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MISSOURI.

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A HISTORY OF THE COUNTY, ITS CITIES, TOWNS, ETC.,

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES OF ITS CITIZENS, CLINTON COUNTY IN THE LATE WAR,  
GENERAL AND LOCAL STATISTICS, PORTRAITS OF EARLY SETTLERS  
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returned immediately. I should not have returned at all but to carry the water to Willard, with some desire that I might interfere for him. I now began to fear the thing might be pushed too far. I was not absent, I should think, more than thirty minutes.

On my return I found them all setting down on the ground. Willard looked bad; he showed signs of exhaustion; looked languid. I did not ask them, but they had evidently been whipping him pretty severely while I was absent. I gave Willard some whisky, but he did not seem to relish it. He drank freely of the water and said it was good. The others drank freely of the whisky. I now took Langston and Anderson to one side and begged them to desist—told them that they had given him enough—too much. I poured the water on Willard's head. I remained with them twenty or thirty minutes. While I was there they did not whip him any more.

I took the jug to go after more water, and Langston handed me the bottle, and told me to bring more whisky. I then came down to the Farmer's House and lingered about there a few minutes, when three young men asked me to join them in a game of cards. I consented and sat down in the bar-room and played cards for perhaps an hour. I was at the Farmer's House at least an hour and a half. Jones came in about this time. I saw him as he came up. He had been down town and was returning to the woods. I met him at the door. He had a little tin bucket in his hand, and said that he had been after their dinners. I previously understood that morning that they had not had their breakfasts. I requested Jones to take the jug of water and bottle of whisky with him, that I did not intend to return any more. Jones said that he could not very well take them and the dinner. And he further said that he would like to have me go up anyhow, saying, "I think that they have given him enough, and if you will go up perhaps we can persuade them to quit." And with this view only I went up. When we arrived they were all sitting down on the ground. I looked at Willard and the poor fellow looked horribly bad. He was now badly blooded, and I saw that they had beaten him desperately while I was gone. He was sitting on the ground, with his head rather resting on his hands, which were supported by his knees. I approached him and asked him if he would have some whisky. He said nothing, but shook his head. I told him to smell of it, and held it to his nose. He merely breathed over it. I insisted that he should taste of it and held it to his mouth. He took some in his mouth, but spit it out again. He did not swallow any of it. I again told Langston and Anderson that they had given him enough—too much. So said Jones. Langston and Anderson both said that they intended to give him more. I told them to eat their dinners first, perhaps they might feel in a better humor after dinner. In the meantime I had given Willard a drink of water. He drank heartily, but did not seem to relish it—it did not revive him. I poured some of the water upon him, and also poured some of the whisky upon his head.

Langston and Anderson now stepped some ten or twelve paces to one side and set down to eat their dinner. They asked me to join them in eating dinner. My mouth was too sore to eat the victuals that Jones brought; it was bread, meat, and potatoes. Nor did I feel in the humor to eat. I stepped aside with them, however. Jones said that he had eaten his dinner at home and could not eat any more. Jones seemed to



sympathize with Willard, and while we stepped aside to eat, Jones remained with him, and stood not very far from him, governed by no other motive I think, but sympathy. He stood a few feet from him. Langston and Anderson had just begun to eat, had eaten but a few mouthfuls, when Jones remarked, "Willard is dying!" We all sprung to our feet and ran to him, and by the time that we got to him he had lain down on his back, and afterwards breathed not a single breath. His vital powers were all exhausted. He had lost much blood, had been some hours in indescribable physical suffering, and now died as easy as going to sleep. I never saw anybody die any easier than he died.

Here we all stood around the fellow, and it came upon us in an instant, with all its terrible reality, that we had murdered him!

I believe that I was more self-possessed in this awful crisis than either of the others. Jones was the worst frightened man I ever saw in my life! Langston was considerably agitated and alarmed. So was Anderson. It was a terrible time. The reader cannot possibly appreciate our feelings.

I think that I first broke silence by asking, "Boys, what will you do?" Langston spoke and said, "We will take him off and conceal him, and at night we will come and throw him into the Missouri River." Langston said, "Let no man reveal this," or words to that effect. I then took Willard's shirt, while the rest held him up, and put it on him. I also drew up his pantaloons around his waist. They were down around his ankles. In putting on his shirt and drawing up his pants I noticed that the fellow was awfully whipped. I know nothing about the wounds on Willard's head, as spoken of by the surgeons that made the post mortem examination. I did not notice them, but I have no doubt but the whipping was sufficient and did produce his death.

After putting on his shirt and adjusting his pants, Langston took hold of one arm and I the other; Anderson took hold of one leg and Jones the other, and we bore him off some forty or fifty yards into the thicket to the place of concealment. I don't now recollect that a word was spoken by any of us as we bore him away. We did not drag him that I recollect of, though we might have let some part of his body touch the ground as we went through the thicket, but I think not. After laying him down in the thicket, as he was subsequently found by the crowd that went out that afternoon, we all returned to the place of whipping. I then took Willard's hat, his vest, coat and boots, and returned with them to the dead body, as it lay in the thicket, and laid them all down together, not far from his head. I turned round to go back, and then remembered that I had Willard's butcher-knife in my bosom, and I turned about and put the knife in his hat, and then left and went to the place of whipping and found them standing about. Jones, I think, at this time was throwing the switches away, and other ways trying to obliterate the evidence of the transaction. Some short conversation now took place between us, about the best way to act so as to keep the thing concealed. We soon agreed in the manner of separately going into town. Jones handed me the rope and I subsequently threw it into Blacksnake. I don't know who took the cowhide nor the hand-cuffs. Jones took the bucket that had the dinner in it. I took the jug; I don't know who took the bottle. Jones now struck off into the bushes by himself. Langston, Anderson and I came down the road together to the





Farmers' House. Here Langston went in, and Anderson and I came on to the grocery, where I had got the jug. Matthews, spoken of before, had not been with us from the time the whipping began in the morning; I did not perceive when nor how he left us. I have since understood from my fellow sufferers that he lay round there in the thicket and saw all that took place, and then left for parts unknown. He took no part in the matter whatever, and the only motive that he could have had in being present was a curiosity to see what was going on. Of Jones, the motive that took him there, I have never been able to comprehend. He seemed to have no ill-feeling whatever towards Willard, did not a thing under the heavens to hurt him, seemed to sympathize with him, took his part, evidently kept Langston from hurting him, and yet took out the first bottle of whisky, took the order to Willard's wife, went after the dinner, and helped us carry the body to the place of concealment after the man was dead, and the only pay he seemed to have received at all, as Willard owed him not a cent, was the most terrible fright mortal man, perhaps, ever got.

At the grocery where I got the jug, Anderson and I remained but a minute or two, just long enough for me to hand up the jug and get back my money, when we went back to the Farmers' House. Here we found Langston, and joined him in taking a drink of whisky. Mr. Heed, about this time, stepped in and some of us asked him to take a drink with us. He thanked us, and remarked that he was in a hurry, took a drink of water only, and started off in the direction that we had just come. Langston now stepped out at one door, Anderson and I at the other. We soon fell in together on the street, and came down town. About half way between the Farmers' House and the bridge across the Blacksnake, we met and passed a woman. Just after we passed her Langston remarked, "that is Willard's wife." Anderson nor I knew her. I turned, however, and looked at her as she walked in the direction that we had just come. As soon as we crossed the bridge on Blacksnake we separated. I went down on to Main Street, and Langston and Anderson in the direction of their houses, and I saw no more of them till I saw them in prison.

We left Craig's law office in the morning, I should think between eight and nine o'clock. We parted at the bridge across Blacksnake, I should think not later than two o'clock in the afternoon—it was the 27th day of July, 1852. I well remember that it was a beautiful, bright, sun-shiny day, but rather warm. The whole of the transaction as detailed above in reference to Willard's death, took place just as I have here stated, in manner and order of time, with the part that I and others took in it, to the best of my recollection, so help me God! Freely, frankly, and honestly made, without reservation or concealment. And oh, what a day's work that was!

The first place that I stopped at on Main Street was in a blacksmith's shop. I stepped in and talked a few minutes with a man about doing some painting for me. From there I went directly to my own residence. My wife was at home by herself, pleasant and kind in feeling, knowing nothing about the transactions of the day. She asked me what detained me that I was not home to my dinner? I made some evasive reply. She spread the dinner on the table for me, and I sat down and eat a bite by myself; remained only a few minutes at home, and then



went round to my shop. I remained a short time in my shop, then took my book and went to Estes' tin shop, to have some settlement with him. There was some business transactions between us. Estes was not in; I was told that he had just stepped out but would be in in a few minutes. I waited till he came in—quite a good while. When he did come in I learned of him that the murder of Willard had been found out, that the body had been found, and that a great crowd had gone out there, and that he had been and seen the body. He was very much excited, and could not talk of anything else but the murder of Willard. Of him I received ten dollars, and he said at some other time we would have a settlement. I then went back to my shop, put my book in the chest, locked it up, made some other little arrangements about the shop, and returned home. It was now supper time. I eat a light supper and was sitting in the front door of my house, with my wife and family, just at dusk, when Jacob Langston, son of the old gentleman, came in at the back door, (this was the first time that he ever came to my house) and said he wanted to see me. He appeared to be somewhat excited and much affected. We stepped aside into the little porch, and he told me of Willard's murder, that his body had been found, etc., and that his father had been arrested on suspicion of being engaged in the murder, and he wanted to know of me, "if I knew whether his father had any hand in the matter." I gave him some evasive answer, which, however, did not seem to satisfy him. He soon went away, and I then went around to my partner, Mr. Beal's. He had recovered from his "sun-stroke," and was up. He told me that I was suspicioned of having some hand in Willard's murder, and asked me if it were so! Said he hoped it was not so! I denied it, and somewhat evaded the conversation. I remained at Mr. Beal's but a short time, when I returned back to my residence. A few steps from my door, young Langston met me, and seemed much interested, and wanted to find out whether his father was concerned in it. Let me depart from the thread of my narrative here, just long enough to say that young Langston had no part in the murder of Willard whatever. I am almost *certain* that he knew nothing about it. He was entirely innocent of the whole matter.

When young Langston came to my house the second time, he and I walked out on Main Street to see what was going on, and to make what observations we could. I still held out to young Langston that if his father had any hand in it that I was not aware of it, still affecting an innocence on my part. We walked down Main Street to Robidoux' corner; paused there awhile, and then went on to the Public Square. There were a good many people on the Public Square at the time, and there had been more excitement about Willard's murder than I was aware of at the time. The people were somewhat scattered and scattering at the time. They were collecting and had collected in little groups in different parts of the Square, and were in low, under-toned conversation. There was evidently quite an indignant feeling in the public towards the perpetrators of the deed. Young Langston and I mixed not with any of these little squads of folks, but passed through—made but a short walk, and returned. I saw and recognized several persons during this walk. Dr. Crane I particularly recollect passing, and spoke to him, and I think he returned the salutation, "Good evening," or something like that. Young Langston and I soon separated. He went on and I



returned to my own house, not later than ten at night, I should think, and went to bed. My wife, in the meantime, had heard of the murder of Willard—that Langston, Anderson and Jones had been arrested, and that rumor and suspicion connected me with them. She was uneasy and mentioned it to me. I denied knowing anything about it, and quieted her as best I could, and then went to sleep. I was not very stout, being unwell, as I have before stated, had been on my feet all day, and the part I had borne in Willard's death was taxing my powers pretty heavily. In my mind I was not apprehending any danger. I knew that there would be a trial the next day of Langston, Anderson and Jones, and supposed that I should be called on as a witness only. I had no dread of being apprehended myself. Under all the circumstances I slept very quietly during the night.

I remained in doors next morning, with the exception of doing what we call "chores," till after breakfast. I then went round to my shop, intending to work a little. I made some start at work—brought in a few plank; made some directions in relation to business with one or two persons, and began perhaps to use the saw on some of the plank, when friends began to come in. One and another, and another, stepped in. The conversation was almost entirely about the murder of Willard. There was an intense feeling about it. Several persons told me that suspicion strongly rested on me as being engaged in the affair. Mr. Hoagland, I recollect, told me that I was strongly suspected, and asked me: "Jennings, are you guilty or not guilty?" I denied it. Others told me the same. At length some person came into the shop and took me out to one side and told me that a warrant was out for me, and that I would soon be apprehended, and said: "Jennings, the excitement is very high, and I would advise you to leave for a few days, till the excitement is over, and then return. Others soon advised the same thing. And I reflected on the matter—thought perhaps I had better leave for awhile. There was no judge then in this district. I did not know how long I might have to be in jail. The public feeling ran very high, and I thought best to absent myself at least for a few days.

I made it convenient to see a few friends with whom I had business, obtained a little money, went to a store and purchased a pair of shoes, and went round home. There I met my sister, Mrs. Hebron. She had heard of all these things, and had come round to see about them. She and my wife were both much alarmed, and wept bitterly. I told them not to be alarmed; that all would come around right. I told them that I would withdraw for a few days, till the excitement was over, etc. I put on clean linen, and immediately left. I took the road out by the rope-walk. At the forks of the road I took the Savannah road; then again took the Rochester road till out a mile or two; I left the main road and took the prairie, brush, woods and by-paths. Without taxing the patience of the reader with an uninteresting narrative of this adventure, in which in fact nothing remarkable or that would be interesting to the public, occurred. I worked my way into DeKalb County. From Maysville, on Friday morning, I wrote back to my brother-in-law, Mr. Hebron. This letter was soon at hand, and by it my whereabouts was soon known. On Saturday morning I was arrested, some six or seven miles north of Maysville, by Officers Heed and Finney, and brought back to St. Joseph the same day. We arrived in town about sunset. On our arrival in town I





was put in prison. In prison I found already Langston, Anderson and Jones. They had been apprehended and put in prison on Tuesday night, and had been brought before Justices Wash and Lewis, and their trial before this examining court begun. The next Monday being election, the further proceedings in their trial was postponed till Thursday, there being three days of election. I now was placed with them for trial, and the trial set for Thursday.

When I was introduced into prison I found Langston, Anderson and Jones. They appeared tolerably cheerful—were disappointed at seeing me—said they supposed that I was entirely gone, and seemed rather to regret that I had been apprehended.

Thirteen long months have these poor fellows, Langston, Anderson, Jones and myself lain in prison together. Always, except when separated by the officers for a few hours, or days at furthest, during my trial, in the same room. These thirteen months have been to me an age! Nor has the time dragged less heavily with them. During this wearisome time we have lived in peace with one another. There has been no recrimination, no censuring each other, no bickering, and but very seldom has the matter been spoken of at all. We all understand ourselves—know the part each acted in that tragedy, and have generally been silent about it. To-morrow I shall separate from them—my companions in guilt—my companions in suffering, and from my very soul I pity them! I pity their families! I wish I could help them! But I cannot. I bear against them no bad feelings in the world. Myself, and myself only, do I blame for this that now hangs over me—there never has been a hard word passed between us in prison.

I know not what disposition, of course, that the court will make of Langston, Anderson and Jones. It would meet my hearty approbation, and I wish I knew such were the case, that they might be acquitted and restored to their families. Willard is dead—was most inhumanly murdered; his family is ruined. I have laid in jail thirteen long months and suffered more than a thousand deaths. They, too, have suffered equally as much; our families are all crushed down to rise no more—ruined forever. I have to die. The blood of a thousand men would not make atonement for Willard's. If the divine claims of "Eye for an eye, tooth for tooth," be just, my death ought to satisfy the claims of justice, however others may have bore a conspicuous and even leading part in the crime. I say then, if it could be compatible with the claims of the law, and the ends of justice could be satisfied without their blood, I would rather Langston, Anderson and Jones could be spared.

