicago and then began practicing medicine at Rochester, Ill. Dr. Williams came to Bloomington in 1921 and was in partnership with Dr. William Hill. He is now located at Downs in Downs Township, and he has a large practice.

On March 4, 1902, Dr. Williams was married to Miss Alma Whitman, a native of McLean County, born July 17, 1882, and the daughter of J. W. and Lucinda Whitman. Mr. Whitman is deceased and his wife is 75 years of age. They were the parents of the following children: May, lives at Bloomington; Sylvia, lives with her mother; William, lives in Florida; Frankie Goodrich; and Mrs. Williams. To Dr. D. E. and Alma (Whitman) Williams three children have been born, as follows: Dorothy Elizabeth, born May 6, 1904; Howard, born July 17, 1908; and Edward, born May 6, 1914.

Dr. Williams is a Republican and a member of the Presbyterian Church. He belongs to the Masonic Lodge and is a 32nd degree Mason and

Knight Templar. He is a skilled physician and widely known throughout McLean County. Dr. Williams is president of the McLean County Medical Association and is a member of the staff of St. Joseph's Hospital at Bloomington.

Harry H. Bevan, an extensive dealer in dairy products, who has a well established trade in Bloomington, is a native of McLean County. He was born at McLean, Dec. 23, 1880, and is the son of Samuel and Esther Mary (Haughey) Bevan, natives of Ohio and early settlers in McLean County. They are both deceased and their remains are buried in Evergreen Cemetery, at Bloomington.

To Samuel and Esther (Haughey) Bevan the following children were born: Elmer, lives in Alaska; Ada, married Walter Popple, Portland, Ore.; Charles, engaged in the wholesale fruit business, Bloomington; Ella, married Frank Benjamin, and lives in McLean County; Harry H., the subject of this sketch; John S., is engaged in business at Rankin, Ill.; George L., Elkhart, Ind.; Lloyd, Portland, Ore.; and three children died in infancy.

Harry H. Bevan attended the public schools until he was about 15 years of age, after which he assisted his father, who was engaged in the dairy business, and thus received an early training in this business, which was the foundation of his later success. He remained with his father until he was 21 years old, when he engaged in business for himself in a small way in Bloomington. His business has developed to very satisfactory proportions and he now operates eight wagons and trucks in the collection and distribution of his dairy products to hundreds of customers. He owns the building, which houses his business, which was constructed according to his requirements and design, and on an adjoining lot on Olive Street stands his residence. The business is located on the corner of South East and Olive streets. He deals exclusively in dairy products and ice cream.

On Jan. 1, 1902, Harry H. Bevan was married to Miss Sarah E., daughter of George and Martha J. (Phillips) Warner, early settlers in Putnam County, Ill. Mrs. Bevan is one of the following children born to her parents: Mary Elizabeth, wife of W. J. Kerchenfant, Gibson City, Ill.; George H., Idaho Falls, Idaho; Mrs. Martha E. Miller, a widow, living

in Bloomington, Ill.; and also a daughter, Lois-Mae; Fannie J., wife of Charles Carson, San Diego, Cal.; David P., Normal, Ill.; Sarah E., wife of Harry H. Bevan; and John A., who died when two years old. George Warner died in 1902 and his wife died Aug. 15, 1922, and they are both buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Bloomington.

To Mr. and Mrs. Harry H. Bevan one son has been born, Russell Warner Bevan, who is associated with his father in the dairy business. He married Eugenia Herman, a daughter of James M. Herman, a C. & A. railway conductor. Russell Warner Bevan and wife have one child, Charlotte Jane.

Harry H. Bevan is a 32nd degree Mason and a member of the Bloomington Consistory, and the Bevan family are members of the Christian church. Mr. Bevan is one of the substantial business men of Bloomington.

Thomas M. Downey, a well known locomotive engineer on the Chicago & Alton Railroad, living in Bloomington, was born at Marshall, Mich., April 10, 1862. He is a son of Eugene and Anna (Duke) Downey, natives of Ireland. In 1843 the Downey family came to this country and located at Marshall, Mich., where Mr. Downey owned and operated 360 acres of land. He died in Aug. 1893, and his wife died April 11, 1883. They were the parents of the following children: John and Patrick, deceased; Rose, deceased; Bartholomew, deceased; Eugene, killed in a wreck on the Chicago & Alton railroad while engineer; Margaret, deceased; Thomas M., the subject of this sketch; Lawrence, lives in Kalamazoo, Mich.; Andrew, lives in Michigan; William, also a resident of Michigan; and Rev. James, pastor of the Catholic Church at Anchorville, Mich.

Thomas M. Downey was educated in the schools of Silver Creek, Mich., and started farming on the home place. Later he entered the employ of the Grand Rapids Railroad as switchman and in 1887 came to Bloomington with the Chicago & Alton Railroad. He has won promotions until he is now an engineer on a passenger train. The Downey home is located at 611 North Roosevelt Street.

Mr. Downey was married on June 23, 1889, to Miss Margaret Kennealy, who was born in Bloomington, May 18, 1868, a daughter of Thomas and Margaret (O'Donnell) Kennealy, natives of Ireland. Mr. Kennealy

was among the pioneer railroad men of Bloomington having come here in 1853. He was a veteran of the Civil War and died in 1907. His wife died in 1888. They were the parents of 11 children: Paul, Robert, Catherine, Bessie, Anna, and James, all deceased; Mary, the widow of W. I. Coons, lives in Chicago; Mrs. Downey; Josephine, married John Lonergan; Grace and Anna, deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Downey have one child, Margaret A., born Jan. 14, 1892, lives in Washington, D. C. Miss Downey served as a yeowoman in the navy during the World War and studied wireless. At the time of the Knickerbocker Theatre disaster in Washington, D. C., in January, 1923, Miss Downey assisted in caring for the wounded.

Mr. Downey is a member of the Catholic Church and belongs to the Knights of Columbus. He is a capable man and the Downey family is highly esteemed.

Benjamin Coale, deceased, was a prominent farmer of Dawson Township, and a pioneer settler of McLean County. He was born in Chester County, Pa., Aug. 17, 1821, the son of Samuel and Mary (Mason) Coale.

In 1834 the Coale family moved from Pennsylvania to Indiana, locating on land near Richmond, and Samuel Coale became a farmer. During the early days he hauled his grain to market to Richmond and received only six and one-quarter cents per bushel. Mr. Coale died Aug. 1, 1849, and his wife died Sept. 21, 1862. They were the parents of six children, as follows: Benjamin, the subject of this sketch; Joshua, George, Samuel, Louis, and Edward, all of whom are now deceased.

Benjamin Coale was educated in private schools and followed farming during his entire life. On March 23, 1867, he came to Illinois and settled on the present Coale farm in Dawson Township. He was a thresher for many years, owning the first threshing machine in Illinois. Mr. Coale also owned one of the first binders and one of the early sewing machines. Mr. Coale died May 11, 1892.

On July 29, 1846, Mr. Coale was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth H. Edwards, a native of Philadelphia, Pa., born July 16, 1826, and the daughter of Griffith and Rebecca (Johnson) Edwards. Mr. Edwards was born in Philadelphia, Pa., June 22, 1800, and died July 5, 1828. His wife was born Jan. 9, 1802, and died Jan. 27, 1884. They were the parents of three children; Benjamin and Joseph, deceased; and Mrs. Coale.

To Benjamin and Elizabeth H. (Edwards) Coale six children were born, as follows: Mary, born June 3, 1847, married on Dec. 14, 1869, to James R. White, Civil War veteran, and retired architect, lives at Webster City, Iowa; Griffith E., born June 15, 1848, further mention of whom is made below; Vincent M., born Jan. 10, 1851, died April 26, 1922, further mention of whom is made below; Joseph Warner, born Sept. 7, 1854, a farmer, lives on the home place; Robert H., born Oct. 15, 1856, died May 16, 1857; and Rebecca, born Feb. 23, 1862, married Feb. 16, 1886, to John P. Kennedy, who died Dec. 11, 1921.

Griffith E. Coale was married on Dec. 15, 1869, to Mary E. Moore, a native of New York, who died in 1917. On Dec. 12, 1918, he was married to Miss Anna B. Dixon, a native of New York.

Vincent M. Coale was married on Sept. 15, 1874, to Miss Mary Ellen Spencer, a native of Huntington, Ind., who died in 1884. He was married a second time to Miss Hannah Devore, a native of Ohio, born Aug. 23, 1855.

Joseph Warner Coale was married on Sept. 17, 1874, to Miss Jennie E. Brown, who died March 17, 1920.

Mrs. Benjamin Coale has thirteen grandchildren, 26 great grandchildren, and three great-great grandchildren. In 1920 she was the oldest pioneer at the outing and picnic at Miller Park, and she is the oldest member of the Illinois Society of Friends. Mrs. Coale enjoys good health, is still active in mind and writes several letters each week.

Benjamin Coale was a Republican and a member of the Friends Church. He was a progressive and substantial citizen and possessed excellent judgment in all matters.

Harry C. Kummer, a substantial citizen of Bloomington in the employ of the Chicago & Alton Railroad as conductor, was born in Germany, Sept. 19, 1870, and came to the United States with his parents at the age of six months. He is the son of William and Louise (Hauschultz) Kummer.

William Kummer brought his family to this country in 1870 and located on a farm in Twin Grove Township, McLean County. He died in May, 1921, and his wife who lives in Portland, Ore., is now 73 years of age. They were the parents of 12 children, as follows: Harry C., the subject of this sketch; Tillie, married Gus Schrolle, lives in Bloomington; Minnie, married Samuel Short, lives at Portland, Ore.; Lewis, lives at

Portland, Ore.; Lizzie, married Robert Robertson, lives in Bloomington; Edward, lives at Portland, Ore.; William, lives at Padana, Ill.; Bertha, lives at Portland, Ore.; Elmer, deceased; Earl, lives at Portland, Ore.; and Irvin and George, died in infancy.

Harry C. Kummer attended the district school of McLean County, after which he entered the employ of the Western Union Telegraph Company. He later engaged in the painting and decorating business which he followed for 18 years. In 1900 Mr. Kummer entered the employ of the Chicago & Alton Railroad as brakeman and in 1913 was promoted to conductor.

Mr. Kummer was married to Miss Jennie Hegorty, a native of Twin Grove Township, McLean County, born April 8, 1875, and a daughter of James and Margaret (Lackey) Hegorty, natives of Ireland. Mr. Hegorty died in 1875 and his wife died May 22, 1888. Mrs. Kummer has one sister, Margaret, a widow of William Landis, lives in Chicago. To Mr. and Mrs. Kummer two children have been born: Fern, born Nov. 1, 1898, married on June 15, 1918, to Bernard P. Maloney, and they live in Bloomington; and Hazel, born April 7, 1906, died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Kummer have two grandchildren: Bernard, born Sept. 10, 1920, and Jean Patricia, born March 17, 1923.

Mr. Kummer and his family are members of the Christian Church, and he belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Loyal Order of Moose.

Edwin Erickson, a well known engineer on the Chicago & Alton Railroad, was born at Braceville, Ill., June 29, 1876, and is a son of Gustave and Martha (Gregory) Erickson.

Gustave Erickson and his wife were natives of Sweden and early settlers of Braceville, Ill., where Mr. Erickson worked in the coal mines. He was killed in a mining accident March 17, 1903; his wife died in October, 1922. They were the parents of four children: Edwin, the subject of this sketch; Mary, married William Walstrom, lives at Manistee, Mich.; Harry, lives at Ft. Worth, Tex.; and Clara, married William Rebman, lives at Seattle, Wash.

Edwin Erickson was educated in the public schools of Braceville and started life in the coal mines. In 1905 he entered the employ of the

Chicago & Alton Railroad as a fireman and on Sept. 9, 1909, was promoted to engineer.

On Nov. 23, 1898, Mr. Erickson was married to Miss Augusta Frederickson, a native of Sweden, born Jan. 11, 1880, and the daughter of Samuel A. and Matilda (Johnson) Frederickson. Mr. and Mrs. Frederickson, who now live retired in Bloomington, are the parents of six children: August, lives in Chicago; Mrs. Erickson; R. F., lives at 1304 West Olive Street, Bloomington; Helma, married Orley Falkenroth, lives at Decatur, Ill.; D. O., lives in Chicago; and Lucille, married W. C. Hill, lives at Peoria, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. Erickson have no children of their own but are rearing a neice, Beverley R. Frederickson, who was born June 21, 1917.

Mr. Erickson and his family are members of the Methodist Church. He is a substantial citizen and stands high in the community.

Thomas J. Rust, a well known retired farmer of Randolph Township, is a native of McLean County. He was born March 26, 1849, the son of John F. and Elizabeth (Linnley) Rust.

John F. Rust was born in Tennessee and came to Illinois when he was 15 years of age. He was employed on the farm of Jesse Funk, in McLean County, where he received \$8.00 per month. Mr. Rust was later able to purchase 80 acres of land in DeWitt County, Ill., which he farmed for several years before purchasing the present Rust farm in Randolph Township. Mr. and Mrs. John Rust were the parents of the following children: George W., deceased; Andrew, deceased; T. J., the subject of this sketch; Lee, lives in Bloomington. He is president of the McLean County Bank; Jennie Bishop, lives in California; W. D., lives at Newell, Iowa; Allie Kelley, lives at Bloomington, Ill.; Minnie Fitzpatrick, lives at Peoria, Ill.; Maggie, deceased; William, deceased, and B. F., lives in Randolph Township, McLean County.

Thomas J. Rust spent his boyhood on his father's farm and attended the district schools. He has always engaged in farming and now owns 878 acres of good farm land in Randolph Township. For many years Mr. Rust was among the most extensive stockmen of the county, shipping as many as 120 carloads of stock per year from Randolph.

On Jan. 18, 1872, Mr. Rust was married to Miss Florinda Bishop, a native of McLean County, born June 11, 1854, the daughter of Martin



THOMAS J. RUST



MRS. FLORINDA BISHOP RUST

L. and Margaret Bishop. To Thomas J. Rust and wife two children were born, as follows: John B., lives in Bloomington and Imo, wife of Earl Voodry, lives in Chicago. Mrs. Rust died Dec. 21, 1916. Mr. Rust has the following grandchildren: T. J. Voodry, John Bishop, Robert and Jean Rust.

Mr. Rust is a Democrat, a member of the Methodist church, and belongs to the Masonic lodge. He is one of the substantial citizens of this county and has a host of friends.

Mr. Rust owns residence property in Bloomington, Ill., he lived at 1306 East Grove Street for 20 years. Mrs. Rust died at that address.

Andrew O. Backlund, who is connected with the Chicago & Alton Railroad as conductor, is a native of Bloomington. He was born Aug. 20, 1887, and is a son of Francis Oscar and Anna C. (Hogburg) Backlund.

Frances Oscar Backlund and his wife were natives of Sweden. After coming to this country they located in Bloomington where Mr. Backlund was among the pioneer merchants. He was a Republican, a member of the English Lutheran Church and belonged to the Modern Woodmen of America. Mr. Backlund died Aug. 16, 1902. There were six children in the Backlund family, as follows: Anna C., married J. R. Nelson, lives at Chicago; Edward R., lives at 603 North Allen Street, Bloomington; Andrew O., the subject of this sketch; Alfred L., lives in Chicago; C. A., deceased; and Emil Gustave, lives in Chicago. Thomas Ephraim Shifflet, grandfather of Mrs. Andrew O. Backlund, is among the early settlers of Illinois, having come here from Kentucky. He lives at Waynesville, Ill., and is 84 years of age.

Andrew O. Backlund attended the public schools of Bloomington and in 1905 entered the employ of the Chicago & Alton Railroad as brakeman. In May, 1916, he was promoted to conductor.

In May, 1916, Mr. Backlund was united in marriage with Miss Mary Florence Shifflet, a native of Heyworth, Ill., born Dec. 12, 1891, and the daughter of John J. and Alice (Davis) Shifflet. John J. Shifflet, a native of Kentucky, came to Illinois during the early days and settled on a farm near Heyworth. He died Dec. 21, 1898, and his wife lives at 1304 West Taylor Street, Bloomington. Mr. and Mrs. Shifflet were the parents of three children: Mrs. Backlund; Frank, lives in Bloomington; and Irene,

married Rocco Wilcoxson, lives at Atlanta, Ill. There are two half-brothers, John Ivan and Stephen, both living in Bloomington. Mrs. Backlund's great-great-grandfather, also a Thomas E. Shifflet, served throughout the Revolutionary War and was wounded at the battle of Germantown. To Mr. and Mrs. Andrew O. Backlund three children have been born: Andrew Oscar, born Jan. 10, 1919; Robert Richard, born April 25, 1921; and John Raymond, born May 31, 1923.

Mr. Backlund belongs to the Masonic lodge and he and his family are members of the English Lutheran Church. Mr. Backlund is one of the substantial citizens of Bloomington and is well known.

J. P. Guingrich, manager of the Claudon Grain and Coal Co., of Gridley, Ill., is an enterprising and successful man of McLean County. He was born on a farm south of Tremont, Ill., April 12, 1869, the son of John and Susan Bahr Guingrich.

John Guingrich was a native of Ohio and the son of Joseph Guingrich, pioneer settler of Illinois. John Guingrich came to Illinois with his parents when he was 15 years of age and after living there for a short time they left for California, making the trip by oxen team. After his return from California in 1866, Mr. Guingrich settled on a farm near Tremont, Ill., and became a prosperous farmer. In 1872 he moved to East Lynn, Ill., on a farm, where he became an extensive grain farmer and breeder of high grade stock. Mr. Guingrich was a Republican and attended the Apostolic Christian Church. He died in 1882, aged 50 years, and his wife died in 1908, aged 63 years. They were the parents of ten children, as follows: Anna, the widow of H. C. Ziegenhorn; living in Joy, Ill.; J. P. Guingrich, the subject of this sketch; Samuel, who died in 1920, aged 28 years; Benjamin F. living at Garrison, Iowa; Adina, who died in 1878, the age of three years; Sadie Ziegenhorn, living at Claytonville, Ill.; John L., living at Cissna Park, Ill.; Emanuel, who died in 1917, aged 40 years; Ada Frank, living at Claytonville, Ill., and William, who lives on a farm near Francisville, Ind.

J. P. Guingrich was reared on his father's farm near Tremont, Ill., and at the age of three years moved with his parents to a farm near East Lynn, Ill., and received his education in the district school. Following completion of education afforded by the school of that district, Mr. Guingrich

worked in and about the vicinity of East Lynn, Ill., employed as farmer and thresherman for a period until 1888. In 1888 he clerked in the store of Sam Herstein, at Morton, Ill., during the holiday period, which was his first business experience. In 1889 he was in the employ of Anton Elges and Pate & Potter of Cissna Park, Ill., for a period of three years, both of which firms were engaged in the general merchandising business. He then accepted a position with S. M. Rose, grain and lumber business, at Cissna Park, Ill., as bookkeeper for a period of two years. He then entered the employ of the Helmer Grain & Lumber Co. of Cissna Park, Ill., as bookkeeper and general assistant, where he remained for two years, following which he became an employe of the Baumgardner Bros. Hardware Co. as bookkeeper for two years; from here he entered the employ of J. Goldstein, at Cissna Park, Ill., as clerk in the clothing and dry goods business for a period of about two years, after which he entered the employ of Shipper & Block Co., at Peoria, Ill., for a period of six months, severing his relationship with said corporation to move to Gridley, Ill., about March 1, 1900, where he entered the general merchandising business as an employe of Philip Cohn. Following this Mr. Guingrich became an active business man of Gridley, Ill., being engaged in the retail merchandising business for a period of nine years, and after disposing of his business interests, he was a short time thereafter appointed assistant cashier of the German-American State Bank of Gridley, which position he held for about three years. On Jan. 1, 1916, Mr. Guingrich was appointed manager of the Geo. P. Davis Elevator, who sold to Hayward Bros., which firm retained Mr. Guingrich in his capacity as manager, through several transfers, during all of which period, Mr. Guingrich was always retained as manager, until the present owners of said business, the Claudon Grain & Coal Co., acquired it. This is one of the leading firms of Gridley, and Mr. Guingrich has been manager since the beginning of its operations in Gridley.

Mr. Guingrich is the owner of 160 acres of well improved land near Francisville, Ind., and 160 acres in Wisconsin as well as modern and well appointed residence property in Gridley.

Mr. Guingrich was married in 1896 to Miss Louise Kramer, a native of France, born in 1869, who died Sept. 13, 1904. In January of 1906, he was married to Miss Louise Yergler, a native of Eureka, Ill., born in 1868, and the daughter of Jacob Yergler, who died in 1905, aged 75 years. Mrs. Guingrich has the following brothers and sisters: Katherine, died in 1921, aged 63 years; Lena Schumacher, living at Eureka, Ill.; Mary Aeschleman,

living at Sabeth, Kans.; William, living near Cissna Park, Ill.; John, living at Gridley, Ill.; Jacob, living at Goodfield, Ill.; Miss Anna, at Gridley, Ill.; Joseph, living near Gridley, Ill.; Benjamin, at Peoria, Ill.; Ephraim, deceased in 1882, aged 7 years; Emma Kuerth, near Gridley. Mr. and Mrs. Guingrich had one child, Viola Lulu, born Dec. 14, 1906, who died on Feb. 10, 1920, aged 13 years, 1 month and 25 days.

Mr. Guingrich is a member of the Apostolic Christian Church and is an active leader in the church and Sunday school. He is held in high regard throughout the community and is an excellent citizen.

R. W. Barton, a well known citizen of Bloomington, was born in Fayette County, Ill., July 25, 1888, and is a son of Eli and Susan (Peasley) Barton.

Eli Barton was born in Indiana and was among the early settlers of Fayette County, Ill., where he farmed for many years. Susan Peasley Barton was the daughter of Sylvester Peasley, a pioneer Baptist minister of McLean County. He traveled by horseback over the prairies preaching the gospel. Two of his sons are now living, I. M., and John, who live in Idaho. Mr. and Mrs. Barton, deceased, were the parents of five children: Mary, married Jesse J. Bartlett, lives retired at Ramsey, Ill.; Sylvester, lives at Springfield, Ill.; Mattie, married Robert Patton, lives in Fayette County, Ill.; and R. W., the subject of this sketch.

R. W. Barton was reared and educated in Fayette County and has devoted his life thus far to railroading. He has been employed by the Chicago & Alton Railroad Co., at Bloomington since 1909, being promoted to conductor in 1918. The Barton home is located at 1212 North Morris Ave.

On Sept. 18, 1912, Mr. Barton was married to Miss Minnie Eleanor Olson, a native of Marshall County, Ill., born April 1, 1890, the daughter of Henry and Hulda (Johnson) Olson, natives of Sweden. Mr. Olson died January 11, 1923. Mrs. Olson, who now lives at Sparland, Ill., has three children: Elmer, lives at Sparland; Mrs. Barton; and Ruby, married Charles E. Collins, a conductor on the Chicago & Alton Railroad. To Mr. and Mrs. Barton two children have been born: Virginia, born March 9, 1914; and Donald, born Nov. 11, 1918.

Mr. and Mrs. Barton are capable people and well merit the respect in which they are held in their community.

F. C. Sweet, now living retired on his farm in Chenoa Township, is a veteran of the Civil War and a highly respected pioneer citizen of McLean County. He was born in Morgan County, Ill., Sept. 15, 1836, the son of Francis and Anna (Candle) Sweet.

Francis Sweet was born in New York and came to Illinois when he was 14 years old. He lived in Sangamon County for a number of years and moved to Woodford County in 1846, and to Chenoa in 1861. Mr. Sweet died near Sedalia, Mo., where he had moved in 1870. He was among the first settlers of Illinois and lived in a log cabin. Mr. Sweet was a Republican and a member of the Baptist Church. He died in 1870 and his wife died in 1898. They were the parents of the following children: F. C., the subject of this sketch; Demaris, married Joseph Green, both deceased; Lemandus, a Civil War veteran, died in 1919; Parley, also a Civil War veteran, died in 1908; Elizabeth, the widow of John Trimmer, lives in Kansas; Malicia, married John Trimmer, both deceased; Robert, a retired farmer, lives at Sedalia, Mo.; Philip, a farmer, lives at Kent, Wash.

F. C. Sweet grew up on the farm and attended school in a log school-house. He worked by the month on a farm for \$12.00 per month and later rented land for several years. Mr. Sweet settled on a farm in Chenoa Township, McLean County, in 1861, and for many years has been a successful farmer and stockman. He now lives retired on his farm. Mr. Sweet served with Company G, 69th Illinois Volunteer Infantry, during the Civil War and was in service 114 days.

In 1865 Mr. Sweet was married to Miss Mary M. Pate, a native of Pennsylvania and the daughter of John Pate. John Pate was born in England and was an early settler of Pennsylvania. He had the following children: John, a retired farmer, lives in Kansas; Thomas, deceased; Iza, a retired farmer, lives in Nebraska; Andrew, deceased; Lewis, druggist, Shelbyville, Ill.; William, deceased; Harvey, lives retired in California; Sarah, deceased; Mrs. Sweet; Ella, the widow of J. P. Morris, lives at Pontiac, Ill.; and Clara, married Frank Corkerell, a farmer, lives in Ohio. To F. C. and Mary M. (Pate) Sweet the following children were born: Henry, a farmer, lives in Canada; Maude, married M. T. Graves, a farmer, lives in Illinois; Fred, hardware dealer, lives at Fairbury, Ill.; and John, deceased. Mr. Sweet's wife died in 1882 and he later was married to Miss Alice Howard. To this union one child was born, Jesse Edward Sweet. Mr. Sweet's second wife died Oct. 16, 1919. Mr. Sweet has 19 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Jesse Edward Sweet was born in Ford County, Ill., July 16, 1885, and on Feb. 20, 1922, was married to Miss Burdella Simpson, a native of Illinois, born March 31, 1893. Mr. Sweet is engaged in business at Joliet, Ill., where he now lives.

F. C. Sweet is a Republican and has served as constable of Chenoa Township and assessor of Wayne County. He is a member of the Baptist Church and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He has always been a progressive, enterprising and substantial citizen.

W. H. Bruce, a progressive and enterprising business man at Chenoa, is one of the well known and substantial citizens of McLean County. He was born at Cornell, Ill., Feb. 9, 1878, and is a son of John H. and Mary (Horrie) Bruce.

John H. Bruce was a native of Scotland and his wife was born in this country. They were among the early settlers of Pontiac, Ill., where they now live retired. Mr. Bruce followed farming for many years and owned 280 acres of land. He is a Democrat, a member of the Baptist church and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Mr. and Mrs. Bruce are the parents of four children: Jeanette, the widow of L. R. Ryerson, lives at Pontiac, Ill.; Mary, married Andy Wiggins, lives at Redwick, Ia.; Elizabeth, married J. J. Phillips, lives at Excelsior Springs, Mo.; and W. H., the subject of this sketch.

W. H. Bruce grew up on his father's farm and received his education in the district schools. In early life he engaged in farming and stock raising and later entered the hardware business at Flanagan, Ill., where he remained two years. On Jan. 1, 1916, Mr. Bruce came to Chenoa and purchased the business of J. E. Weightman, who was a pioneer in the hardware business in McLean County. This business was established 52 years ago.

On Nov. 27, 1891, Mr. Bruce was married to Miss Catherine Ogden, who was born at Flanagan, Ill., June 9, 1878, the daughter of H. L. and Anna (Trowbridge) Ogden. Mr. Ogden came to Illinois from New York in the early days and was a successful farmer. There were three children in the Ogden family: Chauncey, deceased; Edwin, a farmer, lives near Graymont, Ill.; and Mrs. Bruce. Mr. Ogden served throughout the Civil

War and is now deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Bruce four children have been born, as follows: Robert, Dorothy, and Richard, all at home; and John, born Jan. 20, 1899, died April 11, 1907.

Mr. Bruce is a Republican and belongs to the Masonic lodge and the Modern Woodmen of America. He and his family are members of the Baptist church.

John C. Killian, a progressive and enterprising farmer and stockman of Old Town Township, is a native of Bloomington. He was born Sept. 10, 1867, and is the son of James and Julia (Kelly) Killian.

James Killian was a native of Ireland and came to this country in 1865, locating at Bloomington. When he arrived he had but 25 cents in his pocket, but was able to secure employment from William Taylor of Normal. Later he rented land in Normal Township, and after living there for some time purchased a farm in Towanda Township, upon which he lived for seven years. He died in 1899 and his wife died in 1887. They were the parents of six children, as follows: Michael, married Nellie Dwyer, a retired farmer, lives in Bloomington; William, married Mary McCarty; Mary, married Michael Dee; John C., the subject of this sketch; James, married Mary Kelley, lives on the home place; and George, unmarried.

John C. Killian received his education in the schools of Normal and Towanda townships and farmed on the home place until the time of his marriage. He now farms 200 acres of well improved land in Old Township and specializes in the breeding of Shorthorn cattle. Mr. Killian's place is well improved with a good residence and barns. He has a fine corn crib with an up-to-date arrangement so that the wagon is tilted in unloading the corn in such a manner as to arrange the corn uniformly in the crib.

On Jan. 8, 1896, Mr. Killian was married to Miss Katie Stack, a native of Bloomington, and the daughter of Patrick and Ellen (Kinsella) Stack. Mr. Stack died in 1903 and his wife died in 1900. They were the parents of four children, as follows: John, married Nora Tobin, lives in Bloomington; Lizzie, married Harry Barnett; Mary, married P. J. Fitzgerald; and Mrs. Killian. To John C. and Katie (Stack) Killian five children have been born, as follows: Helen, unmarried, lives at home; Harry, married Helen Quaid; Charles; John; and Bernadine. Mrs. Killian died Aug. 2, 1917.

Mr. Killian is a substantial and well known citizen of McLean County.

W. D. Schad, a well known public accountant of Bloomington, is a native of McLean County. He was born in Hudson Township, Feb. 19, 1884, and is a son of Dan and Emma (Stump) Schad.

Dan Schad, a retired farmer, was born in Fulton County, Ohio, and his wife is a native of Peoria, Ill. In 1868 Mr. Schad came to McLean County with his parents. He has lived on his present farm since 1889, which is located four miles north of Normal. Mr. and Mrs. Schad have three children, as follows: Stuart A., lives near Normal; Mrs. J. G. Blum, lives at 408 South Main Street, Normal; and W. D., the subject of this sketch.

W. D. Schad spent his boyhood on his father's farm in Normal Township and attended the public schools of Normal. He began life as a book-keeper and since 1916 has been in the accounting business for himself, previous to which he had ten years' experience in this work. In 1922 he organized the W. D. Schad Audit Company, with offices at 409½ North Main Street, Bloomington.

On Aug. 11, 1906, Mr. Schad was married in Peoria, to Miss Bessie Oringdulph, a native of Normal Township, McLean County, and the daughter of James and Susan (Arenz) Oringdulph. Mr. and Mrs. Oringdulph, now deceased, were natives of Illinois. To Mr. and Mrs. Schad two children have been born, Marie L., and William D., students in high school.

Mr. Schad is a Republican, a member of the Second Christian Church and belongs to the Elks Lodge. He is a progressive and capable man who has achieved marked success in his business undertaking.

Lynn E. Hersey, professor of violin at Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington, is among the leading and widely known musicians of McLean County. He was born at Brighton, Ohio, July 29, 1863, the son of William and Elmira (Patrick) Hersey.

William Hersey and his wife were natives of Massachusetts, where they spent a great part of their lives. They later moved to Ohio, where Mr. Hersey engaged in the contracting and building business. He died in 1889 and his wife died in 1915, and they are buried in Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Hersey were the parents of five children, as follows: George, married and lives in Battle Creek, Mich.; Mina, married George Potter, both deceased; Lynn E., the subject of this sketch; Lee G., lives in Cleveland, Ohio; and one child died in infancy.



W. D. SCHAD.

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Lynn E. Hersey received his education in the public schools of Brighton and New London, Ohio, and then studied music under Professor Edward Blitz at Mansfield, Ohio, later entering the Cincinnati College of Music, where he remained for three years and studied under Professor Henri Schradieck and Professor Carl Hauser. After completing his study at Cincinnati, Professor Hersey came to Bloomington and entered Illinois Wesleyan University, where he instructed music for two years. He was then granted a leave of absence and went to Germany, where he entered the Leipzig Conservatory of Music. Professor Hersey studied violin under the most noted masters of the day, such as Hans Sitt, now deceased, Frederick Hermann and Adolph Brodsky. While in Germany Professor Hersey was a member of the Conservatory Orchestra and won considerable praise for his work. He remained abroad for three years and after receiving a certificate from the conservatory there returned to Bloomington, Ill., and resumed his former position in Illinois Wesleyan University. In 1915 he founded the Bloomington School of Music, a school of high standing, which has done credit to Bloomington, and in 1922 the Wesleyan Music College was invited to join with the Bloomington School of Music, and the two organizations now combined, form one of the finest schools of music in Illinois. Professor Hersey has devoted 30 years of his life to the upbuilding of music in Bloomington and his pupils number many of the prominent musicians of the state, such as Cecil Burleigh, Frederick MacMurray, and Herbert Merry. He has served as director of the Young People's Symphony Orchestra at Bloomington for more than 25 years and he is the author of many violin selections and has published "Violin Methods," which is now being used in every city in the United States as well as in foreign countries. Professor Hersey has received many tempting offers from musical centers throughout the country, but during his many years in Bloomington he has made many friends and maintains that he expects to spend the remainder of his life here.

In 1893 Professor Hersey married Miss Grace Fell, a native of Illinois and the daughter of Robert and Theresa Fell. She died in 1898 and in 1909 he married Miss Amy Irene Ferrias, a native of Charlotte, Ill., and the daughter of John and Isabelle (Piver) Ferrias. Mr. Ferrias now lives retired in Illinois and his wife died in 1893. They were the parents of the following children: August, died in 1921; Frank, lives at Peoria, Ill.; Marie, married Edward Megguer, lives at Gary, Ind.; T. B., married Martha Benson; Mrs. Hersey; Amos, lives in Chicago; John; E. B., lives in

South Bend, Ind.; Joseph; Isabelle, married Dr. R. O. Hawthorne, lives in Illinois; and Esther, deceased.* To Lynn E. and Amie Irene (Ferrias) Hersey one child has been born, Max Ferrias, born June 12, 1915.

The Hersey's residence in Bloomington was formerly the S. R. White home and was purchased by Professor Hersey in 1920. Mrs. Hersey was educated in the Grand Prairie Seminary in Illinois and engaged in school work before her marriage, being principal and teacher of the East School of Pontiac, Ill. She also taught physical training in Springfield, Ill., for three years. Mrs. Hersey is prominent in the affairs of her city and is secretary of the Amateur Musical Club of Bloomington.

Professor Hersey is a Republican, a member of the First Methodist Church, and belongs to the Masonic Lodge. He has an extensive acquaintance in McLean County and is held in the highest regard by all who know him.

On June 1st, 1924, Prof. Hersey will resign from the Wesleyan College of Music to establish a violin school, known as the Hersey Violin School, located in the Eddy Building.

William Schramm, an enterprising farmer and stockman of Old Town Township, and the owner of a well improved farm, was born in Germany in 1859, the son of William and Lena (Matias) Schramm. Mr. Schramm came to this country with his parents when he was nine years of age. They settled on land two miles west of Bloomington and Mr. Schramm's father entered the employ of the Chicago & Alton Railroad and remained with that company for 30 years. Later he rented a farm of 120 acres in Dale Township, McLean County, which he operated until the time of his death. His wife is also deceased. There were seven children in the Schramm family, as follows: Lena, the widow of Albert Gerling; Rickey, deceased; Anna, married John Schwartz; Bertha, married Charles Miller; Mary, married William Penick, deceased; August, married Emma Loven-guth; and William, the subject of this sketch.

William Schramm attended the district school and has always followed farming and stock raising. After his marriage Mr. Schramm rented a farm of 80 acres in Downs Township and three years later farmed a half section of land north of Downs. Before purchasing his present farm in Old Town Township, Mr. Schramm operated land in Hudson and White

Oak townships. He has lived on his present farm since 1908, and extensive improvements have been made on the place. He also owns property in Bloomington.

In 1884, Mr. Schramm was married to Miss Lucinda Runge, a native of McLean County and the daughter of Christian Runge. Mrs. Schramm's parents, now deceased, were natives of Germany and early settlers of McLean County. To Mr. and Mrs. Schramm seven children have been born, as follows: Louis, married Anna Arndt, lives in White Oak Township, and they have four children, Lorine, Melvin, Verna, and Wayne; Ida, married John Westfall, and they have one child, Clarence; Martha, married Charles Meyers, and they have three children, Laverne, Earl, and Eugene; Henry, unmarried, lives at home; Anna, at home, and one child died in infancy.

Mr. Schramm is a Republican and he and his family are members of the Lutheran church. He is well and favorably known throughout McLean County and is a substantial citizen.

G. B. Larrison, retired, is a veteran of the Civil War, and a member of one of McLean County's most honored pioneer families. He was born in Bloomington, Dec. 5, 1847, and is the son of Green B. and Arline (Whitehead) Larrison.

Green B. Larrison was born in 1810 in Morgan County, Ohio, and his wife was a native of Virginia, born in 1811. She went to Ohio with her mother when she was a young girl, locating 18 miles south of Zanesville. Her father had died before her birth and her mother later became the wife of Lewis Blake. Green B. Larrison came to McLean County with his wife in 1829 and they settled at Big Grove, near Waynesville, but later removed to Bloomington, where Mr. Larrison was engaged in the surveying of streets. He later operated a grocery store on what is now Front Street. He also homesteaded a farm in Allin Township. Mr. Larrison died in 1883 and his wife died in 1904. They were the parents of nine children: Catherine, died in infancy; Mary Jane, married W. R. Rouse, both deceased; James M., married Celina Bronson, both deceased; Lee, married Edith Pennick; Sarah Davis, married S. Tompkins, lives in Illinois; Frances M., married Henry C. Fell; George W., deceased; G. B., the subject of this sketch; and John, died in 1879.

G. B. Larrison was educated in the district schools of McLean County and at the age of 15 years enlisted for service in the Civil War. He served

with Company B. 2nd Illinois Cavalry, until disabled. He was wounded in a skirmish and discharged from service in January, 1865. Mr. Larrison then returned to Allin Township, McLean County, and engaged in farming. He has lived in his present home at Stanford since 1889, and rents his farm of 247 acres, having retired from active farm life in 1889.

In 1869 Mr. Larrison was married to Miss Sarah Jane Stilwell, a native of Danvers, Ill., born in 1852, and the daughter of Green and Polly A. (Parker) Stilwell, the former a native of Tennessee and the latter of Ohio. The Stilwells were among the earliest settlers of McLean County. To Mr. and Mrs. Larrison two children were born, Fred S. and Stella.

Fred S. Larrison was born Aug. 30, 1874, near Stanford, Ill., and is a graduate of Stanford High School, Illinois State Normal University, and the University of Pennsylvania. He also took a business course at Poughkeepsie, N. Y. During his 17 years of schooling Mr. Larrison was absent but three days. He is now engaged in the insurance business in Bloomington. He married Miss Helen Tuthill, a native of LeRoy, Ill., and the daughter of Dr. Tuthill, a retired physician. Mr. and Mrs. Larrison have two children, Dorothea and Beverly.

Stella Larrison was born in 1877 and died in 1905 while a student at Illinois State Normal University. Mrs. Larrison, her mother, died in 1913.

Mr. Larrison is a Republican and has attended many Republican conventions. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Masonic lodge and Consistory of Bloomington, the Shrine of Peoria, and has belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows for the past 48 years. Mr. Larrison is highly esteemed.

John A. Kitch, well known lumber dealer of Ellsworth, was born on a farm near Carlisle, Pa., Aug. 25, 1857, and is a son of John and Catherine (Mickey) Kitch.

John Kitch was born in Pennsylvania in 1811, and his wife was also a native of the same state, born in 1813. He was a successful farmer and well known auctioneer for many years and died in Pennsylvania in 1883. His wife died two years later. Mr. and Mrs. Kitch were the parents of eleven children, as follows: Mary, married William Smith, both deceased; Agnes, married William Kell; Jacob, married Hattie Kell, both deceased;

Susan, deceased; George, deceased, was the husband of Lizzie Garr; Louis, deceased; John A., the subject of this sketch; Emma J., married S. Snyder, deceased; David, deceased; and two children died in infancy.

John A. Kitch was reared and educated in Pennsylvania and came to Illinois in 1882, locating in McLean County. He followed his trade as a carpenter at Oakley for one year, afterward coming to Ellsworth. Mr. Kitch has been engaged in the lumber business there since 1902. He carries a complete line of building materials and does a large volume of business in McLean County.

In 1882, Mr. Kitch was united in marriage with Miss Ida Darr, a native of Pennsylvania, born in 1860, and a daughter of John Darr. Mr. and Mrs. Kitch have eight children: Gertrude, deceased, was the wife of Homer Miller; Florence, married Louis Bane, lives near Ellsworth, Ill.; Maud; Clarence, deceased; Ida, married Merle Whitenack, lives at Springfield, Ill.; Mildred, lives in Bloomington; Mabel, at home; and one child died in infancy.

Mr. Kitch is a Republican, and a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is an enterprising and progressive citizen and is well and favorably known in McLean County.

Matthew Richardson, a well known retired farmer of Dawson Township, who now resides on his farm near Ellsworth, is the owner of 827 acres of good farm land. He was born at Shirley, Ill., Dec. 27, 1861, and is the son of Matthew and Christina (Nicols) Richardson.

Matthew Richardson was born in Scotland in 1822, and his wife, also a native of Scotland, was born in 1827. After their marriage they came to this country and settled in McLean County at Shirley. Later Mr. Richardson was able to purchase 160 acres of land in Dawson Township and at the time of his death he was the owner of 320 acres. He died in 1911 and his wife died in 1903. They were the parents of 12 children, as follows: Margaret, married Richard William, both deceased; Jane, died in 1914; Mary, died in 1914, was the wife of John Frankelberger; John, deceased; Jeanette, married Ira Lander, lives in Bloomington; William, married Belle Ross, lives at Ellsworth, Ill.; Matthew, the subject of this sketch; Arch, lives in Omaha, Nebr.; Thomas, married Lena Carlisle; George, lives in Bloomington; and two children died in infancy.

Matthew Richardson came to Dawson Township with his parents when he was four years old, when they moved to the farm near Ellsworth. He received his education in the district schools of Dawson Township and has lived on his present farm since 1884. A new home was built by him in 1904 and the place is well improved. For many years Mr. Richardson was a successful and widely known breeder of stock. He now rents a large part of his land.

In 1883 Mr. Richardson was married to Miss Mollie Dell Dunning, a native of Dawson Township, McLean County, and the daughter of Austin S. and Eliza (Shaw) Dunning. Mr. and Mrs. Dunning were natives of Indiana, and came to McLean County in 1850. He died in 1914 and his wife died in California in 1923. To Mr. and Mrs. Richardson three children have been born, as follows: Letta Leota, married Raymond Webber, lives at Arrowsmith, Ill., and they have three children, Dorothy, Robert, and Warren; Pearl, married Clayton Mortimer, and they have one child, Mary Irene; and Charles, married Mary Sutton.

In politics Mr. Richardson is a Republican and he served as road commissioner for six years. He has been president of the Dawson Telephone Company for the past 20 years and school director for 20 years. Mr. Richardson is a member of the Methodist church and is known throughout his community as an upright and reliable citizen.

M. H. Marius, principal of Brown's Business College at Bloomington, is among the prominent and influential citizens of McLean County. .

The first Brown Business College was founded in 1866 by George W. Brown, who was born in Fulton County, Ill. He established or purchased 32 business colleges throughout the Mississippi Valley, mainly in Illinois, but also in Iowa, Missouri, and Indiana. Before his death, July 26, 1918, Mr. Brown disposed of these schools either singly or in groups to his associates. Seven schools were purchased in 1911 by H. E. Reed, who was at that time auditor and assistant general manager of the company. Speaking generally, the schools forming this group are the oldest of the Brown Schools and are located in the heart of the Mississippi Valley. They are located at: Bloomington, Danville, Jacksonville, Peoria, Springfield, Terre Haute, Ind., and Brown's Home Study School at Peoria, Ill. Mr. Brown established for himself a national reputation as a pioneer in business

college work in America, particularly in the field of organization. In this line he was without an equal in his time. The influence of the schools he established has extended to thousands of business offices and hundreds of thousands of business men and women.

The courses of instruction are designated to give to the future business man and woman, in the shortest possible time, the instruction he needs if his work is to be of the right quality and quantity and to be rendered in such a manner as to build business that is profitable and permanent. The course of study consists of the following subjects: complete business training course; combined shorthand and bookkeeping course; secretarial shorthand course; bookkeeping and business management course; auditing and accounting; civil service; commercial law; salesmanship; and penmanship.

Brown Business Colleges are open the year round. Students may enroll at any time. Requirements for entrance are a good moral character and common school education or its equivalent. The home office is located at Peoria, Ill. A correspondence course is also maintained, as well as night classes. The slogan of Brown's Business Colleges is "Dividends All Your Life."

Clayton J. Newlin, well known building contractor of Normal, was born in Parke County, Ind., in 1885, and is a son of John and Mary (Meriweather) Newlin.

John Newlin was born in Parke county, Ind., in 1841 and his wife is also a native of the same county, born in 1853. They are the parents of three children: E. M., married Xenia Perry, lives at Normal, Ill.; Clayton J., the subject of this sketch and Florence, lives at Ridge Farm, Ill. She is librarian at the Carnegie library there. Ridge Farm is the smallest town in the United States having a Carnegie library. Mr. John Newlin has been a prominent building contractor in Indiana for many years and he and his wife now live retired at Ridge Farm, Ill.

Clayton J. Newland received his education in the public schools and after learning the carpenter trade, was employed by M. Yeager & Son at Danville, Ill., where he remained six years. He then was associated with the Fitzsimmons Construction Company of Springfield and in 1916 came to McLean county, locating in Normal. Mr. Newlin has had the contract

for many public buildings in Illinois and has built fifteen school buildings, among them being the McLean high school.

In 1911, Mr. Newlin was married to Miss Sallie M. Cox, a native of Tyler, Texas, and the daughter of John and Mary (Barron) Cox. Mr. Cox was born in Georgia and his wife was a native of Alabama. He served during the Civil war with the Hoods Texas Brigade in Company C. He was a prominent politician of Texas and served as county judge of Smith County for 15 years. Mr. and Mrs. Cox are now deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Newlin two children have been born: John Cox, born at Tyler, Texas in 1912 and Robert Ervin, born at Springfield, Ill., in 1916.

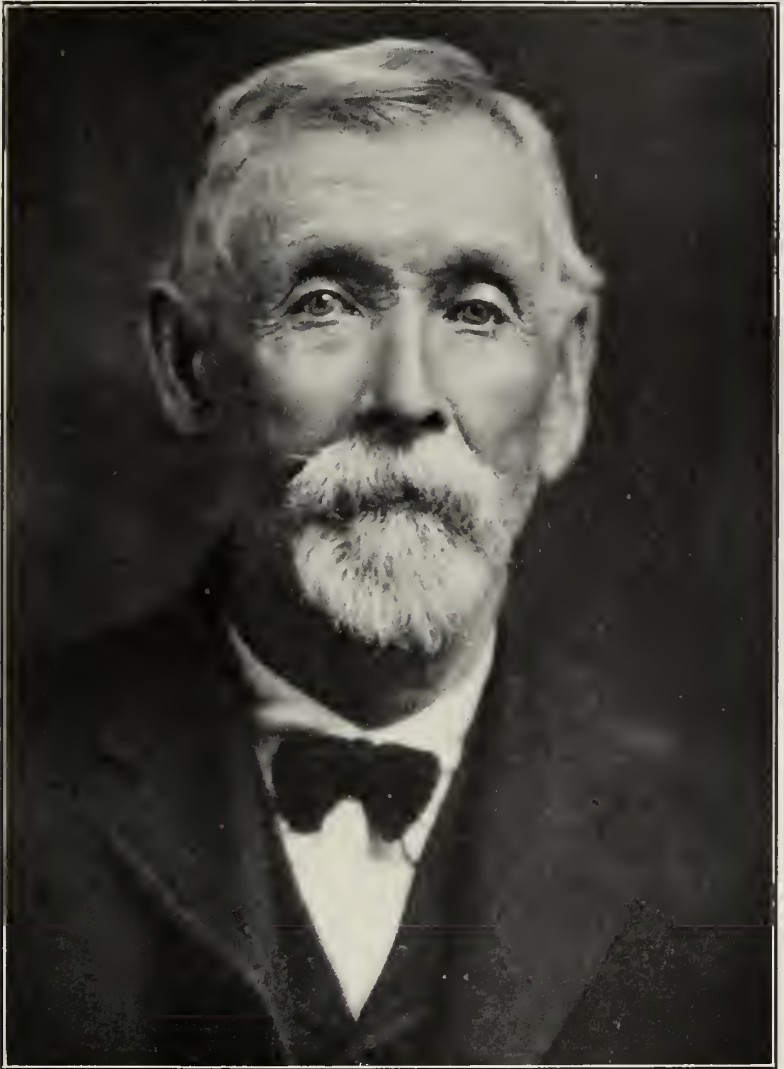
Mr. Newlin is a Republican, a member of the Quaker church and belongs to the Masonic lodge and Consistory of Bloomington, the Shrine of Peoria and the Blue lodge of Normal. Mr. Newlin has been unusually successful and is considered one of Normal's most efficient citizens.

R. G. Jones, a successful farmer and stockman of Lexington Township, and the owner of 240 acres of well improved land, was born in Wales, Oct. 2, 1846, the son of David and Gwen (Evans) Jones.

David Jones followed farming during his life in Wales and died in 1872 at the age of 80 years. His wife died in 1866 at the age of 65 years. They were the parents of 11 children, two of whom are now living: R. G., the subject of this sketch; and Gwen, the widow of David Roberts, and she lives in Wales.

R. G. Jones received his education in the schools of Wales and spent his boyhood on his father's farm there, coming to the United States in 1869. He settled in McLean County and worked as a farm hand for several years and fed cattle in the vicinity of Lexington for different cattle men. With the first money Mr. Jones was able to save he bought a team of horses and then rented land. In 1876 he purchased 80 acres of land in Lexington Township, which he improved, and in 1882 he purchased his present farm. He built a modern home on the place in 1914 and made other improvements. Mr. Jones raises a good grade of stock and does general farming.

On Feb. 24, 1883, Mr. Jones was married to Miss Jessie Walker, a native of Lexington Township, born Jan. 2, 1862, and the daughter of John and Anna Walker, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter



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of Germany. To R. G. and Jessie (Walker) Jones the following children have been born: Rena, at home; Nina, deceased, was the wife of Guy Hensley, and they had two children, Gevna and Emma; Dorothy, married Earl Patton, Lexington Township, and they have one son, Eugene; Roy, married Verna Kale, Lexington Township, and they have two daughters, Pauline Elizabeth and Doris Kathryn; Rosie, married D. Kale, Gridley Township, and they have one daughter, Betty Bernice; Edwin, at home; Lena, at home; Ralph, died at the age of 12 years; Gladys, at home; and one child died in infancy.

Mr. Jones was one of the organizers of The Peoples Bank of Lexington and ever since its organization has served as a director. He is a Republican, a member of the Presbyterian Church, and has served as school director of District No. 218 for 18 years. Mr. Jones is a practical and ambitious farmer, and a man highly esteemed in his neighborhood.

J. H. King, a retired farmer and stockman of Dry Grove township, and also minister of the Mennonite church, was born on a farm in McLean county, May 2nd, 1861, the son of Daniel and Mary (Hodler) King.

Daniel King and his wife came to Illinois from Ohio, with their parents, during the early days and settled on a farm in Dry Grove township, McLean county, which they purchased at \$20.00 per acre, where Mr. King became a successful farmer. At the time of his death in 1918 he was living retired at Carlock, Ill. Mrs. King died in 1906. They were the parents of four children, as follows: J. H. King, the subject of this sketch; Lydia, married Jacob Engel, lives at Carlock; Chris, married Maggie Stutzman, the former died in 1919 the latter lives at Normal, Ill.; and Elmer, who died in infancy.

J. H. King had only a district school education. He was ordained to the ministry in 1892 at the North Danvers Mennonite church, which was built in 1872, by Bishop Joseph Stuckey, and in 1900 was promoted the office of bishop.

The Mennonite church at Carlock is a fine brick structure, and was dedicated January 2, 1916, at a cost of \$23,000 with a membership of 135. Mr. King served this church as pastor from 1913 to 1920, when Rev. W. S. Shelly was installed as pastor. Mr. King is still actively identified with the church as assistant pastor, when not actively engaged in ful-

filling the duties of field secretary of Central Conference of Mennonites. Mr. King built a fine brick residence at Carlock in 1913, where he and his wife reside at present.

In 1883 Mr. King was married to Miss Salina A. Lantz, a native of Dry Grove township, McLean county, and the daughter of Simeon and Mary (Plank) Lantz. To J. H. and Salina (Lantz) King three children were born, as follows: Eva Lois, died 1913, was the wife of Ali Stahly, and they have five children, Cloyd, Lola, Etta, Lorene and Opal; Claude O., married in 1910 to Nellie M. Risser, and they have had four children, Orville, died in 1920, Richard and Corene and Etta, married William Schad, lives in Dry Grove township and they have three children, Lucile, Vernon Lee and Vera Morea, twins.

J. H. King is secretary of the Mennonite Sanitarium, 807 North Main St., Bloomington, Ill., which was purchased in 1919, and he is a member of the joint board of the Congo Inland Mission doing work in Africa.

John McBarnes, deceased, gave to the city of Bloomington the John McBarnes Memorial, a beautiful building erected to the memory of the soldiers and sailors who served during the World War. He was one of the most substantial men in McLean County, whether considered as a factor in its solid prosperity or as a force working for the betterment of the public service and the general uplifting of the community. Mr. McBarnes was born in Ohio, in Harrison County, on July 24, 1851, the son of Dennis and Mary Jane (Dickey) McBarnes, natives of Ohio.

Dennis McBarnes was born Oct. 3, 1821, and his wife was born March 4, 1826. The family originally came from Scotland. Dennis McBarnes came to McLean County in 1853 and located his family on a farm in Old Town Township. At the time of his death Mr. McBarnes owned 620 acres of land, as well as business property in Bloomington. Mr. and Mrs. Dennis McBarnes were the parents of seven children: Sarah Jane, married E. Chandler Brewer, both deceased; Margaret, married first to M. Brookbanks and later to John Caldwell; John, the subject of this sketch; Lizzie, married E. M. Merritt; Hannah, married Sam Summerland; Edward; and Agnes, married Timothy Benjamin.

John McBarnes was reared on the home farm in Old Town Township and educated first in the common schools and afterward at Illinois State Normal University. He was among the successful farmers and

stockmen of McLean County and at the time of his death was the owner of 967 acres of good farm land. Mr. McBarnes was an extensive grain farmer and produced some of the finest crops in Illinois, and therefore in the world. He died on Oct. 25, 1921. On August 22, 1904, Mr. McBarnes was married to Mrs. Celia (Adams) Campbell, a native of Downs Township, born April 22, 1860, and a daughter of Wyatt and Charity (Bishop) Adams. Mr. Adams was born in Warren County, Ky., Feb. 1, 1828, and his wife was born in Perry County, Ohio, Oct. 18, 1826. They were married in March, 1847, and eventually had a family of 15 children. In 1830, Wyatt Adams, then two years old, came with his parents to McLean County. They, Jesse and Elizabeth (Goodman) Adams, entered land in Old Town Township. Mrs. McBarnes' mother was a daughter of Jacob Bishop, who was born in Frederick County, Md., June 25, 1797, who migrated to Fayette County, Pa., where he resided until March, 1812. He next made his home in Licking County, Ohio and shortly afterward married Mary Anne Weedman.

Mrs. John McBarnes was first married to John T. Campbell, who was born in Old Town Township, McLean County, Dec. 5, 1854, the son of James and Martha (Shields) Campbell, natives of Kentucky and early settlers of McLean County. Mr. Campbell died in 1902. To this union three children were born: Floyd, married Myrtle Rodman; Herbert, married Alice Howes and Ray, unmarried, lives at home and operates the farm. Ray Campbell was born in 1898 and is a graduate of Brown Business College. He is a member of the Methodist church and belongs to the Masonic lodge and Bloomington A. A. S. R. No children were born to Mr. and Mrs. McBarnes.

Mr. McBarnes served as township supervisor, road commissioner and school director and was a member of Bloomington B. P. O. E. No. 281.

John C. Cole, now living retired, was for many years a leading merchant of Bloomington. He was born in Clark County, Ind., Oct. 7, 1875, and is the son of M. B. and Margaret (Long) Cole.

M. B. Cole was a well known merchant at Charlestown, Ind., for many years, where he owned a dry goods and general store. In 1882 his son, John C. Cole, came to McLean County, locating in Bloomington, where he began his career as a merchant. He entered the dry goods business with his brother, E. W. Cole, and for many years this business was known

as Cole Brothers. They had purchased the business of Houtz Lacey & Company, and the new concern was located on the east side of the square until the time of the Bloomington fire in 1900.

Mr. Cole sold his business in 1903 to Thoma & Son, and since that time has lived retired in Bloomington. He is a substantial and reliable citizen of McLean County and is widely known.

John H. Stephenson, a prominent citizen of McLean county, now living retired at Danvers, was born in Knox county, Ohio, July 4, 1850, the son of David and Elizabeth (Jewell) Stephenson.

David Stephenson was a native of Pennsylvania and came to McLean county in the spring of 1859. His wife was born in New Jersey and they were the parents of six children, as follows: Margaret, died at the age of 14 years; L. R., died March 25, 1915, leaving a wife, Mattie (Murdock) Stephenson; John H., the subject of this sketch; Monterville K., was killed in a runaway at the age of 20 years; Susan A., born in 1857, married Marion McClure and lives in Bloomington and Frank, died in infancy.

John H. Stephenson was reared on his father's farm and received his education in the district schools and later attended school in Indiana. He farmed with his father until he was 26 years old and then purchased his own farm. Mr. Stephenson came to Danvers in 1888 and in 1902 built a fine residence there. He served as president of The First National Bank of Danvers from the time of its organization in 1903 until 1922. Mr. Stephenson also resigned as school treasurer on account of his health after 20 years of service. He was also road commissioner for three years.

Mr. Stephenson was married the first time to Miss Martha Staubus, a native of Dry Grove township, and is the daughter of Solomon and Catherine E. (Rusmisl) Staubus. To that union two children were born, as follows: Willie Martin, born Sept. 16, 1879, died in infancy and Hugh D. B., born Oct. 1, 1881, now lives at Danvers. On Nov. 29, 1887, Mrs. Stephenson died and on Jan. 31, 1900, Mr. Stephenson married his first wife's sister, Miss Annie Staubus, and to this union two children were born, as follows: John S., born in 1905, died in 1906; and Mary Evelyn born Oct. 3, 1903, now a student of Ward Belmont, Nashville, Tenn. Mr. Stephenson's second wife died Oct. 30, 1905, and on Aug. 10, 1911, he married Martha Skaggs Jarrett, the widow of the late Clark S. Jarrett,

son of Ira and Evelyn (Johnson) Jarrett, natives of West Virginia. Mrs. Stephenson is the daughter of Dr. J. M. and Sarah Ann (Young) Skaggs, natives of West Virginia. By his first marriage, Dr. J. M. Skaggs had the following children: Elizabeth, deceased, was the wife of H. L. Bell; Susan A., deceased; Hamilton, deceased; Louis E., married Charity Vance; Orlando P., married Ella D. Robison; Sarah E., married Samuel B. Willerton; Mrs. Stephenson and J. Frank, married first to Clara Freitag and later to Fleta Hudson. Dr. Skagg's first wife died July 6, 1875, and he later married Elizabeth Little. He died at the age of 94 years.

Mrs. Stephenson's first husband, Clark S. Jarrett, died June 20, 1899. They were the parents of four children, as follows: Myra E., born Aug. 1, 1890, married Palmer Westervelt; John Ira, born April 2, 1892, married Sarah Ayres, lives at St. Louis; Clark S., born Oct. 11, 1893, married Mattie C. Irvin, lives at Peoria, Ill. and James Bruce, born Dec. 3, 1895, married Mary C. Robinson, lives at St. Louis. There are seven grandchildren: James Ira, Byron Edward, Myra Evelyn, Clark Skaggs, John Pershing, Dorothea Elizabeth and Lois Yvonne.

John H. Stephenson is a Republican and his wife is a Democrat. He is a member of the Presbyterian church and is an elder. He has belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows for 28 years.

O. P. Skaggs, vice president of The Corn Belt Bank of Bloomington, is a well known and successful business man of McLean county. He was born on a farm in Danvers township, July 4, 1861, the son of Dr. J. M. and Sarah Ann (Young) Skaggs.

Dr. J. M. Skaggs and his wife were natives of Monroe county, W. Va., and came to McLean county in 1857. Dr. Skaggs was a well known dentist and died at the age of 94 years. His first wife, Sarah Ann (Young) Skaggs, died at the age of 45 years, July 6, 1875, and left the following children: Elizabeth, married H. L. Bell, and is now deceased; Susan A., deceased; Hamilton, deceased; Louis Eddy, married Charity D. Vance; O. P., the subject of this sketch; Sarah E., married Samuel B. Willerton; Martha C., first married Clark Jarrett, deceased, and later married John H. Stephenson, retired banker of Danvers, whose sketch also appears in this volume and J. Frank, married first to Clara Freitag and later to Fleta Hudson, lives at Danvers. Dr. Skaggs' second wife was Elizabeth Little.

O. P. Skaggs received his education in the district schools of Danvers and took a business course at Bloomington under Professor Baker, and later attended Denison University at Granville, Ohio. Mr. Skaggs followed farming until 1903 and at that time went to Europe with his wife for six months. They have spent three years in California and now reside in a beautiful home at Danvers, built in 1896.

In 1898 Mr. Skaggs entered The Corn Belt Bank at Bloomington and is now vice president of the institution. It is one of the largest banking institutions in McLean county and is capitalized at \$100,000.00, with a surplus of \$100,000.00, and undivided profits of \$150,000.00. Mr. Skaggs was one of the organizers and is now a director of The Farmers State Bank at Danvers.

On Dec. 17, 1890, Mr. Skaggs married Miss Ella V. Robison, a native of Tremont, Ill., and the daughter of Frank and Mary (Miars) Robison, natives of Scotland, who came to the United States in 1835 and settled in Illinois. Mr. Robison loaned money and became one of the leading financiers of the county. He built the first brick building in Peoria, Ill. To Mr. and Mrs. Robison the following children were born: A. L., married Lydia Richmond, lives at Tremont; Ida, married J. M. Cooper, lives at Washington, Ill.; Annie, died in 1920, was the wife of G. W. Ballenger; Martin, married Jennie White and now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Skaggs have no children.

Mr. Skaggs is a Democrat and served as township supervisor for four years. He is a member of the Baptist church and is trustee of Shurtleff college at Alton, Ill. Mr. Skaggs is an alert business man and is accounted one of the substantial citizens of McLean county.

Frank L. Wilson, a well known chemist of Bloomington, was born in Dale Township, McLean County, Nov. 1, 1877, and is a son of A. Judson and Ellen E. (Cornell) Wilson.

A. Judson Wilson was born in Madison County, N. Y., Dec. 26, 1829, the son of William and Lydia (Main) Wilson, the former a native of England and the latter of Connecticut. William Wilson was a pioneer settler of McLean County, having come here in 1844. In New York he was married to Miss Lydia Main, the daughter of Thomas Main, a native of Stonington, Conn., who served during the Revolutionary war. William Wil-

son was the son of Thomas Wilson, who settled in Madison County, N. Y. in 1801, and farmed there until the time of his death. William and Lydia (Main) Wilson were the parents of nine children, as follows: Mary L., married William H. Holmes, Master in Chancery of McLean County; Ardelia C., married Samuel Lander, and the mother of Walter Lander, of Normal, Ill.; Lucy A. married Hiram G. Hart; Lydia L. married Capt. Charles W. Goddard; Walter C., a pioneer school teacher of Randolph Township, McLean County; Edward married Louisa (Perry) McWorter; A. Judson, father of the subject of this sketch; Elizabeth, married Charles C. Holmes and Henry C., married, first to Mary Wood and later to Mrs. Margaret Delano. Henry C. Wilson organized the McLean County Abstract Company.

A. Judson Wilson came to McLean County in 1850 and taught school for two years in Dale and Randolph Townships. After clerking in the store of Robinson & Betts in Bloomington, and the store of Benjamin Schermerhorn, he engaged in farming. In 1862, Mr. Wilson purchased half of his father's farm in Dale Township for \$1,820.00, which contained 80 acres. He borrowed the money to buy this farm. He first specialized in cultivating Osage hedge, but when that lost its popularity, he turned his attention to general farming. In 1899, Mr. Wilson retired and he died the following year. His wife, Miss Ellen Cornell, was born in Rhode Island, April 24, 1838, and came to McLean County with her parents in 1857. She was the daughter of Serril and Eliza (Hopkins) Cornell, the latter being a direct descendant of John Alden and Priscilla Mullins, through the Alden, Snow, Carver, Hopkins line. Mr. and Mrs. A. Judson Wilson were the parents of nine children, as follows: Nellie F., married John A. Cobbs, lives at Horton, Kan.; Charles W., married first to Helen Henderson and later to Louise Proctor; Edward M., deceased, assistant editor of the Pantagraph of Bloomington from 1888 to 1896, later with the Chicago Record, married first to Lettie Rutledge and later to Mary L. Lawrence; Elizabeth, deceased, was the wife of George A. Poore; Abbie C., married Dr. Phillips of Chicago; Robert H., married Florence Weed, lives in Denver, Colo.; Frank L., the subject of this sketch; Capt. Harry K., married Gladys A. Hyde, is a veteran of the World War and now a civil engineer for a bridge construction company in New York; and Mary J., unmarried, lives with her mother and brother in Bloomington.

Frank L. Wilson received his education in the public schools and is a graduate of the Illinois State Normal University and Chicago University.

After completing his education he taught in A and M College of Oklahoma and the Bloomington high school until 1906. Mr. Wilson is unmarried and lives with his mother and sister at 1912 East Taylor Street. He is a Republican and a member of the First Baptist church.

M. F. Quinn, who has been connected with the express office at Chenoa for almost 50 years, is among McLean County's most substantial and enterprising citizens. He was born in County Clare, Ireland, March 25, 1857, the son of Michael and Bridget (Noonan) Quinn.

Michael Quinn and his wife were natives of Ireland. They came to America in 1858 and lived in Westchester County, N. Y., until 1863, when they came to Chenoa. Mr. Quinn died in 1873 and his wife died in 1909. They were the parents of the following children: M. F., the subject of this sketch; Martin E., lives in Chicago; John, died in 1921, was railroad conductor; Mary A., married John Fox, both deceased; Catherine M., married Matt Stapleton, both deceased; Bridget, died in infancy; William S., lives in Lanark, Ill.; Lizzie, died in infancy; Johanna, married William Dare, both deceased; Margaret, married William Walker, lives in Omaha, Neb.; and Daniel T., deceased.

M. F. Quinn received his education in the public schools and on Oct. 1, 1877, entered the employ of the United States Express Company at Chenoa, and has been located there continuously since that time. He started in as transfer man but in 1884 was appointed agent, succeeding J. S. Cotter. Since entering the employment of the express company, it has been taken over by the American Railway Express Company. Mr. Quinn has never taken a vacation and he says that in the long time he has been in the express business, the office system has often been changed and bears little resemblance to that when he started. He remembers very well the lively times in Chenoa during the Civil War. At that time, the Alton was the only railroad running into Springfield from the north, and all the soldiers from the northern part of the state went through that city to Springfield for training. Mr. Quinn has often been offered more important posts with the express companies, but he had his home in Chenoa and had no desire to change. In April, 1924, Mr. Quinn retired from the express company.

On Sept. 18, 1878, Mr. Quinn married Miss Mary Walsh, also a native of Ireland, born June 24, 1857, and the daughter of Edward and Mary



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(Murphy) Walsh, natives of Ireland, and the parents of the following children: David, deceased; Margaret, married Edward Clary, both deceased; Thomas, deceased; Catherine, married Thomas Twomey, retired, lives at Chenoa; and John, lives in Ireland. To M. F. and Mary (Walsh) Quinn seven children have been born, as follows: Frank E., veteran expressman between Chicago and Kansas City, lives in Chicago, has been in express service since 1897; John, night superintendent for the Allied Packing Company, Chicago; Mary, married M. J. Harnett, farmer, lives near Chenoa; James E., died in infancy; Theresa L., married J. W. Reeves, farmer, lives near Gridley, Ill.; Cecilia G., married J. L. Missal, tower man for the C. & A. R. R., lives in Chenoa; and Bernard M., died in infancy. All of Mr. Quinn's children were associated with him in the express office. The four younger ones were agents for the Adams Express Company covering a period of 28 years. Mr. and Mrs. Quinn have 11 grandchildren.

The Quinn family is the oldest Catholic family in Chenoa. Mr. Quinn is a Democrat, has served as alderman, member of the school board and as justice of the peace. He is a progressive citizen and is widely and favorably known throughout McLean County.

Thomas P. Murray, well known and successful farmer of Old Town Township, was born at Delphi, Ohio, April 6, 1886, and is a son of John C. and Catherine Murray.

John C. Murray was a native of Peoria, Ill., and his wife was born in Bloomington. After coming to McLean County in 1876, Mr. Murray entered the employ of the Chicago & Alton Railroad, and remained in their shops until the time of his death in 1922. His widow resides in Bloomington. They were the parents of eight children, three of whom died in infancy. The others are: T. P., the subject of this sketch; Cecelia, deceased; John, married Catherine Casey, lives in Bloomington, and is assistant foreman in the C. & A. Railroad shops; Fred C., married Marie Butler, lives in Bloomington and Willard, deceased.

T. P. Murray was educated in the public schools and attended St. Mary's school and Brown's Business College. In 1901 he was employed in the freight department of the Chicago & Alton Railroad, and in 1908, was appointed relief agent. The following year Mr. Murray became freight

and passenger agent at Dwight, Ill., and the following year was transferred to Bloomington. Two years later he was transferred to Peoria and in January, 1914, returned to Bloomington. In 1919 Mr. Murray resigned and removed to Holder, Ill., and engaged in general farming. He rents 120 acres of well improved land in Old Town Township and is an extensive stockman.

In June, 1905, Mr. Murray was married to Miss Mary E. Schlink, a native of Peoria, and the daughter of Valentine F. and Anna T. (Murray) Schlink, the former a native of Peoria and the latter of Old Town Township, McLean County. Mr. Schlink came to McLean County in 1889 and operated the general store at Holder until the time of his death, Nov. 18, 1910. His wife lives at Holder. There were two children in the Schlink family: Mrs. Murray and Anna, married Ralph B. Haas. Mr. and Mrs. Murray have two children: Charlotte Mary, a student at St. Joseph's Academy and Raymond V., at home.

Mr. Murray is assistant cashier of the State Bank at Holder. He is a Democrat, a member of the Catholic church at Merna, and he and his family are favorably known in McLean County. During the World War Mr. Murray was active in Red Cross work and had charge of the Belgian Relief in his township.

James Tearney, a well known farmer and stockman of Dawson Township, is a native of Towanda Township, McLean County. He was born July 17, 1878, and is the son of Patrick and Mary (Sloan) Tearney.

Patrick Tearney was born in Ireland about 1851, the son of Daniel and Susana (Breckenridge) Tearney, early settlers of McLean County. The Tearneys settled in ElPaso, Ill., but later moved near Bloomington, where they remained a short time before returning to ElPaso. Patrick Tearney later farmed in Towanda Township and he now lives retired in Bloomington. His wife, also a native of Ireland, died in 1888 at the age of 35 years. There were six children in the Tearney family, as follows: Annie, married Henry Felcamp, lives near Heyworth, Ill.; James, the subject of this sketch; William, engineer on the Chicago & Alton Railroad; Thomas, lives with his father; Patrick, at home and Mamie, married Nicholas Yonkers.

James Tearney spent his boyhood on the home place and attended the district schools of Towanda and Dale townships. He later worked for

Peter Ropp in Dale Township for three years and then moved to Dawson Township, where he has rented land for the past 17 years. Mr. Tearney farms 220 acres of the Bradley & McBarnes land and is a successful breeder of Hereford cattle. He has a threshing machine on his place which he has operated for 20 years and each season he threshes 1,000 acres.

Mr. Tearney was married in 1909 to Miss Athleta Dunlavy, a native of Hudson Township, McLean County, born in 1877, and the daughter of Osmer and Carrie (Mayo) Dunlavy, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of England. Mrs. Tearney's mother died when she was eight years old and her father was later married to Mamie Morrison. To Osmer and Carrie (Mayo) Dunlavy two children were born: George, married Elizabeth Porter and Mrs. Tearney. Mr. and Mrs. Tearney have no children.

In politics Mr. Tearney is a Democrat and he has served as school director for five years. He is a member of the Catholic church at Downs and is highly esteemed throughout McLean County.

Parmeno A. Guthrie, county clerk of McLean County for the past 12 years, is a leading citizen of Bloomington and of the county, and a member of one of the very early families of McLean County. He was born in Bloomington in 1852, and is the son of Adam and L. L. (Butler) Guthrie.

The father of our subject, Adam Guthrie, was a native of Pickaway County, Ohio, and was born on March 10, 1825. He was the son of Robert and Catherine (Spawr) Guthrie, natives of Pennsylvania. Robert Guthrie brought his family to Illinois in September, 1826, and located on a farm of 160 acres in Funk's Grove Township, McLean County. He died in 1846, and his wife passed away ten years later. Adam Guthrie remained at home until the death of his parents. He served throughout the Civil War as a Union soldier in Company A, 94th Illinois Volunteer Infantry. Mr. Guthrie was a republican, and he and his family were members of the Methodist church. In 1849 he was married to Miss L. L. Butler, a native of New York and a daughter of Ira and Lydia (Thresher) Butler. To Mr. and Mrs. Adam Guthrie three children were born: Evaline, who was married to Henry H. Kimball, and who had four children, Bernie, Cora, Lucien; Parmeno A. Guthrie, the subject of this sketch, and Oscar F. Guthrie, now deceased. Adam Guthrie died in 1894, and his wife in 1879.

Mr. Guthrie was married to Miss Anna Noble, a native of McLean County, and to this union two sons and a daughter were born: Sidney A. and Dudley Guthrie, and Eunice L. Atchison, now of Chicago, Ill. Sidney is a minister of the Methodist church, a member of the Central Illinois conference, and is pastor at Aledo, Ill. Dudley Guthrie is a deputy clerk in the office of the county clerk, and is an expert in the work of the office.

P. A. Guthrie has had a career of unusual length and faithfulness in the service of the county. He began his life work in General Gridley's Bank, and was from 1870 to 1884 an employe of the Alton shops, but later was employed as a deputy clerk in the office of the county clerk, where he gave himself to a study of the work until he became considered almost indispensable in the handling of the routine. He was appointed by the Board of Supervisors to fill out the unexpired term of C. C. Hassler, deceased. In the year 1910 he was elected county clerk, and has been re-elected at each succeeding four years since that time. He is thoroughly versed in every matter of county business and annually prepares the tax books for all of the assessors and collectors, handles the election preparations and a thousand and one details relating to the county clerk's office. Mr. Guthrie is a member of Grace Methodist church.

Judge Louis FitzHenry—A native of Bloomington, and educated in the public schools, Louis FitzHenry has passed through the various stages of self-help and ambitious desire to serve his country, and in this way has won state and national recognition by service in Congress and his subsequent elevation to the Federal Judiciary as Judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Illinois.

Judge FitzHenry was born June 13, 1870. His parents, Hiram FitzHenry and Elizabeth Johnson had made their home in Bloomington for several years prior to that time, having migrated from Franklin County, Ohio, so that he may claim to belong to one of the older families of McLean County. His early years were much like those of many other boys growing up in the then comparatively small city, when life was on a simpler basis than it is today. While he was making his way through the grade schools, even at an early age he sought to make himself self-supporting in a measure by working at whatever presented itself in his leisure hours. He tells of how among other things he had a "route" in a certain



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part of the city, on which he was engaged to light the street lamps at sun-down, as the darkness came on, and put them out at midnight. These lights were gas lamps, it being before the employment of electricity for street illumination. Along with this employment, he had a route for carrying one of the daily newspapers of that time. He carried on his work, in the meantime, until he left the Bloomington high school in 1888.

His early association with newspapers as a carrier gave him a taste for the work of their publication, and he therefore secured employment in the offices of the newspapers of that time, first upon the Daily and Weekly Bulletin, then the Sunday Eye, published by George L. Hutchin, in which office he worked for a few years, and then went to the Daily and Weekly Leader as advertising writer and manager. During this period, Mr. FitzHenry took part in both the business and editorial departments of the newspapers, and contributed editorial paragraphs as well as secured advertising support for the papers.

But newspaper work did not appeal to the young man as a life occupation, and afterward, in 1895, he decided to study law, entering the Law Department of the Illinois Wesleyan University for that purpose. While carrying on his law studies, he quit the field of daily journalism and secured the control of the Trades Review, a weekly paper published in the interest of the labor unions of the city. This gave him work for his leisure time between law classes, and also furnished a means of continued self-support. The paper at that time reached its high tide of popularity and circulation among the working people of the city and vicinity.

Judge FitzHenry was graduated in law and admitted to the bar in Illinois in 1897. He lost no time in entering active practice in both state and federal courts, though for several years continued writing for the Daily Pantagraph. He took a deep interest in politics, being an ardent supporter of the principles of the Democratic party. He was nominated by that party for the office of City Attorney of Bloomington in 1907. At that time certain questions affecting the franchises of the Bloomington street railway company and the Union Gas and Electric Company were the issues of the day, and young FitzHenry took strong grounds upon the issues on the side which he considered to be for the best interests of the public. That he was supported by popular opinion was shown by his election in spite of a large normal republican majority in Bloomington. In 1909 he was re-elected for a second term without much opposition. As city attorney he handled the contracts relating to the granting of a new twenty-year franchise to the street railway company, in which was in-

serted for the first time a clause recognizing the principle of compensation to municipalities for the use of the streets by public utilities.