#### KILLING OF HOWARD GLENN.

On the 4th day of October, 1873, in the town of Plattsburg, William Barnes and Howard Glenn became intoxicated. They had during the day one or two encounters, without any serious results.

Barnes went home, and Glenn concluded that he would also return home, and had to pass along the same street upon which Barnes resided. Mr. C. G. Livingston accompanied Glenn, and when they arrived opposite to where Barnes lived, Glenn expressed a desire to see Barnes, and become reconciled. Glenn called for Barnes, who came out. Each





expressed friendly sentiments, but finally angry words ensued. Glenn asked Barnes if he had a pistol, when the latter went into his house, returned with a pistol, and after the exchange of a few words, Barnes shot Glenn, who was carried home, and died next morning at 4 o'clock. His remains were followed to the grave by a large concourse of people. Barnes was arrested and confined in jail. The parties were not hostile to each other, but in a moment of frenzy, intensified by ardent spirits, a tragedy was enacted which left one family desolate and the other in a painful condition.

The following is the report of the coroner's jury, and the testimony of C. G. Livingston, who was present when Glenn was shot:

STATE OF MISSOURI, }  
COUNTY OF CLINTON. } ss.

An inquisition, taken at the residence of Howard Glenn in the city of Plattsburg, in the County of Clinton, on the 5th day of October, 1873, before me, William Morris, Coroner of the county aforesaid, upon the view of the body of Howard Glenn, then and there lying dead. James H. Rogers, Henry B. Baker, James W. Y. Hughart, W. W. Sherman, Mason Hord, and J. H. West, good and lawful men, householders of Concord Township, in Clinton County, State of Missouri, who being sworn and charged, diligently to inquire and true presentment make, how and in what manner and by whom the said Howard Glen came to his death, upon their oaths do say: We, the jury find from the evidence before us, that the deceased, Howard Glenn, came to his death from a pistol shot wound, inflicted on the 4th day of October by William C. Barnes, in the city of Plattsburg, County of Clinton, State of Missouri. October 5th, 1873.

MASON HOOD,  
W. W. SHERMAN,  
J. H. WEST,  
J. W. Y. HUGHART,  
J. H. ROGERS,  
H. B. BAKER.

#### C. G. Livingston's testimony:

C. G. Livingston sworn and examined, says: I reside in the city of Plattsburg, Clinton County, State of Missouri. Yesterday about three or four o'clock, Mr. Glenn, deceased, was down in town; he started up home and my brother Thomas told me to get up behind the deceased on his horse and ride up home with him. We got up opposite to where William Barnes lives, when deceased spoke and said he was going to call William Barnes out. "It is a drunken spree; I have nothing against him, nor he against me; I want to make it up with him." Deceased called to William Barnes, and he came out to the fence. Deceased said, "What was the use of fussing." William Barnes said, "Mr. Glenn, I always looked upon you as a brother." Deceased said, "I don't suppose there is anything between us." William Barnes remarked that he "would fight deceased at any place and in any way. I will fight you with a revolver." Deceased said "Have you a revolver?" Mr. Barnes said "he had," and turned around and went into the house. Mr. Barnes came out with a revol-



ver in his hand. I never saw the revolver until he got to the gate. As soon as I saw it, I jumped off the horse and commenced shaming him for having the revolver, and started towards him. He cocked the revolver on me, and said, "if I came any nearer he would shoot me." I kept walking around him on the street, and the first thing I knew, he pointed the revolver at the deceased and fired. Deceased fell partly on the sidewalk on his right side. As soon as he fired, I jumped at him and caught the revolver. He attempted to fire the second time. I threw the pistol up and the cap bursted. I took the revolver away from him, and gave it to John Livingston. I got on Livingston's horse and went up in town after a doctor. Deceased was sent up home where he now lies by Mr. Doniphan. Deceased was from thirty to forty feet from William Barnes when he was shot. Mr. Barnes was on the sidewalk when he fired.

Barnes was afterwards tried and sent to the Penitentiary for ten years.

#### DOUBLE CRIME—THE MURDER OF MOLLIE STEEL.

On the night of August 9, 1867, in the City of Plattsburg, between 11 and 12 o'clock, when the streets were crowded with people returning from Lake's circus, the citizens were stricken with terror by the murdering of Miss Mollie Steel, daughter of Colonel John Steel, by Charles V. Jones, and the killing of himself.

Miss Steel, accompanied by Mr. Charles O. McMichael, had just passed the residence of Benjamin F. Willis, Esq., when Jones hurriedly and cautiously walked up behind McMichael, and drawing a revolver, leveled it at Miss Steel's head and fired, the ball entering just back of the lower part of her right ear and passing out back of her left ear, causing instant death.

Immediately after firing, Jones ran a few steps across the street, and putting the pistol against his right temple, pulled the trigger and launched his guilty soul into eternity.

John S. Funkhouser, who was a few feet behind McMichael and Miss Steel, walking with a lady, called for help, when Jones started off, apparently with the intention of escaping, but before any one got to Jones he had taken his own life. Funkhouser then hastened to the relief of Miss Steel, and with the assistance of several other gentlemen, she was carried into the residence of Mr. Willis. Drs. Vanhook, Essig and Spencer made an examination of the wound.

Mr. Willis' house was soon filled with ladies and gentlemen, and the street was thronged with people. Consternation was depicted on every countenance, and but few dry eyes were in the crowd, while the shrieks and lamentations of the mother and sisters of the unfortunate young lady were heart-rending in the extreme. Mrs. Steel was so overcome by the violent death of her daughter that she swooned.

Miss Steel was one of the most fascinating and interesting young ladies in Plattsburg, admired by all who knew her, and almost idolized by her parents.



Charles V. Jones came to Plattsburg, the latter part of the war, from Hannibal. Making Steel's Hotel his home, and, being there thrown into the society of Miss Mollic, he conceived an attachment for her, which, for a while, was reciprocated, and an engagement ensued. Subsequently leading a dissipated life, which neither the persuasions or entreaties of friends could induce him to break off, the parents of Miss Steel opposed the fulfillment of the engagement, and he was discarded. Whereupon, the vindictiveness of his nature exhibited itself in making threats to take her life. An examination of his letters revealed the fact that he had frequently threatened her life, and one letter stated that if she did not marry him in January (last) he would kill her. Several persons were cognizant of his making threats, but no one seriously apprehended that he would ever carry them into execution. With the exception of the deceased, no other member of Steel's family had any knowledge of such threats. On the Friday evening previous, when no one was at the supper table but the family, Jones asked Mr. Steel if he could have supper, and, being answered in the affirmative, he went into the room. In a few moments he came out, handed Mr. Steel pay for his supper, and passed on. It was afterwards believed that he intended to murder Miss Steel in the presence of the family, and there is no doubt but he would have done so had she been present.

Miss Steel's funeral was attended by almost the entire population of Plattsburg, and many person from the country. It was the largest funeral that had ever occurred in the city up to that date.

#### EXECUTION OF ALBERT HUGHES.

Probably the largest crowd of people that ever assembled in Plattsburg, was on the last day of September, 1868, to witness the execution of Albert Hughes. From ten o'clock in the morning until the prisoner was taken from jail, the public square and adjoining streets were almost jammed with men, women and children, a great majority of whom were apparently anxious to witness the tragic end of Albert Hughes. There must have been eight thousand persons, the most of whom were present at the execution.

A few minutes before one o'clock, Sheriff Phillips brought the prisoner out of his cell, placed in a wagon on his coffin, and with Reverends Jesse Bird and W. W. Roberts, and a strong guard of armed men on horses, followed by a vast number of persons riding and walking, proceeded to the gallows, erected in the valley a short distance north of the Fair Grounds. Arriving at the scaffold, the crowd that had already collected there, was pressed back, and the guard entered and formed a circle. The sheriff then took the prisoner up the ladder to the gallows, the ministers following. At one o'clock precisely, Mr. Phillips commenced to read the death warrant, which is as follows:





STATE OF MISSOURI, {  
COUNTY OF CLINTON. } ss.

*The State of Missouri to the Sheriff of Clinton County, Greeting :*

WHEREAS, At the November term, A. D. 1867, of the Circuit Court of Platte County, in the Fifth Judicial Circuit of the State of Missouri, and on the fifteenth day of said month, the Grand Jurors of the State of Missouri, for the body of said county of Platte, returned into the Circuit Court of said Platte County, while the said court was in open session, a bill of indictment against Albert Hughes for murder in the first degree; and

WHEREAS, After the said defendant, Albert Hughes, had been duly arrested according to law, and brought to trial before the said Circuit Court of Platte County, on the indictment aforesaid, for murder in the first degree, to wit: on Tuesday, the 17th day of December, A. D. 1867, upon the affidavit of said defendant, Albert Hughes, duly made and filed in open court, as provided by law, a change of venue in said case was awarded by said court to the Circuit Court of Clinton County, in said Judicial Circuit of the State of Missouri; and

WHEREAS, On Thursday, the 11th day of June, A. D. 1868, said cause having come on for trial before the Circuit Court of Clinton County, aforesaid, pursuant to the change of venue, awarded as aforesaid, and the said defendant, Albert Hughes, having been tried before said court by a jury of twelve good and lawful men of the County of Clinton, aforesaid; and

WHEREAS, The jury aforesaid, after hearing the evidence and the arguments of counsel, as well for the defendant, Albert Hughes, as for the said State of Missouri, and after receiving the instructions of the court, and having retired and maturely deliberated on the same, returned into open court the following verdict, to wit:

We, the jury, find the defendant guilty of murder in the first degree, and assess his punishment at death.

JOHN STOVER, Foreman.

AND WHEREAS, The judge of said court, in open court sitting, did upon, and in accordance with the verdict of the jury aforesaid, (as the record of said court doth show), sentence the said defendant, Albert Hughes, to be, on Friday, the 24th day of July, A. D. 1868, and between the hours of eight o'clock in the forenoon, and four o'clock in the afternoon of said day, hanged by the neck until he be dead, dead, dead.

These are therefore to command you, that on Friday, the 24th day of July, A. D. 1868, and between the hours of eight o'clock in the forenoon, and four o'clock in the afternoon of said day, you take the said Albert Hughes, and hang him by the neck until he be dead, dead, dead, in accordance with the sentence of our said Clinton Circuit Court, pronounced and of record as aforesaid; and that on the first day of the next term of our Clinton Circuit Court, you have this writ, with your doings certified thereon, before the judge thereof.

Witness, William Leonard Birney, clerk of our said circuit court, with the seal thereof hereto affixed, at the office in Plattsburg, this 23d day of July, A. D. 1868.

[SEAL:]

WILLIAM LEONARD BIRNEY, Clerk.

PER FRANK YOUNG, Deputy Clerk.





When the sheriff had concluded the reading of the warrant, Rev. Mr. Roberts advanced to the side of Hughes, and read, in an impressive manner, the first sixteen verses of the Fifty-first Psalm. After which, the Rev. Mr. Bird offered up an eloquent and fervent prayer. When the prayer was finished each of the ministers bade the prisoner farewell and retired. The sheriff then informed the prisoner that if he desired to say anything he could do so. Albert Hughes then, in a clear and distinct voice, made the following dying speech :

Well, my friends ; I suppose you come to see Albert Hughes leave this world. My friends, why am I sentenced to death for murder ? Why has this happened ? I worked for old man Jenkins one month, and asked for money—fifty cents. Daniel Jenkins then came up and ordered me out ; I went to the dining room, and the old man followed me and asked me how much he owed me. I told him I did not know—I was no scholar. Dan Jenkins then came in and took me by the collar with one hand, and, with the other, cocked his revolver, when his poor old father said, "hold on !" He is dead now—God bless him. Jenkins then took me to the stable, where he drew his pistol in my face, and I was thrown into the manger by that man. He then said : "Albert, I give you two hours to leave this house, and if I catch you here again I will take your life." My friends, I did not expect to be injured by him. Then I was knocked dead by that man. What did I do ? Nothing ! What did I say ? Nothing ! My friends, I went out into the country about seven miles, and came back to town the next Saturday evening. Didn't think there was any danger, when he knocked me dead again. When Jenkins was killed, they said Albert Hughes did it. They got me in Kansas, brought me back, and put me in jail. Crowds of men around the jail asked : "What did you kill Jenkins for ? there is no use lying." The witnesses that swore at the court house that when they got me I said, "I didn't do that at Platte City ;" my friends, I tell you that is not so.

My friends, Albert Hughes, who stands before you to-day, stood in that stony cell for fear of a mob. Don't understand me to say that I didn't kill Daniel Jenkins, nor that I did. God above knows. Ain't I a pretty looking object to stand and resist two or three men ? Again they said they would give Albert Hughes his choice to go to Wyandotte or Platte City. I didn't want to go there again. My friends look at it. I know nothing about law. I had been bound out, and didn't have a spelling book in my hand. By looking over my mistress' shoulder I learned A. B. C. I expect nothing in this world. My friends, as I was telling you, they said Jenkins whipped me for riding his horse. If he did whip me for that he never said so. Well, my friends, I don't believe I have much longer to talk with you. I must go home to rest. There is nothing here for me. They say Albert Hughes killed Daniel Jenkins. Maybe I did kill him. I don't pretend to say I didn't. If I did, it was because that man said he would kill me. My friends, look at it. I believe this is all I have to say to you. Oh ! my friends, I hope to meet you in glory. Mr. Phillips, I am ready to die.

The cap was then drawn over his face, the halter placed round his neck, and his feet tied together. He then asked for a drink of water which was brought to him, when he said, "Good-by, my friends." Mr.



Phillips then took his hand and said, "Good-bye, Albert," to which he replied, "Good-bye, Mr. Phillips, meet me in glory."

The rope that held the trap was then cut, and Albert Hughes at 1:33 was launched into eternity. He fell about eight feet, the rope stretching so much that his feet rested upon the ground. The rope was then shortened, and after a slight movement or two of his legs and arms, and a quivering of his body, he remained perfectly motionless.

A few minutes after the trap fell, some man, full of whisky, shouted for Jeff. Davis, when the sheriff and marshal arrested him and placed him under guard. Some little excitement was created by the guard drawing and flourishing their pistols, but they were soon replaced and quiet restored. Mr. Phillips very properly remarked during the excitement that he would permit no man on the ground to halloo for either Abe Lincoln or Jeff. Davis, and if he couldn't prevent it peaceably he would do so by force; that this was no political matter and he did not intend to have any disturbance.

Thus ended the first and last public execution in Clinton County.

#### ACCIDENTALLY SHOT.

On the 18th of July, 1868, at about four o'clock in the afternoon, F. Kennedy while sitting in front of the Southern Hotel, was accidentally shot by James Mooreland. Mooreland was sitting near the door of Riley's drug store, examining a double-barreled shot gun belonging to a negro, and which was offered for sale. Mooreland raised the hammer of the gun, being assured the gun was unloaded, to test the strength of the spring, and perceiving no cap he let the hammer fall, and to his consternation the gun went off, severely wounding Mr. Kennedy, who was occupying a chair some thirty yards distant.

The gun was loaded with squirrel shot, five of which entered his right arm, two his right side, and twelve piercing his legs. As soon as wounded Mr. Kennedy got up and walked into the hotel, the blood flowing freely from his side, arm and legs. Physicians were immediately called, who made an examination of the wounds and administered to his sufferings. At night he was removed to his residence. Some thirteen shot struck the chair in which Kennedy was sitting and a number buried themselves in a fence and tree beyond. That he was not killed may be considered miraculous.

The accident was a warning to those who carelessly handle firearms.

#### A TERRIBLE CRIME.

On the afternoon of the 24th of September, 1880, one of the most devilish and blackest of crimes was committed by a mulatto negro man on a handsome, and very accomplished young married woman of wealth,



and high social standing, about ten miles southwest of Plattsburg. She had gone on horseback to the little village of Edgerton, and when returning she had to alight to open a gate, almost in sight of her house. The villain, lying in wait, crept stealthily behind her, seized her riding-skirt and threw it over her head, twisting it tightly and tying it securely, in which condition—her vision obscured and her arms thus encased in a garment of strong texture, unable to resist him or make her screams heard—he dragged her to a ravine close by and accomplished his hellish purpose. In the meantime, the horse without rider, wended his way to the house, and being discovered by a hired man who started to look after the lady, whom he soon met making pitiable flight. She told the sad story of her treatment and directed him to the spot, and instantly he started in pursuit. On reaching the gate a man was seen going into the woods at a distance and he shot at him, but lost his trail. Bent on his purpose, and to avoid the possibility of recognition, the scoundrel had divested himself of his clothing, and had wallowed in the mire of a pond, besmearing himself with mud, and after he had left his helpless victim and ran away she only extricated her head from its encasement in time to get a distant look at a nude man having the appearance of mud on him. It turned out that he was a hired man who had been in the employ of the lady's husband for three years, and who was enjoying the utmost confidence of the whole family. After leaving her, he went to the pond and hastily washed off the mud, donned his clothing and whipped round by a circuitous by-way and came home. He, too, was told of the terrible treatment of his mistress, and no sooner told than he also joined in the pursuit. They soon aroused the neighborhood, and before dark the whole country was alive with excited men, on the hunt for the villain.

During the night the news spread from neighborhood to neighborhood, and by next morning there must have been five hundred men in the search. It was kept up all day Saturday, but no discovery was yet made. Late in the evening some one suggested that the negro hired man was the guilty party. A few of the crowd discussed it, and it was agreed that they would investigate the probability of it. They accordingly went to his lodging about nine o'clock, P. M., and told him he was suspected. He denied it. They told him a sock had been found; that he must strip and be examined. This brought him to a confession of the terrible deed. But to fully satisfy themselves they made him strip, and on the back between the shoulders and under the arms they found mud. On one foot they found a sock, evidently the mate to the one found; on the other foot there was no sock. He then told where he dropped the sock, and all about it. They had their man, and started immediately with him. They passed out of the farm gate on to the highway, leading to Plattsburg, and they had gone only about half





a mile, when they were joined by two or three hundred men, and in less time than it takes to read this article, he was swinging to a rope about his neck between heaven and earth. Early next morning the coroner of the county was sent for, and he, going down about noon, found him still hanging to the fatal limb. He was cut down and an inquest held by a jury, who returned a verdict of death by strangulation at the hands of parties unknown. The verdict ought to have been: By an outraged and terribly enraged community.

#### A BLOODY AFFRAY.

On the 9th day of May, 1868, at about 3 o'clock in the afternoon, eight miles northwest of Plattsburg, near Miller's mill, there occurred a difficulty between several persons, a portion of whom were under the influence of liquor. The affray resulted in the killing of a man named David Pike, and the wounding, dangerously, of John Thompson. The difficulty grew out of the purchase of the place Pike was living on by Amos, who had a notice served on Pike to leave. On Saturday morning Amos, Sayles and Thompson came to Plattsburg, and returned to Amos' house, (which is situated about fifteen feet from the one at that time occupied by Pike), in the afternoon about 2 o'clock.

When they arrived Pike was absent with the first load of his goods, the time for which he could hold the house expiring that evening. Before Pike made his appearance Sayles, after cursing awhile and bragging that he "was the best man on top of dirt," went home and armed himself with a gun. When he came back Pike, who was loading his wagon a second time, told him not to come on the place with his gun, but Sayles, paying no attention to him, went into the house. Thereupon a quarrel commenced between Pike and Sayles, when the former dared the latter to lay down his gun and fight it out; to which Sayles responded that he would if Pike would take off his revolver. Pike relieved himself of his revolver, and Sayles backed out. Amos, who had had several quarrels with Pike about the possession of the place, then took up the difficulty and involved Thompson in it, who being armed with a revolver, shot two or three times at Pike, one of the shots passing through his heart and killing him instantly. In the difficulty Thompson received a shot, which entered at his left side, passing through both lungs and out at his right side, inflicting a mortal wound.

#### DARING ROBBERY.

During the war of the rebellion, Clinton County suffered in common with other counties of Missouri, from the incursions of organized bands of thieves, who took upon themselves, as occasion suited, the name of Union men or Confederates in order to perpetrate their villainous outrages upon the citizens.





On the 21st day of May, 1863, at four o'clock in the afternoon, a band of "bushwhackers," under the command of Lieutenant Clegg, came into Plattsburg from the south, horseback, shooting promiscuously to the right and left, as they came rapidly down Main Street. Arriving at the corner of Maple Street, they resumed their firing at some parties in the court house, whom they mistook for militia. Finding, however, that they were mistaken, and that there were no militia in town, they began robbing business houses, among which were those of J. P. Lyons, Joel Funkhouser and Vance & Jackson. Jackson, of the firm of Vance & Jackson, was, at the time, county treasurer, and had the funds of the county locked up in the safe belonging to the firm, at their store. There being but a few safes in the town, the sheriff, William Ferguson, W. J. Biggerstaff, circuit court clerk, and a number of private individuals, had their money also deposited with Vance & Jackson for safe keeping. The store of Vance & Jackson was located on the northeast corner of Main and Maple Streets.

Clegg, the leader of the gang, claimed to be a Southern man, and knowing that Vance and Jackson were avowed Union men, he and his men, after some little delay, proceeded to their store. Two of the party entered, with their revolvers drawn, and one of them asked a son of Mr. Jackson, one of the proprietors, if he had a good watch? Jackson answered "that he had," when the man told him to hand it over with his pocket-book. Jackson gave him his pocket-book, and started to go out of the store, to hide his watch, which was a very fine one, but the fellow with the pistol stopped him, and commanded him to hand it over. Jackson hesitated, and told the robber that he would rather give him the value of the watch in money than to part with it. The robber instantly leveled his pistol at Jackson's head, telling him to "pull his watch." Believing that the robber would kill him, he gave him his watch. Jackson thought at the time that the man was Frank James. The watch was afterwards returned to him through a mutual friend. While committing their robberies, these men ascertained that Mr. Jackson had the key to the safe, and demanded it. He offered them the key; they declined taking it, but made him open the safe. By this time the store was full of men, and when the safe was unlocked and opened, those standing nearest the money drawer of the safe made a grab for the money. While they were scrambling for the money, Mr. Jackson took \$200 out of the drawer, which he concealed until their departure.

After robbing the safe they began to steal from the store. They took from the safe about \$9,600, moneys belonging to the county and private individuals, and about \$600 worth of goods. They then went to the court house and attempted to destroy it by fire. They succeeded in burning some of the early records of the county belonging to the circuit clerk's office before the fire was put out by the citizens. After remaining



in the town until after dark, they left, going in the direction whence they came.

#### HORRIBLE HOMICIDE.

We take the following from the Vindicator, published at Cameron, Clinton County, Missouri, bearing date November, 29, 1879:

The most horrible affair that has ever occurred in Cameron, was the shooting of Marshal Henry C. Culver, in the performance of his duty as an officer, at about 6:10 o'clock Saturday evening. Nearly all of our local readers have heard the particulars over and over before this, but a complete report of the affair will undoubtedly be read with interest by everybody. We therefore give the facts as we have gathered them, as follows:

The two young men, Jerome Johnson, whose father lives ten miles south of Breckenridge, in Caldwell County, and Aaron Harpster, whose father lives one-half mile northeast of Kidder, Caldwell County, came to town about ten o'clock Saturday morning, and put their horses up in McCartney & Holman's livery stable. Harpster went to J. H. McGuire's dental rooms to have his teeth filled, while Johnson alternated between there, the saloon and other places in town, taking several drinks, and becoming somewhat intoxicated, but not very drunk. Several times during the afternoon he pulled out a revolver in Redeker's saloon, and showed it to Redeker, who told him that he had better keep it in his pocket, or he would be arrested, to which he answered that he would like to see any man arrest him. Sometime after this conversation Mr. Redeker pointed out Johnson to the marshal, and told him that if he drew his revolver again to arrest him. The marshal went into the saloon, took a seat beside Johnson and eyed him closely, but nothing more occurred worthy of note at that time.

About 5 o'clock Harpster left the the dentist's office and went with Johnson to a saloon, and they took something to drink, and, after a short time, went to the livery stable and told the liverman that they did not want their horses until about 9 o'clock, as they were going to look around town awhile; but as soon as the liverymen all went into the office, Johnson and Harpster stole into the stable and got their horses, mounting them in the stable and rode out at full tilt and through the streets, firing two or three shots in the streets. They rode to an alley near Marshal Culver's residence, and hitched their horses to a fence, came up town and went into W. W. McGregor's hardware store and asked to see some revolvers and cartridges. There was no one in the store at the time except the old gentleman, John McGregor. After selected a revolver and cartridges to suit, they walked out, refusing to pay for the revolver, and ran to where their horses were. Marshal Culver and Constable Ellis followed to arrest them for shooting on the streets, not knowing at that time that they had stolen the revolver. Johnston and Harpster mounted their horses and waited until the marshal and Constable Ellis got within fifty steps of them, when they put spurs to their horses and tried to ride over the officers. Marshal Culver caught firm hold of Johnson's horse and stopped it, when Johnson fired and shot the marshal in the breast, immediately riding away. Culver cried out, "I am shot," and Ellis hurried to his assistance, having failed to stop Harp-



ster's horse and running a few yards after him, firing his revolver at him once.

Mrs. Culver heard the shooting and ran out and assisted Mr. Ellis in getting her husband into the house. He walked, leaning on Ellis and his wife, but fainted just at the door. Medical aid was called at once, and Drs. Potter, Adams and Snyder came.

He lived some twenty minutes, spoke several broken sentences, and said in substance that the man from Kidder shot him, saying that Charley Redeker would know the man. He expressed great concern for his wife and aged mother, but died without apparent pain.

Of course the news of the shooting spread like wild-fire, and our town was full of sorrow and excitement. At first it was supposed that an innocent party named Wilhoit was one of the murderers, and it was lucky that this report was disproved before he was found. Large numbers of citizens turned out and reported ready for pursuit, the livery stables were thrown open, hardware stores shelled out their guns, and in a very short time Constable Ellis and a posse of good men started for Kidder. A short time afterwards a number of men went down on a hand-car, and still others went on the evening passenger train. These men were reinforced by some of the best citizens of Kidder, and the search began in earnest. At a little after 8 o'clock a portion of the party surrounded the house of Harpster, and Constable Ellis and S. K. Wright went in and commenced to search for their fugitives, when Harpster jumped through the door of another room and started for the brush. One of the guards, who was standing near the door when Harpster went through leveled a double-barreled shot-gun at him and pulled the trigger of both barrels, but, luckily for Harpster, the gun snapped and he escaped, but was fired upon several times with revolvers. The men followed him a considerable distance, but he had got into the woods and made good his escape. Several hours was spent in fruitless search for the two men, and near midnight they were tired and discouraged, and some were inclined to give up and come home, when George Chubbuck, one of the most reliable men of Kidder, appeared among them and brightened their hopes with the announcement that he knew where Johnson was and could lead them to his capture.

The discovery of the murderer was purely accidental, and happened in this manner: George Chubbuck had taken Miss Gilmore from a rehearsal at Kidder to her home, one and a half miles northwest of town, and wanting to see a Mr. Kelley, who lives in a part of the Gilmore house, he started through a room, when he was startled by a man jumping out of bed with a couple of revolvers and demanding what was wanted. Chubbuck was acquainted with Johnson, and although knowing that parties were after him, to throw him off his guard he said that he only wanted to see Kelley. Johnson then said that he had got into some trouble at Cameron and would leave the country in the morning, and begged Chubbuck not to "give him away." He asked if anybody was hurt at Cameron, and was told no. This made him much easier, and Chubbuck soon managed to leave the room. He then informed the Gilmore family what had taken place, and told them he would soon return with men to capture him. He then got his horse and found Constable Ellis, who at once rallied a sufficient posse, and started for Gilmore's place, with Chubbuck and C. F. Wyman as guides.





They were let into the house quietly, all necessary precautions being taken, and were guided to the door leading to the room where Johnson slept. When all was ready they rushed in on him and he awoke to look into the muzzles of several guns. He surrendered without dispute and took the matter far more coolly than any of his captors. He was at once disarmed and invited to take a trip to Cameron, which invitation he accepted and at about four o'clock he arrived at the Cameron Hotel, where an enthusiastic reception was given him during the entire day.

When Johnson was brought to Cameron most of the Cameron men returned, but the citizens of Kidder were still on the watch for Harpster, and on Sunday forenoon a number of them re-visited the Harpster farm and found their man at home, and arrested him without difficulty, bringing him to Cameron in the afternoon.

To say that our people were excited on Sunday would not more than half express it, for the office of the Cameron Hotel was crowded from morning till night, each one talking in sober earnest concerning the sad affair, and all anxious to get a glimpse at the man who committed the terrible deed. The sidewalks were also blockaded in numerous places by knots of men discussing the matter, and many expressed fears that the murderer would be lynched, while many good citizens expressed themselves freely that under the circumstances that it would be the best manner to settle the case. These expressions, together with the knowledge of the fact that Marshal Culver was a prominent member of a horse thief protective association, led the officers and nearly every other citizen to believe that Johnson's chances for being the principal attraction in a little neck-tie party were rather flattering. Sheriff Payne was telegraphed for and he kept a strong guard over the prisoners during the day and night, and it is expected that if an effort had been made to lynch them there would have been some blood spilled. The prisoners were kept in the third story of the hotel and a mob could hardly have been able to reach them if the sheriff and his men who guarded the stairways, had been determined to protect his prisoners.

It is stated by some, who pretend to know, that ropes were ready and a mob organized to hang both Johnson and Harpster, and that the only reason no attempt was made was because they did not want to attack the hotel when they thought they could as well get them when they were brought out. We do not believe, however, there was any organization effected for that purpose.

It was announced that there would be a preliminary examination held in Cameron on Monday, and no effort would be made to move the prisoners to Plattsburg until after the trial. This satisfied those who were indignant at the idea of moving them, and things became more quiet, and no attempt at lynching was made during the night, and the sheriff and posse took advantage of the situation and got their prisoners on board the early morning train, on the Hannibal Road, and they were on their way to Plattsburg, via Lathrop, before any of our people knew it. Most every one was disappointed to learn that the examination was not to be held here, and few were indignant, but there was no trouble.

#### CORONER'S VERDICT.

Coroner Smith came up Saturday evening, summoned a jury, and a post mortem examination was made, but the inquest was postponed





until Monday, when it was in session all day, examining witnesses. The verdict rendered was as follows :

STATE OF MISSOURI, )  
COUNTY OF CLINTON, ) ss.

We, the undersigned jurors, impannelled and sworn on the 29th day of November, 1879, at Cameron, Township of Shoal, in the County of Clinton, by R. F. Smith, coroner of said county, to diligently enquire, and true presentment make, how and by whom H. C. Culver, whose body was found at Cameron on the 29th day of November, 1879, came to his death, having viewed the body, witnessed the post mortem examination, and heard the evidence, do find that the deceased came to his death from a pistol shot passing through the breast bone, thence through the left lung, striking the sixth rib, fracturing it, and lodging just under the skin, beneath the left axilla, and, there being no other marks of violence about the body, the jury do further find that said shot was fired from a pistol by the hand of one Jerome Johnson, and one Aaron Harpster was then and there present, aiding and abetting the said Jerome Johnson in the performance of said felony.

LOUIS WEILAND, Foreman,  
E. D. STOKES,  
J. W. THOMPSON,  
J. M. COLLIER,  
T. B. CASTERLINE,  
ISAAC HAVENOR.

#### NOTES OF THE TRAGEDY.

The funeral of Marshal Culver was probably the largest ever held in Cameron.