Judge FitzHenry had by this time won recognition beyond the confines of his own city and county, and in 1910 he became the democratic candidate for Congress in the Seventeenth District, composed of five counties. His opponent, Hon. John A. Sterling, now deceased, had held the seat for some time. In spite of a normal republican majority of 8,000 in the district, Mr. Sterling's majority in that year was cut to 2,300. The next biennial election saw Mr. FitzHenry again democratic candidate, and this time he was elected, taking his place in the Sixty-third Congress on March 4, 1913, at the same time that Woodrow Wilson was inaugurated President of the United States, the first time.

Judge FitzHenry served in Congress in the two critical years which marked the opening of the World War. That Congress had to deal with a multitude of delicate questions affecting the neutrality of the United States during the early stages of the war and other matters of equally vital concern. He was immediately appointed a member of the Committee on the Judiciary, one of the largest and most important committees of the House of Representatives, and was a member of a sub-committee of that committee, which had much to do with the preparation and enactment of many of the statutes which distinguished the Wilson administration. Among these were the Clayton Anti-Trust Law and the law creating the Bureau of Mediation and Conciliation. In a general way, the Federal Trade Commission Act and the Federal Reserve Law, revising the banking laws of the country, as well as many others which have taken their place in history. While not a member of the Committee on Banking and Currency, from which the Federal Reserve bill emanated, he gave that measure his ardent support, securing efficacious amendments of it on its passage. The value of this law to the country and the world, for that matter, stamps it as one of the greatest legislative devices of the age. He was more than ordinarily active in the writing and passage of the Underwood Law. In this latter measure he procured an amendment which paved the way to the modification of the Navigation Laws of the United States, which up to that time had worked the complete destruction of the American merchant marine. At the time the Underwood Law was written there were only nine merchant vessels, flying the American flag, engaged in overseas shipping.

Retiring from Congress in 1915, Mr. FitzHenry returned to Bloomington to resume the practice of his profession. However, it was not

long before his services for the public were again in demand. He was made democratic candidate for Justice of the Supreme Court of Illinois in the Third Supreme Judicial District, in June, 1915. His opponent was the sitting member from the district, Justice Frank K. Dunn of Coles county. The district, composed of sixteen counties, is normally republican by a very large majority, but in spite of that fact, Judge FitzHenry made a very good showing, carrying his own county of McLean by a majority of close to 1,500 votes, and in addition he also carried the counties of DeWitt, Tazewell, Macon, Moultrie, and Vermilion, being defeated by a very small margin.

On July 1, 1918, it was announced from Washington that President Wilson had appointed Mr. FitzHenry as Federal Judge of the Southern District of Illinois. The appointment came to him in the face of the fact that many other prominent lawyers and jurists were brought forward and presented to President Wilson as eligible appointees to succeed the late Judge J. Otis Humphrey of Springfield, whose death had left a vacancy on the bench of the Southern District. The Senate confirmed Judge FitzHenry's appointment about five days after it was made by President Wilson, and he at once entered upon his official duties.

The Southern District of Illinois is made up of thirty-nine counties, extending from the north line of Rock Island county to the north line of St. Clair county, covering the central portion of the state, except a few of the eastern counties. Judge FitzHenry makes his home in Bloomington, but holds terms of court at Peoria, Springfield and Quincy, each twice a year. The litigation which comes within the jurisdiction of the United States Court is large in volume and very important in its bearing upon the rights and interests of the people of this thickly populated and rich region.*

As District Judge it becomes his duty occasionally to sit as a member of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, composed of the states of Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin. This court sits in Chicago. He is also called to Chicago frequently to hold district court and recently held a term of court in New York City.

Judge FitzHenry was married in 1909 to Miss Lottie B. Rankin, and the family makes its home in Normal. There are two children, both daughters, Mildred Elizabeth and Charlotte Louise. Judge FitzHenry is associated with many fraternal organizations, among them being the various Masonic bodies, including the Consistory, Knights of Pythias, Odd Fellows, Red Men, Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, Phi Alpha Delta Law Fra-

ternity, and other clubs and Associations. He is also President of the Phi Delta Theta Alumni Club of Bloomington. Judge FitzHenry is a member of the Second Presbyterian Church.

B. H. McCann, Clerk of the House of Representatives, at Springfield, is an attorney-at-law, and has been a resident of Bloomington for more than twenty-five years. He is a native of Illinois and was born in El Paso, Woodford County, May 15, 1869, the son of Dr. James and Martha (Kercheval) McCann, natives respectively of Fayette County, Indiana, and Will County, Ill. James McCann was born May 24, 1832. He was the seventh of a family of twelve children and lived on his father's farm until he was 16 years of age when he entered the State University at Bloomington, Ind., and four years later the Medical College of Cleveland, Ohio. In 1856 he came to Illinois, locating at Joliet, where for ten years he practiced his profession and was otherwise interested in various civic and commercial enterprises. In 1866 he removed to El Paso and in 1879 to Normal, Ill., where he was a prominent and honored physician up to the time of his death, March 11, 1910. Martha McCann was the daughter of James C. Kercheval who emigrated from Montgomery County, Ind., about 1828 and was one of the earliest and best known among the pioneer settlers of Will County, Ill. He was extensively engaged in farming and stockraising and was universally esteemed for his sterling integrity.

B. H. McCann of this biography is the eldest of a family of three children. He obtained his early education in the common schools and after completing his course in the Illinois State Normal University entered the Bloomington Law School of the Illinois Wesleyan University where he received the degree of LL.B in June 1894. In the fall of that year he associated himself with R. L. Fleming in the practice of law at 207 N. Main St., and continued in that location until the great conflagration of June, 1900. Mr. McCann has always been a staunch Republican and cast his first vote for Benjamin Harrison, for President, in 1892. He had charge of and successfully managed the campaign, in Normal, of Hon. John A. Sterling for nomination and election for States Attorney in 1892; was Judge of election in his precinct for many years and often a delegate to county and other nominating conventions. In 1897 he was elected first assistant clerk of the House of Representatives and continued in that position for twelve years. He was secretary of the McLean County Re-



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publican Convention in 1904 and also one of the secretaries of the famous deadlock Republican State Convention which convened in Springfield on May 12, 1904, and continued in session for a period of three weeks, before agreeing on a nominee for Governor, thereby establishing a record without a parallel in the political history of Illinois. In 1908 he was a candidate for the republican nomination for Secretary of State and in the following January was elected Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives and has been reelected at each succeeding session. He was secretary of the Constitutional Convention of 1920 and although its delegates were in session for nearly three years and submitted a splendid document to the voters, yet, on account of the unsettled condition of the country following the World War, it failed of ratification.

On July 17, 1889, at Normal, Ill., Mr. McCann was one of seventeen charter members of Jesse Fell Camp No. 1059 Modern Woodmen of America and took an active interest in promoting the growth of that organization. In the early nineties he, together with attorney Wm. H. Beaver, of Bloomington, and Judge A. M. Cavan, of El Paso, delivered many addresses at the annual picnic gatherings and Woodmen celebrations over Illinois. He is also a prominent member of the Order of Knights of Pythias and in 1895 and '96 was appointed Deputy Grand Chancellor of McLean County. It was during this period that the fifth lodge of Knights of Pythias was organized in Bloomington and at its institution a monster street parade and demonstration was staged, the like of which has never before or since been equalled. Besides all the Grand Lodge Officers of the state there were nearly fourteen hundred members from Central Illinois, present to witness the work which began in the afternoon at Turner Hall and continued until after daylight the following morning. The banquet at six o'clock was held at the New Waits Hotel and continued all during the night in the room adjacent to the hall. Over one hundred charter members were initiated into the new lodge and the affair was one never to be forgotten.

In 1898 Mr. McCann purchased a half interest in the Normal Advocate at Normal, Illinois, and later became its sole owner. This publication he successfully conducted until about 1903 when he disposed of his interest and became identified with the Court of Honor Life Association, of Springfield, Ill. He has been associated in various capacities since that time and is now National Lecturer of that organization. He is also a member in good standing of all the Masonic bodies in both the Scottish and York Rites and of the Shrine.

Mr. McCann was married Dec. 26, 1900, to Miss Laura Seibel, youngest daughter of Prof. Henry P. and Catherine Seibel, old and respected residents, who came to Illinois from Cincinnati, Ohio, in the early seventies. Mrs. McCann was born and reared in Bloomington and is a lady of cultivated musical talents and refined tastes. The family home is at the corner of McLean and Taylor streets and is surrounded by all the conveniences of modern life. Mr. and Mrs. McCann are members of the Bloomington Country Club and include among their friends and associates the best people of the city.

H. L. Rusmisell, a well known retired farmer of Allin Township, is a member of one of McLean County's oldest and most prominent pioneer families. He was born on a farm in Danvers Township, March 1, 1855, the son of David and Catherine (Deal) Rusmisell.

David Rusmisell was a native of Augusta County, Va., as also was his wife. They came to McLean County, Ill., in 1848 and settled on a farm in Dry Grove Township, but later moved to Danvers Township. Mr. Rusmisell was born Nov. 25, 1808 and died in 1860 and his wife, who was born July 1, 1811, died Feb. 15, 1900. They were the parents of 12 children, as follows: John, born Aug. 3, 1834, died Sept. 5, 1834; William C., born July 18, 1835, died in 1921, was a Civil War veteran and the husband of Adelia Johnston, also deceased; Elanor A., born May 15, 1837, married Alfred McKinzie, deceased; George W., born Dec. 29, 1838, died Feb. 27, 1863, was the husband of Pasado Pierce, also deceased; John L., born Nov. 18, 1840, died in 1863; Julius, born Dec. 4, 1842, died Sept. 10, 1853; Mary Frances, born Oct. 26, 1844, lives at Danvers; Sarah Catherine, born Sept. 18, 1846, died in 1853; Martha P., born July 13, 1848, died Aug. 27, 1853; Dmorah Virginia, born Sept. 18, 1850, died Aug. 30, 1853; Samuel D., born Jan. 10, 1853, married Mary Wooley, who died in June, 1922, and he lives at Danvers; and H. L., the subject of this sketch.

H. L. Rusmisell spent his boyhood on the home place in Danvers Township and was educated in the district schools. When he was a young man he came to Stanford and clerked in the general store of Rusmisell and Johnston. Mr. Rusmisell later went into partnership with his brother, W. C., and the firm was then known as Rusmisell Brothers. In 1888 he moved to Bloomington, and after a short time engaged in general farming and

stock raising. Mr. Rusmisell has lived retired at Stanford since 1919, and he now rents his farm of 185 acres in Allin Township, which is known as the Sunny Slope Farm.

In 1882 Mr. Rusmisset was married to Miss Dora J. Bozarth, a native of Allin Township, born July 17, 1863, and the daughter of Alfred and Harriet (Brooks) Bozarth, natives of Kentucky and early settlers of Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Bozarth were the parents of six children, as follows: Charles, died in 1890; Mrs. Rusmisell; Elizabeth, born in 1865, married Theodore Paulen, lives in Ohio; George, married Nellie Stubblefield, now deceased; Albert and Alfred, twins, born Nov. 1, 1871, deceased. Mr. Bozarth died in 1872 and his wife later was married to John D. Ritnour, and to this union three children were born, as follows: Frank, deceased; Effie, married W. B. Tryon, lives in Grand Rapids, Mich.; Freddie, deceased. Mrs. Ritnour died July 7, 1914. To H. L. and Dora J. (Bozarth) Rusmisell two children were born, one of whom died in infancy and the other was Harry B. Rusmisell.

Harry B. Rusmisell was born Sept. 18, 1894, and during the World War enlisted for service in June, 1918. He served with Company E, 106th Engineers and was stationed at Camp Wheeler, Ga., and later sailed for France. He died from disease, Oct. 14, 1918, and his body was returned to the United States and buried in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, in Stanford.

Mr. H. L. Rusmisell is a Republican and belongs to the Knights of Pythias Lodge of Stanford. He and his wife are highly esteemed in their community.

Aaron Trabue Simmons is a leading architect of Bloomington, and prominent citizen of Normal, Ill. He was born at Jerseyville, Ill., Oct. 30, 1876, and is the son of John H. and Ella F. (Trabue) Simmons.

John H. Simmons is a native of Jerseyville, Ill., as is also his wife. They have spent their entire lives in the same community and now live retired. Aaron Trabue, the subject of this sketch, is their only child.

Aaron Trabue Simmons was reared and educated in Illinois, and after completing the high school course at Jerseyville, entered the University of Illinois, from which he was graduated in 1901. He spent 12 years of his youth at Chanute, Kan., and for a number of years has been located at Normal. Mr. Simmons has been the architect for many public

buildings in Bloomington and throughout the Central States and is widely known. He has designed 71 Carnegie public libraries in 13 states, besides many high schools, court houses and large churches.

In 1908 Mr. Simmons was united in marriage with Miss Katherine E. Hulva, a native of Point Pleasant, W. Va., and the daughter of J. Franklin and Sarah (Kimes) Hulva, the former a native of Virginia, and the latter of West Virginia. Mr. Hulva died in February, 1914, and his wife died in May, 1916. There are two children in the Simmons family, Pauline Ellen and Marjorie Katherine Simmons, both at home.

In politics Mr. Simmons is identified with the Republican party, and he and his family are affiliated with the Baptist Church.

Millard F. Anderson, now living retired at Colfax, is a prominent pioneer citizen of McLean County. He was born in Jefferson County, Ind., Dec. 28, 1851, the son of William G. and Jane (Sheridan) Anderson.

The old Anderson farm occupied the present site of the town of Colfax, where William G. Anderson settled in 1857. He owned 520 acres of land, which he improved. He broke the prairie with a 24-inch plow and four yoke of oxen, and the first home was a log cabin. Mr. Anderson was a Republican and a leading politician of the early days. He was one of the organizers of the Christian Church of that vicinity and was elder for a number of years. Mr. Anderson died in 1908 and his wife died in 1903. They were the parents of five children, as follows: W. H., deceased; Francis M., deceased, served in the Civil War with Company C, 94th Illinois Volunteer Infantry, was wounded in the Battle of Prairie Grove and was discharged; James M., was killed during service in the Civil War; Mary E., married Benjamin F. Payne, a prominent attorney of South Dakota, and both are deceased; and Millard F., the subject of this sketch.

Millard F. Anderson received his education in the district schools and was graduated from Eureka College in 1876. He taught school for four years in McLean County and then engaged in farming on the home place. For 20 years Mr. Anderson was widely known as a successful breeder of pure-bred Poland-China hogs and won many premiums with his stock. He was also a breeder of other stock, including Shorthorn cattle and Shropshire sheep.



MILLARD F. ANDERSON.

On July 4, 1880, Mr. Anderson was united in marriage with Miss Lucinda Smith, a native of Lawndale Township, McLean County, born Aug. 29, 1855, and the daughter of Shelton and Malinda (Powell) Smith. Mr. Smith was a prominent farmer of Lawndale Township for many years and owned 460 acres of land. He was a member of the Methodist Church and a charter member of the Masonic Lodge. Mr. and Mrs. Smith were the parents of five children, as follows: Emma, married Ellis Watson, a retired farmer, lives at Colfax; Mrs. Anderson; Charlotte, married Scott Watson, a farmer, lives near Colfax; Shelton, Jr., an attorney at Lexington, Ill.; and Albert, retired, lives at Lexington, Ill. Mrs. Anderson died Jan. 30, 1905, and is buried in the Colfax Cemetery. To Millard F. and Lucinda (Smith) Anderson one son was born, Lawrence B., born Aug. 17, 1884, died June 16, 1909, in Colorado. He is buried in the Colfax Cemetery. Lawrence Anderson was one of the brilliant young men of Colfax. He graduated when 17 years of age from the high school and took a four years' course in the Eureka College, graduating in three years. He was studying law at Wesleyan University, Bloomington when he died. He was also a lecturer and minister of the Christian Church.

In politics Mr. Anderson is a Republican. He has been a member of the school board for 23 years and acted as president of the school board for six years. Mr. Anderson was instrumental in having Colfax High School placed on the list of accredited schools in the University of Illinois and his name is to be found on the cornerstone of the high school. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias and is among the substantial and highly respected citizens of McLean County.

Howard K. Johnson, secretary and treasurer of the Johnson Transfer & Fuel Company, is a progressive business man of Bloomington. He was born in Bloomington and is the son of William H. and Flora B. (Kerr) Johnson.

William H. Johnson and his wife were born in Bloomington. He attended the schools there and was graduated from Bloomington High School in 1888. He then organized the Johnson Transfer & Fuel Company and served as secretary and treasurer until the time of his death, Sept. 19, 1920. His wife is also deceased and they are buried in Park Hill Cemetery. Howard K. Johnson, the subject of this sketch, is their only child.

Howard K. Johnson has always lived in Bloomington, and after graduating from high school he entered the employ of the Johnson Transfer & Fuel Company as bookkeeper. He learned the business from the ground up and at the time of his father's death became secretary and treasurer of the company. They are located at 401 South Center street, and do general teaming and storage, and also deal in fuel.

On Sept. 7, 1915, Mr. Johnson was married to Miss Isabel Morrison, a native of Bloomington, and the daughter of Frank and Ellen Morrison. Mr. and Mrs. Morrison were born in Glasgow, Scotland. He was a well-known plumber of Bloomington for many years and is now deceased. His widow resides at the old homestead, 802 East Front Street. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have two children, Betty and Lorraine.

Mr. Johnson is a member of the First Presbyterian Church and belongs to the Masonic Lodge No. 43, Bloomington; the Bloomington Consistory and the Knights of Pythias. He is an enterprising citizen of McLean County and stands high in his community.

Robert R. Johnson, president of the Johnson Transfer Company, is one of the well known and successful business men of Bloomington and a representative of one of the prominent pioneer families of McLean County. He was born at Harley's Grove, west of Shirley, McLean County, Sept. 21, 1856, and is a son of William C. and Mary A. (Boyd) Johnson.

William C. Johnson was a native of Ohio, born in Coshocton County in 1831. He was a son of John A. and Susan Johnson. In 1855 the Johnson family, which included William C. Johnson, his wife, his brothers and sisters, and parents, came to Illinois and settled in McLean County. Six other families from Ohio came to McLean County at the same time, making the journey with teams.

At the time they came here, of course no coal mines had been developed in this section of the state, and the railroads used wood for fuel in their locomotives. John A. Johnson, grandfather of Robert R. Johnson, entered into a contract to cut timber at Shirley, then known as Harley's Grove, and deliver the wood to the railroads. His son, William C. Johnson, assisted him in this work. This was the first enterprise in which the Johnsons engaged in McLean County. Upon completion of this contract they removed to Bloomington. He also split rails for fences and

building material, and split shingles for roofing buildings. Here William C. Johnson engaged in teaming in the grading of the streets of the town. In 1861 he rented a farm from Lafayette Funk, southeast of Shirley, and turned his attention to farming for awhile, when he returned to Bloomington and again engaged in teaming. He remained here until 1867, when he sold out and went to Chicago. He returned to Bloomington before the great Chicago fire, however, and established a draying and transfer business, which was the beginning of the present Johnson transfer and storage business. This business was started in a humble way and has developed through all the years into one of Bloomington's important industrial institutions. William C. Johnson died at Bloomington, Nov. 30, 1886. After his death his widow and her son, Robert R., continued the business until William H. became of age at that time and enlarged its scope. At the time of his father's death, Robert R. Johnson was an equal partner with his father in the business. The mother then became the owner of the other half interest. There were various transfers of interest between the different heirs in the partnership until 1888, when the business was incorporated under the name of the Johnson Transfer & Fuel Company, and capitalized at \$20,000. This continued until 1922, when the company was reorganized.

Robert R. Johnson is one of five children born to his parents, the others being as follows: John A., Emma J., James Edward, and William H., all of whom were reared in McLean County. Robert R. Johnson was reared in McLean County and during his boyhood days attended school and assisted his father in the business in which he early acquired a part interest, and during his entire career he has been an active worker for the success of this business.

Robert R. Johnson was first married Nov. 3, 1881, to Miss Fannie Merriman, a native of McLean County, and a daughter of Henry and Mozelle Merriman, early settlers in McLean County. Mrs. Johnson died April 4, 1903, leaving three children, Fred B., Mary Louise, deceased, and Jessie, wife of Walter T. Evans of Los Angeles, Cal. On Aug. 6, 1904, Mr. Johnson was married to Mrs. Cassie J. Mangold of Omaha, Neb.

Mr. Johnson is a Democrat and has taken a commendable interest in public affairs and community welfare at this writing. He is vice-president of the McLean County Bank and one of the substantial pioneer business men of Bloomington.

Granville Peasley, an enterprising and progressive farmer of Downs Township, was born on the farm where he now resides, Oct. 14, 1845, the son of Sylvester and Susan (Hensey) Peasley.

The Peasley family came to Illinois from Virginia, making the trip by wagon. Sylvester Peasley was a farmer all his life and also a Baptist preacher. He died Feb. 11, 1911, and his wife is also deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Peasley were the parents of five children, as follows: Granville, the subject of this sketch; Susan Barton, deceased; Isaac N., lives in Downs Township, a sketch of whom also appears in this history; John, lives in Oregon and Esther Johnson, deceased.

Granville Peasley has always lived on the same farm and owns 80 acres of good farm land. He raises a good grade of stock and his place is improved with good farm buildings.

On Oct. 30, 1887, Mr. Peasley was married to Miss Lucy F. Knight, a native of McLean County, born Oct. 30, 1867, the daughter of Henry and Avica (Cardinell) Knight, both deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Granville Peasley are the parents of the following children: Mary Upton, lives at Midland City, Ill.; Stella F. Tallon, deceased; Robert R., lives at Bloomington; Oscar, deceased; Fred, deceased; Walter, Odell, Ill.; Earl Sidney, Heyworth, Ill.; Mabel, wife of Grover Fulks, Odell, Ill.; Charles E., at home and William Wilson, at home.

Granville Peasley is a Democrat and a substantial citizen of McLean County.

Dr. Albert E. Daugherty, a widely known doctor of osteopathy, with offices in the Peoples Bank Building, Bloomington, is a native of Kentucky. He was born at Stanford, June 21, 1878, and is the son of James A. and Sarah R. (Wolf) Daugherty.

James A. Daugherty was born at Carlisle, Ky., and was a wagon-maker by trade. He died in May, 1893, and his wife, a native of Falmouth, Ky., died in March, 1886. They are buried at Stanford, Ky. Mr. and Mrs. Daugherty were the parents of four children: Mattie M. Privitte, lives at Covington, Ky.; Josephine Cowan, lives at Ambia, Ind.; J. W., lives at Dayton, Ohio; and Dr. Albert E., our subject.

Dr. Albert E. Daugherty was reared in Lexington, Ky., and his early education was received in the public and high schools there. He later



GRANVILLE PEASLEY AND FAMILY.

studied osteopathy at the Kirksville, Mo., College of Osteopathy. Dr. Daugherty became editor of the Osteopathic Student Journal, and was associate editor of the Journal of Osteopathy, Intership American College of Osteopathy at Kirksville, Mo., and Des Moines, Iowa. He located in Bloomington in 1905 and during his many years of practice has become one of the leading men of his profession in this part of Illinois. Dr. Daugherty served as trustee of the Illinois Osteopathic Association from 1917 until 1922, and as president of the Illinois Osteopathic Association during the years 1918, 1919 and 1920. He collaborated with Dr. W. R. Laughlin in publishing a text book on Anatomy.

Dr. Daugherty was united in marriage on Aug. 14, 1908, with Miss Elizabeth Mantle, a native of Arrowsmith, Ill., and the daughter of August and Lucy A. (Kramer) Mantle, the former a native of Germany and the latter of Harrisburg, Pa. Mr. Mantle died Jan. 2, 1901, and his wife died Aug. 4, 1921. Dr. and Mrs. Daugherty have no children.

Dr. Daugherty is a Republican, a member of the Christian Church, and belongs to the Masonic Lodge No. 43, Bloomington Consistory, and Mohammed Shrine of Peoria. He is also connected with the Young Men's Club of Bloomington and takes an active interest in the affairs of his community.

George H. Meiner, manager of the A. B. Means Grain Elevator at Holder, and prominent farmer of Old Town Township, was born on a farm near Covell, Ill., Dec. 30, 1863, and is a son of Joseph and Mary (Ulmer) Meiner.

Joseph Meiner, a native of Germany, came to this country at the age of 16 years. His parents, George and Catherine (Ridgley) Meiner, remained in Germany. After coming to the United States, Mr. Meiner settled on a farm in Pennsylvania, which he operated until 1860. At that time he came to McLean County and rented the Jesse Hill farm, north of Covell, in Twin Grove Township. His wife, also a native of Germany, came to this country with her parents in 1854, locating in Pennsylvania. She was the daughter of Henry and Catherine (Wagner) Ulmer. The Ulmer family removed to Illinois prior to the Civil War and purchased a farm of 120 acres south of Arrowsmith. To Joseph and Mary (Ulmer) Meiner seven children were born, as follows: George H., the subject of

this sketch; Minnie, married Alfred Bane, lives south of Ellsworth, Ill.; Arnold, lives in New Mexico; Katie, married John Mock, lives at Arrowsmith; Matilda, married William Rinehart, lives south of Saybrook; Edward, married Fannie Leasman, lives on the home place near Arrowsmith; and Aaron, a physician, married Bertha Johnson, lives at Kokomo, Ind. Mr. Meiner died in 1898 and his wife died in 1916.

George H. Meiner was educated in the schools of Arrowsmith and farmed on the home place until he was 21 years old, at which time he rented land in Arrowsmith Township. Mr. Meiner purchased his first farm in 1889, which consisted of 80 acres. Four years later he sold it and bought a farm of 170 acres in Anchor Township, which was sold eight years later. Mr. Meiner now owns 1,004 acres of land in McLean County and his stock farm is among the finest in Old Town Township. He is a dairy farmer and has five registered Holstein cows. The Meiner farm is located two and one-half miles from Holder. In 1922, Mr. Meiner was appointed manager of the A. B. Means Grain Elevator.

In 1887, Mr. Meiner was married to Miss Mary Bane, a native of Arrowsmith Township, and the daughter of Samuel and Mary Catherine (Arrowsmith) Bane. The Arrowsmiths were natives of Ohio and among the pioneers of McLean County. The Banes, natives of Virginia, were also early settlers of McLean County.

To Mr. and Mrs. George H. Meiner seven children have been born, as follows: Catherine, attended Illinois State Normal University, now teaches school in Old Town Township; James, married Edith Brock; Minnie, a teacher; Alfred, married Alice Arnold, lives in Michigan, where he owns a dairy farm; George H., Jr., Ella, and Naomi, at home.

Mr. Meiner is a Democrat, has served as road commissioner for six years, and as township supervisor six years. He and his family attend the Methodist church and are highly esteemed citizens of McLean County.

Rev. Ernest Eugene Higdon, pastor of the First Christian Church, is a substantial and highly esteemed citizen of Bloomington. He was born on a farm near Paxton, Ill., in 1890, and is the son of B. F. and Mary Jane (Vanschoyck) Higdon.

B. F. Higdon, now a resident of Brill, Iowa, was born near Paxton, Ill., and has followed farming successfully all his life. He taught school

when a young man and later engaged in general farming, renting land near Paxton, Ill., for 20 years. He now owns his farm, which is located near Brill, Iowa. His wife is a native of Kansas. They have eight children, as follows: Elmer Kelso, Ernest E., the subject of this sketch; Goldie Agnes, Raymond Howard, Claude L., Benjamin Jr., Gladys, and Mildred.

Rev. Ernest Eugene Higdon spent his boyhood in Iroquois County, Ill., near Cessna Park, and received his education in the North Star and Patton grade schools in Iroquois and Ford Counties, and later attended Eureka College Preparatory School and Eureka College. He is a graduate of Yale University and was ordained to the ministry in 1916 at New Haven, Conn. Reverend Higdon was located at Bellflower, Ill., for two years, and succeeded Edgar Dewitt Jones as pastor of First Christian Church in March, 1920, after having served as educational director for eight months.

On Aug. 16, 1916, Reverend Higdon was united in marriage at Cuba, Ill., with Miss Ruth E. Snively, a native of that place, and the daughter of Francis Marion and Elizabeth (Laswell) Snively, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Illinois. Mr. Snively died in 1900, and his wife died in 1919. To Reverend and Mrs. Higdon have been born three children: Ernest Eugene Jr., died at the age of one year; Betty Jane, born Oct. 14, 1919; and Harriet Ruth, born Jan. 13, 1923.

Reverend Higdon is an independent voter. He is well known in McLean County and has many friends.

John B. Gummermann, well-known business man and substantial citizen of Bloomington, was born in Bavaria, Germany, Dec. 1, 1879, the son of Andreas Gummermann.

Andreas Gummermann and his wife, who reside in Bavaria, Germany, are the parents of the following children: Anna Siegel, lives in Los Angeles, Calif.; Mary Potterman, lives at Aurora, Ill.; John, Barbara and Augusta, all living in Bavaria, Germany; and John B., the subject of this sketch.

John B. Gummermann, after attending the public schools of his native land, came to this country when he was 14 years old and learned the printers' trade at Aurora, Ill. He entered the employ of Aurora

Volksfreund, and remained there for 18 years, removing to Bloomington in 1912. Mr. Gummermann purchased the Bloomington Journal, a German paper, and has published it continuously since that time. He is located at 217 East Front Street, and publishes the Aurora Volksfreund, in connection with job printing, of which he does large volumes.

Mr. Gummermann was married on July 10, 1906, to Miss Barbara Sonnenfroh, who was born in Wuerttemberg, Germany, the daughter of John and Angelika (Oertle) Sonnenfroh. Mr. Sonnenfroh died in May, 1912, and his widow lives at Aurora, Ill. To Mr. and Mrs. Gummermann have been born three children: John Burdette, lives in Chicago; Bernice M., lives in Chicago; and Bernhardt H., at home.

Mr. Gummermann is a Republican, and he and his family hold membership in the Trinity Lutheran Church. They are highly esteemed citizens of their community and have many friends.

John Moon, now living retired on his farm in Lawndale Township, is a prominent and substantial citizen of McLean County. He was born in Clark County, Iowa, Oct. 19, 1857, the son of Harvey and Sarah (Stroup) Moon.

Harvey Moon was a native of Ohio and in 1855 went to Iowa, where he farmed until 1861, at which time he moved his family to Illinois and settled on a farm east of Lexington. In 1866 the Moon family moved to Lawndale Township, McLean County, and two years later settled on the present Moon farm. Harvey Moon owned and operated 480 acres of land and for many years was a leading stockman of the county. He was a Democrat and held many township offices during his life. Mr. and Mrs. Moon, now deceased, were the parents of 12 children, as follows: Vonley, Arthur, Aaron, Harvey, all deceased; Rose, married M. Scott, lives in Iowa; Naomi, deceased, was the wife of Samuel Baker, lives in Kansas; John, the subject of this sketch; Albert, deceased; Jacob, a retired farmer, lives at Pontiac, Ill.; Jane, the widow of Fin Downard, lives in Iowa; William, deceased; and Jonathan, lives at Bloomington.

John Moon was reared on his father's farm in Lawndale Township and received his education in the district schools there. He rented land for a short time and then took over the home place of 240 acres, which he improved considerably. For many years Mr. Moon has been widely



MR. AND MRS. JOHN MOON.

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known as a breeder of pure-bred black Angus cattle and Norman horses, and he also was an extensive shipper of stock. He now lives retired on his farm, which is among the fine stock farms of Lawndale Township.

On Jan. 27, 1887, Mr. Moon was married to Miss Seba Daugherty, a native of McLean County, born May 6, 1868, and the daughter of Edmund and Mary (Tafflinger) Daugherty, natives of Virginia and early settlers of McLean County. Mr. Daugherty, who was a well-known farmer of Lawndale Township for many years, died in 1900 and his wife died in 1908. They were the parents of the following children: Sarah, the widow of Dennis Patton, lives in Dry Grove Township; John, deceased; Harrison, a farmer, lives near Hudson, Ill.; Charles, deceased; Nancy, the widow of William Young, lives in South Dakota; Lucy, married William Baker, a farmer, lives in Minnesota; Mrs. Moon; Joseph, a farmer, lives in Nebraska; Mary, married William Wilmoth, a farmer, lives near Lexington, Ill.; Frank, a farmer, lives in North Dakota; and Edwin, died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. John Moon have no children.

Mr. Moon is a Democrat. He has held the office of highway commissioner for 18 years, and has served as school director and township clerk and is now serving as township assessor of Lawndale Township. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Mr. Moon is a substantial and influential citizen of McLean County, and he is well and favorably known throughout the community.

Edward Holland, deputy state fire marshal, is a prominent citizen of Bloomington. He was born at St. Helens, England, April 27, 1862, and is a son of Dominick and Ann (Donahue) Holland, natives of Ireland, and now deceased.

Edward Holland is the only surviving member of his family, a brother and sister, John and Catherine, are deceased. He was reared and educated at Joliet, Ill., and began life as a steel worker.

On June 7, 1911, Mr. Holland was married in Bloomington to Miss Margaret Carmody, a native of Atlanta, Ill., and a daughter of Terrence and Margaret (Normile) Carmody, natives of Ireland, now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Holland have two daughters, Marion and Jane.

In politics Mr. Holland is identified with the Democratic party and has held the office of mayor and was alderman in Bloomington for a num-

ber of years. He belongs to the Elks and the Ancient Order of Hibernians. Mr. Holland and his family are members of the Catholic Church and are well and favorably known. He is a member of the McLean County Country Club.

Frank H. Funk, representative in Congress from the Seventeenth Illinois District, is a member of one of the best known families in the history of McLean County. He is of the third generation from Isaac Funk, who came to McLean County in 1824 and became the largest land holder in the county by hard work and wisdom of investment through the forty years in which he lived in the county. It is a remarkable fact in connection with the subject of this sketch that he, his father and his grandfather all served the people of their county in important public offices. Frank Funk and his father, Benjamin F. Funk, were both members of Congress from their district, while the grandfather, Isaac Funk, served a term as state senator and died while in office. The father, Benjamin F. Funk, also served his home city of Bloomington as mayor for several years. Another interesting fact is that all three generations have followed farming as their occupation, serving in public office meanwhile.

Frank H. Funk was born in Bloomington in April, 1869, being the son of Benjamin F. and Sarah (Hamilton) Funk. He was educated in the schools of his home city, and then attended and was graduated from Yale in the class of 1891. As soon as he became personally interested in politics he took an active part in the Republican party, which had previously honored his father by election to Congress. He served on the State Central Committee 1906-08, and in the latter year was elected to the State Senate, succeeding George W. Stubblefield. He served in the Senate until 1912, and that year became associated with the Progressive party and was nominated for Governor of Illinois. In the election he received 303,000 votes. In 1912 and 1916 he was chairman of the Illinois delegation in the national conventions of the Progressive party. In 1913 he was nominated for U. S. senator by that party. He returned to the Republican party when the Progressives lost their concrete organization. In 1913 he was appointed a member of the Illinois Railroad and Warehouse Commission, and later a member of the Illinois Public Utilities Commission, which he held until 1921. He was a delegate to the Republican national convention

of 1920 from the Seventeenth district. In 1920 he was elected to Congress, and was re-elected in 1922. The district which he represents consists of the counties of McLean, Livingston, Woodford, Logan and Ford, and has a population of 174,000.

Mr. Funk was married to Miss Florence Risser of Chicago, and three children were born to them, Benjamin, Mary and Florence. Mrs. Funk died in 1923 at her home in Bloomington. Mr. Funk during his terms in Congress has performed his most signal service in connection with the Committee on Agriculture, of which he is a member. In 1923 he made a trip to Europe at the request of the secretary of agriculture to make investigations of conditions there. The organizations to which Mr. Funk belongs include the Commandery, Consistory and Shrine of the Masonic orders, the Elks, the T. P. A., the Rotary Club, Modern Woodmen, Chicago Yale Club, and the University Club of Chicago.

Albert Harwood Hoopes, deceased, was for many years a prominent and successful business man of Bloomington. He was born at Springfield, Ill., Dec. 14, 1864, and was a son of Benjamin Franklin and Freedom Augusta (Harwood) Hoopes.

Benjamin Franklin Hoopes was a native of Chester County, Pa., and his wife was born in Orleans County, N. Y. In 1856 he came to Bloomington from Springfield, Ill., and embarked in the grocery business, in which he was successfully engaged during the remainder of his life. For several years after his arrival in Bloomington he was associated in business with Peter Whitmer, president of The Peoples Bank, and George W. Parke. Mr. Hoopes died Dec. 8, 1904, and his wife died Feb. 27, 1905, and they are buried at Bloomington.

Albert Harwood Hoopes was an only child and was reared and educated in Bloomington. He entered the grocery business with his father after finishing school and remained in that business until his death. Mr. Hoopes was a leading wholesale grocer and commission merchant of Bloomington and was one of the well known and dependable business men of this section.

On Sept. 23, 1903, Mr. Hoopes was married to Miss Julia Rodenhauser, a native of Germany, and the daughter of William J. and Chris-tiana (Leiderman) Rodenhauser, natives of Germany, and early settlers

of Bloomington. Mr. Rodenhauser died Aug. 29, 1919, and his wife died Sept. 18, 1915. To Mr. and Mrs. Hoopes three children were born, as follows: Margaret Augusta, Benjamin Franklin, and Albert Harwood Hoopes.

In politics Mr. Hoopes was identified with the Republican party and he was a member of the Grace Methodist Church. His family reside at 707 North East Street, Bloomington.

Christian F. Koch, a former mayor of Bloomington, who for many years was actively identified with Bloomington and McLean County, was born in Eslingen, Wurtemberg, Germany, March 17, 1849. He is the son of John F. and Caroline T. (Deininger) Koch.

Christian F. Koch's maternal grandfather, Johan Fredric Deininger, was of old French Huguenot stock, his ancestors having been driven from France by the edict of Nantes, taking refuge in Wurtemberg. The Deininger family can be traced back to 1600. John Koch, the father of Christian F., was a millwright by trade, being one of the first in Bloomington. When he and his family came to this country they settled first in Cincinnati, Ohio, and five years later came to Bloomington. For a number of years John F. Koch was foreman of Marbles Furniture Factory in Bloomington. He died in 1876. He and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Christian F. Koch was educated in the public schools and attended Illinois Wesleyan University for two years. He learned the millwright's trade and worked with his father four or five years and then engaged in the grocery business on West Front Street, where he met with much success. Mr. Koch is a Republican and served as alderman from the third ward from 1883 until 1887 and in the spring of 1890 he was nominated for mayor of Bloomington, and was elected, which office he held one term, when the necessity of giving more time to his own business compelled him to withdraw from politics. However, in the spring of 1897 a reorganization of the city under the general law was strongly agitated by business men and citizens in general, as there had been some dissatisfaction with a special charter and the preceding administration. This resulted in Mr. Koch being again strongly urged to enter the field as the



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Republican nominee for mayor. He was triumphantly elected and many improvements were made in the city during this administration. The city hall was enlarged and remodeled and a good many streets were paved. The city was never in more capable hands than those of Mr. Koch.

Mr. Koch was married to Miss Katie L. Feisel, a daughter of Reverend Jacob and Louise Feisel. Reverend Feisel was a pioneer minister and district superintendent of the Methodist Episcopal church for many years. To Mr. and Mrs. Koch two children were born: Lulu C., the widow of F. H. W. Peters, lives in St. Louis, Mo. and Emma K., who died in June, 1896.

Mr. Koch is a member of the Methodist church and was trustee and treasurer and also served as Sunday school superintendent. He is a member of the Mozart lodge, A. F. & A. M., and was past chancellor of Blucher Lodge Knights of Pythias and was a member of the mother lodge, Damon No. 10. He was a member of the Bloomington Coliseum Association. Mr. Koch now lives retired in St. Louis with his daughter, Mrs. C. Lulu Peters. They travel extensively, but maintain a residence there.

Mrs. Caroline T. Koch, mother of Christian F. Koch, was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, Dec. 22, 1819. Her family name was Deininger and she was a direct descendant of one of the oldest families of southern Germany. According to a family history published some years ago in Stuttgart, Germany, the Deininger genealogy dates back to the days of Emperor Karl the Great. Count Christopher von Deininger, the Powerful, as tradition terms him, was the original progenitor of the long line of the Deininger descendants. Many of them distinguished themselves as knightly warriors and counselors of Germany's varied list of kings and rulers, until with the advent of the reformation the Deiningers became Huguenots and as such finally lost their standing among the German nobility. The name thus became obliterated for a time in the annals of German history. The Deininger name next became again prominent in southern Germany among the clergy and educators, it seemingly running in their blood to devote themselves to those professions. All the descendants down to the grandfather, father, uncles and brothers of Mrs. Koch had the record of being either preachers or teachers of some kind or creed, some of them migrating to this country many years ago where they gained

prominence in their professions and made the name of Deininger well known throughout the state of Pennsylvania and other parts of the east, where they located.

Caroline T. Koch migrated to this country with her husband in 1855, and settled in Bloomington, where they helped in the organization of the First German Methodist church. Several years before her death, at the age of 65 years Mrs. Koch took a trip to Germany, visiting the scenes of her childhood. On the return trip the vessel, the Mosel, was stranded on the English coast and all the passengers had to be rescued by means of small fishing boats, the great steamer becoming a total wreck and loss a few hours afterward. Despite this most trying experience, Mrs. Koch arrived home hale and hearty, none the worse from the trip, but rather demonstrating anew her sturdy, heroic nature.

Dr. Lester B. Cavins, who is among the successful physicians and surgeons of Bloomington, was born at Mattoon, Ill., July 22, 1877, and is the son of Joseph and Melissa (Ferguson) Cavins.

Joseph Cavins was born in Ohio and was a farmer during his active career. He died in 1918, and his wife, a native of Mattoon, Ill., died in 1893. They were the parents of the following children: Elmer W., lives at Normal, Ill.; Elza C., Charleston, Ill.; William F., lives at Mattoon, Ill.; Stanley T., lives at Stanford, Ill.; Lorimer V., lives in Chicago; Olive, lives in Bloomington; Grace, lives in Chicago; and Dr. Lester B., the subject of this sketch.

Dr. Lester B. Cavins spent his boyhood at Mattoon, Ill., and his early education was also received there. He is a graduate of Illinois State Normal University, and his medical education was received in Baltimore, where he studied from 1900 until 1904. The following two years were spent in hospital work in that city and New York, and in 1907 Dr. Cavins located at Stanford, Ill., where he practiced general medicine until 1910. The next year was spent in special work in London, England, and Heidelberg, Germany. Since 1912 he has practiced in Bloomington, where he has established an excellent clientele. Dr. Cavins' offices are located at 704 Peoples Bank Building.

On March 6, 1907, Dr. Cavins was united in marriage with Miss Ida Alstrom, a native of Baltimore, Md., and the daughter of Andrew and

Ida (Leach) Alstrom, the former a native of Stockholm, Sweden, and the latter of Louisville, Ky. Mr. Alstrom died in 1913, and his widow resides in Baltimore. To Dr. and Mrs. Cavins has been born one daughter, Ida Miriom, who was born June 28, 1917.

In politics Dr. Cavins is identified with the Republican party and he and his family are affiliated with the Presbyterian Church. He is a substantial citizen of McLean County and a progressive man in his profession.

Austin Y. Barnard, a retired farmer, now living in Bloomington, is a veteran of the Civil War and a member of a prominent pioneer family of McLean County. He was born in Money Creek Township, McLean County, Feb. 19, 1841, a son of Melman N. and Sina (Philpot) Barnard.

Melman N. Barnard was a native of North Carolina, and his wife was born in Virginia. After their marriage they moved to Tennessee, and later came to McLean County, Ill., in 1848. Mr. Barnard became a successful farmer of Money Creek Township, where he owned 240 acres of land. He died in 1873, and his wife died in 1868. They were the parents of 11 children, of whom Austin Y., the subject of this sketch, was the ninth in order of birth.

Austin Y. Barnard spent his boyhood on his father's farm and attended the district school of Money Creek Township. On July 12, 1862, he enlisted in Company I, 94th Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and served under General Orm, who was later promoted to brigadier general of the regiment, which was composed of men from Bloomington. On Aug. 25, 1862, the regiment went to the Clinton Barracks, at St. Louis, where they received their uniforms and equipment. From there they went to Rolla, Mo., and then marched to Springfield, Mo. On Dec. 7th they engaged in their first battle, Prairie Grove. From there they went to VanBuren, Ark., and later took part in the siege of Vicksburg. They then went to New Orleans, La., and later to Texas. The regiment was mustered out of service at Galveston, Texas, and Mr. Barnard then returned to Money Creek Township and engaged in farming. In 1881 he moved to Normal, where he worked at the carpenter trade until the time of his retirement. Mr. Barnard now lives at Bloomington.

On Jan. 11, 1866, Mr. Barnard was married to Tabathia Trimmer, and to this union five children were born, two of whom are now living: Ida C., married Joseph L. Greenfield, lives at Golden City, Mo.; and Ada

R., married F. D. Carnahan, lives in South Dakota. A son, Myron D. Barnard, died in 1920. Mrs. Barnard died Feb. 21, 1912, and Mr. Barnard was later married to Mrs. Sadie Bramble, widow of Eliah H. Bramble. Mrs. Barnard has one daughter by her first marriage, Mrs. Sarah Wasson, who lives at Peoria, Ill.

Mr. Barnard is a member of the Christian Church and has belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows for 51 years. He is one of McLean County's substantial citizens and stands high in the esteem of his community.

C. H. Russum, a prominent business man of Heyworth, is a native of DeWitt County, Ill., born Sept. 28, 1873, the son of W. B. and Rachael (Beezley) Russum.

W. B. Russum was born in Delaware, Oct. 26, 1835, the son of Peter Russum. They moved to Ohio when W. B. Russum was about nine years old, and remained there until 1859, at which time W. B. Russum moved to Logan County, Ill., and in 1861 moved to DeWitt County. His father died in Ohio. Mr. Russum taught school and also followed general farming. He died March 1, 1904 and his wife, a native of Ohio, died April 17, 1924. She was born April 15, 1837. Mr. and Mrs. Russum were the parents of four children, as follows: Laura, the wife of Isaac Baker, lives in Golden City, Mo.; Jennie M., the wife of John H. Quinton, lives on a farm near Heyworth; Adda, the widow of William Quinton, lives at Heyworth and C. H., the subject of this sketch.

C. H. Russum received his education in the public schools of DeWitt County, Ill., and attended business college at Dixon, Ill. He farmed until 1909 when he came to Heyworth and engaged in the insurance business. Mr. Russum has had various business interests and is also now president of The Farmers State Bank at Heyworth, and he is secretary and treasurer of the Farmers Co-operative Grain Company. In connection with the insurance business, Mr. Russum handles automobile accessories.

On March 18, 1896, Mr. Russum was married to Miss Lillie Kelsheimer, a native of Paris, Ill., and the daughter of Edward and Rebecca (Smith) Kelsheimer, the former a native of Indiana and the latter of Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Kelsheimer had 12 children, as follows. George N., lives at Paris, Ill.; Emma, lives in Waynesville; Charles, lives at Paris, Ill.;



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Martha, wife of L. Mann lives in Texas; Mary Givens, deceased; Ida M. Peabody, lives at Decatur, Ill.; Frank lives in Shelby County, Ill.; Mrs. Russum; Hugh, lives in Paris, Ill. and two children died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Russum had three children, all of whom are deceased.

In politics Mr. Russum is identified with the Republican party and he is a member of the Methodist church. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Mr. Russum is a progressive man who can always be relied upon to aid in anything for the public welfare or the community improvement. He is now central committeeman for precinct No. 1 of Randolph Township.

Judge Alfred Sample, deceased, was born in Butler County, Ohio, Nov. 27, 1846, the son of James and Jane (Baird) Sample, natives of Kentucky and Virginia, respectively. In 1857 the Sample family removed from Ohio to Illinois and located in Livingston County, and at a later date in McLean County. James Sample died in 1883, and his wife died in 1892. Alfred Sample attended the common schools and assisted his father on the farm. He was three days less than 17 years old when he enlisted his services during the Civil War, Nov. 24, 1863. He served in Company G, 129th Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry. On May 15, 1864, he was severely wounded at the battle of Resaca. He was discharged Dec. 6, 1864, and returned home. Mr. Sample attended Eureka College for three years and later was a student at Monmouth College. He then read law in the office of Col. Robert G. Ingersoll, at Peoria, and was admitted to the bar in 1871, and immediately thereafter began the practice of his profession at Paxton, Ill. He was associated with Judge Milton H. Cloud and later with Judge John Pollock. In 1872 Mr. Sample was elected state's attorney for Ford County, and held that office for eight years. He also served as city attorney for four years. In 1885 he was elected judge of the Circuit Court for the Eleventh Judicial District of Illinois, including the counties of Ford, McLean, Kankakee, Livingston and Iroquois. Judge Sample was re-elected to this position in 1891, his service covering 12 years, and in 1891 he was appointed judge of the Appellate Court of the Fourth District and served six years in that capacity. Retiring from the bench in June, 1897, he changed his residence to Bloomington, there

forming a law partnership with John J. Morrissey. Judge Sample retired in 1899 and passed away on June 11, 1902, leaving a name crowned with honor as a lawyer, jurist, citizen and patriot.

On Sept. 9, 1875, Judge Alfred Sample was united in marriage with Miss Florence Adele Cook, a daughter of Col. Harry D. Cook, of Normal, Ill. To this union four children were born, two of whom died in infancy. The remaining daughters are: Florence (Mrs. Harry L. Fleming) and Lois (Mrs. William Meharry Glenn). Mr. and Mrs. Fleming and their family live with Mrs. Sample at 1401 North Main Street, Bloomington. Mr. and Mrs. Glenn and their little daughter, Rosemary, reside in Orlando, Fla., where Mr. Glenn is half owner and editor of the Orlando Sentinel.

Judge Sample was a Republican until late in life, but in 1896 was outspoken in announcing his support for the national Democratic ticket as a free silver Republican. He was connected with the Paxton Post No. 387, Grand Army of the Republic, and belonged to the Bloomington Lodge No. 46, A. F. & A. M.; Chapter No. 113, R. A. M.; Mt. Olive Commandery No. 38, K. T., and he was the grand orator of the Masonic Grand Lodge of Illinois in 1878.

Florence Sample Fleming was born at Paxton, Ill., May 14, 1880. She graduated from the Paxton High School in 1897, attended Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington during the year 1897-98, and graduated from Illinois State Normal University in Normal in the class of 1900. In 1900-01 she was assistant principal of the high school at Auburn, Ill. She attended I. S. N. U. again in 1921-22.

On April 8, 1903, Miss Sample was united in marriage with Harry L. Fleming, and to this union three children have been born, as follows: Joan, a senior at Wellesley College, Wellesley, Mass.; Helen, a freshman at Washington University in St. Louis; and William Rudd, a student at University High School, Illinois State Normal University, Normal.

Mrs. Fleming is actively connected with various community interests in Bloomington and McLean County. Her chief work is in behalf of the extension of the Parent-Teacher Association movement. She was president of the Illinois Council of Parent-Teacher Associations from 1918 to 1920, and has been a member of the state board of that organization in various capacities for more than ten years. She is a member of the Executive Committee of the Alumni Association of Illinois State Normal University, being at present the editor of the Alumni Quarterly. She is a Democrat as far as national politics are concerned and is a member of

the Unitarian Church of Bloomington. Her other activities include membership and service in the Woman's Club of Bloomington, the Bloomington Art Association, the Community Players, Illinois League of Women Voters, Illinois Art Extension Committee, and National Education Association.

E. M. Evans, a well-known business man of Bloomington, who is identified with various interests, is a native of Bloomington and a member of a prominent pioneer family. He was born June 1, 1882, and is the son of R. F. and Nellie (Collins) Evans.

R. F. Evans was a native of Circleville, Ohio, and came to McLean County when an infant with his parents. He was a son of Robert Wilson Evans, who settled in Bloomington at an early date. R. F. Evans grew to young manhood here, and upon his father's death, while still in his teens, became his successor in business. To the mercantile business which was located at the corner of Main and Jefferson Streets, where the Corn Belt Bank now stands, he added the grocery department. Later he erected the building at the corner of Main and Monroe, for 50 years occupied by "Evans Bros.—Leading Grocers." Mr. Evans was a partner in the wholesale grocery business of Humphreys, Evans & Company, the first establishment of this kind in Bloomington. He was one of the founders of the Bloomington Canning Company and of the State National Bank. For several years he served as a member of the State Board of Education.

In 1871 Mr. Evans married Miss Nellie Collins of Hampton, Washington County, N. Y. Three children were born, Robert Herman, Florence B. and Edwin Mark. Sorrow came to the home in the death in 1897 of Herman, the eldest son, a young man of 24, a graduate of the University of Illinois in the architectural course. The two living children are Florence B., at home, and E. M. Evans, the subject of this sketch.

E. M. Evans was reared in Bloomington and educated in the public schools. He attended the Illinois State Normal Univeristy. Mr. Evans' first business connection was with the B. & N. Railway Company. He was one of the incorporators of Campbell Holton & Company, wholesale grocers, and is at present treasurer and director of that company. He is vice-president of the Bloomington Canning Company, and also has real estate interests in Bloomington.

On Feb. 28, 1912, Mr. Evans was united in marriage with Miss Nan L. Morgan, a native of Bloomington, and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward R. Morgan. They have four children: Nancy Morgan, Richard Morgan, Lucia Bernardine and Joseph Orme.

During the World War Mr. Evans was vice-president of the Red Cross and conducted many of the Red Cross drives. He was a member of the war committee of the Y. M. C. A. and of the Food Administration for the state of Indiana. Mr. Evans is a member of the Association of Commerce and was its president for two terms. The Meadows Manufacturing Company was brought to Bloomington largely through his personal efforts. Mr. Evans is now vice-president of the Board of Trustees of Illinois Wesleyan University and served as chairman of the building committee of the new Wesleyan Memorial Gymnasium. He also served as chairman of the new building fund campaign for the Y. W. C. A. He is a member of the Young Men's Club, the Bloomington Country Club, the Rotary Club, the Maplewood Country Club and Bloomington Consistory. Mr. Evans and his family are members of the Second Presbyterian Church.

Frank E. Sweeting, a prominent business man and vice-president of the Paul Beich Company, of Bloomington, was born at Normal, Feb. 18, 1874, and is a son of James and Martha A. (Bennett) Sweeting.

James Sweeting was a native of Philadelphia and came to Normal in the fifties and at that time Normal was much larger than Bloomington. He was a contractor at Normal for many years, but several years before his death he retired from business. He died about fifteen years ago. Mrs. Sweeting was born in Virginia and her parents were pioneer settlers of Clark County, Ill. She now resides at Cleveland, Ohio. To Mr. and Mrs. James Sweeting three sons were born, as follows: Edwin, lives at Cleveland, Ohio; Frank E., the subject of this sketch and James L., lives at Bloomington.

Frank E. Sweeting has always lived in Normal and Bloomington. He received his education in the schools of Normal and attended the Normal University of Normal. His first business venture was in the confectionery line and after being employed in a retail store of that kind for thirteen months, he became a member of the firm of Paul Beich Company at the time of its organization. This was in 1892. At the time of the incorpora-



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tion he became vice-president, which office he has since held. Mr. Sweeting has made many investments in business property in Bloomington, as well as in Streater, Ill., where he owns one-half block in the business section.

In 1895 Mr. Sweeting was married to Miss Martha Harvey, a native of Bloomington, and to this union one child was born, Lelia. She is the wife of Marvin D. Adams and lives at 806 East Washington Street.

Mr. Sweeting is a member of the Masonic lodge and belongs to the Shrine, Consistory and Knights Templar of both the York and Scottish Rites. Mr. Sweeting is a man of progressive ideas in his business and a citizen of whom the community is proud.

Arthur L. Burdette, the capable and well-known postmaster at Danvers, is a veteran of the World War. He was born at Danvers, May 27, 1899, the son of Martin Luther and Lydia Susan (Roach) Burdette.

Martin Luther Burdette and his wife are natives of West Virginia. They came to McLean County in the eighties and settled at Danvers, where Mr. Burdette worked at his trade as painter and paperhanger. Several years ago he and his wife went to Detroit, Mich., where they now reside. Mr. and Mrs. Burdette have five children, as follows: Calvin, married Gertrude Campbell, and lives in Chicago; Alice Faye, married E. A. Mason, and lives at Jackson, Mo.; Hortense Elizabeth, married Lyle S. Stuckey, lives at Danvers; Ida, unmarried, registered nurse; and Arthur L., the subject of this sketch.

Arthur L. Burdette received his education in the public schools of Danvers and Chicago and then engaged in the decorating business at Danvers. He enlisted for service in the World War in April, 1917, and served with the 6th Regiment of Marines. His training was received at Paris Island, S. C., and he sailed for France in October, 1917. Mr. Burdette took part in many important battles of the war and was discharged from service in August, 1919. He then returned to Danvers and later went to Chicago, where he was assistant manager of a department in the Marshall Field store. After eight months he returned to Danvers, and on Jan. 1, 1922, was appointed postmaster of Danvers, which office he has since filled in a very efficient manner.

Mr. Burdette was married in 1921 to Miss Mildred E. Chapman, a native of Carlock, Ill., and the daughter of Dr. A. L. and Lydia (Bram-

well) Chapman, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Illinois. Dr. Chapman was a prominent physician for a number of years and is now living retired in Bloomington. To Arthur L. and Mildred E. (Chapman) Burdette one child has been born, Margaret Louise.

In politics Mr. Burdette is a Republican and he is a member of the Presbyterian Church. He is a commander of the American Legion and is second vice-president of the National League of District Postmasters. Mr. Burdette is a progressive young man and well liked throughout the community.

Fred Stoppenbeck, an extensive farmer and stockman of Allin Township, and the owner of 120 acres of good farm land, was born on a farm in Dry Grove Township, McLean County, Sept. 4, 1878, the son of A. W. and Minnie (Liestman) Stoppenbeck.

A. W. Stoppenbeck was born in Germany, June 3, 1850, and came to the United States with his mother and step-father. He engaged in general farming in Dry Grove Township in 1871 and owned 61 acres of land. Before engaging in farming, Mr. Stoppenbeck was employed by the Big Four Railroad and worked at Bloomington. His wife, also a native of Germany, came to this country at the age of seven years and lived at Bloomington with a sister. She died in 1916 and Mr. Stoppenbeck now lives retired at Danvers. They were the parents of five children, as follows: W. H., died in 1921, was the husband of Amelia Alwes; Fred, the subject of this sketch; Anna, married Julius Alwes, lives in Illinois; Lizzie, died in 1910, was the wife of William Schweiman; and Emma, married William Alwes, lives at Bloomington.

Fred Stoppenbeck was educated in the public schools of Dry Grove Township and has always lived on a farm. He began farming on the present place in 1903 and has made extensive improvements. Mr. Stoppenbeck raises good stock and is well known throughout the township as a successful farmer.

In 1903 Mr. Stoppenbeck was married to Miss Nellie Hilton, a native of Peabody, Kans., and a daughter of J. N. and Louisa (Bohrer) Hilton, both natives of Ohio. Mr. Hilton followed farming for many years and now lives retired at Bloomington, and his wife died Sept. 23, 1922. They were the parents of the following children: A. W., married Mae Massey,

lives at Normal, Ill.; Edna, married Elmer Gerber, lives in Dry Grove Township; C. W., married Minnie Wangler, lives in Chicago; Mrs. Stoppenbeck; Guy, married Lena Mercier, lives in Dry Grove Township; R. N., married Freda Krentel, lives at Bloomington; and Gladys, married Leslie Ernst. Mr. and Mrs. Stoppenbeck have four children: Guy, Gail, Grace, and Glennor.

Mr. Stoppenbeck is identified with the Democratic party in politics and he is a director of the First National Bank at Danvers. He is a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Danvers and is one of the progressive and enterprising citizens of Allin Township.

A. P. Benjamin, a substantial farmer and stockman of Dale Township, five miles southwest of Bloomington, was born on the farm one-quarter of a mile from where he now lives, Feb. 20, 1850, the son of Alvah D. and Sarah Ellen (Stiger) Benjamin.

The Benjamin family dates back to John Benjamin, who arrived in Boston harbor from England, on Sept. 16, 1632; he was born in 1598. Abraham Stiger, grandfather on the maternal side, was a native of Bedford County, Pa., and an early settler of Dry Grove Township, having come here Oct. 22, 1836, with his family in a "schooner" wagon. Alvah D. Benjamin came to McLean County in 1846 from Massachusetts and entered 200 acres of land from the government, which with other purchase he farmed until the time of his death in 1878. To Mr. and Mrs. Alvah D. Benjamin, five children were born, as follows: A. P., the subject of this sketch; A. D., Jr., married Esther Darrow, lives in Bloomington, Ill.; Alden C., married Josie Lovenguth, lives at Bloomington, Ill.; Nancy, married William Aldrich, who is deceased; and Laura, was the wife of R. N. Inhofe, who is deceased.

Alvah D. Benjamin and Sarah Ellen Stigner were married June 11, 1848, in a school house, also used for a church. This building stood on the same spot where they are now buried.

A. P. Benjamin has always farmed in Dale Township, where he owns 231½ acres of good farm land. He specializes in the breeding of Aberdeen Angus cattle. Mr. Benjamin has a pair of valuable silver black fox which he received from Ontario, Canada.

On Dec. 31, 1872, Mr. Benjamin was married to Miss Margaret Carothers, a native of Ohio, and the daughter of Moses and Margaret

(Charles) Carothers. Mrs. Benjamin died, May 5, 1912, leaving three children, as follows: Charles, lives in Michigan; Frank, married Luella Bevan, lives in Dale Township, a couple of miles west of Bloomington on Washington Street road, and Ella, married Leslie Bicknell, and they reside with Mr. Benjamin.

Mr. Benjamin is a Democrat and has served as township supervisor. He is a member of the Masonic lodge of Shirley. Mr. Benjamin is a dependable citizen and is well known in McLean County.

Alexander Halsey, now living retired at Heyworth, is a native of McLean County, and a member of a well known pioneer family. He was born on a farm near Heyworth, Nov. 5, 1842, the son of Eli and Nancy (Scott) Halsey.

Eli Halsey was a native of Virginia, born April 15, 1815, the son of Moses Halsey. After his marriage in Virginia Eli Halsey came to Illinois and settled on a farm in Funks Grove Township, McLean County, where he died Jan. 19, 1871. His wife was born May 20, 1819, and was a daughter of Alexander Scott, a native of Tennessee. Mr. and Mrs. Eli Halsey were the parents of 13 children, as follows: Sarah McAllister, deceased; Alexander, the subject of this sketch; Pheobe McAllister, deceased; John, deceased; Ruth Owens, deceased; Jane Marshall lives at Bloomington, Ill.; George, deceased; Ira, lives in Dewitt County, Ill.; Robert, lives in Lee Center, Ill.; Amy F. Gaddis, lives at Clinton, Ill.; Martha Winkle, deceased; Eli and Wealthy H., deceased.

Alexander Halsey was educated in the district schools of Illinois and attended school in a log cabin. He has always been a farmer and was for many years a leading stockman of McLean County, specializing in the breeding of Shorthorn and Pole Angus Aberdeen cattle. Mr. Halsey owns 209 acres of well improved land and since 1917 has lived retired at Heyworth.

On October 8, 1864, Mr. Halsey was married to Miss Mary Jane Davis, a native of Switzerland County, Ind., born Aug. 31, 1846, the daughter of James L. and Tabitha (Maples) Davis. Mr. Davis was born in Indiana, July 19, 1819 and died Jan. 6, 1891. His wife was born April 16, 1823 and died June 30, 1894. They came to Illinois in 1851 and located on a farm near Heyworth. Mr. and Mrs. Davis were the parents of seven children, as follows: Isabel, born Sept. 13, 1843, died Aug. 3, 1865;



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Rhesylva McCauliff, born Dec. 9, 1844, died May 10, 1861; Mrs. Halsey; Benjamin F., born Dec. 11, 1848, died Sept. 5, 1871; Charles R., born Feb. 27, 1852, died March 12, 1864; Olive M. Smock, born Jan. 18, 1854, lives in Louisiana and Lottie, born Dec. 11, 1861, died in 1862.

To Alexander and Mary Jane (Davis) Halsey nine children have been born as follows: John C., born Aug. 25, 1865, lives in Chicago and has one child, Nellie, wife of E. T. Grambrel; Minnie A., born Jan. 28, 1867, at home; Arthur, born April 4, 1869, lives at Greenfield, Iowa; Arda, born Dec. 17, 1872, died Jan. 16, 1899; Robert Oscar, born Jan. 27, 1875, lives in DeWitt County, Ill.; Martin L., born July 28, 1887, died April 19, 1892; Owen A., born Oct. 17, 1880, lives in McLean County, Ill.; Anna J., born Oct. 17, 1883, at home and Olive Etta, widow of John J. Cruse, born June 28, 1886, lives at home. She has one child, Nava Mary.

Arthur Halsey has the following children: Elmer, Andrew, Earl, Beulah, Ruth, Loren, Clair, Glenn, Donnell, Coreta and Chester.

Robert Oscar Halsey has the following children: Daisy, Pearl, Jay, Dean, Fannie and Morris, the latter deceased.

Owen Halsey has the following children: Irvin, Paul, Reva, Avis, Helen, Melvolia and Caroline, the latter deceased.

Alexander Halsey is a Democrat and has served as school director and road overseer of Funks Grove Township.

Eugene D. Funk is a member of one of McLean County's oldest and most prominent pioneer families. He was born in Funks Grove Township, Sept. 3, 1867, and is a son of Lafayette and Elizabeth (Paullin) Funk.

Lafayette Funk was born in Funks Grove Township, which takes its name from the Funk family, Jan. 20, 1834. He was a son of Isaac and Casandre (Sharpe) Funk, natives of Kentucky and Maryland respectively. Isaac Funk was a conspicuous figure in connection with the agricultural development of Illinois from the initial stages, and his name was familiar to a great majority of the settlers of the central portion of the state. He was a typical representative of the sturdy and vigorous pioneer element, resolute, sagacious, progressive and strong in character and mental resources. He died Jan. 29, 1865. His wife passed away a few hours later. They reared a family of nine children.

Lafayette Funk's birth occurred in the second log cabin which his father had built, the first one having been destroyed by fire. He grew up

on his father's vast estate, reared in the midst of all the surroundings of a huge cattle ranch, herding cattle many days in boyhood, and receiving his rudimentary education in the old log school house in the neighborhood of his home. He was graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University on June 10, 1858, after which he assisted in the active management of his father's property. Mr. Funk inherited 2000 acres of the paternal estate, and he devoted special attention to cattle raising, marketing from 300 to 400 head annually. He was long recognized as one of the most enterprising and extensive stockraisers in this section of the state. On Jan. 12, 1864, Mr. Funk was married to Miss Elizabeth Paullin, a native of Clark County, Ohio, and the daughter of Newcomb and Mary Ann (Harpole) Paullin, natives of Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Funk became the parents of three children: Eugene D., the subject of this sketch; Edgar Paullin, who died in infancy; and Deloss, who after attending the Illinois State Normal University and the University of Illinois, engaged in farming. He married Miss Anna Belle Read. Mr. Lafayette Funk died Sept. 6, 1919. Mrs. Funk lives at the old residence with her son, Delos, near Shirley.

Eugene D. Funk attended the district schools of Funks Grove Township, the Wyman Institute at Alton, Ill., Andover Academy in Massachusetts, and Yale University. He then went to Europe, where he took a course in agriculture. Since 1890 Mr. Funk has been engaged in farming and has been among the leading and successful stockmen of Illinois. He is the owner of 1200 acres of well improved land. The pure bred Short-horn cattle on the Funk estate is in a direct line from the stock of 1865.

In 1894, Mr. Funk was united in marriage with Miss Mary Anderson, a native of Oregon, born Feb. 14, 1874, and the daughter of A. D. and Alta (Bryant) Anderson. Mrs. Funk's grandparents went from New York to Oregon by ox team in 1853. Her father is deceased and Mrs. Anderson lives in Portland, Ore. To Eugene D. and Mary (Anderson) Funk eight children have been born: Gladys, married C. A. Rethmeyer, lives in Chicago and they have four children, Betty, Robert, Josephine and Calvert; Lafayette, married Cleota Otto, lives across the road from the Funk homestead, and they have one child, Lafayette, Jr.; Elizabeth, married Robert McCormick, a farmer, lives at Gibson City, Ill.; Eugene D., Jr., a graduate of the University of Illinois, in February, 1924; Paul Allen and Theodore, students in the University of Illinois; and Ruth and Mary, students at the Benjamin Funk school.

One of the most interesting and important war relief activities was that relating to food production and conservation. Mr. Funk was honored by appointment as a member of the General War Conference Food Committee and made chairman of the National Seed Corn Administration. He was summoned to Washington, D. C., in May, 1917, by Herbert Hoover, national food administrator, and was appointed a member of the committee of twelve to fix the price of wheat by President Wilson. At the suggestion of Mr. Hoover he was also placed upon the Agricultural Advisory Committee of the Food Administration and the U. S. Department of Agriculture by President Wilson. The facts that Mr. Funk had served as president of the National Corn Association since it was first organized in 1908; was a member of the Agricultural Committee of the United States Chamber of Commerce; treasurer of the State Live Stock Association of Illinois and chairman of the Illinois State Seed Corn Administration, gave him special prominence and had a tendency to secure his appointment upon the important war boards. He put in 18 strenuous months in Washington.

The disastrous frost of 1917 left the striking lesson that farmers should create a sufficient reserve of seed corn at harvest time for the following spring's planting. In September, 1918, a campaign was launched under the direction of Mr. Funk urging the farmers of Illinois to select the best seed corn early and arrange for proper storage facilities. Seed corn weeks were arranged by districts and 250,000 copies of posters were distributed. The campaign brought satisfactory results and reports indicated that more farmers than usual were performing this task. The message that farmers should use care in selecting their seed corn and in testing it before planting, was visualized at a seed corn show and demonstration held under the auspices of the State Council of Defense at the International Live Stock Exposition during the week beginning Nov. 30, 1918, in Chicago. A comprehensive seed corn exhibit portraying this message was installed and competent authorities were present to talk with the visitors. This demonstration was a gratifying success and it was the general opinion that good work was being registered. The seed corn needs of the state were well taken care of. Over 250,000 bushels of tested seed were sold to Illinois farmers and only six complaints were registered against it. The sale of seed corn of doubtful germination from seed men of questionable reputation was stopped in many instances. The adminis-

tration not only supplied seed to the state but also protected farmers from many unscrupulous seedmen. Mr. Funk and other members of the Seed Corn Administration deserve the highest commendation for their participation in this work. It was a great sacrifice because they necessarily were forced to neglect their own interests to be of service in the larger work of supplying the state with seed. Their efforts will be of lasting benefit to Illinois agriculture as the gospel of seed testing was emphasized as it never was before. During this work in Washington, and in connection with the State Council of Defence, Mr. Funk had \$1,500,000 at his disposal, which was used in the purchase of seed corn.

Mr. Funk is the originator and president of the Funk Bros. Seed Co., which was organized in 1901, with Delos Funk, vice-president, and H. H. Miller, manager. He is a Republican and a member of the Masonic Lodge.

Edward Ryburn, now living retired at Heyworth, Ill., is the owner of 400 acres of land in McLean County. He was born in Harrison County, Ohio, Nov. 30, 1839, and is the son of James R. and Mary Ann (Bigley) Ryburn.

James R. Ryburn was a native of Pennsylvania, born June 9, 1793. He was married on June 23, 1825, to Miss Mary Ann Bigley, a native of Washington County, Pa., born March 28, 1808. She died May 2, 1881 and Mr. Ryburn died Nov. 2, 1857. In 1853 the Ryburn family came to Illinois and settled on a farm in Randolph Township, where Mr. Ryburn farmed until the time of his death. Mr. and Mrs. James R. Ryburn were the parents of 10 children, as follows: James, Joseph, John, David, Elizabeth, all deceased; Edward, the subject of this sketch; Margaret Flagg, lives in California; Samuel, deceased and Jack, deceased.

Edward Ryburn was reared on the farm and received his education in the district schools of McLean County. David and Samuel Ryburn enlisted for service during the Civil War and served with Company B, 94th Illinois Volunteer Infantry. In 1866 Edward Ryburn began farming and for many years was a leading stockman of the county and now owns 400 acres of well improved land. He and his brothers, David and Joseph were successful as breeders of pure bred Shorthorn cattle and won many premiums with their stock at various fairs.

On Dec. 19, 1865, Edward Ryburn was united in marriage with Miss Amanda Passwaters, a native of McLean County, born April 27, 1845,



EDWARD RYBURN.

and the daughter of Richard and Sina (Mizner) Passwaters. Mr. Passwaters was born in Virginia, Nov. 3, 1812, and his wife was born in 1816 at Hamilton, Ohio. He came to Illinois in 1829, locating on land near Heyworth. He owned 100 acres of land, which he improved, and for many years Mr. Passwaters was a well known farmer. He died Aug. 27, 1898. His wife died February, 1897.

To Edward and Amanda (Passwaters) Ryburn six children have been born, as follows: Anna, the widow of S. H. Hayes, lives with her parents. She has two children, Ethel M. and Jessie now the wife of Chester Van Horn, Funks Grove Township, born May 6, 1866; Iris was wife of Dr. F. L. Wakefield, born Oct. 6, 1868, died Aug. 11, 1907; William E., born Jan. 2, 1871, Breckenridge, Missouri; John R., born Feb. 23, 1873, lives on the home place; James D., born June 13, 1875, lives in Heyworth and one child died in infancy.

Mr. Ryburn is a Republican and his wife is a member of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Ryburn is a substantial citizen, esteemed throughout his community as a man of integrity and uprightness of character.

W. C. Johnson Family—In the early '50's, many families left their homes in the east and came to the prairies of Illinois, making the long journey in wagons and carriages. The Johnsons came from Johnson's Cross Roads, in Monroe County, Virginia. There were three brothers, Jacob, Samuel and Caleb, with their wives and children. Like most of the early settlers, they made their new homes in the edge of the woods. Jacob Johnson bought the old brick house at the top of the hill near Sugar Creek about five miles west of Bloomington, on the Washington Street road. It is still in the possession of the Johnson family. There was a large family of young people, and the home became a gay social center. One of the daughters married a Presbyterian minister from southern Kentucky named Harris. The next year his niece, Amanda Jane Harris, came to visit her uncle and was a guest in the Johnson home. A romance ensued, and on Nov. 1, 1859, William C. Johnson and Amanda Harris were married in her Kentucky home.

The next year they bought the home on the West Washington Street road where the family has ever since lived. In 1909, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson celebrated their golden wedding, which was a great social event

in the community. Mr. Johnson died Feb. 10, 1912, and Mrs. Johnson died Jan. 18, 1920. Eight children were born in the home, six girls and two boys. The oldest daughter died in infancy, and Emma when she was 18, a student at the Wesleyan University. Ella married R. P. Haldeman, and died in St. Louis in 1915. Ida, the wife of W. B. Read, lives in Bloomington and the other four, Belle, Will, Amos and Jeannette, live at the Johnson home. Amos Johnson farms and manages the Johnson land.

Louie Forman, a prosperous farmer and stockman of McLean County, living in Bloomington, was born there, Jan. 3, 1881. He is the son of Louis and Rosalie (McCord) Forman.

Lewis Forman was born in New Jersey, Feb. 21, 1832, the son of William A. Forman, who brought his family to Illinois in 1856, locating in McLean County. The following year the Forman family removed to Livingston County, but after one year there returned to McLean County, where William A. Forman died, Dec. 27, 1861. Lewis and David G. Forman, brothers, located in Dale Township and became successful farmers, the former retired in 1903. His wife, Rosalie A. McCord, was born in Pike County, Ill., Aug. 12, 1853, and she died June 19, 1911. Louie Forman, the subject of this sketch, is their only child.

Louie Forman received his education in the public schools and is a graduate of Michigan Military Academy. He also studied agriculture at the University of Illinois for two years. Since finishing his schooling Mr. Forman has engaged in farming and now owns 800 acres of well improved land. He is widely known as a breeder of pure bred Hereford cattle. He and his family live in the home of the late Judge Welty, at 1508 East Washington street.

In 1906, Mr. Forman was married to Elizabeth Welty, a native of Bloomington and a daughter of Judge Sain and Gertrude (Ball) Welty.

Judge Sain Welty was born in Marshall County, Ill., Jan. 19, 1853. After graduating from Illinois Wesleyan University in 1881, he entered Yale University, finishing there in 1883. Judge Welty came to Bloomington in 1883 and entered the law offices of Fifer & Phillips. Later he was a member of the firm of Welty, Sterling & Whitmore. He was elected judge in 1915 of the Circuit court, which office he held until the time of his death on April 14, 1920. Judge Welty was Master in Chancery from

1897 to 1901, and served as city attorney of Bloomington from 1889 to 1892. In 1879, he was married to Miss Gertrude Ball, who was born in Illinois, Oct. 16, 1858. To this union one child was born, Mrs. Forman. Mrs. Welty lives with her daughter. Mr. and Mrs. Forman have one son, Lewis Welty, who was born March 12, 1911.

Mr. Forman is a Republican. He is a member of the board of supervisors and for eight years has been Past Exalted Ruler of the Elks. Mr. and Mrs. Forman are well known and are among McLean County's representative citizens.

John S. Percy, now living retired at Bloomington, has been a well known farmer and stockman of Old Town Township for many years. He was born in Greene County, N. Y., on a farm 25 miles from Albany, Nov. 28, 1858, the son of James and Elizabeth (Stark) Percy.

James Percy was a native of Belfast, Ireland, as also was his wife. They came to the United States in 1848 and located in New York state. In 1866 the Percy family came to Illinois and located near Benjaminville, where Mr. Percy purchased a farm of 160 acres. He died in 1873 and his wife died in 1896. They were the parents of four children, as follows: James B., born in 1844, married Mary Moore, and he died in 1898; David, born in 1847, married Maggie Mutch, and he died in 1920; Mary, born in 1848, married R. S. Krum, a retired merchant, lives in Arrowsmith Township, McLean County; and John S., the subject of this sketch.

John S. Percy was educated in the district schools near Benjaminville and started life farming with his brother, David, on 160 acres of land in Old Town Township. Mr. Percy still owns his farm but has lived retired since 1919. He resides at 508 South Clayton Street, Bloomington.

On Nov. 29, 1882, Mr. Percy was married to Miss Martha Ann Mutch, a native of Harrisburg, Pa., born in 1862, and the daughter of Samuel and Fannie (Buser) Mutch. Mr. and Mrs. Mutch and their family came to Bloomington in 1878, and he conducted a shoe shop on Main street until the time of his death in 1908. His widow resides with Mr. and Mrs. Percy. Mrs. Percy had one brother, William, who died 14 years ago. To J. S. and Martha (Mutch) Percy four children have been born, as follows: Bertha, born in 1886, married Arthur Goodrich of Gibson City, Ill., and they have three children, Lewis, Pauline and Percy; Earl Percy,

born in 1888, married Edna Burke, and they have two children, Helen and John B.; Roy, born in 1889, married Anna Benjamin, and they have one child, Ruth; and Clarence, born in 1901, married Helen Howard, lives in Bloomington, and they have one child, Dorothy Jane.

Mr. Percy is a Republican, has served as road commissioner for three years and has been school trustee for 14 years. He has been a member of the Methodist Church for 42 years, and is a highly respected citizen of McLean County.

• **Hiram H. Crumbaugh**, president of the First National Bank of LeRoy, now a retired farmer, is among the prominent and successful business men of McLean County. He was born in Empire Township, June 29, 1861, the son of James H. L. and Amanda M. (Buck) Crumbaugh.

James H. L. Crumbaugh was a native of Henderson County, Ky., born May 1, 1826, and the son of Henry and Sarah (Baldock) Crumbaugh. Henry Crumbaugh was born in Frederick County, Md., April 26, 1789, and came to Illinois in 1828, being among the first settlers of the state. He was a farmer during his life and died Oct. 27, 1877. His wife, Sarah (Baldock) Crumbaugh, was a native of Kentucky and they were the parents of 12 children. James H. L. Crumbaugh, the subject's father, was a prominent farmer of McLean County for many years and died March 6, 1904. His wife, Amanda M. (Buck) Crumbaugh, was born in Indiana, Feb. 10, 1828, the daughter of Hiram and Mercy (Karr) Buck, natives of New York. She now makes her home with her son, Hiram H. Crumbaugh. Mr. and Mrs. James H. L. Crumbaugh had three children, as follows: Laura E. Lafferty, born Aug. 26, 1852, Clinton, Ill.; Edith May Lafferty, born May 31, 1856, Clinton, Ill and Hiram H., the subject of this sketch.

Hiram H. Crumbaugh received his education in the district schools and then engaged in farming and stock raising with his father. In 1892 he began farming for himself in Empire Township and now owns 753 acres of land in McLean County. He moved to LeRoy in 1904 where he now resides in the east part of the town. He has been president of The First National Bank of LeRoy since its organization in 1907. Mr. Crumbaugh also served as mayor of LeRoy for three years and as alderman for 11 years and as member of the school board.

On Dec. 23, 1891, Mr. Crumbaugh married Miss Grace Shirley, born in DeWitt County, Ill., Aug. 30, 1870. She has lived in McLean County since

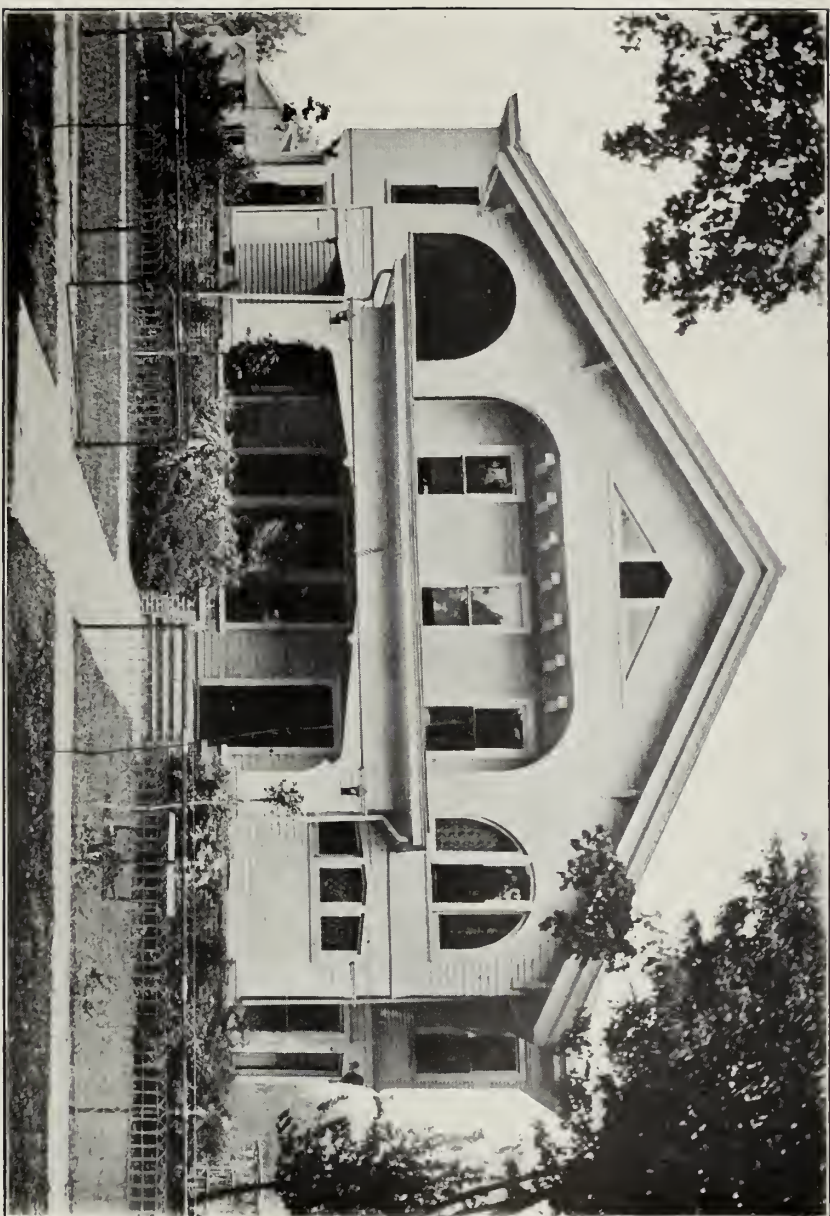
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Amanda M. Crumbaugh



RESIDENCE OF MR. AND MRS. HERMAN H. CRUMBAUGH.

she was four years of age and is the daughter of William P. and Elizabeth (Cantrell) Shirley. Mr. Shirley was born in Maryland, July 1, 1817, came to Illinois in 1846 and died Sept. 10, 1883. His wife was born in Waynesville, Ill., May 9, 1835, and died July 15, 1918. She was the daughter of John M. and Joanna (Jones) Cantrell. Mrs. Shirley was married first to Robert King, on Sept. 21, 1855 and to that union three children were born, as follows: Alice M., wife of W. S. Harold, lives in Clinton, Ill.; Charles, lives in St. Louis and Hattie B., wife of Abe Fry, lives in Brooking, S. D. Mr. King died July 9, 1858, and on March 13, 1866, his widow married William P. Shirley. Two children were born to this union: Nellie, widow of James H. Long, lives in Hobridge, Neb. and Mrs. Crumbaugh. To Hiram H. and Grace (Shirley) Crumbaugh two children have been born, as follows: Clifford Lyle, born July 31, 1894, assistant cashier of The First National Bank at LeRoy, he was married on April 15, 1924 to Emiley Phillips Kimler and Nellie May, born Sept. 1, 1902, she was married June 9, 1923 to John Kelly Smith, Rodgers Park, Chicago, Ill.

In politics Mr. Crumbaugh is a Republican and he is a member of the Masonic lodge. He is an energetic and enterprising citizen and well known throughout McLean County.

Jacob Sholty, now living retired in Bloomington, is a well known and highly respected citizen of McLean County. He was born in Dale Township, April 2, 1863, and is a son of Henry C. and Susan (Swinehart) Sholty, natives of Pennsylvania.

Henry C. Sholty was born in Pennsylvania, March 7, 1833, the son of Jacob and Mary (Kauffman) Sholty, and a grandson of William Sholty. His maternal grandparents were Michael and Annie (Funk) Kauffman. William Sholty, who was a native of the Netherlands, emigrated from Holland to the United States when he was a young man, and his son Jacob was born in Pennsylvania in 1805. Jacob Sholty grew to manhood and was married in that state to Mary Kauffman. In 1837 he and his family made their way westward, stopping for a few months in Dayton, Ohio, and later arrived in Delaware County, Ind., where they remained 14 years. At the end of this period they concluded to go further west and ultimately, in 1841, located in McLean County, settling on a farm of 125 acres in Dale Township. To this Jacob Sholty added 375 acres before

his death, which occurred in October, 1880. He and his wife were the parents of nine children: Christopher, Henry C., Susan, Samuel, Bergonia, Sophia, Levi W., John and Anna M. The mother of this family died in 1893. She and her husband were members of the United Brethren Church. In political matters the father was a believer in the principles of the Republican party.

Henry C. Sholty received his education in the common schools and in early youth learned the carpenter trade. This occupation he followed during his active life. He was four years of age when his parents moved to Indiana and 17 years old when he accompanied his father and mother to Illinois. At the age of 21 years he began to work for himself as a carpenter. In connection with this occupation he settled on a farm in Dale Township in 1854, and followed general farming and stock raising. He engaged in mercantile pursuits in this township in 1868, buying and selling grain, and continued in this line until 1878. In 1895 he retired from active work making his home in Bloomington.

In March, 1859, Henry C. Sholty was married to Susan Swinehart, a native of Montgomery County, Pa., who was born July 30, 1828, the daughter of George and Susanna (Saylor) Swinehart, of German descent. They spent their entire lives in Pennsylvania, dying in York County. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Sholty, as follows: Mary, born Jan. 28, 1860, died Oct. 11, 1880; William L.; Jacob, the subject of this sketch; and Elizabeth. The mother of this family died Oct. 22, 1898, and on Dec. 26, 1899, Mr. Sholty was married to Mrs. August Ziebold, a native of Germany, and the oldest daughter of Charles and Rose Klawitter. By her first marriage, Mrs. Sholty had two children, Elsie, deceased, and Edna. To his second marriage one son was born, Henry Sholty, born Jan. 8, 1906.

Jacob Sholty received his education in the public schools and in early manhood commenced farming for himself by renting a portion of his father's land. At a later period he bought a farm of 60 acres adjoining this to which he added by successive purchases until he became the owner of 320 acres in Dale Township. He was very successful in general farming and stock raising. Since 1920 Mr. Sholty has lived retired in Bloomington, and his farm is operated by his son.

On Jan. 13, 1886, Mr. Sholty was married to Miss Florence Staley, a native of Hagerstown, Md., and the daughter of Andrew and Sarah (Powell) Staley, natives of Maryland. The parents of Mrs. Sholty settled

in McLean County when she was but three years of age. To Jacob and Florence (Staley) Sholty five children were born, as follows: Henry, married Leota Searl, lives in Michigan; Elmer H.; Clara, married Joshua Busick, lives in Michigan and they have six children, Myron, Elmer, Florence, Sarah, Dorothy, Leota; Ada Fern, married Howard C. Frink, lives at Centralia, Mo., and they have five children, Jacob, Andrew, Gilbert, Alice, Pauline and Ruth; Ivan McKinley, married Marietta Fisher, lives in Dale Township, and they have one child, Ivan, Jr.

Mr. Sholty is a Republican and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen of America. He and his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Shirley, and the Sholty family has always been representative of the best citizenship of McLean County.

Joseph H. Iden, an enterprising and successful business man of LeRoy, was born in Downs Township, McLean County, Feb. 15, 1879, and is the son of Townsend J. and Rebecca Jane (Cochran) Iden.

Townsend J. Iden is a native of Licking County, Ohio, and was born March 10, 1840. He came to Illinois in 1863 and located in Downs Township, where he purchased a farm of 160 acres. He later increased his land holdings until he owned 320 acres of well improved land. He now lives retired at LeRoy. Mrs. Iden was born in Ohio, Jan. 5, 1839. They were the parents of three children, as follows: John William, lives in McLean County; Dr. Edgar H., died June 2, 1901; and Joseph H., the subject of this sketch.

Townsend J. Iden is the son of Thomas Iden, who was born in Virginia and came to Ohio many years ago. He married Elizabeth Hill and their son, Townsend J. Iden, is the only survivor of the family now living. Rebecca Jane (Cochran) Iden died Nov. 26, 1923, and is buried in Oak Grove Cemetery, LeRoy, Ill. After coming to McLean County many years ago Mrs. Iden taught school in Downs Township before her marriage. During the early days Townsend J. Iden sold corn at Bloomington for eight cents per bushel. Mr. and Mrs. Iden were married in 1870 and among McLean's oldest and most highly respected pioneer citizens. He has been a member of the LeRoy Masonic Lodge since 1866 and has belonged to the Presbyterian Church for many years and an elder of the church for 30 years.

Joseph H. Iden was reared on his father's farm and attended the district schools and the public schools at Normal. In September, 1898, Mr. Iden attended the Chicago College of Embalming. He then came to LeRoy, Jan. 23, 1901, and engaged in the furniture and undertaking business. He sold out the furniture business in 1914. He then established, with the undertaking business, a music store and handles pianos and phonographs. He is among the prominent embalmers of McLean County and one of the representative business men of the county.

On June 14, 1900, Mr. Iden married Miss Georgianna Bishop, a native of Heyworth, Ill., born Nov. 18, 1878, and the daughter of John and Mary (Passwater) Bishop, both deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Iden have one child, Delmar Townsend, born Feb. 17, 1912.

Mr. Iden is an independent voter. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church and belongs to the Masonic Lodge, the Bloomington Consistory and Springfield Shrine, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows No. 149 of LeRoy, and the Red Men. Mr. Iden is an alert business man, and a citizen of high ideals.

Edgar M. Heafer, a prominent citizen of McLean County and former mayor of Bloomington, was born March 20, 1851, in Jamestown, Ky. This town, usually called Jintown for many years, is now called Dayton. His parents, Napoleon Bonaparte Heafer and Elizabeth Suey Clark, arrived with him and his sister, Laurretta E., in Bloomington, Ill., in 1853. The father was a rapid and artistic bricklayer. He used a trowel larger than the standard and could spread mortar with a single effort for seven and eight bricks.

About 1854 the father established a brickyard on the Bentown road just east of the present Mercer Avenue and south of the Bentown road, which premises were later occupied by the McCart family and now by Mr. Charles Brokaw. Later he established a brickyard south of the Bentown road yard at what would have been the intersection of Mercer Avenue and Cheney's Grove road, if Mercer Avenue had been in existence. Still later he embarked in the brick business just west of the last place mentioned where he built a square brick house which still remains. These premises in 1857, being possessed of the Pike's Peak fever, he disposed of to S. D. Rounds, who made brick on the same premises. On all of these



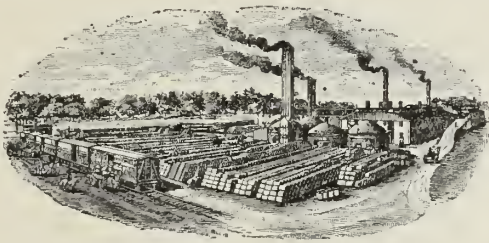
MRS. EDGAR M. HEAFER.



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brick yards Edgar M. Heafer performed some sort of service. When nearly six years old he began attendance at the old Price brick school which lay on the west side of the LeRoy road and in the corner now formed by the LeRoy road and the L. E. & W. R. R., but the latter was not there at that time.

When the father began his journey to Pike's Peak he sent his family back to Kentucky but having taken sick on the plains he found it necessary to give up the trip and make his way to St. Joseph, Mo., where he at once engaged in the brick-making and contracting business, erecting there among other buildings the most presumptuous hotel of that city at that time. Again the subject of this sketch became one of the employes of his father's brickyards at 25 cents at first and later 50 cents per week. In the spring of 1859 Napoleon B. Heafer was stricken with the Pike's Peak fever the second time and with two bob-tail horses, a covered wagon



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well laden with flour, salt pork, beans and a sort of cracker-biscuit, dry as Sahara could have made them, he and the family consisting of four children struck out for the giant tempter. The journey was not without excitement for the wild Indians were not always friendly and many times it was a question whether they would not violently show their power. On the last morning they started on the trip they were about two days distance from Denver, but all day long a portion of a tribe, angered at some trifle, followed them and their companions, for there were 12 or 15 wagons in the caravan that day. The travelers counseled toward evening and decided that it would not be safe to camp out another night on the plains, but that they should continue progress until Denver would be reached. This was done and the caravan reached Denver about three o'clock next morning. Ordinarily some members of this caravan would have gone ahead, that is, those having the fastest horses while others would have

lagged behind not even having medium fast horses because every one was in a hurry to reach the mountain of gold and no one waited for another. The Indians never disturbed Denver and an Indian was seldom, if ever, seen on the mountains.

Besides the Indians, herds of buffalo and antelope constituted an agreeable excitement and both afforded the hungry traveler satisfying food. Sometimes a buffalo herd would number 500 or more and could be seen at a great distance in the dry atmosphere and at first sight presented the appearance of rolling or undulating terra firma. When on a stampede and coming toward the wayfarers, it was necessary for the latter to determine just how wide their front line was and to move out of its reach for under such circumstances they stopped for nothing or nobody. They did not seem to look up at all, but followed their leader. The extermination of the buffalo cannot be attributed to these misguided travelers because they did not have time for such devastation. Their aim was Pike's Peak and their slogan, "Pike's Peak or bust." The "bust" member of the slogan was usually realized at some time after the arrival.

The allurements were irresistible but the rewards trivial and for the great majority there were no rewards. Not thoroughly encouraged by mining results the family returned to Bloomington where the father regained the old premises with the brick house and did such bricklaying work as he could find until in 1862, he formed a partnership with James H. McGregor and they embarked in the brick business as well as contracting and did a successful business for 21 years when they dissolved partnership, but each independently of the other continued to operate in that line.

Edgar M. Heafer in 1874 embarked in the drain tile business and continued in it until 1914. It was his intention to conduct this business until infirmity or death checked his career, but owing to exhaustion of clay close at hand, the absolutely necessary raw material, and his inability to have it delivered promptly by rail from a distance, it was necessary to discontinue.

During the 40 years, thus engaged in business, that is, the drain tile business, a part of which time he was operating also in the brick business on a large scale as also the natural ice business on a fairly good sized plan. This business was abandoned in 1910 when fire destroyed the ice houses. A peculiarity of the natural ice business was that one could only depend on about every other year to harvest a fair crop. Before the

artificial production of ice became a success, the natural ice operator could, when there was an abundance of ice produced, harvest enough for two seasons, but when held over it had a strong tendency, rather a sure tendency to melt together and in removing it from the houses during the second year it broke more or less as the cakes were separated from one another, so when the artificial ice could be placed on the market in uniform and even sizes the public would not accept irregular pieces of ice as they had done before the advent of artificial ice.

As an individual operator in the manufacture of drain tile, it may be said that probably no other produced and placed more goods in that line on the market than did Edgar M. Heafer. Perhaps no individual did more to remove mortgages on the farms of the country than did he by furnishing the tile and advice for their use for draining the best farm lands of their surplus water. It was up-hill work to awaken the farmer to the advantages to be derived from the use of this article. It was difficult for many to understand how this article could remove the water without at the same time removing so much as to render the soil too dry but, as mysterious as it did seem to some, drain tile did remove water from the soil without making it excessively or injuriously dry, that is, the surplus water was removed by the action of the tile but the soil by means of capillary attraction held enough water to feed the plants with such moisture as was needed. It was excessive water that was an injury to vegetation; it was the water of capillary attraction that was beneficial. At different times his father was a partner in drain tile operations.

At the beginning of the drain tile business he made what was known as flat bottom tile, but later round tile were considered more scientific in their performance than the former, and consequently about the year 1879, he began to produce round tile and continued to do so to the end. Many improvements in machinery, kilns, and other equipments were made during his career. He and his father were several times patentees themselves.

In the early days, only small sizes could be sold and for a while nothing above six-inch diameter was produced and then eight-inch was added but it was a long time before ten-inch were in demand. He remembers the first ten-inch he sold. He had tried to make them before but failed to have the proper equipment. An old customer, H. E. Seiberns of Gridley and Peoria, Ill., called on him one day who wanted seven or eight carloads of tile, among which was about one carload of ten-inch, but Mr. Haefer

pleaded inability to make them and begged for the rest of the order, but it was not forthcoming, and he finally, and it might be said, blindly, accepted the order. That night, it was necessary to run the factory, not for this order, but for others, until midnight, and while he was superintending the night force it dawned upon him that he should go to the office and write his friend declining the ten-inch order. But instead he sat down when he had an opportunity and thought out a device that he believed would make that size. He, working with a mechanic the next morning, constructed the equipment and as soon as completed, it was tried out and worked successfully at once without experimentation. Improvements were constantly being made by machinery men and soon he had machinery installed for large sizes and when he quit he was making tile as large as 24 inches in diameter and was just starting to make 27 and 30 inch when discontinuance was decided upon.

He always was zealous in his efforts to produce an article of superiority and from the time he began to the end he is confident that he succeeded. Tile on the market were not uniform in length but he maintained a watchfulness and integrity in his work that prevented any goods going from his factory of less length than advertised. Moreover, the actual bore of the tile was always larger than the nominal bore, that is, for instance, a six-inch tile would measure about six and one-fourth, a ten-inch tile about ten and one-half inches in the bore. When he began there were only two or three drain tile factories in the state and he soon forged beyond them. His policy was, to sell to the man of small means as cheaply as to the man of large means, and charged the same rate for a handful as for a wagon load. At one time he owned and operated a factory at Lexington, Ill., and was president and majority stockholder in one at Melvin. This factory burnt in 1894 and the large factory built in the southeast part of Bloomington burnt with disastrous results in 1888 but a new one was built and in operation in 1889.

On Feb. 17, 1876, Mr. Heafer was united in marriage with Miss Ida May Depew, a native of Bloomington, and the daughter of William S. and Fannie M. (Schaum) Depew, natives of Indiana, now deceased. Mr. Depew died July 29, 1917, and his wife died Aug. 19th of the same year. To Mr. and Mrs. Heafer have been born four children: Stella Pearl, the wife of James C. Riley; Edgar Napoleon; Roscoe Lionel; and Harold William.

Mr. Heafer is identified with the Republican party in politics and served as mayor of Bloomington during the year of 1895. He has also

served as alderman and school trustee. He belongs to the Elks Lodge and is a Knights Templar Mason. Mrs. Heafer is a member of the Methodist church.

William M. McConnell, a leading farmer and stockman and large land owner of McLean County, was born in Downs Township, McLean County, Oct. 25, 1866, the son of John and Martha E. (Buck) McConnell.

John McConnell was born near Cincinnati, Ohio, April 9, 1832, the son of William and Catherine A. (LaFever) McConnell, both natives of Pennsylvania. The McConnell family is of Scotch and Irish descent and the first ancestors to come to the United States settled in Pennsylvania. William McConnell was born April 12, 1787, and after his marriage moved to Knox County, Ohio, later returning to Pennsylvania. He operated several flat boats up and down the Ohio River and was a prominent trader for many years. He served throughout the War of 1812 and later became a large land owner, owning 400 acres of land in Wabash County, Ind., besides his other land holdings. He died Oct. 2, 1876, and his wife died in 1835. Mr. and Mrs. William McConnell had 12 children.

John McConnell spent his early days on his father's farm and received his education in the district schools of Ohio and attended an agricultural college near Cincinnati, Ohio. In 1854 he came to McLean County, Ill., with his father and purchased 160 acres of land in Downs Township. Mr. McConnell then returned to Ohio and remained there until 1885, at which time he returned to Downs Township. He became a prosperous farmer and large land owner of McLean County, and was married on June 17, 1862, to Miss Martha E. Buck, a native of LeRoy, Ill., and the daughter of Squire Hiram Buck, who came to Illinois from Ohio in 1836. To Mr. and Mrs. John McConnell three children were born, as follows: Anna B., died in 1881 at the age of 18 years; William M., the subject of this sketch; and Hiram E., twin brother of William M., died March 12, 1912. William M. McConnell's father owned 800 acres of land at the time of his death and was the owner of some of the finest farms in the county.

William M. McConnell received his schooling in the public schools and attended Wesleyan University for two years, and later the Evergreen Business College at Bloomington, from which he was graduated in 1888. Mr. McConnell owns 600 acres of good farm land in McLean County and

for many years has been one of the leading stockmen of the township. He was a breeder of registered Shorthorn cattle and was in partnership with his brother, Hiram E. McConnell, for years. Mr. McConnell now resides at LeRoy.

On May 11, 1899, Mr. McConnell married Miss Maude Luella Gilmore, a native of LeRoy, born Aug. 2, 1876, and the daughter of J. D. and Barbara (Murphfield) Gilmore, who were the parents of the following children: Chauncey, deceased; Frank, lives at Bloomington; Lawrence, lives in Chicago; Emmerson, lives at Bloomington; Claude, lives in Indiana; Glenn, lives in Chicago; Burnett, deceased; and Mrs. McConnell, who died Feb. 9, 1917. On Sept. 29, 1918, Mr. McConnell married Miss Lenora Lane, a native of Kentucky, born April 29, 1884. She died Sept. 14, 1921.

Mr. McConnell has been a director of the First National Bank at LeRoy ever since its organization and he is a director of the Mutual Insurance Company, having succeeded his father in that office. He is a Republican and a member of the Presbyterian Church, and he belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at LeRoy. Mr. McConnell is one of the interesting men of his community, who, by inheritance and training, is energetic, capable and a substantial citizen.

Ed Guard, who has the agency at LeRoy for Buick automobiles, and also conducts the only farm implement store there, is among the enterprising and successful business men of the county. He was born at El Paso, Ill., Jan. 16, 1865, the son of John and Elizabeth Guard.

John Guard was born in Devonshire, England, on April 7, 1820, and came to the United States with his wife, also a native of England, in 1851. They located in Peoria County, Ill., where they lived for 12 years, then moving to Woodford County, Ill. Mr. Guard followed general farming and was successful. He died March 28, 1914, and is buried at El Paso, Ill. His wife died in 1874. Mr. and Mrs. Guard had four children, as follows: Frank, retired farmer, lives at El Paso, Ill.; James, retired farmer, lives at El Paso, Ill.; Martha, deceased; and Ed, the subject of this sketch.

Ed Guard was reared on a farm and educated in the district schools. He entered business at LeRoy in 1902 in partnership with the Jackson

Moss Company, dealers in hardware and farm implements. In February, 1904, Frank Bishop purchased an interest in the business, which was then known as the Guard and Bishop Company. Mr. Guard bought Mr. Bishop's interest in the business in 1916 and since that time has carried on the business alone. Mr. Guard has had the agency at LeRoy for Buick automobiles since 1913. His store is the only one of its kind in the town and Mr. Guard has built up a large trade and has one of the leading business enterprises in the community.

On Feb. 9, 1895, Mr. Guard married Miss Elizabeth Hendron, a native of Woodford County, Ill., and the daughter of James and Barbara Hendron, who were the parents of the following children: James, California; William, lives in Chicago; Anna Smith, Mt. Carroll, Ill.; and Mrs. Guard. To Ed and Elizabeth (Hendron) Guard one daughter has been born, Frances Guard.

Frances Guard was born Nov. 1, 1901, and is a graduate of LeRoy High School. On April 20, 1921, Miss Guard was married to Mr. Merle Hitchell.

Ed Guard is a Republican in politics, a member of the Presbyterian Church and belongs to the Knights of Pythias No. 202, LeRoy, and the Modern Woodmen of America at LeRoy. He is a dependable citizen and the Guard family stand high in the community.

Isaac Cooksley, a highly respected and well known citizen of LeRoy, Ill., was born in England, Oct. 30, 1857, the son of Daniel and Mary Ann (Gray) Cooksley.

Daniel Cooksley and his wife were born in England and lived there until the time of their deaths. Mr. Cooksley followed farming and died at the age of 63 years and his wife lived to be 87 years old. They were the parents of 10 children, of whom the following are now living: Edwin; Walter; Alfred; Mariah, and Lucy, the above named all live in England; and Isaac, the subject of this sketch.

Isaac Cooksley came to the United States when he was a young man and settled in Woodford County, Ill., where he remained a short time, before moving to Peoria, Ill. After four years, Mr. Cooksley went to Nebraska, where he farmed for four years before going to Colorado. In 1908 he moved to Minnesota and engaged in general farming and stock

raising. In 1916 Mr. Cooksley came to LeRoy. He now owns and operates the old Chaney farm, which is located north of the city. He carries on an extensive gardening business and is also a dairy farmer.

In 1886 Mr. Cooksley was married to Miss Isabelle Hay, a native of Illinois and the daughter of Jacob and Sarah (Fipps) Hay, both deceased. Mrs. Cooksley has three sisters, as follows: Nancy Campbell, lives at Saybrook, Ill.; Ellen Ray, deceased; and Elba Siler, lives at LeRoy. Mr. and Mrs. Cooksley have no children, but adopted a daughter and son, Della and Dwight. On Sept. 1, 1902, Della was married to Will McCurdy, and they have five children, as follows: LeRoy, Gladys, Ethel Belle, Zona and Edna McCurdy. Dwight Cooksley served for two years during the World War, and is now engaged as mail carrier out of the LeRoy postoffice.

Isaac Cooksley is an independent voter and he belongs to the Methodist Church at LeRoy. He is a citizen who holds the high regard of the entire community.

Dr. George B. Kelso, a leading physician of McLean County, who has been successfully engaged in the practice of his profession at Bloomington for 35 years, is a native of Canada. He was born in the County of Bruce, Ontario, and is the son of Thompson and Mary (Cameron) Kelso.

Thompson Kelso was born in the north of Ireland, of Scotch ancestry, his family having fled there from their old home in Scotland during the persecution of Cromwell's reign in England. When a young man, Thompson Kelso crossed the Atlantic and took up his residence in Cornwall, Ontario, Canada. There he married Mary Cameron, who was born in Ottawa, Canada, a member of an old Scotch family. Soon after their marriage they removed to Bruce County, Ontario, when that region was an almost unbroken wilderness. There Mr. Kelso developed a farm out of the wilderness on which he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives. In early life they united with the Episcopal church, but later held membership in the Presbyterian church. Politically, Mr. Kelso was a liberal and took an active and prominent part in local politics.

Dr. George B. Kelso is the third in order of birth in a family of ten children, and in the common and high schools of his native province he acquired a good practical education, which well fitted him to engage in teaching, a profession which he successfully followed for three and one-



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half years in the country school of his neighborhood. In the meantime he read medicine and later pursued a three-years course in the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, from which he was graduated in 1886. Dr. Kelso then opened an office at Newberry, Mich., where he remained one and one-half years. While there he was quite successful, there being a great deal of surgical work to be done in the lumber camps nearby. He next engaged in practice for a short time at Ishpeming, Mich., but as the climate did not agree with his health, he was forced to leave a good practice and come further south.

In October, 1888, Dr. Kelso was married to Dr. Annie E. Caldwell Clark, who was graduated at Ann Arbor in the same class as Dr. Kelso. She is a native of Oxford, Maine, and prior to studying medicine had received a good classical and musical education in the East and abroad. In the fall of 1888 Dr. Kelso and his wife came to Bloomington and at first engaged in general practice. Being among the first women physicians in the city, Mrs. Kelso was soon at the head of a good practice. In 1894 Dr. and Mrs. Kelso established the Bloomington Home Sanitarium at 807 North Main Street which they soon enlarged and the name was changed to The Kelso Sanitarium. The work was so successful that further enlargement was necessary. The lot south of the main building was purchased and a brick fireproof building was erected and completed in the fall of 1916, making a hospital of 85 rooms, 50 of which containing 60 beds were given up to the care of patients. The Kelso Sanitarium was sold to the Mennonite Sanitarium Association and the latter took possession on May 1st, 1920.

In the course of his medical studies, Dr. Kelso has been abroad three times and was in London attending the Congress of Surgeons when the World War broke out in 1914.

Fraternally, Dr. Kelso is a member of the Central Illinois Homeopathic Medical Society, The State Homeopathic Medical Society and The National Institute of Homeopathy. He is also a member of McLean County Medical Society, Illinois Medical Society and the American Medical Association. The doctor is a Mason and a member of the Consistory and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias.

In addition to his Medical and Surgical work, he has been a great advocate of methods to preserve health and to prevent disease and to prolong life. At present Dr. and Mrs. Kelso live at 801 North Main Street, where an office and a small hospital called The Kelso Clinic is maintained.

Mrs. Elizabeth M. Buckles, a well known and highly respected citizen of McLean County, was born in Harrison County, Ind., Aug. 22, 1833, the daughter of John L. and Annie (Fox) Deen.

John L. Deen was also born in Indiana, Nov. 18, 1807. His wife was born in the same community, June 13, 1813, and they were married April 21, 1830. To this union four children were born, as follows: Isaac L., deceased; Mrs. Buckles; John W., born in 1835, deceased; and George W., born Jan. 14, 1838, deceased. After the death of her first husband, Mrs. Deen was married on Feb. 14, 1840, to William D. Brewer and to this union six children were born, as follows: Margaret E. Alley, born Sept. 21, 1842, deceased; Frances, born Oct. 1, 1844, Mercer, Mo.; Annie D., born Dec. 31, 1847, deceased; William H., born Aug. 31, 1850, deceased; Sarah C., wife of Jas. Taylor, Saybrook, Ill., born April 1, 1853; and Delilah, born May 8, 1856, deceased. Mrs. Brewer, the mother of the subject of this sketch, died Feb. 23, 1886, and her husband died in 1866.

Elizabeth M. Deen was married on July 20, 1851, to Aaron Buckles, a native of Indiana, born Dec. 9, 1827. He was the son of Abraham and Mary (Williams) Buckles, the former a native of Virginia, born Jan. 18, 1800. To Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Buckles the following children were born: Robert, born June 27, 1852, lives at home, further mention of whom is made below; Isaac C., born June 21, 1854, lives at LeRoy; John W., born Aug. 29, 1856, died Dec. 17, 1900.

Aaron Buckles died Sept. 17, 1897, at LeRoy, where he had been engaged in the milling business. He was a veteran of the Civil War, having served as captain in the 94th Illinois Regiment. Mr. Buckles was a Democrat, and attended the Presbyterian Church, and belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He was a man of energy, strong purpose and industry. Mr. Buckles was held in high esteem by all who knew him, as also are the other members of his family.

Mrs. Elizabeth M. Buckles has been a member of the Presbyterian Church for 74 years and is one of the interesting pioneers of McLean County.

Robert Buckles, now living retired with his mother, entered the employ of the Illinois Central Railroad in September, 1887, at Dewey, Ill., as a telegraph operator and agent. He came to LeRoy in 1903, and was employed by the railroad until December, 1919, when he retired on a pension. Mr. Buckles is a Democrat and a member of the Knights of

Pythias, the Order of Railway Telegraphers and Modern Woodmen of America.

Robert O. Buckles was married April 9, 1882, to Mary S. Karr,, a native of McLean County and daughter of John W. and Nancy Jane (Craig) Karr, early settlers of Empire Township. Mrs. Buckles was born Sept. 27, 1859. To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Buckles two children were born, Ervin A., born Oct. 10, 1885, married Blanch Doty, they reside in Covington, Ky., and Mildred E., born Sept. 25, 1889, now wife of Dr. H. O. Winter, Chicago, Ill.

Robert Flegel, a prominent pioneer citizen of Empire Township, and veteran of the Civil War, was born in Germany, May 18, 1839, the son of Christian and Augusta (Hesse) Flegel.

The Flegel family came to the United States in 1848 and settled at Cincinnati, Ohio, where they remained for five years before coming to Illinois. Christian Flegel lived to the age of 78 years and his wife died when she was 72 years old. By his first marriage to Augusta Hesse, Mr. Flegel had three children: Robert, the subject of this sketch; Caroline, deceased; and Julia, deceased. His second wife was Wilhelmina Hossia and to that union the following children were born: Gus Tazwell; William, lives in Illinois; Christopher, lives at Peoria, Ill.; Matilda, Malinda, Minnie, and Josephine, all deceased.

Robert Flegel was educated in the district schools and entered the army at the age of 22 years and served throughout the Civil War. His first year of service was with Colonel Warner and he later served under Captain Wilker and was with General Sherman on his march to the sea. Mr. Flegel still has in his possession the musket used by him in service. After the close of the war, Mr. Flegel returned to the farm in Empire Township. He became successful and at one time owned over 1200 acres of land and for many years has been known as a leading stockman. Mr. Flegel spent several years in Kansas after the close of the Civil War, where he also farmed. He raised sheep extensively on his farm in Empire Township and at one time had 500 head. The Flegel farm is now operated by Mr. Flegel's sons.

On March 18, 1872, Mr. Flegel married Miss Mary Fridinger, a native of Illinois, born Feb. 20, 1854. She died July 22, 1918. To Robert and Mary (Fridinger) Flegel nine children were born, as follows: Ida D.,

lives near the home place; Henry, at home; Edward, lives in Empire Township; Walter, lives in Empire Township; Louis, at home; Clarence, lives in Chicago; Clara, lives at Bloomington, Ill.; Harry, lives with his brother, Walter; and one child died in infancy.

In politics Mr. Flegel is a Republican and he is a member of the Presbyterian Church. He belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic. Mr. Flegel is one of the substantial citizens of McLean County.

Dr. Orris M. Thompson, a prominent and successful physician and surgeon of LeRoy, was born at Ellsworth, Ill., July 29, 1878, the son of Milton and Sadie E. (Smith) Thompson.

Milton Thompson was a native of Arrowsmith Township, McLean County, Ill., born in 1845. He followed farming and stock raising for many years and during the last 18 years of his life lived at Bloomington. He died Nov. 3, 1922, and his widow lives at Bloomington. They were the parents of two children, as follows: A. N., died at the age of four years; and Dr. Orris M., the subject of this sketch.

Dr. Orris M. Thompson attended the public schools of Ellsworth and Illinois Wesleyan University at Bloomington. He was graduated from the medical department of Chicago University in 1906 and then spent a year at St. Mary's and Maywood hospitals in Chicago. Dr. Thompson then practiced medicine at Downs, Ill., for three years, afterward going to Ellsworth, where he spent six years. He came to LeRoy in 1916 and has built up a splendid practice throughout the community. Dr. Thompson was appointed an examiner on the board of exemption during the war, but resigned this position several months later to enter service in the World War. He received his commission on Sept. 29, 1917, and was stationed at Fort Riley, Kan., until June 26, 1918, when he was ordered to Camp Lewis and assigned to Infirmary No. 8, 166th Depot Brigade. On Aug. 13th, Dr. Thompson was transferred to the 13th Sanitary Train, Ambulance Company No. 249. He worked untiringly during the influenza epidemic and was discharged from service on Jan. 8, 1919. Since that time he has practiced at LeRoy.

In December, 1919, when Ruel Neal Post No. 79 was organized, Dr. Thompson was elected post commander and in 1921 was appointed to complete the McLean County organization and at its completion was elected



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commander of the McLean County American Legion. He was post delegate to the American Legion State Convention, held at Decatur, Ill., Oct. 10, 1921, and at this convention was elected delegate from the 17th District of Illinois to the national convention held at Kansas City, Mo., in November, 1921. In October, 1923, he was a delegate to the state convention at Danville, Ill.

Dr. Thompson was married on Jan. 20, 1909, to Miss Clara Buckles Downs, who died at the age of 31 years on April 16, 1919, leaving one child, Orris Gerald, who was born Dec. 23, 1915. He lives with his aunt, Mrs. Lulu Dillard, at El Paso, Texas. On June 12, 1920, Dr. Thompson married Miss Rosella Polk, a native of Illinois, born June 12, 1894, and the daughter of William and Margaret (Beckham) Polk. Mr. Polk is deceased and his wife lives at LeRoy. They had five children, as follows: Emily Flent; Robert, lives at LeRoy; Ivan, lives at LeRoy; Marie, lives at LeRoy; and Mrs. Thompson.

Dr. Thompson is identified with the Democratic party in politics and he is a member of the Masonic Lodge No. 221 at LeRoy and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows No. 809 at Ellsworth and the Knights of Pythias at LeRoy. He is a member of the Methodist church and belongs to the Country Club. He now operates the O. M. Thompson Hospital of LeRoy. Dr. Thompson has always taken an active interest in the affairs of LeRoy. He is now alderman of the Third Ward of LeRoy.

C. E. Joiner, superintendent of the LeRoy Public Schools, is a well known educator and lecturer of Illinois. He was born at Litchfield, Ill., and is the son of William F. and Elizabeth (Huddleston) Joiner, the former a native of Tennessee and the latter of Illinois.

C. E. Joiner was graduated from Ewing College, at Ewing, Ill., where he received the degrees of Bachelor of Science and Master of Arts. Since the time of his graduation, Mr. Joiner has been a close student of education, specializing in Pedagogy, School Management, American History, and Government. Having carefully tested the theories of books on education, by observation and experience in the class room of both elementary and high school grade, Mr. Joiner's lectures are exceedingly practical, and therefore popular with the rank and file of class room teachers.

Mr. Joiner has lectured in about 80 Illinois Teachers' Institutes, one week each. He has lectured from one to six weeks in each of the following counties: Christian, Crawford, Clinton, Edgar, Effingham, Franklin, Gallatin, Greene, Hardin, Hamilton, Henderson, Jefferson, Jersey, Lawrence, Lee, McDonough, Marion, Massac, Mercer, Monroe, Ogle, Peoria, Perry, Pulaski, Randolph, Saline, Schuyler, Scott, Tazwell, Union, Warren, Wayne, and Woodford. The above list does not include counties in which Mr. Joiner has addressed institutes of less than one week's duration. Besides the above, he has delivered about 75 lectures outside of Illinois, and many single lectures for commencements, parent-teachers' associations, and other community organizations in Illinois.

Mr. Joiner has been on the programs of the Illinois Superintendents' and Principals' Association, the Illinois State Teachers' Association, several of its sectional divisions, and on the program of the Department of Superintendence of the National Education Association.

American History and Government, School Management and Pedagogy are Mr. Joiner's specialties, although he has lectured on Geography and Literature in a great many institutes. He has some special talks on high school problems. In the larger institutes, Mr. Joiner would prefer to specialize by talking on history and government. This was done at Pekin in 1918, where he gave 18 addresses on the last mentioned subject.

Mr. Joiner has been superintendent of the following schools: White Hall, Ill., five years; Rochelle, Ill., six years; Monmouth, Ill., seven years; and LeRoy, Ill., for five years. He has served as treasurer of the Northern Illinois State Teachers' Association; president of the Western Illinois State Teachers' Association; president of the Illinois Superintendents' and Principals' Association; member of the Illinois State Teachers' Legislative Committee; and is now a member of the Illinois Teachers' State Reading Circle Board; and was delegate of the Illinois School Masters' Club to N. E. A. at Boston, 1922.

Mr. Joiner is married and has three daughters. His wife is the daughter of Rev. W. H. Carner, now deceased. Rev. Carner served as chaplain during the Civil War and was a preacher of the Baptist Church for 51 years.

Mr. Joiner is a member of the Baptist Church and the teacher of the largest Men's Sunday School class at LeRoy. He belongs to the Masonic Lodge, the Commercial Club, the Country Club, and other local organizations.

The school district of which Mr. Joiner has joint superintendency covers 49½ square miles and is one of the richest agricultural districts in McLean County. A new \$300,000.00 high school building has just been completed. Mr. Joiner is also joint superintendent of the LeRoy city grade schools and of the Empire Township High School. He is a public spirited citizen and holds the high regard of all who know him.

F. E. Jones, who is successfully engaged in the lumber business at LeRoy, was born at Brighton, Ill., April 15, 1883, the son of Thomas J. and Margaret (Green) Jones.

Thomas J. Jones was born in Wales and came to the United States at the age of 23 years and located at Brighton, Ill., where he died in October, 1919. He followed general farming during his life. Margaret (Green) Jones was a native of Germany and now lives at Brighton and is 77 years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Jones were the parents of eight children, as follows: William T., farmer, lives at Brighton, Ill.; Anna Smith, lives at Brighton, Ill.; Emma F., teaches school and lives with her mother; James A., lives at Brighton; Louis H., farmer, lives at Brighton; Edward F., deceased; F. E., the subject of this sketch; and one child died in infancy.

F. E. Jones was educated in the public schools of Brighton, and attended Brown Business College at Jacksonville, Ill., from which he was graduated in 1906. He then entered the employ of the Missouri Pacific and Iron Mountain Railroad for one year, after which he became associated in business with the Darlington Lumber Company at Arrowsmith, Ill. After two years, Mr. Jones came to LeRoy as manager of the Darlington Lumber Company, and in 1914 the company was purchased by the S. R. Cornich Lumber Company. In 1919 Mr. Jones was made district manager of The Alexander Lumber Company with headquarters at LeRoy. They have six large lumber yards and the company carries a complete line of building materials and supplies.

On June 24, 1909, Mr. Jones was married to Miss Nell Kennedy, a native of Arrowsmith, Ill., born March 7, 1886, the daughter of Walter and Elma (Neil) Kennedy, natives respectively of Scotland and LeRoy, Ill. To F. E. and Nell (Kennedy) Jones two children have been born, as follows: Frank Edward, born Nov. 2, 1910; and Eleanor Jean, born Jan. 16, 1920.

Mr. Jones is a Democrat and his family are members of the Methodist Church at LeRoy. He is an enterprising citizen and representative of the successful type of business man of the community.

Oscar Mandel, deceased, was a well known business man and leading citizen of Bloomington. He was born in Otterburg, Germany, May 16, 1855, and grew to young manhood in that vicinity, and there received his early education. He later attended school at Frankfort, Germany. When 18 years of age he came to America, settling first in Chicago, where he was associated in business with the firm of Mandel Brothers, for 21 years. Following his business career in Chicago, Mr. Mandel came to Bloomington, where he became prominent in the business and social life of the city for 34 years.

Mr. Mandel's first business associations in this city were in partnership with his brother-in-law, John Bachrack. They purchased a store across the street from the present location of the My Store, formerly conducted by Beatty & Nelson. Twenty-one years ago Mr. Backrack died and Mr. Mandel sold the store to Maurice Levy in 1900, but formed a partnership with his brother-in-law, Albert Schwarzman, and repurchased the store of Mr. Levy in 1905. The business flourished under the management of Mr. Mandel and Mr. Schwarzman, they having enlarged the scope and added new departments each year.

Mr. Mandel was active in civic affairs, having served at one time as president of the Young Men's Business Association. He was one of the men who took a leading part in securing the money to retain the Chicago & Alton shops. He was an enthusiastic worker during the Wesleyan campaign and made large donations to the institution. In fact, Mr. Mandel was known for his public spirit and his charitable attitude and it is estimated that his annual gifts to charity were much more than his living expenses. He was loved and respected by his employes on account of his kind consideration of their difficulties. Mr. Mandel was a member of the Moses Montefiore synagogue, and the devotion to his church and to his family was one of his outstanding characteristics. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge and the Rotary Club. In connection with his activities among charities, Mr. Mandel acted as chairman of the local committee to raise money for the Jewish relief and gave a total of \$1,500 to



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Oscar Mandel

Deceased March 9, 1922.

The officers and members of the Board of Education extend to the family of their deceased co-worker, Oscar Mandel, their deep sympathy, and hereby express their high appreciation of his character and services.

For ten years he willingly and eagerly, gave his time and energy to the promotion of the best interests of the Public Schools of Bloomington, for whose advancement he was most solicitous.

Personally, public spirited, he was never led by a false economy to deprive the schools of what was essential and desirable, even though the cost might seem high. With him past standards were never a rule by which to limit those of the present.

As a member of the Board of Education he was always courteous and kind, and because of this and the helpfulness of his good humor and excellent judgment, we, his associates, deprived of his valuable counsel shall greatly miss him.

Jessie P. Anderson

Robert E. Williams

Carl Stephenson

E. L. Brown

Mattie C. Nichols

E. J. McDoull

Jesse E. Hoffman

Mattie C. Nichols

the cause. Twelve years ago he was elected a member of the board of education in Bloomington. At the time his term expired three years ago, he expressed a desire to be excused from re-election but his advice and counsel were of such great value to the cause that he was unanimously chosen to serve another term. He died March 9, 1922, and is buried in Bloomington.

About the time of his coming to Bloomington, Mr. Mandel was married to Miss Sarah Schwarzman, of Peoria. To this union one daughter was born, Elsie, now Mrs. Milton Cohn of Chicago. There are two grandchildren, Oscar and Jane Cohn. Mrs. Mandel is the daughter of David and Pauline (Shatz) Schwarzman, natives of Germany and early settlers of Peoria, Ill. Mr. Schwarzman died May 28, 1897, at the age of 63 years and his wife died March 24, 1902, at the age of 69 years. They were the parents of the following children: Rosalia, married Henry Kupfer, lives in Bloomington; Mrs. Mandel; and Albert, a member of the firm of Mandel & Schwarzman.

Mr. Mandel was an energetic and capable business man and an excellent citizen of Bloomington and McLean County.

J. T. Brown, a prominent farmer and stockman of Empire Township, was born at El Paso, Ill., Nov. 6, 1863, the son of Abner and Margaret (Gay) Brown.

Abner Brown, a native of Ohio, came to Empire Township in 1866 and engaged in general farming and stock raising. He is deceased, as also is his wife, she having died at the age of 78 years. Mr. and Mrs. Brown were the parents of the following children: Belle Harding, lives in Minnesota; Laura May, deceased; one child died in infancy; and J. T., the subject of this sketch.

J. T. Brown spent his boyhood on his father's farm and was educated in the district schools. He has operated his own land since he was 17 years old and now operates a well improved farm of 206 acres in Empire Township. Mr. Brown does general farming and is well known as a stockman, shipping about two cars of hogs each year. He has lived on his present farm for 28 years.

On Jan. 6, 1898, Mr. Brown was married to Miss Florence Sigler, a native of LeRoy, born April 4, 1878, and the daughter of John and

Harriet (Buckles) Sigler. Mrs. Brown had the following brothers and sisters: Anna Myrtle, died at the age of 14 years; Mary Bendler, Chicago; and Charles, lives near LeRoy. After the death of his first wife, Mr. Sigler married Rebecca Buckles, a sister of his first wife, and to this union two children were born: Frank, died March 26, 1907; and Alvin, lives near LeRoy. Mr. Sigler is 70 years of age and lives near LeRoy. To J. T. and Florence (Sigler) Brown two children have been born, as follows: Grace, born Oct. 5, 1902, is a graduate of Empire township school and lives at home; and Harriet Matilda, born Sept. 23, 1906, attends LeRoy High School.

Mr. Brown is a Democrat, a member of the Presbyterian Church at LeRoy, and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a progressive, enterprising and substantial citizen.

Ebenezer Craig, now living retired in LeRoy, is one of the oldest pioneer citizens of McLean County, now living. He was born on the old Blue farm, near Downs in McLean County, Nov. 4, 1839, the son of Ebenezer and Mary Ann (Rutledge) Craig.

Ebenezer Craig, Sr., was born in Tennessee, Oct. 3, 1802, and came to Illinois in 1822, where he followed farming and blacksmithing. He died Oct. 5, 1839, and is buried in Oak Grove Cemetery. His wife died April 22, 1844. Mr. and Mrs. Craig had the following children: Samuel, William, Mark, John, Sarah, Cynthia, and Ebenezer, Jr., the subject of this sketch, and the only surviving member of the family.

Ebenezer Craig, Jr., attended school in a log school house and has always lived on a farm. He improved his land with ox teams and broke prairie nine summers during the early days. Mr. Craig now lives retired in LeRoy.

On Aug. 31, 1862, Mr. Craig was married to Miss Elizabeth Williams, a native of McLean County, born May 6, 1845. She died Dec. 28, 1868, and on Nov. 4, 1874, Mr. Craig married Miss Susan Howard, a native of Ireland, born Feb. 6, 1849, and the daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (White) Howard. Mrs. Craig came to this country when she was 17 years old. She has a brother, Henry Howard, who lives in Chicago, and a sister, Jane Godsell, who lives in Illinois, also. To Ebenezer and Susan (Howard) Craig four children were born, as follows: Mary Dooley, lives

at LeRoy; Emma Brown, lives at Bloomington; Belle Hinton, Fisher, Ill.; and Harry, lives at Chicago, Ill.

In politics Mr. Craig is a Democrat and he has served as road overseer for several years. He and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church and they are well known and highly respected throughout the community.

Dr. Ora M. Rhodes, a successful physician of Bloomington, was born four and one-half miles southeast of Bloomington, March 12, 1871, and is the son of Aaron P. and Martha M. (Cox) Rhodes, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this history.

Dr. Rhodes spent his boyhood on his father's farm and attended Walker and Sheep Eye schools, southeast of the city of Bloomington. He was graduated from Normal University High School in 1894 and four years later from the University of Illinois, also receiving the commission of captain in the Illinois National Guard. In 1901 he completed a medical course at the College of Physicians and Surgeons in Chicago, after which he engaged in the practice of his profession in Bloomington, in the offices where he is still located, 405-7 Corn Belt Bldg. During the years 1912-1913 Dr. Rhodes took post graduate work in Diagnosis and General Medicine at the University of Vienna. After returning from Europe, feeling that the people of central Illinois were lacking many of the medical advantages of the large cities, Dr. Rhodes opened and conducted the first diagnostic laboratory in this section of the state, maintaining same until the hospitals finally became equipped with their own laboratories. Since that time Dr. Rhodes has limited his practice to diagnosis and consultation.

On May 8, 1902, Dr. Rhodes was united in marriage at Elwood, Ind., with Miss Myrtie J. Downs, who was born on a farm near Saybrook, Ill. She is the daughter of Solomon F. and Annie E. (Reid) Downs, the former a native of Downs Township, McLean County, and the latter of Champaign County, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Downs live at Rockford, Ohio. To Dr. and Mrs. Rhodes have been born three children: a daughter died in infancy in 1903; Aaron P., born Oct. 25, 1908, a sophomore in Bloomington High School; and a son died in infancy in 1916.

Dr. Rhodes is a Republican and is a charter member of the Centennial Christian Church, having served as trustee, treasurer and member of the official board of Centennial Church since its inception. He is affiliated



DR. O. M. RHODES.

with the following societies: McLean County Medical Society, of which he was secretary for several years; Illinois State Medical Society; American Medical Association; Tri-State District Medical Association; and the American Society for the Study of Goiter. During the World War Dr. Rhodes was on the Medical Advisory Board as vice chairman. He is a capable, energetic and public spirited man, one whose life means much to his community.

Aaron P. Rhodes, deceased, was a prominent citizen of McLean County. He was born in that county April 18, 1834, the son of John H. S. and Mary (Johnston) Rhodes. He attended the district schools and helped his father on the farm until 1859 when he entered Eureka College. In May, 1861, at the outbreak of the Civil War he enlisted in Company G, 17th Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and was sent to Missouri under General Prentice. On the expiration of his three months' term, Mr. Rhodes re-enlisted in the same company and regiment and later participated in the battles of Fort Henry, Fort Donelson, Shiloh, Memphis, Vicksburg, Jackson and Black River. After the close of the war Mr. Rhodes returned to his farm in McLean County, where he spent the remainder of his life. He died April 4, 1901.

Mr. Rhodes was first married to Miss Mattie M. Cox, a native of Bloomington, and the daughter of David and Saphronia (Walker) Cox, a farmer who came to McLean County in 1826. Mrs. Rhodes died in February, 1876, leaving two children, Edward M. and Ora M. One Oct. 13, 1880, Mr. Rhodes was married to Miss Charlotte E. Reid, a native of Champaign County, Ohio, and the daughter of Robert S. Reid and Jane Winn (Bishop) Reid.

Mr. Rhodes was a Republican and an attendant of the Christian Church.

Marion Oliver, an enterprising and successful farmer of Empire Township, was born in McLean County, April 17, 1862, the son of John and Ruth (McDaniel) Oliver.

John Oliver was born in Ohio, March 28, 1838, and came to Illinois in 1855 and settled on a farm in Empire Township. He was married on Nov. 27, 1859, to Ruth McDaniel, also a native of Ohio, born Aug. 22,

1838. Mr. Oliver died June 4, 1910, and his wife died April 18, 1902. They were the parents of four children, of whom Marion, the subject of this sketch, is the only member now living.

Marion Oliver received his schooling in the district schools and spent his boyhood on the home place. He owned and operated his first farm at the age of 21 years and Mr. Oliver is now among the leading and progressive stockmen of Empire Township.

On March 2, 1887, Mr. Oliver was married to Miss Sarah Belle Rutledge, a native of LeRoy, born Sept. 14, 1864, and the daughter of Francis and Elizabeth (Gay) Rutledge. Mr. Rutledge was born in Empire Township, April 28, 1838, and died Feb. 7, 1916. His wife was born in Pickaway County, Ohio, July 17, 1843, and now resides in LeRoy. Mrs. Oliver has one sister, Permelia, wife of Edward Rees, LeRoy, Ill. To Marion and Sarah Belle (Rutledge) Oliver two children have been born, as follows: Nellie F., born Sept. 30, 1889, the wife of P. J. Oliver, lives at Bloomington; and J. Lindley, born Oct. 8, 1892, lives at home.

Mr. Oliver is a Democrat and he is known in his community as an upright and reliable citizen.

O. M. Dooley, a successful farmer and stockman of Empire Township and the owner of 394 acres of land, was born in McLean County, near Bloomington, Nov. 14, 1871, the son of W. H. and Eliza (Noggle) Dooley.

W. H. Dooley was born in Clark County, Ky., Aug. 15, 1834, and came to Illinois in 1851, settling on a farm southeast of Bloomington. He was the son of William Dooley, who was born in 1809. W. H. Dooley became a prosperous farmer of McLean County and died Oct. 4, 1904. His wife was born in Ohio, in 1835, and she is also deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Dooley were the parents of the following children: John, deceased; Alice Carey, deceased; Milton, lives at LeRoy; George E., LeRoy; Frank, deceased; Nettie, deceased; Mrs. Harry Kline, LeRoy; O. M., the subject of this sketch; Hattie Humphrey, LeRoy; and Lydia, LeRoy.

O. M. Dooley spent his boyhood on his father's farm and received his early education in the district schools. He has always lived in McLean County and is among the leading and successful stockmen of the township. Mr. Dooley is an extensive feeder of stock and ships about four cars each year.

In November, 1893, Mr. Dooley was married to Miss Laura Wirt, and to that union two children were born: Hamilton, deceased and Lile, lives in Washington State. In March, 1902, Mr. Dooley married Miss Emma Atkinson, a native of McLean County, Ill., and the daughter of M. F. and Malinda (Owen) Atkinson. To O. M. and Emma (Atkinson) Dooley three children have been born, as follows: Dorothy Ruth, born in 1903, attended the public schools at LeRoy, Normal School, and the State University, now a teacher; Marian Alice, born in 1907, died in 1912; and William H., born April 16, 1909, attends LeRoy High School.

In politics Mr. Dooley is a Republican and he is a member of the Methodist Church. He is a good farmer and an excellent citizen.

Lue Dooley, wife of the late George G. Dooley, is a highly respected and well known citizen of Downs Township. She was born at Bloomington, Jan. 1, 1862, the daughter of John and Caroline (Orendorff) Barrymore.

John Barrymore, a native of West Virginia, came to Illinois in 1854 and settled on a farm near Bloomington. On Oct. 31, 1860, he was married to Caroline Orendorff, who was born Jan. 5, 1837, the daughter of Thomas and Malinda (Walker) Orendorff. John Barrymore was a well known farmer and died in 1920, and his wife died Jan. 27, 1914. They were the parents of three children, as follows: Lue, the subject of this sketch; Lon, deceased; and Ray, deceased.

Lue (Barrymore) Dooley was educated in the district schools and on Jan. 8, 1884, was married to George G. Dooley, a native of Bainbridge, Ind., born Oct. 28, 1858, the son of George I. and Mary (Scobee) Dooley. Mr. and Mrs. George I. Dooley were natives of Kentucky and parents of the following children: James W., lives at Downs; Mrs. Jennie Fyffe, lives in Crawfordsville, Ind.; Mrs. Anna Spelbring, lives in Lebanon, Ind.; and George G., the husband of the subject of this sketch.

George G. Dooley followed farming and stock raising during his life and was successful. He owned a well improved farm in Downs Township, which is now operated by his sons. Mr. Dooley died in California, while there on a visit, March 5, 1921. To George G. and Lou (Barrymore) Dooley five children were born, as follows: Floss, wife of Thos. Donnelly, resides on a ranch in Etiwanda, Calif.; Clyde, married Hazel Crumbaugh,

of LeRoy, Ill., and they reside on a farm in Empire Township; Frank H., married Leta Skinner, of LeRoy, and they lived on the home place until January, 1924, when they moved to Kirksville, Mo., where Frank entered the American School of Osteopathy; Bessie, wife of I. D. Taubeneck, lives in Minier, Ill., where Mr. Taubeneck is superintendent of schools; Wayne married Ruth Gregg of Bloomington, is located at Bucklin, Mo., where he is practicing osteopathy. Mrs. Dooley has nine grandchildren.

George G. Dooley was a Democrat and a member of the Presbyterian Church, as also is Mrs. Dooley. The Dooley family stand well in this community and are highly respected by all who know them.

Peter Risser, vice president of The First National Bank at Danvers, is a substantial and highly respected citizen of McLean County. He was born in Alsace-Lorraine, near Strassburg, Aug. 18, 1850, the son of Nicholas and Matline (Kamp) Risser.

Nicholas Risser and his wife were born in Alsace-Lorraine and came to the United States in 1859. They made the trip in a sailing vessel, which required about four months, and after arriving in New Orleans came to Illinois and located in Peoria and later Eureka. The Risser family then settled on land in Forneyville, where they lived for two years. They came to McLean County, in Danvers Township, and they were among the oldest settlers of the county. Mr. and Mrs. Risser had eight children, as follows: Andrew, married Mary Switzer, both deceased; Joseph, deceased, and his widow, Kate Switzer, lives in Minnesota; Mary, the widow of Christ Gerber, lives in Oregon; Anna, the widow of Henry Auburger, lives in Indiana; Peter, the subject of this sketch; Katie, married Jule Springer, lives in Wisconsin; Madeline, the widow of Mr. Lackey, and she keeps house for her brother, Peter Risser; and Victoria, married William Rusmiclir, lives in Nebraska.

Peter Risser was educated in the district schools and has always been a farmer. He worked on his father's farm until he was 25 years old and then purchased his first farm of 80 acres. Mr. Risser now owns 760 acres of well improved land in McLean County, half a section of land in North Dakota, and 40 acres of land in the Rio Grande Valley in Texas. He built his fine residence at Danvers in 1914, which is one of the finest homes in the county. It is of brick construction and is modern throughout.



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In 1875 Mr. Risser married Miss Barbara Strubher, a native of McLean County and the daughter of John and Annie (Scherdz) Strubher. Both Mr. and Mrs. Strubher were natives of Alsace-Lorraine and the latter attended school with Mr. Risser's mother. To Mr. and Mrs. Risser the following children were born: Charles, died in infancy; Frank, married Clara Kennel, lives on one of Mr. Risser's farms and has three children, Lowell, Donald and Robert; Walter, married Grace Dunlap, lives on the Risser farm and has three children, Gene, Mildred, and Mary Grace; Estella, married A. J. Leyes, lives in Bloomington and has one child, Wayne Leyes; Gertrude, married Henry Gerling, lives in Bloomington and has two children, Barbara G. and Patricia; and Nellie, married C. O. King, lives near Carlock and has three children, Orville, deceased, Richard and Lorene.

Peter Risser now lives practically retired in his home at Danvers. His wife died May 18, 1914, just six weeks after moving into the new house.

Mr. Risser is vice president and director of The First National Bank at Danvers and is school director. He has always been an energetic man and stands well in the esteem of his neighbors and fellow citizens.

Simon Krieg, a successful farmer and stockman of Empire Township, was born in McLean County, Aug. 13, 1870, the son of Simon and Mary Ann (Reugger) Krieg.

Simon Krieg, Sr., was a native of Baden, Germany, born Feb. 16, 1834. He came to the United States in 1854 and after remaining in New York for a short time, came to Bloomington. Mr. Krieg operated a farm near LeRoy in Empire Township for many years and was successful. He died Feb. 27, 1905, and is buried at Oak Grove Cemetery, Le Roy. He was married June 28, 1863. Mrs. Krieg was a native of Switzerland, born March 27, 1835. She came to this country with her father, Jacob Reugger, in 1855, and lived on a farm near Bloomington. Mrs. Krieg died April 16, 1913, at LeRoy. Simon and Mary Ann (Reugger) Krieg were the parents of eight children, as follows: Anna, born July 10, 1864, lives near LeRoy, Ill.; John, born Oct. 8, 1865, lives near LeRoy, Ill.; Charles, born Dec. 1, 1868, died Feb. 28, 1905; Barbara, born in 1869 and died in 1871; Simon, the subject of this sketch; Mary, born May 7, 1872, lives with her

brother, Simon; Christian, born Aug. 7, 1874, lives at LeRoy; and Elizabeth, born Sept. 16, 1876, lives with her brother, Simon.

Simon Krieg, Jr., has always been a farmer. He attended the district schools of McLean County and lived on the W. H. Dooley farm for 20 years. For the past 12 years he has operated his present farm of 105 acres in Empire Township. Mr. Krieg does general farming and is a breeder of good stock, and his farm is well improved.

Mr. Krieg is a Democrat and a member of the Modern Woodmen of America. He is unmarried. Mr. Krieg is a capable and industrious man, who is highly esteemed in his neighborhood.

Paul Murray, an extensive farmer and stock raiser of West Township, and the owner of 320 acres of well improved land, is a native of McLean County and a member of a pioneer family. He was born on a farm in Empire Township, Dec. 20, 1875, the son of Adam and Alexine (McMakin) Murray.

Adam Murray was born in Coshocton County, Ohio, March 22, 1843, and engaged in farming at the age of 19 years. He enlisted during the Civil War on Aug. 22, 1862, and served with the 122nd Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Mr. Murray was stationed in West Virginia and later was with the Army of the Potomac, and mustered out of service at Cleveland, Ohio, July 3, 1865. Among the battles in which Mr. Murray saw service were Wilderness, Petersburg, Winchester Siege and Capture of Vicksburg. In the spring of 1866 Mr. Murray came west and settled at LeRoy, Ill., where he engaged in the buying and shipping of stock. He also conducted a grocery business at LeRoy from 1875 to 1878. Mr. Murray died Oct. 5, 1901, in Idaho.

On May 5, 1870, Adam Murray was married to Miss Alexine McMakin, a native of Switzerland County, Ind., born Dec. 23, 1850. She was the daughter of Samuel W. and Amanda McMakin. Mrs. Murray was educated at Ghent Seminary in Kentucky, and also attended Oxford Female College, from which she was graduated in 1868. She then came to Paris, Ill., with her parents, where she lived until the time of her marriage. Mrs. Murray was an active member of the Pythian Sisters and was first Grand Chief of the Pythian Sisters of Illinois. She was elected treasurer of the national organization in 1898, which office she held for two years and she was also president of the auxiliary of the

Pythian Home at Decatur, Ill., and trustee of the Grand Temple. She was a charter member and first president of the Women's Relief Corps of LeRoy, and assisted in the organization of the Longfellow Club there. Mrs. Murray died Aug. 26, 1913, and is buried in Oak Grove Cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Adam Murray were the parents of five children, as follows: St. Elmo, lives at Clinton, Ill.; Kate Pfitzenmeyer, lives at LeRoy, Ill.; Ada, died March 6, 1895, at the age of 21 years; Paul, the subject of this sketch; and Mabel Fields, lives in Chicago.

Paul Murray attended the public schools of LeRoy and was graduated from Notre Dame University, in Indiana. He then went to Texas for five years and he has lived on his present farm in West Township since 1903. He is interested in the feeding of stock, usually having 2,500 head on his farm. The Murray farm is well improved with a beautiful residence and good farm buildings.

On Jan. 15, 1901, Mr. Murray was married to Miss Emma Hedrick, a native of West Township, and the daughter of George W. and Martha (West) Hedrick. Mr. and Mrs. Hedrick were the parents of four children, as follows: Nellie, lives at Bloomington, Ill.; Frank, lives in Michigan; Mrs. Murray; and May Riddle, lives at LeRoy, Ill. To Paul and Emma (Hedrick) Murray four children have been born, as follows: Adam R., a student at the University of Illinois, where he is studying agriculture; George L., also a student at the University of Illinois; Pauline and Eugene Paul, both at home.

In politics Mr. Murray is identified with the Republican party and he has served as road commissioner for three years, and as school director 12 years. He is a member of the Christian Church at Bellflower and a dependable citizen of McLean County.

Clarence Myers, a prosperous farmer and stockman of Downs Township and the owner of 200 acres of well improved land, was born on the farm where he now resides, Jan. 19, 1892, the son of Henry Clay and Eliza Ellen (Lamb) Myers.

Henry Clay Myers was born near Staunton, Va., July 5, 1852, and came to Illinois in 1879, settling in Dale Township, McLean County, and moved to the present farm in Downs Township in the fall of 1879. He followed general farming until the time of his death, Sept. 10, 1911. Mrs. Henry Clay Myers was born June 25, 1852, and was the daughter of

Abraham and Louise (Stabus) Lamb, both natives of Virginia. Mrs. Clay died April 23, 1922, and is buried in Oak Grove Cemetery. To Henry Clay and Eliza Ellen (Lamb) Myers six children were born, as follows: Charles H., blacksmith, lives at LeRoy; Bessie Smalley, lives in Iowa; Emma L. Roggy, lives in Downs Township; Anna, deceased; Effie E., lives in Montana and Clarence, the subject of this sketch.

Clarence Myers received his education in the public schools and has operated the home place since the time of his father's death. He has an excellent farm, well improved, with good residence and barns.

Mr. Myers is identified with the Democratic party in politics and he is a member of the Christian Church, and belongs to the Masonic Lodge and the Knights of Pythias. He is an enterprising young farmer and an excellent citizen of Downs Township.

Guy L. Garrison, one of McLean County's enterprising and successful farmers, was born on a farm near Saybrook, Ill., Dec. 11, 1880, and is the son of Thomas W. and Malinda J. (Hawkins) Garrison.

Thomas W. Garrison was a native of Illinois, where his parents settled during the early pioneer days, having come here from Kentucky. He served during the Civil War, having enlisted in Company C, Illinois Volunteer Infantry. Mr. Garrison served throughout the war and was wounded while serving under General Grant at the battle of Vicksburg, losing part of his hand, and also being shot through the shoulder. He returned to his farm in McLean County after the war and for many years was among the leading stockmen of his township. He died in 1902, and his wife died in 1903. She was a member of one of McLean County's oldest families and her parents were born in Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Garrison were the parents of 12 children, four of whom died in infancy. The remaining children were: Luella, deceased; Bertie, married Amos Means, lives at Saybrook, Ill.; Elba, married Charles J. Weiner, farmer, lives near Kankakee, Ill.; Clyde D., an adjutant in the U. S. Army; Guy L., the subject of this sketch; Orpha, deceased; Rosa, deceased; and Elton, lives in Oregon.

Guy L. Garrison spent his boyhood on his father's farm and received his education in the public schools of Saybrook and Normal University. He then taught school for five years in the school at Cheney Grove, Mc-

Lean County, before engaging in farming. Mr. Garrison farmed the home place until 1907, when he purchased the old Sherwood farm in Anchor Township. In 1910 he purchased his present farm in Dry Grove Township, which is among the finest and most up-to-date farms of the township. Mr. Garrison owns and operates 240 acres of land and is a successful breeder of registered Shorthorn cattle and Duroc Jersey hogs. He built his beautiful home in 1913.

In February, 1907, Guy L. Garrison was married to Miss Sarah M. Howell, a native of Arrowsmith, McLean County, and the daughter of Vinton E. and Frances (Hill) Howell. Mr. Howell was a native of Ohio and his wife was born in Vermont. He served during the Civil War and was a widely known farmer of McLean County. He was also a leading banker and was the second president of The Corn Belt Bank of Bloomington for 20 years. Mr. and Mrs. Howell are now deceased. They had three children, as follows: Mrs. Garrison; Frank, married Olive Lucas, deceased; and Louie, married Dr. Edson B. Hart, physician of Bloomington. Mr. and Mrs. Garrison have one child, Frances Hill, born April 24, 1908.

Mr. Garrison is a Republican and belongs to the Elks Lodge No. 281 of Bloomington. He is a substantial citizen and the Garrison family has always been representative of the best citizenship of McLean County.

W. F. Saxton, a substantial farmer and stockman of West Township, McLean County, was born in Harrison County, Ohio, Jan. 27, 1862, and is the son of Thomas A. and Mary Jane (Healea) Saxton.

Thomas A. Saxton was a native of Harrison County, Ohio, as also was his wife. He was born in 1827, and she was born the same year. The Saxton family came to Illinois in 1864, settling on land in West Township, where Mr. Saxton purchased 160 acres. In 1875 they moved to the present farm, now owned by their son, W. F., the subject of this sketch. Mr. Saxton died in 1890, and his wife died in 1900. They were the parents of five children, as follows: Sarah M., was the wife of Edward H. Grizzell, died in Kansas; Mary, was the wife of E. H. Slemmons, deceased; George, died in infancy; Frank, a sketch of whom appears in this history, lives in West Township, McLean County; and W. F., the subject of this sketch.

W. F. Saxton has always lived in West Township and owns a well improved farm of 680 acres. He carries on general farming with his stock raising, and in both of these pursuits he has achieved success.

Mr. Saxton was married on Feb. 17, 1904, to Miss Lona B. Twineham, a native of Switzerland County, Ind., born in 1883, and the daughter of William and Belle Twineham. Mr. and Mrs. Twineham had 10 children, as follows: Burton, lives in Oklahoma; James, lives in Indiana; Nellie, lives in Indiana; Mabel, lives in North Dakota; Mrs. Hannah Saxton, lives at Farmer City, Ill.; Dora, lives in Indiana; Opha, lives at Indianapolis, Ind.; Andrew, deceased; and two children died in infancy. To W. F. and Lona B. (Twineham) Saxton three children have been born, as follows: Warren W., born July 4, 1905, at home; Richard Lee, died in infancy; a daughter also died in infancy; and Mary Elizabeth, died in infancy.

Mr. Saxton is a Democrat and has served as assessor and school director. He is a member of the Methodist Church, and an enterprising and highly respected citizen of McLean County.

Isaac Murphy, known in West Township as an excellent citizen and successful farmer, is a native of McLean County and a member of one of its most prominent pioneer families. He was born June 22, 1866, the son of Edwin M. and Jane (Howell) Murphy.

Isaac Murphy, grandfather of the subject of this sketch, came to McLean County from Meigs County, Ohio, in 1828, and located at Bloomington, where he worked at his trade as cabinetmaker for six years. He entered the Black Hawk War under the command of General Gridley and was a corporal. Mr. Murphy then settled on a farm of 40 acres in Empire Township, McLean County, which he operated until 1871. He died in Oregon in 1872. At the time of his retirement Mr. Murphy owned 960 acres of land in McLean County.

Edwin M. Murphy was born and reared in McLean County and was a successful farmer. He was born Oct. 15, 1836, and died Oct. 28, 1884. His wife, Jane Howell, was a native of Kentucky, born in 1838, the daughter of Levi Howell. To this union two sons were born: John, lives near Downs, Ill.; and Isaac, the subject of this sketch. Mr. Murphy was married the second time to Miss Maggie Oliver, in 1870, and to this union two daughters were born: Mary Baker, died Dec. 5, 1872; and Laura Huff-

man, born Dec. 11, 1876, lives in Michigan. Mrs. Murphy died Dec. 20, 1918.

Isaac Murphy attended District School No. 54, and after his father's death assumed all responsibilities of the farm. He operates 142 acres of land and is a breeder of Chester White hogs. Mr. Murphy has followed the occupation of farming all his life and has achieved success in his work.

On Sept. 4, 1889, Mr. Murphy was united in marriage with Miss Ella Rees, a native of Empire Township, McLean County, born May 19, 1873, and the daughter of Samuel Rees, a native of Ohio, now living at LeRoy, Ill. To Isaac and Ella (Rees) Murphy eight children have been born, as follows: Minor, born June 8, 1890, lives in Indiana; Bertha Agee, born March 25, 1892, lives at Arrowsmith, Ill.; Myrtle Bultia, born May 23, 1893, lives at Ellsworth, Ill.; Charles, born Dec. 11, 1894, died Oct. 7, 1918; Lewis Frank, born Aug. 30, 1896, lives at home; Hallie, born Sept. 12, 1898, died Nov. 11, 1922, was a graduate nurse; Ivan, born Nov. 6, 1904, at home; and Paul Isaac, born Dec. 24, 1909, a student at LeRoy High School.

Mr. Murphy is a Democrat, served as road commissioner for 12 years, and as school director for 20 years. During the World War he served on the Exemption Board No. 1 at Bloomington. Mrs. Murphy is a member of the Methodist Church.

N. P. Lawrence, one of the progressive farmers and stockmen of West Township, is a native of Tazewell County, Ill., born Oct. 15, 1865. He is the son of Daniel and Frances (Allensworth) Lawrence.

In 1840 Daniel Lawrence came to Illinois from Pennsylvania and was among the first settlers of DeWitt County. He was a prominent farmer during his life and died in 1875 at the age of 77 years. By a former marriage to Miss Lena Burgon, ten children were born, one of whom is now living, Susan Barnard, Bloomington, Ill. In 1858 Mr. Lawrence was married the second time to Miss Frances Allensworth, and to this union five children were born, as follows: Margaret, lives at Jefferson, Iowa; Nancy, deceased; Daniel, deceased; N. P., the subject of this sketch; and Mary Dunn, lives near Danvers, Ill. Mrs. Lawrence is still living and is 90 years of age.

N. P. Lawrence received his education in the district schools of Tazewell County and engaged in farming for himself when he was 20 years old. About 1879 Mr. Lawrence came to McLean County. In 1889 he went West, and in 1894 returned to McLean County, settling west of Heyworth; in 1896 he moved to Downs Township; in 1899 he moved west of LeRoy, Ill.; in 1902 he moved to Iowa; in 1903 he came back to McLean County and bought a farm south of Stanford; in 1908 he moved near LeRoy, and in 1918 he bought his present farm in West Township. He owns 190 acres of land and the farm is equipped with excellent buildings.