Harpster is a hard case, frequently getting on a spree, but is said to be very orderly when sober. He is twenty years of age, and has a father and two brothers living near Kidder, the father being in good circumstances. On Fourth of July last, he was arrested by Marshal Culver for disturbing the peace, and it is supposed by some that the murder was premeditated revenge.

Johnson was twenty-one years old last August, is rather a small man, and is not one that would be taken for a hard case. In the vicinity of Breckenridge he bears a very bad reputation, and has been frequently charged with stealing horses. His father was for many years captain of a Mississippi River steamboat, and Jerome was raised on the river.



## CHAPTER XXVI.

### BENCH AND BAR.

ANDREW S. HUGHES—EX-GOVERNOR GEORGE SMITH—WILLIAM B. ALMOND—PETER H. BURNETT—HENRY M. VORIES—JAMES B. GARDENHIRE—DAVID R. ATCHISON—WILLARD P. HALL—SOLOMON L. LEONARD—BELA M. HUGHES—SILAS WOODSON—J. M. BASSETT—A. W. DONIPHAN—GEORGE W. DUNN—WILLIAM T. WOOD—THOMAS E. TURNEY—THOMAS J. PORTER—WINSLOW TURNER—AUSTIN A. KING—RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT—BENJAMIN F. LOAN—RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT OF ST. JOSEPH BAR—ROLL OF ATTORNEYS—BENCH AND BAR OF CAMERON.

We here submit a few memorials of the bench and bar of Clinton County and the "Platte Purchase." Every hour diminishes our recollections of by-gone days ; but a few glimpses remain, and a few short years will obliterate every view and vestige of what, in the passing pageants of life, has been so interesting to us all.

To one of the oldest representative members of the legal fraternity are we indebted for the following sketches of the men who were the pioneer attorneys of Clinton County and Northwest Missouri :

#### GENERAL ANDREW S. HUGHES.

The first lawyer in the Platte country was General Andrew S. Hughes. General Hughes was said to have been a resident lawyer of Buchanan County, from the fact that he was an Indian agent in the county up to the annexation of the Platte Purchase to the state.

He owned a large farm and servants in Clay County, on which his wife and only son, General Bela M. Hughes, now of Denver, Colorado, resided, and on which he spent a portion of his time when not engaged at Agency.

I first knew General Hughes in Kentucky. He resided in Nicholas County ; was a lawyer of some eminence and a brilliant advocate. Early as 1824, he represented the Senatorial district composed of the counties of Nicholas and Breckenridge in the Legislature of Kentucky. I resided at Augusta, Breckenridge County, and first met him when he was canvassing for the Senate. He was appointed an Indian agent under the administration of John Q. Adams, in 1826.

He was one of the most remarkable men, in many respects, of this or any other age. Kind of heart, cheerful, mirthful to hilarity, genial in manners, indeed, geniality itself, he possessed an inexhaustible fund of brilliant anecdotes, and a wit as keen and merciless as Swift's and a sar-

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casm as blighting as Randolph's. One of the few men of real genius I ever met. The emanations of real genius come from the Creator. Elaboration is man's work and merely art. General Hughes was a man of real genius. I think he died in 1843, at Plattsburg, attending court. He got wet while crossing the Platte River and caught cold, and died from the effects of it, at the age of about sixty years.

## EX-GOVERNOR GEORGE SMITH.

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George Smith was born February 2, 1809, in Columbiana County, Ohio. Both his grandfathers served in the Revolutionary War, and were natives of Pennsylvania. His father served in the war of 1812. He received a practical business education in the county of his birth, and afterwards attended college at Oxford (Ohio) Miami University, but did not remain to graduate, leaving at the age of twenty years to engage in business. His father was a farmer, energetic and thrifty; the son was accordingly early imbued with rigid habits of industry. His first commercial ventures were in the transportation of flour to New Orleans by flat-boat in the winter, and the driving of cattle from Ohio to Eastern Pennsylvania and Maryland in the summer. These pursuits occupied three years of his life. In January, 1833, he married in Brooke County, Virginia, where she was born, Sarah A. Chapman, by whom he had two children, a son and daughter. His wife died in 1836. He was married again in November, 1839, to Mary A. Kerrins, a native of the neighborhood of Liverpool, England, who survived him. By this marriage he had three sons and two daughters, all living. Both wives were educated women, of strong character, and the last is widely known and appreciated. In 1844, he emigrated from Ohio, and located in Caldwell County, Missouri, where he resided for twenty-four years. In 1868, he moved to his late residence near Cameron, Clinton County. In 1852, he was elected by a vote of both political parties a member of the legislature from Caldwell County, and served in the special session called in the fall of said year, for the purpose of applying by enactment the land grant of congress to the Hannibal & St. Joseph and Pacific Railroads. During this special session he was appointed, and acted on the joint committee of the legislature that reported bills in reference to said grant; also bills for the incorporation of the North Missouri and the Iron Mountain Railroads and the Southwest Pacific, now the St. Louis & San Francisco Railroad. The results of the action of this committee, as favorably affecting the material and permanent interests of the country, are recognized as among the most important that have been attained in the state. He served in the regular session following, which closed in 1853. From this period till the breaking out of the war, he remained on his farm, still taking an intensely active interest in public





affairs, constantly maintaining the position of an unconditional Union man, and manifesting especial antagonism to the pro-slavery movement in the Kansas issues.

In 1862, he was elected to the legislature from Caldwell County as an unconditional Union man. At the adjourned session of 1863, he publicly declared himself an emancipationist. He was appointed by the Republican caucus a member of the committee whose duty it was to draft the bill authorizing the calling of a convention, the object of which was to confine the elective franchise to the loyal men of the state, to abolish slavery, and to effect such other modifications as the public interests and safety might demand. The bill as reported by the committee, with a few unimportant changes, was enacted by the legislature. He remained in the legislature till the spring of 1864.

In the summer of 1864, he presided over the Republican Convention, which assembled at Jefferson City to nominate a state ticket. This convention, by an almost unanimous vote, nominated him for lieutenant governor, and he was elected by a majority of over forty thousand. As lieutenant governor, he presided over the state senate for four years. It was during this time that Judge Walker King was tried by impeachment. Governor Smith was also President of the State Board of Equalization, when it was first organized in this state in 1865, and his experience as a legislator both in Ohio and this state, enabled him to shape many of the important features of the law. His term of office as lieutenant governor expired in 1869, and although the presiding officer of a strongly partisan senate, he held the esteem and affection of both political parties.

On the 20th of March, 1869, he was appointed United States Marshal for the Western District of Missouri, to which position he was re-appointed in 1873, and held it till March 20, 1877, when, his second term expiring, he asked for relief from its cares.

He was raised in the teachings of the Presbyterian Church, with which he united about twenty-three years ago, and for the past twenty years has been ruling elder in the same.

When a very young man he was captain of the first rifle company in the first rifle regiment of militia in Ohio, and at the commencement of the late war, he assisted in organizing the second company of troops armed by the government, outside of the city of St. Louis, in the state.

#### WILLIAM B. ALMOND.

I think the next lawyer that settled in the Platte Purchase was William B. Almond, who first settled in Platte City, and then removed to Sparta, Buchanan County, in 1839. Mr. Almond was a Virginian by birth, from Prince Edward County, and a graduate of Hampton Sidney College. He and Sterling Price were natives of the same county, and



graduated at the same institution at about the same time. He was educated with some care for a Presbyterian minister, but being of an adventurous disposition, he went with the old fur company of Smith, Sublett & Jackson, to their depot in the Rocky Mountains, on the head waters of the Yellowstone. With the wages he received (which were high, as the trip was dangerous), he returned to Virginia and studied law. He then returned to Missouri, and as soon as the Platte country was annexed to the state, he settled in Platte County. He had a very good practice in Buchanan County for a few years, and, in 1844, he formed a partnership with Henry M. Vories, late judge of the supreme court, which continued until 1849, when Almond went to California, still following his disposition for travel and adventure. On his arrival there, through the influence of Governor Burnett, of California, he was appointed judge. He remained in California for several years. Having accumulated about \$20,000 while there, he returned and permanently located in Platte City. He was elected judge of that circuit, comprising the Platte country, in 1854. He only held the office a short time, resigning to return to California, to attend to some pecuniary matters.

After his second return from California he practiced law in Platte City and Leavenworth until his death, which I think occurred in 1861, he dying suddenly at the breakfast table in Leavenworth, while there attending court.

Almond was a fluent speaker, without approaching or approximating eloquence. He was a fair lawyer, and, while not an orator, was an honorable and successful advocate.

#### THEODORE D. WHEATON.

Theodore D. Wheaton came to St. Joseph just before or about the time Almond came to Sparta. Wheaton was from Connecticut, and was raised in the same town and educated at the same institution with Governor Phelps. When he finished his education, he went to Virginia as a schoolmaster, seeking employment. Having taught there acceptably for some years he immigrated to Saline County, Missouri, with a colony, at the head of whom was Major Harney, who was afterward speaker of the general assembly of Missouri. He taught school in Saline and in the interim studied law, and then removed to St. Joseph, where he remained for several years until he removed to Savannah. He represented the county of Andrew once or twice in the legislature. As a practitioner he displayed the coolness and tact incident to the Yankee character. He finally volunteered in the Second Missouri Regiment, under Colonel Price, and went to Mexico, arriving while I was there. He remained in New Mexico and became a distinguished member of the bar of that territory, as well as a member of the House of Territorial



Delegates. His success there as here was the result more of tact and shrewdness than real talent.

PETER H. BURNETT.

Peter H. Burnett, of San Francisco, was among the first prosecuting attorneys in this district. He has since been governor of California and judge of the supreme court of that state. Few men have had a more eventful life than Governor Burnett. He was a native of Tennessee. His father emigrated to Missouri when he was small, locating in Clay County, which was then the extreme western county in Missouri. At about seventeen or eighteen years of age, he returned to Tennessee and acquired a very good English education, by the kindness of his mother's relatives (the Hardamans), a very distinguished family, after whom Hardaman County, Tennessee, was named. He partially studied law in Tennessee, but engaged in merchandising as a sort of episode in his life. He was not successful and quit merchandising about as poor as he was when he began. He then returned to Missouri and commenced merchandising in Liberty, when he again failed. In the interim, he had read law carefully, and was really a very excellent lawyer for his age. After a few years practice, he was appointed circuit attorney for that district. I brought him his commission from Jefferson City in the spring of 1841. He was one of the ablest prosecutors I ever met, the most industrious and indefatigable. No defendant ever found the state napping while Burnett was prosecutor. Having become largely involved by merchandising, and seeing no way of paying off his debts by the mere practice of law, he determined to go to Oregon. In 1843, with a large colony from Missouri, he and his family emigrated to Oregon. After many hardships and some accidents, he arrived in that wild country, located his land, and cut and split every rail himself that enclosed a quarter section of land that winter, and built a house, etc. He engaged actively and industriously in farming. In 1846, when the Oregon question was settled between England and America, locating the new line, the British Fur Company was compelled to remove further north. They employed Burnett to wind up their business. The remuneration received enabled him to purchase cattle and go more largely into farming.

When the gold fever commenced in California in 1848-9, it afforded a good market for his cattle, and he at once engaged in business there, from which he became wealthy. Out of the first moneys made he paid off his old debts, although barred by the statute of limitation. After he resigned as judge of the supreme court, he accepted the position of president of the Pacific Bank, at a salary of \$5,000 per year, being a large stockholder himself in the bank.

Last year, 1880, having grown feeble from age, and unwilling to attend to business any longer, he declined a re-election to the presidency





of the bank, which was unanimously tendered him. He told them for the last year (1880) he had not rendered more than half service to the bank and declined to take but half his salary; they, however, passed a resolution tendering him all of the salary. He still declined to receive more than half. Thus they parted. He then retired from business, and is spending a quiet old age.

His family of four children are all in prosperous circumstances. In California, a few years ago, I met his youngest daughter, a very beautiful and accomplished woman, the wife of Chief Justice Wallace, of that state, and a man of more power and vigor of intellect than any man I met in California.

To sum up Governor Burnett: He is a man of spotless integrity, real philanthropy, indomitable energy, and a very high order of intellect.

#### HENRY M. VORIES.

Henry M. Vories was a native of Henry County, Kentucky, where he received a very common education in the common schools of that state. He emigrated to Indiana, where he led a varied life for some years, engaged in merchandising at a small village, combining farming and trading generally, and especially trading in hogs in the Cincinnati market, in which last business he declared to me that he broke three times in one week. When, growing tired of these employments, which were bootless and abortive, he studied law with Oliver Smith, of Indiana, who afterward became a United States Senator, and commenced the practice of law in a circuit abounding with good lawyers. Although he was only able to make a living, the contact with these men made him a sharp, ready practitioner, and a perfect master of the science of pleading under the old Chitty practice. He emigrated to Sparta, Missouri, in 1843 or '44, where he commenced the practice of law, in partnership with Wm. B. Almond. I practiced with him in all the courts of Northwestern Missouri. We were often together and often opposed to each other. I may safely say he was the most unhandy man as an opponent I ever met. His early vocations in life had rendered him perfectly familiar with the prejudices, the habits, and the peculiar tastes of common people, and therefore in selecting and addressing a jury he was a very formidable advocate. He was quick, shrewd, always cool and self-reliant. When the testimony of a witness happened to be the reverse of what he expected, he never showed any mark or trace of his disappointment in his face or manners. He remained in St. Joseph until 1855, moving there, I think, in 1846. He then removed to San Jose, California. He remained in California two years, and, although he succeeded well in his profession, he preferred St. Joseph as a permanent home. After his return, he built a handsome suburban residence in St. Joseph,





in which he resided until his death, which occurred in 1876. After a most successful practice in St. Joseph for some years, he was elected a judge of the supreme court of the State, which office he held until just before his death. Judge Vories was essentially a lawyer. He had a lawyer's mind. Some members of the profession are good lawyers theoretically, but never successful practitioners, and others are quite superficial as lawyers, but by tact and energy succeed very well. The world rates them as good lawyers. Judge Vories was good in theory and in practice. He was a thorough lawyer and the most formidable practitioner I ever met. He knew little of politics and had but little taste for general literature.

His convictions, however, were always strong and fearlessly expressed. He was a Democrat of the old school and an unflinching Union man during the whole war. He lived as nearly up to the golden rule as any man I ever knew.

#### JAMES B. GARDENHIRE.

James B. Gardenhire came to Sparta, Missouri, soon after the county seat was located there, from Tennessee. Commenced the practice of law as a competitor of Almond, Vories and Hall; was very modest and seemed to lack self-confidence, and was of a sensitive nature. He impressed me as having acquired a rather superficial knowledge of the law hastily, but had energy and industry, which soon enabled him to overcome these deficiencies of his early education.

I could form no estimate of his early education. He used good language—pure English—and seemed to have the ordinary literary acquirements of young men of that age. He was graceful in his manners and deportment, which evinced the fact that he had seen good society, but I never heard him speak of his early life, his advantages, or want of education. He soon became a good lawyer, and was really an orator, although he occasionally failed to come up to what his friends expected. I have heard him make as brilliant speeches as any man I have heard in the Platte country. Very effective in law arguments before courts, and as an advocate very effective before juries. He had considerable taste for politics and once represented Buchanan County in the legislature, and was once a candidate for congress. During his candidacy for congress I heard him make two speeches, remarkable for their brilliancy, and in one of these he drew a parallel between Marshal Ney and Col. Benton. It was so thrillingly eloquent and pathetic that old men sobbed aloud. He became Attorney-General of the State, and finally died at the head of some bureau in Washington, under Mr. Lincoln's administration.

Owing to his delicate health, his efforts were not always equal; indeed, frequently, dissimilar. When his physique was all right, his



efforts never disappointed his friends. He was as delicately constructed as a sensitive plant, in relation to his honor.