On Oct. 6, 1888, Mr. Lawrence was married to Miss Anna Dance, who was born in England, March 20, 1866, the daughter of William Dance. Mrs. Lawrence has one sister, Mary Jane, who lives in Iowa. To N. P. and Anna (Dance) Lawrence one child has been born, Ethel Taylor, born Oct. 8, 1891, lives in West Township, McLean County. Mrs. Taylor has two children, Velma and Wilma.

Mr. Lawrence is a Republican and a member of the Modern Woodmen of America at Heyworth. He is one of the substantial men of McLean County.

John W. Hilpert, who now lives retired at Stanford, is among the well known farmers of Allin Township. He was born on a farm in Tazewell County, Ill., Feb. 3, 1857, the son of John B. and Anna (Hoose) Hilpert.

John B. Hilpert was a native of Baden, Germany, and his wife, Anna, was born in Hesse Darmstadt, Germany. They came to this country in 1852. John B. Hilpert settled near New Orleans for a short time and later in St. Louis. Anna (Hoose) Hilpert settled for a short time at Baltimore, Md., and later in St. Louis. They came to Pekin, Ill., and were married in March, 1856. After several years there they moved to Logan County, resided there about four years and then came to McLean County, where they purchased a farm in Mount Hope Township. Mr. Hilpert retired in 1890 and moved to Minier and died nine years later on Nov. 7, 1899, and his wife died in 1913. They were the parents of the following children: John W., the subject of this sketch; Elizabeth, who married John Slaubaugh and died on Dec. 3, 1889; Amelia, who married John Weihmeir and died Oct. 15, 1919; Edward, married Lena Sutter, lives on the home place; U. G., who married Eva Poe and died Jan. 20, 1921; and Emma J., who married Frederick Schilpp, lives at Hopedale, Ill.



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John W. Hilpert spent his boyhood on the home place and received his education in the district schools of McLean County. In 1882 he rented land which he farmed. In August, 1902, he purchased his present farm in Allin Township. Mr. Hilpert became a successful farmer and stockman, and was well known as a breeder of Shorthorn cattle and Poland China hogs. He rents his farm now and lives at Stanford, having retired in 1919.

On Jan. 31, 1884, Mr. Hilpert was married to Miss Elizabeth M. Hoerr, who was born at Atlanta, Ill., on Feb. 15, 1864, and the daughter of Frank and Rosina (Kanzleiter) Hoerr. Frank Hoerr was born in Hesse Harmstadt, Germany, June 24, 1835, and his wife was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, Oct. 20, 1836. He came to the United States in 1852 and settled on a farm near Springfield, Ohio, with an uncle, remaining there for two years. Mr. Hoerr then went to Atlanta, Ill. Mrs. Hoerr came from Germany to Atlanta, Ill., in 1859 and was married to Frank Hoerr at Peoria, Ill., in 1862. They resided in Atlanta for two years then renting a farm until 1885, when he bought a farm near Atlanta, Ill., where he died Jan. 15, 1899, and his wife died Jan. 31, 1916. Mr. and Mrs. Hoerr were the parents of the following children: Mrs. Elizabeth M. Hilpert; Katheryn, who married George Kerns; John H., married Leta Harris; and Emma B., married L. L. Groves, and she died June 9, 1902. To John W. and Elizabeth M. (Hoerr) Hilpert seven children have been born, as follows: Clara May, born Dec. 30, 1884, married on Feb. 4, 1909, to Alvin Homer Caton, they have one child, Raymond, born Nov. 5, 1909; Rosa Anna, born Dec. 20, 1885, married on May 7, 1908, to Louis Helwig, and he died Aug. 18, 1914; Oleda Henrietta, born Oct. 25, 1887, married on June 29, 1910, to William Claude Murphy, and they have one child, Leona Elaine, born Dec. 6, 1921; Lillian Elizabeth, born May 2, 1889, married on Dec. 7, 1914, to Arthur Ray Caton, and he died Dec. 14, 1918; Edna Kathryn, born Aug. 18, 1890, and married Dec. 11, 1913, to Chester John Halane, and they have one child, Orvid Gail, born Nov. 6, 1920; Frank, born Jan. 11, 1893, and married June 27, 1923, to Miss Orpha Warlow, and they live at Stanford; and Harry, born Aug. 8, 1895, and married on Nov. 23, 1918, to Beulah Gingerich, and they have one child, Arves Laverne, born Jan. 14, 1920.

Frank Hilpert is a veteran of the World War, having gone to Camp Wheeler, Macon, Georgia, on June 25, 1918. He sailed from Camp Mills with Company F, 31st Division, 106th Engineers on Sept. 15, 1918, and landed in Glasgow, Scotland, and from there to Camp Pontanezen, Brest,

France. He returned to the United States July 5, 1919. He is owner of the Buick Garage at Stanford, known as Hilpert's Garage.

Harry Hilpert is also a World War veteran, having gone to the Sweeney Auto School on June 20, 1918. From there to Camp John Wise, San Antonio, Texas; while there was in the Balloon Division of the Air Service. He returned to Stanford on Jan. 16, 1919, and is now in business with his brother, Frank.

John W. Hilpert is identified with the Republican party in politics and he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church and are among the substantial and highly respected citizens of McLean County.

Charles Dotson, a well-known farmer and stockman of West Township, was born on the farm where he now resides, Jan. 23, 1872, and is a son of John and Rebecca (Speers) Dotson.

John Dotson was a native of Garret County, Ky., and came to Bloomington, Ill., with his parents when he was 12 years of age. He died at the age of 64 years, and his widow now lives at Bellflower, Ill. She was born in McLean County, on the Isaac Murphy farm, the daughter of James and Sarah Speers. Mrs. Dotson has two children: Albert, lives at Bellflower, Ill.; and Charles, the subject of this sketch.

Charles Dotson attended the district schools, and has operated the home farm in West Township since he was 21 years of age. He owns 120 acres of well improved land and has added many improvements to the place. Mr. Dotson has conducted his farm in a highly successful manner and is a breeder of good stock.

On Feb. 15, 1894, Mr. Dotson was united in marriage with Miss Nellie Hill, who was born on the adjacent farm, in 1874, a daughter of George and Almira Hill. Mr. and Mrs. Hill were the parents of eight children, as follows: Wallace, lives in Iowa; Effie, lives in Michigan; Winnie, deceased; Allie Bright, Foosland, Ill.; Mrs. Dotson; Annie Gildersleeve, deceased; David, Momeaqua, Ill.; one child died in infancy. To Charles and Nellie (Hill) Dotson two children have been born: Almira, the wife of Riley Lush, now living on the Hill homestead, in West Township; and Russel, lives in West Township, McLean County. He married Ruth Moore of Saybrook, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. Dotson have six grandchildren: Alta, Dorothy, Delmar and Charles Lush, and Helen and Roger Eugene Dotson.

Mr. Dotson is a Democrat and a member of the Knights of Pythias. He belongs to the United Brethren Church at Seybrook. Mr. Dotson is a man who has been efficient in his business of conducting a farm, and he is a reliable citizen of his township.

Leander Coss, now living retired, has for many years been a leading farmer and stockman of Arrowsmith Township. He was born in Ross County, Ohio, Dec. 1, 1842, the son of John and Calista (Ring) Coss.

John Coss was born in Ross County, Ohio, and in 1860 he brought his family to Illinois, and purchased a farm of 240 acres. Jacob Coss, father of John, was a Pennsylvanian by nativity, but spent the closing years of his life in Ross County, Ohio, dying at the remarkable age of 103 years. John Coss settled in McLean County at the head of Old Town Timber, and bought 240 acres of land. After carrying on farming in that locality for a number of years he went to Kansas, and there passed the remainder of his days in the same pursuit. His wife died in 1865. John and Calista (Ring) Coss were the parents of 12 children, two of whom are now living: Leander, the subject of this sketch; and Cynthia M., who lives in California.

The early life of Leander Coss was spent on a farm and his education was obtained in the district schools. He settled in McLean County in 1860. Seven years later he bought 95 acres of land, and added to this from time to time until he is now the owner of 240 acres in Arrowsmith Township. In 1903, after a long and prosperous experience in farming operations, he abandoned active farm life and made his home in Bloomington. Later, however, he removed to Arrowsmith Township, and seven years later moved to Arrowsmith, where he now resides.

On Jan. 25, 1865, Mr. Coss was married to Miss Sarepta Arrowsmith, a native of Arrowsmith Township, born Aug. 14, 1844, and the daughter of Ezekiel and Mary Ann (Little) Arrowsmith. Mr. and Mrs. Arrowsmith were born in Ross County, Ohio, and settled in McLean County in 1839. The township and village of Arrowsmith were named in their honor. Mr. Arrowsmith was twice married. By his first wife, whose maiden name was Hannah Harrison, he had four children, the last of whom, Mary K. Bane, died in 1920. His second wife, Mary A. Little, whose first husband was Benjamin Simpson, had seven children by her

second marriage, three of whom are now living: James A., lives at Normal; Eliza Jane, lives in California; and Mrs. Coss. Mr. Arrowsmith died April 11, 1894, and his wife died in 1889.

Mr. and Mrs. Leander Coss are the parents of 12 children, as follows: Mary Eliza, married to W. C. Tomlinson, lives in Minnesota; Osman Ames, a physician at Saunemin, Livingston County, Ill.; Ursula, at home; William Arrowsmith, a physician at Danvers, Ill.; James Austin, lives at Sioux City, Ia., where he holds a professorship in chemistry and physics; Elizabeth, married Rolla J. Smith, lives near Arrowsmith; Calista, deceased; one child died in infancy; Samuel E., Washington, D. C.; Clara, married Ira Ashby, of New Albany, Ind.; Martha M., married Clem Reed, lives in Chicago; and Leila, who teaches school. Mr. and Mrs. Coss have 23 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Coss have been members of the Methodist Church for 70 years, and are highly respected citizens of McLean County. Mrs. Coss is the oldest living person born in Arrowsmith Township.

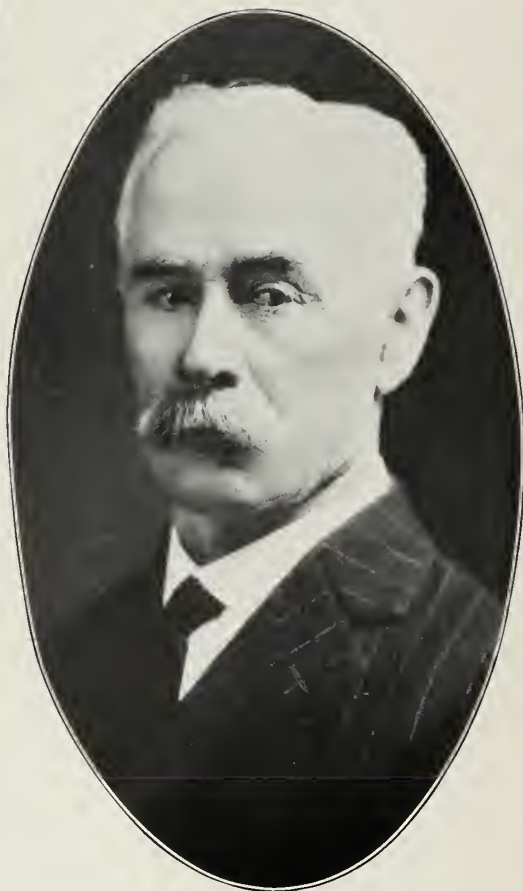
John C. Britt, a prominent farmer of Mount Hope Township, lives near Armington, and has extensive land holdings in McLean County. He was born in Logan County, Ill., just across the Tazewell County line, Sept. 29, 1855, the son of William S. and Sallie (Burt) Britt.

William S. Britt was a native of Kentucky and came to Illinois with his parents when he was a boy, settling in Logan County. His wife, also a native of Kentucky, located in Tazewell County, Ill. Mr. Britt followed farming successfully for many years and died in 1909. His wife died in 1911. They were the parents of five children, as follows: Henry died in infancy; Paulina, the widow of Adolph Dillon, lives at Normal, Ill.; Emma, married J. E. Richmond, lives at Normal, Ill.; Hattie, married Byron Gregory, lives at Normal, Ill.; and John C., the subject of this sketch.

John C. Britt received his education in the district schools, Eureka College, and also took a business course at Bryant & Stratton, Chicago. He was engaged in the grain business at Armington from 1896 to 1920, when he sold his business and engaged in general farming in Mount Hope Township. Mr. Britt owns 440 acres of well improved land, and specializes in the breeding of Percheron horses. Although he was engaged in the grain business for many years at Armington, he has owned his farm since



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1882, in which year he built a fine residence upon it. The original shingles are still on this house.

In 1878, Mr. Britt was married to Miss Ella Hieronymus, a native of Tazewell County, Ill., and a daughter of William and Luncinda (Gardner) Hieronymus. Mr. and Mrs. Hieronymus were natives of Kentucky and Ohio, respectively, and pioneer settlers of Tazewell County. Mr. and Mrs. Britt have no children.

Mr. and Mrs. Britt attend the Christian church. He has served as road commissioner for several years in his township. Both he and his wife are highly esteemed residents of the community.

Walter Kennedy, retired, has been a prominent farmer and has lived on the same farm in Arrowsmith Township for 30 years. He is a native of Scotland, where he was born July 2, 1850, the son of Thomas and Helen (Johnson) Kennedy, both of Scotch nativity. His parents came to the United States in 1851, locating in New York state, where they remained about two years. They then journeyed to Illinois, settling in McLean County and renting a farm southwest of Bloomington. Subsequently for five years they lived on the Isaac Funk farm, after which Thomas Kennedy bought 160 acres of land in Dawson Township, McLean County, where he lived 20 years. He afterward lived on a farm in Arrowsmith Township and spent the last years of his life in the village of Arrowsmith, dying March 18, 1896. His wife is also deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy were the parents of four children: Walter, the subject of this sketch; Mary, lives at Reddick, Ill.; Helen, lives at Arrowsmith; and Robert, deceased.

Walter Kennedy was reared on his father's farm and his education was obtained in the common schools of Dawson Township, and from his youth he devoted himself to farming. He was also an extensive stockman.

On Feb. 22, 1880, Mr. Kennedy was married to Miss Elma Neal, who was born in Dawson Township, McLean County, June 25, 1858, the daughter of John and Sarah (Brannaman) Neal, natives of Ohio and Virginia, respectively. Mrs. Neal's mother, who is now 96 years of age, is the daughter of David Brannaman, a Virginian, who at a very early period settled in McLean County. John Neal is deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy nine children were born: Helen, wife of R. L. Sohn, lives in

Arrowsmith; Anna Slinghoff, Bloomington; Thomas, lives in Michigan; Bertha Wells, lives at LeRoy, Ill.; Nellie Jones, lives at LeRoy; Richard, lives in Arrowsmith Township; Grace Dingleline, lives at Thawville, Ill.; Jessie Stahl, lives at home; and George, a veteran of the World War, lives at Thawville, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy reared a granddaughter, Lila Kennedy, who was born June 20, 1907. There are 23 grandchildren.

Mr. Kennedy is a Republican and a highly respected pioneer citizen of Arrowsmith Township. Mrs. Kennedy was a member of the Methodist Church. She died Jan. 20, 1924.

Walter A. Scott, a well-known farmer and stockman of Arrowsmith Township and the owner of 200 acres of well improved land, is a native of Illinois. He was born in Woodford County, Oct. 20, 1869, and is the son of William and Sarah (Amos) Scott.

William Scott was born at Weeden-by-Weston, Northhamptonshire, England, Dec. 3, 1832. He came to the United States in 1852 with his wife and located in Woodford County, Ill., where he became the owner of 215 acres of land. At the time of his retirement he removed to Arrowsmith, where he lived until 1919. Mr. Scott now resides with a daughter at Vicksburg, Mich. His wife was born in England, Jan. 4, 1838, the daughter of William Amos. Mrs. Scott died May 1, 1916. There were three children in the Scott family: Emma Harsha, born Feb. 18, 1868, lives at Vicksburg, Mich.; Walter A., the subject of this sketch; and Frederick W., born Nov. 22, 1880, lives on the home place in Arrowsmith Township.

Walter A. Scott was reared and educated in Woodford County. He owns a well improved farm and is a successful breeder of stock.

On Feb. 24, 1915, Mr. Scott was married to Miss Elizabeth Belle Luther, a native of Pennsylvania, born Jan. 10, 1881, the daughter of Finley Paul and Matilda (Snoddy) Luther. Mr. Luther, a native of Pennsylvania, was born Aug. 26, 1843, and still lives on the farm where he was born. He served throughout the Civil War. Mrs. Luther was born in Ohio, Jan. 4, 1844, and was the daughter of Benjamin and Jane (Faloon) Snoddy. Mrs. Luther died Jan. 11, 1907. Mr. and Mrs. Luther were the parents of eight children, as follows: Alice, lives at New Florence, Pa.; Agnes Keller, lives near Arrowsmith; Jane Strickler, deceased;

Rachel; James Paul, deceased; David, deceased; Mrs. Scott; and Anna Myrtle, lives with her father. Mr. and Mrs. Scott have no children.

Mr. Scott is a Republican and is now serving as Township Assessor. He is a member of the Methodist Church and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is one of the substantial and dependable citizens of Arrowsmith Township.

Raymond Webber, cashier of the Arrowsmith State Bank, at Arrowsmith, is a substantial business man of McLean County. He has been in the employ of the bank since 1905.

The Arrowsmith State Bank is the reorganization of the Arrowsmith and McClure and Jacobs Banks, originally private banking concerns. In 1921 it was reorganized with a capital stock of \$30,000. It is among the thriving and dependable banking institutions of the county and has the following officers: J. H. Jacobs, president; George F. Lester, vice-president; Raymond Webber, cashier; and E. M. Perry, assistant cashier. The directors are: J. H. Jacobs, Harry VanGundy, E. M. Perry and Raymond Webber.

On Feb. 28, 1912, Mr. Webber was married to Miss Litta Richardson, and to this union three children have been born, as follows: Dorothy P., born Aug. 15, 1913; Robert Raymond, born Feb. 28, 1918; and Warren Mathew, born Nov. 3, 1920.

Mr. Webber is a Republican and a member of the Methodist Church. He has served as township clerk for 10 years and has held other township offices. Mr. Webber has served as cashier of the Arrowsmith State Bank in a very efficient manner, and he has an extensive acquaintance in McLean County.

F. C. Cowan, station agent at Arrowsmith for the Erie Railroad Company, is a substantial and highly respected citizen of McLean County. He was born at Springfield, Ohio, Jan. 25, 1859, and is the son of John F. and Elizabeth (Crawford) Cowan.

John F. Cowan, also a native of Springfield, Ohio, was born in 1824, the son of David Cowan, who came from Kentucky to Ohio during the pioneer days. In 1864 John F. Cowan removed to Illinois and settled on land near Bloomington. He went to Saybrook in 1871, where he resided

until the time of his death in 1876. Mr. Cowan served during the Civil War with an Ohio outfit, and was discharged in 1864 on account of his failing health. His wife, a native of Pennsylvania, died in 1883, at the age of 46 years. Mr. and Mrs. Cowan had three children: Emma Conover, died in 1909; F. C., the subject of this sketch; and Charles, who died in 1878, at the age of 10 years.

F. C. Cowan received his education in the district schools and started in the employ of the Lake Erie Railroad in 1879. He has been located at Arrowsmith as station agent since April 29, 1881, and during that long period of service Mr. Cowan has been known for his efficiency and reliability.

On Sept. 24, 1883, Mr. Cowan was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Rangler, a native of Arrowsmith, born Nov. 10, 1863.

Mr. Cowan is a Republican and his wife is a member of the Methodist Church. They are well known in their community and have many friends and acquaintances.

Ola Olson is an enterprising and practical farmer and stockman, living in Dale Township. He was born in Sweden, Oct. 15, 1854, and is the son of Nelson and Mary Olson.

Mr. Olson was educated in Sweden and came to this country when he was 27 years of age. He located at Pontiac, Ill., where he remained two years, then entering the employ of Campbell & Fagerburg, farmers, of Dry Grove Township. After five years Mr. Olson purchased a farm of 86 acres in Dry Grove Township which he operated nine years. He then moved to his present location in Dale Township. Mr. Olson also owns the home place of 217 acres and 225 acres of well improved land and lives in a fine, modern residence. By hard work he has made a success of his undertakings and he is well known as a breeder of Shorthorn cattle.

Mr. Olson was married to Miss Emma Olsen, also a native of Sweden, and to this union seven children have been born as follows: Ruth, at home; George, at home; Edmund, deceased; Arthur, married Clara Phalen; Esther, married Irving Cooper; Herman, at home and John, deceased.

Mr. Olson is a Republican and has served as school director for 12 years. He is a director of the Farmers' Elevator of Shirley. Mr. Olson and family are members of the First English Lutheran Church of Bloomington, and he is one of the reliable men of his community.



OLA OLSON AND FAMILY.

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David L. Snoddy, retired, is a well-known citizen of McLean County and a veteran of the Civil War. He was born in Richland County, Ohio, March 24, 1845, the son of Benjamin and Sarah (Filloon) Snoddy.

Benjamin Snoddy was born in Pennsylvania and went to Ohio when a young man. He and his wife, now deceased, were the parents of five children: Matilda Luther, deceased; James, deceased; John, lives in Pennsylvania; David L., the subject of this sketch; and one child died in infancy.

David L. Snoddy received his education in the district schools of Ohio. When he was 18 years old he enlisted for service in the Civil War with Company B, 120th Ohio Volunteer Infantry. After being discharged in June, 1865, Mr. Snoddy returned home and learned the carpenter trade. On July 4, 1868, he removed to Arrowsmith Township and engaged in farming there. Mr. Snoddy has lived retired at Arrowsmith since 1916.

On Jan. 23, 1873, Mr. Snoddy was married to Miss Sarah Slingloff, a native of McLean County, born Dec. 22, 1850, and the daughter of John and Rebecca (Wingfield) Slingloff, the former a native of Germany and the latter of Virginia. Mr. Slingloff was born Dec. 25, 1822, and came to the United States when he was 15 years of age, locating at Marysville, Ohio. In 1850 the family removed to McLean County. Mr. and Mrs. Slingloff, deceased, were the parents of seven children: George, William, Nicholas, and John, all deceased; Elijah, lives at Arrowsmith; Mrs. Snoddy; and Mary Arbogast, lives at Arrowsmith. To Mr. and Mrs. Snoddy nine children were born: Kate, mention of whom is made below; Minnie, born Feb. 9, 1877, died Dec. 25, 1915; John, born March 24, 1878, lives in Michigan; Matilda, born May 24, 1880, Arrowsmith; Charles, born Nov. 8, 1881, lives in Nebraska; Rebecca Allen, born Dec. 21, 1883, lives at Bellflower, Ill.; Frank, born April 10, 1886, lives in Nebraska; Bert, born March 9, 1888, lives at Arrowsmith, Ill.; and Leota Fitzhenry, born Dec. 10, 1889, lives at Gibson City, Ill.

Kate Snoddy was born Dec. 16, 1873, and died Nov. 20, 1897. She married John Larimer, and they had two children: Harry, born Nov. 1, 1897, Chicago Heights, Ill.; and Ralph, died at the age of 20 months. At the time of his mother's death, Harry Larimer was but 20 days old. He was reared by his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Snoddy, and now lives in Chicago Heights. His father lives on a farm in South Dakota.

Mr. Snoddy is a Republican and has been road commissioner for 15 years and school director for 18 years. He and his family are members

of the Methodist Church of Arrowsmith and are representative citizens of their community. Mr. Snoddy also belongs to the Masonic Lodge. Mrs. Snoddy died Feb. 2, 1924, and is buried in the Union Cemetery.

Louis Lauritson has been a prominent farmer and stockman of Arrowsmith Township for many years and is the owner of 1,719 acres of land in McLean County, Ill., and in the state of Michigan. He was born in Denmark, Dec. 28, 1854, the son of Louis and Sophia Lauritson.

Louis Lauritson, the subject of this sketch, came to the United States in 1872 and located in McLean County.

On March 16, 1882, Mr. Lauritson was married to Miss Isabel Gowdy, a native of Bloomington, born Dec. 24, 1859, the daughter of James and Mary Ann Gowdy. She died April 15, 1915. To Mr. and Mrs. Lauritson six children were born, as follows: Clifford, born March 12, 1883, died Aug. 26, 1868; Anna M., born Feb. 8, 1887, at home; Elton L., born March 1, 1889, at home; Ernest, born Nov. 25, 1890, lives in Dawson Township; Florence VanGundy, lives at Ellsworth, Ill.; Cora E. Arrowsmith, born March 6, 1895, lives on the old Arrowsmith farm in Arrowsmith Township. Mr. Lauritson has five grandchildren: Louise W. and Helen L. Arrowsmith; Ernest E., Glenn A. and Norma Pauline, the children of Ernest Lauritson.

Mr. Lauritson is a Democrat and has served as school director for a number of years. He is a director of the Ellsworth Bank. The Lauritson family is well liked and widely known.

F. C. Griffin, a progressive and enterprising citizen of Bloomington, and veteran of the World War, was born at Lawndale, Ill., March 16, 1890, the son of Henry R. and Eliza (Nagle) Griffin.

Henry R. Griffin and his wife were born in Indiana and were early settlers of McLean County. They now live retired in Atlanta, Ill., and are the parents of the following children: Mett, married Vernon Seefeldt, deceased, and she lives in Iowa; F. C., the subject of this sketch; Zetta, married Glenn Chowning, lives at Atlanta, Ill.; Jess, lives at Atlanta, Ill.; Clara, at home; Theodore, Louisa, and Alma, all at home.

F. C. Griffin was reared and educated at Lawndale, Ill., and in early manhood entered the employ of the Chicago & Alton Railroad. He has

been a brakeman since May 17, 1917. During the World War Mr. Griffin was inducted into service and served with Company B, 1st Division, 28th Infantry. He saw service overseas and was severely wounded at the battle of Saint Mihiel. He was discharged from service on June 21, 1918. Mr. Griffin's brother, Jess, is also a veteran of the World War and also served overseas.

On Oct. 14, 1920, Mr. Griffin was united in marriage with Miss Edna Moore, a native of Normal, Ill., born Jan. 12, 1900, and the daughter of J. R. and Alice (Gehrt) Moore. Mr. Moore was born in Pike County, Ill., May 18, 1873, and now lives with Mr. and Mrs. Griffin. His wife died Sept. 18, 1920. Mrs. Griffin has one sister, Myrtle, who also lives with her. To Mr. and Mrs. Griffin two children have been born: Robert, born Sept. 13, 1921; and James, born Aug. 10, 1923.

Mr. Griffin is a Democrat and a member of the Christian Church. He and his family are well and favorably known in Bloomington.

John Marsh, now deceased, was an early settler and prominent citizen of McLean County. He was born March 14, 1828, at Romulus, Seneca County, N. Y., and died in February, 1913. He was a son of Darius and Mary A. (Brown) Marsh, natives of New Jersey and New York. Darius Marsh was born Aug. 2, 1800, and died April 10, 1887. He was a farmer. His wife was born in 1804 and died in 1885. They had nine children, the subject being the second child.

John Marsh remained at home until his marriage on March 4, 1852, to Eliza Hobart, a native of Perry, Ohio, born May 19, 1830. She was the daughter of Nathan and Cynthia (Page) Hobart, natives of New Hampshire. Mrs. Eliza Marsh died in February, 1912. To their union eight children were born, four of whom are now living, as follows: John Franklin, Arrowsmith, Ill.; Mrs. J. H. Bultia, Caldwell, Kans.; Mrs. Cynthia E. Ritter, further mention of whom is made below; and H. H. Marsh, who lives in Arrowsmith, Ill. In the fall of 1852 John Marsh came to McLean County. He acquired about 700 acres of land in Arrowsmith Township, and also owned land in Sumner County, Kans. He was a breeder of fine stock and his land was well improved. He was a Republican and held several offices in the county. He was Commissioner of Highways for 18 years and was township and school trustee. In 1875 he was elected county

supervisor but declined to serve. Mr. Marsh was a progressive man and one of the valued citizens of the county.

Cynthia E. Ritter, a respected resident of Arrowsmith, was born in Arrowsmith Township, McLean County, Nov. 7, 1861, and is the daughter of John and Eliza H. (Hobart) Marsh.

Mrs. Ritter has spent her entire life in McLean County and on Dec. 25, 1884, was married to William Henry Ritter. To this union three children were born, as follows: Lida M. Ritter was born on Nov. 9, 1885, was married on Aug. 27, 1913, to William C. Harrison, and to this union one child has been born, Esther J., born Nov. 27, 1914. They live at Peoria, Ill.

Elma Leona Ritter was born Aug. 8, 1888. In March, 1915, she was married to Wilfred O. Thornberry, and to this union four children have been born: Leona Ruth, Melba Elizabeth, Wilfred Raymond, deceased, and Frances Louise. The Thornberry family lives near Heyworth.

Florence Mae Ritter was born Jan. 10, 1891. She taught school before her marriage and in 1910 went abroad with her father where she spent three months. On Feb. 15, 1911, she was married to Thomas J. Karr, a son of Harvey and Emily K. Karr, of Shirley, Ill. To this union four children have been born: Marjorie L., died in infancy; Theodora V., born Jan. 29, 1913; Harvey B., born Aug. 23, 1914; and Dorothy D., born Aug. 9, 1916. The Karr family resides near Bloomington.

Walter C. Rogers, manager of the Farmers' Grain Elevator and postmaster of Covell, is a prominent citizen of McLean County. He was born on the old homestead, Dec. 19, 1875, and is a son of Wesley H. and Mary I. (Hart) Rogers.

Wesley H. Rogers was born in Pennsylvania, Feb. 2, 1833, a son of William Rogers, who migrated from Pennsylvania to Peoria County, Ill., in 1848, and in 1856 settled with his five sons in Dale Township, McLean County. Wesley H. Rogers was a prominent farmer of Dale Township for many years, and died March 17, 1900. His wife was a daughter of Amaziah and Louisa (Gooding) Hart, the former a native of Virginia and the latter of Kentucky. The Hart family came to Peoria County, Ill., in 1844. To Wesley H. and Mary I. (Hart) Rogers eight children were born, as follows: Walter C., the subject of this sketch; Mattie, married Isaac Stubblefield, lives in Bloomington, Ill.; Lottie, married F. H. Petrie,



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lives at Bloomington; Lucy, married Ezra Salisbury, lives in Montana; Addie, deceased, was the wife of John Stubblefield; Carrie, deceased, was the wife of L. Freeman; William, deceased; and one child died in infancy.

Walter C. Rogers attended the district schools of Dale Township and engaged in farming until 1921, and was the owner of 245 acres of good farm land. The Farmers' Grain Elevator Company was organized in June, 1919, with George W. Parks as president, and Mr. Rogers as general manager. In 1922 he was elected postmaster of Covell. He owns a one-half interest in a general store there and is in partnership with Joe Williams.

In 1901 Mr. Rogers was married to Miss Cora Stubblefield, a native of Dale Township, and the daughter of David R. and Matilda (Bowers) Stubblefield, the former a native of McLean County and the latter of Pennsylvania. Mr. Stubblefield resides at Bloomington. His wife died in 1919. To Mr. and Mrs. Rogers two children have been born, Gladys, who attends Illinois Wesleyan University, and Mildred, also a student.

Mr. Rogers is a Republican and a member of the Methodist church, of which he has been steward for 15 years. He is president of the Community High School at Stanford, Ill. The Rogers family has been well and favorably known in the community for many years, and Mr. Rogers is highly esteemed as an excellent citizen.

L. C. Gerling, an enterprising farmer and stockman of Arrowsmith Township, was born near Bloomington, Ill., Sept. 19, 1869, the son of Henry and Sophia (Smalfield) Gerling.

Henry Gerling was a native of Germany, as also was his wife. He was born Dec. 13, 1827, and after his marriage he and his wife came to this country. They lived at Buffalo, N. Y., for one year and came to Bloomington in 1858. Mr. Gerling died Oct. 30, 1913, and his wife died Jan. 25, 1899. They were the parents of five children, as follows: Herman, retired; Henry and Albert, deceased; L. C., the subject of this sketch; and one child died in infancy.

L. C. Gerling spent his boyhood on the home place near Bloomington and received his education in the schools of Bloomington. He has lived on his present farm in Arrowsmith Township since the time of his marriage in 1900 and is among the well-known stockmen of the county.

On March 14, 1900, Mr. Gerling was married to Miss Helena Mertens, a native of Bloomington, born Jan. 31, 1869, and the daughter of Henry

and Marie Elizabeth (Ehlers) Mertens, natives of Germany, and now deceased. Mrs. Gerling has one sister, Rose Jacobs, who lives in Arrowsmith Township. To Mr. and Mrs. Gerling two children have been born: Porter L., born Jan. 6, 1905; and Wilbur M., born Jan. 2, 1908.

Mr. Gerling is a Republican and has served as trustee of the school board in Arrowsmith Township for 12 years. He and his wife are highly esteemed members of their community. Mr. Gerling is a member of the Lutheran Church.

John W. Manahan, who is successfully engaged in farming and stock raising in Arrowsmith Township, is a native of Pennsylvania. He was born in Adams County, June 21, 1852, the son of John and Margaret (Benschoff) Manahan.

John Manahan, a native of Pennsylvania, was born in 1821, and died in 1862. His wife was born May 8, 1830, and died in 1916, at the home of her son in Ohio, William Manahan. Mr. and Mrs. Manahan were the parents of eight children: Mary Ellen, Annabel, Virginia, James, Frank, all deceased; William Henry, lives in Ohio; Edward, lives in Ohio; and John W., the subject of this sketch.

John W. Manahan received his education in the district schools of Pennsylvania, and in 1871 came to McLean County, locating at Saybrook. The Manahan farm contains 200 acres of well improved land in Arrowsmith Township, and Mr. Manahan is one of the leading stock feeders of the county.

On Aug. 22, 1873, Mr. Manahan was married to Miss Alice Newcomb, a native of Saybrook, born in 1857, and a daughter of John and Rachel Newcomb. She died in May, 1874. Mr. and Mrs. Newcomb were the parents of seven children, as follows: James, deceased; Benjamin R., Charles and Abner, live at Gibson City, Ill.; E. H., lives at Saybrook; Janette Manahan, lives in Kansas, and Mrs. John W. Manahan. Mr. Manahan was later married to Miss Barbara A. Fry, a native of McLean County, born in 1862, a daughter of Henry and Susan Fry. Mrs. Manahan died Oct. 18, 1895, leaving seven children, as follows: Frank, lives at Arrowsmith; Albert and Bertie May, both deceased; William, lives at Colfax, Ill.; Hattie Ashby, lives at Arrowsmith; Benton, mention of whom is made below; and Eunice Hensley, lives at Arrowsmith.

Benton Manahan was born Oct. 4, 1890, and died Oct. 23, 1923. On Jan. 18, 1916, he was married to Miss Lillie Cornwell, a native of Saybrook, born Sept. 5, 1899, the daughter of George and Barbara (Groves) Cornwell. To Benton and Lillie (Cornwell) Manahan, three children were born: Margaret, born Oct. 13, 1917; Leslie Eugene, born Aug. 30, 1919; and Lewis, born May 19, 1923.

John W. Manahan is a Republican and has served as school clerk for 35 years. He has also served as road constable and road commissioner. Mr. Manahan is a substantial citizen and has always stood high in his community.

G. E. Bane is engaged in farming and stock raising. He owns 320 acres in Arrowsmith, 160 in Martin, and 100 acres in Cheney Grove Townships. He was born on his present farm, May 4, 1882, and is the son of Samuel T. and Mary Catherine (Arrowsmith) Bane.

Samuel T. Bane was born in Virginia, April 19, 1828, the son of George and Margaret Bane. He came to Illinois in 1855 and located on the Cheney farm east of Ellsworth, where he remained until 1862, at which time he removed to the present farm in Arrowsmith Township. Mr. Bane died Jan. 25, 1909, and his wife died May 7, 1920. He was a large land owner, owning 1,700 acres at one time in McLean and Ford Counties. Mr. and Mrs. Bane had 11 children, as follows: Elton, lives at Colfax, Ill.; Alfred, deceased; Susan Builta, lives in Dawson Township, McLean County; Mary Meiner, lives in Old Town Township; Margaret, deceased; Samuel, deceased, was a prominent physician at Peoria, Ill.; James A., lives in Ford County, Ill.; Sarepta, lives at Ellsworth, Ill.; Ella Peirce, lives in Bloomington; Tobey, lives at Ellsworth, Ill.; and G. E., the subject of this sketch.

G. E. Bane received his education in the Sangamon District School of Arrowsmith Township and has always lived on the same farm. The Bane farm is well improved and Mr. Bane is widely known as a breeder of good stock, as well as a stock feeder.

On Dec. 23, 1903, Mr. Bane was married to Miss Minnie Scholl, a native of Arrowsmith Township, born July 24, 1880, and the daughter of John and Mary (Ehlers) Scholl. Mr. and Mrs. Scholl were the parents of eight children: Fred, deceased; Otto, lives in Arrowsmith Township;

Charles, lives at Colfax, Ill.; Emma, Mineir, Ill.; Minnie Bane; John, lives in Arrowsmith Township; Mollie Moody, lives at Ellsworth, Ill.; and Annie Marsh, lives in Arrowsmith Township. To G. E. and Minnie (Scholl) Bane seven children have been born, as follows: George L., born Dec. 27, 1904; Arlo E., born Sept. 17, 1906; Daisy M., born Dec. 21, 1908; one child died in infancy; Oren Lincoln, born March 13, 1913, died Sept. 20, 1914; Tobey A., born Jan. 22, 1915; and Wilbur Lloyd, born July 2, 1921.

In politics Mr. Bane is identified with the Democratic party. He has served as school director for 15 years and is now director of the community school at Ellsworth. He and his family are members of the Methodist Church, and are favorably known in McLean County.

Pulaski McFee, deceased, was one of the well known and dependable citizens of McLean County. He was born in Jefferson County, Ohio, Feb. 21, 1852, the son of John and Mary Elizabeth (Durbin) McFee.

John McFee was a native of Jefferson County, Ohio, born March 15, 1830, and his wife was born in the same county, May 11, 1834. The McFee family were early settlers of Atlanta, Ill., and later purchased a farm in Dale Township, McLean County. Mr. McFee died Sept. 7, 1877, and his wife died Jan. 22, 1871. They were the parents of the following children: Pulaski, the subject of this sketch; Sarah Elizabeth, married W. W. Walker, lives in Iowa; Rena, married Newton D. Staubus, lives in Dale Township, McLean County; Anna, married Chas. A. Lamb, lives at Boulder, Colo.; and William and Mollie died in infancy.

Pulaski McFee was reared on his father's farm and educated in the district schools of Dale Township. He purchased the present McFee farm in 1882, which contains 173 acres. Mr. McFee carried on general farming and was a successful stockman. He built a new residence in 1908 and made other improvements on the place. Mr. McFee died Oct. 8, 1921, and is buried in East Twin Grove Cemetery.

On Oct. 4, 1882, Mr. McFee was married to Miss Emma Lamb, a native of Augusta County, Va., born in 1862, and the daughter of Addison Abraham and Louise (Staubus) Lamb. The Lamb family moved to Illinois in 1878, locating on a farm in Dry Grove Township, five miles north of the McFee farm. Mr. Lamb was a prosperous farmer and owned 200



PULASKI McFEE AND FAMILY.

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acres of well improved land. He died in 1885 and his wife died in 1869. They were the parents of the following children: Mary Elizabeth, married William Yancy; Rebecca Frances, married M. I. Grove, both deceased; Eliza Ellen, married Henry Clay Myers, both deceased; John D., married Jeanette Webb, both deceased; James W., deceased, was the husband of Eva Perry, and she lives at Topeka, Kan.; Charles A., married Anna McFee, lives at Boulder, Colo.; and Robert Edmund, died at the age of 16 years. To Pulaski and Emma (Lamb) McFee four children were born, as follows: Charles P., born Aug. 26, 1888, deceased; Mary Louise, born June 20, 1896, deceased; Alvin A., born Oct. 9, 1883, was educated in the district schools of Dale Township, attended Brown Business College at Bloomington and operated the home place until the time of his death, June 28, 1919; and Daisy L., born May 2, 1900, now a senior at Illinois Wesleyan University.

Mr. McFee was a Republican, and a member of the First Methodist Church of Bloomington. He was highly respected and one of the substantial citizens of McLean County. Mrs. McFee has lived on her present farm in Dale Township since the time of her marriage.

George Flinspach is an enterprising farmer and stockman of Arrow-smith Township and is now farming 337 acres of good farm land which is owned by his father. He was born in the township where he now lives, June 18, 1888, and is the son of Andrew and Annie (Attison) Flinspach.

Andrew Flinspach is a native of Danvers, Ill., born May 19, 1860, and his wife was born in St. Louis in 1865. They now live retired in Bloomington and are the parents of the following children: Katie Ellen, deceased; George, the subject of this sketch; Mary Belle, lives at home; Lorene May, at home; Ethel, deceased; and Charles A., at home.

George Flinspach spent his boyhood on the home place and received his education in the public schools. He has always followed general farming and stock raising and has been successful. The place which he farms is well improved and he is an extensive grain farmer also.

On Jan. 23, 1917, Mr. Flinspach was united in marriage with Miss Bertha E. Riesch, a native of Germany, born July 6, 1888, and the daughter of John and Caroline (Kreuger) Riesch, both natives of Germany. Mr. Riesch was born Dec. 27, 1867, and died Feb. 16, 1906, in Bloomington,

where he was employed many years as a carpenter by the Chicago & Alton Railroad. His wife lives with the Flinspach family. She was born Aug. 11, 1869. There are three children in the Riesch family: John F.; Minnie Finger, lives at Hudson, Ill.; and Mrs. Flinspach. To Mr. and Mrs. Flinspach three children have been born, as follows: Laverne May, born Dec. 5, 1918; Donald Andrew, born April 3, 1920; and Dorothy Helen, born June 9, 1922.

Mr. Flinspach is a Republican and a member of the United Brethren Church. His wife belongs to the Lutheran Church. They are highly esteemed citizens of their community and have many friends.

J. H. Jacobs, president of the Arrowsmith State Bank, is a prominent and influential citizen of McLean County. He was born in Pennsylvania, Nov. 4, 1859, and is the son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Baker) Jacobs.

The Jacobs family removed from Pennsylvania to McLean County in 1865, and settled at Brooks Grove, Allin Township, and two years later located in Martin Township, where Samuel Jacobs purchased a farm of 40 acres. He was born Sept. 12, 1834, and at the time of his death, Jan. 5, 1910, was the owner of 560 acres of good farm land in Martin and Arrowsmith Townships. His wife was also a native of Pennsylvania, born in 1838, and she now resides at Arrowsmith, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Jacobs were the parents of nine children, as follows: J. H., the subject of this sketch; William, lives in Arrowsmith Township; Anna, married E. T. Bierbower, lives at Arrowsmith; Jennie, deceased, was the wife of J. H. Henton; Albert, lives at Arrowsmith; Mathias, lives in Martin Township, McLean County; Sylvia, married Frank Virgiel, lives at Arrowsmith; Elmer, deceased; and one child died in infancy.

J. H. Jacobs spent his boyhood on his father's farm and received his education in the district schools of Martin Township. He engaged in general farming until 1890 on the home place, and in that year removed to Arrowsmith and built a grain elevator, known as the East Side Elevator, which he operated until 1905. He then purchased the Taylor stock in the McClure & Taylor Bank at Arrowsmith, which was later known as the McClure & Jacobs Bank, and Mr. Jacobs served as vice-president. In 1921 the bank was reorganized and became known as the Arrowsmith State Bank, and Mr. Jacobs is now president of this institution. It is one of the

substantial banks of the county and merits the success that has been its achievement.

On Jan. 14, 1892, Mr. Jacobs was united in marriage with Miss Ida Nickerson, a native of Martin Township, McLean County, born March 10, 1865, and the daughter of John and Julia (Willhoite) Nickerson, natives of Illinois and Kentucky, respectively, and both now deceased. There were six children in the Nickerson family, of whom Mrs. Jacobs was the fourth in order of birth. To Mr. and Mrs. Jacobs have been born two children, Verna and Veva, twins, born Sept. 5, 1894. Verna Jacobs is the wife of E. M. Perry and they reside at Arrowsmith with Mr. and Mrs. Jacobs. Veva Jacobs died April 5, 1919.

Mr. Jacobs is a Republican and served 14 years as county supervisor of Arrowsmith Township. He is now treasurer of the Arrowsmith Township schools and served on the village council for 30 years. He owns 280 acres of land in Cheney's Grove and Bellflower Townships. Mr. Jacobs is a member of the Christian Church and is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is among the successful and dependable business men of his community.

Frank I. Miller—One of the citizens of Bloomington who has made his own way and built up a substantial business by his own initiative and enterprise is Frank I. Miller, head and principal owner of the Miller Printing Company, which occupies a two-story building at Jefferson and Madison Streets. Mr. Miller literally worked his way up from the bottom, for he began his work as an office boy and "devil" in a printing office when he was a mere youth, and after serving his apprenticeship he branched out in business for himself.

Mr. Miller is a native of Pennsylvania, where his parents and their parents belonged to one of the old and well known families of the Keystone state. Mr. Miller was born at Harrisburg on April 12, 1874, being the son of Frank W. and Mary E. (Hocker) Miller. Both the Miller and the Hocker families were of the sturdy stock known as "Pennsylvania Dutch", which were the backbone of the state during its formative periods. They were among the early settlers of the vicinity of Harrisburg. The parents of our subject were the head of a household in which there were six children when in 1881 they decided to seek a new field and a younger state

in which to rear their children. They had heard of the opportunities afforded in Illinois, consequently when Mr. Miller, senior, had disposed of his property in Harrisburg, he set out with his family for Bloomington, not knowing just what they would do after their location here. They arrived in good order and Mr. Miller soon established himself in a promising way as a painter and painting contractor, in which he had previous experience. Frank I. was the third child and the oldest boy of the family when they located in Bloomington.

It was six years later, in 1887, that Frank started in to learn the printing trade, being employed at the Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company. For ten years he worked as a journeyman, and in 1898 he decided to set up a business of his own in partnership with Millard Lloyd under the firm name of Lloyd & Miller. Their shop was on the east side of the public square at first, but soon moved to a ground floor location at 503 North Main Street, where their business grew and prospered. In 1903 Mr. Miller bought out his partner's interests and became sole proprietor. In 1905 he moved to the building which he now occupies, and the business was soon afterward incorporated under the name of Miller Printing Company, although Mr. Miller continued to be the chief owner and general manager of the business. His plant has grown with the expansion of his business, until now it is the second largest printing establishment in the city or county. It has an excellent reputation for the quality of its output.

Mr. Miller was married on November 1, 1899, to Miss Saidee J. Kimball, daughter of Mrs. Caroline F. Kimball, whose sketch appears in another part of this volume. Mrs. Miller is a member of one of the old and well known families of Bloomington, being a granddaughter of John A. and Sarah Jackman, who came to Bloomington in 1864. The Jackmans were New England people, and they came of a distinguished line of ancestry, many of whom had notable parts in the military history of the American Revolution. Mr. and Mrs. Miller have five children: Mary Caroline, who graduated from Illinois Wesleyan in 1922 and has since been teaching; Franklin R., who graduated from Wesleyan in 1923 and is a student at Harvard medical school; David K., who is a student at Wesleyan; Horace S., who is a student at U. High, and George Frederick, at home.

Mr. Miller is connected with the Masonic fraternity, being a member of Bloomington Consistory; is a member of the Odd Fellows and of the

Knights of Pythias. He is a leading member and an officer of the First Baptist Church and an active member of the Association of Commerce. Mr. Miller's parents reared a family of ten children, all of whom are making a success in life, there being five sons and five daughters. The mother died in the fall of 1923. The father is still active and in good health. The home of Frank I. Miller and his family is at 610 South Fell Avenue in Normal.

Charles William Gose, a capable farmer and stockman of West Township, is a native of Germany and came to this country when he was 12 years of age. He was born Dec. 9, 1860, the son of Charles William and Katherine (Kanite) Gose.

Charles William Gose, Sr., was born in Germany, Nov. 4, 1826, and after locating at Bloomington, Ill., in 1872, engaged in truck gardening. Ten years later he went to South Dakota, where he farmed 160 acres of land for 17 years. He then returned to his son's home in West Township, where he died Oct. 12, 1912. To Charles and Katherine (Kanite) Gose four children were born, as follows: Charles William, the subject of this sketch; Emma Gaffney, lives in South Dakota; Louis, lives at Gibson City, Ill.; and Otto, died in 1920. Mr. Gose's first wife died in Germany, and he was later married to Miss Minnie Kanite, a sister of his first wife. To this union one child was born, Paul, who lives at Gibson City, Ill.

Charles William Gose was educated in the schools of Germany, and after coming to this country was reared by F. C. Baker, a farmer who lived near Normal, Ill. He remained with the Bohorer family until the time of his marriage, then moving to Ford County, Ill., where he lived ten years. Mr. Gose has lived on his present place in West Township since 1906. He has given especial attention to the raising of Chester White hogs and has achieved success in that line of work. He is also a feeder of stock.

On Feb. 28, 1889, Mr. Gose was married to Miss Annie M. Schultz, a native of Woodford County, Ill., born Aug. 10, 1871, and the daughter of John and Minnie Schultz. Mr. and Mrs. Schultz were the parents of six children, as follows: Lucy Genshaw, lives in South Dakota; William, lives

at Peoria, Ill.; Minnie Miller, lives at Bloomington, Ill.; Bertha Speck, lives at Peoria, Ill.; Mattie Hagen, lives in Wisconsin; and Mrs. Gose. To Charles William and Annie (Schutlz) Gose eight children have been born, as follows: Elmer F., at home; Gertrude Fisher, lives at Bloomington, Ill.; Hattie M., lives at Bloomington, Ill.; Lewis, at home; Bertha, lives at Bloomington, Ill.; Edward, a graduate of Bellflower High School in 1923; Jennie, at home; and Florence, attends high school.

Mr. Gose is a Republican and a member of the Lutheran Church at Bloomington. He is a man of industry and ability who is making a success of his work.

G. M. Carson, who served as cashier of the Bellflower Exchange Bank for 26 years and now lives retired at Bellflower, is a representative business man of McLean County. He was born near Washington Court House, Ohio, Aug. 24, 1870, the son of Ambrose and Nancy (Tudor) Carson.

Ambrose Carson was born at Urbana, Ohio, May 20, 1821, and followed farming there during his entire life. He died Feb. 24, 1894. Mrs. Carson was a lineal descendant of Mary Tudor—the English queen. She was born Dec. 26, 1827, and died Jan. 2, 1909. Mr. and Mrs. Carson were the parents of 12 children.

G. M. Carson was reared on his father's farm in Ohio, and received his education in the district school and also attended Bartlett Business College, at Cincinnati, Ohio, from which he was graduated in 1893. He then engaged as a clerk in a hardware store at Bellflower, and the following year was appointed cashier of the Bellflower Exchange Bank, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of his brother, John E. Carson. Mr. Carson served in this capacity during his 26 years of service in a most competent and efficient manner.

On Dec. 6, 1899, Mr. Carson was married to Miss Sadie Martin, a daughter of Rev. J. B. and Caroline (Weisenberger) Martin. Rev. Martin was pastor of the Methodist Church at Pawnee, Ill., for many years and is now deceased. His widow resides at Tower Hill, Ill. Rev. and Mrs. Martin were the parents of the following children: Charles A., lives at Vermillion, Ill.; Lucy, lives at Tower Hill, Ill.; Carry, unmarried, lives at Tower Hill, Ill.; Dr. F. A., a physician at Pana, Ill.; Dr. John W., a physi-

cian at Paris, Ill., and also coroner of that county; Rev. Joshua B., pastor of the First Methodist Church at Elgin, Ill., and Mrs. Carson.

Mr. and Mrs. Carson have two daughters: Marion Mildred, born Sept. 3, 1901, was graduated from Bellflower High School in 1919, attended the Chicago Northwestern College for one year, and was bookkeeper in the First National Bank at Bloomington, Ill. She was married June 10, 1924, to Henry Glenn Ross, and they live in Chicago, Ill., where Mr. Ross is engaged in law practice at 137 South LaSalle Street; and Anna Margaret, born Aug. 12, 1905, was graduated from high school in 1922, and is now attending the National Kindergarten and Elementary College, at Chicago.

Mr. Carson is a Democrat and has held many township offices. He is a member of the Masonic lodge and has belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows since 1894, and he is also a member of the Modern Woodmen of America. Mrs. Carson is a member of the Royal Neighbors, Eastern Star and the Rebekahs. The Carson family are members of the Methodist Church at Bellflower.

C. N. Price, a prominent farmer and stockman of West Township, was born in Marnard County, Ill., March 6, 1853, the son of William and Mary Ann (Gibbs) Price.

William Price was a native of Baltimore, Md., born in 1814. When he was a young man he came to Illinois and engaged in farming in Marnard County. Mr. Price was a millwright by trade, but during the later years of his life engaged in farming. He died May 13, 1892, and his wife, also a native of Baltimore, Md., died May 9, 1894. They were the parents of six children, as follows: Thomas, deceased; Stephen, deceased; Mary Ann, lives near Springfield, Ill.; C. N., the subject of this sketch; George Alexander, died in 1922; and Frank Allen died in infancy. By a former marriage William Price had one daughter, Jane Elizabeth, now deceased.

C. N. Price was educated in the district schools of Marnard County and has always followed farming. He owns 120 acres of good farm land in West Township and 320 in North Dakota. For the past three years, Mr. Price has lived retired on his farm.

In politics Mr. Price is identified with the Republican party. He is highly esteemed and an excellent citizen. Mr. Price is unmarried.

John Rocke, chairman of the board of The Meadows Manufacturing Company of Bloomington, is among the prominent and successful business men of McLean County. He was born at Weston, Ill., Jan. 11, 1870, and is a son of Jacob and Magdalene (Stalter) Rocke.

Jacob Rocke, now living retired at Meadows, Ill., was born in France, Dec. 1, 1844, the son of John and Katie (Yordy) Rocke. Jacob Rocke received his education in the schools of Germany and France and came to this country when he was a young man. After working for several years as a farm hand he rented land and later purchased a farm in Waldo Township, Livingston County. Mr. Rocke was an extensive grain farmer for many years and was successful. On Nov. 29, 1868, Mr. Rocke was married to Miss Magdalene Stalter, also a native of France, born July 31, 1847, and a daughter of John and Elizabeth Stalter. The Stalter family came to this country in 1853 and located in Tazewell County, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. Rocke had four children as follows: John, the subject of this sketch; Barbara, married Andrew Mosinman, lives at Meadows, Ill., Jacob, lives at Logansport, Ind.; and William, lives in Bloomington.

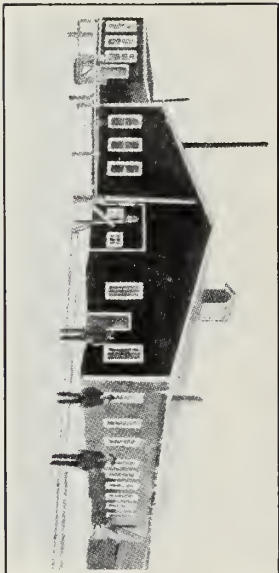
John Rocke was reared on his father's farm in McLean County and at the age of 11 years moved to Livingston County and attended the public schools. He remained on the home place until he was 30 years of age at which time he entered the manufacturing business. Mr. Rocke is a well known inventor and The Meadows Manufacturing Company is one of the important manufacturing industries of McLean County. The concern manufactures washing machines, portable elevators, stationary elevators, scales, binder hitches, pump jacks, Fordson belt guides, and gray iron castings. The "Meadow Lark" and Greyhound" are two of their leading types of washing machines.

John Rocke invented his first grain elevator in 1898, manufactured in 1899 continuously at Meadows until 1910, then moved the factory to Pontiac, Ill., into larger quarters and new plant with 60,000 square feet of floor space. Continuously manufactured elevators and washing machines until 1920 when they again outgrew their plant and built the new plant at Bloomington, since they having manufactured in their new and model plant having 300,000 feet of floor space. This company was organized and incorporated in 1902, capitalized at \$40,000. The present capital stock is \$1,000,000.

Since moving to Bloomington many new improvements have been made on the electric washing machines, and the washing machine busi-



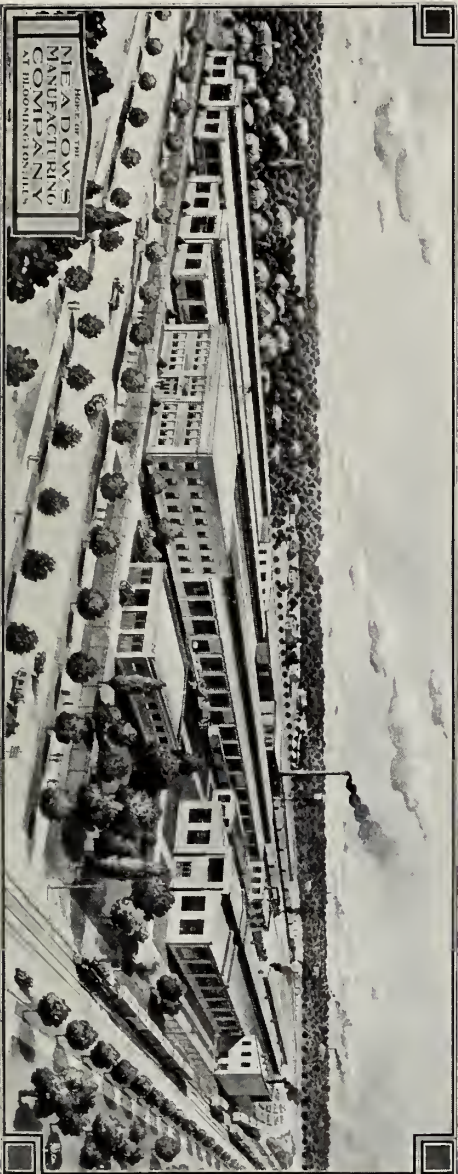
AT MEADOWS, 1902



AT MEADOWS, 1903



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THE MEADOWS MANUFACTURING COMPANY, 1924. BLOOMINGTON, ILL.



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ness has no rapidly increased that at the present time it is the principal part of their business. At the present time the Meadows washing machines are sold from coast to coast and are very well known amongst the larger dealers.

In 1892 Mr. Rocke was married to Miss Lydia Engel, a native of Meadows, Ill., and a daughter of Jacob and Kathleen (Lehn) Engel, natives of Illinois. Mr. Engel died June 18, 1901, and his wife died in September, 1910. To Mr. and Mrs. Rocke five children have been born: Elmer, deceased; S. C., F. L., Cleona, and Aldin, all of Bloomington.

Mr. Rocke is a Republican and a member of the Presbyterian Church. The Rocke family is one of the prominent pioneer families of McLean County.

Dr. J. H. Copenhaver, a physician and surgeon of Bellflower, Ill., is well known throughout the community, both as a successful man in his profession, and as an excellent citizen. He was born at Salem, in Marion County, Ill., Nov. 25, 1876, the son of James Harvey and Sophronia (Brownfield) Copenhaver.

James Harvey Copenhaver was born at Ironton, Ohio, Oct. 26, 1822, the son of John and Elizabeth (Bumgardner) Copenhaver. John Copenhaver was a native of Virginia and an early settler of Ironton, Ohio, where he married Elizabeth Bumgardner, a daughter of Peter and Frances (Berner) Bumgardner.

James Harvey Copenhaver came to Illinois in 1868, locating in Marion County where he worked at his trade, that of a carpenter, and also followed farming. In 1875 Mr. Copenhaver was married to Miss Sophronia Brownfield, a native of Jackson County, Ill., born Dec. 14, 1848, and the daughter of Robert Brownfield. Mr. and Mrs. Copenhaver had two children, as follows: Dr. J. H., the subject of this sketch; and Mary Edna, married Samuel Brower and they live at Bellflower, Ill. She was born Aug. 9, 1878.

Dr. J. H. Copenhaver attended the Pleasant Valley district school in McLean County. His first school teacher, Mrs. W. S. Bingham, now residing in Bellflower. After attending a teachers' college at Valparaiso, Ind., Dr. Copenhaver taught school for two years. Later he studied medicine at the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Chicago, from which

he was graduated in June, 1903. He then located at Bellflower, and at once established an excellent practice in his profession.

On Aug. 23, 1905, Dr. Copenhaver was married to Miss Margaret Ritchie, a native of Bellflower, Ill., born Aug. 5, 1882, and the daughter of Robert and Helen Belle (Carlyle) Ritchie. Mr. Ritchie was born July 4, 1851, and his wife was born Aug. 23, 1866. She died in 1894. Mr. and Mrs. Ritchie were the parents of seven children, as follows: John, lives in Iowa; Walter, deceased; Mrs. Copenhaver; Janet, lives in Colorado Springs, Colo.; Walter, lives at Bloomington; Farrie and Walter, deceased.

To Dr. J. H. and Margaret (Ritchie) Copenhaver five children have been born, as follows: Janet Mary, born Dec. 11, 1906; Helen Belle, born April 25, 1908; Robert Harvey, born Jan. 8, 1910; Margaret Nadine, born July 24, 1916; and Dorothy Elizabeth, born Feb. 2, 1918.

Dr. Copenhaver is a member of the Illinois State Medical Association, the McLean County Medical Association, and the Tri-State Medical Association. He is a Republican, a member of the Methodist Church, belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Masonic lodge, and the Knights of Pythias.

J. E. Smith, president of the Bellflower Exchange Bank, is esteemed throughout the community as a prominent and successful business man. He was born in Piatt County, Sept. 3, 1871, the son of D. W. and Mary Anne (Smith) Smith.

D. W. Smith was a native of Dearborn County, Ind., born in 1829. He was one of the early settlers of McLean County and a prosperous farmer. Mr. Smith died July 2, 1892, and his wife died in 1903. She was born in Indiana in 1829, the daughter of Thomas and Jane Smith, natives of England. Mr. and Mrs. Smith were the parents of seven children, as follows: Fanny, married C. F. Griffin, lives in Colorado; Ralph C., lives at Joliet, Ill.; Sebra Ellen, married John Trosler, lives at Bellflower, Ill.; Florence L., married A. L. Hall, deceased; Emma Frances, married E. E. Langley, died in 1889; J. E., the subject of this sketch; and Josephine.

J. E. Smith was reared on a farm and received his education in the public and high schools of Farmer City, Ill., and also attended Illinois State Normal University. He then took a business course at Valparaiso, Ind.,

after which he engaged in general farming. Mr. Smith became president of the Bellflower Exchange Bank in 1919, which office he has since filled in an efficient manner.

On Dec. 22, 1892, Mr. Smith was united in marriage with Miss Blanche M. Curtis, a native of Pennsylvania, born March 22, 1871, and the daughter of Thomas and Amelia Curtis. Mr. and Mrs. Curtis were the parents of eight children, five of whom are now living, as follows: Mary H. Brower, lives in Pennsylvania; Annie Long, lives in Ohio; Minnie Gray, lives in Ohio; Wesley, lives at Farmer City, Ill.; and Mrs. Smith. To J. E. and Blanche (Curtis) Smith five children have been born, as follows: Everett C., born in 1894, lives at Berwyn, Ill.; R. Linden, born in 1897, lives in Forth Worth, Texas; Amelia Bright, lives on the old home place; D. Willard, was athletic director in the Marion Township High School, Williamson County, Ill., is deceased; and Duane, a high school student.

Mr. Smith is a Republican and served as highway commissioner for six years, and in 1913 was elected supervisor of Bellflower Township, which office he still retains. He is a member of the Methodist Church, and belongs to the Masonic lodge and the Modern Woodmen of America. Mr. Smith is an alert business man and a citizen of high ideals.

The Bellflower Exchange Bank was organized in 1891 by George W. Stokes, who later went to Kankakee, Ill. It was the first bank to be organized at Bellflower and Mr. Stokes, a well known druggist there, was entrusted with the people's money and checks as there was considerable grain stock sold there and Farmer City was the nearest banking place. For three years the bank was privately owned, and during that period Mr. Stokes owned no safe, and would carry the deposits home each night and hide them under his sidewalk and carry them back to the bank the following day.

The Bellflower Exchange Bank was organized with a capital of \$10,000, and the officers were as follows: H. F. Helmick, president, and J. E. Carson, cashier. The directors were: H. F. Helmick, E. Vansickle, F. M. Gibson, M. O. Flanagan and J. E. Carson.

In 1893 J. E. Carson, cashier, was thrown from a rig, breaking his left arm, and he died of lockjaw, July 12, 1894. G. M. Carson, a brother, was then chosen to take his place on July 20, 1894, which office he held until May 25, 1920. During his long term of service with the bank the deposits increased from \$10,000 to \$200,000.

On June 1, 1919, the Bellflower Exchange Bank became a state bank and J. E. Smith was elected president, with H. L. Helmick, vice-president; G. M. Carson, cashier, and Helen Helmick, assistant cashier. The present directors are: J. E. Smith, H. J. Flint, M. O. Flanagan, C. A. Flint, J. H. Copenhaver, and A. G. Althouse. The Bellflower Exchange Bank is one of the leading banking institutions of the county.

W. S. Bingham, a well known and highly respected citizen of Bellflower, Ill., now living retired, was born in Fayette County, Pa., Dec. 24, 1850, the son of James A. and Nancy Jane (Steele) Bingham.

James A. Bingham was born in Pennsylvania, as also was his wife. They moved to Illinois in 1854, locating on a farm near Bloomington, and later lived near Holder, Ill. Mr. Bingham also farmed in Will County, Ill., for three years, then returned to McLean County, and at the time of his retirement moved to Ohio. He and his wife died at Alliance, Ohio. They were the parents of seven children, two of whom are now living: Charlotte Carlos, lives at Portland, Ore.; and W. S., the subject of this sketch.

W. S. Bingham was educated in the district schools of Ohio and Illinois and attended Mt. Union College in Ohio for one year. He engaged in farming for himself in 1876 in Bellflower Township, McLean County, where he owns 245 acres of good farm land. For many years Mr. Bingham was widely known as a successful stockman and grain farmer. In June, 1923, he moved to Bellflower where he now resides.

On Feb. 4, 1885, Mr. Bingham was married to Miss Ida M. Halsey, a native of Columbia County, N. Y., born Feb. 6, 1864, and the daughter of William Henry and Ellen E. (Tobey) Halsey. William Henry Halsey was a native of New York City, born Sept. 1, 1838. He died in 1906, and his wife, a native of West Stockbridge, Mass., was born Dec. 2, 1843. She now lives in New York City with her daughter, Sarah Woodbridge. Mr. and Mrs. Halsey were the parents of seven children, as follows: Elizabeth M. Wentworth, lives at Pasadena, Cal.; Mrs. Bingham; Mary Burgess, lives at Cleveland, Ohio; William Edward, died in 1922; Franklin C., lives at Cleveland, Ohio; Sarah Woodbridge, lives in New York City; and Edith, died in infancy.

To W. S. and Ida M. (Halsey) Bingham five children have been born, as follows: Nelie Maud, wife of W. A. Paullin, lives near Bellflower, Ill.,

born Nov. 12, 1886; Halsey Lyle, further mention of whom is made below; Charles Russell, born Feb. 23, 1893, lives at Detroit, Mich.; Wayne Caswell, born Sept. 10, 1897, a farmer, lives in Bellflower Township; and Delmar Steele, born June 22, 1902, at home.

Halsey Lyle Bingham was born Nov. 25, 1889, and was graduated from Bellflower High School in 1908. He then attended Illinois Wesleyan University, graduating in the law department in 1914. Mr. Bingham engaged in the practice of law at Peoria, Ill., until the outbreak of the World War. He was stationed at Fort Sheridan, Ill., as a second lieutenant, and later sent to the flying school at Austin, Texas. From there he was transferred to Rockwell Field, San Diego, Cal., as an instructor in aviation. The armistice was signed before Lieutenant Bingham was sent overseas. He remained in the service and was made first lieutenant. On July 17, 1922, he lost his life in a storm while trying to land in his aeroplane at Leadville, Colo. A subscription was made to have a landing field and this was named and then dedicated in honor of Halsey Lyle Bingham and is now known as Bingham Field.

W. S. Bingham is a Republican and has served as road commissioner for seven years, and as school director for six years, and for past 25 years has been township school trustee. He is a member of the Masonic lodge and a charter member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. The Bingham family are members of the Methodist Church and stand high in the community.

Wesley Yarrington, a well known retired farmer and stockman of Bellflower, Ill., is a veteran of the Civil War and a prominent citizen of McLean County. He was born in Carroll County, Ohio, Oct. 4, 1841, the son of John and Rebecca (McConnell) Yarrington.

John Yarrington was a native of Virginia and an early settler of Carroll County, Ohio, where he followed farming for many years. He died at the age of 68 years and his wife, a native of Ohio, died at the age of 47 years. They were the parents of 11 children, three of whom are now living, as follows: John, lives at Kansas City, Mo.; Charles Milton, lives in Centralia, Mo.; and Wesley, the subject of this sketch.

Wesley Yarrington attended the district schools of Ohio and spent his boyhood on his father's farm there. During the Civil War he enlisted

in Company G, 91st Ohio Volunteer Infantry. After taking part in several important battles of the war, Mr. Yarrington was severely wounded and sent to a hospital, where he remained for several months. He was again called back into service, although still incapacitated, and after several months again entered service, performing light duties. After the close of the war, he engaged in general farming and stock raising in Bellflower Township, McLean County, where he owned a farm of 51 acres.

On July 18, 1868, Mr. Yarrington was married to Miss Belle Hamilton, a native of Ohio, born July 17, 1840. She died in 1913 and is buried in the Bellflower Cemetery. To Wesley and Belle (Hamilton) Yarrington three children were born, as follows: Viola Edwards, lives in Washington, D. C.; James A., lives in Iowa; and Allie Halliday, lives at Bellflower. Mr. Yarrington was married on Dec. 25, 1914, to Mrs. Mollie Moore, who had two children by a former marriage: Earl Moore, lives at Columbus, Ohio; and Myrtle Brown, lives near Waverly, Ohio.

Mr. Yarrington is a Republican and a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. He ranks as one of the dependable citizens of his community.

Charles A. Flint, retired, is a highly respected citizen of Bellflower Township. He was born at Hillsboro, N. H., Sept. 13, 1851, the son of Luther and Sarah (Richardson) Flint.

The Flint family originally came from Massachusetts where Daniel Flint, grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was born March 27, 1767. On June 28, 1795, he was married to Miss Lydia Shattuck, and to this union five children were born, as follows: Lydia, born July 17, 1797; Daniel, born in 1799, died March 17, 1814; Amos, born June 27, 1801; William, born April 15, 1803, died Sept. 13, 1804; and Luther, father of the subject of this sketch.

Luther Flint was married to Sarah Richardson, a native of New Hampshire, born March 7, 1816, and the daughter of Stephen and Sallie (Minnotte) Richardson. To Luther and Sarah (Richardson) Flint seven children were born, as follows: Sullivan M., born Aug. 18, 1838, died Dec. 14, 1912; Seth G., born Jan. 3, 1840, died in infancy; Ellen Maria, born May 16, 1843, died Nov. 15, 1897; George H., born Oct. 26, 1845, died June 25, 1915; Sarah Frances, born Sept. 9, 1848, died July 10, 1903;

Charles A., the subject of this sketch; and Fred W., born Nov. 4, 1853, died June 7, 1894.

Charles A. Flint received his education in New Hampshire and came to Illinois in 1873, locating on a farm in Bellflower Township, McLean County. He and his brother George carried on farming together for 18 years. Mr. Flint is now living retired.

On Feb. 2, 1887, Mr. Flint was married to Miss May Skidmore, a native of Bellflower Township, McLean County, born in June, 1864. She died Nov. 7, 1894. Mrs. Flint was the daughter of George W. and Margaret (Kinsley) Skidmore, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Illinois. To Charles A. and May (Skidmore) Flint one child was born, Lawrence Lincoln, born Nov. 15, 1889. He lives at home with his father. On Dec. 10, 1914, Mr. Lawrence Flint was married to Miss Emma Polk, and to this union one child has been born, Margaret May, born Sept. 10, 1919.

Mr. Flint is a 32nd degree Mason. He is a capable, industrious and progressive man, and is known as a substantial member of his community.

David V. Springer, one of the well known farmers of Bellflower Township, is a native of Tazewell County, Ill., born Feb. 24, 1875, and the son of John and Elizabeth (Nafziger) Springer.

John Springer was a native of Germany and came to this country when he was 13 years of age, settling near Tremont, Ill. He became a successful farmer of Hopedale Township, McLean County, where he owned 280 acres of good farm land. Mr. Springer died May 13, 1896, and his wife, also a native of Germany, died Feb. 1, 1908. She came to this country with her parents when she was nine years old. Mr. and Mrs. Springer were the parents of the following children: Christian, deceased; Elizabeth Birkey, lives in Illinois; Mary; Barbara; Lydia; Lena; Fannie; John A.; and David V., the subject of this sketch.

David V. Springer grew up on his father's farm in Hopedale Township, Tazewell County, and attended the public schools. He began farming for himself at the age of 21 years and now owns a well improved farm of 234 acres in Belleflower Township, McLean County, and 168 acres in Champaign County, Ill. Mr. Springer specializes in the raising of grain, but has a few cows on his farm.

On Feb. 4, 1900, Mr. Springer was united in marriage with Miss Lena A. Birkey, a native of Woodford County, Ill., born Dec. 26, 1877, and the daughter of John G. and Catherine (Schrock) Birkey. Mr. and Mrs. Birkey were the parents of the following children: Andrew, lives in Iowa; Joseph, lives in Michigan; John, lives in Iowa; Levi, lives in Iowa; William, lives in Iowa; Mrs. Springer; and Katie Zher, lives in Iowa.

To David V. and Lena A. (Birkey) Springer six children have been born, as follows: John D., Lizzie D., Aaron D., Katie D., Roy D., and Melvin D., all living at home.

Mr. Springer is a member of the Mennonite Church, and he is a dependable and reliable citizen of McLean County.

Dr. Albert W. Meyer, a leading physician and surgeon of Bloomington, was born there Sept. 13, 1869, the son of Frederick and Dorothea (Pagels) Meyer, a sketch of whom appears in this volume.

Dr. Meyer was reared in Bloomington and educated in the public schools and was graduated from high school in 1888. He attended the Louisville Medical College at Louisville, Ky., from 1893 to 1894, paying his way through himself. In 1897 he received his degree of Doctor of Medicine from Rush Medical College in Chicago and then entered into partnership with Dr. James Whitney Hall, now of Chicago. This partnership lasted three years, after which Dr. Meyer took offices in the Griesheim Bldg., where he was burned out in June, 1900, when Bloomington had its great fire. He lost his entire medical library with the exception of one book. He then took offices in what is now known as the Miller block, formerly known as the Hanna Building. Dr. Meyer started with little capital after his offices were burned out in 1900, and went in debt for his instruments, office furniture, etc. He now has one of the best equipped offices in the city and is widely known. He served as city physician and health officer for eight years and served on the U. S. Board of Pension Examiners for just 25 years, having resigned in 1924. He was appointed by U. S. Pension Commissioner Vespasian Warner of Illinois. Dr. Meyer has taken an active interest in medical legislature. He follows general practice. During the influenza epidemic of 1918 he averaged 68 visits a day for three weeks, and during that period had but three hours sleep daily.



DR. A. W. MEYER.

Dr. Meyer is a Knights Templar and 32nd degree Mason and belongs to the Shrine of Peoria and the Elks Lodge. He was president of St. Joseph's Hospital staff advisory board since its organization and since the organization of the St. Joseph's Hospital staff has been president of the same. Dr. Meyer is a Republican. He is a member of the McLean County Medical Society, the Tri-State Association, and has been a delegate to the state medical conventions a number of times. He also belongs to the Catholic Hospital Association. Dr. Meyer is one of Bloomington's broad-minded and public spirited citizens and has well earned the respect and esteem of his many friends.

Frederick Meyer, deceased, was a pioneer business man of Bloomington. He was born in Germany, March 17, 1840, the son of Christopher and Elizabeth (Tide) Meyer.

Christopher Meyer brought his family to the United States in 1862 and located in Bloomington. There were four children in the family, as follows: Christopher, deceased, was a Civil War veteran; Henry, deceased; Frederick, the subject of this sketch; and Wilhelm, also deceased. Mr. Meyer was among the first nurserymen of Bloomington, where he was engaged in business until the time of his death.

Frederick Meyer was educated in Germany and after coming to Bloomington engaged in the tailoring business, in which he was successful. He died Nov. 29, 1914, and is buried in the Evergreen Cemetery in Bloomington.

On April 22, 1865, Mr. Meyer was married to Miss Dorothea Pagels, a native of Germany, born July 31, 1845, and the daughter of Henry and Dorothea (Moldenhaur) Pagels, natives of Germany and early settlers of Bloomington. Mr. Pagels died Sept. 22, 1867, and his wife died Jan. 4, 1891. They were the parents of four children: Elizabeth, the widow of Joseph Rudolph; Fredericka, married Charles Luth, lives retired in Bloomington; Mrs. Meyer; and Marie, deceased, was the wife of Charles Virgie. To Frederick and Dorothea (Pagels) Meyer three children were born, as follows: Edward F., born Sept. 23, 1865, lives in Chicago where he is engaged in the grain business; Otto C., born Sept. 13, 1867, died July 8, 1913; and Dr. A. W. Meyer whose sketch appears in this volume, born Dec. 13, 1869, a physician, lives in Bloomington, where he has practiced

his profession for the past 27 years. Mrs. Meyer has one grandchild, Dorothea Meyer, born July 18, 1894, and one great-grandchild, Dorothy Frances, born April 15, 1923.

Mrs. Meyer owns business property in Bloomington, as well as her home. She is a Republican and a member of the Eastern Star Lodge. The Meyer family is among the highly respected pioneer families of Bloomington and is favorably known.

DeWitt R. Gooch, a well known retired farmer and veteran of the Civil war, is a native of New York City, born Sept. 17, 1841, and the son of Thomas and Lydia (Roulstone) Gooch.