#### GENERAL DAVID R. ATCHISON

was the first Judge of the new circuit, composed of the Platte Purchase and Clinton County. I drafted the bill forming the circuit, which was passed during the session of 1840-41. General Atchison was commissioned in February 1841, by Governor Reynolds. I brought him his commission.

General Atchison is so well known in the history of the state and nation that much labor is saved in giving a sketch of his life. His life forms an important part in the history of the state, and his name will live in his land's language.

General Atchison was born in August, 1807, in Fayette County, Kentucky, a few miles from Lexington, at a locality bearing the euphonious and poetical appellation of Frog Town. He was a graduate of Transylvania University, in its palmy days, under President Holly. His father afforded him every advantage in acquiring a very liberal education. He was a very ripe scholar; of fine literary taste and very familiar with all the English classics. He emigrated to Missouri in the spring of 1830, and located at Liberty. He commenced practicing law at the same bar with me, and so continued until he was appointed judge. After I removed to Liberty, in 1833, we kept our offices together, although never partners, and were very warm personal friends, although politically, we were as wide apart as the poles. He was a strong State Rights Democrat, while I was a Whig of the most orthodox school.

After he was appointed judge, he removed to Platte City. I practiced before him in all the courts during the whole time that he was judge. I was in the court house engaged in a case, at Platte City, when he received his mail on the bench. I suspended the case in which I was engaged for a moment, until he could look at his letters, and I saw, at once, from his face, that there was something very unusual in one of them. He was too honest and straightforward to have any concealments, and his face is of the same tell tale order, suffusing readily under any excitement. I proceeded with the case, and when court adjourned for dinner, the judge handed me a letter from Governor Reynolds, tendering him the United States Senatorship, for the unexpired term of Dr. Linn, who had died. The tender was made, I know from subsequent conversations with Governor Reynolds, who was from the same county with me from Kentucky, without any request from Atchison or his friends. It was a spontaneous tender from an intellectual and patriotic governor, to a man in every way worthy of the high position of United States Senator.



I know that the Judge hesitated honestly and candidly in his acceptance of the position, and offered reasons which were candid, and to him, were forcible. After his having submitted them very fully to me, I said: "Judge, fortune does not shower her favors on us very often, and a man should not turn his plate bottom upwards when it does happen, but should turn the right side up and catch all he can. Your refusal will mortify Governor Reynolds, and as you have some political ambition, you ought to accept. It is your duty to do it. We have never had any senator from the western half of the state."

The Judge and I were rooming together at the hotel. I do not know that he did or did not consult any other person on the subject. He wrote a very modest letter to the governor, thanking him and accepting the position. He served not only acceptably in the senate for twelve years, but served in that august body as its president, and acted as Vice President of the United States, after the death of King. While practicing law in Liberty, he was fond of hunting, and very successful as a hunter, fond of social life, and indulged in the excitement of politics, so that with a portion of the community who do not know what it takes to constitute a lawyer, he did not rate so high as he would have done if he had stayed in his office, although not professionally employed. He had a clear, bright, logical mind; had studied law well, and kept up with his profession by constant reading, when he was not engaged actively out of doors.

The position he took in any case he sustained with ability, and when he was on the right side he rarely failed of success. I deemed him one of the best lawyers, and consulted him more frequently than I did any one else. As a judge he was quick, expeditious and industrious; seemed to arrive at his conclusions almost intuitively, and his high sense of justice always enabled him to decide equitably. I never knew a judge who gave such universal satisfaction, and although his friends were glad to see him elevated to a higher sphere they regretted to see him abandon the bench.

General Atchison went into the Southern army and remained until he became dissatisfied, not with the cause, but the management of the army. He was essentially a State Rights Democrat of the Calhoun school.

General Atchison was never married, and since the war has been living on his farm in Clinton County, enjoying the privacy of quiet life, deriving his enjoyment from the associations of numerous warm personal friends and a large library. He has warm patriotism enough to make him anxious for the future welfare of his country, and is Cincinnatus enough to be satisfied with his herd, his fields and his household gods.

#### WILLARD P. HALL

was born in Jefferson County, Virginia, at Harper's Ferry, in 18—, and is, therefore, sixty- — years of age. He was educated partly in Balti-







more, and graduated at Yale College. His education, of course, was very thorough and ample, coming from such an institution. The family (his father having died) removed, shortly after he graduated, to Randolph County, Missouri. He studied law, probably with his brother, Judge William Hall, Judge of the Circuit Court in Missouri. He was very industrious and energetic, and devoted his energies, physical and mental, to his profession. I am not aware that he ever practiced law before he came to Sparta. He was then a very ripe lawyer for his age, and one of the best lawyers I ever met.

System and order and logical arrangement were natural with him. His eyes soon became diseased and annoyed him for some years. This, I always supposed, came from intense over-study, using his eyes too much by lamp or gas light. He succeeded at once. Plain and simple in his manners as a child, naturally frank and easy with every one, he soon became a favorite, and from his youthful appearance, even a pet with his older friends. He succeeded, I think, Governor Burnett, as prosecuting attorney, and was a very efficient officer. He prevented grand juries from presenting anything that could not be sustained and prosecuted with great energy those he believed guilty. He was as an officer very conscientious. In 1844, he was selected by the State Democratic Convention as one of the electors, and I was a candidate for elector on the Whig side. I met him often. He conducted the canvass with marked ability for one so young.

He had the criminal law, and especially the statutes of the state, at his finger's ends, and could readily refer to them in a moment's time. During this canvass Governor Hall's speeches would greatly astonish those who have only known him in the past twenty years. He then, not without success, essayed the higher realms of oratory, and, although he occasionally let the eagle loose, he was clear, bright, logical and concise. For the last twenty years his style has been but little more than conversational, still, marked with even more of its original terseness, vigor and logical conciseness. He never thinks of indulging in pathos, or poetry or mere decoration. He gained a very high rank during the canvass, of which I have spoken, as a public speaker and as a well informed politician. To this, added to his high reputation as a lawyer, he was indebted for his first nomination in Congress, over many older and able politicians of his party. This was in the spring of 1846, and during the canvass Col. James H. Birch (late Judge Birch,) was his opponent as an Independent Democrat. Governor Hall volunteered as a private in the First Regiment of Missouri Cavalry. This he was induced to do, because he had been a strong advocate of the annexation of Texas, and the Mexican war having grown out of that annexation, he was taunted as not being willing to incur the consequences which his course and that of his friends had brought on the country.



He went with us as far as Santa Fe, New Mexico, doing duty as a private faithfully. Soon after we arrived in Santa Fe I received a letter from my father-in-law, Colonel Thornton, giving a sufficient number of the returns to ensure the election of Mr. Hall by a very large majority. I showed that letter to Mr. Hall and to General Harney, and General Harney at once, as a matter of courtesy, and as he should have done, released Governor Hall from all involuntary duty. General Harney having orders to go to New Mexico with a part of the troops, in the discharge of an order he received from Washington, to devise temporary laws for the people of that territory, requested Governor Hall and myself to prepare laws for that territory to conform to the conditions of the territory, and to be in conformity with the civil institutions of our own country. We organized a Legislature consisting of Governor Hall and myself, and about six clerks, and the work of legislation was never more rapidly performed, each of us frequently dictating to two or three clerks at a time. In a few days we were able to present to General Harney a code of laws, which he was kind enough to approve, sign, as military Governor, and promulgate for the government of the people. It is astonishing, considering the short time we had been there and our limited means of information, that we should have written a code that Congress, after the annexation of the territory, re-enacted, and which after thirty-five years I found still in vogue in 1881. Governor Hall determined not to return to the States until after he had seen more of the west, so that he might be more capable to legislate for its wants.

Colonel Philip St. George Cook, having been left by General Kearney, when he started to California, to take command of a battalion of 500 Mormon soldiers and conduct them to California as soon as they arrived and were outfitted, now took up the line of march and Hall accompanied Colonel Cook to the Pacific Ocean, going by the route of the Heyla River. He came back with Kearney the next spring to the States. It is a fact not generally known that the first gold discovered in California was discovered by two of the soldiers under Cook's command at Sutter's Mills. Hall returned and took his seat in Congress in the winter of 1847 and remained there till March, 1853, having been elected three times.

He made a very industrious, efficient and popular representative of his district and at the end of his third term declined to become a candidate for re-election. He remained in private life, devoting himself assiduously to the study and practice of his profession, and attained as high a reputation as a lawyer as any man in the State.

In February, 1861, he was elected to the State convention, which convention was called by an act of the General Assembly for the purpose of ascertaining the position the State should take in reference to the secession of the cotton states. He was elected and took his seat as an avowed Union man, and after Governor Jackson had abandoned the



State, that convention proceeded to form a provisional government, and proceeded to elect state officers. Hamilton R. Gamble, of St. Louis, was elected Governor, and Willard P. Hall, Lieutenant Governor. Governor Gamble died during his term and the office of governor was filled by Mr. Hall. Times were exceedingly exciting, as the war was still raging in Missouri, as well as elsewhere, and much trouble and anxiety necessarily devolved upon the Governor. It is impossible to give any detail of his acts while governor, as any one month of which would more than fill this sketch.

His administration was as satisfactory as it could have been to all conservative men. At the expiration of his term of office, he resumed the practice of law in St. Joseph, which he has followed ever since. He has been employed in all the important cases since his return to the practice, and has added greatly to his well earned reputation as a lawyer before the war. He has sought no office or position since. On the contrary, Governor Hardin told me that he had twice offered him the position of Supreme Judge since the death of Judge Vories, but that Mr. Hall had declined both times.

#### SOLOMON L. LEONARD

was one of the early immigrants to the Platte country. He had been engaged in teaching school at the time of his coming. He was in moderate circumstances, indeed might be termed poor, but he had pluck and perseverance enough for two men, but succeeded rather slowly at the practice of law. He lived on a small farm two miles from Platte City, about twenty acres of which he cleared and cultivated. From these two sources he made barely a comfortable subsistence. In 1843, I think, the state was entitled to five hundred thousand acres of public land, and Solomon L. Leonard was appointed a commissioner to select land for the state. The compensation he received for the same enabled him to purchase the land on which he resided and on which his wife now resides, east of St. Joseph.

In 1844 or 1845, he was appointed judge of that circuit to fill a vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Henderson Young, who had been judge for about one year after General Atchison's resignation. He continued in office until 1852, when he declined being a candidate for re-election. In most respects he was a model judge; commencing court every morning early, at the very moment to which it was adjourned. Every day he got through the docket of that day, if it could be done by dark.

Lawyers had to work hard, and those who were not fond of hard work found fault. I always found him courteous and respectful to all members of the bar. The hard work imposed on the bar was not the





result of any arbitrary feeling on his part, but a determination and an honest purpose to subserve the interest of the public properly. It would be better for the bar and public if more judges would follow the same course.

After he retired from the bench he formed a partnership in the practice of law with General Bela M. Hughes. It was a very able firm, and while it continued it had as much practice as it could attend to. Judge Leonard's wealth gradually increased, and the property he left made all his family rich. The increase of his property, and the business consequent upon it, induced him to abandon the practice almost entirely.

During the first year of the war, in 1861, he went south, whether to carry his negroes south or to engage in the Southern cause, I do not know. He was drowned at Fort Gibson, Indian Territory, in Grand River, in that year.

Judge Leonard had as much will-power as any man I ever knew, and a large volume of brain power. He was a man of strong prejudices—his enemies could hardly do right, and his friends could scarcely do wrong. He was aware of these prejudices, and brought his strong will-power to control them on the bench, which he did successfully. He was devoted to his family, and educated his daughters with a great deal of care, regardless of expense. Rather impatient by nature, yet he was fond of legal and logical discussion, and listened with patience to lawyers of any ability. We were warm personal friends, and I deemed him a just and able judge.

#### GENERAL BELA M. HUGHES

was the son of General Andrew S. Hughes, herein mentioned, and born in Nicholas County, Kentucky. His mother was a sister to Thomas Metcalf, who was a captain in the war of 1812, a member of congress for many years, governor of the state, and then a United States Senator.

Coming from such a stock on the respective sides, it would naturally be supposed that General Hughes would be a man of high order of intellect. Those whose anticipations were the highest have not been disappointed. He graduated at Augusta College, Kentucky.

Immediately after he graduated he went to Wisconsin Territory as a private secretary of the territorial governor. He was introduced into social and political life under favorable auspices. While there he improved his learning much from men and books. Coming to Missouri, he commenced the study of law, but having married when he was very young, and having six or eight thousand dollars in his own right, he thought it would be better to accumulate a fortune rapidly by engaging in merchandising and commerce. He located at Weston, Platte County. As he knew nothing of business, it did not take him long to lose half of his fortune. He sold out, re-engaged in the study, and finally in the practice of his profession.



He succeeded very well from the start; was elected to the legislature from that county, and appointed Receiver of Public Moneys at the United States land office at Plattsburg, Missouri. He remained there until General Taylor was elected in 1848, and although his uncle, who was then a Whig senator from Kentucky, and myself and others, who knew General Taylor well, assured him he would not be removed, his delicate sense of propriety induced him to resign (he being a Democrat), saying that he would not hold an office which, under the custom of parties, belonged to some Whig." He removed to St. Joseph, and lived there as long as he remained in the state. He formed a partnership, first with Solomon L. Leonard, and afterwards with Silas Woodson. Both these partnerships were remunerative. Governor Woodson was appointed judge of that circuit, and General Hughes went to Atchison, Kansas, more for the purpose of attending to the varied interests of his cousin, Benjamin Holliday, the distinguished pioneer in steamship lines, railroads, and overland mail. This business required many long and dangerous voyages to Colorado, Salt Lake, and San Francisco, in connection with the Holliday mail route. Selecting Denver as a central position for the route, he finally located there, removed his family, and made it his permanent home. When his connection with Holliday had terminated, he resumed his profession, and at a bound placed himself at the head of the able bar of Colorado, which position he maintains now (1881). He is employed in all the important suits arising from railroads, mines, telegraphs, and stock operations. He has acquired a fortune by his close attention to business, and with the wonderful success with which he has met. I have spent six summers in Colorado, have often heard him in courts, and was there when he was nominated by the Democrats of that state for governor, and during his brilliant canvass. His speeches were marked by the caustic wit, sharp repartee, and boundless humor that characterized his father, with much more learning and general attainments. He may be deemed an eminent jurist and orator, and I know personally of his receiving a letter from one of the most distinguished jurists in New York asking his opinion in relation to his construction of a very ambiguous statute, saying "that he would rather have his opinion than any other lawyer, and that his clients would pay him liberally for it."

His great ability, integrity, and attention to business, assures us that he will always retain his business and practice as long as he desires.

SILAS WOODSON.

My first acquaintance with Silas Woodson was at Plattsburg, in the fall of 1854. I was then attending court, and was employed to assist Hughes and Leonard and General Loan in the defense of William Langs-



ton, charged with murder. The case had been pending some time in Buchanan County, and finally had been taken to Clinton County; but I was only employed in the case at the term at which it was tried. Governor Woodson had recently emigrated from Knox County, Kentucky, to St. Joseph, and some of the citizens of St. Joseph had employed him to assist in the prosecution of Langston. We had been several days engaged in examining the testimony and had closed on both sides. While I was writing some instructions at my room, General Loan and Judge Leonard came in and told me Mr. Woodson complained of being sick, and desired to make the closing argument in the case instead of the opening. I told them that I had an invariable rule that I would not depart from, that the circuit attorney must make the closing argument in every criminal case in which I was engaged. In a few minutes after they left Mr. Woodson came in, and told me he was not well, and being a stranger did not like to address a jury under disadvantageous circumstances. It was a strong appeal to my courtesy, and I felt somewhat inclined to accede to his request, but I had read the trial of Dr. Baker, who was tried and convicted for murder in Kentucky, and a Mr. Woodson had been the prosecuting attorney. It occurred to me that he might possibly be the man. I asked him if he had been prosecuting attorney when Dr. Baker was tried. He said he had. I said, "Mr. Woodson, a prosecutor who was able to meet and gain a victory over the most eminent attorneys and advocates in the Union, is able to prosecute against such lawyers as Langston has, even though he is sick. I regret that my duty to my client compels me to be apparently discourteous. You cannot make the closing argument in this case." An hour afterward, the instructions had been given by the court, and Mr. Woodson commenced his address, which for ability, brilliancy and pathos I have never heard equalled. I regret that I have not language that will convey even the faintest idea of this torrent of eloquent invective.

In 1860, he was elected judge of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit, in which position he gave universal satisfaction, and at the expiration of his term, with a most enviable reputation, again resumed the practice of law.

As a practitioner, he takes rank among the leading lawyers of the state, and his professional associates cheerfully concede his eminent ability in criminal cases. The vital interests of the largest corporations, the equally important rights of the humblest citizen, alike command his services, and whether the fee is a fortune or a farthing, he devotes his best abilities and his constant attention to the success of his client.

In August 1872, quite unexpectedly to himself, he was nominated by the State Democratic Convention as candidate for Governor of Missouri, and was elected to that office by a large majority, and served for two years with distinguished ability.





No blemish mars the purity of his private life. He is one of the few men, who, through a long public career, have never once neglected or betrayed any trust reposed in them. His motto is, and his action has always been, to do what right and justice demand, leaving consequences to take care of themselves.

He possesses an earnest nature, great energy and firmness, a clear judgment, with comprehensive and analytical mind, and a heart full of true charity and noble impulses.

#### GENERAL J. M. BASSETT.

J. M. Bassett was born in New Haven, Connecticut, February 7, 1817. He came with his father, when a small boy, to Ohio, and at the age of ten years removed to Springfield, Illinois, where he completed his education. He read law with Governor Cailin, and was admitted to the bar by Judge Stephen A. Douglas. Afterward he opened an office in Quincy, Illinois, and, after several years of successful practice, came to Plattsburg, Clinton County, Missouri, in 1844, where he remained two years. While here he was elected a delegate to the Constitutional Convention, and came to St. Joseph shortly after the labors of that convention were closed.

He soon became one of the leading lawyers of the country. He served four years as prosecuting attorney of this judicial district. Was elected Mayor of St. Joseph in 1855. At the breaking out of the war he espoused the cause of the Union, and did much to rally the loyal sentiment of Northwest Missouri. He was captain of a company of militia, and was for two years provost marshal of this district.

General Bassett was a ready and powerful writer; generous, pleasant, social and charitable. He was a fluent speaker, and strong in argument, and his success before juries and judges was proverbial.

Keen, cool, shrewd and cautious, his speeches in court often veined with glowing sarcasm, were not only models of terseness and force, but revealed a background of study, reflection and special preparation, which stamped him as one of the foremost lawyers of Northwest Missouri. He seemed to rise with the occasion when the subject in hand demanded intellect and power. Then it was he would pour forth argument, and hurl invective and eloquent appeals to the jury, sweeping everything before him.

Whenever he devoted his full powers to a case, no client in the West had a more safe, competent and successful advocate. General Bassett died in 1871.

Among those who attended the first courts in this judicial district at Old Sparta and St. Joseph was



## GENERAL A. W. DONIPHAN,

who was born in Mason County, Kentucky July 9th, 1808. His ancestors on both paternal and maternal lines were of English extraction. His father and mother were natives of Virginia, his father being a revolutionary soldier. His mother was a woman of extraordinary mental powers and sparkling wit. He graduated at Augusta College, Kentucky, at the early age of eighteen years, with distinction, especially in the classics. He studied law in the office of Martin P. Marshal, of Kentucky. After a period of two years he was licensed to practice law by the Supreme Court of Ohio. In March, 1830, he came to Missouri, and was licensed to practice by the supreme court, at Fayette, in the succeeding month. On the 19th of April, 1830, he settled at Lexington, Missouri, and began his long, successful and brilliant forensic career. At the age of twenty-two, without experience, he was placed in collision with Abiel Leonard, Robert W. Wells, Peyton R. Hayden and others, gentlemen eminent for ability and legal attainments.

His maiden speech at the bar was made in 1830, in defense of a man indicted for murder. His conduct in this trial was modest, and gave evidence of the dawning of that reputation as a criminal lawyer which he afterward attained.

In 1837, he removed to Liberty, Missouri, which he made his home for the succeeding thirty years. There he found, already established in the practice of law, those distinguished lawyers, D. R. Atchison, Amos Rees and James M. Hughes. His experience at Lexington had been preparatory; at Liberty his reputation attained its zenith. Doniphan was young, ambitious, highly cultured, and his mind expanded with ease to meet the magnitude of each new occasion. The faculty of ready, powerful and tempestuous speech—the flashes of brilliant thought had come to him, and the people of the state at once recognized him as an orator.

In 1836, 1840, and in 1854, he represented Clay County in the legislature without opposition. He was a member of the Peace Conference of 1861. In 1846, occurred the war with Mexico, and in May, 1846, he was elected Colonel of the first regiment Missouri Mounted Volunteers.

The laurels won by Colonel Doniphan and his men during the Mexican war are among the brightest that grace the American arms, and the memory of them will be as enduring as time itself.

In the varied circumstances of life Colonel Doniphan has exerted a great influence. In parliamentary bodies he has done this mainly through social impress and personal contact. He is fascinating in conversation, and his society is sought wherever he goes. His mind acts with quickness and precision. His temperament is poetic, even romantic, but is guarded by fine taste and the most delicate sense of the ludicrous. His



mind is so well organized, so nicely balanced, its machinery so happily fitted, its stores of information so well digested, and so completely made a part of the brain, that its riches, without apparent effort, flow or flash fourth on all occasions, and places each subject or object it touches in a flood of light.

Nature has endowed him munificently. He now leads a quiet life at Richmond, Missouri, devoting himself entirely to the amusements of reading, correspondence and converse with his myriad of friends.

HON. WM. T. WOOD

was born in Mercer County, Kentucky, about the year 1809, and after receiving an excellent education, emigrated to Clay County, Missouri, when about twenty-one years of age, and began the practice of law. He continued to practice with great success, until about 1838, when he became circuit attorney of the Fifth Judicial Circuit. In 1840, he represented Clay County in the Legislature of the state. In 1844, he moved to Lexington, Missouri, at that time, one of the most flourishing towns in the state. After following his profession for several years, in Fayette and adjoining counties, he was elected Judge of the Sixth Judicial Circuit. After holding the office for two or three years, he resigned, and located in St. Louis, where he resumed and continued the practice of law until about 1866, when he returned to Lexington. In 1868, he was again elected Judge of the Sixth Judicial Circuit, and in 1874, was re-elected for the term of six years. After the expiration of his term of office, he moved to Kansas City, Missouri, where he now resides, still following his profession at the advanced age of seventy-two years. He has been a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church for many years, and distinguished himself in defending Dr. McPheters in the ecclesiastical courts.

Judge Wood is not a brilliant orator, but possesses a profound knowledge of the law, and is honest and conscientious in the discharge of his duties. While judge, he gave great satisfaction for his fairness and impartiality. Possessing in an eminent degree a legal mind, his decisions from the bench were always delivered in a clear and convincing manner.

HON. THOMAS E. TURNEY

was born in Bourbon County, Kentucky, on the 28th day of February, 1831. He is the eldest of a family of five children, his parents being Morgan Turney and Triposa M. Birch.

When six years of age, he came with the family to Shelby County, Illinois, where they located, and where he continued to reside until he reached the age of twenty-one years. While in Shelby County he





studied law with Anthony Thornton, afterward judge of the supreme court of that state and a member of congress. He also remained for a short time in the business house of William F. Thornton, a brother of the judge, as clerk.

In 1852, he emigrated to Clinton County, Missouri, locating in Plattsburg. He resumed the study of the law after his arrival, in the law office of James H. Birch, Jr., and in 1853 obtained a license to practice. He was elected to the legislature from Clinton County, in 1856, on the Know-nothing ticket, having been a Whig in politics prior to that date.

In 1859, he married Miss Angelina Funkhouser, of Clinton County, and by this union they have had six children, four of whom, (Thomas E., Olive, Lulu and Mary), are now living.

In 1868, he was elected judge of the court of common pleas, which position he filled with great ability and in an acceptable manner to the people. He moved to his farm in 1864, in Clinton County, where he followed agricultural pursuits in conjunction with his professional duties as a lawyer and judge until 1870, when he located in Cameron. Since 1875, he has had charge of the business of the Hannibal and St. Joseph Railroad Company in the circuit courts of seven counties.

Judge Turney ranks among the best attorneys at the bar in Northwest Missouri, and has for many years enjoyed a lucrative practice. He is thoroughly conversant with the elementary principles of the law, and applies them with great clearness and candor. He is a forcible, logical speaker, and conducts his cases with marked ability and great success.

#### HON. THOMAS J. PORTER

is the son of Jesse J. and Margaret M. Porter, and was born in Greenville, Darke County, Ohio, on the 17th day of December, 1842. He attended the common schools of his native town, until the age of seventeen, when he entered the Sidney Union School, where he was graduated in 1863. He then studied law, under Edwin Smith, one of the ablest lawyers of his county, obtaining a license to practice law in 1864. He commenced the practice of law, during the same year, at Leon, Decatur County, Iowa, where he resided till the fall of 1865. He came to Missouri, reaching Plattsburg on the 28th day of November, 1865, where he has since resided. In October, 1866, he married Miss Sarah A. Harrah, of Osceola, Iowa. By this union they have had six children, viz: Zella K., Nellie V., Alleta A., Florence L., Clara R. and Charles T., five of whom are still living, Charles T., the youngest, being dead.

In 1874, he was elected Probate Judge of Clinton County, which position he filled with credit to himself and with great acceptance to the people. He then resumed the practice of his profession, which he has followed exclusively since.



Judge Porter is conceded to be one of the best lawyers in this portion of the state, and ranks high as a brilliant and effective speaker. He is, withal, an upright, conscientious man, being highly esteemed among his fellow citizens, for his many good qualities, as a man, neighbor and friend.

#### COLONEL WINSLOW TURNER

was born in Plymouth County, in the Old Bay State, in December, 1802, and came to Missouri, locating in Plattsburg, in 1840. During that year he received the appointment of county and circuit court clerk, which positions he held with distinguished credit until 1856, when he resigned. In 1856, he was appointed register of the land office at Plattsburg, resigning in 1858. He represented Clinton County in the legislature of the state in the same year, and was elected the speaker of that body. While there, he ranked high as a legislator, and was one of the most useful and influential members. After his term in the legislature expired, he returned home and devoted himself to the practice of law, which he continued until the date of his death, which occurred on the 5th day of March, 1874. He was a man of the purest honor. He scorned everything that was false and mean. Possessing pronounced sentiments, he expressed them freely and fearlessly under any and all circumstances. To a friend or foe he was frank, manly, bold and unequivocal. He was guided by principle, and no question of policy could intervene to abate his advocacy of what he deemed right. He was a man of excellent education, systematic habits and possessed a warm and sympathetic heart. He was a good lawyer and safe counsellor, and carried into his profession the same habits of system and thought that characterized him in all the private and public walks of life. As a man he was an excellent citizen and a kind neighbor. As a lawyer he was industrious, methodical, full of research and always courteous and gentlemanly towards his brother attorneys at the bar.

#### HON. GEORGE W. DUNN.

A more complete sketch of the life of the Hon. George W. Dunn will be found among the biographies of this work. This reference is here made to him as a lawyer and a judge.

Those who have read his poetical effusions, notably his "Temple of Justice," will be likely to conclude that, as a lawyer, he is brilliant rather than profound. Such, however, is not the case. While always eloquent in expression, as a practicing lawyer, he was especially distinguished for his thorough knowledge of the law, and the facts of every case in which he was engaged. His proficiency as a pleader, for accuracy of statement and a power of reasoning, which rarely failed to convince those he addressed, whether court or jury.



As a judge, these characteristics are still more conspicuous. With wonderful rapidity and correctness, he pursues the real issues in the case submitted to him, and applies the law governing them. Being deeply read in the elementary principles of the law, his declarations, which are models of correct reasoning, are usually based upon these principles, and are at once a statement and vindication of the law. Add to these qualities an incorruptible integrity, and we have a sketch of Hon. George W. Dunn as a lawyer and a judge.

Having referred to the judge as a poet, we will conclude this brief sketch by producing here the first stanza of his poem, entitled "The Ermine and the Harp," which is conceded by his friends to be one of his best productions :

The ermine hue of spotless white  
 Invokes the wearer's earnest ken,  
 As law and equity unite  
 To shield and bless the sons of men ;  
 For heaven born truth by right prevails  
 And baffles every crafty scheme,  
 When Justice holds the impartial scales  
 And Mercy's tears bedew the beam.

HON. AUSTIN A. KING.

was born in East Tennessee, about the beginning of the present century, and moved to Missouri in 1828, and located in Columbia, Boone County. There he commenced the practice of law, and soon took high rank among the members of the legal profession. He was elected representative in the legislature of the state about 1836, serving one term. He was a prominent leader of the Democracy while there, and was at the close of his term, appointed by the governor of the state, Judge of the Fifth Judicial Circuit. In the spring of 1837, he moved to Ray County, Missouri, and located on a farm one mile and a half southeast of Richmond, where he continued to reside until the date of his death. He held the office of Judge of the Fifth Judicial Circuit from the time of his appointment until the year 1848. During the period of his judgeship, all the lawyers of his court traveled with him, horseback around his circuit. He possessed a strong, vigorous intellect, was well read in the elementary principles of the law, and was familiar with the leading adjudged cases of that period. He was industrious and indefatigable, and had a strong love of justice and right.

As a judge, he enjoyed the confidence and esteem of not only the bar, but the people of his circuit. His ardent nature, however, was better suited for the political arena than the bench. Accordingly, in 1848, he became the Democratic nominee for the gubernatorial chair of the state, and was elected by a larger majority than any other man had





ever received for the same office. In the canvass he discussed the then pending political issues with marked ability. His administration as Governor, although it covered a peculiarly stormy period politically, was nevertheless eminently successful and satisfactory.

At the close of his term as governor, he resumed the practice of law in his old circuit, doing a large and lucrative business. He was a logical speaker and a clear reasoner, and rarely failed to convince either court or jury of the correctness of his views and the rightful claims of his case, whether civil or criminal. In 1864 he was elected a representative in Congress from Missouri, serving one term. While in Congress he took an active part in his support and advocacy of the Union cause, as well as all other measures pertaining to the welfare of the nation. On returning home from Congress, he resumed the practice of law, and continued his professional labors unremittingly until his death, which occurred in 1870. He was during all his long life an uncompromising Democrat, and was emphatically a positive, affirmative man. He had warm friends and some bitter enemies, but all alike conceded his integrity, his fairness, and his great ability. He had, "Charity for all, and malice towards none," and now all unite in doing honor to his memory.

Upon the death of Judge King, the members of the Plattsburg Bar, met and passed (April 28, 1870) the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, The members of the bar of the Fifth and Twelfth Judicial Circuits assembled in Plattsburg have received the mournful intelligence that the venerable and illustrious brother, the Hon. Austin A. King, departed this life in the city of St. Louis on the 22d instant, after a brief illness, therefore, with heartfelt grief, it is

*Resolved*, That the death of ex-Governor Austin A. King is an irreparable loss to the state, the bench and the bar, and fills the hearts of his numerous friends and associates with the most profound sympathy and sorrow.