Thomas Gooch was born in Massachusetts, March, 1807. He was a son of Thomas Gooch, who enlisted during the War of 1812, and was never heard of after the close of the war. Thomas Gooch, father of the subject of this sketch, was reared by an aunt and lived in Boston until 1832. On Dec. 25, 1835, he was married to Miss Lydia C. Roulstone, a daughter of John and Hannah (Capen) Roulstone. Mrs. Gooch died at the age of 62 years, leaving four children, as follows: Thomas R., dead; John R., dead; DeWitt R., the subject of this sketch; and Caroline Frances, deceased.

DeWitt R. Gooch received his education in a private school at Brooklyn, N. Y. He came to Illinois when he was 16 years of age, settling in Tazewell County. At the outbreak of the Civil War he enlisted in Company B, 73rd Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and served until November, 1863. In March, 1863, after engaging in a few battles, Mr. Gooch contracted typhoid fever at Murfreesboro and was sent to a hospital in Murfreesboro. He was there until May, 1863, when he was transferred to a hospital at Nashville, Tenn. In August, 1863, he was transferred to the invalid corps and was discharged Nov. 23, 1863, at Elmira, N. Y. After being discharged from service Mr. Gooch returned to his farm in Illinois, and in 1885 moved to Bellflower Township, McLean County, where he owned a well improved farm. He retired in 1892 and moved to Bellflower where he now resides. Mr. Gooch served as postmaster of Bellflower from 1904 until 1909.

On Feb. 14, 1864, Mr. Gooch was married to Miss Rosetta Rathmell, a native of Hopedale Township, Tazewell County, born in 1846, and the daughter of James and Mary (Moseley) Rathmell, the former a native

of Pennsylvania and the latter of Kentucky. Mr. and Mrs. Rathmell had three children, as follows: Mrs. Gooch; Adeline, born Feb. 10, 1848, deceased; and John L., born Jan. 6, 1850, deceased. To DeWitt R. and Rosetta (Rathmell) Gooch four children have been born, as follows: Arthur F., born Nov. 27, 1864, lives in Bellflower, Ill.; DeWitt R., born Oct. 22, 1866, Belleflower, Ill.; Oliver C., born Aug. 17, 1868, died March 9, 1897; and Maud C. Phillips, born March 14, 1871, lives in Lawrence, Kans. Arthur F. Gooch has one child, Arthur G. Gooch. Oliver C. Gooch had one child, Oliver C. Gooch, deceased. DeWitt R. Gooch has three children, Olive M., Gretchen Louise, and DeWitt R., Jr. 3rd. Olive is married to Fred Beidleman and they have one child, Richard G. Gretchen Louise married Col. O. J. Troster and they have one child, John G. Maud C. Phillips has seven children, as follows: Rose E. Grant, who has three children, Betty, Wilton and Arthur; Lillian M. Carlyle; John DeWitt; Alonzo; Fannie; Oliver; and Lydia Elizabeth.

Mr. Gooch is a Republican and a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and he also belongs to the Sons of the American Revolution. He has always been a progressive citizen with high standards of civic pride, and he stands high in his community. Mr. Gooch has served as secretary of his regimental association for the past 20 years.

Charles C. Vansickle, owner of 367 acres of well improved land in Bellflower Township, is one of the well known farmers of McLean County. He was born on the farm where he now resides, Aug. 22, 1874, the son of Edward and Ursula (Helmick) Vansickle.

Edward Vansickle was a native of New Jersey, born Nov. 22, 1833. In 1855 he came to McLean County, Illinois, and engaged in farming until the time of the Civil War. He enlisted in Company D, Third Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and served during the entire war. Mr. Vansickle was married on Oct. 9, 1866, to Miss Mary Whitaker, and to this union four children were born. After the death of his first wife in 1872, Mr. Vansickle was married the following year to Miss Ursula Helmick, a native of Clinton, Ill. To this union three sons were born, as follows: Charles C., the subject of this sketch; Nathaniel, deceased; and John, lives at Fisher, Ill. Mr. Vansickle died July 29, 1909, and his wife died Sept. 9, 1919. She was born Oct. 27, 1840.

Charles C. Vansickle attended the public schools of Bellflower and has always lived on the same farm. He has made extensive improvements on the place, does general farming and is interested in stock raising.

On Dec. 24, 1907, Mr. Vansickle was married to Miss Mae Campbell, a native of Rantoul, Ill., born April 22, 1880, and a daughter of G. W. and Clara (Morris) Campbell. Mr. Campbell was born in Ohio, Oct. 29, 1852, and when he was three years old his parents located at Champaign, Ill. He later moved to Bellflower where he operated a harness shop for 25 years. Mr. Campbell retired in 1917 and now lives with his daughter, Mrs. Vansickle. To G. W. and Clara (Morris) Campbell, two children were born: Lola B. Burnett, lives at Roberts, Ill.; and Mrs. Vansickle. Mrs. Campbell died Dec. 25, 1890, and Mr. Campbell was later married to Miss Nettie Engle, deceased.

To Charles C. and May (Campbell) Vansickle four children have been born as follows: Edward G., born July 28, 1908, died June 13, 1912; Lola Harriet, born July 21, 1911; Charles F., born May 1, 1913, died Sept. 25, 1913; and Ada Mae, born July 16, 1915.

Mr. Vansickle is a Republican. He is a man esteemed for his reliability and industry.

Allan McIntyre, an enterprising and well known farmer of Bellflower Township, was born on the farm where he now lives, Sept. 21, 1870, the son of Hugh and Katherine (Stewart) McIntyre.

Hugh McIntyre was born in Glasgow, Scotland, Oct. 6, 1832, and came to Canada with his parents when he was nine years of age. He was a son of Allan McIntyre. Hugh McIntyre came to Illinois in 1865 and at the time of his marriage, four years later, moved to the present farm in Bellflower Township. Mr. and Mrs. McIntyre were the parents of six children, as follows: Allan, the subject of this sketch; Robert and Hugh, live at Bellflower, Ill.; Fame, lives at Streator, Ill.; Mary Beggs, lives at Bloomington, Ill.; and Katherine, lives at Streator, Ill.

Allan McIntyre was educated in the public schools of Bellflower and has always followed farming and stock raising. He owns 160 acres of well improved land and is a breeder of purebred Chester White hogs, and is a member of the Chester White Hog Association.

On Feb. 21, 1896, Mr. McIntyre was married to Miss Minnie B. Keefer, a native of Tazewell County, Ill., born Oct. 29, 1873, and the daughter

of David and Evelyn Keefer. To Mr. and Mrs. Keefer five children were born, as follows: Minnie B., deceased; David, deceased; Louella Demmingberg, lives at Kansas City, Mo.; Stella Fullerton, lives at Cooper, Texas; and Carl, lives in Montana. The following children were born to Mr. Allen McIntyre's first marriage: Zelia, born May 24, 1898, now the wife of Edgar Frazier, Foosland, Ill.; Stewart, born Dec. 19, 1900, Chicago; Keefer, born Dec. 2, 1906. Mr. McIntyre was married the second time to Miss Ida Francisco, a native of Tennessee, and to this union three children were born, as follows: Clyde, born Aug. 30, 1908; Wilbur, born Aug. 12, 1909; and Harry, born Nov. 24, 1910. Mr. McIntyre was married the third time to Miss Verna E. Fletcher, a native of Marion County, Ill., born Oct. 8, 1880, and the daughter of N. B. and Jennie (Purky) Fletcher. Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher were the parents of the following children: Herbert, born Aug. 4, 1878, lives at St. Elmo, Ill.; Mrs. McIntyre; Nellie Walker, born March 4, 1886, lives at Clinton, Ill.; Florence Walker, born June 7, 1890, lives in Montana; and Clara and Clarence, twins, born July 28, 1904. To Allan and Verna E. (Fletcher) McIntyre one child has been born, Willis Delmer, born Oct. 22, 1914.

Allan McIntyre is a Republican, a member of the Methodist Church, and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen of America. He is an industrious, energetic man, who is held in high esteem by all who know him.

J. C. Sommer, an extensive farmer and stockman of Bellflower Township, was born in Pagny-Sur-Meuse, France, Dec. 9, 1871, the son of Christian and Barbara (Claudon) Sommer.

Christian Sommer was born in Pagny-Sur-Meuse, France, Dec. 25, 1846, and his wife was also a native of France, born Dec. 7, 1849. They were married March 16, 1869. Mrs. Sommer was the daughter of Nicholas and Barbara (Bachler) Claudon. Mr. and Mrs. Claudon were the parents of the following children: Christian, Joseph, Andrew, Mary, Barbara, Peter, and Nicholas Sommer. To Christian and Barbara (Claudon) Sommer five children were born as follows: Joseph, J. C., the subject of this sketch; Marie, Eliza and Rene.

J. C. Sommer was educated in France and when he was a young man went to Germany, where he studied the German language. His father was

a miller and he worked in the flour mills until he was 20 years old, and on July 4, 1889, with his uncle and grandfather, they came to the United States, where Mr. Sommer made a visit for three months, then returned to France and Feb. 28, 1891, he again returned to the United States and bought his present farm in Bellflower Township for his parents, who came here in 1892. Nicholas Claudon, Mr. Sommer's grandfather, made the voyage with them and was 89 years of age at that time. He died five years later. Mr. Sommer owns 600 acres of well improved land in Bellflower Township and he is an extensive grain farmer. His place is well improved with a good residence and farm buildings.

On Jan. 7, 1900, Mr. Sommer was married to Miss Fannie Springer, a native of Tazewell County, Ill., born March 16, 1872, and the daughter of John and Elizabeth Springer. To J. C. and Fannie (Springer) Sommer three children have been born, as follows: Nelson C., born March 9, 1901, a student at Bellflower High School; Raymond J., born June 26, 1904, also a student at high school; and Chester J., born July 18, 1910.

J. C. Sommer is a Republican and is serving as school director of Bellflower Township, District No. 62. He is a member of the Mennonite Church, and a highly respected and substantial citizen of McLean County.

H. C. Struebing, a prosperous farmer and stockman of Bellflower Township, and now farming 390 acres of well improved land, was born in Germany, Nov. 18, 1865, the son of Carl Struebing, who was born in Germany, March 4, 1836.

H. C. Struebing came to the United States with his parents in 1882, locating at Bloomington, Ill. His father was a wagon maker by trade and followed that occupation until the time of his death in 1903. H. C. Struebing has the following brothers and sisters: Corl, lives at Saybrook, Ill.; Rika Mueller, lives at Bloomington, Ill.; Hannah, deceased; Herman, lives in Kansas; William, lives in Kansas; Lena Kreitzer, lives at Wichita, Kan.; and Bertha, deceased.

Mr. Struebing has been engaged in general farming and stock raising ever since coming to Illinois and he is widely known as a breeder of Percheron horses and Poland-China hogs. The farm in Bellflower Township is improved with a fine residence and good farm buildings, known as the McNulta land now owned by Laura McNulta.

On Feb. 18, 1891, Mr. Struebing was united in marriage with Miss Nora A. Millay, a native of Ellsworth, Ill., and the daughter of H. H. and Martha Millay. Mr. Millay now makes his home with Mr. and Mrs. Struebing and his wife died several years ago. They had five children, as follows: Cora, lives at Watseka, Ill.; Mrs. Strubing; Burt, lives at Bellflower, Ill.; Earl, deceased; and Harry, lives at Ellsworth, Ill. To H. C. and Nora A. (Millay) Struebing four children have been born, as follows: Jessie Luebers, lives in Porto Rico, further mention of whom is made below; Crystal, graduated from music at Wesleyan University, Bloomington, and taught music since 1914, married Dec. 30, 1914, to W. H. Kitts, lives at Bellflower, Ill.; Ricka, now wife of S. W. Ashworth, lives at Bellflower, Ill.; and Harry, lives at home. He was married May 31, 1923, to Miss Beulah Wilson, daughter of James Wilson of West Township.

Jessie Luebers studied theology at Eureka College and was graduated from there in 1910. She was appointed pastor of the Christian Church at Bellflower and was later assistant pastor of the First Christian Church at Springfield, Ill., for two years. She also taught school for a number of years. On Sept. 20, 1923, she was married to Mr. R. E. Luebers, who is an instructor at the University of Porto Rico.

H. C. Struebing is a Republican, has served as school director for 15 years, and as a member of the township high school board for 18 years. He is a member of the Christian Church at Bellflower.

Dr. John T. Scott, a well known and successful dentist of Saybrook, was born at St. Mary, Canada, May 24, 1857, and is the son of Richard L. and Elizabeth (Butcher) Scott.

Richard L. Scott and his wife were natives of England. They came to the United States shortly after their marriage and located in Pennsylvania, where Mr. Scott was employed by the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad as construction contractor. He was later sent to Canada by his company and upon his return to this country was located at Peoria, Ill., later he had the contract to build the railroad from Saybrook to Gibson City, Ill. Mr. Scott also built the road from Bellflower to Gibson City, Ill. He died in 1890 and his wife died Feb. 21, 1923. She was born March 20, 1831, and was the daughter of John and Elizabeth Butcher, natives of England. To Mr. and Mrs. Scott five children were born, as follows: Sydney E., born

Aug. 3, 1850, died Feb. 21, 1921; William L., born April 4, 1853, lived in West Virginia, and died Sept. 9, 1880; Thomas, born Oct. 9, 1855, died in infancy; John Thomas, the subject of this sketch; and Harry B., born March 3, 1859, lives at Champaign, Ill.

Dr. John T. Scott was reared and educated at Saybrook, and began the practice of his profession in 1878 at Saybrook, where he has lived for many years. From 1915 until 1923 he served as postmaster and with the exception of those eight years has practiced continually at Saybrook. Dr. Scott has built up a fine practice throughout the township during his long years of service and is widely and favorably known.

On Nov. 26, 1890, Dr. Scott was married to Miss Almiretta Vonscyoc, a native of Cheney Grove Township, born Aug. 1, 1857, and the daughter of James and Margaret Vonscyoc. Mrs. Scott died Oct. 9, 1923. There are no children in the Scott family.

Dr. Scott is a Democrat, a member of the Methodist Church, and belongs to the Knights of Pythias and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

James F. O'Donnell, newspaper publisher and former member of the legislature from McLean County, is an example of the man who by his own efforts has made his own way in the world. Mr. O'Donnell grew to boyhood in Bloomington, and early began to earn his own living. When he was still a youth, he became connected with the Daily Bulletin as a cub reporter. He continued for a few years while the paper was under the management of John H. Oberly, Matthew T. Scott, and Owen Scott, in succession. In the year 1891, Mr. O'Donnell formed a partnership with Theodore A. Braley, who had been in charge of the editorial end of the paper, and they bought the plant and good will of the newspaper from Owen Scott, who had been elected to congress. From that time to this, Mr. O'Donnell has been continuously active in the management and publication of the Daily Bulletin. The partnership between himself and Mr. Braley continued until the death of the latter, and since that time Mrs. Braley, the former editor's widow, retains an interest in the business of the paper, but Mr. O'Donnell is the sole manager of the property. The Bulletin during these years has grown from a struggling publication to one of commanding circulation and influence, both from the standpoint



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of a general newspaper and because of its consistent democratic course in politics. It has absorbed two of its former rivals, the Daily Leader and the Sunday Eye, and is now the only paper published in Bloomington each evening and on Sunday.

While always active in discussion of political matters, Mr. O'Donnell has never but once aspired to public office, that being in the year 1895, when he was elected to the legislature. He served two terms in the house, and took part in all the constructive legislation of that session. Since that time he has contented himself, so far as politics is concerned, in advocating through his editorial columns such measures in state and national affairs as he considers best for the general interest of the people. His paper has always been fair minded in every political discussion.

Mr. O'Donnell's parents are both now deceased. He has three sisters, Mrs. W. M. Lillis, of Davenport; Margaret, who has been a teacher for several years in the Bloomington schools; Mrs. George Wynes, of Minneapolis; and three brothers, T. V. O'Donnell, a lawyer in Chicago; J. J. O'Donnell, in newspaper work in Philadelphia, and Hugh A. O'Donnell, associate business manager of the New York Times.

Mayo Golden is a successful farmer and stockman of Bellflower Township. He was born in Kentucky, April 14, 1874, and is the son of G. W. and Elizabeth Golden.

G. W. Golden was a native of Kentucky and served throughout the Civil War. He moved his family to McLean County in 1883, locating on a farm in Bellflower Township, near Bellflower. He died Oct. 27, 1895, and his wife died March 6, 1897. They were the parents of seven children: Frank, lives at Arrowsmith, Ill.; George, lives in Iowa; Amanda Gathman, lives at Arrowsmith; Mayo, the subject of this sketch; Fred, lives in Bellflower Township; John, deceased; and Albert lives in Bellflower Township.

After receiving his education in the schools of Bellflower Township, Mayo Golden farmed on the home place until the time of his marriage in 1895. He lived on his farm for 18 years and is a successful breeder of Chester White hogs. He belongs to the Breeders' Association. In January, 1924, Mr. Golden moved to Bellflower.

On May 15, 1895, Mr. Golden was united in marriage with Miss Mary Foster, a native of Illinois, born May 2, 1879, and the daughter of John

and Jemima (Ritchie) Foster, both natives of Scotland. Mr. and Mrs. Foster came to the United States in 1858 and settled in Bellflower Township. They were the parents of nine children: Christopher, deceased; Margaret McCandish, Oakland, Cal.; Helen McInerney; David, deceased; Frank, Fisher, Ill.; Belle, Bellflower, Ill.; Mrs. Golden; John J., Bellflower Township, and Walter, deceased.

To Mr. and Mrs. Golden have been born four children: Edna M. Crooks, born Aug. 3, 1896, lives at Fisher, Ill.; Doris, born Jan. 13, 1898, died Sept. 23, 1904; Mayo Lyle, born Feb. 2, 1903; and John Russell, born May 24, 1905, a student at Illinois Wesleyan University.

In politics Mr. Golden is identified with the Democratic party. He has served as road commissioner for 23 years and as school director for several terms. He is a director of the State Bank of Bellflower. Mr. Golden is a member of the Masonic lodge. He is an energetic citizen who stands well in the esteem of his neighbors and fellow citizens.

Dr. James Jenson, a prominent and successful physician and surgeon of Saybrook, was born at Albert Lee, Minn., April 20, 1878, the son of Nels and Mary Magdalene (Christenson) Jenson. The Jenson family came to this country from Denmark, where Nels Jenson was born in 1849. His wife was born May 9, 1851.

Mr. and Mrs. Nels Jenson were married in 1867 and the following spring came to Minnesota, where Mr. Jenson purchased 40 acres of timberland near Alberta. He died Dec. 31, 1901, and his wife died Oct. 30, 1922. They were the parents of five children, as follows: Sena Dayton, born Oct. 14, 1869, lives at Gilmore, Iowa; Edward, born in 1871, lives at Gilmore, Iowa; Christina Miller, born in 1873, lives in Wisconsin; Dr. James, the subject of this sketch; and Dr. William Andrew, born March 5, 1881, practicing medicine at Chicago.

Dr. James Jenson attended the public schools at Gilmore, Iowa, where his family had moved in 1880. He spent two years at the Sac City Institute in Iowa, and also two years at Morgan Park, Iowa. In 1906, Dr. Jenson entered Chicago University, where he took a general course for one term. In 1911 Dr. Jenson received his degree of M. D. from the Chicago College of Medicine and Surgery. His brother, Dr. William Andrew Jenson, received his degree in medicine the following year, and they

practiced together in Chicago until 1917, at which time Dr. Jenson located at Saybrook. He has built up an extensive practice and is a capable and progressive man in his profession. Dr. Jenson has taken post graduate work at the Polytechnic school in Chicago. He is a member of the McLean County Medical Association, the Illinois State Medical Association, and the American Medical Association.

On April 6, 1914, Dr. Jenson was married to Miss Bertha C. Peterson, a native of Iowa, born Sept. 12, 1888, and the daughter of Lue and Mary (Hanson) Peterson, the former a native of Denmark, and the latter of Cedar Falls, Iowa. To Dr. James and Bertha C. (Peterson) Jenson two children have been born: Marie Catherine, born Nov. 5, 1916; and Paul James, born Jan. 5, 1920.

Dr. Jenson is a Republican, a member of the Methodist Church, and belongs to the Knights of Pythias, the Elks lodge, and the Modern Woodmen of America.

H. D. Stine, well known mayor and business man of Saybrook, is a native of McLean County. He was born at LeRoy, March 28, 1875, and is a son of James M. and Margaret J. (Lemon) Stine.

James M. Stine was born at Stinesville, Ind., May 15, 1847, and came to Illinois in 1874, locating on a farm near LeRoy. Three years later he moved to Arrowsmith and later removed to a farm near Saybrook, where he lived until 1899. At the time of his retirement, Mr. Stine moved to Saybrook, where he lived until the time of his death, Aug. 13, 1922. His wife, also a native of Indiana, was born March 12, 1852. To this union seven children were born: Mallie, died in infancy; H. D., the subject of this sketch; William R., resides at Saybrook; John B., lives at Clinton, Ind.; Ila Means, Harrison, Ohio; Daisy E. Means, lives at Cleveland, Ohio; and James T., lives at Wildwood, N. J.

H. D. Stine was educated in the public and high schools of Saybrook and attended the Illinois State Normal University. He has been engaged in the hardware and implement business at Saybrook since 1896 and is among the enterprising merchants of the county. In 1909, Mr. Stine was elected mayor and has served in that capacity since. During the World War he was chairman of the Liberty Loan campaign and acted as fuel administrator.

On Sept. 20, 1899, Mr. Stine was married to Miss Effie Matchett, a native of Salem, Ind., born Feb. 20, 1876, and the daughter of Luther L. and Eva (Walters) Matchett. Mrs. Stine had one brother, Clifford W. Matchett, now deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Stine have been born two children: Loren M., born Oct. 31, 1902; and Eva Margaret, born March 17, 1905, a graduate of Saybrook High School in the class of 1923, and now a student at Illinois Wesleyan University.

Loren M. Stine was graduated from Saybrook High School in 1920 and attended the University of Illinois. After teaching school two years he went to Chicago where he was associated in business with the Hibbard-Spencer-Bartlett & Co., until Jan. 1, 1924, when he became a clerk in his father's hardware store at Saybrook.

Mr. Stine is a Democrat, a member of the Christian Church at Saybrook, and belongs to the Masonic lodge, the Knights of Pythias, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Modern Woodmen of America. He has served as president of the board of education for ten years and as alderman for four years. Mr. Stine is vice-president of the Building and Loan Association of Saybrook. He is a representative and dependable citizen of McLean County.

E. M. Merritt, a retired farmer of Saybrook and the owner of 480 acres of well improved land in Cheney Grove and Bellflower Townships, is a native of Illinois. He was born in LaSalle County, Jan. 2, 1862, and is the son of H. M. and Anna E. (Freeland) Merritt.

The Merritt family were of Holland-Dutch descent. Henry Merritt, grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was a native of New Jersey. H. M. Merritt was born in New York in 1828 and came to Illinois at an early date. He was a successful farmer of Bellflower Township, McLean County, where he owned 440 acres of land. He died in 1897. His wife, a native of Indiana, was born in 1839 and died Jan. 4, 1894. Mr. and Mrs. Merritt were the parents of nine children, as follows: E. M., the subject of this sketch; Mary, deceased; W. E., lives retired in Nebraska; Georgiana, lives in Washington State; Eden E., lives at Saybrook, Ill.; John H., lives at Medford, Okla.; Linnie Moore, lives in Illinois; Della Akers, lives in Champaign County, Ill.; and Nellie, deceased.

E. M. Merritt spent his boyhood on his father's farm and attended the district schools. He has always followed farming and stockraising and has met with success. For 20 years he was a well known breeder of Percheron horses. Mr. Merritt has lived retired in Saybrook since 1908.

On Oct. 18, 1882, Mr. Merritt was married to Miss Elizabeth McBarnes, a native of McLean County, and a daughter of Dennis and Mary J. McBarnes. Mrs. Merritt died March 13, 1900, leaving two children, as follows: Elisha D., born May 16, 1884, lives on his father's farm; and Nellie H. Clark, born May 8, 1885, lives on the old home place. On Feb. 14, 1901, Mr. Merritt was married to Miss Amanda Price, a native of Bloomington, born April 6, 1859, and a daughter of George and Catherine Ambruster, natives of Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Ambruster were the parents of eight children, as follows: Margaret, deceased; Mrs. Merritt; George, lives in Bloomington; Kate, deceased; William, deceased; Lizzie, lives in Chicago; Walter, lives in Bloomington; and Frank, deceased.

Mr. Merritt is a Republican and has served as road commissioner and as township supervisor. He is a member of the Methodist Church and belongs to the Knights of Pythias.

Mr. Merritt served as township supervisor of Cheney Grove Township for 14 years.

Robert Ritchie, now living retired at Saybrook, has been a leading farmer of Bellflower Township for many years. He was born in Dumfries, Scotland, in 1850, the son of John and Mary Ritchie.

The Ritchie family came to the United States from Scotland in 1869, locating in Champlain County, Ill. John Ritchie was a farmer and died at the age of 73 years. His wife died at 83 years of age. They were the parents of nine children as follows: James, Walter, John, David, William Andrew, all deceased; Robert, the subject of this sketch; Agnes Powell, Bellflower, Ill.; and one child died in infancy.

Robert Ritchie was 17 years old when his parents came to the United States. After his arrival he learned the harness making trade and worked in Saybrook, Ill., for several years. He then engaged in farming in Bellflower Township and remained on the farm until the time of his retirement in 1912.

In 1873, Mr. Ritchie was married to Miss Helen Belle Carlyle, a native of Scotland and a daughter of John and Mary Carlyle. To this union six children were born, as follows: J. C., lives in Iowa; Walter, lives in Bloomington; Margaret Copenhaver, lives in Bellflower; Jeanette Kimzey, lives in Colorado Springs, Colo.; and two children died in infancy. Mrs. Ritchie died at the age of 35 years and on June 23, 1897, Mr. Ritchie was married to Mrs. Flora Brown, a daughter of Roderick and Mary Rawlins, natives of Indiana. Mr. Rawlins came to Illinois in 1882, locating at Mansfield, where he worked at his trade of carpenter. Mr. and Mrs. Rawlins were the parents of six children, as follows: Mrs. Ritchie; Leroy, lives in Arkansas; Lemuel, lives in Eureka Springs, Ark.; Ida Johnston, lives in San Francisco, Cal.; Frances E., deceased; Annie E. Evans, born April 29, 1875, died March 22, 1919. By her former marriage Mrs. Ritchie had one son, Carl R. Brown, who was born Aug. 12, 1879, and died Aug. 12, 1913.

Mr. Ritchie is a Republican and belongs to the Methodist Church. He is one of the reliable and substantial members of his community.

J. T. Brokaw, deceased, was a prominent farmer and stockman of Cheney Grove Township, and was identified with McLean County for many years. He was born in New Jersey, Jan. 4, 1836, and died Feb. 25, 1906. There were four children in the Brokaw family, as follows: Peter, lives in New Jersey; Kate Ramsey, deceased; J. T., the subject of this sketch; and Eliza Ditmars.

In 1861, Mr. Brokaw came to Illinois and located on a farm near Bloomington. He lived on the same farm in Cheney Grove Township for 34 years and was an extensive grain farmer as well as stockman. He owned 362 acres of well improved land which is now owned by his widow. Mr. Brokaw lived retired for seven years before his death. He is buried at Bellflower.

On Nov. 27, 1873, Mr. Brokaw was married to Miss Ada L. Easterbrook, a native of Ohio and a daughter of Joseph and Anna J. (Middleton) Easterbrook. The Easterbrook family came to Illinois from Ohio in 1865, locating near Saybrook. Mr. and Mrs. Easterbrook were the parents of five children, as follows: Mrs. Brokaw; Harry; Carrie; George W.; and

Jacob. To J. T. and Ada L. (Easterbrook) Brokaw two children were born, as follows: Adelaide, born Jan. 15, 1875, lives with her mother; and Beatrice, born Jan. 11, 1882, died in infancy.

Mr. Brokaw was a Republican and a member of the Methodist Church. The Brokaw family is well known and highly respected in McLean County.

A. B. Thompson, postmaster of Saybrook, is a prominent citizen of Saybrook, Ill., and a member of a well known pioneer family of McLean County. He was born at Saybrook, Sept. 5, 1865, the son of James and Charlotte (Cliver) Thompson.

James Thompson was a native of Massilon, Ohio, born Jan. 2, 1840, the son of Bowman Thompson, a native of England. He came to Illinois with his parents in 1860 and settled in Tazewell County. The following year Mr. Thompson was married to Miss Charlotte Cliver and removed to Cheney Grove Township, where he operated a farm until 1888, when he moved to Saybrook. He served as postmaster there for five years. Mr. Thompson was a Republican, a member of the Christian Church and belonged to the Masonic lodge. In 1903 he and his wife went to Kansas, where he died May 23, 1912. His wife died Sept. 18, 1913. They were the parents of six children: R. J., born Jan. 13, 1862, lives in Bloomington; A. B., the subject of this sketch; Lucy C. Robertson, born March 23, 1867, lives in Kansas; Elizabeth C. Kensell, born Dec. 4, 1868, lives near Saybrook; John R., born Sept. 19, 1870, lives in Kansas; and H. G., born April 27, 1872, also lives in Kansas. James Thompson enlisted during the Civil War from Bloomington and served throughout the war.

A. B. Thompson spent his boyhood on his father's farm and was educated in the schools at Saybrook. In 1889, after being engaged in farming for several years, he came to Saybrook and became a building contractor. In 1923, Mr. Thompson was appointed postmaster.

On Jan. 3, 1888, Mr. Thompson was married to Miss Adeline Stiles, a native of Livingston County, Ill., born June 15, 1866, and the daughter of John and Isabel Stiles. To Mr. and Mrs. Thompson seven children have been born, as follows: Mabel C. Short, born July 10, 1889, lives at Bellflower, Ill.; Lee E., born April 7, 1892, a graduate of Illinois State Normal University, now teaching at Johnson City, Ill.; Charles A., born Feb. 8,

1894, a graduate of Illinois State Normal University, and a veteran of the World War, now teaching at Roanoke, Ill.; Susie A. Hazen, born April 14, 1897, lives at Fisher, Ill.; Pauline E. Horner, born Nov. 10, 1899, lives at Saybrook, Ill.; Charlotte I., born Oct. 4, 1903, a graduate of Saybrook High School, now assistant in the postoffice with her father; and Mildred E., born Feb. 17, 1906, a student in high school.

Mr. Thompson is a Republican, a member of the Christian Church and belongs to the Knights of Pythias. He and his family are substantial citizens of their community and are favorably known.

Dr. Albert Wilhelm Peterson is among the leading and successful dentists of Bloomington. He was born in Bloomington, Aug. 7, 1883, and is the son of Gus J. and Lottie M. (Anderson) Peterson.

Gus J. Peterson and his wife were natives of Grenna, Smoland, Sweden, and are both now deceased. He was born Nov. 20, 1857, and left his native country on March 1, 1880, arriving at Paxton, Ill. April 1, 1880, where he worked as a farm hand the first year. On August 1, 1881, he came to Bloomington and entered the employ of the Chicago & Alton Railroad car shops, working there continuously for 36 years. Oct. 21, 1882, he was united in marriage to Miss Lottie M. Anderson, of Bloomington, Ill., a daughter of Andrew R. Anderson, of Paxton, Ill. Mr. Peterson was promoted to foreman of the coach shops, which position he held for over 20 years, until the time of his death on Christmas eve, 1917. He was struck by a taxicab and killed as he was crossing the street near his home. Mrs. Peterson died Aug. 31, 1918, and they are buried in Bloomington, Evergreen Cemetery. There were two children in the Peterson family: Dr. Albert Wilhelm, the subject of this sketch; and Bernice Josephine, born Oct. 8, 1889, and died May 31, 1910.

Dr. Albert Wilhelm Peterson was educated and graduated from the Bloomington schools and was graduated from the Chicago College of Dental Surgery on June 1, 1915. He worked his way through Bloomington schools, also through college, being employed as newsboy clerk, and on the elevated railway in Chicago. After receiving his degree, Dr. Peterson returned to Bloomington and began the practice of his profession in an office over Miller's drug store at 115 West Front Street. He has established an excellent practice and is a capable man in his profession.



DR. ALBERT W. PETERSON.

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On Dec. 8, 1915, Dr. Peterson was married to Miss Esperence M. Shelby, a native of Fairview, Utah, and the daughter of Charles and Frederica (Harloff) Shelby, natives of Ontario, Canada, and now residents of Paxton, Ill.

Dr. Peterson is a Republican and is affiliated with the following lodges and societies: Masonic, Wade Barney No. 512, Bloomington Chapter, Royal-Arch Bloomington Council, DeMolay Commandery Bloomington Consistory, Mohammed Shrine at Peoria, Eastern Star, White Shrine, Modern Woodmen of America, Camp No. 110, Elks Lodge, the Delta Sigma fraternity, Bloomington Club, McLean County Dental Society, and State and American Dental Associations. He and his wife hold membership in the First Methodist Episcopal Church and have a host of friends and acquaintances in Bloomington and McLean County.

Frank B. Youle is a well known and highly respected citizen of Cheney Grove Township, now living at Saybrook. He was born Sept. 15, 1864, in Tazewell County, Ill., the son of George and Elizabeth (Seeley) Youle.

George Youle was born in Yorkshire, England, July 6, 1832, and came to the United States in 1852, with his parents, George and Anne (Stone) Youle. George Youle, father of the subject of this sketch, followed stock-raising and farming during his entire life and was successful. He died Feb. 9, 1913, and his daughter, Miss Jessie Youle, now operates the home place in Bellflower Township. Mr. and Mrs. Youle were the parents of the following children: Elizabeth, married Charles A. Tracy, lives in Omaha, Neb.; George E., deceased; Frank B., the subject of this sketch; Mary Corbley, lives at Champaign, Ill.; Jessie, lives in Bellflower Township; John W., lives at Hannibal, Mo.; Charles A., lives at Saybrook, Ill.; Clarence, lives in Bellflower Township; Wallace, lives at Saybrook, Ill.; Claud and Floyd, live at Seattle, Wash.; and A. T., lives at Saybrook, Ill.

Frank B. Youle was educated in the district schools and engaged in farming for himself when he was 22 years of age. For many years he has been an extensive feeder of cattle and hogs and also engaged in general farming. Mr. Youle owns 613 acres of good farm land in Bellflower Township, but has lived at Saybrook since 1902.

On Feb. 1, 1887, Mr. Youle was married to Miss Nettie Webber, a native of Ludlow, Ill., born Nov. 1, 1865, and the daughter of J. S. and

Seraphine (LeNeve) Webber. Mr. Webber is deceased, having died Dec. 8, 1906, and his wife is 89 years of age and lives at Paxton, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. Webber were the parents of the following children: William Perry, deceased; Almond F., lives retired at Paxton, Ill.; John L., retired, lives at Logansport, Ind.; Julia B. Corbly, lives at Paxton, Ill.; Charles H., lives in Canada; Lindsey, at Ludlow, Ill.; Mrs. Youle; and Ross, lives at Paxton, Ill.

To Frank B. and Nettie (Webber) Youle one child has been born: Sanford Webber, born Oct. 26, 1894. He attended the Agricultura College of Indiana, where he studied agriculture, and on Feb. 12, 1917, he was married to Miss Ruth Ferland, and to this union one child has been born, Marguerite, born Aug. 5, 1918.

Frank B. Youle is a member of the Methodist Church. He is an energetic man who stands well in the esteem of his neighbors and fellow citizens.

H. B. Ulmer, cashier of the Anchor State Bank, is a prominent citizen of Anchor Township. He was born at Arrowsmith, Ill., Dec. 12, 1888, and is the son of George and Minnie Ulmer, residents of Anchor Township, McLean County.

Mr. Ulmer received his education in the public schools and after finishing high school at Colfax, Ill., attended Illinois Wesleyan University for two years. Since the time of the reorganization of the Anchor State Bank in 1921, Mr. Ulmer has been cashier. He is unmarried.

The Anchor State Bank was originally a private banking concern. After being known as Smith & Ward, it was purchased by Jacob Marten on Jan. 1, 1904, and thereafter was known as Barnes & Marten. At the time of its reorganization in 1921 it became a state bank with a capital of \$25,000 and a surplus of \$5,000. The present officers of the bank are: Jacob Marten, president; J. H. Nafziger, vice-president; H. B. Ulmer, cashier; and M. G. Marten, assistant cashier. The directors are Jacob Marten, Clifford Brown, Charles Brucker, William C. Schletter, and J. H. Nafziger. The Anchor State Bank is among the dependable and thriving banking institutions of the county.

Miss M. G. Marten, assistant cashier, is the daughter of Jacob and Cordelia (Strathoff) Marten. She was born Jan. 29, 1888, and received

her education in the public schools and also attended Brown's Business College in Bloomington. Miss Marten has been connected with the Anchor State Bank since 1905.

John Martensen, a prominent merchant of Anchor and a well known and substantial citizen of McLean County, is a native of Illinois. He was born in LaSalle County, July 1, 1868, and is a son of Peter and Annie (Lambert) Martensen, natives of Hanover, Germany, where the birth of the former occurred Jan. 29, 1833, and that of the latter, Nov. 1, 1836.

Peter Martensen, who followed farming successfully for many years, came to the United States when he was 22 years old. Proceeding directly to LaSalle County, Ill., he secured employment on the construction gang of a railroad then being built there, continuing at that work for a considerable period. Later he purchased 80 acres of land in the same county, on which he engaged in farming until 1876. He then removed to Anchor Township, McLean County, where he farmed for many years. In 1891 he retired and went to Bloomington, where he died Aug. 18, 1918. His wife died Dec. 16, 1901. Their family was composed of seven children, three of whom are living: John, the subject of this sketch; Pauline Wurzberger, lives near Bloomington; and Caroline Perice, lives at Bloomington.

John Martensen received his education in the Miller district school in Anchor Township and assisted his father in the work of the home farm until he became of age. He then began farming for himself on land rented from his father. After his marriage he had full charge of a 160 acre farm belonging to his father in Cropsey Township. Mr. Martensen came to Anchor in 1920 and engaged in the implement and hardware business, in which he has been successful.

On Feb. 19, 1891, Mr. Martensen was united in marriage with Miss Minnie Fedderson, who was born in Germany, May 6, 1867, the daughter of Thomas and Marie (Uck) Fedderson. Her parents spent their entire lives in Germany and are deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Martensen have five children, as follows: Mabel Pauline, the wife of J. W. Martens, born Nov. 9, 1891, lives near Anchor, and has two children, Merrill and Betty; Elsie Elizabeth, the wife of Harry Newman, born Sept. 28, 1893, lives near Fairbury, Ill.; Irvin Peter, born Sept. 15, 1895, was killed in France

while serving with the army in the World War; Clarence Dewey, born Feb. 18, 1899, a farmer, lives on the home place in Anchor Township; and Delmer Everett, born Dec. 19, 1905, a student. Mrs. Elsie Elizabeth Newman has four children; Mildred, Berneda, John Wayne and Margaret.

Irvin Peter Martensen enlisted Dec. 11, 1917, at Bloomington, Ill. He was sent to Jefferson Barricks, Mo., then in February to Camp Grant, Ill. In March he was sent to Camp Hancock, Augusta, Ga. In April he was sent to Camp Merritt, New Jersey. In April, 1918, with Company A, 7th Infantry, 3rd Division, he was sent overseas. In the first battle, on June 21, 1918, he was killed at Chateau Thierry. He is buried in France.

Mr. Martensen is a Republican and has served as school director for a number of years. He is a member of the United Brethren Church and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen of America. Mr. Martensen is known for his integrity and his family is among the representative citizens of McLean County.

Mrs. Mattie Allen, a well known and highly esteemed citizen of Anchor Township, was born in Sangamon County, Ill., March 14, 1864, the daughter of George W. and Willie Ann (Bell) Brown.

George W. Brown was born in Kentucky, Feb. 15, 1833, and came to Illinois at the age of 21 years, locating at Springfield. In 1856 he was married to Miss Willie Ann Bell, also a native of Kentucky, and the daughter of R. P. and Frances (Bruce) Bell. Mr. Brown became a prominent farmer of Bellflower Township, McLean County, and died in Chicago, Oct. 1, 1898. His wife died Dec. 25, 1918. They were the parents of 10 children, as follows: Alonzo T., Charles, and Rolla, all deceased; Ella Mortimer, lives at Pontiac, Ill.; Mattie, the subject of this sketch; Lizzie Lambert, lives in Chicago; Edward, deceased; Harry Wesley, Anchor Township; Stella Cain, lives at Paxton, Ill.; and Arthur, died Oct. 5, 1921.

Mattie Brown received her education in the public schools of Fairbury, Ill., and later attended Chicago University, and studied art under private teachers. On Feb. 14, 1885, she was married to Mr. Solomon Allen, who was born at Unity, N. H., July 3, 1836.

Solomon Allen's parents died when he was a small boy. He attended the district schools of New Hampshire and came to Illinois at the age of

19 years, locating in Woodford County, near Peoria. After his marriage Mr. Allen engaged in the real estate business at Fairbury, in which he was very successful. He died Sept. 12, 1898. To Mr. and Mrs. Allen one daughter was born, Ruby Downs, born Dec. 21, 1891. She has two children, Allen and Theodore.

Mrs. Mattie Allen has lived on her farm in Anchor Township for the past ten years. It contains 160 acres of good farm land. Mrs. Allen is a member of the Methodist Church and belongs to the Women's Christian Temperance Union.

Solomon Allen was a Republican, a member of the Congregational Church and belonged to the Modern Woodmen of America. He was always upright and fair in his business dealings and as a citizen was the upholder of high standards.

Edward B. Meeker, deceased, was among the substantial and highly esteemed citizens of McLean County. He lives at Cropsey. Mr. Meeker was born near Tremont, Tazewell County, Ill., April 26, 1847, the son of Moses R. and Mary A. (Davidson) Meeker, the former born in Newark, N. J., Jan. 7, 1822, and the latter in Pennsylvania, March 7, 1822. The old homestead dwelling in New Jersey, long ago occupied by Moses R. Meeker and his family, still stands, and has been used for more than 115 years.

At a very early period Moses R. Meeker started westward on horseback, staying a short time in Indiana, and riding through the locality where Chicago now is, the site being then marked only by Fort Dearborn and a few scattered and insignificant buildings. At that time he had but 25 cents. He finally reached Tazewell County and not long afterwards bought 160 acres of land and 900 acres of swamp, at about \$2.50 per acre. All the land was subsequently tiled and put into the best condition. Beside the Tazewell County property Moses R. Meeker was the owner of a large farm in McLean County. In 1884 he withdrew from active pursuits and he and his wife took up their residence in the town of Pekin, where both died in 1891.

Edward B. Meeker worked on his father's home farm in Tazewell County until the time of his marriage, which took place in Pekin, Ill.,

Oct. 15, 1868. After the ceremony was performed, he took his bride to McLean County and settled on the extensive farm of his father in Cropsey Township. He and his brother, Daniel, cultivated this land until the brother's death. Mr. Meeker became a prosperous farmer and was an extensive stockman. In 1904 he retired from his farm and removed to the village of Cropsey, where he resided until his death, May 20, 1924.

Politically, Mr. Meeker was formerly a Democrat, but in later years became an ardent Prohibitionist. To Mr. and Mrs. Edward B. Meeker the following children were born: Moses B., well known merchant of Cropsey; Charles Edward; George Melvin, lives at Cropsey; Frank E., lives at Cropsey; Mrs. Bertha Abbey, lives at Cropsey; Harry Elmer, lives on the old homestead; Roy O., lives at Bloomington; Earl Lloyd, lives at Pontiac, Ill.; and Harvey Leo, lives at Cropsey, is a veteran of the World War, having served overseas. George Melvin, Frank E. and Harvey L. are connected in the general merchandise business at Cropsey, Ill., with Moses B. Meeker. There are 25 grandchildren in the Meeker family.

The Meeker family ranks among the representative citizens of McLean County and is widely known.

Henry P. Danforth, retired farmer, is a prominent pioneer citizen of McLean County. He was born in Tazewell County, Ill., Dec. 28, 1849, and is the son of Henry and Abigail (Hathaway) Danforth.

The Danforth family came to Illinois from Vermont in 1847, and located in Tazewell County. Henry Danforth followed farming during his entire life and died in Washington in 1899. His wife died in 1908. They were the parents of six children: Henry P., the subject of this sketch; B. W., lives at Fairbury, Ill.; Lewis J., lives at Washington, Ill.; James, lives at Deer Creek, Ill.; Jonathan, deceased; and Mary Holland, deceased.

Henry P. Danforth grew up on his father's farm and received his education in the district schools. He has been a resident of Cropsey and the surrounding neighborhood since 1871, and for many years has been a leading and successful farmer. Mr. Danforth has lived retired since 1921.

On Jan. 31, 1877, Mr. Danforth was married to Miss Sarah Lanfear, a native of McLean County, born in 1857. To this union three children were born: Leslie, lives in Iowa; Henry Albert, lives in Michigan; and

LeRoy, lives in Chicago. Mrs. Danforth died Sept. 8, 1888, and on Feb. 11, 1892, Mr. Danforth was married to Miss Lucia Scott, a native of Tazewell County, Ill., born in 1854. No children were born to this union.

Mr. Danforth is a Republican and has served as road commissioner and on the township school board for 40 years. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Church and are highly respected citizens of McLean County.

Calvin G. Lindsay, who specializes in the breeding of Percheron horses and Poland China hogs, is the owner of 100 acres of well improved land. He was born on the farm he now owns in Lexington Township, April 26, 1868, the son of James and Sarah (Wilson) Lindsay.

James Lindsay was a native of Scotland and came to the United States in 1842, settling in Pennsylvania, where he remained for 13 years. In 1855 he came to McLean County and with his brother, William, built the first house at Chenoa, and also the first school house in the vicinity of Prairie Hill. They broke up the prairie surrounding the school, in order to protect the building from grass fires. Shortly after coming to McLean County, Mr. Lindsay purchased the farm now owned by his son in Lexington Township, and this tract of 100 acres has always remained in the name of the Lindsay family. Mr. Lindsay died April 28, 1896, at the age of 87 years and his wife died in 1908 at the age of 78 years. She was a native of Gettysburg, Pa. They were the parents of nine children, three of whom are now living, as follows: William, lives at Lexington; Louisa, the widow of A. W. Beach, lives in Lexington Township; and Calvin G., the subject of this sketch.

Calvin G. Lindsay has always lived on the same farm and after attending the district schools engaged in general farming and stockraising. He engaged in the harness business at Lexington for two years, but then returned to the farm. Mr. Lindsay does general farming and is very successful.

On March 6, 1901, Mr. Lindsay was married to Miss Nettie Wier, a native of Lawndale Township, McLean County, and the daughter of James and Jeanette (McKay) Wier, the former a native of Scotland and the latter of McLean County. Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay have one son, Lowin Wier, who lives at home. Mrs. Lindsay is president of the Ladies' Aid

Society and is a director of Prairie Hall No. 218, district school. She is a graduate of Chenoa High School and taught for seven years before her marriage.

Mr. Lindsay is a member of the State and National Farm Bureau. He is a Republican, a member of the Presbyterian Church, and belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America. Mr. Lindsay is a progressive and successful man of affairs and the Lindsay family ranks among the leading representative citizens of McLean County.

Dr. Frank Crist Fisher, widely known physician and surgeon of Bloomington, is a member of an old and honored pioneer family of Illinois. He was born at Wilmington, Ill., Nov. 23, 1868, and is the son of John C. and Anna F. (Ford) Fisher.

John C. Fisher was a native of Rochester, N. Y., and his wife was born at Fermoy, Ireland. In 1839 the Fishers came to Illinois and located at Wilmington in Will County, where John C. Fisher engaged in flour milling until 1883, when the mills were destroyed by fire. He then removed his family to Bloomington in 1888 and engaged in the grain and flour commission business until the time of his death, Aug. 18, 1912. His wife died June 20, 1892, and they are both buried at Wilmington, Ill. To Mr. and Mrs. Fisher were born the following children: John T., deceased; Mrs. C. H. Freeman, lives at Tampa, Fla.; George R., deceased; Mary C., deceased; Frank Crist, the subject of this sketch; Charles V., deceased; and Frances R. Fisher, lives in Bloomington.

Dr. Frank Crist Fisher was reared in Wilmington, Ill., and his early education was received in the public and high schools there. He was then employed as stenographer and buyer for the J. F. Humphreys & Co., wholesale grocers of Bloomington, from 1891 until 1899. He then entered the College of Medicine, University of Illinois, at Chicago, from which he was graduated in 1903. Dr. Fisher practiced his profession at Joliet, Ill., from 1903 until 1907, and since that time has been located in Bloomington, where he has established an excellent practice. His offices are located at 217 North Main Street.

On June 27, 1894, Dr. Fisher was united in marriage at Bloomington, with Miss Cora Haefer, a native of Bloomington and the daughter of Napoleon B. and Elizabeth S. (Clark) Haefer, the former a native of



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Virginia and the latter of Kentucky. Mr. Haefer died July 10, 1898, and his wife died Nov. 21, 1894. Dr. and Mrs. Fisher have had two children: Dorothy Elizabeth, who died in 1919; and Edwin Haefer Fisher, now a student.

In politics Dr. Fisher is identified with the Republican party and he and his family hold membership in the First Baptist Church of Bloomington. He is affiliated with the Bloomington Lodge No. 43 A. F. & A. M., Bloomington Chapter No. 26 R. A. M., Bloomington Council R. G. M., and the Bloomington Consistory A. A. S. R. Dr. Fisher is a capable physician and surgeon and has always been a close student of the advances made in the great science of the medical profession. He was examiner on U. S. Exemption Board, local No. 2, Bloomington, during the World war, 1917-1918.

J. C. Truckenbrod, a successful and well known farmer and stockman of Hudson Township, is a native of Bloomington. He was born Oct. 13, 1885, and is the son of Charles E. and Nettie (Haynes) Truckenbrod.

Charles E. Truckenbrod was born in St. Louis, Sept. 5, 1857, the son of Charles E. and Sophia Truckenbrod, natives of Germany. In 1860 the Truckenbrod family moved to Bloomington, where they still reside. Nettie (Haynes) Truckenbrod was born in Hudson Township, McLean County, Sept. 4, 1866, the daughter of John and M. (Hinthorn) Haynes, the former a native of England and the latter of McLean County. Mrs. Truckenbrod's mother died when she was one year old and her father was later married to a widow, Mrs. Myers, and to that union three children were born, one of whom is now living, Miss Emma Haynes, who lives at Normal, Ill., and owns land now being farmed by J. C. Truckenbrod, the subject of this sketch.

J. C. Truckenbrod was reared on his father's farm and received his education in the public schools and Brown's Business College at Bloomington. He has always followed farming and is one of the successful stockmen of the county. Mr. Truckenbrod owns 80 acres of land in Danvers Township and is now farming 303 acres in Hudson Township. He raises a good grade of stock.

On Jan. 12, 1915, Mr. Truckenbrod was married to Miss Martha Lastowski, a native of Bloomington, and the daughter of Charles and

Caroline (Bartkowski) Lastowski, natives of Germany. The Lastowski family settled in Bloomington in 1881, where Mr. Latowski was employed as a brick mason. He and his wife now live there. Mr. and Mrs. Truckenbrod have no children.

Mr. Truckenbrod is a Republican, a member of the Methodist Church, and belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America. He is one of the substantial citizens of McLean County, and the Truckenbrod family is representative of the best citizenship of this county.

W. E. Lasky is a successful and well known business man of Normal. He was born at Jerseyville, Ill., Oct. 23, 1878, and is the son of Edward and Margaret (McLean) Lasky.

Edward Lasky was born in Berlin, Germany, and when he was a boy learned the blacksmith trade. When he was 27 years of age he came to this country, where he died in 1880, leaving his widow and 12 children. In order to rear her large family, Mrs. Lasky was obliged to do washings and ironings, and as her children grew to young manhood they also carried their share of the burden. She died in Texas in 1909.

W. E. Lasky was the youngest of 12 children and when he was a boy he worked on farms to help his mother, and used to get up at two o'clock in the morning to deliver milk in Fort Worth, Texas, where he lived. He received his education in the public schools there and then drove a delivery wagon for his brother, Charles H. Lasky, a grocer of Fort Worth, Texas. In 1901 Mr. Lasky came to Normal and was employed in the grocery store of Frank Ward for six years, after which he went into business for himself, locating at 811 South Main Street, Normal. Mr. Lasky has been located in his present location since 1909. He carries a high grade line of groceries and meats and is also a dealer in grain. Mr. Lasky owns 111 acres of well improved land in Old Town Township, McLean County, besides a great deal of business property at Normal and a fine residence.

On Sept. 11, 1898, Mr. Lasky was married to Miss Effie Deal, a native of Indiana. To this union one child has been born, Wayne Lasky. Mr. and Mrs. Lasky have also reared and educated two children, Gladys Lasky and Eileen McGinn.

In politics Mr. Lasky is identified with the Republican party. He is a self-made man and a substantial and reliable citizen of his community.

Wallace J. Musselman is a well known and successful young business man of Lexington. He was born at Danvers, Ill., Aug. 18, 1898, the son of Willis and Alice (Meeks) Musselman.

Willis Musselman was born at Danvers, Ill., March 6, 1858, and died Dec. 12, 1918. He was a blacksmith by trade and was the son of Jacob Musselman, a native of Germany and a pioneer settler of Danvers. Alice (Meeks) Musselman is a native of McLean County and now lives at Danvers. To Willis and Alice (Meeks) Musselman two children were born: Marie, a teacher in the public schools at Danvers, Ill.; and Wallace J., the subject of this sketch.

Wallace J. Musselman received his education in the public schools at Danvers and worked with his father in the blacksmith shop and later conducted a garage with his father and Mr. Raffensperger at Danvers. In 1920 Mr. Musselman went to Chicago and attended the Worshan Embalming College, from which he was graduated in 1921. The following year he came to Lexington and established his present business as funeral director and embalmer. Mr. Musselman is an energetic young business man and has already established himself among the successful men of his community.

On Sept. 15, 1920, Mr. Musselman was married to Miss Fern Norris, a native of Oklahoma, and to this union one child has been born, Martha Lee.

Mr. Musselman is a Democrat, a member of the Presbyterian Church, and he belongs to the Masonic lodge and the Knights of Pythias.

August Thieleman, deceased, was a well known farmer of Cropsey Township and the owner of 300 acres of well improved land, was born in Germany, Sept. 2, 1840. He came to America in 1868, and settled in LaSalle County, Ill., where he worked on a farm for a number of years. In 1875 he removed to McLean County and purchased 80 acres of land in Cropsey Township at \$30.00 per acre. Mr. Thieleman was an extensive grain farmer. He died March 7, 1924.

On Feb. 26, 1871, Mr. Thieleman was united in marriage with Miss Adolphine Vieth, a native of Germany, born in 1849. To this union three children were born, as follows: Martha Eisenberg, lives at Hudson, Ill.;

John, born Dec. 8, 1879, now farming the home place; and Elmer, born Aug. 4, 1885, lives near Anchor, Ill. Mrs. Thieleman died Oct. 18, 1903.

John Thieleman was educated in the public schools and on Aug. 24, 1904, was married to Miss Romilla Marton, a native of Bloomington, born May 19, 1880, and the daughter of Edward and Emma (Frenzel) Marton, natives of Germany, now deceased. Mr. Marton was employed in the shops of the Chicago & Alton Railroad for many years as a patternmaker and died at the age of 68 years. John and Romilla (Marton) Thieleman have three children: Ruth and Esther, twins, born Dec. 1, 1905; and Edward, born Feb. 22, 1907.

Elmer Thieleman married Gertrude Marton, a sister of his brother's wife.

August Thieleman was a Prohibitionist and a member of the Methodist Church of Bloomington. The Thieleman family is well known and highly respected in McLean County.

E. B. Douglass, a prosperous farmer and stockman of Lexington Township, is the owner of 100 acres of well improved land and is a widely known breeder of pure bred Chester White hogs. He was born in Lexington Township, Nov. 4, 1877, the son of James P. and Mary S. (Paul) Douglass.

James P. Douglass was a native of Morristown, N. J., born April 18, 1836, and his wife was also born in the same place, May 27, 1843. The Douglass family came to McLean County in 1868 and Mr. Douglass became a leading farmer of Lexington Township, where he owned a well improved farm. He died June 9, 1920, and his wife died April 10, 1923. They were the parents of 10 children, six of whom are now living, as follows: Anna, married Frank Hanks, lives in Lexington Township; Lucretia, the widow of Harmon Hoag, lives at Lexington; Everett P., a farmer, lives in Martin Township, McLean County; E. B., twin brother of Everett P., and the subject of this sketch; Bertha, married Curtis Mahan, lives in Money Creek Township; and Oran, farms the Hoag farm in Hudson Township, McLean County.

E. B. Douglass grew up on his father's farm and attended the public and high schools of Lexington, from which he was graduated in 1899. He then taught school for six years and at the end of that time rented land until 1911, which he farmed. Since 1911 Mr. Douglass has owned and

operated his present farm of 100 acres in Lexington Township and he is among the successful stockmen of the county.

On Feb. 14, 1904, Mr. Douglass was united in marriage with Miss Mary A. Rockel, a native of McLean County, and the daughter of William and Hester (Heller) Rockel, both deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Douglass have no children.

Mr. Douglass is a Republican and a member of the Baptist Church. He is a leading and representative citizen of his community.

James J. Costello, a member of the firm of Costello & O'Malley, clothiers of Bloomington, is a well known business man of McLean County. He was born in Ireland, Oct. 2, 1848, the son of Edmund and Johanna (O'Keefe) Costello.

The Costello family came to the United States from Ireland in 1862, settling at Albany, N. Y. Two years later Edmund Costello came to McLean County and located at Bloomington, and several months later he sent for his family. They lived on a farm near Towanda, Ill., until 1870, when Mr. Costello moved to Pottawatomie County, Ill., where he died. Mr. and Mrs. Costello were the parents of five children, of whom James J., the subject of this sketch, is the only one now living.

James J. Costello received his education in the district schools of Ireland, and after coming to McLean County with his parents in 1864 was employed as a section hand on the Texas, Peoria and Western Railroad. After working a short time in St. Louis and Belleville, Ill., he went south and worked on a levee in Louisiana. In 1867 Mr. Costello returned to McLean County and engaged in the coal business at Bloomington, which he operated successfully for 17 years. He is now in partnership with his son-in-law, Charles O'Malley. This is one of the well established commercial enterprises of Bloomington, and the firm conducts a good business.

On Oct. 8, 1875, Mr. Costello was married to Miss Mary O'Neill, a native of Ireland, and to this union two children were born, as follows: Kate, married Charles O'Malley; and James J., Jr., married Anna Schewe, and they live at Bloomington.

Mr. Costello has always taken an active interest in politics, and served as mayor of Bloomington for two terms, and during his term of office extensive public improvements were made. He has been a member

of the Ancient Order of Hibernians for 50 years, and has belonged to the Knights of Columbus for 34 years. Mr. Costello is an interesting pioneer of McLean County, and holds the high regard of all who know him.

John D. Shiner, county supervisor and successful farmer of Hudson Township, is a native of McLean County. He was born on a farm in Hudson Township, Sept. 22, 1862, the son of Jacob and Dorothy (Allbaugh) Shiner.

Jacob Shiner was a native of Virginia and served during the Mexican War. He then went to Ohio and later came to Illinois, where he owned a farm in Hudson Township. Mrs. Shiner was a native of Licking County, Ohio, and now lives at Hudson, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Shiner had 10 children, eight of whom are now living. John D., the subject of this sketch, is the fifth in order of birth.

John D. Shiner spent his boyhood on his father's farm and attended the district schools. He worked as a farm hand for 13 years and later rented land. In 1917 Mr. Shiner purchased his present farm in Hudson Township, which is well improved, and he is well known as a successful farmer.

On April 9, 1895, Mr. Shiner was united in marriage with Miss Mary Arnold, a native of Towanda Township, McLean County, and the daughter of Gottlieb and Catherine (Blum) Arnold, natives of Germany and early settlers of McLean County. To John D. and Mary (Arnold) Shiner four children have been born, as follows: Carroll, Gottlieb, John E., and Lucile Shiner.

Mr. Shiner is a Democrat and was elected county supervisor in 1918, which office he still holds. He is one of the highly esteemed and widely known men of McLean County, where he is regarded as a man of integrity and a citizen of great worth.

H. W. Kelly, vice-president of the Campbell Holton Company, wholesale grocers of Bloomington, was born at Heyworth, Ill., Sept. 6, 1870, and is the son of Abram and Julia A. (Wylie) Kelly.

Abram Kelly was a native of Washington County, Pa., and an early settler of Illinois. He served throughout the Civil War with Company B,

94th Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He followed his trade as blacksmith in Heyworth for many years and died in 1896 at the age of 69 years. His wife, a native of Wheeling, W. Va., died in 1920, at the age of 85 years. Mr. and Mrs. Kelly were the parents of three children, as follows: Eva, the widow of James W. Brown, lives at Normal; Lola, deceased, was the wife of E. C. McFarland; and H. W., the subject of this sketch.

H. W. Kelly spent his boyhood at Heyworth and received his education in the schools there. After clerking in a grocery store at Heyworth for one year he came to Normal. In 1892 he became engaged in the wholesale grocery business. When the Campbell Holton Company was organized in Bloomington Mr. Kelly was traveling for Sprague, Warner & Company of Chicago, and he resigned this position and became connected with the Bloomington firm. He is one of the organizers of the concern and has been vice-president of the company since 1917. Mr. Kelly is one of the pioneer merchants of Illinois and the firm of which he is a member is among the leading business houses of McLean County.

In 1892 Mr. Kelly was married to Miss Josephine M. Kennedy, a native of Livingston County, Ill., and to this union one child was born, Howard W., who is married and lives in Livingston County, Ill.

Mr. Kelly is a Republican and a member of the Second Christian Church. He is a substantial citizen of McLean County and is widely and favorably known.

Richard M. O'Connell, city attorney of Bloomington, is a prominent attorney of McLean County, was born in Bloomington, Aug. 28, 1886, and is a son of Edmond and Mary M. O'Connell.

Edmond O'Connell, well known attorney of Bloomington, is a native of New York. His wife was born in Iowa. Mr. O'Connell's office is located in the Greisheim Building and he lives at 218 South Bale Street, Bloomington. Richard M. O'Connell, the subject of this sketch, is their only child.

Richard M. O'Connell has always lived in Bloomington. He attended the public and high schools there and was graduated from Illinois Wesleyan University in 1910, where he studied law. While a student at college he worked as reporter on the Pantagraph. Mr. O'Connell has practiced law in this city since the time of his graduation and until 1919 was in partner-

ship with Ned E. Dolan, who is now associated with his father in the Pantagraph Printing Company. Mr. O'Connell was elected city attorney in 1915.

On June 21, 1913, Mr. O'Connell was married to Miss Edna M. Mahaffey, a native of Danvers, Ill., and the daughter of William C. and Minnie O. Mahaffey. Mr. Mahaffey is deceased.

Mr. O'Connell is a Republican and belongs to the Bloomington Club. He is a member of the Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus. As a public official Mr. O'Connell has been efficient, just and considerate.

Frank Oberkoetter, who for years was one of the most highly esteemed and prominent business men of Bloomington, died suddenly on March 18, 1924. He was born in Bloomington, on March 5, 1859, a son of Frank and Mary (Schroer) Oberkoetter, a sketch of whom appears in this volume.

Frank Oberkoetter received his education in the parochial and public schools of Bloomington and attended college in St. Louis. After receiving a good business education he became associated in the wholesale grocery business with his father, in which he continued until 1913. He was one of the organizers of the American State Bank of Bloomington and served as vice-president since the time of its organization. He was also a member of the board of directors.

Since his retirement from the wholesale business, he has been engaged in other lines of endeavor altho not so actively. As vice-president of the American State Bank, vice-president of the Bloomington Loan and Homestead Association, and also identified with other financial and commercial interests, his time was fully occupied.

On June 5, 1905, Mr. Oberkoetter was married to Miss Mary A. Becker, a native of Baltimore, Md., and the daughter of Frederick and Mary Becker. Mr. and Mrs. Becker, now deceased, are buried in Baltimore. To Frank and Mary (Becker) Oberkoetter three children have been born, as follows: Frank, Jr., born in 1910; Mary E., born in 1913, and Antoinette, born in 1915.

Mr. Oberkoetter was especially prominent during the World war when he was one of the leaders in the Red Cross work, Liberty loan drives and other activities, his services being widely diversified and be-



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ing deeply appreciated by the entire community. None were more faithful and none more active than he, in the various lines of patriotic endeavor. He was also a very generous contributor.

Mr. Oberkoetter was a member of St. Mary's German Catholic church; of the St. Francis and St. Joseph Benevolent Societies of that parish; of the Knights of Columbus; of the Bloomington Club, and of the McLean County Country Club.

Deeply interested in music and a hearty supporter of all musical enterprises, he was quite talented himself, playing the violin cello with unusual skill.

A successful business man, loyal to Bloomington, a leader in all enterprises that would help to promote the welfare of the Evergreen City, Mr. Oberkoetter was a high type of citizenship, and his death is a distinct loss to the community with which he has been so long and so prominently identified. His home life was ideal. A kind and indulgent husband and father, he was idolized by all members of his family and his untimely summons is an overwhelming blow to the widow and children.

Frank Oberkoetter, deceased, was among the successful pioneer business men of Bloomington. He was born in Germany, Jan. 25, 1828, and was the son of Henry and Katie (Lemme) Oberkoetter.

Frank Oberkoetter was reared and educated in Germany and after serving a brief apprenticeship at the carpenter trade, he boarded a vessel for the United States in 1850, landing in New Orleans. After spending five years in St. Louis he came to Bloomington in 1857 and opened a small retail grocery store, which he operated until 1871.

In 1871 Mr. Oberkoetter formed a partnership with Jacob Jacoby, the firm being known as F. Oberkoetter & Company. Upon the death of Mr. Jacoby in 1893, the firm then became known as the F. Oberkoetter & Sons, and Mr. Oberkoetter being in poor health, the business was managed by his sons, Frank, Henry J., Herman and William M. Mr. Oberkoetter died July 25, 1895, and his wife died in 1903. The business was continued by the sons until 1913, when it was sold to the Hawks, Incorporated.

To Frank and Mary (Schroer) Oberkoetter the following children were born: Frank, deceased, a sketch of whom appears in this volume;

Henry, retired; Herman; William, who died in 1914; Anna E., Rose M., and Mary E.

Mr. Oberkoetter was well known and highly respected in McLean County and the Oberkoetter family ranks among the representative families of the county.

Henry Oberkoetter, retired, is a well known and highly respected citizen of Bloomington. He was born in Bloomington, Aug. 27, 1860, and is the son of Frank and Mary (Schroer) Oberkoetter, a sketch of whom appears in this history.

Henry Oberkoetter was reared and educated in Bloomington and for many years was associated in the wholesale grocery business with his father, as salesman. The business was later known as F. Oberkoetter & Sons, and was conducted by Frank, Henry, Herman and William M., all brothers. Henry, the subject of this sketch, now lives retired at 503 S. Main Street, Bloomington.

Mr. Oberkoetter is unmarried. He is a Democrat and a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, at Bloomington. He is a member of the Bloomington Club, McLean Country Club and the Auto Club. He is one of the substantial and highly respected citizens of Bloomington.

Hiram A. Rodee, widely known lawyer, orator and lecturer of McLean County, was born in St. Lawrence County, N. Y., March 2, 1878, and is the son of Hiram and Cornelia (Cramton) Rodee.

Hiram Rodee was a native of New York and his wife was born in Vermont. He was a miller by trade and in 1881 moved to South Dakota where he engaged in farming until the time of his death. Mr. Rodee died in 1918 at the age of 82 years, and his wife died in 1915 at the age of 74 years. They were the parents of four children, of whom Hiram A., the subject of this sketch, was the youngest.

Hiram A. Rodee was five years of age when his parents moved to South Dakota. He received his education in the schools of Sanborn County and attended Dakota Wesleyan University for two years and South Dakota State College for two years. In 1897 he was graduated from Martin's

College in Washington, D. C., where he received the degree of Bachelor of Expression. After completing his education, Mr. Rodee engaged in farming until 1909, and during that time was engaged as manager of Ruskin Park Chautauqua, which was established as a summer resort known as Ruskin Park in Sanborn County, S. D. He is well known throughout South Dakota as a logical, eloquent and convincing speaker. In 1909 Mr. Rodee sold his ranch and after spending some time traveling, came to Bloomington in 1911. After his marriage here on March 25, 1913, he went to Mitchell, S. D., where he practiced law until May, 1920, and since that time he has been located in Bloomington with offices at 230 Durley building. Mr. Rodee was admitted to the bar at Pendleton, Ore., in 1912, and at Pierre, S. D., in 1913.

Mr. Rodee married Miss Flora Schneider, a native of Bloomington, born April 23, 1876. She died Jan. 24, 1923. Mr. and Mrs. Rodee had no children.

In August, 1917, Mr. Rodee enlisted for service in the World War and was sent to the Officers' training school at Fort Snell, Minn. The armistice was signed before his physical qualifications were accepted. Mr. Rodee belongs to the Masonic lodge and Consistory of Bloomington, the American Legion and the Modern Woodmen of America. Since January, 1921, he has been First Reader in the Christian Scientist Church at Bloomington and has been a member of the Mother Church since 1912. Mrs. Rodee was a practitioner in that church and an ardent Christian Scientist.

William Osborn Davis—Few men in the history of McLean County during the last half century have had a more influential part in promoting the best interests of its people, both from a material and moral and educational standpoint than did William O. Davis, for forty years owner and manager of the Daily Pantagraph, the only morning newspaper published in the county. From the year 1868 until the time of his death, in May, 1911, Mr. Davis was the chief factor in the direction and publication of the Pantagraph. Since his death, the newspaper continues in charge of a corporation composed of members of his family.

That Mr. Davis should have become a prominent newspaper publisher might have seemed a remote possibility to those who knew him as the son of a Pennsylvania farmer; but that was just the atmosphere which pro-

duced so many of our leaders here in the west. Born and reared as Mr. Davis was in the historic atmosphere of eastern Pennsylvania, where rare physical beauty in the landscape and old culture kept company with rigid thrift and industry, made necessary by the poor soil, character such as leaders were made of would naturally be produced in a man of his native ability. Inheritance, of course, played its part in Mr. Davis' later achievements. He came of a line of that sturdy Quaker stock that emigrated to the United States with William Penn, from whose grant of land about Philadelphia Mr. Davis' direct progenitor established the home farm on which Mr. Davis was born. The land in the hands of these families was improved, and saw in Mr. Davis' day a fine stone residence well furnished in the best the times could afford.

Executive skill his father must needs have possessed to rear a family of nine on a farm of 160 acres of Pennsylvania soil and make for a them a beautiful home with the added advantage of boarding schools to complete their education. The parents of Mr. Davis were wise, too, in shielding the delicate son William from the heavier work on the farm which the other boys took some part in each summer, and allowing him to indulge his passion for reading and to express his creative taste in the many sketches which made up his interesting portfolio of later years.

It was over the farms of Mr. Davis' father, Hibbard Osborn Davis, and his grandfather, William Osborn, that the battle of Brandywine was fought. Here, too, the Sons of the Revolution placed their monument. Adjoining Chester county, in which these farms lay, was Lancaster county, where was situated the home of Jesse W. Fell, later of Bloomington and Normal, and these families were destined later to become more closely associated in new homes in the west.

As the children grew up, especially the boys, felt the stirrings of the wanderlust, and they longed for the west. William O. made a journey to Illinois and visited the Jesse Fell family, then on farther west, taking part in the migration which had Pike's Peak and the gold country for its objective. Having spent some time in Colorado, he returned to this state, and inasmuch as he was better educated than the ordinary young man of that time, the Fell family induced him to remain over and teach a winter term of the district school, in the then sparsely settled region of Normal. Meantime in the old home in Pennsylvania, the mother's health having grown frail, the elder Mr. Davis decided to dispose of the farm and make his

home in the town of Westchester, and the land was accordingly sold, passing out of the family after 200 years. From the home in Westchester the father made one or more trips to the west, and here bought land, in which the son, William O., became a farmer, his tract being located about two miles north of Normal. At about this time, the Civil War had broken out, and young Mr. Davis went to Washington to act as army paymaster for the earlier years of the struggle. In 1863 he returned here, and then culminated his romance, when he was married to Eliza, daughter of Jesse W. Fell, his old family friend. Between farming and school teaching, Mr. Davis continued his activities in and about Normal until the year 1868, when he first became interested in a newspaper.

Jesse Fell had had something to do with the struggling newspapers of the young town of Bloomington almost from its beginning, being one of the proprietors of the *Observer*, the first paper published in the city in 1837. Mr. Fell, Mr. Davis and James P. Taylor acquired the daily and weekly *Pantagraph* in the year above mentioned, and for forty years thereafter Mr. Davis gave his time, thought and wise management to the development of the property. A job printing shop was formerly connected with the newspaper, but Mr. Davis disposed of that to a separate company and continued to conduct the newspaper alone. His breadth of view, his instinctive knowledge of what the reading public wanted, and his eminent fairness, gave his paper a standing and a prosperity seldom equaled in any concern of its kind in a city of similar size. In 1908 the business was incorporated with W. O. Davis as president, his son, Hibbard O. Davis, vice-president, and C. C. Marquis as secretary. The corporation still continues, but owing to ill health H. O. Davis withdrew from active management in 1923 and his interests are now represented by Davis Merwin, a grandson of W. O. Davis, whose position is assistant manager.

Perhaps the keystone of the success which Mr. Davis achieved as a manager of his newspaper was his faculty for choosing competent people for the detailed work, and then in keeping them for long terms in his employ after his training had made them valued assistants. This he did by exhibiting a true fraternal interest in their personal comfort and welfare, bearing toward them more of the relation of a father than of the ordinary employer. This spirit in Mr. Davis bred a corresponding spirit of loyalty among his employes, and the *Pantagraph* is noted for the number of men and women who served long terms in its employ. After Mr. Davis' death,

his son, Hibbard O. Davis, succeeded him as managing editor, and the latter carried out to a remarkably successful degree the policies which had made his father's unusual success.

The death of Mrs. Davis preceded that of her husband by nine years. The surviving children are H. O. Davis, now residing in California, who for several years actively managed the *Pantagraph*; Mrs. Helen Stevenson, wife of Lewis G. Stevenson; and Mrs. Jessie Merwin, wife of Louis B. Merwin of Bloomington. Of the original eleven members of the family of W. O. Davis back in Pennsylvania, only one sister now survives, she being Mrs. Elizabeth Lawton of Delavan.

It is interesting to record the estimates of the life of W. O. Davis as made by prominent citizens of McLean county who knew him best. For instance, Hon. Joseph W. Fifer, former governor of Illinois, says of him:

"For more than forty years W. O. Davis and I were close personal friends and whatever I have achieved in life is in no small measure due to his wise counsel and advice. I regard him as one of the very best men I ever knew, and the friendship that existed between us admitted of no secrets and no suspicions.

"His nature was warm and sympathetic, and all kinds of injustice and cruelty found an uncompromising foe in him. He had a sublime faith in the ultimate triumph of the true and the good, and to this end he devoted the best years of a long and useful life. Devotedly attached to the community in which he lived, he gave with a liberal hand to every worthy cause. I never knew anyone who had a warmer sympathy for the weak and needy, and there are many now living in this city and county whose necessities have been generously but quietly relieved by his kindness, who can testify to the truth of this statement.

"Mr. Davis was one who appreciated and loved the better things of life. He was highly cultured, admired the artistic, and read the best literature. Many times in our quiet, friendly talks he expressed his great love for his children, and in this connection he emphasized the importance of culture and refinement, and would add that these things were more to be valued than worldly goods.

"Mr. Davis possessed executive ability and business judgment of a high order. The newspaper which he developed stands as a monument to his profound judgment and business sense. Never physically strong, in his closing years he felt that his frail body was giving way under his many re-

sponsibilities and with a long, useful and generous life behind him he turned his face in hope and confidence toward the better world to come, and often said to me that he was not afraid to go. His whole life was a benediction, and no one who ever lived in this community has left a sweeter memory."

President David Felmley of the Illinois State University has expressed himself in the following language as to Mr. Davis and his work and character:

"Shortly after I came to Normal in 1890 I was invited to dine at the home of Mr. Davis and spent the long evening with him. I was struck by the man's modesty, by the evident interest which he took in me, and the desire to draw me out by his questioning upon a great variety of subjects. He wanted me to do the talking. I have felt greatly complimented by the attention that I received at his hands. But I learned later that this was characteristic of the man. He took great interest in young men, was anxious to make their acquaintance and to encourage them. He did not seem at all to care to impress his personality upon them.

"I was impressed, too, by the evident broadmindedness of Mr. Davis. He was anxious to get everybody's point of view and to see the reason that lay behind opinions different from his own.

"Five years later, when the Silver Question came to the front in our national politics, it happened that I was a thorough believer in bi-metalism and was making speeches and writing articles in defense of the Silver cause. As the campaign progressed Mr. Davis told me that the columns of the Pantagraph were open for anything I might choose to write in behalf of the cause of free coinage of silver. It was his estimate that probably one-third of the subscribers of the Pantagraph were democrats, and he wanted them to feel that the Pantagraph was not a mere party organ, but rather an open forum in which the desire to arrive at the truth was more important than to win party success.

"A few years ago, in conversation with Mr. Clendenen, for many years editor and proprietor of the Springfield Register, I was told that the Pantagraph was the best-conducted newspaper in the state outside of Chicago, and probably the best newspaper property; that while the business success of the Pantagraph was due in large measure to the excellent organization that had been built up in its territory, it was still more due to the high plane upon which the paper was conducted and the character of its Editor

and Proprietor. Of course, the character of the newspaper here was simply the character of the man who determined its policies and inspired all its employes.

"The Pantagraph to this day is a monument to W. O. Davis. When I first came to Normal I frequently heard it said, 'It must be true, for I saw it in the Pantagraph.' Mr. Davis told me once that he wanted his boys 'to get the news straight'; that 'it is better to be a little tardy than to be mistaken.'"