*Resolved*, That in every relation of life, whether official and public, or personal and private, either as the chief executive of this great commonwealth,—on the bench, at the bar, or as a representative in the state and national legislatures, Gov. King was earnest, sincere and faithful, and zealously employed his great abilities and wonderful energy in the maintenance of his conscientious convictions of duty and right.

*Resolved*, That a venerated and illustrious citizen has fallen, an able lawyer and profound jurist has retired from all earthly courts, a distinguished statesman has terminated an honorable career in his country's service, and a practical Christian gone to test the reality of a living faith in the great Redeemer, and we, his professional brethren, with affectionate veneration for his memory, tender to his stricken family our unfeigned sympathy and condolence.

*Resolved*, That the foregoing resolutions be presented to the Honorable, the Circuit Court of the Fifth Circuit, now in session, with a request that the same be entered upon the record thereof; and that a copy, attested by the chairman and secretary of this meeting, be transmitted to the family of the deceased.



*Resolved*, That the Hon. James H. Birch, an illustrious compeer and friend of the late Governor King be, and he is hereby, fraternally requested to present these resolutions to the court, in pursuance of the fourth resolution.

Ordered by the court, that the court do now adjourn until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

BENJAMIN F. LOAN.

I first knew the late General Loan in Platte County. He was born in Hardensburg, Breckenridge County, Kentucky, in 1819. He remained at the old home in Kentucky until 1838, when he came to Missouri and settled in Platte County. He commenced reading law in Platte City with Isaac N. Jones, in 1842. After two years spent in close study, he obtained a license and located in Buchanan County. He was an active, industrious, painstaking and conscientious attorney. He was a deep thinker and a ripe scholar in legal and political lore, and possessed great personal honor and integrity, and was admired by not only his brother attorneys, but no one spoke of him but to praise.

When the late civil war broke out he took an active part in military affairs, and was appointed brigadier general. In 1862 he was elected to a seat in the Thirty-eight Congress, and served as a member of the Committees on Pacific Railroads, and Freedmen, and Debts of Loyal States, and other committees. During the Fortieth Congress he was chairman of the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, and on that of Freedmen's affairs. In 1869, he was appointed visitor to West Point. He was the Republican candidate for congress in 1876, and was defeated by Hon. David Rea. These in brief are the salient points of one of the most popular and one of the ablest and best known lawyers in the "Platte Purchase."

General Loan died at his home in St. Joseph on the 30th day of March, 1881, at the age of sixty-two years. The St. Joseph bar held a meeting on the occasion of his death, the proceedings of which we here give:

"The adjourned meeting of the Bar Association of St. Joseph was held in the circuit court room yesterday afternoon at half-past four. General Craig, as chairman, called the meeting to order, and requested the chairman of the committee appointed to wait upon the family of General Loan to ascertain their desire as to the funeral arrangements, to report. Mr. Allen H. Vories then informed the meeting that General Loan's family had expressed their wish that the bar should take charge of the funeral, which was to take place at two o'clock this afternoon. Mr. Vories suggested that the bar should not monopolize the funeral arrangements, but should invite a number of citizens to assist in the obsequies.



It was moved and seconded that six members of the bar be appointed pall bearers, with authority to select four citizens to act with them in the same capacity.

Messrs. Vories and Vineyard were appointed by the chair to select the legal pall bearers, and made choice of the following gentlemen : Governor Woodson, General Craig, Judge Tutt, Governor Hall, John D. Strong, and A. H. Vories.

The committee on resolutions was then called upon to report and did so through Mr. Benj. R. Vineyard, as follows :

WHEREAS, We have learned with profound sorrow of the death of our friend and professional brother, Hon. B. F. Loan ; and

WHEREAS, We deem it fitting that the living should suitably commemorate the virtues of the dead, therefore

*Resolved*, That we, the members of the bar of St. Joseph, bear witness that through the crucial test of a long and active practice in a profession which, more than any other, tries and makes known to his fellows the real character of a man, Benjamin F. Loan has passed, without an imputation of the slightest neglect of a client's interest or of the courtesies and fair dealings due to an opponent ; that his life is a noble illustration of the truth that untiring industry and unswerving honesty are the essential elements of real success in our own, no less than in the other avocations of life ; and we direct the attention of every young man who would gain an enviable distinction in the legal profession to the course and career of the deceased as worthy of the highest emulation.

*Resolved*, That our departed brother was true to the interests committed to him in all the relations of life ; that he was a faithful public servant, a steadfast friend, a devoted husband, an estimable citizen and an honest man.

*Resolved*, That as a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, we request the judge to adjourn the circuit court of this county, now in session, during the day of the funeral, and that the members of this bar attend the funeral in a body.

*Resolved*, That the secretary of this meeting furnish a copy of these resolutions to the press of the city for publication, also a copy thereof to the family of the deceased, and also a copy thereof to Alex. D. Vories, by him to be presented to the judge of the Buchanan Circuit Court, with a request that they may, with other proceedings of this meeting, be spread in full upon the records of said court.

B. R. VINEYARD,  
JOHN S. CROSBY,  
W. H. SHERMAN,  
H. M. RAMEY,  
JAMES CRAIG,  
M. R. SINGLETON,  
W. P. HALL, JR.,  
Committee.





## RESOLUTIONS OF THE MERCHANTS' BANK DIRECTORS.

At a meeting of the directors of the Merchants' Bank, with which General Loan had long been identified, held yesterday, the following resolutions were adopted :

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God, in His divine providence, to remove from our midst our valued friend and associate, the Hon. Benjamin F. Loan, therefore be it

*Resolved*, By the Board of Directors of the Merchants' Bank, that in the death of the Hon. Benjamin F. Loan, this board has lost a member whose counsels were of the utmost value to the interests of the institution, and that we, individually, have lost a friend and associate whose death is deeply and sincerely deplored ; and be it further

*Resolved*, That we sympathize most sincerely with the family and relatives of our deceased friend in this hour of their sad bereavement ; and be it further

*Resolved*, That these resolutions be spread at length upon the minutes of the board, and that a copy signed by the president be sent to the family of our deceased friend.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., March 31, 1881.

After reading the resolutions Mr. Vineyard said that it seemed strange to him to stand among his professional brethren and miss the form of General Loan. Only two days ago he was engaged in the active duties of his profession, and now he was no longer among us. Not very long ago General Loan had said to him that he would go soon and go suddenly, and his foreboding had proved true. He had known the deceased since 1866, and had enjoyed his disinterested friendship. Of his military and congressional record, he would let others speak, but as a lawyer he had found him frank, upright and sincere. General Loan never made a promise to a brother lawyer that he did not faithfully keep. His zeal for his clients was unbounded, while he was ever an indefatigable worker. To pronounce this eulogy was a sad task, not because the subject did not deserve it, but because he was no more.

The chairman here suggested that the youngest member of the bar be selected to present the resolutions to the Circuit Court. The suggestion was adopted.

Mr. R. T. Davis then addressed the meeting and recalled his last conversation with General Loan. It was the opinion of the deceased that young lawyers should stick to their practice and avoid politics. He had such a high appreciation of the bar of St. Joseph that he told the speaker that nothing could induce him to reside away from this city. Free passes to Chicago and New York, a large income and nothing to do would have no temptation to him, compared with the society of his friends, if he had to give up the latter to enjoy the former.

Mr. Allen Vories next addressed the meeting: General Loan's death had not been altogether unexpected by him, but by that death he



had lost his most confidential friend and he could not reconcile himself to his loss. For thirty years a close friendship had existed between himself and the deceased. If ever there was an honest man General Loan was that man. Ever faithful to his clients he was the soul of honor in his dealings with all men. Among the members of this bar he had not one enemy. Outside of his professional career he had no enjoyments, and was so attached to the members of the St. Joseph bar that he had determined to spend all his days among them. Of his proficiency as a lawyer it was not necessary to speak. The harder the case the better lawyer General Loan proved himself to be. His courtesy to other attorneys was remarkable. "By his death," concluded Mr. Vories, "I have lost my best friend."

Mr. Thomas had known General Loan for eleven years, and had frequently, as a young man, applied to him for advice, and had always found him gracious and courteous. Whether opposed to him or associated with him, he always exhibited a courtesy which was extended to all the attorneys with whom he came in contact. His loss will be greatly felt. Mr. Thomas endorsed the sentiments of the resolutions.

Mr. H. K. White said that General Loan had attained the high degree of philosophy which enabled him to endure differences of opinion without giving up personal regard. In his adherence to the ideas of the past upon legal matters, General Loan had many sharp conflicts with the rising generation, but from these antagonisms an unkind personal feeling had never once been developed.

Mr. John S. Crosby, as a younger member of the bar, paid an earnest tribute to the friendliness toward young members of his profession, which characterized General Loan. He also referred to the strong domestic affections of the deceased, which he had had occasion to witness. Carrying with him a heavy and constant burden of disease and suffering which would have made most men morose, he was always cheerful and good natured.

Mr. P. V. Wise said that he had so long associated with General Loan that he did not consider it inappropriate on his part to make a few remarks. The deceased was a man who took for his motto "deeds not words." He acted justly from a principle of right and not from the hope of future reward. He was satisfied to practice the golden rule. Notwithstanding the industrious habits of the deceased he enjoyed philosophical contemplation, and believed that the best of all lives was to so live here that when the great change came there would be nothing to repent of. He fulfilled William Cullen Bryant's noble lines:

"So live that when thy summons come to join  
The innumerable caravan which moves  
To that mysterious realm where each shall take  
His chamber in the silent halls of death,



Thou go not, like the quarry slave at night,  
Scourged to his dungeon, but sustained and soothed  
By an unfaltering trust, approach thy grave,  
Like one who wraps the drapery of his couch  
About him, and lies down to pleasant dreams."

The chairman then said that he first knew General Loan thirty-five years ago, when he was struggling to earn his first town lot. In those days he had traveled the circuit with him, had observed his course during the war, and had known him intimately as a Congressman, and he had always found him honest. During the days of political corruption that followed the war, no man had ever dared to say that General Loan had taken a dollar that was not his own. His home life was full of tender affection, one long honeymoon. It has been said that he was not without a presentiment of his approaching end, and on Tuesday called at the bank and transferred some bonds, from his own name to that of his wife. In all the relations of life, he, General Craig, had never known a better man than Benjamin F. Loan.

Mr. J. F. Pitt said he was with the deceased in his last labors, and gave some details of his sudden illness.

Mr. Mossman paid a brief tribute to the worth of General Loan, and the meeting adjourned to meet at the funeral to-day at 2 o'clock.

#### OTHER ATTORNEYS.

We have given short biographical sketches of only those members of the bar, who came to Plattsburg or practiced before the Plattsburg bar at an early day. In addition, will be found below a short and incomplete list of names of other attorneys. There have been many itinerant lawyers and journeymen counsellors, many of whom are doubtless still living, and known to the reader, and others are dead, or have moved elsewhere, that have practiced in the Clinton County courts. We should be glad to speak of all, but our limited space precludes us from doing more than merely chronicling their names:

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| Thomas E. Turney,    | Wash. Adams,     | S. C. Woodson,       |
| Charles Ingles,      | John Doniphan,   | Stephen C. Woodson,  |
| James M. Riley,      | Mordacai Oliver, | John A. Pitt,        |
| James H. Birch, Jr., | Richard R. Rees, | John G. Woods,       |
| Winslow Turner,      | James Strong,    | Joseph Black,        |
| Charles A. Wright,   | John Strong,     | Morgan Turner,       |
| John E. Goldsworthy, | James W. Denver, | Dwight Parsons,      |
| — Freeman,           | Stephen Brown,   | Thomas H. B. Turner, |
| J. M. Lowe,          | M. A. Lowe,      | B. F. Craig,         |
| Thomas J. Porter,    | Charles Mansur,  | E. W. Turner,        |
| Roland Hughes,       | John Cross,      | J. F. Harwood,       |
| A. G. Craig,         | Thomas McCarty,  | S. H. Corn,          |





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| E. C. Hall,           | Samuel Hardwick,    | William Henry,       |
| Thomas W. Walker,     | William H. Woodson, | E. J. Smith,         |
| Clem. Porterfield,    | William Burriss,    | B. J. Castile,       |
| C. T. Garner,         | Henry Smith,        | A. J. Althouse,      |
| John M. McMichael,    | James E. Lincoln,   | Zachary Provolt,     |
| T. D. W. Yonley,      | Horatio Simrall,    | M. F. Tiernan,       |
| Charles C. Birch,     | R. S. Musser,       | S. H. C. Langworthy, |
| D. M. Birch,          | Henry Gwinner,      | Thatcher B. Dunn,    |
| James L. Farris,      | James H. Moss,      | Henry Hughes,        |
| — Estep,              | Abraham Shaver,     | — Pennell,           |
| Benjamin R. Vineyard, | B. F. Stringfellow, | Thomas G. Barton,    |
| H. M. Ramey,          | Joseph E. Merryman, | W. L. Birney,        |
| Upton M. Young,       | Jeff. Chandler,     | D. C. Allen,         |
| S. A. Young,          | E. H. Norton,       | Henry L. Routt.      |
| — Jenkins,            | R. P. C. Wilson,    |                      |

## BENCH AND BAR OF CAMERON.

The first attorney to locate on the site of the present town of Cameron, was the late Colonel M. F. Tiernan, one of the earliest settlers of the place.

In 1858, Charles C. Bassett, Esq., located in the practice of the law there, and remained till 1862, when he entered the Sixth Missouri State Cavalry, of which Major B. was quartermaster. Captain Bassett was afterwards the founder of the prosperous town of Rich Hill, in Bates County, and is now (1881) a resident of Kansas City, and a representative lawyer of that section.

In 1866, William Henry, afterwards Judge of the Cameron Court of Common Pleas, opened in partnership with T. Criss, Esq., since deceased, an office in Cameron. He is still a leading attorney of that town.

O. P. Newberry afterwards located there in the practice of law, and, subsequently, moved away.

In June 1867, J. F. Harwood moved from Illinois and settled in Cameron, where, with the interval of a few months residence in Kansas City, he has since continued uninterruptedly to remain, in the enjoyment of an excellent practice.

Robert Caldwell, now a resident of the State of Iowa, located in the same year in the practice of law in Cameron.

S. H. Corn, Esq., came from Ohio, and in 1869, located in Cameron, where he still resides, in the practice of his profession. About the same period William V. McCandless (afterwards a partner of the present Judge Henry, above referred to), but since deceased, came to Cameron as a practicing attorney.

Colonel F. M. Tiernan was at one time a law partner of S. H. Corn.

In 1869, Newton Chalker, now (1881) a resident of Ohio, settled as a legal practitioner in Cameron.



In 1876, E. J. Smith, at one time publisher of the Cameron Observer, opened a law office in the city of Cameron, and has since devoted his attention to the practice of that profession.

Hiram Smith, another attorney, located in Cameron in 1873.

Judge Thomas Turney, formerly of the Common Pleas Bench, settled in Cameron in 1872, where he still resides.

Judge A. W. Seaton, one of his successors in the same office, located in the town in 1869.

A. J. Althouse, an attorney from Turney Station, in this county, also located there in 1880.

These constitute the roll of attorneys that have been identified with the population of Cameron from the founding of the town to the present period.

In view of the increasing demands of legal business in this part of the county, the Court of Common Pleas of Cameron was established by an act of the legislature, passed March 28, 1861. This act provided that "a court of record, to be called the Cameron Court of Common Pleas, is hereby established, to extend its jurisdiction over the territory included within the township of Shoal in Clinton County, which shall possess all the powers, perform all the duties, and be subjected to the restrictions of a court of record according to the laws of this state."

Section 2 provided that this court have concurrent original jurisdiction within said township as follows :

1. Concurrent original jurisdiction with the circuit courts of Clinton County in all civil actions, except in actions whereby the title to any real estate may be affected or impaired ; provided, however, that nothin herein expressed shall prevent real estate from being sold under executions issued from said Court of Common Pleas, and the sale thereof from being a valid sale.