George E. Dooley, who lives retired at LeRoy, is among the prominent citizens and large land owners of McLean County. He was born on a farm in Old Town Township, McLean County, March 9, 1864, and is the son of William H. and Eliza J. (Noggle) Dooley.

William H. Dooley was a prosperous and widely known farmer of McLean County for many years and owned 1500 acres of well improved land. He was also an extensive stockman and feeder of cattle. From 1884 until 1888 Mr. Dooley served as county supervisor of McLean County. Further mention of the early history of the Dooley family appears in the sketch of O. M. Dooley, a brother of George E., our subject.

George E. Dooley spent his boyhood on his father's farm and his education was obtained in the district school, LeRoy High School and at Baker's Business College in Bloomington. He farmed on his father's land until 1890, at which time he purchased 228 acres three miles north of Saybrook, Ill. After improving the place, Mr. Dooley sold it in 1896 and in exchange received a half section of his grandfather's land, which has remained in the Dooley family since 1850. Mr. Dooley has been a leading stockman of McLean County for a number of years and has been an extensive breeder of Shorthorn cattle and has held many private sales. In 1902 he retired from active farm life and moved to LeRoy, where in 1915 he built a beautiful home at a cost of \$15,000. He owns over 2,000 acres of land and two beautiful farm houses.

On Sept. 12, 1888, Mr. Dooley was united in marriage with Miss Rose L. West, who was born in West Township, McLean County, May 17, 1864, the daughter of Simeon and Martha (O'Neal) West, natives of Bourbon County, Ky., and Ross County, Ohio, respectively. The West family settled in McLean County in 1851 and it is after this family that West Township received its name. Simeon West was a prosperous farmer and served



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as a member of the legislature from 1883 until 1885. As a member of the legislature he was the only man to refuse a railroad pass in Illinois. Mr. West died April 2, 1920, at the age of 93 years, and his wife died Dec. 16th of the same year. They were the parents of nine children, seven of whom are now living. Mrs. Dooley was the oldest child. She was educated in the public and high schools of LeRoy and attended Illinois State Normal University, afterward teaching school four years. To George E. and Rose L. (West) Dooley were born the following children: Lillian A., the wife of Homer D. Etherton, they live on the home farm near LeRoy and have six children, George C., Glenn H., Doris A., Delmar H., Lucille L., and Edson L. Etherton; Ferne, a graduate nurse, located at Michael Reese Hospital in Chicago; Iris G., a widow, lives with her parents and has one daughter, Mary Ellen Gilmore; and two other children died in infancy.

In 1903 Mr. Dooley was one of the organizers of the First National Bank of LeRoy and since that time has served as vice-president. He is also a director and the bank's largest stockholder. In politics, Mr. Dooley is identified with the Democratic party. He served as a member of the LeRoy city council for eight years and as supervisor of Empire Township for three terms. He was a member of the 51st General Assembly as a legislator during 1918 and 1919 from the 26th Senatorial District and in 1924 was a candidate for state senator. Mr. Dooley has been a trustee of the Brokaw Hospital of Bloomington for 15 years. He is one of the dependable and excellent citizens of McLean County, where he has spent his entire life.

Jacob Louis Hasbrouck—The editor of this history of McLean county, has been a resident of the county for 34 years, having come to Bloomington for the first time on the night of Dec. 18, 1890. He was then a young man following the printing trade as a "jour," and he arrived in the city looking for a job. He secured one within an hour after he got off the train, and from that time to the date of this history had not at any time been without useful if not particularly gainful occupation. From typesetter to occasional writer for a newspaper, then a regular reporter, then editor in various departments of *The Daily Pantagraph*, with which he has been connected since the fall of 1898, he has traveled about the whole route of a career as a newspaper man in a city of that size.

Mr. Hasbrouck is a native of Illinois and his whole life has been spent in the confines of this state, except one little period of a few months when he worked for a newspaper at Toledo, Ohio. He was born at the town of Pana on April 23, 1867, being the son of Alpheus J. and Mary Ann Hasbrouck. His parents resided in Pana for a comparatively short time, their previous life up to that time having been spent mostly at Mattoon, where the father was in the hardware business with his brother-in-law, Abram Hasbrouck. Alpheus J. Hasbrouck was a prominent citizen of Mattoon, having been elected mayor of the city in 1864. He lived there during the exciting time of the Civil War. Although prevented by physical debilities from enlisting in the army, he aided the union cause in many ways at home, being one of a number of citizens who supported a hospital at Mattoon for the returning wounded soldiers. At the close of the war financial reverses swept away most of his property, and he moved to Pana to begin life anew. After a few years' resident there, the family removed to Effingham, where they remained throughout the boyhood and young manhood of our subject. Jacob Louis graduated from the high school at Effingham, and then more by accident than anything else, he got into the print shop of the weekly newspaper published there, and managed to pick up some knowledge of type setting. The next fall, however, he went with another boy from his home town to take a course at Wabash college, in Crawfordsville, Ind. He pursued his studies there for two years, and often said that if he had accepted a professor's offer at the close of his second year, he would have become a tutor, and possibly a regular college professor for the rest of his life. However, owing to frail health at the close of the year, he was advised by a doctor not to return to school the following fall, and there ended any dreams he might have had of being a "professor." He went back into a printing office in Effingham and mastered the trade of setting type, and then got a job in the office of the Weekly Times at Champaign. He worked there something over a year and became assistant foreman, which position he occupied when he decided to quit and seek other pastures. It was then he came to Bloomington, and he has since been a citizen there. For a couple of years shortly after he came to Bloomington, Mr. Hasbrouck was the publisher of the Normal Advocate, a weekly paper, in which he was associated with Charles S. Neeld. Later he disposed of this business and resumed work with the Daily Leader, with which he had previously begun his career as a writer.

Mr. Hasbrouck took the position of telegraph editor on the Pantagraph in the fall of 1898, and was holding down that job when the great fire of June 19, 1900, took place. That night the manager took him off the telegraph desk and put him on the local staff. From that date to about 1920 he served as reporter and city editor, most of the time in the latter capacity. So far as known, no other city editor served any longer period on one job on the Pantagraph. During that period the paper grew from an edition of four to eight pages and with circulation of about 7,000, to editions of 16 to 22 pages and a circulation of 17,000. Of course Mr. Hasbrouck never claimed the credit for this growth, but his work as city editor during these years must have been at least fairly satisfactory. For a short time after 1920 he again took the telegraph editor's work, and was so engaged until April, 1922, when he was placed in position of editorial writer, where he still remains (1924). His work in the latter position has won many favorable comments.

It may not be amiss to mention that the ancestors of our subject were originally from Holland, whence they fled to America in 1650 on account of religious beliefs, hoping to find greater liberty in America. They were part of the great number of Dutch who settled in and about New York, the Hasbrouck family having its earliest American home in the town of New Paltz, on the banks of the Hudson river. Mr. Hasbrouck's father was born at Kingston, a village by the Hudson, and migrated to Illinois when a young man. Mr. Hasbrouck's mother was a Hasbrouck before she was married, but the relationship between herself and her husband was very distant if at all. A strain of French blood was almost dominant in the family in its earlier years in America, due to intermarriages.

J. L. Hasbrouck was married in Bloomington on April 7, 1896, to Miss Caroline Livonia Kimball, daughter of Mrs. Caroline F. Kimball, whose sketch appears in another place in this history. Mrs. Hasbrouck belongs to one of the old and well known families of Bloomington, being a granddaughter of John A. and Sarah Jackman, who came to Bloomington in 1864. The Jackmans were New England people, and are descended from a distinguished line of ancestry, whose male members bore creditable parts in the American Revolution. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Hasbrouck, they being Theodore L. Hasbrouck, who attended the U. S. naval academy at Annapolis and the University of Illinois and then became a traveling salesman, living at Bloomington; and Miss Helen Hasbrouck,

who graduated from the Illinois Wesleyan in 1924 and lives at home. Mr. and Mrs. Hasbrouck have made their home in Normal for the last two years.

Ray Whitesell, an extensive farmer and stockman of Empire Township, was born on a farm near LeRoy, Oct. 15, 1874, the son of C. H. and Minerva (Love) Whitesell.

The Whitesell family originally came from Indiana, where Robert E. Whitesell, grandfather of Ray Whitesell, was born in 1823. He went to Iowa when he was a young man but returned to Illinois, where he died at the age of 80 years. His wife, Elizabeth (Paul) Whitesell, died in 1919 at the age of 91 years.

C. H. Whitesell was born in Bloomington, Ind., June 17, 1851, now lives in Bloomington, Ill. He has always followed general farming and stockraising and has been successful. His wife died in 1884, leaving the following children: Ray, the subject of this sketch; Seth, lives in Indiana; Leon, lives at LeRoy; and Earl, lives in Indiana. C. H. Whitesell was married the second time to Lizzie Hoover, a native of Illinois, and to this union three children were born: Lulu, lives in Washington, D. C.; Lena, at home; and Vernon, lives at Fairbury, Ill.

Ray Whitesell was reared on his father's farm and has owned his own land since he was 21 years of age. He has been a widely known stockman for 28 years and also feeds cattle. Mr. Whitesell has had about 100 head of cattle on hand each year and ships his stock to Chicago and Indianapolis, Ind. He also feeds sheep extensively and is among the successful stockmen of the county. Mr. Whitesell has lived at LeRoy for 11 years.

In 1898 Ray Whitesell was married to Miss Nellie Martha Green, a native of McLean County, born May 11, 1877, and the daughter of William H. and Rachael (Kinney) Green. Mr. Green, a native of Springfield, Ohio, was born Dec. 14, 1840, and died Sept. 3, 1921. His wife was born in Indiana, Sept. 2, 1856, and died Sept. 21, 1894. Mr. and Mrs. William H. Green were the parents of five children, as follows: Mrs. Whitesell; Isaac, lives in Illinois; Myrtle, lives at Oxford, Ind.; Charles, lives in Iowa; and L. R., lives in Bloomington, Ill. By a former marriage Mr. Green had two other children, Sarah, and Anna.

Mr. Whitesell is serving as school director and alderman. He is identified with the Democratic party in politics and is a member of the Methodist Church at LeRoy.

M. Dunlap, retired farmer and stockman of McLean County, is a member of one of the first families that settled in the county. He was born at Marysville, Kan., July 6, 1858, the son of John and Elizabeth (Rice) Dunlap.

John Dunlap was a native of Pikesville, Tenn., born April 15, 1827, and the son of Moses Dunlap, who first settled in McLean County near Bloomington. In 1830 he moved to Old Town Timber, about three and one-half miles northeast of LeRoy. The Hale cemetery in Empire Township was on the land entered by him. M. Dunlap says he does not know whether the cemetery was there when his grandfather settled there. When he was a boy he says the names and dates on the soft sandstones placed at the graves were effaced by time and the elements. No one seems to know just where they are buried. The Dunlap family purchased the Elija Hale place at Bloomington, which is now the site of the Hale cemetery. Moses Dunlap died May 6, 1858.

John Dunlap was always a farmer and owned 200 acres of well improved land in McLean County. He died July 16, 1897, and his wife, a native of Ohio, died several years later. They were the parents of the following children: Henry L., deceased; Josephine, lives at Bloomington; Rosella Huffman, lives in Illinois; M., the subject of this sketch; James, lives in Bloomington; John, died at the age of 13 years; Steven A., lives in Bloomington; William, lives near LeRoy; Catherine, lives at LeRoy; and Margaret A., lives in Bloomington.

M. Dunlap was educated in the district schools and was employed in a saw mill in 1880, where he remained for a number of years. He then engaged in general farming and stockraising until 1914, at which time he retired and moved to LeRoy. Mr. Dunlap was a successful farmer and owned one of the finest farms in the township.

On March 27, 1895, Mr. Dunlap married Miss Sarah J. Campbell, a native of Illinois, born Nov. 20, 1865, and the daughter of Thomas W. Campbell. Mrs. Dunlap had one sister, Mrs. Lucy M. Neal, lives at LeRoy. To M. and Sarah J. (Campbell) Dunlap the following children were born:

Ira, born Jan. 7, 1896, died in infancy; James T., born Feb. 10, 1897; lives in Bloomington; Cyrus and Sylvester, twins, born Oct. 17, 1898; Catherine M. Phillips, born Dec. 9, 1900, lives in Bloomington; and Henry L., born March 13, 1904; and Caroline E., born Dec. 3, 1909, attends school. Mrs. M. Dunlap died Dec. 12, 1919, and is buried in Oak Grove Cemetery.

Mr. Dunlap is a Republican and a member of the Masonic lodge. The Dunlap family are well known and among the substantial citizens of the county.

William Blue, retired, is a veteran of the Civil War and a leading pioneer citizen of Downs Township. He was born in Champaign County, Ohio, Feb. 11, 1836, the son of Zachariah and Jane (Johnson) Blue.

Zachariah Blue was a native of Ohio and his wife was born in Kentucky. They came to Illinois during the early days and settled on a farm of 160 acres in Downs Township. Mr. and Mrs. Blue, now deceased, were the parents of the following children: Sallie, Roland, Susan, Jane, Vina, all deceased; and William, the subject of this sketch.

William Blue was reared on the farm and attended school in a log school house. He operated his own farm at the age of 25 years and for many years has been among the leading and successful stockmen of Downs Township. Mr. Blue served with Company F, 94th Illinois Volunteer Infantry, during the Civil War, and was in active service for over a year, and also wounded while in service. At one time Mr. Blue owned and operated over 500 acres of land, but has disposed of part of it and the remainder is now operated by his son.

In 1861 Mr. Blue was married to Miss Catherine Wood, a native of Virginia and the daughter of Joshua Wood. To this union the following children were born: Albert, lives in Portland, Ore.; Hattie Carlisle, lives at Downs; D. D., lives at Downs; William, operates the farm for his father; Harry, farmer, lives at Lexington, Ill.; Grace, lives at Joliet, Ill.; Mettie Hicks, lives at Joliet, Ill.; Katie, deceased; and Harmon, died in 1918. Mr. Blue's first wife died and he later married Miss Mary Cupp, a native of Pennsylvania. No children were born to this union.

Mr. Blue is a Republican and a member of the Methodist Church of Bloomington. He has always been an energetic man and prominent in the affairs of his township, and his family stand high in the community.

John Barton, deceased, was for many years a progressive farmer and stockman of Downs Township. He was born in Indiana, Jan. 17, 1854, the son of William and Louise (Sweet) Barton.

William Barton and his wife were natives of Indiana and came to Illinois shortly after their marriage, where Mr. Barton purchased a farm in Downs Township. He died at the age of 73 years and his wife died when she was 40 years old. They were the parents of 11 children, of whom only one is now living, Mary Williams.

John Barton grew up on his father's farm and received his education in the district schools. He followed farming during his entire life and lived on the same farm in Downs Township from 1879 until the time of his death. Mr. Barton met with an accidental death. His widow lives in Bloomington.

On Feb. 10, 1875, Mr. Barton was married to Miss Elizabeth Crull, a native of Indiana, born June 29, 1852, and the daughter of William and Lurena (Justice) Crull. Mr. and Mrs. Crull, both deceased, were the parents of the following children: Clara Barton, deceased; Nancy Devore, lives in Kansas; Mrs. Barton; Alice Peasly, deceased; Rachael Devore; John, lives in Iowa; Jeanette, lives in Iowa; William, lives in Iowa; Frank, Minnie and Adie, at home. To John and Elizabeth (Crull) Barton one child was born, O. A. Barton, who was born in 1882. There are four grandchildren: John, Lena Darrell, lives in Iowa, and has two children, Raymond and John; Marie Wisener, has one child, Hubert; and Mildred Barton.

In politics Mr. Barton was a Democrat and he served as school director and road overseer for several years. He was a member of the Christian Church at Heyworth and was among the substantial and highly respected citizens of his township.

Herman L. Reynolds is a veteran of the World War and an enterprising and successful young farmer of McLean County. He was born on the farm where he now resides, Oct. 25, 1890.

Herman L. Reynolds received his education in the public schools and began farming for himself in 1917 on the home place in Empire Township. He has a well improved place and raises pure bred stock exclusively. During the year 1922 Mr. Reynolds raised over 10,000 bushels of corn.

On June 24, 1918, Mr. Reynolds was inducted into service during the World War. He left Bloomington on June 25th and was sent to camp in Georgia, where he was in training until Sept. 6th. He then was sent to Camp Mills and on Oct. 4th sailed for England, where he landed 11 days later. He was sent to France and took part in the remainder of the war, having joined the 83rd Division. Later he joined the 27th Division. Upon his return to this country, Mr. Reynolds took part in a large military parade held in New York City, in which 27,000 returning soldiers marched. He was discharged from service on April 5, 1919, and then returned to his farm in Empire Township.

Herman L. Reynolds is a young man of ability and promise and he has some of the finest pure bred stock on his farm that is to be found in McLean County.

Rev. John F. Fitzpatrick, pastor of St. Patrick's Catholic Church at Merna, Ill., is a native of Bloomington. He was born on Feb. 3, 1876, the son of Michael and Mary (Timblin) Fitzpatrick.

Michael Fitzpatrick was a native of Ireland and came to this country when he was a boy and settled in Bloomington, McLean County in 1847. He served throughout the Civil War as a member of Company H, 94th Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He laid the first rail of the Illinois Central Railroad in this section of the country. Mr. and Mrs. Fitzpatrick were married in 1855 and were the parents of 10 children, as follows: John, deceased; Mary, deceased; Michael, deceased; Catherine, lives in Chicago; Edward, deceased; Margaret, lives in Bloomington; Johannah, lives at Pontiac, Ill.; Timothy; Rev. John F., the subject of this sketch, and James, deceased. Mr. Fitzpatrick spent the greater part of his life at Bloomington and died in 1911, his wife having preceeded him in death.

Rev. John F. Fitzpatrick received his early education in the public schools of Bloomington and at St. Mary's School. He was graduated from there in 1893 and then attended St. Viator's College at Kankakee, Ill., and spent one year at St. Bede College, at Peru, Ill., and completed his seminary work at Mount St. Mary's College, at Cincinnati, Ohio. Rev. Fitzpatrick was ordained to the priesthood in June, 1901, and was then appointed assistant pastor in Eagle Township, where he remained for two years, afterward spending two years at Rutland, Ill. Rev. Fitzpatrick



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was pastor of the Catholic Church at Elmwood, Ill., for three and one-half years and was then sent to Westville, Ill., where he was pastor of St. Mary's Church for nine and one-half years. He came to Merna, in 1918, where he is now pastor of St. Patrick's Church.

The Merna parish was first attached to the Holy Trinity Church of Bloomington, and in the fall of 1883 was made a separate parish with Rev. Fr. Ryan as the first resident pastor. The first church was a small



ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, MERNA, ILL.

frame building, which was replaced by a large brick church in 1890. The pastors of St. Patrick's Church have been as follows: Rev. Fr. Ryan, Rev. Fr. O'Conner, Reverend O'Dwyer, Reverend McKennery, Reverend Hearn, Rev. S. M. Moore, Rev. F. B. Lentz, Rev. C. C. O'Briend, and Rev. J. F. Fitzpatrick.

Rev. Fitzpatrick is one of McLean County's most substantial and influential citizens and he has many friends throughout the state.

John A. Crookshank, a pioneer farmer of Randolph Township and a veteran of the Civil War, is now living retired on his farm. He was born in a log cabin at Randolph, Ill., Sept. 5, 1844, the son of George and Eliza (Fauver) Crookshank.

George Crookshank was a native of New York, born Feb. 4, 1816. When he was a boy he went to Ohio with his parents and lived in Hamilton County, where he grew to manhood. Mr. Crookshank then came to Illinois in 1843 and located on the present site of Randolph in McLean County. He was among the first settlers of that section and purchased the Ward home and 120 acres of land. Mr. Crookshank was also a plasterer and followed that trade. He died April 6, 1902, and his wife, a native of Hamilton County, Ohio, died March 21, 1902. She was born Nov. 29, 1822. Mr. and Mrs. Crookshank had three children, as follows: John A., the subject of this sketch; Silas H., lives on the home place; and Edith, also lives on the home place with her brother.

John A. Crookshank was reared on his father's farm and was educated in the district schools. He enlisted for service during the Civil War and served with Company B, 94th Illinois Volunteer Infantry. Mr. Crookshank took part in many important battles and skirmishes of the war and was discharged at Springfield, Ill., March 21, 1866. Mr. Crookshank then returned to his farm and engaged in the breeding of pure bred stock. He and a brother and sister own 285 acres of good farm land and is among the enterprising farmers of the county.

On Sept. 21, 1871, Mr. Crookshank was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Keiser, a native of Fayette County, Pa., born March 2, 1848, and the daughter of John and Esther Keiser. Mrs. Crookshank died Oct. 20, 1920, and is buried at Heyworth. She was a member of the Christian Church.

To John A. and Sarah (Keiser) Crookshank four children were born, as follows: Frank E., born Sept. 27, 1873, lives at Chicago, Ill.; J. F., born March 26, 1876, lives at Oak Park, Ill.; Caroline Orndorff, born Dec. 5, 1879, lives at home with her father; and G. C., born April 5, 1883, also at home.

Mr. Crookshank is a Republican, a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and belongs to the Methodist Church. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Mr. Crookshank has in his possession many valuable old books, including text books written in 1833 and an

almanac of the year 1828. He still has his old knapsack which he used during the Civil War. Mr. Crookshank is recognized as one of the representative and substantial citizens of this county, and the Crookshank family are highly respected citizens of the community.

C. C. Brown, who is successfully engaged in the real estate business in Heyworth, was born in Logan County, Ohio, Jan. 9, 1865, the son of Ed G. and Jane (Fowler) Brown.

Ed G. Brown was a native of Ohio and died while in service during the Civil War, in April, 1865. His wife was also a native of Ohio, born June 7, 1829, the daughter of William and Mary Fowler. In Sept., 1865, Mrs. Brown brought her large family to Illinois and settled at Heyworth, where she died Aug. 2, 1915. Mr. and Mrs. Ed G. Brown were the parents of eight children, as follows: Mary Potts, lives at Heyworth; William; Joseph; Ada Andrews; Maggie Brock; Etta Brock, deceased; Carrie Greenlee; Sarah, deceased; and C. C., the subject of this sketch. All the members of the Brown family reside at Heyworth.

C. C. Brown received his education in the district school and attended Illinois State Normal University for two years. He taught school for sixteen years, his first appointment being at Columbia, DeWitt County, Ill. After he gave up teaching Mr. Brown engaged in the drug business at Heyworth for a number of years and since 1900 has been identified with the real estate and insurance business at Heyworth. Mr. Brown has been successful in his work and is widely known throughout the county.

On March 7, 1895, Mr. Brown was united in marriage with Miss Leona Gorders, a native of Wapella, DeWitt County, Ill. Mrs. Brown was born Sept. 16, 1875, and is a daughter of Joseph and Ruth (Harold) Gorders. She has four brothers and sisters, as follows: Charles W., lives at Wapella, Ill.; Lola, lives at Wapella; Harold, lives at Wapella; and Euphia, lives at Marion, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Brown have one child, Opal M. Fielder, born June 21, 1898, lives at Decatur, Ill.

In politics Mr. Brown is identified with the Republican party and he has served as police magistrate clerk and secretary and has served in this capacity for 22 years. He is a member of the Methodist Church and belongs to the Knights of Pythias and the United Woodmen of America. Mr. Brown is a reliable citizen who is highly esteemed in his community.

D. W. Thompson, a leading farmer and stockman of Randolph Township, and the owner of 120 acres of land, was born at Ontario, Iowa, Nov. 29, 1867, the son of William and Mary (Jones) Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. William Jones, now deceased, were the parents of the following children: Austin, lives at Normal, Ill.; Mary J. Wakefield, deceased; Martha E. Pumphrey, deceased; George K., lives on the home place in Randolph Township; D. W., the subject of this sketch; Edith, died Jan. 10, 1922; and Nellie, was married in 1907 to R. D. Graham, and they have one son, Wilfred.

D. W. Thompson was reared on a farm and received his education in the district schools. He was graduated from Illinois Normal State University in 1894, where he studied law, and two years later from Illinois Wesleyan University. After teaching school in Pike County, Ill., four years, Mr. Thompson engaged in the practice of law for six years, after which, owing to ill health, he gave up and engaged in farming. Mr. Thompson carries on general farming and is successful in his work.

On June 5, 1900, Mr. Thompson was married to Miss Ella Dillon, a native of Illinois, born March 4, 1874, and the daughter of Edgar and Julia (Harland) Dillion. To D. W. and Ella (Dillion) Thompson one child was born, Julia M., born May 13, 1901. Miss Thompson is a college graduate and is now teaching English and Latin in the Irwin High School at Irwin, Ill.

Mr. Thompson is president of the Co-Operative Elevator Company at Heyworth. He is a Democrat and a member of the Masonic order.

Wayne Walden, who is successfully engaged in farming and stock raising in Downs Township, was born on the farm where he now resides, Nov. 26, 1880, the son of David H. and Edda (Davis) Walden.

David H. Walden was born in Wilson Township, DeWitt County, June 22, 1854. He came to McLean County in 1876, locating on the present Walden farm in Downs Township. Mr. Walden engaged in general farming and stock raising and was successful. He died June 21, 1921. His widow lives at LeRoy. She was born in 1858, the daughter of Jerry Davis. Mr. and Mrs. David H. Walden had 10 children, as follows: James, lives in Minnesota; Smith, deceased; Ollie, lives in Michigan; Wayne, the subject of this sketch; Homer, lives at LeRoy; Ella, lives in

Oklahoma; Frances Smalley, lives at LeRoy; Benjamin, lives at LeRoy; George, lives at LeRoy; and Effie Jenson, lives at Bloomington.

Wayne Walden received his education in the district schools and has always lived on the same farm in Downs Township. He has made extensive improvements on the place and is a breeder of good stock.

On Jan. 22, 1908, Mr. Walden was married to Miss Osie Gossard, a native of Fisher, Ill., born Jan. 31, 1882, and the daughter of Marion Lewis and Sarah (Wren) Gossard. Mr. Gossard was a native of Champaign County, Ill., born in 1851, and his wife was born in 1861. They were the parents of the following children: Bessie, at home; Mrs. Walden; Edna Westfall, lives at Bloomington; Ford, lives at home; James Robert, deceased; Ella, lives in Chicago; Dick, lives at Urbana, Ill.; and Elbon, lives at home. To Wayne and Osie (Gossard) Walden four children have been born, as follows: Lyle W., born Dec. 30, 1909; Ona, born May 19, 1912; Verda, born Aug. 2, 1921; and one child died in infancy.

Wayne Walden is a Republican and a member of the Methodist Church. He is a competent and reliable and an excellent farmer.

John W. Spaid, deceased, was a well known and successful farmer and stockman of Randolph Township; is one of the men who, by hard work, good management, and unceasing perseverance, achieved success in life. He was born in West Virginia, on Oct. 18, 1838, a son of Joseph and Elizabeth Spaid.

Joseph Spaid was a native of West Virginia, born Dec. 7, 1812, and his wife was born in April, 1818. They were the parents of four children, as follows: John W., the subject of this sketch; Hannah Pennington, deceased; Nicholas, lives on the old home place in West Virginia, and Charles also lives in West Virginia.

John W. Spaid was reared on his father's farm and received his education in the district schools of West Virginia. In 1860 he went to Springfield, Ohio, where he remained for one year, when he came to Illinois and settled on his present farm in Randolph Township. Mr. Spaid was a successful breeder of Hereford cattle and Chester White hogs, and was one of the leading live stock shippers of the county for many years.

On Nov. 15, 1863, Mr. Spaid was united in marriage with Miss Rhoda French, who was born near the present Spaid farm, on Dec. 26, 1848, the

daughter of William and Anna (Stubblefield) French. Mr. and Mrs. Spaid were the parents of the following children: Henry, lives in Utah; Charles, lives in Iowa; John, lives in Iowa; Merle, lives in Rhode Island; James T., lives in Randolph Township, McLean County; Belle, lives at Bloomington; Anna and Alice, who live at home; Jessie, lives at Heyworth, Ill.; and Mattie, lives at home. Mr. and Mrs. Spaid have eighteen grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Spaid were Republicans. The Spaid family are progressive and enterprising citizens and are well and favorably known in McLean County.

John W. Spaid passed away at his home two miles north of Heyworth, April 14, 1924. Funeral services were held in the home April 16th; burial in Stewarts Cemetery.

W. E. Mortland, a well known and successful farmer of West Township, was born in Logan County, Ill., March 21, 1869, a son of Harvey and Catherine (Lundy) Mortland.

Harvey Mortland was a native of Butler County, Pa., born Dec. 17, 1833. He came to Illinois in 1854, making the trip by horse and wagon, and he located on land in Livingston County. Later, however, he went to Logan County, and from there to McLean County, settling on the present Mortland farm. Mr. Mortland died Feb. 10, 1910, and his widow is now living in Florida, having gone there in 1912. She was born in Livingston County, Ill., April 3, 1843, the daughter of Enoch and Delphia (Houchin) Lundy.

W. E. Mortland spent his boyhood on his father's farm and received his education in the district schools, and attended business college at Bloomington. He engaged in farming in 1892 in West Township and now owns 205 acres of well improved land. Mr. Mortland is a successful breeder of stock and is also an extensive grain farmer.

On Feb. 25, 1892, Mr. Mortland was married to Miss Lilly D. Williams, a native of Madison County, Ky., born Jan. 21, 1872, the daughter of Taylor and Anna (Dozier) Williams. Mr. and Mrs. Williams now live retired at LeRoy. They were the parents of six children, as follows: Nina, deceased; Mrs. Mortland; L. K., lives in Iowa; Wallace E., lives in Illinois; Celia Baker, lives at LeRoy, Ill.; and J. O., lives at Seattle, Wash.

To W. E. and Lilly (Williams) Mortland three children have been born, as follows: Nina, deceased; Errol M., born June 2, 1894, lives on the home place; and Helen G., at home, born Feb. 10, 1904. Erroll M. Mortland has three children, as follows: George William, born Feb. 14, 1918; Harvey, born Feb. 4, 1921; and Virgil E., born Sept. 15, 1923.

W. E. Mortland has served as school director for 16 years. He is a member of the Methodist Church and belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America. Mr. Mortland is progressive and public spirited and one of the substantial men of McLean County.

Matthew B. Wells, a well known merchant of Bloomington, Ill., engaged in the wholesale and retail grocery business, is a native of Illinois. He was born on a farm near Salem, in Marion County, Dec. 24, 1864, and is a son of Matthew C. and Louisa (Branson) Wells.

Matthew C. Wells, son of Barney E. Wells, whose ancestors were of the first families of Virginia, was married in 1863 to Louisa E. Branson. He was a successful stockman, feeding and shipping extensively until the Civil War broke out. He then answered his country's call and gave his life in the service of his country. Falling mortally wounded on the battlefield, he was captured and carried to Andersonville prison, where he died. Matthew B. Wells, the subject of this sketch, was the only child and inherited the business ability and sterling qualities of his father and grandfather.

Matthew B. Wells was reared in Salem and attended the public and high schools there. In early life he engaged in farming and stock raising, dealing in cattle, sheep, hogs, horses, mules and real estate, owning great tracts of farm lands. In 1905 Mr. Wells came to Livingston County where he was for a number of years engaged in the banking business, being the president of a chain of banks at Fairbury, Weston and Forrest. Later he came to Bloomington and engaged in the real estate business dealing extensively in city property. He owned the Unity Building, which is located at the corner of Main and Washington Streets. His residence is 517 East Washington Street.

His two sons, V. Hugh and W. Ray Wells, are engaged in the mercantile business as Wells Bros. & Co., located at 116 East Front Street.

On Aug. 1, 1882, Mr. Wells was married at Salem, Ill., to Miss Mary E. Bond, a native of Jefferson County, Ill., and the daughter of Allen and Viola Bond, natives of Jefferson County, Ill., now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Wells had eight children, six of whom are living, as follows: Lilly, married Marvin Bryant, lives at Salem, Ill.; Ida, married Thomas W. Scott, lives in Chicago; Eva, married John W. White, lives at Salem, Ill.; Victor Hugh, married Miss Wilma Codlin, of Fairbury, Ill., and they have one son, Victor Hugh, Jr.; Ethel Rose, married A. C. Jensen, state's attorney of Kankakee, Ill.; and William Ray, lives at home. Belle, deceased, was the wife of Omar J. McMackin, of Salem, Ill.; and Jessie Lee, deceased, was the wife of Richard Howard, of Jamestown, N. Y.

Mr. Wells is a Republican. He served as township supervisor and at the age of 30 years was elected sheriff of Marion County, Ill. He and his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and are highly esteemed citizens of Bloomington.

George M. Sellers, a retired farmer and stockman of LeRoy, was born in Knox County, Ohio, Sept. 8, 1837, the son of John and Nancy (Mitchell) Sellers.

John Sellers was a native of Pennsylvania, born in 1794. He came to Knox County, Ohio, in 1823 and died in that county in 1891. Mr. Sellers owned 250 acres of land and during the big Burlington storm in 1825 all the timber on the place was blown down. The Sellers family were among the first pioneer families of Knox County, Ohio, and endured all the hardships of those early days. John Sellers was an ardent Democrat of the Jacksonian school and was very active in politics for years. In 1850 he was elected to the constitutional convention of Ohio, where he served with distinction. Mr. Sellers was a Universalist in his religious views. By his first marriage there were 12 children, of whom George M., the subject of this sketch, is the only surviving member. He was married three times.

George M. Sellers spent his boyhood on his father's farm and his education was received in the district schools. In 1859 he went to New Orleans and from there took a vessel to Galveston, Texas, and later to Austin, Texas. Mr. Sellers remained in Texas for almost a year and then returned to Knox County, Ohio, and in 1861 he came to McLean County



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where he purchased a farm east of LeRoy. He has lived retired in LeRoy since 1889 and rents his farm of 86 acres.

In 1863 Mr. Sellers married Miss Sarah C. Bonnett, a daughter of John and Susan Bonnett. She died July 31, 1887, and on April 21, 1901, Mr. Sellers married Mary Belle Rutledge, a native of McLean County, born in 1859, and the daughter of Robert Rutledge. Mr. and Mrs. Sellers have no children.

To Mr. Sellers' first marriage was born two children as follows: Lizzie R., died in 1900, was the wife of William Keyes; and Mary, died when two years old.

In politics Mr. Sellers is an independent voter. He is a member of the Christian Church at LeRoy and has been an elder for a number of years. Mr. Sellers is known as an upright and honorable citizen of McLean County.

J. R. Ward, who operates 720 acres of well improved land in Bellflower Township, is a leading stockman of McLean County. He was born in Arkansas, Aug. 20, 1857, and is a son of Robert and Sarah (Daniels) Ward. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ward were the parents of four children, as follows: Julia Berry, deceased; J. R., the subject of this sketch; Coleman and Manuel, both deceased.

J. R. Ward was educated in the district schools of Cairo, Ill., and has operated a farm since he was 20 years of age. Since 1883 the Ward family have resided in Bellflower Township. Mr. Ward specializes in the breeding of Aberdeen Angus cattle and Poland China hogs, and is also an extensive grain farmer.

On Feb. 12, 1877, Mr. Ward was married to Miss Mary Moore, a native of Bowling Green, Ky., born May 31, 1860, and the daughter of Lewis and Susan (Wakefield) Moore. The Moore family came to Illinois in 1870, locating near Cairo. Mr. and Mrs. Moore had four children: Sallie Hooper, deceased; Katie, died in infancy; Mrs. Ward; and John, who lives at Champaign, Ill. To Mr. and Mrs. Ward 13 children have been born, as follows: Willie, born Nov. 21, 1877, died May 6, 1884; Henry B., born April 9, 1879, lives at home; Susie, born Dec. 12, 1880; Amanda, born Jan. 28, 1883; Cora M., born Oct. 1, 1884; Robert D., born March 31, 1886, lives at Gibson City, Ill.; William, born Aug. 20, 1887; Frederick A., born

Oct. 13, 1889, further mention of whom is made below; Emma Alice, born March 16, 1891; Luther G., born March 5, 1893; Jessie C., born Feb. 13, 1895, lives in Champaign County, Ill.; Joseph R., born Oct. 23, 1897; and Leonard H., born Feb. 17, 1900.

Frederick A. Ward is a veteran of the World War, having served with the 366th Infantry, 92nd Division. He enlisted in 1917 and served overseas until the close of the war.

J. R. Ward is a Republican and served as postmaster of Bellflower Township for two years. He and his family are members of the Episcopal Church of Osman. He and his wife and family are held in high regard by a large acquaintance.

John Kollman, deceased, was a substantial farmer of Arrowsmith Township for many years. He was born in Germany and came to this country when he was a young man, locating at Bloomington, Ill. Ten years later he removed to Arrowsmith Township and engaged in general farming and stock raising.

In 1869 Mr. Kollman was married to Miss Catherine Meyers, a native of Germany, who died in 1896, leaving one child. In 1898 Mr. Kollman was married to Miss Minnie Plouse, also a native of Germany, and to this union one child was born, Catherine, the wife of Russell Curtis.

Mr. Kollman retired from farming in 1904 and moved to Arrowsmith, where he died May 26, 1922. His wife lives in Bloomington.

Catherine Kollman was born on the home place in Arrowsmith Township, June 10, 1899. She was married on June 10, 1919, to Russell Curtis, a native of Arrowsmith Township, born Aug. 3, 1898, and the son of W. I. and Julia (Myers) Curtis, natives of Kentucky. Mr. and Mrs. Curtis have three children: Gertha, married Roy Bone; Russell; and Irwin, lives at home. To Mr. and Mrs. Russell Curtis one child has been born, Willis C., born Nov. 24, 1920. Mrs. Curtis has two nephews, Raymond and Homer Kollman.

John Kollman was a Republican and a highly esteemed citizen of his community.

Russell Curtis is a Republican, a member of the Christian Church, and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He and his wife are widely and favorably known.

R. L. Hougham, one of the prominent farmers and stockmen of Arrowsmith Township, was born in this township, March 28, 1887, and is a son of W. R. and Ellen S. (Pemberton) Hougham.

W. R. Hougham was born at Funks Grove, Ill., Aug. 30, 1844. When he was 20 years old he settled in Arrowsmith Township where he became a successful farmer. Later he engaged in the grocery and implement business at Arrowsmith. He died Jan. 6, 1913, and his wife now lives with a granddaughter, Emma Cleo Bone. Mr. and Mrs. Hougham had two children: C. D., born Nov. 30, 1870, and R. L., the subject of this sketch.

R. L. Hougham attended school in Arrowsmith. He went to Des Moines, Iowa, in 1900, but returned to McLean County the following year. He has lived on his present farm 15 years, which contains 445 acres of good farm land. Mr. Hougham is well known as a feeder of stock and is also a grain farmer. Two hundred acres of his land are planted in corn.

On June 17, 1905, Mr. Hougham was married to Miss Ella Virginia Reynolds, a native of Virginia, born April 13, 1884, and the daughter of Martin Luther and Dicia (Lipes) Reynolds. Mr. Reynolds lives at Arrowsmith; his wife died Aug. 6, 1918. They were the parents of seven children: M. P., lives at Milford, Iowa; Ressie, lives in Virginia; Sarah B., deceased; W. L., lives at Lisbon, Iowa; Mrs. Hougham; Charles B., lives at Milford, Iowa; and Harry, lives at Cedar Rapids, Iowa. To Mr. and Mrs. Hougham four children have been born, as follows: Lawrence L., born May 10, 1907; Merwin Eugene, born March 25, 1909; Mary Arlene, born Dec. 12, 1910; and Ruth Lillian, born July 28, 1912.

Mr. Hougham's brother, C. D. Hougham, is a Christian minister at El Dorado, Mo. Mrs. R. L. Hougham is a member of the Methodist Church.

Scott Arnold, manager of the Beck's Livery, is a progressive young business man of Bloomington. He was born at Fletcher, Ill., Feb. 4, 1891, and is the son of W. L. and Mattie (Higgins) Arnold.

W. L. Arnold was a leading farmer of Fletcher for many years, and since 1916 has lived retired in Bloomington. Mr. and Mrs. Arnold have four children: Scott, the subject of this sketch; Robert, a high school student; Celia Hallsted, lives at 618 South Lee Street, Bloomington; and Alice Meiner, lives in Faithorn, Mich.

Scott Arnold received his education in the public school of Fletcher, Ill., and attended Brown's Business College. He followed farming on the home place until he was 24 years of age. His first position was with the People's Bus Line, where he was employed two years. He then was a member of the Bloomington police force for eight months and since 1918 has been associated with the Beck's Livery as manager.

On Oct. 15, 1913, Mr. Arnold was married in Bloomington to Miss Mae Williams, a native of South Dakota, and the daughter of Perry B. and Didama (Powell) Williams. Mr. Williams is deceased. His wife lives at Cooksville, Ill. To Mr. and Mrs. Arnold one daughter has been born, Celia Mae Arnold.

Mr. Arnold is a Republican and he and his wife are members of the Methodist Church of Cooksville, Ill.

Robert B. McElvaney, a substantial citizen of Bloomington, was born in that city, March 4, 1873, and is the son of Bernard and Susan (Lynch) McElvaney.

Bernard McElvaney was born July 12, 1828, and his wife was born in 1838. In 1852 Mr. McElvaney came to Bloomington and entered the employ of the Illinois Central Railroad as baggage master. He later removed to Minnesota, and he farmed there for several years. In 1856 he returned to Bloomington and became a contractor, engaging in the sand business. He had an extensive business and furnished practically all the sand used in the construction business in Bloomington at that time. In 1906 Mr. McElvaney purchased property at 905 North Allen Street, where he lived retired until the time of his death, Nov. 12, 1911. Susan (Lynch) McElvaney, mother of the subject of this sketch, died May 27, 1876, and Mr. McElvaney was later married to Miss Susan Leckie, who died in 1911. There were four children in the McElvaney family: Anna, died Nov. 15, 1922; Rose, born June 11, 1864, lives in Bloomington; Mary, died May 13, 1909; and R. B., the subject of this sketch.

R. B. McElvaney received his education in the public schools of Bloomington and then entered the employ of the McLean Coal Company, remaining with that company for 12 years. The following nine years were spent with the Chicago & Alton Railroad, where he was employed as boiler-maker. Mr. McElvaney then was employed by a coal company at Macomb,

Ill., for four and one-half years, after which he was located at Dwight, Ill., as boilermaker for the Chicago & Alton Railroad. Since 1910 he has been located in Bloomington with the same company as pipefitter.

Mr. McElvaney was married to Miss Susan V. Leckie, who was born in Glasgow, Scotland, the daughter of Philip and Margaret Leckie, the former a native of Ireland and the latter of Scotland. The Leckie family came to Massachusetts in 1889. Mr. Leckie is deceased, and his widow lives at Lawrence, Mass. To Mr. and Mrs. McElvaney the following children were born: Violet, born March 29, 1903; Lucille, born Jan. 29, 1906; Robert, deceased; Edward, born June 6, 1910; William, born July 30, 1912; Bernard, born May 30, 1915; John, deceased; Margaret, born May 5, 1918; Mary Frances, born Oct. 5, 1920.

Mr. McElvaney and his family are members of the Catholic Church, and are highly esteemed in their community.

H. M. Salch, contractor, is a member of one of Bloomington's prominent pioneer families. He was born there, June 3, 1875, and is the son of M. G. and Anna (Lowentrout) Salch.

M. G. Salch was born in Germany, May 9, 1835, and came to the United States in 1842. His wife, also a native of Germany, was born Feb. 11, 1835. The Salch family settled in Bloomington in 1845, where Mr. Salch became a brick manufacturer. During the early days brick was made by hand and he was one of the first three brick manufacturers of Bloomington, and built the Holy Trinity Church there, which required two years. Mr. and Mrs. Salch, deceased, were the parents of the following children: George C., lives in California; Frank, lives in Bloomington; H. M., the subject of this sketch; G. A., lives in Bloomington; T. J., lives in Bloomington; Oscar J., deceased; F. G., lives in Iowa; Mrs. Mary Schneider, deceased; Margaret Schultz, lives near Bloomington; Anna, lives at Normal, Ill.; and Mrs. Clara Callahan, lives in Minneapolis, Minn.

H. M. Salch has spent his entire life in Bloomington. He was educated in the public schools and learned his profession there, which he has followed continuously. Mr. Salch has been unusually successful in his work and is widely and favorably known throughout McLean County.

On May 1, 1901, Mr. Salch was united in marriage with Miss Henrietta Kremer, who died March 21, 1919. He was later married to Miss

Bertha Phillips, a native of Iowa, born Jan. 13, 1888, and the daughter of James O. and Sarah (Durfee) Phillips. Mr. Salch has two children: Herman G., born July 14, 1907; and Carlton K., born Feb. 5, 1912. He has one step-daughter, Mary Margaret Beits, who was born June 24, 1916.

In politics Mr. Salch is identified with the Republican party and has served as alderman and county supervisor. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and belongs to the Masonic lodge, being a 32nd degree Mason. He is also a member of the Shrine and Mohammed Temple, and is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias, the Red Men, and the Modern Woodmen of America. Mr. Salch is a progressive citizen, who merits the esteem in which he is held by his fellow citizens.

John A. Trautman, a well known merchant of Bloomington, was born in Germany, May 10, 1856, and is a son of John P. and Elizabeth (Schmidt) Trautman.

John P. Trautman, a native of Germany, was born April 17, 1816, and died in 1907. His wife died at the age of 75 years. They spent their entire lives at Hessendarstadt, Germany, where Mr. Trautman owned and operated a general store. He held many public offices, being mayor of his city for several terms. John A. Trautman was one of a family of seven children born to his parents.

John A. Trautman was educated in the schools of Germany and came to the United States on Sept. 29, 1873. After coming to this country he engaged in the wagon making business at Portsmouth, Ohio, later going to St. Louis. In 1885 Mr. Trautman removed to Bloomington where he engaged in the cigar manufacturing business. He has been engaged in the grocery business since 1887, and is among the pioneer business men of Bloomington. His business is located at 1205 South Bunn Street.

On Oct. 27, 1885, Mr. Trautman was married to Miss Johanna Kolpka. Mrs. Trautman died Dec. 13, 1896. Two years later Mr. Trautman was married to Miss Sarah Fowler, who died March 22, 1916. There were no children by this marriage. The following children were born to Mr. Trautman's first marriage: Lewis E., has been with the Portable Elevator Company for 15 years, a machinist; Frank F., has been with the Pantagraph Printing Company for nine years; George M., was with Dodge &

Dickenson for a number of years; and Minnie, married Otis C. Jones, a machinist employed in the Chicago & Alton shops in Bloomington.

Mr. Trautman is a Democrat and has served on the election board as clerk for 16 years. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias and the Eagles.

Edward J. Carroll, traveling accountant for the Chicago & Alton Railroad, is a native of Bloomington. He was born Nov. 25, 1859, and is a son of Patrick and Johanna (Maloney) Carroll. His parents were born in Ireland and emigrated to the United States in 1848, landing at New Orleans, and in the early fifties settled in Bloomington, where Mr. Carroll entered the employ of the Chicago & Alton Railroad. They were the parents of the following children: Thomas; Edward J., the subject of this sketch; Anna McDonald; Patrick F.; and Mary Donahue.

Edward J. Carroll was reared and educated in Bloomington, attending the public schools, and entered the employ of the Chicago & Alton Railroad when he was 17 years of age. During his 47 years of service with this company he started as water boy on section between Bloomington and Corel, and then as oil room attendant. He then entered the office of master mechanic as clerk, and after filling every desk in that department, in 1908 was appointed division accountant, having charge of accounts in the departments for the entire system. In 1915 the position of division accountant being abolished, he was assigned his present position. In point of continuous service with the company, he is the oldest employe on the clerical roster on the system.

On Sept. 29, 1885, Mr. Carroll was married to Miss Mary E. O'Neil, a native of Bloomington, born Sept. 29, 1864, and the daughter of Michael and Mary (Cotter) O'Neil. They are the parents of the following children: Edna, teacher in the public schools; Thomas F., in the import and export business New York City; Madalon, wife of Will F. Costigan; Mae, an accountant with the Chicago & Alton Railroad; Josephine, wife of James A. Ryan; Richard A., a student at University of Illinois.

Mr. Carroll is a Democrat and when the election law was adopted in this city, was appointed as the Democratic representative on the board of election commissioners, holding the position for seven years. He is a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church, a member of the advisory board

and auditing committee, belongs to the Knights of Columbus, National Union and Modern Woodmen. He has been secretary of the Chicago & Alton Library Association for the past 25 years and director in the Union Building and Loan Association since its organization.

David R. Stubblefield, a pioneer farmer and stockman of McLean County, now living retired in Bloomington, is a native of Funk's Grove Township. He was born in a log cabin, April 13, 1846, the son of John and Ellisannah (Houser) Stubblefield.

John Stubblefield was born in Fayette County, Ohio, and was the son of Robert Stubblefield, one of the earliest settlers of McLean County. Ellisannah (Houser) Stubblefield was a native of Indiana. She died in 1895 and Mr. Stubblefield died in 1911. They were the parents of nine children, as follows: Sara, married William Rayburn; David R., the subject of this sketch; George W., lives in Bloomington; P. M., married Martha Willerton, both deceased; Mary F., married Marcus Crum, both deceased; Henry, married Sue Lain, deceased; Simon P., married Lillian Hull, lives in Bloomington; Eddie L., deceased; and John W., married first to Minnie Munsell, second to Addie Rogers, and third to Mrs. Young.

David R. Stubblefield was educated in the common schools of his native township and at the Illinois Wesleyan University. He was progressive in the movements of this section of the state, whether agricultural, business, education or religious. As an agriculturist he was a thorough general farmer and for many years was one of the largest stock raisers in the county, his operations being conducted on 600 acres of scientifically improved land. Mr. Stubblefield's standing as one of the leading agriculturists and citizens of McLean County has been a recognized fact for many years. He was prominent in the grange movement of some years ago, being one of the charter members of the Covell organization and later joining the Stanford Grange. Altogether he was connected with the order for 24 years. He is a stockholder in the Patrons Fire & Lightning Company of Stanford, of which he served as a director for more than 30 years and as treasurer for 30 years. In 1899 he was elected to the presidency of the McLean County Farmers Institute. In 1886 Mr. Stubblefield drilled the first deep well in his township, since which many have followed his example, and he secured one of the most valuable assets of a homestead, clear, cool and pure drinking water.



MRS. D. R. STUBBLEFIELD



D. R. STUBBLEFIELD

On Dec. 8, 1870, Mr. Stubblefield was married to Miss Matilda Bower, the daughter of Henry T. and Rebecca (Shade) Bower, natives of Pennsylvania. Mrs. Stubblefield was born in 1843 and in 1856, her family came to McLean County, settling on a farm near Shirley. Subsequently they removed to Brown's Grove in Dale Township and bought a farm of 280 acres on which they passed the remainder of their days. Mr. Bower died April 3, 1887, and his wife died Nov. 29, 1902. Mr. Bower was quite a prominent Democrat locally and was honored with a number of offices. Both he and his wife were identified with the German Evangelical Church. They were the parents of eight children. To David R. and Matilda (Bower) Stubblefield seven children have been born, as follows: Nellie M., married first to Cary Brant, deceased, now the wife of J. W. Huffman, lives in Montana; Lawrence, married Sue Hougham, they have two children Elizabeth Leota and Matilda Louise; Cora, married Walter C. Rogers, lives at Covell, Ill., and they have two children, Gladys F. and Mildred; Howard, married Essyl Jones, lives on the home place in Dale Township and they have two children, Nine and Price J.; Lulu F., who lives with her father; and the first two children died in infancy. Mrs. Stubblefield died in Bloomington, June 19, 1919.

Mr. Stubblefield has served as school director of Dale Township for 12 years, school trustee six years, and as assessor and township supervisor two years. He is a member of the Methodist Church of Covell and was Sunday school superintendent for 25 years. Mr. Stubblefield kept a complete record of the church's finances for 40 years, and by so doing the church was able to get a clear title to its property. In 1919 he gave \$1,000 to the Methodist Episcopal Mission and gave \$10,000 to Illinois Wesleyan University. Mr. Stubblefield is a Republican and is one of the interesting pioneers of the county.

Harry Butler is a well known and substantial business man of Bloomington. He was born there March 19, 1868, and is a son of John Q. A. and Julia A. (Gardner) Butler.

John Q. A. Butler was born in Covington, Ky., Oct. 23, 1840, and his wife was born in Scott County, Ky., in 1842. In 1850 they removed to Bloomington, where Mr. Butler worked in a tin shop at 319 South Main Street. Mr. and Mrs. Butler, now deceased, were the parents of the following children: Harry, the subject of this sketch; Bert A., with his

brother in the tin ship; and Nettie, the wife of Phillip Wolrab, living in Bloomington.

Harry Butler was reared and educated in Bloomington and when a boy learned the trade of tinsmith, which he has followed successfully for many years. His shop is located at 319 South Main Street.

In 1889 Mr. Butler was married to Miss Myrtle L. Geneva, a native of Bloomington and a daughter of W. H. and Lydia (Bradley) Geneva. Mr. and Mrs. Butler have one daughter, Marie L., the wife of Fred E. Murray.

Mr. Butler is esteemed throughout his community as a reliable man.

Hannah McBarnes Summerland, now residing at 1216 East Washington Street, Bloomington, is a member of one of the prominent pioneer families of McLean County. She was born in Old Town Township, June 18, 1855, and is a daughter of Dennis and Mary Jane (Dickey) McBarnes.

Dennis McBarnes and his wife were natives of Ohio. He was born Oct. 3, 1821, and she was born on March 4, 1826. The McBarnes family is of Scotch origin. Dennis McBarnes came to McLean County in 1853 with his family and settled on a farm in Old Town Township, where he was successfully engaged in farming and stock raising for many years. At the time of his death he was the owner of 620 acres of land besides other property in the city of Bloomington. Mr. McBarnes died Nov. 19, 1902, and his wife died Aug. 28, 1909.

To Dennis and Mary Jane (Dickey) McBarnes were born seven children, as follows: Sarah Jane, married E. Chandler Brewer, both of whom are deceased; Margaret, was first married to M. Brookbanks and later to John Cowell; John, the donor of the McBarnes Memorial Building in Bloomington, is now deceased; Lizzie, married J. Merrick; Hannah, whose name introduces this review; Edward; and Agnes, who married Timothy Benjamin of Bloomington.

Hannah McBarnes Summerland was reared in McLean County, received her preliminary education in the public schools, and later attended Illinois Wesleyan University at Bloomington, where she was graduated. She taught school in McLean County for a number of years prior to her marriage, teaching her first school when she was only 15 years old. She was recognized as one of the successful teachers of McLean County.

On Oct. 18, 1882, Hannah McBarnes was married to Samuel E. Summerland, who is now deceased. One daughter, Wanda, was born to this marriage, died Dec. 13, 1897.

Mrs. Summerland is a Republican and a member of the Christian Church. She belongs to the Rebecca lodge and the Eastern Star. Mrs. Summerland is esteemed throughout the community as a woman of high ideals.

Col. Jonathan H. Kirkpatrick.—One man who stands out unique in the history of McLean County as having had personal acquaintance with more people in this and surrounding counties than another man, was Col. Jonathan H. Kirkpatrick, who lived a long and useful life and then passed on on Feb. 9, 1919. He followed the business of an auctioneer, and as such was best known throughout the county, although he also established and built up one of the largest furniture houses in Central Illinois. The auctioneering business was in fact the foundation of the merchandising business, and even after his stores had become large and profitable, Col. Kirkpatrick still followed his early calling, up to within two years of his death. Col. Kirkpatrick was a native of Ohio, being born at North Liberty, Adams County, on Dec. 23, 1844. He was the son of John and Mary (Postlewait) Kirkpatrick. The father died when Jonathan was eight years old, leaving his widow and eight children, of whom Col. Kirkpatrick was the youngest. The mother migrated westward with an Ohio colony in 1852 and settled at Oak Grove, in McLean County. Here Col. Kirkpatrick took much of the responsibility of supporting the family, earning the livelihood by work with the family team in helping build the Illinois Central Railroad through this section. In 1861 he moved to Iowa with his mother, and the latter died in Washington County. The young man bought a farm near Brighton and ran it until the year 1873, when he returned to Bloomington and started on the career which he followed ever afterward.

With practical knowledge of land and stock which he had gained while farming in Iowa, Col. Kirkpatrick quickly became the best informed and leading auctioneer of the vicinity. His business grew steadily for the next 40 years, and at the end of that time he had a record which probably has no parallel in Illinois. During his career as auctioneer he cried about

6,000 land and stock sales, sold approximately 150,000 head of horses, 200,000 head of cattle, 240,000 head of hogs, and probably 65,000 sheep. It was estimated at the time of his retirement that the total value of property auctioned by Col. Kirkpatrick would reach \$16,000,000. But farm sales were not the sole kind which he engaged in, for he also auctioned off scores of city residences, and business properties.

Col. Kirkpatrick necessarily became a great traveler, for during the years of his activity he was constantly on the go. It was estimated that he traveled a total of 160,000 miles, and that if the farm machinery which he sold were placed side by side it would reach sixty miles. His travels during most of his career was by buggy or on horseback. He owned what was known as a gig, and along in the '80's this vehicle became well known in all parts of Central Illinois. During the '80's there was an exodus of farmers from Illinois to the western states, and Col. Kirkpatrick was auctioneer at hundreds of the closing out sales of these people who were moving westward. He also later went to Missouri or Nebraska and conducted the auctions when they sold out there to return to Illinois or move farther west. At one time he conducted a sale every day except Sunday for 75 successive days. The largest single sale he ever conducted was a horse auction by Dillon Bros. in Normal, when he sold off 300 head of imported draft horses from France.

Because he was sometimes left with articles of furniture on his hands unsold after he had held an auction, Col. Kirkpatrick found it necessary to find a room for storing them. In this way, he found in time that he had enough second-hand goods to start a small store, which he did. By careful management this grew steadily, until he found that he was possessed of a large and valuable patronage. The second-hand feature was finally relegated to a minor position, and the Kirkpatrick furniture house took its place as among the leaders in new and latest styles of house furnishings of all kinds. The business was, in its earlier years, known as Howard & Kirkpatrick, being a partnership of Col. Kirkpatrick and his son-in-law, Louis W. Howard. In 1908 it was incorporated under the name of the Kirkpatrick Housefurnishing Company, Col. Kirkpatrick then becoming associated with his sons, Edward R. and Charles S. in this business. The furniture house is located at 522-24 North Main Street, and the second-hand department at 108-114 West Market Street. The firm also has another store at 502 North Main Street.

When Col. Kirkpatrick was a young man living in Iowa, he was married to Miss Sylvia B. Sperry, who still survives. There were five children, three of whom are living in Bloomington, they being Edward B., Charles S. and Ora Kirkpatrick. Two daughters are deceased, they being Mary, wife of Louis W. Howard, and Ida, wife of W. A. Humphrey.

During many years, Col. Kirkpatrick was one of the active leaders of the Republican party in Bloomington and McLean County, was elected alderman from the Second Ward for several terms, and was at one time candidate for the legislature, but through a political combine he was defeated.

The personal side of Col. Kirkpatrick made him a man above the average in every way. He was a large man physically, and when clothed in fur coat, with cap and leggings, he was a figure of distinction in any crowd of people. His jovial disposition, never-ending fund of humor and his innate consideration of and love for his fellowman, made him a person to attract and hold friendships. Perhaps no other man in McLean County had so many personal friends who sorrowed for his death, which occurred in 1919. For two years prior to his death, he retired from active work as auctioneer and lived in his suburban home, where he had built a modest bungalow just west of Bloomington. Fraternally, Col. Kirkpatrick was a member of the Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias, and he was also a member of the Second Presbyterian Church.

The passing of Col. Kirkpatrick took away one of the strong, vigorous, well-rounded and robust men who helped build up the great, rich county of McLean, and he left to his posterity and to the community at large a rich heritage in his exemplary life as citizen, patriot and friend.

Oscar E. Seibel, engaged in the wholesale and retail millinery business in Bloomington, was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, March 2, 1865, and is a son of H. P. and Catherine (Hoffman) Seibel.

The Seibel family originally came from Germany, where H. P. was born June 1, 1831. His wife was born June 21st of the same year. In 1848 they came to this country and located at Cincinnati, Ohio, where Mr. Seibel planned to follow his profession as teacher of music. Finding there were only about six pianos in the city of Cincinnati, he entered the employ of a large wholesale dry goods concern, of which business he became

financial manager. After 18 years of service he resigned to open a piano manufactory, which he sold out upon removing to Bloomington in 1871, where he was actively engaged in business until the time of his death in 1908. His wife died at the age of 86 years.

Oscar F. Seibel received his education in the public and high schools of Bloomington, and in 1882 entered the millinery business. His place of business is located at 110 North Main Street.

Mr. Seibel was twice married and has two sons: Harry, lives in Pittsburgh, Pa.; and Walter, at home.

Mr. Seibel is a Republican and a member of the Second Presbyterian Church.

Elmer Keeran, yardmaster for the Nickel Plate Railroad in Bloomington, is a reliable citizen of his community. He was born in Bloomington, Aug. 27, 1883, and is the son of James W. and Florence (Fry) Keeran.

James W. Keeran, who now lives retired in Bloomington, was born in Virginia, April 5, 1852, and came to Bloomington in 1866. His wife was born Sept. 10, 1857. After coming to Bloomington Mr. Keeran was employed in a photo gallery for a few years and in 1890 entered the employ of the government as a mail carrier. He is now retired and lives at 802 Mason Street, Bloomington. To Mr. and Mrs. Keeran the following children were born: James A., born July 29, 1881, died in 1915, was the husband of Emma Frederickson, and they had four children, James, Helen, Arthur and Albert Lee; Elmer, the subject of this sketch; E. B., born Sept. 2, 1885, lives in Bloomington, married Elva Johnson, and they have four children, Milton, Walter, Marie Catherine and Virginia; C. R., born Dec. 25, 1887, married Lyda Teskey, and they have one child, Betty Lulu; and Harley, born Aug. 16, 1895, lives in Bloomington.

Elmer Keeran was reared and educated in Bloomington and started life on a farm. However, in 1900 he learned the printer's trade at the offices of the Pantagraph in Bloomington, where he remained for two years. He then entered the employ of the Chicago & Alton Railroad as brakeman. For the past few years Mr. Keeran has been connected with the Nickel Plate Railroad as yardmaster.

On April 22, 1909, Mr. Keeran was united in marriage with Miss Lulu Gearson, a native of Illinois and the daughter of W. H. and Sarah (Burton)

Gearson. Mr. Gearson was born in 1831 and died July 20, 1906. His wife is also deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Keeran have no children.

In politics Mr. Keeran is identified with the Democratic party and he is a member of the Order of Railway Conductors No. 87 and the Railway Trainmen No. 126. He and his wife are well and favorably known in Bloomington.

J. H. Claudon, owner and proprietor of the Claudon Grain & Coal Company, at Gridley, is among the successful young business men of McLean County. He was born in Waldo Township, Livingston Co., April 17, 1903, and is a son of David N. and Kathleen (Egly) Claudon.

David N. Claudon is a prominent citizen of McLean County and president of the Bank of Meadows. He was born in Livingston County, Ill., in April, 1867, the son of Joseph and Mary (Masiman) Claudon, the former a native of Alsace Lorraine and the latter of Peoria, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. David N. Claudon are the parents of seven children: J. H., the subject of this sketch; Esther, born in 1895, married O. D. Lugbill, a farmer, lives near Gridley, Ill.; Ruth, born in 1897, married C. D. Diller, a banker, lives at Pandora, Ohio; Naomi, born in 1899, was assistant cashier in the Bank of Meadows for six years before her marriage to E. A. Vercler, a director of the bank, and they live at Meadows; Jesse, born in 1903, cashier of the Bank of Meadows, a sketch of whom appears in this volume; Adia, born in 1905; and Louis, born in 1910, at home.

J. H. Claudon received his education in the public schools of Meadows and is a graduate of Chenoa High School. His first business venture was in the grain business, but after one year he entered the Bank of Meadows, where he served as cashier until 1918. Since that time Mr. Claudon has conducted his coal and grain business at Gridley.

On June 9, 1915, Mr. Claudon was married to Miss Ida L. Frey, a native of Waldo Township, Livingston County, born Jan. 13, 1893, and the daughter of Mathew and Magdalene (Ehling) Frey, the former a native of Germany and the latter of France. Mr. Frey died in 1902 and his widow lives at Flanagan, Ill. They were the parents of 12 children, as follows: Anna, married Joseph E. Rich, lives in Pike Township, Livingston County; Emil, a farmer, lives in Waldo Township; Mary, married William Zook, a contractor, lives at Flanagan, Ill.; Julia, married B. E.

Roth, lives in Minnesota; Tillie, married Arthur Breeze, lives in Livingston County; Andrew, a farmer, lives in Waldo Township; Lena, twin sister of Andrew, married J. E. Rocke, a farmer, lives in Pike Township; Edward, a farmer, lives in Iowa; Emma, married William Harris, Jr., assistant manager of the El Paso Elevator Company, El Paso, Ill.; Lydia, married A. O. Hendricks, a farmer, lives in Waldo Township; Mrs. Claudon; and Albert, a farmer, lives in Waldo Township. Mr. and Mrs. Claudon have two children: Marjorie, born July 9, 1916; and Joseph Herbert, born March 8, 1918.

Mr. Claudon is a Republican and a member of the Methodist Church. He stands high in his community and has many friends and acquaintances.

Simeon H. West, deceased, was among the builders of McLean County and until the time of his death, April 2, 1920, was actively engaged in the management of his interests in California and Montana. He was born in Bourbon County, Ky., Jan. 30, 1827, the son of Henry and Mary (Liter) West.

Simeon and Elizabeth (Hopkins) West, paternal grandparents of Simeon H. West, were of English, Welch and Scotch extraction and natives of Virginia and South Carolina, respectively. After their marriage in South Carolina they removed to Kentucky, where they died. Henry and Catherine Liter, maternal grandparents of our subject, were of German descent, born in Pennsylvania. At an early date they settled in Bourbon County, Ky., where Mary (Liter) West was born.

Henry West, father of the subject of this sketch, was a native of Mason County, Ky., born Feb. 15, 1804. He learned the blacksmith trade and at the age of 20 years was married to Miss Mary Liter. In 1851 the West family came to Illinois and settled one mile southeast of the old Indian fort at Old Town in McLean County, where Henry West purchased a farm. He became an influential citizen and upon the organization of the township it was named for him, West Township, and he was elected its first supervisor. For many years Mr. West served in this capacity and West Township had no more honored citizen than he. His greatest work for the township during the Civil War was in blocking the sale of its school lands when they were considered cheap property. Through his efforts they were retained and released and now yield the township a large sum of money annually. In 1869 Mr. West removed



SIMON H. WEST



MARTHA O'NEAL WEST

to Bloomington, where he resided until his death, Sept. 10, 1885. He was a large land owner. By his first marriage to Mary Liter eight children were born. No children were born to the second union.

Simeon H. West received his only schooling in the early schools of Kentucky. He was a great reader during his life and acquired practical knowledge in that manner. In 1851 he located in West Township and engaged in general farming. The following year he went to California via New Orleans and Vera Cruz, and at the latter place purchased horses and rode horseback to Acapulco, and from there to San Francisco by steamer. Two years later he returned to Illinois by way of Nicaragua, and while on Lake Nicaragua the party was swamped and nearly drowned. In 1859 Mr. West again went west to the gold region by the Butterfield Overland stage route, nearly 3,000 miles, 1,100 miles of which were through a hostile Indian country, overrun with Comanches and Apaches. He returned to McLean County by the Panama route in 1861 and the night before the vessel, the North Star, reached New York it narrowly escaped being run down by another steamer. Of the 600 passengers, Mr. West alone was on deck and knew of the ship's danger. His adventures of travel would make an interesting chapter. He finally settled in West Township and engaged in farming until 1896. In 1902 he built a fine two story brick residence at LeRoy, where he lived a comfortable and quiet life. He owned considerable land over a large scope of territory and most of his McLean County land was deeded to his children.

On June 21, 1863, Mr. West was married to Miss Martha O'Neal, a native of Ohio and the daughter of Eleazer and Margaret (Jones) O'Neal. Her parents came to Arrowsmith Township, McLean County, about 1857. To Mr. and Mrs. West nine children were born, as follows: Rosa L., married George E. Dooley, lives at LeRoy, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this history; Henry C., married Laura Horine, Harlingen, Texas; Lawrence J., West Township, McLean County; Mary E., married Fred Horine, LeRoy, Ill.; Carrie E., married Turner Taylor, LeRoy; Marcus, married Nora Gibson, lives in West Township; Parker W., died in infancy; Charles, deceased; and Luella, married Pearl Reynolds, LeRoy, Ill.

While in Kentucky in 1849, Mr. West voted for emancipation, but after 1858 supported the Democratic party, and like his father, was instrumental in the preservation of the school lands. He served as school trustee, drawing the first contract for the leasing of this public property. In

1873 he was elected county supervisor of West Township and served for a number of terms. In 1882 he was elected a member of the State Legislature and while in that body introduced a number of important measures, among them being the present hard road law of the state and also the measure now in force for the regulation of traction engines on public highways. At the conclusion of his legislative career he also prepared and secured the passage of an important drainage law. Mr. West was known throughout Illinois because of his firm refusal to accept all free passes or other favors from railroad companies and this attitude met with much unfavorable comment among interested parties. His efforts were to conduct the state's business on economical lines. His record was approved by his re-election in 1884. Mr. West's prophecy was that the white and black races in the United States will be separated with the passing years; that not later than 1930 the movement of the final separation of the races in this country will begin and the great mass of blacks will be deported to a region in the Amazon Valley, which will have been acquired for them by the government of the United States, and there, under its protection, will establish a nation of their own.

In September, 1906, Mr. West presented to McLean County, through the board of supervisors, a beautiful grove, 20 acres of the west side of the southwest quarter of section 6, in the north side of West Township. His idea in giving this was to preserve a tract of land in its primitive state to show future generations what kind of timber grew in this part of the county, and it is stipulated in the deed that the board of supervisors for the county must see that not less than five acres shall remain in its natural condition forever. This gift was one greatly appreciated by the residents of McLean County, as was evidenced by the expression of gratitude by the press and many individuals.

W. D. Alexander, a widely known building contractor and lumber dealer of Normal, was born at Warsaw, Wisc., Jan. 12, 1875, and is the son of Walter and Sarah (Strobridge) Alexander.

Walter Alexander was born in Glasgow, Scotland, in 1850, and came to America in 1860, locating at Warsaw, Wis., where he now lives. He was engaged in the lumber business there for many years and is now living retired. On Feb. 12, 1873, Mr. Alexander was married to Miss Sarah

Strobridge who was born in 1853. They have four children: W. D., the subject of this sketch; J. S., married Anna McKey, lives at Warsaw, Wis.; Ben, a bachelor, lives at Silverton, Ore.; and Ruth, at home.

W. D. Alexander was reared and educated at Warsaw, Wis., where he spent his boyhood. In 1909 he came to Normal from Lexington, Ill., where he had operated a lumber yard for six years. He purchased the business of H. W. Stillhemer, one of McLean County's pioneer lumber dealers. Mr. Alexander has yards located in the following places: Chenoa, Colfax, Hudson, Anchor, Sibley, Herscher, Cabery and Campus, in Ford County, and Normal. He also does contracting work and carries a complete line of building materials. His place of business in Normal is located at 105 Ash Street.

In 1911, Mr. Alexander was married to Miss Esther Law, of Milwaukee, Wis. They have one daughter, Helen E.

Mr. Alexander is a Republican, a member of the Methodist Church and belongs to the Masonic lodge, the Elks, Loyal Order of Moose, the Red Men and the Chamber of Commerce. He is a reliable citizen and merits the esteem in which he is held in his community.

John A. Beck, a well known business man of Bloomington, is a native of Canada. He was born at Berlin, Ont., March 4, 1858, and is the son of William and Catherine Beck.

John A. Beck received his education in the public schools at Berlin, and upon reaching his 17th year, entered the employ of the Great Western Railroad as brakeman, on the Wellington, Gray & Bruce division, and was eventually promoted to the position of freight conductor. After six years he went to Toledo, Ohio, where he was employed as brakeman on the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railroad, and was shortly afterwards given charge of a train which he ran for three years. Altogether Mr. Beck was in the employ of the railroad for over ten years.

In 1893 Mr. Beck went to Chicago, where he learned the undertaking business, and the following year he returned to Bloomington and since that time has been engaged in the undertaking business.

On Dec. 12, 1886, Mr. Beck was married to Miss Jennie Agnes Owens, a daughter of Mathew Owens, a native of Bloomington. Mr. and Mrs. Beck have one daughter, Grace.

Mr. Beck and his family are prominent members of the Presbyterian Church. He is a 32nd degree Mason, a Knight Templar, a member of the Shrine, Knights of Pythias, Improved Order of Red Men, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Mr. Beck has an excellent standing in Bloomington and is highly esteemed.

Adolph Wochner.—One of the old and substantial families of Bloomington and McLean County, who aided in the upbuilding of a great and prosperous community, was the Wochner family, of whom Adolph Wochner, the subject of this sketch, is one of the members. He is the cashier of the American State Bank, with which he and two of his brothers have been connected ever since it was founded. The success of the institution from its very beginning is testimony to the business standing of its managers, and the Wochner brothers are not the least of the pillars of this success.

Adolph Wochner was one of the younger children of Francis Xavier Wochner, one of the pioneer residents of Bloomington and for many years one of the city and county's well-known business men. Francis X. Wochner was a native of Germany, being born at Baden on Jan. 13, 1832. He came to America when he was eight years of age, accompanying his parents, who landed at New Orleans in January, 1840. The parents made their way up the Mississippi River to St. Louis, whence they took wagon for the journey to Springfield, Ill. The parents located on a farm four miles west of Springfield, and there they remained until their deaths. Francis, the father of our subject, remained upon the farm until he was 23 years of age, when he was married to Miss Amelia Phillips, a resident of Sangamon County. The young couple lived in Sangamon County six years following their marriage, when they removed to Bloomington. Here the elder Mr. Wochner formed a partnership with his brother-in-law, Antone Meyer, and for many years they conducted a brewery, which began on a small scale and later became a large and prosperous institution. The partnership continued until the death of the two men. The Wochner family acquired a farm near the city, in addition to several pieces of city property. There were nine children born to Francis X. and Amelia Wochner, as follows: Emma, Frank X., Edward A., Pauline R., Albert, Adolph, Herman, Leonard C. and Olga F.

The American State Bank, with which Adolph, Albert and Herman are now connected, was organized in the year 1902. The late James S. Neville, former mayor of Bloomington, was one of the prime movers in the enterprise, and the directors included from the first a list of some of the principal and most successful business men of the city. The bank has had a steady and substantial growth from the first. For several years it occupied a rented building just two doors south of its present site. In 1922 the building formerly known as the Metropole Hotel was purchased by the bank, and it was remodeled to make it suitable for a banking house on the first floor and basement, with modern office rooms above. The move into the new quarters was made in the fall of 1923, and the bank now occupies one of the most up-to-date homes for a bank to be found anywhere in a city of this size. The officers and directors of the bank are: Albert Wochner, president; Paul F. Beich, vice-president; Charles F. J. Agle, vice-president; Adolph Wochner, cashier; Herman Wochner and Edward P. Doyle, assistant cashiers; board of directors, Paul F. Beich, Henry Oberkoetter, Adolph Wochner, Albert Wochner, Gus Buescher, Edward T. Fahey and Charles F. J. Agle.

Adolph Wochner was born on May 21, 1870. He has spent practically his whole life in Bloomington. He was married on October 3, 1911, to Miss Estella Schierberg, of Cincinnati. They have one son, Leonard C. The Wochner home is at 104 West Wood Street.

The Farmers Bank of Chenoa, one of the leading and dependable banking institutions of McLean County, was organized in 1884 as a private bank, by the J. S. Kelly & Company, and known as The Farmers Bank of Chenoa.

James S. Kelly entered into partnership with A .G. Danforth, of Washington, and this partnership lasted for six years, at the end of which time Mr. Kelly purchased the interest of his partner in the company. In August, 1899, the bank was incorporated as a state bank. It is incorporated and has a capital stock of \$30,000 and at the present time a surplus of \$30,000.

James S. Kelly was born at Versailles, Woodford County, Ill., May 23, 1846, the son of Benjamin P. and Anna L. (Saltonstall) Kelly.

Benjamin P. Kelly, a native of Christian County, Ky., was born Jan. 1, 1811, and died Oct. 7, 1867. His wife, who was born in Scott County, Ky., died Feb. 6, 1890. They were the parents of five children, as follows: Eugene, died at the age of four years; Benjamin P., Jr., lives retired in Utah; James S., the subject of this sketch; Franklin D., a dentist, lives in Peoria, Ill.; and Mary E., who died March 5, 1923.

James S. Kelly was 12 years of age when his family removed from Versailles, Ill., to Washington, Ill. He received his education in the public schools of the latter place and attended the academy there for one year. After being in the employ of his father for four years in a drug store at Washington, Ill., he entered the employ of A. G. Danforth, who was a banker of the same place. After 10 years Messrs. Kelly and Danforth formed a banking partnership at Chenoa, which became known as the Farmers Bank of Chenoa. The first officers of the bank were: James S. Kelly, president; Maurice Monroe, vice president; and O. D. Sanborn, cashier.

Mr. Kelly is identified with the Democratic party in politics and has always been one of the industrious, ambitious and progressive citizens of the town and community.

Dr. Paul Petersen is a successful chiropractor of Colfax and a substantial citizen of McLean County. He was born in Denmark, March 18, 1901, and is the son of Jens and Andrea (Poulson) Petersen.

Jens Petersen and his wife reside in Denmark and are the parents of three children, as follows: Dr. Paul, the subject of this sketch; Margareta, lives at home; and Ada, also at home with her parents.

Dr. Paul Petersen came to the United States when he was a young man and received his education in the public schools and attended chiropractic college at Davenport, Iowa, from which he was graduated on Jan. 10, 1923. Since that time he has practiced his profession at Colfax and thus far he has met with success.

On Aug. 4, 1922, Dr. Petersen was united in marriage with Miss Signa Anderson, a native of Mode, Ill., born March 12, 1896, and the daughter of Emil and Hannah (Dalheim) Anderson, natives of Sweden, and the parents of the following children: Florence, married John Vandergest, lives in Moline, Ill.; Mrs. Petersen; Reuben, lives at Moline, Ill.; Helen,

lives at Des Moines, Ia.; Burt, attends school; and Ruth, died in infancy. Dr. and Mrs. Petersen have one son, Paul Eugene, born May 1, 1923.

Dr. Petersen is a member of the Methodist Church and an enterprising young citizen of McLean County.

David Wilson, the capable and well known postmaster of Gridley, is a native of Kentucky. He was born in Lincoln County, Jan. 6, 1850, and is a son of William D. and Hannah J. (Daugherty) Wilson.

William D. Wilson, who was born in Lincoln County, Ky., Nov. 10, 1824, came to Illinois in 1855 with his family, locating at Bloomington. The following year they removed to Chenoa Township where Mr. Wilson improved 120 acres of land, which he had purchased for \$12.50 per acre. He served during the Mexican War as a first lieutenant. Mr. Wilson died Oct. 24, 1866, and his wife, who was born in Kentucky, March 11, 1831, died in 1921. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson had two children: David, the subject of this sketch; and Hiram A., born March 22, 1852, and died May 12, 1864.

David Wilson was reared on his father's farm in Chenoa Township and after having attended the district schools was graduated from Illinois State Normal University. He was among the pioneer school teachers of McLean County and taught for 30 years. Later Mr. Wilson engaged in the real estate business with Elmer Smith of Gridley. He also served as assessor of Waldo Township, Livingston County, for three years. On March 19, 1915, he was appointed postmaster of Gridley by President Woodrow Wilson and reappointed on Aug 29, 1919.

On July 14, 1872, Mr. Wilson was married in Boone County, Mo., to Miss Catherine L. Wilson. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Noah Flood, at that time president of the University of Missouri. Mrs. Wilson was born near Bloomington, Ill., May 12, 1857, the daughter of John A. and Electa A. (Holcomb) Wilson, the former a native of Kentucky and the latter of New York. John A. Wilson was born Feb. 5, 1829, and was among the early settlers of Bloomington, having come here in 1851. He served throughout the Civil War and died in 1907. Mrs. Wilson, who was born Sept. 24, 1833, died in May, 1898. There were ten children in the Wilson family as follows: John A., died at Graymont, Ill., in January, 1912; Mrs. David Wilson; Anna E., married W. R. Martin, now deceased;

Charles B., a retired farmer lives at 613 South Main Street, Bloomington; Mary L., a milliner lives at Paxton, Ill.; Electa Lee, died March 14, 1857; Julia G., married P. C. Baird, lives near Elliott, Ill.; Ida B., married John T. Stewart, retired, was for many years professor of civil engineering in the University of Minnesota, and during the World War was stationed at Washington, D. C., and held the rank of colonel; William H., lives at Paducah, Ky., was captain of the Illinois National Guard during the World War and served in France; and Albert, who died in infancy. To Mr. and Mrs. David Wilson two children have been born; Estella M., born Feb. 28, 1875, was married on July 14, 1901, to Fred Hibbs, assistant postmaster of Gridley; and Electa L., born Sept. 5, 1879, died in 1888. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson have three grandchildren: Frank Lee, John David, who died in infancy, and Catherine Hibbs.

Mr. Wilson is a Democrat. He is a member of the Christian Church and is ranked among McLean County's substantial citizens.

R. S. Krum, who ranks among the leading and successful business men of McLean County, now lives retired at Arrowsmith. He was born in Green County, N. Y., Sept. 13, 1841, the son of Jonas and Sarah (Rogers) Krum, natives of Massachusetts.

R. S. Krum lived in New York until he was past five years old, when his parents moved to Malden, on the Hudson River, and lived there for some time within a block of where all the steamboats landed, four of them each day, as long as navigation was open. Malden is 110 miles from New York city and Mr. Krum remembers going to that city and returning for the munificent sum of 50 cents. Albany was 50 miles in the opposite direction and he remembers making a round trip to that city for 25 cents. When nearly nine years of age his parents moved to Rogers Farm, about six miles southeast of Bloomington. Rogers Farm was the name of the postoffice kept by his uncle, Elihu Rogers. A few years later Mr. Rogers moved into what is now called the Dr. Stipp property, just east of the First Methodist Church.

The trip the Krums made from New York to Illinois would now be considered a novel one. At Malden, New York, they took a steamboat to Albany, where they transferred to the Erie Canal for Buffalo, a distance of 350 miles. They were eight days making this distance. At Buffalo



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they again transferred to a lake boat bound for Chicago, where they took a canal boat for LaSalle, Ill.; here they transferred to an Illinois River steamboat to Pekin, Ill. They were met at Pekin by Elihu Rogers with a team of horses and wagon and made the remainder of the trip in that conveyance. They passed through Bloomington and on to the Rogers farm, arriving there Sept. 30, 1850, and having taken 21 days to make the journey. About two years later Mr. Krum's father improved a farm a quarter of a mile north of Padua, where they lived for quite a number of years.

In September, 1861, R. S. Krum went to Camp Butler and enlisted in Company G, 33rd Illinois Volunteer Infantry, from which he was discharged for disability in April, 1862. He again enlisted in August of that year in the 94th Illinois, was made a sergeant and was discharged from the service in February, 1865, having served three years and two months in the Union army.

On Feb. 18, 1869, Mr. Krum was married to Miss Mary Percy, who was born in Belfast, Ireland, Aug. 21, 1846, and lived there until she was six years old. Mr. and Mrs. Krum have four children, as follows: Mrs. George Hart, Santa Monica, Calif.; E. P., a sketch of whom appears in this volume; Guy S., whose life history also appears elsewhere in this volume; and Mrs. Lewis C. Virgiel, Pacific Palisades Station, Los Angeles, Calif.

The early history of the Krum Lumber business runs back to the "wild and wooly" pioneer days. In 1871 Mr. Krum moved to Arrowsmith to manage the lumber and grain business for his brother, I. R. Krum, and Mr. Robinson. At that time there was no structure of any kind in Arrowsmith, and the office of Krum & Robinson was the first building to be erected in the town. Only construction trains were running on what is now the L. E. & W. Railway and the first lumber ever shipped into the village was some white pine sent in on such a train, and was used by Mr. Krum to build corn cribs. He managed the Krum & Robinson yard for 14 years, after which he bought the firm out and ran it under his own name. After another 14 years he sold this yard to the Darlington Lumber Company, and bought one at Reddick, taking in his son, Guy, as a partner, and using the name R. S. Krum & Son. A few years later he sold this, purchasing a yard of McClure & Taylor at Elliott, and continuing to operate it until January, 1923, when he retired from active

work at the age of 82 years. The yard is now owned by his son, Guy, and operated as the Guy S. Krum Lumber Company. The Guy S. Krum Lumber Company of Elliott is included as one of the yards of the Krum & Krum Lumber Company.

Times have somewhat changed since Mr. Krum came to Illinois over 71 years ago. He says that he has often driven an ox team to church; they were as easy to drive as an automobile, but were not quite as fast, but he thinks they were safer, although he prefers the automobile. Mr. and Mrs. Krum celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on Feb. 18, 1924. Mrs. Jennie Alexander and Harrison Ham were their attendants.

Mr. Krum has always been a reliable citizen of McLean County and he and his family are highly esteemed.

Guy S. Krum, secretary and treasurer of the Krum & Krum Lumber Company, is well known throughout the McLean County as a progressive business man. He was born at Arrowsmith, Ill., Aug. 30, 1877, and is the son of Revilo S. and Mary (Percy) Krum. A complete biography of Mr. Krum's parents appears elsewhere in this volume.

The Krum & Krum Lumber Company of Bloomington is one of the leading business enterprises of McLean County and was organized in 1871. The first lumber yard of the company was located at Arrowsmith, and Mr. Krum's father, who was a member of the firm of I. R. Krum & Robinson, operated that yard for 14 years, after which he bought and ran the yard under his own name. After another 14 years he sold this yard to the Darlington Lumber Company, and bought one at Reddick, taking in his son Guy as a partner, and using the name R. S. Krum & Son. A few years later they sold this yard, purchasing the yard of McClure & Taylor at Elliott and continued to operate it until January, 1923, when he retired at the age of 82 years. The yard is now owned by Guy S. Krum and operated as the Guy S. Krum Lumber Company.

On Oct. 22, 1903, Guy S. Krum was united in marriage at Peoria, Ill., with Miss Pearle Germer, a native of Clinton, Ill., and the daughter of J. W. and Leah Amanda (Roberts) Germer, the former a native of Germany, and the latter of Ohio. Mr. Germer died July 13, 1903, and his widow lives at Elliott, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. Krum have one daughter, Louise, born Oct. 18, 1904.

Mr. Krum is a Republican and a member of the Second Presbyterian Church.

E. P. Krum, president of the Krum & Krum Lumber Company of Bloomington, is among the successful business men of northern Illinois. He was born at Arrowsmith, Ill., Dec. 4, 1872, and is the son of Revilo S. and Mary (Percy) Krum, a sketch of whom appears in this volume.

E. P. Krum, better known as Percy, had an early start in the lumber game, having entered the yards at Arrowsmith under his father's tutelage in 1888. He continued at this point until 1895, when he became yard manager for the S. R. White Lumber Company of Bloomington. Here he remained until 1903 when he entered the employ of W. S. Harwood & Brother, also engaged in the lumber business at Bloomington. In 1909 he formed a partnership with W. R. Ricketts, of Lexington, bought the Levi Johnson yard at Danvers, and ran it under the name of Krum & Ricketts for two years, when he purchased the Rickett interest and continued under the name of E. P. Krum until he sold to Habecker & Kime in 1921.

In 1914, with his brother Guy, he formed a partnership of the Krum & Krum Lumber Company, buying the yard at Melvin. In 1915 the brothers purchased one at Loda; in 1916 one at Saybrook, and in 1918 one at Arrowsmith. The Krum & Krum Lumber Company is headed by E. P. Krum, president; L. P. Krum, vice president; and Guy S. Krum, secretary and treasurer, having its general offices in the Corn Belt Bank Building in Bloomington.

Percy Krum is well known in lumber association circles, and has for years been a leading figure in the Illinois Lumber Merchants Association. He was a director of this organization for three years, vice president two years, and in 1922 filled the unexpired term of President R. L. Jones. He has twice taken first honors in membership campaigns launched by the association, having landed 22 members in 1921, and having brought in single handed 21 applications last May, thus tying for honors with the Kane County team, composed of E. S. Todd, C. L. Schwartz and C. B. Moore.

On May 21, 1900, Mr. Krum was married at Peoria, Ill., to Miss Alice Florence Baxter, a native of New London, Iowa, and the daughter

of James and Mary Ellen (Thompson) Baxter, natives of Iowa. Mr. Baxter died Dec. 14, 1915, and his wife died Feb. 16, 1913. Mr. and Mrs. Krum have one daughter, Mary Ellen Krum, born Aug. 17, 1911.

Mr. Krum is a Republican and attends the First Methodist Church.

When asked what he would rather have than anything else in the world, Mr. Krum replied: "The Krum name carried on in lumber in days to come." Not a moment's hesitation; and by its very spontaneity the reply indicated that this was the subject nearest Percy's heart. Further conversation disclosed the fact that it was his life's dream. Fate has denied him a son to carry on the name to other generations; but it has given him rich recompense in a clever and charming daughter, who has already shown signs of developing into a "lumber woman", and on whom he is pinning his hopes as future custodian of the Krum lumber interests.

And well may he hope for a Krum continuation; for the connection of this name with the lumber industry dates back to the early days of middle west history and carries with it a chronology romantic and picturesque. The Krums are all born lumbermen. They had the lumber instinct from birth and each entered the calling as naturally as he learned his A-B-C's.

John Schmitt, who has been engaged in the contracting business for the past 27 years at Chenoa, is a native of Chenoa. He was born Nov. 10, 1873, and is the son of Joseph and Barbara (Fehl) Schmitt.

Joseph Schmitt and his wife came to this country from Germany in 1870 and settled in New Jersey for a short time and later went to Chicago. In 1872 they came to Chenoa and Mr. Schmitt was employed by Pike Brothers, builders and contractors. In 1894 he purchased the business and operated it until the time of his death. Mr. Schmitt died Feb. 13, 1908, and his wife died March 24, 1905. They were the parents of five children, as follows: John, the subject of this sketch; Marie, died in infancy; Gustave Jacob, contractor, lives at Chenoa; Emil, manager of the Alexander Lumber Company of Chenoa; and Josephine Margaret, married William Tunning, lives at Chenoa.

John Schmitt has always lived at Chenoa and received his education in the public schools there. He learned the carpenter trade at the age of 16 years and since that time has been actively engaged in the building

trade. Mr. Schmitt is capable and efficient in his work and has built up an important business in Chenoa.

On March 27, 1901, Mr. Schmitt was united in marriage with Miss Amanda Stride, a native of Waldo Township, Livingston County, born Feb. 6, 1877, and the daughter of John and Phoebe (King) Stride. Mrs. Schmitt died July 10, 1922, and is buried in the Chenoa Cemetery. To John and Amanda (Stride) Schmitt five children were born, as follows: Dorothy Mary, born Jan. 19, 1902, a graduate of Chenoa High School, lives at home; Verna A., born Feb. 14, 1904, also a graduate of Chenoa High School, at home; Mildren Marie, born July 11, 1908; Myra May, born April 26, 1912; and Marjorie J., born March 19, 1915.

Mr. Schmitt is an energetic and industrious man, highly esteemed throughout the community.

George Benedict, justice of the peace of Gridley, is a member of one of the early pioneer families of McLean County. He was born in Waldo Township, Livingston County, Sept. 8, 1869, the son of De Forest and Clarice Anne (Sneezer) Benedict.

De Forest Benedict was a native of Saratoga County, N. Y., and when he was a young man came to Illinois and settled on a farm in Waldo Township, Livingston County. While in New York Mr. Benedict learned the carpenter trade and after moving to Illinois engaged in the contracting business. In 1898 he purchased the present Benedict home in Gridley Township. Mr. Benedict was a Republican, served as school director for 25 years and as county supervisor for two terms. He died May 13, 1905, and his wife died Feb. 17, 1921. They were the parents of the following children: Abraham D., deceased; Henry, deceased; D. E., deceased; Sarah, died in infancy; Ellworth D., a retired farmer, lives at Gridley; George, the subject of this sketch.

George Benedict received his education in the district schools of Waldo Township, and started life as a foreman in the tile factory, which was owned by his father. He followed that business for a number of years and also operated a farm in Gridley Township. Mr. Benedict specialized in the breeding of Chester White hogs and other stock and was successful. He now lives retired at Gridley.

On Sept. 12, 1886, Mr. Benedict was united in marriage with Miss Cora Stretch, a native of McLean County, born Dec. 2, 1869, and the

daughter of Hiram and Devorah (Ogden) Stretch, natives of Illinois, and the parents of the following children: Orlando, lives at Lexington, Ill.; Johnston, a farmer, lives south of Lexington, Ill.; Alfred, retired, lives at Lexington, Ill.; Mrs. Benedict; Florence, married Calvin Snyder, lives at Gridley, Ill.; and Albert, a farmer, lives in Montana. Mr. Benedict died in 1874 and his wife died in 1913. To George and Cona (Stretch) Benedict seven children have been born, as follows: Lillie, born March 2, 1889, married Hubert Yandell, lives at South Bend, Ind.; Elmer, born July 8, 1890, is a veteran of the World War, having served with Company A, 68th Infantry for one year in France, now lives with his parents and is constable of Gridley; Hiram, born July 3, 1894, lives at Gridley; Leona, born Nov. 7, 1899, married Clarence Brumm, a farmer, lives in Chenoa Township; Louise, born April 18, 1892, married Orville Boland, lives at Peoria, Ill.; Cecil, born Feb. 3, 1905, at home; and Juanita D., born June 3, 1911, at home. Mr. and Mrs. Benedict have nine grandchildren.

Mr. Benedict has been identified with the Democratic party in politics and served as justice of the peace in Waldo Township for a number of years before being elected justice of the peace of Gridley Township in 1922. He is a school director and belongs to the Knights of Pythias and the Modern Woodmen of America. Mr. Benedict is a substantial and dependable citizen of McLean County and is widely known.

Olliver Beier is a well known and successful young farmer of Yates Township. He was born in Livingston County, Ill., Nov. 30, 1898, and is the son of Rudolph and Anna (Pflager) Beier.

Rudolph Beier and his wife are natives of McLean County and now live in Livingston County, where Mr. Beier carries on general farming and stock raising. He is a Republican and has served as road commissioner for a number of years. Mr. and Mrs. Beier have two children: Olliver, the subject of this sketch; and Louis, engaged in the oil business and lives with his parents.

Oliver Beier spent his boyhood on his father's farm in Livingston County and then engaged in general farming and stockraising. He now operates a well improved farm of 160 acres in Yates Township and specializes in the breeding of Chester White and Duroc Jersey hogs. Mr. Beier has lived on his present farm since 1917.

In December, 1919, Mr. Beier was united in marriage with Miss Georgetta Hoke, a native of Livingston County, born March 23, 1896, and the daughter of Charles and Minnie (Worthley) Hoke, natives of Livingston County. Mr. Hoke is now serving as deputy sheriff of Livingston County and is a well known citizen. He and his wife reside at Pontiac, Ill. To Olliver and Georgetta (Hoke) Beier three children have been born, as follows: Betty, born Sept. 27, 1920; Doris, born Sept. 19, 1921; and Marilyn, born Oct. 20, 1922.

Mr. Beier is a progressive and enterprising young farmer, whose success in life is practically assured.

Claude C. Patton, who is successfully engaged in farming and the breeding of Chester White hogs and Shorthorn cattle, is the owner of a well improved farm in Gridley Township. He is a native of Gridley Township, born Feb. 22, 1886, and the son of Thomas E. and Mary (Messer) Patton.

Thomas E. Patton, who now lives retired at El Paso, Ill., was born on a farm in Money Creek Township, McLean County, March 16, 1858, the son of Charles Addison and Elizabeth (Stewart) Patton, the former a native of Virginia and the latter of Indiana. Charles Addison Patton came to Illinois in the early forties and settled on a farm in Gridley Township, which is now owned by his grandson, Claude C. Patton. He improved 310 acres of raw prairie land and the first Patton home was a frame dwelling 14x18 feet. Mr. Patton was an extensive stockman and during the early days drove his stock to Chicago. He was a Democrat and a member of the Christian Church. Mr. Patton died Dec. 30, 1918, and his wife died Dec. 11, 1911. They were the parents of seven children, as follows: Thomas E., father of the subject of this sketch; Ada Jane, deceased; Elizabeth, married John Shepard, a banker at Normal, Ill.; W. A., engaged in the insurance business at Bloomington, Ill.; Ida, deceased; C. T., retired, lives at Normal, Ill.; and George, retired.

Thomas E. Patton was educated in the district schools of Gridley Township, and has always been a farmer. He owns 400 acres of good farm land and for many years was a prominent breeder of Poland China hogs and Shorthorn cattle. On March 4, 1884, Mr. Patton was married to Miss Mary Messer, who died Oct. 11, 1887, leaving one child, Claude C., the subject of this sketch.

Claude C. Patton attended the public and high schools at Normal, Ill., and then began farming on his present farm in Gridley Township. The farm is well improved with good farm buildings, including a silo with a capacity of 112 tons. Mr. Patton is also an extensive feeder and shipper of stock.

On Feb. 10, 1909, Mr. Patton was married to Miss Alice C. Bigger, a native of Woodford County, born in September, 1892, and the daughter of Judson and Mildred (Griner) Bigger, natives of Woodford County, and the parents of the following children: Mrs. Patton; Plesz, a farmer, lives in Indiana; Fred, also lives in Indiana; Amie, married Parks Bolander, lives in Woodford County; Veta, married Donald Kirtom, lives in Gridley Township; and George and Scott, at home. To Claude C. and Alice C. (Bigger) Patton three children have been born, as follows: Vernon, born May 28, 1911; Lawrence, born Oct. 12, 1915; and Harold, born Feb. 23, 1917.

Mr. Patton is identified with the Democratic party in politics and is a member of the Christian Church. He is a reliable citizen and has been able to build up a successful farming business because of his integrity and progressive methods.

Dr. Lyford McChesney Johnson, who has practiced his profession at Arrowsmith for the past 20 years, is among the capable physicians and surgeons of McLean County. He was born at Annawan, Ill., Sept. 1, 1880, and is the son of Norman and Rachael (Moon) Johnson.

Norman Johnson, for many years a well known farmer of Illinois, now lives retired at Annawan, Ill. His wife died July 7, 1900. To this union six children were born, as follows: James Clinton, deceased; Dr. Lyford McChesney, the subject of this sketch; Dr. Norman Emmet, a dentist at Annawan, Ill.; Ralph E., a farmer, lives at Annawan, Ill.; Pearl, a veterinary surgeon, lives at Annawan, Ill.; and Grace J., deceased.

Dr. Lyford McChesney Johnson received his early schooling in the public schools and was graduated from college at Valparaiso, Ind. In 1900 he went to Chicago, where he attended the College of Physicians and Surgeons, finishing there in 1903. Since that time Dr. Johnson has been located at Arrowsmith and in 1921 he established the L. M. Johnson Hos-



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pital there. He has taken post graduate work in surgery and is among the progressive men of his profession.

On Dec. 31, 1902, Dr. Johnson was united in marriage with Miss Carrie Gless, a native of Grand Rapids, Mich., and to this union one daughter has been born, Ethel Melba, born Nov. 19, 1905. She is now attending St. Mary's Academy at Notre Dame, Ind.

Glenn C. Harris, who operates 235 acres of well improved land in Martin Township, is an enterprising and successful young farmer of McLean County. He was born in Martin Township, Nov. 20, 1892, and is the son of Emmanuel and Flora M. (Cox) Harris.

Emmanuel Harris, a native of Livingston County, Ill., came to McLean County with his parents when he was a boy and settled on land in Martin Township, which is now operated by his son, Glenn C., the subject of this sketch. Mr. Harris now lives retired at Colfax. He is a Republican, a member of the Methodist Church, and belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America. To Emmanuel and Flora M. (Cox) Harris three children were born, as follows: Glenn C., the subject of this sketch; Beulah, married Charles I. Davis, a farmer, lives in Wisconsin; and Ralph, a veteran of the World War, now a farmer in Martin Township. Mrs. Harris died Jan. 15, 1902, and Mr. Harris was later married to Miss Lulu M. Burt, and to this union two children were born: Helen Marie and Lila Mae, both attending school.

Glenn C. Harris received his education in the public schools of Colfax and has always followed farming and stock raising. He raises a good grade of stock and specializes in the breeding of Guernsey cattle. The Harris farm is well improved and there is a good residence on the place.

On May 30, 1913, Mr. Harris was united in marriage with Miss Gladys Hite, a native of Monroe County, Ind., born May 22, 1893, and the daughter of Felix and Clara (Pitts) Hite. The Hite family moved to McLean County in 1896 and Mr. Hite owns 320 acres of well improved land in Lawndale Township, where he and his wife reside. They have three children, as follows: Mrs. Harris; William Wallace, is a World War veteran, having served with the air service overseas for 11 months, and he now farms in Lawndale Township; and Jennie, married Jacob Lukenbille, a farmer, lives near Colfax. Mr. and Mrs. Harris have one child, Flora Evelyn, born Oct. 27, 1921.

Mr. Harris is a Republican and served as township clerk of Lawndale Township for two years and as librarian at Colfax for eight years. He is a member of the Methodist Church and the Harris family has always been highly regarded throughout McLean County.

John L. Barnes is a leading farmer and stockman of McLean County and the owner of 4,500 acres of well improved land. He is a well known and highly respected citizen of the community and served as cashier of The Colfax Bank for 17 years. Mr. Barnes was born near Cropsey, in Livingston County, Ill., in February, 1885, and is the son of Henry and Ada (McCullough) Barnes.

Henry Barnes was born in Pennsylvania and came to Illinois during the early days and settled in Livingston County in 1865. He has always been an extensive farmer and stockman and is one of the largest land owners of the state, now owning 6,500 acres of well improved land. Mr. Barnes has also been engaged in the banking business at Cropsey, Ill., since 1892, and now owns the H. L. Barnes Bank there. He is a Republican and a member of the Methodist Church. Mr. and Mrs. Barnes live at Cropsey and are the parents of five children, as follows: Myra, married W. T. Lackland, lives in Syracuse, N. Y.; John L., the subject of this sketch; Jesse H., a banker, lives at Cropsey, Ill.; Ethel, married R. H. Tanner, a farmer, lives at Roanoke, Ind.; and William F., deceased. He enlisted for service during the World War and died in May, 1918, from influenza, while at camp in New Jersey.

John L. Barnes received his education in the public schools of Cropsey and at Fairbury High School. He entered the banking business when he was 18 years of age and was cashier of The Colfax Bank for 17 years, which office he recently resigned. Mr. Barnes now devotes his entire time to his farm interests and is among the leading stockmen of the county. He specializes in the breeding of pure bred Shorthorn cattle, Duroc and Hampshire hogs and Holstein cattle, and is also an extensive feeder and shipper of stock. He held a sale on Sept. 15, 1923, which was one of the largest ever held in McLean County. Mr. Barnes' residence is in Gridley.

On Sept. 15, 1920, Mr. Barnes was united in marriage with Miss Catherine Homey, a native of Colfax, Ill., born in March, 1898, and the daughter of David A. and Emma (Bunn) Homey, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Illinois. Mr. Homey came to Illinois in 1861 and owns 360

acres of land. He now lives retired at Colfax and his wife died Feb. 1, 1916. They were the parents of five children, as follows: Gladys, at home; Reid B., raises cotton in Texas; Warren, a farmer, lives in Indiana; Helen, deceased; and Mrs. Barnes.

Mr. Barnes is a Republican and a member of the Methodist Church. He is among the successful young men of McLean County and he and his wife have many friends.

W. H. Ritter, a well known retired farmer, is the owner of the Ritter Bus Line, which operates between Bloomington, Pontiac and Colfax. He was born in Martin Township, McLean County, Sept 9, 1856, and is the son of J. W. and Myra (Dawson) Ritter.

J. W. Ritter was born in Ross County, Ohio, and was one of the earliest settlers of Martin Township, having come to Illinois in the early forties. He settled in section No. 34 and his first land purchase consisted of 80 acres at four dollars per acre. Mr. Ritter became the owner of 640 acres of land, which he improved, and for many years he was a leading farmer and stockman of McLean County. He hauled his grain and produce to Chicago during the early days, and the trip required a week's time. In 1849 Mr. Ritter went to the California gold fields, but later returned to Illinois, where he died in November, 1893. His wife is the daughter of Henry Dawson, after whom Dawson Township was named. She now lives with her son, W. H. Ritter, and is 87 years of age. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ritter were the parents of six children, as follows: W. H., the subject of this sketch; Harry D., deceased; Mattie, deceased; Nellie, married Clayton Wheeler, lives in Illinois; Mary, the widow of Lewis Powell, lives with her brother, W. H. Ritter; and John W., a farmer, lives in Florida.

W. H. Ritter grew to manhood on his father's farm and received his education in the district schools. He has followed farming and stock raising for many years and has met with success and now lives retired at Colfax. Mr. Ritter specialized in the breeding of pure bred Shorthorn cattle, Poland-China hogs, and he was also a widely known importer and breeder of fine draft horses, having made seven trips to Europe to purchase horses. He has operated his bus line between Bloomington, Pontiac and Colfax since April, 1920, and it has proven an excellent means of transportation between these cities as well as a profitable business enterprise for Mr. Ritter.

In 1888 Mr. Ritter was married to Miss Cynthia E. Marsh, a native of Arrowsmith Township, McLean County, and the daughter of John and Eliza (Hobert) Marsh. Mr. Marsh was an extensive land owner of Illinois, Nebraska and Kansas, and owned over 2,000 acres of land at the time of his death. He was also a breeder of sheep and had as many as 3,000 head at one time. Mr. and Mrs. Marsh had seven children, as follows: Frank, lives in Arrowsmith Township, McLean County; George, deceased; Belle, deceased; Mary Anne, the widow of John Builty, lives in Kansas; Mrs. Ritter; Burt, lives in Arrowsmith Township; and Ruth, deceased, was the wife of Thomas Greenfield. To W. H. and Cynthia E. (Marsh) Ritter three children have been born, as follows: Lyda, married William Harrison, Ford automobile agency, Peoria, Ill.; Leona, married W. O. Thornsby, a farmer, lives on the old J. W. Ritter farm; and Florence May, married Thomas Carr, lives at Arrowsmith, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. Ritter have eight grandchildren.

Mr. Ritter is a staunch Republican and he is known throughout the community as an efficient business man who well merits the success that has accompanied his enterprises.

Barney L. Olander, owner and operator of the Olander Coal Mine at Colfax, is a veteran of the World War and an enterprising young business man of McLean County. He was born in Russia, Jan. 13, 1887, the son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Groibs) Olander.

The Olander family came to the United States from Russia many years ago and settled at Toluca, where Joseph Olander worked as a coal miner for a number of years. He later lived at Peoria, Ill., and also owned a grocery store at Toluca, Ill., for several years. He died April 10, 1917, and his widow now lives at Toluca, Ill. They were the parents of the following children: Barney L., the subject of this sketch; Walter, formerly associated with his brother, Barney L., and now lives at Pekin, Ill.; Ella, married Freedom Crommine, lives in McLean County; Anna, teaches school at Toluca, Ill.; and Clara, bookkeeper for the Olander Coal Mine of Colfax, and she lives at Colfax.

Barney L. Olander received his education in the public schools of Toluca and started life as a miner, and later engaged in the insurance business. At the time of the World War Mr. Olander was inducted into service from Chicago and sent to Jefferson Barracks, Mo., where he trained

with Company M, 13th Infantry. He was later sent to California for a short time and from there overseas, where he remained for 20 months. After the armistice, Mr. Olander was with the Army of Occupation in Siberia, Russia, and was discharged from service Dec. 10, 1920. He returned to Chicago and entered the meat business there, remaining until July, 1922, at which time he came to Colfax and took over the coal mine, which he now operates in partnership with Walter Olander. The Olander Coal Mine at Colfax had been closed for 20 years and it took a year's time to get it in operation again, and they now employ 18 men. Mr. Olander's venture has proven successful thus far and he is widely known as a reliable business man.

Mr. Olander is a member of the Catholic Church and is unmarried.

Francis H. Heagler, well known deputy sheriff of McLean County, is a substantial farmer and stockman of Martin Township. He was born on a farm near LeRoy, Ill., in 1855, the son of James and Cynthia (Heaton) Heagler.

James Heagler was born at Washington Court House, Ohio, as also was his wife. After their marriage in 1854 they moved to McLean County and settled on land three miles north of LeRoy. Mr. Heagler owned 200 acres of land and was a successful stockman. He was a Democrat and a member of the Methodist Church. The old Heagler home in Dawson Township is still standing and is among the interesting landmarks of McLean County. Mr. and Mrs. Heagler, deceased, were the parents of eight children.

Francis H. Heagler has always followed farming and has met with success. He owns and operates the old Joseph Nye farm of 160 acres in Martin Township, and specializes in the breeding of Shorthorn cattle and Chester White hogs.

Mr. Heagler was married to Miss Mary E. Nye, a native of Martin Township, born April 12, 1861, and the daughter of Joseph and Eleanor (King) Nye, natives of Pennsylvania and pioneer settlers of McLean County. Mr. Nye was an extensive farmer during his life and died July 9, 1901, and his wife died Oct. 25, 1916. They were the parents of four children, as follows: Luella, died at the age of three years; one child died in infancy; Mrs. Heagler; and John J., died at the age of three years.

To Francis H. and Mary E. (Nye) Heagler two children have been born, as follows: Roy, born April 25, 1888, further mention of whom is made below; and Hattie, married Elwood Poppendick, garage owner of Bloomington, Ill.

Roy Heagler enlisted in the army before the World War and served for four years with the United States Marines. He was stationed in Philadelphia for some time, served for 32 months in the Philippines, and also was sent to China on an expedition. He is now engaged in farming with his father.

Francis H. Heagler is a Democrat and has served as deputy sheriff of McLean County for eight years. He is a competent and reliable citizen and an excellent farmer.

Charles Brucker, a prosperous farmer and stockman of Lawndale Township, and the owner of 1360 acres of well improved land, is a native of McLean County. He was born on a farm two miles north of Cropsey, Dec. 20, 1870, the son of Godidd and Kate (Glabe) Brucker.

The Brucker family came to this country from Germany and settled in Woodford County, Ill., and later in Livingston County. Godidd Brucker became a successful stockman, and was one of the largest land owners of the county, owning 2200 acres of land, which he improved from raw prairie. He was a Democrat and a member of the Evangelical Church. Mr. Brucker died in 1908 and his wife died two years later. They were the parents of nine children, as follows: Adam, a retired farmer, lives at Fairbury, Ill.; August, a retired farmer, lives at Sibley, Ill.; Henry, a retired farmer, lives at Sibley, Ill.; Anna, the widow of Jacob Hubbard, lives in Ford County, Ill.; Caroline, deceased; Charles, the subject of this sketch; John, a farmer, lives in Livingston County; Emma, married Ernst Lange, retired farmer, lives at Fairbury; and Lizzie, married Henry Suter, a farmer, lives in Livingston County, Ill.

Charles Brucker was reared on his father's farm and received his education in the schools of Cropsey. After finishing his school work, he rented land for five years, and now owns 1360 acres of good farm land, all of which is improved. Mr. Brucker is widely known throughout the county as a breeder of pure bred Shorthorn cattle and Duroc Jersey hogs. He is also an extensive feeder and shipper of stock, and the Brucker stock

farm is located three miles north and one-quarter of a mile east of Colfax.

On March 13, 1892, Mr. Brucker was united in marriage with Miss Lizzie Stine, a native of Livingston County, Ill., born in 1875, and the daughter of Henry and Christine (Burlett) Stine, natives of Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Stine, deceased, were the parents of five children, as follows: John, deceased; Mary, married August Brucker, a farmer, lives at Sidney, Ill.; Fred, a farmer, lives in Ford County, Ill.; Mrs. Brucker; and Henry, a farmer, lives in Woodford County, Ill. To Charles and Lizzie (Stine) Brucker 13 children have been born, as follows: Clara, married Arthur Sifert, a farmer, lives near Cropsey, Ill.; Arthur, lives at home; Emma, married Frank Taylor, a farmer, Cropsey Township, McLean County; Ernst, a farmer, lives in Lawndale Township, McLean County; Tena, married Oscar Moore, a farmer, lives in Lawndale Township, McLean County; Tillie, at home; Harry, Esther, Alma, Carol, Ruth, Clarence, and Lorene, all living at home. Mr. and Mrs. Brucker have eight grandchildren.

Mr. Brucker has served as county supervisor two years, as school director for one term, and as school treasurer for 18 years. He is a Democrat and a member of the Evangelical Church. Mr. Brucker is an enterprising and progressive citizen and is widely and favorably known in McLean County.

Vernon Weeks, owner and proprietor of Weeks' Stock Farm, is an enterprising and successful young farmer of McLean County. He was born at Colfax, Ill., Dec. 13, 1897, and is the son of W. A. and Jennie (Wallace) Weeks.

W. A. Weeks, who now lives retired on his farm in Livingston County, Ill., has been a leading stockman of that county for many years. He was born at Shirley, Ill., the son of Samuel Weeks, an early settler of Illinois, having come here from England. W. A. Weeks owns 160 acres of land in Lawndale Township, McLean County, 204 acres in Livingston County, Ill., 640 acres in North Dakota, and 240 acres in New Mexico. He is a Republican and a member of the Methodist Church. There are three children in the Weeks family, as follows: Vernon, the subject of this sketch; Cyril, a farmer, lives with his father in Livingston County; and Doris, at home.

Vernon Weeks spent his boyhood on his father's farm and was educated in the public schools. He operates 240 acres of land in Lawndale

Township and his farm is well improved. Mr. Weeks is an extensive stockman and exhibited his stock at the county fair at Fairbury in 1923 and at the fair at Kankakee, Ill., in 1923. Among his prize stock is Rainbow Ranger, a 17-months-old boar, and a champion sow which weighs 700 pounds.

Mr. Weeks was married on Dec. 26, 1917, to Miss Bernice Satcheell, a native of Indiana, born Oct. 14, 1898, and the daughter of B. F. and Emma (Ricketts) Satcheell. Mr. Satcheell has been in the dairy business for a number of years and lives at Colfax. He is a Republican, a member of the Methodist Church, and belongs to the Masonic lodge, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Modern Woodmen of America. Mrs. Weeks has one brother, Bernard, a farmer, who lives at Colfax.

Vernon Weeks is a Republican and a member of the Methodist Church. He is a substantial young man, industrious and capable, who is making a success of his farm.

E. H. Arrowsmith is a prosperous farmer and stockman of Arrowsmith Township and belongs to one of McLean County's most honored pioneer families. He was born on the farm where he now lives Oct. 7, 1887, and is a son of James A. and Martha (Watkins) Arrowsmith.

Arrowsmith Township was named after Ezekiel Arrowsmith, grandfather of the subject of this sketch, who came to McLean County in 1839. He served as county commissioner, was the first supervisor of his township, serving several terms, and was a prominent member of the Methodist Church. He was born Oct. 31, 1811, and died April 11, 1894. Mr. Arrowsmith's son, James A., was born on the homestead in Arrowsmith Township, July 13, 1848, and lived there until the time of his retirement in 1917, when he moved to Normal. In 1877 Mr. Arrowsmith was married to Miss Martha Watkins, who was born in Arrowsmith Township, McLean County, June 12, 1858. She was a daughter of Gibson and Rebecca Watkins. Mr. Watkins died May 22, 1903, and his wife died Oct. 14, 1895. Mr. and Mrs. James A. Arrowsmith were the parents of eight children as follows: William, born June 1, 1878, lives in Empire Township, McLean County; Amos, died in infancy; Nellie V. Schooley, born Aug. 2, 1881, died Feb. 22, 1912; Emma E. Shannon, born Oct. 14, 1884, lives in Montana; E. H., the subject of this sketch; Arara May Daw-



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son, born July 3, 1889, lives in Dawson Township, McLean County; Ada Miller, born Oct. 22, 1890, lives at Ellsworth, Ill.; and Mary, born Nov. 14, 1894, lives at home.

E. H. Arrowsmith has always lived on the same farm, which was purchased by his grandfather for (\$3.25) three dollars and twenty-five cents an acre. He was educated in the district schools. Mr. Arrowsmith specializes in the breeding of Duroc Jersey hogs, and also has some sheep on his place.

On Dec. 6, 1916, Mr. Arrowsmith was married to Miss Cora Lauritson, a native of Arrowsmith Township, born March 6, 1895, and the daughter of Lewis and Isabel (Goudy) Lauritson. Mr. and Mrs. Lauritson had five children: Anna, born Feb. 8, 1887, at home; Elton, born March 1, 1889, also at home; Ernest, born Nov. 25, 1890, lives in Dawson Township; Florence VanGundy, born March 13, 1893, lives at Ellsworth, Ill.; and Clifford, born March 4, 1885, died in 1888. To Mr. and Mrs. Arrowsmith two children have been born: Louise W., born June 2, 1919; and Helen LaVon, born April 23, 1922.

Mr. Arrowsmith is now serving his third term as school director. He is a member of the Methodist Church and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen of America. Mr. Arrowsmith is an enterprising and progressive citizen and is widely and favorably known in McLean County.

George Ulmer, a retired farmer and stockman of McLean County and a veteran of the Civil War, is a prominent citizen of the township in which he lives. He was born in Germany, May 27, 1835, the son of Henry and Catherine (Wagner) Ulmer.

Henry Ulmer came to this country from Germany after his marriage and settled in Philadelphia, Pa., where he worked at his trade as blacksmith. After several years he returned to Germany for his wife and children, and they came to McLean County, and settled where Arrowsmith now stands. Mr. Ulmer became the owner of 40 acres of land and for many years followed farming. He died March 10, 1884, at the age of 78 years, and his wife died July 29, 1879, at the age of 68 years. They were the parents of seven children, as follows: Eva, deceased, was the wife of Joseph Deta; Mathew, lives in California and is 91 years of age; George,

the subject of this sketch; Mary Alma, married Joseph Meiner, both deceased; John O., served throughout the Civil War with the 94th Illinois Volunteer Infantry, now deceased; Henry, deceased; and Catherine, the widow of Wayne Payne, lives at Bloomington.

George Ulmer came to the United States when he was 17 years old and worked in a machine shop at Philadelphia for several years before coming to Arrowsmith, Ill., where he owned and operated the first blacksmith shop. During the Civil War he enlisted in Company I, 94th Illinois Volunteer Infantry, which was known as the McLean Regiment, as it was composed entirely of McLean County men. Later the regiment was brigaded with the 19th Iowa and the 20th Wisconsin Infantry, forming the 2nd Brigade of the 3rd Division of the army of the frontier. Mr. Ulmer took part in 11 of the hardest fought battles of the war and was discharged from service on July 17, 1865. He is the only veteran of the Civil War now living in this community. After the close of the war, Mr. Ulmer returned to Arrowsmith, where he conducted his business for 25 years. He then retired to farming and for the past 30 years has engaged in general farming in Anchor Township. He owns 95 acres of land and a nice home, where he and his wife live retired.

On Jan. 2, 1887, Mr. Ulmer was married to Miss Minnie Miller, a native of Germany, born April 22, 1854, and the daughter of Henry and Minnie Miller. After coming to this country Mrs. Miller settled in Bloomington, Ill., where she lived for many years. She died June 20, 1910, and her husband died in Germany before she came to this country. They had three children, as follows: Mrs. Ulmer; Ferdinand, deceased; and Charles, a retired farmer, lives in South Dakota. To George and Minnie (Miller) Ulmer 10 children have been born, as follows: Ursula, married William Schleeter, a farmer, Anchor Township, McLean County; Ida, married Charles Hoffman, a farmer, Anchor Township; Emma, married Henry Hoffman, a farmer, Anchor Township; Ada, married William Beetzel, a farmer, lives in McLean County; George W., a farmer, lives on the home place; Harry B., cashier of The Anchor Bank, lives at Anchor, Ill.; Alva Roy, born Jan. 11, 1891, enlisted for service during the World War and served with Company L, 123rd Infantry, until the time of his death, Oct. 20, 1918, from influenza; Inez, bookkeeper at the Farmers Elevator at Anchor; Lucretia, lives at home; and Verna, married Lawrence Smith, garage owner of Anchor, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. Ulmer have 11 grandchildren.

Mrs. Ulmer has a half-brother, Gustave Kastoff, who is a prominent farmer at Colman, S. D.

George Ulmer is a Republican and a member of the United Brethren Church at Arrowsmith, which he helped organize. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and a highly respected member of his community.

DeWitt T. Armstrong, owner and proprietor of the Ernestine Grain and Stock Farm, of Blue Mound Township, is a representative farmer and stockman of McLean County. He was born in Woodford County, Ill.; May 15, 1892, and is a son of Edward and Angie (Sheppard) Armstrong.

Edward Armstrong was born in Woodford County, Ill., where he owned and operated 360 acres of land for many years. He now lives retired at Deer Creek, Ill. Mrs. Armstrong died in 1900. They were the parents of six children, as follows: Eva, married Albert Holmes, a farmer, lives in Texas; Guy, lives near El Paso, Ill.; Ada Pearl, deceased; Katherine, deceased; Edith Alice, married Jonathan Baker, druggist, lives in Lakewood, Ohio; and DeWitt T., the subject of this sketch.

DeWitt T. Armstrong was reared to manhood on his father's farm and received his education in the public schools. He entered the grain business in DeWitt County, Ill., in 1911, which he conducted for five years. He then purchased 155 acres of land in Blue Mound Township and since that time has made farming his chief occupation. Mr. Armstrong is well known as a breeder of pure bred China Poland hogs, Chester White hogs, Duroc Jersey hogs, and Shorthorn cattle, and he is also an extensive grain farmer.

On March 8, 1914, Mr. Armstrong was married to Miss Caroline E. Brumme, a native of Blue Mound Township, and was born on the farm where she now resides, on Feb. 22, 1893. Mrs. Armstrong was the daughter of George and Magdalene (Wolf) Brumme, the former a native of Baltimore, Md., and the latter of Germany. Mr. Brumme died in 1914 and his wife resides with Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong. They were the parents of five children, as follows: Frank J., a farmer, lives in Winnipeg, Canada; Bernard, deceased; Esther, married Harry Horine, a farmer lives in

Winnipeg, Canada; Mrs. Armstrong; and Erma M., married Walter Price, lives at Bloomington.

To DeWitt T. and Caroline E. (Brumme) Armstrong, four children have been born, as follows: Donald George, born Feb. 12, 1915; Bernard, born March 25, 1917; Geraldine, born Jan. 29, 1919; and Victor, born June 11, 1921.

Mr. Armstrong is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and is a Republican. He belongs to the Methodist Church and is a substantial and highly respected citizen of McLean County.

James Conery, who has been in the employ of the Chicago & Alton Railroad as passenger conductor for 13 years, is a native of McLean County. He was born at Chenoa, April 6, 1878, and is a son of Maurice and Margaret (Callahan) Conery.

Maurice Conery was born in Ireland in 1841 and came to the United States when he was 12 years old, locating in Bloomington. He later purchased 80 acres of land west of Chenoa which he farmed for many years. Mr. Conery served throughout the Civil War and was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. He was a Republican and a member of the Catholic Church. Mr. Conery died in 1915 and his wife died in 1911. They were the parents of six children as follows: William, lives in Chenoa; Eugene, deceased; James, the subject of this sketch; Maurice, also a conductor on the Chicago & Alton Railroad, lives at 505 South Lee Street, Bloomington; and Mary, married William Gregory, lives at Dwight, Ill.

James Conery was educated in the public schools of Chenoa and started life as a stockman. He later entered the employ of the Toledo, Peoria & Western Railroad as freight brakeman. He has been in the employ of the Chicago & Alton Railroad since Dec. 10, 1898. He has had the same passenger run between Bloomington and Joliet for 13 years. Mr. Conery owns a fine modern residence at 805 North Roosevelt Ave., Bloomington.

In 1903 Mr. Conery was married to Miss Anna Hodge, who was born in Pontiac, Ill., Oct. 12, 1881. To this union four children were born: Margaret, born Oct. 31, 1905; Virginia, born Sept. 15, 1907; Jane, born Jan. 12, 1910; and Phyllis, born April 1, 1912. Mrs. Conery died Dec. 28, 1912. On Nov. 29, 1922, Mr. Conery was married to Miss Anna Kane, a native of Chicago, born Sept. 10, 1893, and the daughter of Philip and Rose

(O'Brien) Kane, natives of Chicago. Mr. Kane lives retired. His wife died May 10, 1922. They were the parents of the following children: Michael, manager of the Sears, Roebuck Co., Chicago; Joseph and John, live in Chicago; and Mrs. Conery.

Mr. Conery is a Republican and a member of the Catholic Church. He is highly esteemed in his community.

Charles Johnson, a capable and trustworthy locomotive engineer on the Chicago & Alton Railroad, living at Bloomington, was born in that city, Nov. 22, 1885, and is the son of John and Bridget (Dixon) Johnson.

John Johnson was born in London, England, and came to America when he was a young man, locating in Bloomington, where he entered the employ of the Chicago & Alton Railroad. He was among the pioneer engineers of the road and was in the employ of this company for 50 years. Mr. Johnson was a staunch Democrat and a member of the Catholic Church. He died March 16, 1923, and his wife is also deceased. They were the parents of three children, as follows: John, deceased; Charles, the subject of this sketch; and Stella, married John Donavan, lives at Bloomington.

Charles Johnson received his education in the public schools of Bloomington and entered the employ of the Chicago & Alton Railroad as a young man. In November, 1916, he was promoted to engineer. He is unmarried and lives with his sister at 707 East Washington Street.

Mr. Johnson is a member of the Catholic Church and is esteemed as a reliable and dependable citizen of his community.

Estell Beatty, an efficient and well known engineer on the Chicago & Alton Railroad, living in Bloomington, was born at Virden, Ill., Jan. 17, 1890, and is the son of Joseph Francis and Mary Jane (Shanklin) Beatty.

Joseph Francis Beatty was born in Jersey County, Ill., and moved to Virden, Ill., after his marriage. Later, in 1895, he returned to Jersey County, where he followed general farming and stock raising. He served throughout the Civil War with an Illinois outfit and was crippled for life during the war. He was a Republican, a member of the Grand Army of

the Republic, and belonged to the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Beatty died June 3, 1904, and his wife died Jan. 9, 1911. They were the parents of nine children, as follows: Lila, married Edward Parks, lives at Girard, Ill.; Charles, died in infancy; Robert I., lives at Whitehall, Ill.; Alma, married John W. Swartz, lives in Florida; Perry, lives at Granite City, Ill.; Harry, a dentist, lives at Alton, Ill.; Viola, lives at Springfield, Ill.; Joseph, lives at Indianapolis, Ind.; and Estell, the subject of this sketch.

Estell Beatty was reared and educated at Virden, Ill., and when he was a young man entered the boiler shops of the Michigan Central Railroad at St. Louis. In 1909 he entered the employ of the Chicago & Alton Railroad as fireman and was promoted to engineer in 1918. He lives at 112 Packard Street.

Mr. Beatty was united in marriage with Miss Olga Lemme, a native of Bloomington, born March 9, 1893, and the daughter of R. W. and Clara (Behnke) Lemme, natives of Bloomington, where they now reside. There are seven children in the Lemme family, as follows: Mrs. Beatty; Charlotte, married Donald Harwood, lives in Michigan; Dora, deceased; Carl, lives in Bloomington; Arthur, lives at Peoria, Ill.; Rudolph, died in infancy; and Walter, a high school student. To Mr. and Mrs. Beatty two children have been born: Russell, and Charlotte.

Mr. Beatty is a member of the Christian Church and belongs to the Loyal Order of Moose. He is a highly esteemed young man of Bloomington and has many friends.

Edward Kerber, a young farmer of Blue Mound Township, is a native of McLean County. He was born in the Township where he now lives, Sept. 25, 1894, and is a son of Nicholas and Anna (Sutter) Kerber.

William Kerber, grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was among the earliest settlers of Blue Mound Township where he improved 320 acres of land. Nicholas Kerber, who died in April, 1907, was a leading farmer and stockman of this township for many years. Mrs. Kerber, a native of Towanda Township, McLean County, now resides in Bloomington. Mr. and Mrs. Kerber were the parents of the following children: Mary, married James Dwyer, lives at Lexington, Ill.; William, and Nicholas, farmers, live in South Dakota; Edward, the subject of this sketch; Philip, deceased; and Anna and Rosie, who live in Bloomington.

Edward Kerber received his education at Fletcher school in Blue Mound Township. He is an extensive grain farmer and also raises some stock.

Mr. Kerber was married to Miss Rosanna Dalton, a native of Towanda Township, born July 27, 1896. She is a daughter of Harry and Ellen (Callahan) Dalton, the former a well known farmer of Towanda Township. Mr. and Mrs. Dalton are the parents of the following children: Mary, married Michael Kerber, a retired farmer; Ellen and Gertrude, at home; Mrs. Kerber; Henry, a farmer, lives in Bellflower Township, McLean County; and Theresa and Frances, both at home. To Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kerber two children have been born: Mary Agnes, born Nov. 8, 1919, and Veronica, born March 12, 1923.

Mr. Kerber is a member of the Catholic Church, and is favorably known in McLean County.

Herbert W. Crowder, a substantial citizen of Bloomington, was born at Carlinville, Ill., Jan. 8, 1877, the son of John Warren and Jennie (England) Crowder.

John Warren Crowder is among the pioneer railroad men of McLean County. He entered the employ of the Chicago and Alton Railroad when he was 18 years old and remained with that company until 12 years ago. He is now a brakeman on the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railroad, and lives at Joliet. His wife died March 20, 1900. Mr. and Mrs. Crowder had five children, as follows: Herbert W., the subject of this sketch; Thomas Clinton, lives in Chicago; Addie May, deceased, was the wife of Martin Ryan, who lives at Joliet; Lulu, died at the age of 16 years; and John Franklin, lives at Joliet.

Herbert W. Crowder received his education in the public schools and has been in the employ of the Chicago & Alton Railroad since 1900. He began as a brakeman and in 1905 was made conductor on a local freight train.

On Dec. 25, 1901, Mr. Crowder was married to Miss Frances Dorothy, a native of Dawson, Ill., born Jan. 5, 1884. To this union three children were born: Dorothy, born March 24, 1904, lives at Decatur, Ill.; Dean, born Dec. 10, 1911; and Herbert W. Jr., born May 29, 1913. Mrs. Crowder died Jan. 18, 1917. On Aug. 17, 1918, Mr. Crowder was married to Miss

Anna Rosenbaum, who was born in Germany, March 4, 1878, the daughter of Carl M. and Matilda (Bent) Rosenbaum, natives of Germany. Mr. Rosenbaum, who died Sept. 1, 1913, was in the employ of the Chicago & Alton Railroad for many years. His wife died March 4, 1911. They were the parents of seven children: Carl, chief deputy sheriff, of Joliet, Ill.; Fred, twin brother of Carl, lives at Moline, Ill.; William, deceased; Mrs. Crowder; Martha, married Albert Hayes, lives in Bloomington; Tillie, married James Worth, lives in Bloomington; and Walter, deceased.

Mr. Crowder is a member of the Christian Church and belongs to the Loyal Order of Moose. He and his family are well and favorably known in Bloomington.

J. F. Saxton, a prosperous farmer and stockman of West Township, and the owner of 547 acres of good farm land, was born in Harrison County, Ohio, Jan. 11, 1860, and is the son of Thomas A. and Mary Jane (Healea) Saxton.

Thomas A. Saxton was born in Harrison County, Ohio, as also was his wife. He was born in 1827 and she during the same year. The Saxton family came to Illinois in 1864, locating on land in West Township, where Mr. Saxton purchased 160 acres. In 1870 they moved to the farm now owned by their son, W. F. Saxton. Mr. Saxton died in 1890 and his wife died in 1900. They were the parents of the following children: Sarah M. Grizzell, died in Kansas; Mary, deceased; George, died in infancy; J. F., the subject of this sketch; and W. F., a farmer, lives in West Township, McLean County.

J. F. Saxton spent his boyhood on his father's farm and has always followed general farming and stock raising. He was in partnership with William, his brother, for a number of years. Mr. Saxton is well known as a breeder of sheep and his farm is among the fine stock farms of West Township.

On Dec. 21, 1893, Mr. Saxton was united in marriage with Miss Della M. Arrowsmith, a native of LeRoy, Ill., born May 24, 1874, and the daughter of Ross and Mary (Hefling) Arrowsmith, natives of Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Arrowsmith had five children, as follows: Mrs. Saxton; John L., deceased; Vauna Balf, deceased; Ethel, married Vauna's husband; and Otis, lives on the home places near LeRoy, Ill. To J. F. and Della M.



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(Arrowsmith) Saxton three children were born, as follows: Guy, died in infancy; Jessie Agnes, wife of Keith Swigart, lives in West Township, McLean County, and they have two children, June Aldine and Henrietta; and Ruth Marie, attends school. Mrs. Saxton died Dec. 23, 1915, and is buried in Oak Grove Cemetery at LeRoy.

Mr. Saxton is a Democrat and has served as tax collector and road commissioner for a number of years. He is a member of the Methodist Church and a capable and reliable citizen of his community.

George Allen Davidson, a well known conductor on the Chicago & Alton Railroad, living in Bloomington, is a native of Illinois. He was born July 19, 1880, and is a son of Albert and Polyanna (Becham) Davidson.

Albert Davidson, now living retired at Casey, Ill., is among the pioneers of Illinois. He was born in Pennsylvania and removed to Illinois at an early date, where he was successfully engaged in farming for many years. Mr. Davidson was a contractor and built a government ditch in Jackson County, Mo. While doing this work he used 20 yoke of oxen in one team. Mr. Davidson is a Democrat and a member of the Baptist church, of which he has served as trustee for a number of years. His wife died July 26, 1913. There were five children in the Davidson family, as follows: William and James, live at Casey, Ill.; George Allen, the subject of this sketch; Lizzie, married Edward Weaver, lives at Greenup, Ill.; and Rev. Harry Davidson, lives at Casey, Ill.

George Allen Davidson attended the public schools, after which he worked in the oil fields for three and one-half years. He entered the employ of the Chicago & Alton Railroad on Sept. 8, 1910, having previously been engaged in railroad work in the west. On Dec. 31, 1918, Mr. Davidson was promoted to conductor, in which capacity he is now serving.

Mr. Davidson was married on Dec. 17, 1912, to Mrs. Lillian Craig, a native of Illinois, born Feb. 17, 1882, and the daughter of J. F. and Martha (Stoltz) Kniest, residents of St. Louis. Mr. Kniest was employed in the construction of the Eads Bridge in St. Louis and was foreman during the building of the Nelson Morris Packing Plant in that city. He suffered severe injuries during the St. Louis cyclone of May 27, 1896, and was between life and death for many weeks. Mr. and Mrs. Kniest have six children, as follows: Mrs. Davidson; Elizabeth, married Herman Scamas, lives

in St. Louis; Fred, lives in St. Louis; Emma, married Leo Brandstter, lives at Alton, Ill.; Amelia, married William Reichneider, lives in St. Louis; and Edward. Edward Kniest enlisted for service during the World War and served with Company B, 341st Machine Gun Battalion for two years and seven months. He spent 18 months overseas and was wounded twice during the battle of the Argonne. He was also gassed. After the close of the war Mr. Kniest went into Germany with the Army of Occupation. By her former marriage, Mrs. Davidson has a son, Irvin I., born March 3, 1900. Irvin I. Craig was married on March 26, 1921, to Miss Ethel Reibe, and they live in Bloomington.

Mr. Davidson is a Democrat and he and his wife are members of the Park Methodist Episcopal Church of Bloomington. He is a member of the Order of Railway Conductors No. 87 of Bloomington. Mr. Davidson is a substantial citizen and deservedly stands high in the estimation of his friends and acquaintances.

John B. Davidson, known in Bloomington as a progressive and enterprising citizen, was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., June 26, 1881, and is the son of William and Mary (Irvin) Davidson.

William Davidson, a native of Ireland, who now lives retired with his son, John B., was an Evangelist minister for many years. His wife died July 18, 1921. There were 13 children in the Davidson family, as follows: James, deceased; Anna, the widow of William Little; Jennie, Emma, John, and William, deceased; John B., the subject of this sketch; Thornton, lives retired in Florida; May, married Harry Murnaham, lives in Cincinnati, Ohio; John, deceased; and five children died in infancy.

John B. Davidson was educated in Ohio, where his parents moved when he was a boy. He followed farming for several years, and then engaged in railroad work. Since 1910 Mr. Davidson has been in the employ of the Chicago & Alton Railroad and on Dec. 18, 1918, was promoted to passenger conductor. He and his family live at 504 West Empire Street.

On July 3, 1902, Mr. Davidson was united in marriage with Miss Canzanda Stewart, a native of Kentucky, born Nov. 25, 1880, and the daughter of James and Lida (Farmer) Stewart, natives of Kentucky. Mr. Stewart died March 13, 1920, and his wife lives in Kentucky and is 69 years of age. They had 12 children, as follows: Samuel, lives in Kentucky; Mary, mar-

ried Mance Hamilton, lives in Kentucky; Sarah, married John Baker, lives in Kentucky; Balzora, married J. F. Edwards, lives in Tennessee; Mrs. Davidson; Lenora, married Luther Sears, lives in Bloomington; Lonzo, lives in Kentucky; Melvin, lives in Kentucky; Pearl, married Howard Todd, also lives in Kentucky; Ida, deceased; and Minnie, deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Davidson have one daughter, Minnie, born April 22, 1903. She was married on Dec. 28, 1920, to Al Homer, and they reside in Ohio.

Mr. Davidson is a Republican, a member of the Baptist Church, and belongs to the Knights of Pythias and the Loyal Order of Moose.

Lee P. Paul, whose residence is 404 North Allin Street, Bloomington, is a native of McLean County. He was born at Lexington, March 18, 1883, and is the oldest son of Frank A. and Virginia (Arbogast) Paul.

Frank A. Paul was a son of Henry and Catherine Paul. Virginia Paul was the youngest daughter of Benjamin and Cynthias Arbogast. Mr. and Mrs. Paul were born at Lexington, Ill., where they spent their entire lives. He served as marshal and constable in Lexington for a number of years. Mr. Paul also operated a dray line. Mr. and Mrs. Paul had four children: Lee, the subject of this sketch; Ruby, married B. F. Harrison, lives at Clinton, Ill.; John, lives at Lexington, Ill.; and Donald, who lives at Pasadena, Calif. John Paul served throughout the World War in the United States Navy, and is now an engineer for the Conway Construction Company. His brother, Donald, also served throughout the World War, being stationed at Fort Wright in charge of searchlights, and later was transferred to the Electrical School at Fort Monroe, Va., where he remained until the close of the war.

Lee P. Paul was reared in Lexington and received his education in the public schools there. In 1902 he entered the employ of the Chicago & Alton Railroad Company as a fireman. On Oct. 1, 1904, he entered the government mail service, but in 1909 returned to the Chicago & Alton Road. Mr. Paul was promoted to run an engine in 1917 and is known as a capable and trustworthy engineer.

On Oct. 10, 1905, Mr. Paul was married to Miss Sadie Stansbury, a daughter of Ellis and Ida (Brown) Stansbury. Miss Stansbury was born July 3, 1882, and is a native of Saybrook, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. Stansbury are natives of Illinois and have lived in Bloomington since 1888. They are the

parents of seven children: Mrs. Paul; Wayne, deceased; Neil, lives at 616 E. Oakland Avenue, Bloomington; Dean, deceased; Lora, married Ellis Lawbaugh, lives in Bloomington; Eva, married Homer Orendorff, lives at Randolph, Ill.; and one child died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Paul have two children; Lola, and Donald. Lola was born Oct. 5, 1906, was educated in the Bloomington public schools and was graduated from Brown's Business College. Donald was born June 1, 1916, and is attending the public schools.

Mr. Paul is not affiliated with any political party, but it has always been his policy to vote for the man he thought best qualified for the office they were seeking. He and his wife are members of the Baptist church. He is a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen; Wade Barney Lodge, No. 512, A. F. & A. M.; Bloomington Consistory; Mohammed Shrine; and Keystone Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, No. 619. Mrs. Paul is a member of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen and of the Keystone Chapter, No. 619, Order of the Eastern Star, and Brotherhood of American Yeomen.

John B. Forrest, owner of Snook Lawn Stock Farm in West Township, is a progressive farmer and stockman of McLean County. He was born at Springfield, Ohio, July 10, 1863, the son of Hanson Thomas and Nancy M. (Snook) Forrest.

Hanson Thomas Forrest was a native of Hagerstown, Md., born Dec. 24, 1835, and at the age of 23 years he came to Ohio, where he engaged in farming in Clark County. On Dec. 25, 1854, Mr. Forrest was married to Miss Nancy M. Snook, a native of Ohio, born May 22, 1843, and the daughter of George William Snook, a native of Maryland. In 1873 the Forrest family moved to Illinois, locating in McLean County. Mr. Forrest became a prosperous farmer and at one time owned over 500 acres of land. Mr. and Mrs. Forrest, deceased, were the parents of ten children, as follows: George, lives in Minnesota; John, the subject of this sketch; Celesta Barr, lives in Minnesota; Irvin, lives in Illinois; one child died in infancy; Emra, lives at LuVerne, Ill.; Mary Cross, deceased; Alva, lives at Arrowsmith, Ill.; Perley, lives on the home place; and Blaine, lives at Bloomington, Ill.

John B. Forrest was reared on his father's farm and attended the district schools. He has lived on his present farm since 1915, and owns



JOHN FORREST

240 acres of well improved land. Mr. Forrest was an extensive breeder of pure bred stock and also raises grain. His farm is named after George W. Snook, grandfather of Mrs. Forrest.

In politics, Mr. Forrest is identified with the Republican party. He is an industrious and energetic farmer, highly esteemed in his neighborhood.

Willard Burns, known in Bloomington as an enterprising young man, was born at Mansfield, in Piatt County, Ill., Jan. 2, 1900, and is a son of James E. and Mary (Adams) Burns.

James E. Burns was born in Omaha, Neb., Dec. 28, 1873, and his wife is a native of Illinois. Mr. Burns came to McLean County in 1913. He and his family live at 402 West Grove Street, Bloomington. There are three children in the Burns family: Lottie, married J. D. Shields, lives in Bloomington; Willard, the subject of this sketch; and Josephine Gertrude, deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Burns have one grandchild, James Edward Shields, who was born April 5, 1916.

Willard Burns received his education in the public schools of Bloomington and when a young man entered the employ of the Postal Telegraph Company as a telegraph operator. He has been employed as caller by the Chicago & Alton Railroad since 1918. Mr. Burns is greatly interested in radio and has constructed his wireless outfit.

On Aug. 17, 1923, Mr. Burns was married to Miss Zula Ping, who was born in Pulaski County, Ky., April 19, 1902. Mr. and Mrs. Burns reside with his parents.

Robert Barniville is one of the oldest engineers on the Chicago & Alton Railroad, in years of service. He was born in Bloomington, in January, 1857, and is the son of Thomas and Bridget (Dunn) Barniville.

Thomas Barniville was a native of Ireland, as also was his wife. They came to America at an early date and were among the first settlers of Bloomington, where Mr. Barniville entered the employ of the Chicago & Alton Railroad, as a blacksmith. He was a staunch Democrat and a member of the Catholic Church. Mr. Barniville died in 1903 and his wife died in 1917. They were the parents of ten children, as follows: Mary, mar-

ried Malcolm Gordon, both deceased; Catherine, lives with her brother, Robert; Robert, the subject of this sketch; Rose, lives in Bloomington; John, a conductor on the Chicago & Alton Railroad, now deceased; Margaret, also lives with her brother, Robert; Simon, lives in Chicago; Edward, deceased; Charles, lives in Bloomington; and William J., who was killed in a wreck on the Chicago & Alton Railroad at Odell, Ill. He was a conductor.

Robert Barniville was reared and educated in Bloomington and after clerking in the grocery store of O'Neill Bros. for 11 years, he entered the employ of the Chicago & Alton Railroad on Sept. 11, 1883. In 1892 he was promoted to engineer. The Barniville home is located at 704 North Oak Street, Bloomington.

Mr. Barniville is unmarried. He is a Democrat and a member of the Catholic Church. Mr. Barniville is an excellent citizen and one of the reliable and trustworthy men in his line of work.

Fred C. Bulta, a progressive farmer and stockman of Arrowsmith Township, is a member of one of McLean County's prominent pioneer families. He was born in Arrowsmith Township, April 5, 1870, and is the son of Frederick and Jane (Maurice) Bulta, whose complete life history appears in this volume with the sketch of their daughters, Mary E. and Roselia Bulta.

Fred C. Bulta has followed general farming and stock raising since he was a young man and now owns 240 acres of good farm land in Arrowsmith Township. He raises good stock and for a number of years was a cattle feeder.

On Dec. 25, 1895, Mr. Bulta was married to Miss Almeda Kiser, who was born March 12, 1876, the daughter of Martin and Elsie Kiser. She died Sept. 3, 1898, leaving one son, Guy G., born in 1896, who is a farmer in Arrowsmith Township. On Oct. 10, 1900, Mr. Bulta was united in marriage with Miss Celia Snedden, who was born at Peoria, Ill., Dec. 15, 1879, the daughter of James and Margaret (Gebbie) Snedden. Mr. Snedden, a native of Scotland, was born Oct. 19, 1839, and died Oct. 22, 1917. His wife also died the same year. Mr. and Mrs. Snedden were the parents of 12 children, as follows: Richard, deceased; Thomas, lives at Peoria, Ill.; John, also lives at Peoria, Ill.; Jean, lives in Indiana; Thomas, lives

at Peoria, Ill.; James, lives at Peoria; Margaret, Peoria, Ill.; Mrs. Builta; Mary Cook, Indiana; George and Jeanette, twins, live at Peoria; and Elizabeth, deceased. To Fred and Celia (Snedden) Builta seven children have been born: Eva West, born Jan. 2, 1902, lives in Arrowsmith Township; Verna May, born March 5, 1904, a music teacher, now the wife of Roy Smith, Arrowsmith, Ill.; Lucile, born April 14, 1906; Charles F., born Jan. 31, 1908; James A., born Oct. 6, 1910; Margaret E., born Aug. 28, 1915; and Russell Wayne, born Sept. 26, 1917.

Mr. Builta is a Republican, a member of the Christian Church, and belongs to the Masonic Lodge. He is a good farmer and a citizen of material worth to his community.

Mary E. and Roselia Jane Builta, two of the well-known women of Arrowsmith, are members of an honored pioneer family of Illinois, and are the daughters of Frederick and Jane (Maurice) Builta.

Henry and Mary Builta, the parents of Frederick Builta, were natives of Germany and came to the United States in 1834. They first located in Peoria County, Ill., and in 1836 went to Woodford County, settling in the vicinity of Congerville, where the remainder of their lives were spent. Jane (Maurice) Builta, the wife of Frederick Builta, was a sister of Thomas W. Maurice.

Frederick Builta was born in Prussia, Germany, Nov. 28, 1824, and ten years later came to this country with his parents. He lived in Woodford County until 1863, at which time he took up his residence in McLean County, settling on a farm of 160 acres in Arrowsmith Township. To this he added until he was the owner of 226 acres at the time of his death, on Aug. 27, 1899. His wife died Dec. 7, 1914. Mr. and Mrs. Builta were the parents of nine children, as follows: John H., born Oct. 4, 1851, died Dec. 30, 1909; Thomas W., died in infancy; George A., born Jan. 9, 1855, lives near Arrowsmith; Roselia Jane, born Jan. 18, 1857, lives at Arrowsmith; David M., born Oct. 30, 1859, died Feb. 27, 1922; Mary E., born April 8, 1862, Arrowsmith; Abraham L., born Dec. 22, 1863, lives at Ellsworth, Ill.; Sarah A. Hileman, born Dec. 17, 1865, lives in Bloomington; and Fred C., born April 5, 1870, lives at Arrowsmith. Mr. and Mrs. Builta were charter members of the Christian Church. He was a Mason.

Miss Mary E. Builta was reared and educated in Arrowsmith and, after attending Illinois State Normal University, engaged in teaching.

She taught in the rural schools 18 years, the schools at Arrowsmith six years, and retired in 1906. She is now serving as a member of the school board. Miss Builta was instrumental in obtaining the first school library in Arrowsmith. She has been a reporter on the Pantagraph in Bloomington since 1916. Miss Builta is a member of the Christian Church at Arrowsmith and has taught Sunday school for 30 years. At the Builta home there is an unusual picture containing four generations of the family, and each generation is represented by three members.

Roselia Jane Builta remained with her parents until their death. She is now living with her sister, Mary E. They own 80 acres of well improved land one and one-half miles south of Arrowsmith.

George A. Builta is a substantial farmer and stockman of McLean County and the owner of 320 acres of well improved land in Arrowsmith Township. He was born near El Paso, Woodford County, Ill., Jan. 9, 1855, and is the son of Frederick and Jane (Maurice) Builta. A complete sketch of the ancestry of the Builta family appears in the sketch of Mary E. Builta.

George A. Builta was reared on the farm and received his education in the district schools. He has always devoted his attention to farming and now owns one of the fine stock farms of Arrowsmith Township. He has Poland China hogs and is also an extensive feeder of stock.

On March 3, 1897, Mr. Builta was united in marriage with Miss Gertrude Martin, a native of Lexington, Ill., born Jan. 22, 1877, and the daughter of James and Martha (Matlock) Martin, natives of McLean County. Mr. Martin was born Sept. 12, 1851, the son of Creighton Martin, whose father came to this country from Ireland. Martha (Matlick) Martin, was born March 26, 1857, the daughter of James and Evaline (Hensley) Matlock. Mr. and Mrs. James Martin reside on the old homestead in Lexington township. This homestead has been handed down through the Martin family since 1849. Besides Mrs. Builta, they have another daughter, Lucy Myrtle Malcom, born July 17, 1881. Mr. and Mrs. Builta have no children.

Mr. Builta is identified with the Republican party in politics and has served as road commissioner. He is vice president of the Arrowsmith Bank as well as director. Mr. Builta is a member of the Christian Church and is one of the representative citizens of his community.



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A. W. Wersch, a well known locomotive engineer on the Chicago & Alton Railroad, living in Bloomington, was born in that city, June 5, 1878, and is a son of Casper and Bertha (Burkholtz) Wersch.

Casper Wersch was a native of Switzerland. He came to this country with his parents when he was ten years of age and they settled in Bloomington. He served throughout the Civil War and died April 28, 1911. His wife, who was born in Berlin, Germany, lives in Bloomington with her daughter, Josephine. There were six children in the Wersch family: Josephine, married Jabus Scelton, lives in Bloomington; Erwin, deceased; Ida, married August Sablotske, lives at Des Moines, Ia.; Tillie, deceased; A. W., the subject of this sketch, and Elmer, an engineer on the Chicago & Alton Railroad, lives at Bloomington.

A. W. Wersch has always lived in Bloomington. He attended the third ward school and entered the employ of the Chicago & Alton Railroad in 1896. In 1900 he became a fireman and five years later was promoted to engineer.

On Oct. 28, 1909, Mr. Wersch was united in marriage with Miss Alice M. Strimple, a native of Bloomington, and the daughter of Adolphus and Susan (Wolley) Strimple, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of McLean County. Mr. Strimple was a Civil War veteran and died Oct. 28, 1921. His widow lives at 608 North Oak Street, Bloomington. Mrs. Wersch is their only child. To A. W. and Alice M. (Strimple) Wersch one child has been born, Ralph L., born Feb. 9, 1911.

Mr. Wersch is a Republican, a member of the Christian Church, and belongs to the Masonic lodge. He is a man esteemed for his reliability and industry.

Pliny E. Brust, a locomotive engineer on the Chicago & Alton Railroad, out of Bloomington, since 1903, was born in Logan County, Ill., on Oct. 26, 1876, and is the son of Conrad and Minerva (Burdick) Brust.

Conrad Brust was a native of Ohio and came to Illinois in 1865, locating on a farm in Logan County. He served throughout the Civil War with an Ohio outfit and died March 23, 1921. His wife, a native of Wisconsin, died May 8, 1912. They were the parents of the following children: Pliny, the subject of this sketch; Myrtle, deceased; Sadie, married Frank Albright, lives at Lincoln, Ill.; Lee, lives at Springfield, Ill.; Vincent, lives in Michigan; Mabel, married Frank Stirt, lives in Chicago; and Gilmore,

lives in Bloomington. There are four half-brothers and sisters: Jacob, lives in Logan County, Ill.; Lizzie, married John Cuzer, lives in Nebraska; John, lives in Minnesota; and Henry, lives in Livingston County, Ill.

Pliny Brust attended Hopedale school, in Logan County, and started life railroading with the Chicago & Alton Railroad. He began as a fireman and on Aug. 17, 1903, was promoted to engineer.

Mr. Brust was married March 12, 1898, to Miss Iva Gallion, the daughter of E. H. and Martha (Hagar) Gallion, the former a native of Tennessee and the latter of Kentucky. Mr. Gallion died in 1912 and his wife died in 1919. They were the parents of five children. Mr. and Mrs. Brust have four children: Lucille, married Kirk Strange, lives in Detroit, Mich.; Ernest, a veteran of the World War having served in the navy, now living in Bloomington, where he is employed as a fireman on the Chicago & Alton Railroad; Margaret, and Martha Frances.

Mr. Brust is a Democrat and he and his family are members of the Christian Church. He has made a successful record in his work and is a thoroughly capable man.

James M. Herman, conductor on the Chicago & Alton Railroad, is a substantial citizen of Bloomington. He was born in South Carolina, April 15, 1876, and is a son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Thorne) Herman.

Daniel Herman and his wife were born in North Carolina and shortly after their marriage removed to South Carolina where Mr. Herman engaged in farming. He served throughout the Civil War and is now deceased. His wife died in 1901. There were four children in the Herman family: Mary, deceased; Margaret, married John Lilly, lives in Arkansas; George, lives in North Carolina, and James M., the subject of this sketch.

James M. Herman was reared and educated in North Carolina and started life on a truck farm which was owned by George W. Vanderbilt. In 1902 he began railroading in the South, and in 1910 entered the employ of the Chicago & Alton Railroad as conductor.

On Aug. 27, 1895, Mr. Herman was married to Miss Susan Brady, a native of North Carolina, born Jan. 22, 1878. To this union four children were born; Lucy, born June 5, 1897, married C. McNutt, lives in Bloomington; Iola, born Oct. 11, 1898, died July 10, 1906; James F., born April 18, 1900, died Nov. 14, 1901; and Eugenia, born Jan. 4, 1902, married M. Bev-

ans, lives in Bloomington. Mrs. Herman died March 10, 1904. Mr. Herman has three grandchildren: James and Betty McNutt, and Martha Jane Bevans.

Mr. Herman is a member of the Christian Church and belongs to the Masonic lodge. He is a capable and industrious man, who is highly esteemed in his community.

J. T. Bunney, a prominent farmer of Bellflower Township, now living retired at Bellflower, Ill., is a native of Illinois. He was born at Heyworth, Sept. 17, 1857, the son of George and Sarah (Tomblin) Bunney.

George Bunney and his wife were natives of England and came to this country shortly after their marriage. They settled at Heyworth, Ill., where Mr. Bunney was employed by Campbell Wakefield, grandfather of Dr. Wakefield, of Heyworth. Later Mr. Bunney moved to a farm in Bellflower Township, where he died. Mrs. Bunney is also deceased. They were the parents of the following children: Sarah, Elizabeth, and Anne, deceased; George W., lives at Shelbyville, Mo.; J. T., the subject of this sketch; John Bunney, Windsor, Mo.; Mary Osborne, lives at Fisher, Ill.; Winfield, lives in Missouri; Wakefield, twin brother of Winfield, lives in Minnesota; and Emma Barr, lives at Gibson City, Ill.

J. T. Bunney spent his boyhood on his father's farm and was educated in the district schools of McLean County. He engaged in farming at the age of 21 years and owns 360 acres of land in Bellflower Township. He was successfully engaged in general farming and stock raising until he retired from active farm work in 1913, when he moved to Bellflower.

In 1882 Mr. Bunney was married to Miss Melissa Knox, a native of Iowa, born Feb. 23, 1860, and the daughter of John and Rachael (Keeler) Knox. Mr. and Mrs. Knox were the parents of eight children, as follows: Marion, deceased; Eliza, lives with Mr. and Mrs. Bunney; John; George; Joseph, lives in Michigan; Jennie Howard, lives at LeRoy, Ill.; Lewis Henry; and Mrs. Bunney.

To J. T. and Melissa (Knox) Bunney four children have been born, as follows: Porter W., was killed in a railroad accident, Nov. 6, 1922, leaving a widow and four children, James, Dale, Merl and Boule; Frank E., at home; George Elmer, lives in Bellflower Township; and Mary Ellen

Nelson, lives near Gibson, Ill. Frank Bunney has one child, Orvin, and George Elmer Bunney has two daughters, Juinata and Eunice.

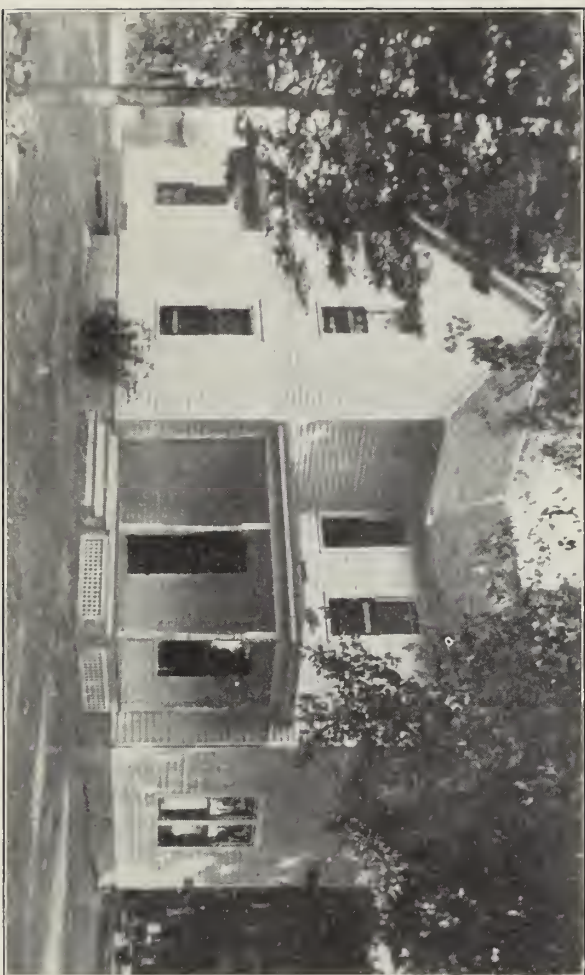
J. T. Bunney is a Republican and has served as school director for 15 years. He is a member of the Methodist Church at Bellflower, and belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America. Mr. Bunney is one of the substantial men of his community.

Charles F. Umstattd, who has lived on the same farm in West Township since 1892, is a successful farmer of McLean County. He was born at Bloomington, Ind., July 22, 1855, and came to Illinois with his parents in 1860. Mr. Umstattd is a son of James A. and S. F. (Berry) Umstattd, the former a native of Bloomington, Ind., and the latter of Kentucky.

James A. Umstattd was born in 1828 and was an early settler of McLean County, where he engaged in general farming and stock raising in Arrowsmith Township. He retired in 1898 and now lives with his daughter, Anna Robertson, in Rockyford, Colo. Mrs. James A. Umstattd was born Oct. 19, 1831, and died in 1912. She was a daughter of William and Nancy (Musgrave) Berry. Mr. and Mrs. Umstattd had seven children, as follows: Milton, deceased; Charles F., the subject of this sketch; Emma J. and Sarah Eliza, deceased; Anna Robertson, lives in Colorado; John, deceased; and C. L., lives retired in Colorado.

Charles F. Umstattd was educated in the schools of Arrowsmith and attended Eureka preparatory school. He then taught school for five years in McLean County, after which he engaged in general farming and stock raising on his present farm in West Township. Mr. Umstattd owns 205 acres of good farm land and specializes in the breeding of registered Chester White hogs. He has made substantial improvements on his place and has a good residence, barns, and the place is otherwise improved.

On Sept. 11, 1880, Mr. Umstattd was married to Miss Alice Oneal, a native of Arrowsmith Township, McLean County, born July 19, 1860, and the daughter of Samuel and Mary Oneal. She died Dec. 2, 1884. To this union one child was born, Arthur, who lives in Michigan. On March 11, 1889, Charles F. Umstattd was married to Miss Winnie Hill, the daughter of George and Elmira Hill, and to this union one child was born, Frank, born July 2, 1905, and he lives at Pompeii, Mich. Winnie (Hill) Umstattd



RESIDENCE OF CHARLES F. UNSTADT

died Aug. 25, 1906. Mr. Umstattd was married the third time to Miss Sallie Whisman, a native of Arrowsmith, Ill., born April 9, 1876, and the daughter of Thomas Jefferson and Eliza (Fry) Whisman. Mr. and Mrs. Umstattd have two children, James A. and Joseph M., both at home.

Mr. Umstattd is a Democrat and has served as school director 25 years. He is a member of the Christian Church and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen of America. He is one of the highly respected and dependable pioneer citizens of McLean County.

John Howard Burnham, of Bloomington, Illinois, was born at Essex, Mass., a little town which was taken off from Old Ipswich in 1819. His father was John Burnham, who inherited the home of John Burnham who emigrated from Norwich, England, to Ipswich in 1634. His mother was Sarah Choate Perkins, who was a first cousin to Rufus Choate, the great New England lawyer and orator. His paternal grandmother was a Goodhue. His maternal grandmother was a Choate, and Mr. Burnham possesses genealogies of the families of Burnham, Perkins, Choate and Goodhue, carrying his history back to the old English homes.

Mr. Burnham emigrated to Barrington, Cook County, Ill., in 1855. In 1858 he entered the State Normal University at Bloomington, from which he graduated in 1861, being the first Cook County graduate at that institution. The young men at Normal enlisted Aug. 20, 1861, in Company A of the Thirty-third Illinois Infantry. Mr. Burnham became First Lieutenant of this splendid student company, and by the later elevation of its commander he was promoted to be its captain, Sept. 5, 1862, serving until obliged from ill health to leave the service in 1863. For one year he was superintendent of schools in Bloomington, when he resigned to become editor of the Bloomington Pantagraph, then in its tenth year, where he remained almost three years.

In 1867 he commenced contracting for county and township iron highway bridges and other structures, a line of business in which during over forty years he pioneered the introduction of improved bridges in one-half the counties of this state and in many of the counties of Wisconsin. He thus acquired a very extensive and intimate acquaintance with the geography of the state and with very many of its leading citizens, as well as with much of the state's local and other history.

Mr. Burnham had antiquarian and historic tastes. In the intervals between business cares he wrote in 1879 and 1880 a history of Bloomington and Normal, and thus placed on record a great amount of historical information relating to these two important municipalities and concerning the early history of McLean County. In 1892 he was one of the most active citizens to organize the McLean County Historical Society. This society has published three important volumes of its transactions, all of which were benefited by Mr. Burnham's careful foresight during their publication. He has continued to be chairman of its executive committee for 22 years.

He became corresponding member of the Chicago Historical Society in 1882, and in 1900 he was one of the organizers of the Illinois State Historical Society. He was one of its most active directors during the 15 years of the Society's history. Through his extensive acquaintance in Illinois, during the early days of the Society his assistance was of considerable importance. His paper on the Destruction of Kaskaskia by the Mississippi River is his most important historical contribution to the society's publications, though his enthusiastic paper at the society's first annual meeting on "Local Historical Societies; Their Field of Work and Their Relation to the State Society," may possibly have been of more real importance to the society's welfare.

Jan. 23, 1866, Mr. Burnham married Miss Almira S. Ives, daughter of A. B. Ives, of Bloomington, who was one of its best known citizens. He was a son of Almon Ives, a pioneer of Kendall County, Ill. Mrs. Burnham was born in the same county and came to Bloomington with her father in 1853. They have no children. She is an artist of more than local reputation. Mr. Burnham passed away Jan. 20, 1917.

Albert Fulton, a well known retired farmer of McLean County, now living in Heyworth in Randolph Township, is a member of one of the pioneer families of the county. He was born at Bloomington, Ill., April 6, 1855, the son of James and Mary (Boyd) Fulton.

James Fulton was born in Harrison County, Ohio, Sept. 10, 1826. He was a son of William Fulton Sr., who was born in Westmorland County, Pa., Dec. 24, 1792, and was a soldier in the War of 1812. He settled near Bloomington, Ill., in 1852, and died Feb. 18, 1871, and is buried in Bloomington. He was a full cousin of Robert Fulton, the inventor of the steam-

boat. William Fulton Sr., was twice married, his first wife being Leah Thompson of Harrison County, Ohio, and one child, Samuel T., was born to that marriage. His second marriage was to Mary Moore, also of Harrison County, Ohio, and to that marriage the following children were born: William, Jr.; James; Robert and Sarah.

James Fulton came to Illinois in 1852 and settled on a farm one and one-half miles east of court house at Bloomington and with his father and brothers purchased 160 acres of land at \$30 per acre. Mr. Fulton entered the mercantile business in Old Town Township, in 1854, later in Randolph Township in 1868, he located on a farm in Downs Township. He died Sept. 6, 1892. To James and Mary (Boyd) Fulton two children were born, as follows: Eliza A. Black, lives in Harrison County, Ohio; and Albert, the subject of this sketch. After the death of his first wife, Aug. 1, 1856, Mr. Fulton was later married to Miss Mary Emma Bishop, a native of Randolph Township, McLean County, the daughter of Jacob and Mary Bishop. She was born in 1836 and died July 7, 1908. To this second union, the following children were born: Belle, married A. J. Welch, lives at Bloomington; John and Elizabeth, died in infancy; Mattie, married Joseph Brown, lives at Heyworth, Ill.; and James F., a farmer, lives on the home place.

Albert Fulton received his education in the schools of Bloomington and was reared by his grandparents. He engaged in farming in 1880 in Downs Township, McLean County, where he owns a well improved farm of 100 acres.

On Oct. 13, 1880, Mr. Fulton was united in marriage with Miss Mattie Morrow, a native of Clinton County, Ohio, born March 1, 1858, and the daughter of Almon and Ruth (Templin) Morrow.

Almon Morrow was born in Clinton County, Ohio, in 1829, and came to Illinois in 1860. He enlisted at Bloomington during the Civil War with Company B, 94th Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and served throughout the war. Mr. Morrow died April 9, 1903, and his wife died June 11, 1902. They were the parents of three children, as follows: Mrs. Fulton; Alice and Owen C., deceased.

To Albert Fulton and Mattie (Morrow) Fulton five children have been born, as follows: Maud, born Aug. 2, 1881, deceased; Elmer, born Oct. 9, 1884, a farmer, lives on mother's farm in Randolph Township, near Heyworth, Ill.; Mary M. Collier, living on the home farm in Downs Township, who by a former marriage to Fred Marker, has one child, Charles

A. Marker, Mary M. Collier was born Jan. 22, 1888; Ruth A. Thomas, born July 31, 1892, lives on a farm near Heyworth; and Ada Ruby Morin, born June 10, 1895, lives at Waynesville, Ill.

In politics Albert Fulton is identified with the Republican party and he has been a member of the school board for 13 years, and has served as supervisor and commissioner of Randolph township. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church and belongs to the Knights of Pythias. Mr. Fulton is a director of the Farmers Bank at Heyworth. He is a reliable citizen, and was able to build up a successful farming business by his integrity and progressive methods.

C. B. Lawrence, now deceased, was prominently identified with the agricultural interests of McLean County for many years, and was also a veteran of the Civil War. He was born in Piatt County, Ill., in October, 1845, the son of Daniel and Magdalene (Bergen) Lawrence.

The Lawrence family came to Illinois from Pennsylvania during the early days and settled in Piatt County.

C. B. Lawrence spent his boyhood on his father's farm and came to McLean County in 1860. He enlisted for service during the Civil War, and served the last two years of the war. He then returned to McLean County and engaged in farming on 80 acres of land in Bellflower Township. Mr. Lawrence lived on this farm for 49 years, and during that time took an active part in the progress of the community and the development of his county. He died Sept. 11, 1916.

On Oct. 28, 1869, Mr. Lawrence was united in marriage with Miss Sarah N. Wilson, a native of Illinois, born March 2, 1853, and the daughter of John and Clara Jane (Abel) Wilson, the former a native of Tennessee and the latter of Indiana. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson were married in 1841, came to Illinois in 1849, and were the parents of five children, as follows: Nancy, lives at Colfax, Ill.; Eliza Hall, lives at Ellsworth, Ill.; John and Frank, live at Bloomington, Ill.; and Mrs. Lawrence.

To C. B. and Sarah N. (Wilson) Lawrence twelve children were born, as follows: James H., deceased; Willard D., lives at East Lynn, Ill.; Clara M., Dewey, Ill.; Louisa Forest, Luverne, Minn.; Frank, Dewey, Ill.; Cordelia, Foosland, Ill.; Isabel Whitlock, lives at Bellflower, Ill.; Lillian, deceased; Sarah, lives with her mother on the home place; Charles B., further



MR. AND MRS. C. B. LAWRENCE

mention of whom is made below; Nellie A. and Walter, both at home. Mrs. Lawrence has thirty-one grandchildren.

Charles B. Lawrence enlisted for service in the World War on Dec. 13, 1917, and was stationed at Camp Logan, in Texas, with the 130th Infantry. On May 3, 1918, he sailed for overseas and returned May 20, 1919. He was in Supply Company 130th Infantry. He saw service at the front in the Meuse, Argonne Forrest—was in three major engagements. He was married Jan. 26, 1921, to Winnetta Coats, of White Cloud, Mich. He is now engaged in farming.

C. B. Lawrence was a Republican and the Lawrence family is one of the prominent families in Bellflower Township.

Louis Houston, one of the dependable and loyal young engineers connected with the Chicago & Alton Railroad in Bloomington, was born at Richfield, Ill., Oct. 28, 1885, and is a son of Albert and Emma (Martin) Houston.

Albert Houston, a native of Illinois, is among the early business men of LeRoy, where he conducted a livery business for 34 years. He is a Republican and a member of the Methodist Church. There are nine children in the Houston family: Ada, Ethel, and Gussie, deceased; Louis, the subject of this sketch; Nellie, married Edward Rainey, lives at Monroe, Ill.; Fred, who suffered the loss of an eye at the age of nine, is a graduate of a school for the blind; now engaged in the piano business at LeRoy; Lillie, married Floyd Williams, lives at LeRoy; and Herman, lives at LeRoy.

Louis Houston was reared and educated at LeRoy and in 1910 entered the employ of the Chicago & Alton Railroad as fireman. He has been an engineer on this road since 1920.

On April 15, 1909, Mr. Houston was married to Miss Olga Mielke, who was born in Germany, Jan. 15, 1890, the daughter of William Mielke. The Mielke family came to this country in 1893 and settled at Bloomington, where Mr. Mielke died July 20, 1898. His wife lives with Mr. and Mrs. Houston. To Louis and Olga (Mielke) Houston four children have been born: LeRoy, born Jan. 31, 1910; Lillian, born March 8, 1912; Louis, Jr., born May 12, 1917; and Viola, born July 15, 1920.

Mr. Houston and his family are members of the Methodist Church. He belongs to the Masonic lodge and is well and favorably known in Bloomington.

F. B. Hougham has lived on the same farm in Bellflower Township during his entire life and is a member of one of McLean County's prominent pioneer families. He was born Jan. 30, 1874, the son of William and Mary (Biggs) Hougham.

William Hougham was born in Funks Grove Township, McLean County, March 28, 1843, and was the son of John and Eliza Ann (Brock) Hougham, natives of Ohio and early settlers of Illinois. They were the parents of the following children: Casander Wells; William, father of the subject of this sketch; Sarah Biggs; John; Carrie; and Kate Shearer.

William Hougham came to Bellflower Township, McLean County, one year before his marriage to Miss Mary Biggs, a native of Tremont, Ill., born Sept. 26, 1847. She was the daughter of James and Lucinda (Stephens) Biggs, natives of Tennessee and pioneer settlers of Illinois. Mr. Biggs was born Oct. 25, 1814, and died Nov. 13, 1889, and his wife was born March 15, 1826, and died April 2, 1909. They were the parents of the following children: Mary Hougham; Seth, born Dec. 14, 1848; Byron, born Sept. 7, 1852; Stephen A., born July 22, 1855; Augusta, born July 21, 1857; and Levi, born Feb. 14, 1861. To William and Mary (Biggs) Hougham two children were born, as follows: F. B., the subject of this sketch; and Harry H., born August 11, 1877, died March 20, 1879. William Hougham died June 28, 1916.

F. B. Hougham was reared on the home place in Bellflower Township and received his education in the district schools and also attended the University of Illinois. He operates 160 acres of land and is an extensive grain farmer.

On Dec. 24, 1896, Mr. Hougham was married to Miss Effie E. Smith, a native of Bellflower Township, McLean County, born March 21, 1878, and the daughter of Jeremiah William and Lucy Florence (Payne) Smith. Mr. Smith was born in Ohio, Aug. 26, 1853, and died May 7, 1895, and his wife was born Feb. 9, 1855. They were the parents of the following children: Layton; Mrs. Hougham; Myrtle Giertz; Emery; Bessie Foster; Lee W.; and William Glenn. To F. B. and Effie E. (Smith) Hougham two children were born, as follows: Ethel B., born Jan. 25, 1898, attended the University of Illinois and is now supervisor of music; and William H., born March 30, 1907, attends Bellflower High School.

In politics Mr. Hougham is identified with the Republican party and he is a member of the school board. He is a member of the Christian

Church and belongs to the Knights of Pythias and the Modern Woodmen of America. Mr. Hougham is a good farmer and an excellent citizen of McLean County.

Ed F. Simpson, an enterprising farmer and stockman of Cheney Grove Township, was born in Anchor Township, McLean County, Aug. 13, 1877, and is the son of Henry S. and Anna (Rohde) Simpson.

Henry S. Simpson was born in Germany, as also was his wife. They are pioneers of Anchor Township, McLean County, where they own a well improved farm. Mr. and Mrs. Simpson now live retired at Sibley, Ill. They are the parents of six children, as follows: John, lives in Cheney Grove Township, McLean County; Ed F., the subject of this sketch; Henrietta Beecher, lives in Anchor Township, McLean County; Anna, lives at Sibley, Ill.; Nellie, lives at Forrest, Ill.; and Henry L., works in lumber yard, lives in Anchor Township, McLean County.

Ed F. Simpson grew up on his father's farm and received his education in the district schools of Anchor Township. After engaging in farming with his father and later with his brother, John, he purchased his present farm in Cheney Grove Township, where he does general farming and stock raising. Mr. Simpson raises Hampshire hogs and other graded stock.

On Feb. 28, 1905, Mr. Simpson was married to Miss Luella Brading, a native of Ford County, Ill., born Dec. 19, 1881, and the daughter of John and Margaret Brading. Mr. and Mrs. Brading are the parents of eight children, as follows: Lena Frohm, lives in Cheney Grove Township, McLean County; Mary Clausen, lives in Anchor Township, McLean County; Emma Schroeder, lives in Anchor Township; Lizzie Schroeder, deceased; Mrs. Simpson; Gusta Mott, lives in Anchor Township; Henry, lives in Gibson City, Ill.; and Alex S., lives in Cheney Grove Township. To Mr. and Mrs. Simpson three children have been born: Marion J., born Dec. 24, 1908; Rollin E., born Sept. 26, 1912; and Arline A., born May 20th, 1918.

Mr. Simpson is a Republican and has served as school director for three years. He is treasurer of the local telephone company. Mr. Simpson and his family are members of the Lutheran Church and he is among the substantial and highly respected citizens of McLean County.

John F. Humphreys was one of the notable figures in the early commercial life of Bloomington. He was born Jan. 1, 1832, in Todd County, Ky., and died in Los Angeles, Calif., Oct. 8, 1920. His father died when John was but a few years of age. His mother remarried in 1839 and the family then removed to Peoria County, Ill. The step-father operated a cooper shop and the first money that the boy earned was in the construction of a keg. It was the work of a week and he received fifteen cents for his labor. He grew to manhood in the environment of the pioneer with few comforts and no luxuries but the rugged life contributed to the qualities which brought such notable success in the succeeding years.

Dr. Rogers of Washington, Tazewell County, induced the boy to live with him and study medicine. The natural bent of the lad led elsewhere, however, and, when Sampson & Rogers, two friends of Dr. Rogers, decided to open a store in the then village of Bloomington, Dr. Rogers purchased a third interest and sent young Humphreys along. He was then 18 years of age. The store was opened in January, 1849, on what is now the site of the Homuth Jewelry Store, on the south side of the square. Shortly afterward Sampson died of cholera contracted in Chicago and Linus Graves, then of Waynesville, succeeded him. The firm was burned out in 1853, the entire block being destroyed.

At that period young Humphreys ventured in real estate deals, acting upon the advice of Franklin Price, who was Bloomington's first mayor. The Chicago & Alton Railroad was being constructed and Central Illinois commenced to boom. The investments were successful and on May 8, 1854, Humphreys was married to Laura M. Burnhans, who was the step-daughter of his benefactor, Dr. Rogers.

After his marriage young Humphreys founded the first bus and dray line in Bloomington and then opened a grocery at the corner of Washington and Center Streets. His clerks included H. M. Sensenery, T. J. Bunn and A. T. Lawrence, men who afterwards became prominent in the affairs of the budding city.

In 1855 Humphrey's store was destroyed by fire. It was reopened on the south side of the square. Shortly afterwards he erected the buildings at 111-113 West Front Street and opened a wholesale grocery house in partnership with a Mr. Gustin. They sold the business to Samuel Waddle and Benjamin Watson, Humphreys and his partner going to Chicago. They remained there until after the great fire when Humphreys returned to Bloomington and entered into partnership with J. S.

Roush in the wholesale grocery business. Humphreys sold out to Roush and entered into partnership with Mark H. Newton, operating a wholesale grocery in the 300 block, North Main Street. R. F. Evans and Howard Humphreys purchased the interests of Newton in 1884 and the firm removed to 110 East Front Street, the firm name of Humphreys, Evans & Co., being retained until 1889, when J. F. Humphreys Company was incorporated, Mr. Humphreys being president. In 1895 the company purchased the property at the northwest corner of Grove and East Street, and erected the building where the business was located until 1924, when they moved to their new quarters on South Main Street.

As he approached the sunset of life, Mr. Humphreys turned over the care of his business interests to his son, Edward, the elder, who died in 1895. Howard, the surviving son, then took charge of the business.

In 1891 Mr. Humphreys and his wife went to Riverside, Calif., where they remained until the death of Mrs. Humphreys in 1910. He then returned to Bloomington and remained with his son two or three years, when he returned to California and resided in Los Angeles for six years prior to his death. He enjoyed travel and in 1905 toured Alaska with his son Howard, and the following year went through Yosemite Valley with his son and grandson, Rogers.

Mr. Humphreys was a member of the Masonic lodge, being affiliated with Bloomington Lodge No. 43. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Los Angeles.

It was the privilege of Mr. Humphreys to hear the famous "Lost Speech" of Lincoln, delivered in Major's Hall in 1856, and he frequently heard Lincoln's arguments in trials in the old court house in Bloomington. He knew Lincoln well and was one of the few who were in close touch with the Great Emancipator during antebellum days when Illinois was young.

Howard Humphreys, president of J. F. Humphreys & Co., was born in Bloomington, Oct. 31, 1859, the son of J. F. Humphreys. He was reared in Bloomington and educated in Howard University, in the law department, specializing in mining law. He then went to Arizona where he was engaged in mining business for some time. His purpose was to make that his life's work but he was called to Bloomington to take charge of the business on account of his father's ill health. He then devoted himself

to the wholesale business until 1917, when he ceased to take an active part in the management of the business, although he continues as president of the company and acts in an advisory capacity.

During the World War Mr. Humphreys was called into the food administration in 1917 and served until November, 1918, as district food administrator.

Mr. Humphreys spends the winters at his winter home at Pass Christian, Miss., and the summers at his old home in Bloomington. He travels extensively.

In 1889, Mr. Humphreys was married to Clara Funk, a daughter of the late Jacob Funk and granddaughter of Isaac Funk. One son, Rogers, was born to this union. Mr. Humphreys is a 32nd degree Mason, Knights Templar, and a member of the Shrine.

Rogers Humphreys, secretary and treasurer of J. F. Humphreys & Co., was born in Bloomington, Feb. 16, 1892, and is the son of Howard Humphreys, a sketch of whom appears here. He was reared in Bloomington and educated in the public schools. He had been identified with the business since 1909 until 1918, when he entered the service of the Marine Corps in the aviation section as flying instructor. He had had considerable experience in flying prior to the war and was not a stranger to this novel and dangerous mode of transportation. He was discharged from the army in April, 1919, and has been in his present capacity since that time.

Mr. Humphreys was married on June 15, 1911, to Miss Martha Triebel, of Peoria, Ill., and they have three children, Mary Elise, Martha and Howard II, all attending school in Bloomington. Mr. Humphreys is a 32nd degree Mason, being a Knights Templar and a member of the Shrine. He belongs to the American Legion.

J. H. Humphreys & Company, of Bloomington, is one of the oldest wholesale houses in Central Illinois. They are now extensive coffee roasters and importers and manufacturers of food products. The business was founded in 1854 by J. F. Humphreys.

The company is incorporated with an authorized capital stock of \$800,000. The present officers are: Howard Humphreys, president; R. O. Ahlenirs, vice-president; and Roger Humphreys, secretary and treasurer.

In 1924, on the 70th anniversary of the founding of the business, the company removed from their old location on the northwest corner of Olive and South East Streets to their new five-story building at 407-411 South Main Street, where they have one of the best equipped plants of the kind in this section of the state, with all modern facilities, including cold storage for handling this vast business.

This company has 25 salesmen on the road and about 75 employes at the home office. Its products are distributed over a wide area, including Indiana, Illinois, Missouri and neighboring states.

William Arthur Paullin, an enterprising farmer and stockman of Bellflower Township, is a member of a prominent pioneer family in McLean County. He was born at Normal, Oct. 4, 1886, and is the son of Thomas Lee and Nannie J. (Constant) Paullin.

Thomas Lee Paullin was a native of Green County, Ohio, born Sept. 8, 1849, the son of Jacob H. and Martha Ann (Calvin) Paullin. Jacob Paullin brought his family to Illinois in 1851, which consisted of the following children: Thomas Lee, Charles E., David C., John M., Laura E., Abraham Lincoln, and George Washington. Thomas Lee Paullin was two years old when his parents removed to Illinois. He followed farming during his entire life in McLean County and the present Paullin farm in Bellflower Township was operated by him, as well as by his father. He was married to Miss Nannie J. Constant, a native of McLean County, born March 21, 1854, and the daughter of William Nelson and Elizabeth (Walker) Constant, natives of France. There were seven children in the Constant family, as follows: Hiram, born July 25, 1840; Sarah L., born August 28, 1842; Jessie, born Feb. 14, 1845; Edward, born March 15, 1850; Johnathan, died in infancy; Nannie Paullin; and William, born July 5, 1860. Thomas Lee Paullin died May 7, 1903, and his wife died Dec. 8, 1920. They were the parents of six children: Ernest, born April 30, 1872, died in infancy; Lelia Edna Guest, born Nov. 21, 1875, lives at Decatur, Ill.; John Walker, born Jan. 20, 1879, died March 7, 1909; Wilbert J., born June 26, 1883, lives at Springfield, Ill.; William Arthur, the subject

of this sketch; and Ray E., born Oct. 16, 1890, lives at San Francisco, Cal. He served in the World War with the 89th Division and was overseas 18 months.

William Arthur Paullin attended the district schools of Bellflower Township, and later attended school in Springfield, Ill. He has always lived on the same farm in McLean County and he is widely known as a breeder of Percheron horses. Mr. Paullin lived at Mexico, Mo., from 1909 until 1919, during which time he rented his farm.

On Dec. 7, 1909, Mr. Paullin was married to Miss Maude Bingham, a native of Osman, Ill., born Nov. 12, 1886, and the daughter of W. S. and Ida Bingham, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this history. To Mr. and Mrs. Paullin have been born two children: Margaret Ida, born Feb. 11, 1911; and William Lee, born Sept. 26, 1914.

Mr. Paullin is a Republican, a member of the Methodist Church and belongs to the Masonic Lodge. He is a capable and reliable member of his community.

Thomas W. Maurice, deceased, was a resident of McLean County for more than 40 years. He was born in Cumberland County, Pa., Oct. 14, 1827, the son of John and Jane (Bradley) Maurice, the former a native of Maryland, and the latter of Pennsylvania. In 1851 John Maurice settled in Peoria County, Ill. He was born March 2, 1788, and died in Marshall County, Ill., Oct. 19, 1878.

Thomas W. Maurice was educated in the schools of Cumberland County, Pa., and taught school for eight years in Pennsylvania and, after coming to Peoria County, Ill., he taught eight years. In 1866 he located in McLean County and bought 160 acres of land in Arrowsmith Township. At the time of his death, Feb. 10, 1907, he was among the leading stockmen of the county. In politics he was a Republican and served several terms as township supervisor of Arrowsmith Township. Mr. Maurice was a member of the Christian Church, and the Masonic lodge.

Mr. Maurice was twice married. His first wife was Maria Bear, a native of Cumberland County, Pa., born Nov. 5, 1827. She died May 21, 1864. She was the daughter of Michael and Hannah (Wax) Bear. Mr. Bear was born in 1705, and died in 1770. His wife was born Aug. 29, 1795, and died Oct. 30, 1836. To Thomas W. and Maria (Bear) Maurice



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seven children were born, as follows: Margaret J., born Aug. 6, 1851, lives in Arrowsmith; Mary, born March 10, 1853, died July 17, 1903; Jonas B., born in September, 1854, died Sept. 6, 1891; Henry B., born March 6, 1856; Maria B., born July 4, 1858, died March 4, 1918; Thomas W., died in infancy; and Flora, also died in infancy. On Sept. 7, 1865, Mr. Thomas W. Maurice was married to Miss Sarah A. Moyer, who was born in Dauphin County, Pa., and who died Nov. 28, 1897. No children born to the last union.

Miss Margaret J. Maurice and her brother, Henry B., live on the old Maurice home place in Arrowsmith Township. Henry B. Maurice came to McLean County with his parents in 1866. He was educated in the district school and engaged in general farming and stock raising and has met with success. He now has pure bred Percheron horses. Mr. Maurice and his sister now rent their farm of 160 acres. In politics Mr. Maurice is identified with the Republican party. He is a member of the Christian Church and belongs to the Masonic lodge at Arrowsmith.

Sam E. Davis, the well known and capable postmaster of Anchor, was born at Billingsville, in Union County, Ind., Dec. 25, 1863, and is the son of Walter S. and Sarah E. (Hayward) Davis.

Walter S. Davis was a native of Indiana, as also was his wife. They were married in 1862 and came to Illinois in 1878, locating in McLean County, where Mr. Davis engaged in general farming. He died Oct. 19, 1908, and his wife died Dec. 5, 1923. They were the parents of the following children: Sam E., the subject of this sketch; Mollie, deceased; Joseph, lives at Anchor, Ill.; Dorcas, died in 1916; Ella Kerr, deceased; and Taylor, died in infancy.

Sam E. Davis received his education in the public schools, Eureka College and Illinois State Normal University. After teaching school for two years he went to Oregon, where he remained three and one-half years. From there he went to California, later returning to McLean County. He engaged in the general merchandise business at Anchor for four years and then enlisted in service during the Spanish-American War, serving in Company D, 5th Illinois Infantry, for six months. Mr. Davis saw active service with the 30th U. S. Vol. Infantry in the Philippine Insurrection, taking part in the battle of San Diego, Jan. 29, 1900, and the engage-

ments at Alaminos, Jan. 18, 1900; Tayabas Road, Jan. 28, 1900, and ten skirmishes. His service in the Philippine Insurrection dates from Oct. 7, 1899, to April 3, 1901, and in the Spanish-American War from April 26th to Oct. 16, 1898. After his return to Anchor he resumed his business interests, which were continued until 1913. In 1911 he was appointed postmaster of Anchor, which office he has filled continuously since.

On Oct. 18, 1902, Mr. Davis was united in marriage with Miss Jennie Berry, a native of Illinois, born Oct. 15, 1858, and the daughter of James and Nancy Berry. Mrs. Davis has two sisters, Mrs. Belle Walker and Mrs. Sallie Henline. Mr. and Mrs. Davis have no children.

In politics Mr. Davis has always been a Republican. He is a member of the United Brethren Church and belongs to the Masonic Lodge, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen of America. He is also a member of the Spanish War Veterans. Mr. Davis and his wife stand high in the community and have many friends and acquaintances.

S. Edgar Thomas, retired, has been a successful and well known farmer of McLean County for many years. He was born in Vermont, July 24, 1872, and is the son of S. E. and L. R. (Warren) Thomas.

S. E. Thomas came to Illinois from Vermont in 1883. He was born May 14, 1831, and was a prosperous farmer. After coming to McLean County he purchased 160 acres of the former George Thomas farm, and later owned 220 acres. Mr. Thomas died Aug. 12, 1917, and his wife, who was born June 22, 1832, died Nov. 2, 1896. They were the parents of five children: A. E., deceased; Ida Bixby, lives at Wichita, Kan.; Clark B., deceased; Frank, lives at Fairbury, Ill.; and S. Edgar, the subject of this sketch.

S. Edgar Thomas attended the district schools of Vermont and completed his education after coming to Cropsey. He operated the home place for a number of years before the death of his father, and later became the owner. Mr. Thomas now owns 580 acres of good farm land and for many years was an extensive stockman. He was also a feeder of stock.

On March 21, 1893, Mr. Thomas was united in marriage with Miss Nellie May Meeker, a native of Cropsey, Ill., born Nov. 27, 1877, and the daughter of Daniel B. and Sarah Jane (Zumault) Meeker, natives of Illi-

nois. Mr. Meeker was born Oct. 8, 1845, and died March 14, 1885. His wife was born May 4, 1853, and lives in Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas have one son, Clarence Edgar, who was born May 26, 1894.

Clarence Edgar Thomas lives near the home place in Cropsey Township. On Sept. 23, 1915, he was married to Miss Louise Mikel, and they have two children: Herbert Elliott, born Jan. 31, 1917; and Vera L., born Dec. 19, 1920.

S. Edgar Thomas is a Republican, a member of the Methodist Church, and belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America. He has been Sunday school teacher in his church for 20 years and has also served as school director. He is now serving his second term as supervisor of Cropsey Township. Mr. Thomas is a substantial citizen and deservedly stands high in the estimation of his many friends and acquaintances.

Bennie Jones, a successful farmer and stockman of Bellflower Township, McLean County, and the owner of 160 acres of well improved land, is a member of one of Illinois prominent pioneer families. He was born in Tazewell County, Oct. 13, 1872, and is the son of Benjamin J. and Mary (Ashton) Jones.

Benjamin J. Jones was born in Pennsylvania, Aug. 22, 1826, the son of David E. Jones, who was also a native of Pennsylvania, born March 13, 1793. The Jones family originally came from Wales. At the age of 22 years, Benjamin J. Jones came to Illinois, locating at Delevan, where he worked in a wagon shop five years. He then drove to California with a party and remained there 18 years. Upon his return to Delevan he again entered the employ of Joshua Sawyer. His wife, Mary Ashton, was an orphan and was reared by Mrs. Sawyer. She was born March 15, 1838. In 1873 the Jones family settled in Bellflower Township and Mr. Jones followed farming the rest of his life. He died April 12, 1917; and his wife died in January, 1923. They were the parents of three children, as follows: Bennie, the subject of this sketch; Ada May, born Jan. 20, 1877, died Feb. 1, 1879; and Willie, born Feb. 22, 1882, died March 8, 1882.

Bennie Jones was reared on his father's farm and attended the schools of Osman. He began farming for himself at the age of 21 years and has become one of the leading stockmen of Bellflower Township. Mr. Jones is a breeder of pure bred Shorthorn cattle and Duroc Jersey hogs.

On May 29, 1912, Mr. Jones was married to Miss Ella Fugh, who was born in Virginia, March 25, 1883, and the daughter of Samuel and Anna Elizabeth (Niswender) Fugh. Mr. Fugh was born in Virginia in 1845 and was a veteran of the Civil War. He died in 1907 and his wife died, Oct. 22, 1922. They were the parents of the following children: Edna Bradford, lives at Lexington, Ill.; Gertrude, lives at Lawrence, Kan.; Katie, lives at Lexington, Ill.; Maggie, deceased; James, lives in Nebraska; Alta Ashton, lives in Arizona; Mrs. Jones; John, died in infancy; Ethel, born Dec. 23, 1887, died Feb. 6, 1919; Dorothy Hawkins, born May 11, 1890, lives at Raleigh, N. C.; and Earl, lives at Hammond, Ind.

Mr. Jones is a Democrat and is a reliable citizen, industrious and enterprising.

Eldo M. Moore, one of the owners and proprietors of the United Photo Shop, is a successful business man of Bloomington. He was born in Macon County, Ill., March 25, 1882, and is the son of Frank and Laura B. (Wentz) Moore.

Both Frank Moore and his wife were natives of Illinois. In 1888 they went to Arkansas, where Mr. Moore died. His wife returned to Bloomington with her family and died there in 1918. They were the parents of six children.

Eldo M. Moore was six years old when his family moved to Arkansas, and he lived there until he was 14 years of age. With the exception of the time spent in Arkansas he lived in Macon County and received his education in the public schools there. He started life as a newsboy in Decatur and in 1903 learned photography at Springfield, Ill., where he remained three years. He then followed his profession at Decatur, Ill., Wellington, Kan., Waco, Texas, and Mattoon, Ill. In August, 1911, Mr. Moore returned to Bloomington and he has since operated a studio. The United Photo Shop is located at 501½ North Main Street and has a frontage of 15 feet and a depth of 38. They employ five people and carry a complete line of amateur photograph supplies. Delmer D. Darrow is associated with Mr. Moore in the business. He is extensively engaged in kodak and commercial photography as well as portrait work, and has built his business up from a humble shop to one of the leading photo businesses in Central Illinois. Mr. Moore is a photographer for the Su-

preme Council A. A. S. R. ; The Bloomington Consistory A. A. S. R. ; and the Grand Commander³, Knights Templar of Illinois.

In 1903 Mr. Moore was married to Miss Jessie Hyde, who died in 1914, leaving one son, Edward, now a senior in Bloomington High School. On Nov. 5, 1919, Mr. Moore was married to Miss Esta Toucht, of Rutland, Ill., and to this union one child has been born, Laurraine Esta, born Oct. 16, 1921.

Mr. Moore is a member of the Arts and Crafts Lodge, A. F. and A. M., of Bloomington, the DeMolay Commandery of Bloomington, the Consistory and Mahomet Shrine of Peoria, the Woodmen of the World, the Rotary Club and McLean County Club. Mrs. Moore is a member of the Methodist Church and Eastern Star. They are highly esteemed and widely known.

Mrs. Grace Sealey Smith, 601 South Fell Avenue, Normal, Ill., is a daughter of the late Mrs. E. A. Sealey, of Normal, and granddaughter of the late Alfred S. Weeks, of Hudson, has been active in civic work in the community.

Mrs. Smith is a graduate of Normal University and of the University of Chicago.

In 1921 she was united in marriage to Rev. F. M. Smith, who was formerly a resident of this county for many years when pastor of the First Baptist Church of Hudson.

Alfred S. Weeks.—Closely identified with the history of Hudson Township was Alfred S. Weeks, who, with his wife, Phebe E. (Burtis) Weeks, and their little daughter, E. Arabella, came from Brooklyn, N. Y., to reside north of Hudson in the year 1850. Mr. Week's father, Richard Weeks, of Long Island, N. Y., was a member of the Hudson colony and it was the Weeks' land, in section 10, that Alfred S. Weeks came to improve. He and Mrs. Weeks shared in the pioneer experiences of the time. The homestead which they made has remained in the Weeks family continuously, now being owned by the granddaughter, Mrs. Grace Sealey Smith.

Mrs. Alfred S. Weeks' father, Jacob H. Burtis, Long Island, N. Y., was also a member of the Hudson colony, and owning the quarter section just south of the Weeks' farm.

Alfred S. Weeks had received a good education in his youth on Long Island and had also read law in his leisure time. Thus he was fitted to assume positions of trust in the new community. He was the first collector to be elected after the township was organized. He served as justice of the peace. He was supervisor from the township some fourteen years. Mr. Weeks was instrumental in bringing about a resurvey of Hudson Township, the government survey having been imperfectly done, few, if any, corners being regularly located. In politics Mr. Weeks was a staunch Democrat and a leader in the councils of his party.

Among many relics his granddaughter has in her possession is a schedule made out by Mr. Weeks in the year 1851 when he was teacher of the "Havens Grove" school, west of Hudson. The names of the pupils are representative of the older families who had come to make their homes in this new community.

Miles K. Young, a well known and successful attorney who is engaged in the practice of his profession at Bloomington, is a native of McLean County, and a member of one of the pioneer families of this part of the state. He was born in Downs Township, Jan. 21, 1861, and is a son of Otto and Susan (Mannen) Young.

Otto Young was born near Zanesville, Ohio, in 1839, and was the son of Joseph and Sarah (Thomas) Young, natives of Ohio. When Otto Young was 11 years old his parents came to McLean County. He became a successful farmer and owned 120 acres of land in Downs Township. He died March 22, 1914. Susan (Mannen) Young was born in McLean County in 1840, a daughter of Henry B. and Susan Mannen. The Mannen family came to McLean County from Kentucky in 1835 and settled in Old Town Township. Mrs. Young died Sept. 2, 1914.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Young were the parents of five children, as follows: Miles K., the subject of this sketch; Charles J., lives at Bloomington; Dr. William M., a physician, lives at Bloomington; Belle, deceased; and Harry L., lives on the home place in Downs Township.

Miles K. Young received his elementary education in the district schools and attended Illinois Wesleyan University. In 1886 he was graduated from Lincoln College at Lincoln, Ill., and two years later from the law department of Illinois Wesleyan University. Mr. Young was then

engaged as a traveling salesman for C. Aultman & Co., of Canton, Ohio, manufacturers of threshers and engines. He had charge of their collections in Illinois for five years and in November, 1894, he was appointed receiver for The Illinois Building & Loan Association by Judge Alfred Sample. After winding up its affairs in 1898 Mr. Young began the practice of his profession at Bloomington with Ralph S. Potter, and the firm was known as Young & Potter. This partnership continued until the Bloomington fire in 1900, after which Mr. Potter went to Chicago. The following year Mr. Young was elected city attorney, which office he held for two years. In 1907 he became a member of the firm of Young, Brackin & Peirce. Four years later the firm was changed to Brackin & Young, which continued until 1921. Since that time Mr. Young has practiced alone and has offices in the First National Bank Building. In 1912 he was elected state attorney from McLean County and re-elected in 1916, holding the office until 1920.

On May 1, 1895, Mr. Young was married to Miss Susie Ingalls, a native of Kankakee County, Ill., and the daughter of Homer and Martha (Peck) Ingalls. Mrs. Young was born in Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Young have no children of their own but have reared four as follows: Russell K. Young, interior decorator, lives in Chicago; Pauline, married R. Kenneth Turner, garage owner of Normal, lives at Bloomington; Magnus May, at home, and Martha Maxine, at home.

Mr. Young is a Republican and belongs to the Association of Commerce and the Bloomington Club. He is a member of the First Methodist Church and belongs to the Masonic lodge, the Knights of Pythias, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Elks and the Red Men.

P. H. MaGirl, now deceased, was during his lifetime an important factor in the industrial development of Bloomington and one of the successful business men of this section of the state. He was born in Ireland, April 14, 1850, and came to America with his mother when about four years old. His father was a sea captain and was lost at sea. The mother settled in Bloomington and here is where P. H. MaGirl, the subject of this sketch, was reared and educated. When he was 14 years old he started to learn the moulder's trade at the old Ollis Foundry, at which he became an expert mechanic. He worked at his trade in Bloomington for a number

of years, and in 1892 bought an interest in the Union Foundry, which was founded by Nicholas Diedrich, who died about that time. The foundry was then operated under the name of MaGirl & Diedrich, and in 1896 Mr. MaGirl bought his partner's interest and was sole owner to the time of his death.

The old foundry was located at the foot of Center Street, across from the Big Four railroad depot. The business had developed to such an extent that in 1904 Mr. MaGirl required a larger plant. He accordingly bought property and built the present well equipped plant on the corner of Oakland Avenue and McLean Street. It was operated under the name of P. H. MaGirl Foundry & Furnace Works until his death, April 21, 1922. They manufacture heating and ventilating apparatus, specializing in school and church heating. They also manufacture residence heating apparatus and their products are sold throughout the United States. They employ about 50 men and the plant is recognized as one of the substantial and important industrial institutions of Bloomington.

P. H. MaGirl was married in 1872 to Miss Elizabeth Marley, of Bloomington. She died in 1881, leaving three children: James D., the manager and one of the owners of the P. H. MaGirl Foundry & Furnace Company; Ida, married Frank Dalton, lives in Bloomington; and Gertrude, married William Johnston, lives in Bloomington.

Mr. MaGirl was a member of the Elks and Red Men. He belonged to the Catholic Church. His home was at 1402 South Main Street, Normal, from the time of his marriage until his death. He was a very successful business man. Starting life a poor boy, by his own unaided efforts, he made good, making a place for himself among the builders of Bloomington.

Frank W. Aldrich, president of the McLean State Bank, at McLean, Ill., is among the successful and widely known business men of McLean County. He was born at McLean, June 8, 1873, and is a son of Carlton C. and Lydia Amanda (Willson) Aldrich.

Carlton C. Aldrich, deceased, was a leading citizen of Bloomington for many years. He was born at Swanzey, N. H., Oct. 2, 1829, the son of Amasa and Candice (Cook) Aldrich. A complete sketch of the life of Carlton C. Aldrich and his family appears elsewhere in this volume.

Frank W. Aldrich attended the public schools of McLean and was later graduated from Lawrenceville school at Lawrenceville, N. J. Mr. Aldrich is also a graduate of Yale University. Besides his banking activities he is also interested in the grain business.

On Oct. 12, 1897, Mr. Aldrich was married to Miss Frances M. Scroggs, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Scroggs of Champaign, Ill. To this union two daughters were born: Dorothy Frances, born Sept. 1, 1898, married Dec. 29, 1923, to Shannon Meriwether and they live at 4344 Rockhill Road, Kansas City, Mo.; and Virginia Osborne, born April 3, 1902, lives at home. Mr. Aldrich was married the second time on Nov. 6, 1912, to Gertrude Tyler Harwood, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Barton S. Tyler, of Decatur, Ill.

Mr. Aldrich is a Republican. He is a member of the Yale Club of New York, the University Club of Chicago, the Bloomington Club, and the Bloomington Country Club.

Carlton Cook Aldrich, deceased, was a prominent citizen of Bloomington and McLean County. He was born at Swanzey, N. H., Oct. 2, 1829, and was a son of Amasa and Candice (Cook) Aldrich.

Carlton Cook Aldrich remained in New Hampshire until he was 21 years of age and attended the city schools and Mount Caesar Seminary, and later taught school for two years. After his marriage he went to Scio, N. Y., where he entered business, but the next year went west, settling first for a few years at Dubuque, Ia. In 1860 he moved to McLean County, where he established a grain business. Mr. Aldrich was a large landowner and was also greatly interested in banking, having owned a private bank at Bloomington for a time. He retired from active business in 1902 and died in 1917. His widow maintained her residence in Bloomington after the death of her husband and she died Nov. 17, 1923, at the age of 88 years.

On Nov. 6, 1854, Mr. Aldrich was united in marriage with Miss Lydia Amanda Willson, a native of Swanzey, N. H., born Aug. 29, 1835, and the daughter of Charles and Levina (Collins) Willson, the former a native of Massachusetts and the latter of New Hampshire. Mrs. Aldrich was known as a woman of strong character and good works. She was one of the founders of the Congregational Church in McLean and was a char-

ter member of the Girls Industrial Home of Bloomington. For a time she was a member of the school board of McLean. Mrs. Aldrich's early education was in the district schools a mile and three-quarters from her home. For several years she attended Mt. Ceasar's Seminary at Swanzey and also spent a year at a seminary at Chester, Vt.

To Carlon Cook and Lydia Amanda (Willson) Aldrich four children were born, as follows: Carrie, married Dr. A. Ten Brook, lives at McLean, Ill.; Agnes L., married Harry Palmer, lives at McLean, Ill.; Frank W., lives in Bloomington; and Bertie, born in 1866, died at the age of three years.

Frank W. Aldrich, president of the McLean State Bank at McLean, is a prominent citizen of McLean County. He has been a large land owner and is one of the pioneer bankers of the community. Since 1903 he has lived in Bloomington. Mr. Aldrich was married to Miss Frances Scroogs and they have two daughters, Dorothy and Virginia. Miss Virginia Aldrich has spent nine years in Paris, France, and now teaches French in Virginia. Miss Dorothy Aldrich is now visiting in Europe. There are three other grandchildren in the Aldrich family: Dr. Carl Ten Brook of Pekin, China; Drew Ten Brook of Hinsdale, Ill.; and Mrs. Thomas Moffett of Oakland, Ill.

Carlon Cook Aldrich was a member of the Masonic Lodge. He was highly respected and the Aldrich family are representative of the best citizenship of McLean County.

Daniel D. Leary, president of the Martens-Leary Company, is a prominent business man of Bloomington. He was born at Wapella, Ill., Feb. 9, 1859, and is a son of Patrick A. and Catherine (Fogarty) Leary.

Patrick A. Leary and his wife, both now deceased, were natives of Ireland. They settled at Wapella, Ill., where Mr. Leary was first section foreman of the Illinois Central Railroad. He was in the employ of this company until the time of his death. His wife died in Bloomington in 1904. Mr. and Mrs. Leary were the parents of two children, as follows: Daniel D., the subject of this sketch; and Michael A., born May 1, 1860, lives at 512 East Monroe Street, Bloomington.

Daniel D. Leary spent his boyhood at Wapella and Aurora, Ill. In 1868 he came to Bloomington and attended the fourth ward school, now known as Emerson school. After finishing school in 1873 he was engaged

as carriage trimmer with L. Marten on West Front Street. He worked as a journeyman at the bench for 15 years and as a partner in the firm of McKee, Schade & Leary for fifteen years. On November 29, 1901, Mr. Leary organized the Martens-Leary Company, and served as secretary and treasurer of the company for ten years. He has been president since 1911. The Martens-Leary Company is located at 1002 North Main Street and are dealers in vehicles, implements and harness.

On Jan. 19, 1887, Mr. Leary was married at Logansport, Ind., to Miss Mary A. McHale, a native of the latter place, and the daughter of Martin and Catherine (Fogarty) McHale. Mr. and Mrs. McHale were natives of County Mayo, Ireland, and immigrated to this country on Feb. 2, 1854, locating at Laporte, Ind. Mr. McHale died in 1868 and his wife died four years later. To Daniel D. and Mary A. (McHale) Leary two children have been born as follows: Richard M., born Jan. 2, 1890, a graduate of Bloomington High School and a veteran of the World war, having served 18 months with the 210th Squadron of the Air Service, now associated in business with the Studebaker Automobile Company at Bloomington; and Charles Earl, born May 1, 1893, a graduate of Bloomington High School, Illinois Wesleyan University, and the Medical School of Northwestern University, from which he was graduated in June, 1920. He is at present assistant medical director of the Cook County Infirmary at Oak Forest, Ill.

Mr. Leary is a Republican, a member of the Holy Trinity Catholic Church and a 4th degree Knight of Columbus. He also belongs to the Modern Woodman of the World and the National Union. Mr. Leary has always taken an active interest in civic affairs and is a public spirited citizen. He is president of the Illinois State Implement Dealers Association, and during the World war was active on several committees in the Red Cross and Liberty Loan drives.

George Preston, a well known general merchant of Ellsworth, is a native of McLean County. He was born Feb. 6, 1884, and is a son of Alonzo J. and Margaret (Alsbery) Preston.

Alonzo J. Preston, who now lives retired at Arrowsmith, was born in Wisconsin, Feb. 17, 1843. His wife was born in Illinois, Nov. 22, 1851. He was a well known contractor of McLean County for a number of years but has lived retired since 1918. Mr. and Mrs. Preston are the parents of the

following children: Charles, lives near Ellsworth; William, lives in Nebraska; C. W., lives at Sterling, Ill.; A. J., lives at Arrowsmith; George, the subject of this sketch; Belle, married James Bowen, lives at Saybrook, Ill.; and Florence, married Edwin Bowen, also lives at Saybrook. The Preston sisters married brothers.

George Preston was reared and educated in McLean County and has lived at Ellsworth since Oct. 25, 1906. In 1916 he organized the Preston Company, a general store.

On Oct. 1, 1906, Mr. Preston was married to Miss Mildred A. Moore, and to this union one child has been born, Thelma Fern, born July 16, 1907.

Mr. Preston is a Republican and belongs to the Masonic lodge and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He and his family are members of the Christian Church and are favorably known.

C. W. Welch, owner and manager of the Funks Grove Grain Company in Mount Hope Township, is a successful business man of McLean County. He was born in McLean County, in 1865, and is the son of William and Catherine (Snedeker) Welch.

William Welch was born in England and after coming to America lived in Canada for several years. He came to McLean County in 1854 and engaged in general farming and stock raising in Funks Grove Township, where he lived until the time of his death in 1902. His wife, a native of West Virginia, died in 1904. Mr. and Mrs. Welch were the parents of four children, as follows: William, lives on the home place in Funks Grove Township; Jennie, also lives on the home place; C. W., the subject of this sketch; and Evelyn, married W. F. Brock, lives at Shreveport, La.

C. W. Welch was educated in the district schools of McLean County and farmed on his father's farm until 1901, at which time he was appointed manager of the McLean Telephone Company, and after having held that position for 10 years he purchased the grain elevator at Funks Grove. In 1918 he bought the grain elevator at McLean, which was formerly owned by the Aldrich estate. It was incorporated with Mr. Welch as manager and treasurer, which offices he still holds. The grain elevators at both Funks Grove and McLean are the largest elevators in the community and both do a large volume of business.

Mr. Welch was married in 1891 to Miss Augusta Wood, a daughter of Harrison W. and Kate (Walker) Wood, the former a native of Massachusetts and the latter of Missouri. Mr. Wood was a wagonmaker by trade and owned a shop at McLean until his death in 1882. His wife died in 1903, and Mrs. Welch died June 15, 1919. To C. W. and Augusta (Wood) Welch one daughter was born, Lena, married Lyle Canfield, and they live on a farm three miles southwest of McLean. They have two children, Edwin and Leo Canfield.

In politics Mr. Welch is a Republican and he is a member of the Masonic Lodge and the Modern Woodmen of America. He is one of McLean County's progressive and leading citizens.

George Youle, deceased, was for many years identified with Bellflower Township as a successful farmer. He was born in Yorkshire, England, July 6, 1832, and came to the United States with his parents in 1852. Mr. Youle was the son of George and Ann (Stone) Youle, early settlers of Illinois. George Youle, Sr., was born in 1792 and died in 1870. There were five children in the Youle family, as follows: Ann Parkin; William; Sarah; Elizabeth Phillips; and George, the subject of this sketch.

George Youle, Jr., lived in Tazewell County, Ill., with his parents until 1870, when he located on the present Youle farm in Bellflower Township, now owned by his son, Clarence. Mr. Youle followed farming and stock-raising for many years and met with success. He moved to Saybrook, Ill., in 1889, and died Feb. 9, 1913, after having been an invalid for several years.

Mr. Youle was married to Miss Elizabeth Seely, a native of Ohio, born May 20, 1840, and the daughter of George and Elizabeth (Whitford) Seely. Mrs. Youle died May 7, 1907, at Saybrook. To George and Elizabeth (Seely) Youle twelve children were born, as follows: Elizabeth, married Charles A. Tracy, further mention of whom is made below; George E., deceased; Frank B., lives at Saybrook; Mary Corbley, lives at Champaign, Ill.; Jessie, further mention of whom is made below; John W., lives at Hannibal, Mo.; Charles A., lives at Saybrook, Ill.; Clarence, further mention of whom is made below; Wallace, lives at Saybrook, Ill.; Claude, lives at Seattle, Wash.; Floyd, also lives at Seattle, Wash.; A. T., lives at Saybrook.

Elizabeth Tracy was married in 1896 to Charles A. Tracy, a native of Illinois, born Oct. 2, 1861, and he died April 1, 1913. Mrs. Tracy has one son, Donald, who operates the home place with her. She owns 320 acres of land and is a successful breeder of white Orpington chickens. Mrs. Tracy's farm is located near Omaha, Neb.

Miss Jessie Youle, who resides on the home place in Bellflower Township, is a graduate of Illinois State Normal University. She taught school for a number of years at Saybrook and was also assistant principal of the schools at Bellflower, Ill.

Clarence Youle lives on part of the home place in Bellflower Township, McLean County, and is a successful farmer. He was married on March 11, 1897, to Miss Edna Wright, a native of Illinois, born Sept. 1, 1880, the daughter of Edward and Lydia (Smith) Wright. Mr. Wright served throughout the Civil War and now lives retired at Mound City, Ill. His wife was born Nov. 15, 1833, and died in 1892. Mr. and Mrs. Wright were the parents of the following children: Charles E., lives in Canada; Ira W., lives at Saybrook, Ill.; Maud, Rosabel, and Pearl, all living in Missouri; Marie, lives in California; Mrs. Youle.

To Clarence and Edna (Wright) Youle three children have been born, as follows: Gordon E., born March 7, 1898; Donald, born March 11, 1909; and Jack, born June 24, 1913.

Clarence Youle is a Democrat and a member of the Christian Church. The Youle family is widely known in McLean County.

C. B. Burke, a well known and successful farmer, of Bellflower Township, is a native of Illinois. He was born at Colfax, July 26, 1873, the son of C. H. and Nancy E. (Wiley) Burke.

C. H. Burke was born at Georgetown, Ky., April 3, 1843, and when he was a young man went to Indiana. In 1870 he came to Illinois and located on a farm of 40 acres in Martin Township, McLean County. After a number of years Mr. Burke retired from his farm and moved to Saybrook, Ill., where he died, Dec. 10, 1919. He was a member of the Christian Church at Saybrook. Mrs. Burke, who was born in Indiana, April 6, 1848, is also deceased. They were the parents of seven children, as follows: Rhoda Bodwell, lives at Saybrook, Ill.; W. T., lives at Saybrook, Ill.; Lytle, deceased; C. D., the subject of this sketch; Hannah E. Stine,

lives in Cass County, N. D.; Mary J. Stine, lives at Saybrook, Ill.; and Josephine Carlston, lives at Saybrook, Ill.

C. B. Burke was reared on the farm and attended the public schools and began life as a farmer and stockman. He has been located on his present farm since the time of his marriage in 1894. Mr. Burke carries on general farming and stockraising and is meeting with success. Many of the largest stock sales in the township are held on the Burke farm.

On Jan. 11, 1894, Mr. Burke was united in marriage with Miss Ida Lappin, a native of LeRoy, Ill., born Nov. 8, 1874, and the daughter of James and Phoebe (Walters) Lappin. Mr. and Mrs. Burke have one child, Paul L., born Nov. 17, 1902, lives at home.

Mr. Burke is a Democrat and a member of the Christian Church at Saybrook. He is recognized as one of the progressive and enterprising citizens of Bellflower Township.

Charles Edwin Trimble, of Bloomington, who was a veteran engineer of the Chicago & Alton Railroad, died May 4, 1924. He was born at Washington, Ill., Jan. 27, 1850, and the son of James and Mary (Maris) Trimble.

The Trimble family came to Illinois in 1834 from Ohio and settled on a farm two miles north of Washington. James Trimble followed his trade as wagonmaker for many years and later engaged in farming. Mr. and Mrs. James Trimble were the parents of four children, as follows: Charles Edwin; William; Henry; and Elizabeth, all of whom are deceased.

Charles Edwin Trimble grew to manhood in Washington, Ill., and attended the public schools there. His first railway experience was with the Toledo, Peoria & Western. He was given employment as fireman in 1869 and then came to the Chicago & Alton as fireman on Jan. 11, 1873, being promoted a few years later and being assigned to work train service when the Western division was being constructed. The last spike was driven and the road completed into Kansas City in 1879. Trimble then returned to the Illinois lines and has been employed out of Bloomington since, fifty-five years in railway service and fifty years as engineer. Of the men who were employed in train and engine service when he first came to the Alton, none are left. All have either died or retired from active duty. While employed on many divisions, Engineer Trimble has been on

the north end for many years, and of late has handled what is known as the 70 and 15 or Denver run. He recently computed that in his 55 years of railway service, he had ridden more than 2,000,000 miles or more than eighty times around the globe. Although 55 years in the cab of a locomotive to his credit, he has the remarkable distinction of never losing a day because of injuries due to accident. It is believed that this record is without parallel.

When he went to work as a fireman, most of the locomotives burned wood and carried huge smoke stacks, known as the diamond, and which were thought necessary to furnish a draft. When coal replaced wood, the stacks were reduced in size.

Trimble has been in many accidents, but miraculously escaped injury. His worst wreck was at Joliet when a switch engine darted upon the track just ahead of him, coming from a siding. His engine was overturned and he was dug out of the wreckage. It was supposed that he had been killed but he resumed his run as usual the next day. He had another close call at Bloomington. As he was rolling through the yards, a box car of a freight train moving upon an adjacent track, was derailed just ahead of Trimble's engine and the latter was lifted bodily on to another track and turned completely around. Again, they dug Trimble out of the wreckage, presuming that he had been killed. Again, he was found uninjured.

He had another hairbreadth escape going through the Chicago yards. A negligent switchman left a main line switch open and Trimble's engine ploughed through a number of box cars. He remained at the throttle and watched a procession of car roofs shoot over his cab. Again, they lifted him out of the wreckage without a scratch. Of the many accidents in which Trimble has been involved, none were charged to his carelessness or neglect of the rules. He has long been famed for his reliability and strict observance of orders.

Engineer Trimble had the distinction of being the oldest member of Division 19, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, and wore a veteran badge in recognition of his long membership. He was also a member of the Bloomington Lodge No. 43, A. F. & A. M. and of Bloomington Consistory. He was an attendant of the Methodist Church. His career was honorable; his record clean; and his service to the company was of the highest possible order.

Mr. Trimble was married May 16, 1883, to Luella Burr, a daughter of L. C. and Rebecca Dell (Thrasher) Burr. Mrs. Trimble was one of the following children born to her parents: Mrs. Trimble, born March 25, 1859; Dr. L. A. Burr, born Oct. 26, 1862, was a physician and surgeon, died in Chicago, Ill., March 20, 1910; Dr. Logan Cushing Burr, born Oct. 8, 1864, was a graduate of St. Louis Medical College, died June 27, 1892.

L. C. Burr went to California in 1851, making the trip overland with ox teams. He did not find gold mining profitable, however, but worked at his trade, receiving from \$10 to \$20 per day. He remained in California about three years when he returned by Isthmus of Panama and by boat to New York. He lived in Champaign County, Ill. He was prominent in public affairs and served as mayor of Tolane several years, was a member of the board of county commissioners and was president of the board for nine years. He was a member of the Masonic and Odd Fellow lodges. He died Aug. 13, 1895, and his widow lives with Mrs. Trimble at Bloomington. She is 83 years old and relates many interesting incidents of the early days. She lived in Cole County during the Civil War and when a young girl rendered considerable assistance to the cause of the Union.

To Mr. and Mrs. Trimble was born one daughter, Alma Burr Trimble, who married Dr. Reynolds, of Chicago, and they have one daughter, Theodosia Burr Reynolds.

Mrs. Trimble is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

L. W. Sholtey, now living retired on his farm in Anchor Township, is a prominent and highly esteemed citizen of McLean County. He was born in Selma, Delaware County, Ind., Sept. 7, 1844, and is the son of Jacob and Mary (Kauffman) Sholtey.

Jacob Sholtey was a son of William Sholtey, who emigrated from the Netherlands to the United States when he was a young man. Jacob was born in Pennsylvania in 1805 and was married in that state to Mary Kauffman, a daughter of Michael and Annie (Funk) Kauffman. In 1837 the Sholtey family made their way westward, sojourning for a few months in Dayton, Ohio, and later arrived in Delaware County, Ind., where they remained 14 years. In 1848 they located on a farm of 125 acres in Dale Township, McLean County. To this Jacob Sholtey added 375 acres before his death, which occurred in October, 1880. His wife died in 1893. Mr.

and Mrs. Sholtey were the parents of nine children: Christopher, Henry, Susanna, Samuel, Benjamin, Sophia, Levi W., the subject of this sketch; John, and Anna N.

L. W. Sholtey attended the district schools and began farming for himself at the age of 21 years. He has lived on his present farm since 1869, which is known as Cottage Grove Farm. Mr. Sholtey owns 280 acres of land and has been successful as a breeder of Shorthorn cattle and Poland Angus cattle.

On Oct. 21, 1866, Mr. Sholtey was married to Miss Hannah Jane Guyer, a native of Ohio, born Nov. 10, 1844, and the daughter of Amaziah and Sarah Jane Guyer. Mrs. Sholtey died Feb. 23, 1886, and is buried at Saybrook. There were nine children in the Sholtey family, as follows: William Elmer, Mary Elizabeth, Julia Belle, Effie Viola, Laura Dell and Alice May, all deceased; Oliver N., lives in Nebraska; Lawrence V., at home; and Sarah Jane Lappin, also at home. Mr. Sholtey has six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

In politics Mr. Sholtey is identified with the Republican party. He has served as road commissioner and school director for a number of years. Mr. Sholtey is a member of the United Brethren Church and is a substantial citizen of his community.

Warren C. Darnall. Measured by the hourglass of time, the space of 100 years is a mighty small link in the chain connecting the eternity of the past with the eternity of the future, yet within just that space of time McLean County has been transformed from a wild and boundless expanse of primitive nature into fertile fields and gardens, separated by man-made barriers and ornamented with beautiful farm homes and drives reflecting every convenience of modern ingenuity for convenience, attractiveness and comfort.

Ninety-seven years ago Valentine Martin Darnall left the old home at Georgetown, Ky., and journeyed to Illinois, where in 1827 he established his homestead on the eastern border of Indian Grove, the first white settler within the confines of what is now known as Livingston County. With him came his brother, Nicholas Darnall, the paternal grandfather of the subject of this sketch, Warren C. Darnall.

Nicholas Darnall, having served as first lieutenant in the Black Hawk war, was united in marriage with Sarepta Brooks, daughter of the founder of the Brooks' Grove colony, and settled at Brooks' Grove in about the year 1834. He was for many years widely and favorably known as an ordained minister of the Christian church.

On the old home farm at Brooks' Grove William Darnall, father of Warren C., was born Jan. 5, 1836, and on the adjoining farm on April 18, 1864, Warren C. Darnall began an eventful life that has mingled rather more than the ordinary amount of the lights and shadows of human experience. William Darnall and Eliza Ann Coffman were united in marriage in 1856. She was the daughter of William Henry and Martha (Young) Coffman. William Henry Coffman was a pioneer minister of the Christian church and in the prosecution of his missionary labors traveled extensively through Kentucky, Illinois, Arkansas and Texas. William Darnall died at Stanford, this county, in April, 1923, at the advanced age of 87 years. The mother, Eliza Ann Darnall, now in her 85th year is at this writing still living in the old home in Stanford.

Thus within the span of three generations has McLean County passed from the habitat of the hardy pioneer who braved the dangers of the wilderness, trusting his own prowess and sagacity to protect him from the ravages of disease and from the perils of contact with savage beasts and still more savage men to the abode of seductive environment and cultured ease.

In striking contrast with the manners and customs of the present day, it is to be recorded that the early pioneers were essentially hospitable and neighborly. They were contented and happy. In their farm and household duties they exchanged work freely. Long after Warren C. Darnall had passed the age of childhood it was the prevailing custom for men to lay aside their own work and journey miles to assist a distant neighbor to "raise" his house or barn. Harvesting, shucking corn, hog killing, fruit, berries and nut gathering, making cider, laying worm fence, rail splitting on the farm and quilting, carpet weaving and numerous other tedious household duties were made the occasion for mutual exchange of assistance. Then when Thanksgiving or Christmas came or weddings or birthdays were to be celebrated such feasts were spread as only the wives and mothers of that early day knew how to prepare.

Such may be said of the environment of the early pioneers. Practically all of the first and second generations have "wrapped the draperies

of their couch about them and lain down to pleasant dreams" and with the passing of the third generation, to which Warren C. Darnall properly belongs, memory will cease and only history and tradition will remain to relate imperfectly the story of the old settlers of the Corn Belt of Illinois.

The Darnall family traces its history in America to the period about 1625 when Lord Baltimore secured a grant of land from the English Crown and established the Colony of Maryland. The wife of Lord Baltimore was a Darnall and her brothers, John and Henry, were prominent in the early distribution of the colonial lands. Later on when the colony was rent with religious dissention, the family was divided, that branch adhering to the Catholic faith remaining while the Protestant branch migrated to Virginia and the Carolinas, thence over into Kentucky and eventually to the North and West. It has been particularly noted as a family characteristic that while taking a lively interest in political and civic affairs, very few of the family name ever manifested political aspirations.

Warren C. Darnall is a worthy representative of this type of American citizenship. Firm and steadfast in his convictions, "he is by no means a surface feeder but a deep thinker and reasoner." Loyalty to God, loyalty to his country and loyalty to his home mark the outstanding characteristics of his being. Hence, on questions of justice, law and order his attitude can always be taken for granted. Like one of whom it was said, "He wore his heart on his sleeve, no matter what people would say", so of Warren C. Darnall it may be said, his life is as an open book, not always right but reflecting the highest ideals and purposes.

Born amidst the stirring scenes enacted in the closing days of the Civil War, his earliest recollections have to do with tales of marching men, the blare of trumpets and deeds of valor on field of battle. Then on occasion around some fireside gathering of neighbor folk would be recounted the scenes of earlier days when pilgrimage was made for family supplies over the long trails to Peoria or Chicago. Whistler's Mill on the Mackinaw ground the corn and wheat while sturdy pioneers vied with each other in feats of skill in wrestling, marksmanship, pitching horse-shoes and other sports. Now and then Old Uncle Martin Darnall could be induced to contribute the story of his hunger experience "in the winter of the deep snow" and how when hope had well nigh gone, he climbed to the roof of his cabin and espied a deer caught in the distant drifts; needless to add that after a thrilling experience and with the aid of snowshoes, that

deer was made to provide food for the family until assistance arrived. Such were of the impressions and such the environment that early assisted in the development of mind, body and character in the life of Warren C. Darnall and in later years galvanized them into a dynamic personality that was destined to take a place of leadership in practically all the activities of a varied career.

As a boy Warren C. Darnall attended the country schools, then the Atlanta High School, finishing his literary training at Eureka College. After two successful years in teaching he attended and graduated from the Evergreen City Business College, where he also taught the greater part of one year. Changing from a professional to a business career only tended to open up a wider field for his investigations and he continued his studies with unremitting energy. As president of the school board at McLean he gained an enviable reputation as teacher of elocution and literary art and his pupils were uniformly successful in numerous contests in which they engaged. On the board of trustees of Eureka College where he served for six years, he was regarded as an authority on matters of finance and only retired on account of failing health.

Following his experience in the business college Mr. Darnall was employed for a short time as bookkeeper and accountant in the office of a lumber yard in Mason City. A short time later, however, an opportunity was presented to engage in the grain business and marshalling the savings of his teaching and accounting days he started on the long trail that led from the grain office in Ashland in the spring of 1885 and ended 32 years later when he sold his enviable business interests in McLean in June, 1917. During this period he owned and controlled many branch elevators and became one of the best known and successful grain men in the Illinois Corn Belt. Shortly after moving from Ashland to McLean in August, 1886, he added a burglar-proof safe to his office equipment and thenceforth became one of those private country bankers to whom the agricultural interests of Illinois are indebted for the most prosperous and satisfactory development in their history. Mr. Darnall has never hesitated to denounce the adverse criticism and propaganda that eventually culminated in the restrictive banking laws against which the farming interests have been obliged of late years to strive in their efforts to successfully finance their business and as a proof of his position points with pride to the adventures of many men whom his assistance as a private banker started on the road to prosperity and in many instances to financial independence.

Few men are better known in the fraternal orders in Illinois than Warren C. Darnall. In 1911 he was made Chief of Examiners and Instructors of the Grand Lodge of Illinois Odd Fellows. His original methods and ability as an instructor soon created such a demand for his services that he was obliged to separate the State into zones and enlist the services of many assistants. In 1914 he was elected Grand Master, having passed through all the intervening chairs without opposition. After serving two years as representative to the Sovereign Grand Lodge he was appointed on the Judiciary and Appeals Committee where he gained much valuable legal experience during the five years of his service. He has just recently completed his second term as chairman of the board of trustees of Remembrance Lodge No. 77 and was re-elected for the third term. He is also a thirty-second degree Mason and Shriner.

Born of Christian parentage, both his father and mother having been active church workers until their declining years, and both of his grandfathers having been ordained ministers of the gospel, it was natural that Warren C. Darnall should take a lively interest in church work. Being unusually well equipped in Bible history and literature he has been for five successive years elected teacher of the Brotherhood Class of the First Christian Church of Bloomington where his work is much appreciated. His wife and daughter are also members of this church.

Warren C. Darnall has been a life-long Republican. He believes firmly in the protection of the industries of the country so far as may be necessary to safeguard the standards of living of our laboring population. He is a great admirer of Theodore Roosevelt and his ideas of the "Square Deal" and "Equal Rights" and strenuously opposes special privileges in the operation of state and national affairs.

Congenial co-operation, mutual regard and consideration, comfortable surroundings and happy companionship are the distinguishing characteristics of the family home of Warren C. Darnall. After selling out his business in McLean in 1917 the family moved to Bloomington where he purchased a very desirable residence at 34 White Place. On June 17, 1885, Warren C. Darnall and Ida May Linebarger were joined in wedlock at Stanford. To this union one daughter, Camilla Irene, was born, Oct. 27, 1897. Ida M. Darnall was the only daughter of Henry and Jane Linebarger. Henry Linebarger came to Stanford in 1869 and for 30 years was one of the best known grain dealers and bankers in central Illinois. Jane

Linebarger was born in Germany and in her infancy came with her parents to America.

Camilla Irene Darnall completed her literary course and graduated from Eureka College in the class of 1919. Following the trend of natural skill and capability of her mother, she specialized in domestic art and domestic science and has developed unusual talent along those lines. On June 17, 1922, she was united in marriage with Joseph H. Stevenson of Aledo, Ill. Mr. Stevenson is a licensed embalmer and undertaker and while in his apprenticeship held positions in Peoria, Moline and Chicago. He was overseas with the A. E. F., having volunteered and crossed with the 33rd Division, and after the armistice was signed he was with the Army of Occupation.

From the foregoing it may be gleaned that Warren C. Darnall

“Has had his share in the fame and fight,

“In the struggles and cares of men”

and few men in the county have contributed more of their time or a larger portion of their means for the common good and development of individual character and opportunity. His field of operation has been broad and his beneficences free from ostentation but they have been none the less appreciated by the recipients.

J. H. Barnes, the capable and well known cashier of the Cropsey State Bank, is a native of McLean County. He was born near Cropsey, Aug. 6, 1889, and is a son of Henry L. and Ada A. (McCullough) Barnes.

Henry L. Barnes is one of the foremost citizens of McLean County, where he is widely known in connection with important banking enterprises, real estate transactions and extensive live stock operations. Mr. Barnes was born in Greene County, Pa., April 10, 1856, the son of John and Sarah (White) Barnes, the former born in 1818 and the latter in 1822. John Barnes was a farmer by occupation and in Pennsylvania was the owner of a 230-acre farm. He removed to Livingston County, Ill., March 27, 1868, and later located in Belle Prairie Township, McLean County. He died Feb. 12, 1899, and his wife died May 12, 1903.

Henry L. Barnes was educated in the schools of Pennsylvania and Illinois and lived on the home farm until he was 21 years old. He then

spent five years in teaching school. His first investment consisted of 40 acres of land at \$30 per acre. Mr. Barnes has become one of the leading real estate operators in the county and has officiated as clerk at more public sales than any other man in McLean County. In 1892 he built a commodious and attractive residence in Cropsey, which is the family home. In April of that year he started a private bank there, which was operated as the Henry L. Barnes Bank until the time of its reorganization in 1921. In November, 1903, Mr. Barnes established the Colfax Bank, at Colfax, of which his son, John L., is cashier. Mr. Barnes is a member of the McLean County Bankers Association. He is interested in the Farmers' Elevator at Cropsey and assisted in organizing the telephone company there.

On Nov. 20, 1881, Mr. Barnes was united in marriage with Miss Ada L. McCullough, who was born in Grundy County, Ill., Jan. 24, 1861, the daughter of George H. and Sarah (Converse) McCullough, both natives of New York State and of Irish descent. Mr. and Mrs. Barnes have five children: Myra M. Lackland, born Dec. 9, 1883, lives in New York; John L., born Feb. 16, 1885, lives at Colfax, Ill.; J. H., the subject of this sketch; Ethel Ada Tanner, born July 30, 1892, lives at Roanoke, Ind.; and William Frank, born Oct. 19, 1898, deceased.

J. H. Barnes received his education in the public schools of Cropsey and Colfax. In 1910 he entered his father's bank as cashier, which position he has since held. Mr. Barnes is an extensive feeder of stock and handles about 3,000 head per year.

On Dec. 21, 1914, Mr. Barnes was married to Miss Leah Belle Kyle, a native of Colfax, born Jan. 27, 1893, and the daughter of Dr. M. and Lola (Wakeley) Kyle. Mr. and Mrs. Barnes have two children, Henry Walter and Rita Belle.

Mr. Barnes is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen of America. He and his family hold membership in the Methodist Church.

The Cropsey State Bank, which was organized by Mr. Barnes' father in 1892, is among the substantial banking institutions of McLean County.

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