2. Concurrent original jurisdiction with justices of the peace in all civil cases not exclusively cognizable before a justice of the peace, a concurrent superintendent control with the circuit court of the county aforesaid over justices of the peace, and a concurrent jurisdiction with such circuit court over appeals from the judgments of justices of the peace within said township.

Section 8 provided that the Judge of the Cameron Court of Common Pleas hold his office for four years, and until his successor is elected and qualified.

Section 13 provided for the holding of four terms of this court during the year, at some place in the town of Cameron, in each year, commencing on the third Mondays of January, April, July and October, and he (the judge), may appoint and hold adjourned terms and special terms of said court in the same manner as is or may be provided by law in regard to circuit courts.



Section 14 provided for the election of a marshal by the qualified voters of Shoal Township, on the first Monday in May, 1861, and every two years thereafter, and prescribed the mode, which was similar to that provided in the act for the election and commissioning of the judge of said court of common pleas. The act incorporating this court was passed at the suggestion of Major A. T. Baubie (one of the founders of the city of Cameron, and first settler in the town), who had long previously advocated the necessity of its establishment. Major Baubie was the first judge of this court, having been elected in the fall of 1861. He served till 1862, when he joined the Federal army. During the period of the civil war there were no sessions of this court held.

In 1866, the Cameron Court of Common Pleas was virtually defunct. On a petition then signed by William Henry, Major Baubie and others, the court was revived, and at the suggestion of the latter named gentleman, Thomas E. Turney, Esq., was appointed to the bench, and Henry C. Culver marshal. These appointments took effect in 1867. In 1869, Judge Turney resigned, and A. S. Seaton was appointed his successor. Judge Seaton continued to discharge the duties of the office till January, 1871, when he resigned. William Henry was immediately appointed his successor, and held the office till after the close of the July term following, when his resignation was accepted. A. W. Frederick, Esq., formerly of the State of Ohio, became by appointment his successor, and continued on the bench till the office was abolished by act of the legislature, in the spring of 1873. This act was passed in obedience to a petition circulated for that purpose. During the administration of Judge Turney, Taylor Criss was clerk of the court up to the period of his death, when he was succeeded by Jesse S. Hake. During the administration of Judge Seaton he was his own clerk, discharging the duties of both offices by virtue of a provision in the organic act rendering such *modus operandi* admissible. During Judge Henry's term S. A. Powers was clerk of the court. Judge Frederick acted as his own clerk.

The sessions of this court were held at first in the upper story of a frame building owned by John Shirts. This building stood on Walnut street, near the site of the present Cameron Hotel. It was destroyed in the great fire of 1871. The sessions of the court were then held for one or two terms in the rear room of the Cameron Deposit Bank building, on the southwest corner of Main and Third Streets. It was next moved to a room in the upper story of DeStiger's building, on Third Street, where it continued to assemble till the period of its abolishment by act of the legislature, as above stated.





## CHAPTER XXVII.

### SCHOOLS.

STATE CONSTITUTION — TEACHERS' INSTITUTES — ENUMERATION FOR 1835 — FUNDS — SCHOOL HOUSES — COMPARISONS — ADDRESS OF HON. JOHN M. McMICHAEL.

Our State Constitution lays down, as the very foundation of society and good government, the following principle: "Schools and the means of education shall forever be encouraged in this state. One school, or more, shall be established in each township, as soon as practicable and necessary, where the poor shall be taught gratis."

Thus we find, in the fundamental law of Missouri, the plain and unequivocal announcement of the principle that every state is bound to see that its citizens are educated. It is a voluntary avowal of the fact that the happiness, wealth and prosperity of a nation must depend on the intelligence and virtue of the people.

In the act of congress (1820) authorizing the people of Missouri Territory to form a constitution and state government, the sixteenth section of each township, or its equivalent, was devoted to the purpose of supporting schools in each township.

Twelve salt springs, with six sections, or thirty-eight hundred and forty acres of land adjoining each, were also granted to the state, and those were afterwards devoted by the legislature to the same object.

The first act passed by the legislature of the state on the subject of education, was on the 17th of January, 1825. This law enacted that each congressional township should form a school district, to be under the control of the county court in all matters pertaining to schools. It also declared that all rents (of school lands) fines, penalties and forfeitures accruing under provisions of this act, should be set apart and appropriated exclusively to a school fund, and, in no case, should it be otherwise applied.

January 26, 1833, the legislature authorized the governor to appoint three suitable persons, whose duty it should be to prepare a system of primary school instruction, as nearly uniform as practicable, throughout the state, and to make report to the next meeting of the legislature.

By act of June 23, 1836, the office of Superintendent of Common Schools was first created. Peter G. Glover was the first to fill this office. He was required in the month of January of each year, to make distribu-



tion of the "School Moneys" amongst the several counties in which there may be any school, based upon the number of white children between the ages of six and eighteen years.

During the session of 1853, a committee composed of Acock, of Polk County, Hickman, of Boone, and Kelley, of Holt County, by authority of the legislature, matured and presented to that body the law in force on the statute book, up to the passage of the second State Constitution, and with some modifications substantially the same as exists to-day (1881). The first distribution of state school moneys was made in January, 1842, when only thirteen counties received any portion of the fund. These were, Benton, Boone, Clark, Cole, Cooper, Greene, La Fayette, Livingston, Marion, Monroe, Ralls, Saline and Shelby. The aggregate amount of this apportionment was \$1,999.60. The number of children in the report here fails appear. In 1859, the number of children reported was 367,248, and the amount appropriated, \$253,401.12.

One of the earliest educational conventions, held in Northwest Missouri, was during the year 1844, in Buchanan County. Its object was to discuss the benefits accruing to the teacher, from teachers institutes and associations, and to devise the best means for the mutual improvement of teachers. The remarks made at that meeting by a Mr. Stratton, a teacher himself, upon the subject of teachers' conventions will, doubtless, be read with interest by those who are engaged in the same pursuit now (1881). Mr. Stratton said :

How shall teachers become better prepared for their profession? How can they be continually improving their minds and their systems of instruction? And how shall every teacher receive the light which the more experienced are constantly throwing upon the subject of instruction? We know of no means so common to all, and so favorable, as county conventions of teachers. Heretofore there has been but little communication between teachers. The improvements which one has made have not been made known to others; the incompetency of teachers, and the bad effects of teacher have not been made to elevate and honor their profession. Other classes of men have had their conventions—men of science, ministers and statesmen, to ensure enlightened and united operations, appoint their conventions to redress wrongs, to correct errors, and make known the improvements and able suggestions that may be discovered or proposed by any one of the party.

The wisdom and experience of these conventions not only enlighten the people and sit in judgment upon their errors, but produce throughout the whole country similarity of feeling and harmony of efforts for the peace of the church, the advancement of science and the prosperity of the country.

Such conventions are absolutely necessary, but are not conventions of teachers equally as necessary for the prosperity of our schools? Does not the difficulty and responsible position of teaching require all the light and knowledge that can be obtained on the subject? Does not the incompetency of teachers invite all the aid that can be obtained on this subject? Does not the incompetency of teachers invite all the aid that



can be furnished from those who are better qualified by experience and from other literary men?

"Certainly!" every one will say, "such assistance is highly important; it would afford that necessary aid which teachers now have no means of obtaining."

Yet so great is the apathy of the people that we seldom hear of a teachers' convention. The introduction of a teachers' convention, it seems, has but just found its way into Missouri. Hence but a small number of our teachers have been profitted by them. But how shall teachers improve themselves, if not by such conventions?

Works on education have a very limited circulation. Not one teacher out of a hundred reads anything on the subject; nor will they read before the living voice exercises their attention. There are but few seminaries for educating teachers, and rarely a lecture delivered on school-keeping. Teachers are seldom qualified when they enter into the profession, and they have neither the assistance of teachers in the vicinity nor intelligence from abroad, either from books or the speaking lecture. This should not be so. There are many means which teachers may use to prepare themselves for their profession and for improving themselves while engaged in their duties; and we know of none so advantageous to teachers, and that is attended with so little expense and within reach of all, as frequent county conventions. If these are generally announced and faithfully attended, they will not only be highly interesting to teachers, but of the greatest benefit to our schools. They should be attended not only by teachers, but by all the friends of education; each individual should go prepared to contribute to their interest and usefulness and with a hearty desire to promote the general cause of education. Each county association should have a correspondence with similar associations in adjacent counties and so throughout the United States. By this communication all the improvements or changes which have been made may be made known. It should be the object of these conventions and communications with other associations to discover the origin of the defects in the present system of instruction, to ascertain the actual condition of schools throughout the United States, who are in school, and the number who do not use the means of education. To ascertain the true interest which parents are taking in educating their children, to convince the people of the necessity of general intelligence in a free government, and to make known the duties which every one owes to the free institutions of his country. The mutual improvement of teachers is one of the first objects of these conventions. To render this mutual instruction each teacher before the convention should describe his system of instruction and his form of government. From this interchange of views on the best methods of teaching and governing many valuable suggestions will be elicited and many evils and defects disclosed. Individuals should be appointed to deliver lectures before these conventions, the object of the lectures being either to illustrate or simplify the branches which are taught in our schools, or to make known the best methods of instructing. These, with many other advantages, too numerous to mention, are the happy results of county teachers' conventions.





## TEACHERS' INSTITUTES.

The first teachers' institute organized in Clinton County was held in the court house, in Plattsburg, on the 21st day of July, 1866. At this meeting B. F. Poe was chosen president, and A. J. Everly secretary.

The permanent officers elected were: J. H. Thomas, president; B. F. Poe, vice president; A. K. Porter, treasurer; A. J. Everly, secretary.

This institute adjourned to meet on the first Saturday in September following. Not being fortunate enough to obtain the proceedings of this meeting, we present the minutes of the Clinton County Teachers' Institute, which was held in Plattsburg, in October, 1867:

October 17, 1867. Institute met; president in the chair.

The constitution drafted by the committee was adopted by sections, after some slight change in the phraseology of article 4 of section 1. Committee discharged.

A collection was then taken up for the purpose of buying blank book and stationery for the use of the secretary.

Regular performance met in order.

L. H. Webster gave a very appropriate lecture on English Grammar. His method of teaching being entirely oral. The rest of the teachers on performance were either absent or unprepared.

Performance for next meeting: Lecture on arithmetic, by L. H. Webster; lecture on geography, by J. H. Watson; lecture on reading, by W. H. Price; lecture on grammar, by A. J. Lott; lecture on writing, by James Huffaker; lecture on ancient history, by G. W. Russ; lecture on modern history, by T. C. Weadin.

Debate: Question—*Resolved*, That we become more happy as we become more learned. Affirmative—Thomas B. Holt, J. W. Huffaker and J. H. Thomas. Negative—A. G. Rogers, B. F. Poe and A. K. Porter.

There being no further business to transact, institute adjourned to meet on the fourth Saturday in November, 1867, at 9 o'clock A. M., in the chapel of the Plattsburg Academy.

J. H. THOMAS, Secretary *pro tem*.

These institutes have been continued down to the present time (1881), and have accomplished great good. They have not only been the means of bringing together the teachers from the different sections of the county for an interchange of thought and feeling, thus binding them more closely in the bonds of sympathy and social feeling, but they have materially aided in the practical methods of imparting instruction and simplifying the lessons of the school room and economizing time.

Prior to 1866, the county superintendents of schools were called county commissioners. The first county commissioner of public schools was T. D. W. Yonley. His successors in office were: John T. Hughes, James E. Hughes, W. P. Hooper, county clerk, acting commissioner, B. F. Poe, A. K. Porter, county superintendent, and V. P. Kelley. Mr. Kelley has been county superintendent of public schools since about 1871, and makes an excellent official.



## ENUMERATION FOR 1880.

|   |              |
|---|--------------|
| Number of white male persons in the county between six and twenty years of age.....   | 2,701        |
| Number of female white.....   | 2,522        |
| Number of male colored persons in the county between six and twenty years of age..... | 184          |
| Number of female colored.....   | 185          |
| Making a total of.....  | <u>5,592</u> |

## ANNUAL DISTRIBUTION.

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| Cash on hand April, 1880.....  | \$14,346 82        |
| Amount of revenue received from state fund by auditor's warrant, 1880.....             | 3,959 95           |
| Amount of revenue received from county funds, interest on notes and bonds in 1880..... | 882 29             |
| Amount of revenue received from township fund, interest on notes and bonds, 1880.....  | 2,229 78           |
| Amount received from district tax, 1880.....   | 32,276 17          |
| Amount received from all other sources.....  | 1,714 96           |
| Total amount.....  | <u>\$55,409 97</u> |
| Total amount expended for the year 1880.....   | 38,513 54          |
| Cash on hand.....  | <u>\$16,896 43</u> |

## PRINCIPAL OF VARIOUS SCHOOL FUNDS.

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| Amount of township school funds.....                           | \$19,513 16        |
| Amount of county public school funds.....                      | 11,086 60          |
| Total.....   | <u>\$30,599 76</u> |
| Amount received during the year 1880, for fines and penalties. | 253 50             |

This amount was added to the county public school fund, which is being constantly increased by fines, penalties, tax upon circuses, etc. Witness fees, which have not been called for by the parties to whom due, after the lapse of two years, are also transferred to this fund.

The township school fund is derived from the sale of the school lands, or every sixteenth section. Quite a revenue also has accrued from the sale of swamp lands, the internal improvement, and the three per cent fund, all of which are now utilized in the establishment and maintenance of public schools.

There are now sixty-nine school districts in Clinton County, and between seventy-five and eighty school houses. A few of these have been constructed of brick and stone, while the great majority have been built of frame. They are generally in good condition, and are furnished



When we compare Clinton County with Clay, Buchanan, DeKalb, and Caldwell Counties in reference to the condition of their public schools, we find that Clinton County does not suffer at all by the comparison. We have no correct data at hand, other than the state superintendent's report for 1878.

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| According to the superintendent's report for 1878, we find  |                                 |
| that the number of male and female persons, white and black, between six and twenty years of age to be..... | 4,955                           |
| Number of pupils, white and colored, attending schools during the year .....                                | 3,475                           |
| Number days attendance by all pupils.....   | 245,755                         |
| Average number of days by each.....   | 70 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>  |
| Number of male teachers during the year.....  | 54                              |
| Number of female teachers during the year.....  | 30                              |
| Average salary of teachers per month, male .....  | \$46.00                         |
| " " " " " female .....  | \$35.40                         |
| Number of school houses in county .....   | 60                              |
| Number of buildings rented for school .....   | 4                               |
| Number of pupils that may be seated in school houses.....   | 3,936                           |
| Number of white schools in operation.....   | 59                              |
| Number of colored schools in operation.....   | 5                               |
| Average cost per day for tuition of each pupil.....   | .07 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> |
| Value of school property.....   | \$52,750.75                     |
| Average rate per cent. levied for school purposes on \$100.. .  | 40 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>  |
| Amount on hand beginning of school year.....  | \$5,898.18                      |
| Amount received from public funds, state, county, and township.....   | 8,920.52                        |
| Amount realized from taxation .....   | 14,012.62                       |
| Amount paid for teachers' wages .....   | 17,842.82                       |
| Amount paid for fuel .....  | 527.00                          |
| Amount paid for apparatus and incidental expenses in county for the year.....                               | 760.25                          |
| Amount paid for building school houses .....  | 2,835.00                        |
| Amount paid for past indebtedness.....  | 1,450.00                        |
| Amount of unexpended school funds at close of the year ...  | 6,068.58                        |
| Number of persons between the ages of sixteen and twenty-five .....   | 1,053                           |

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| Number of white and colored persons between six and twenty years of age. . . . .      | 4,644 |
| Number of white and colored persons attending public schools during the year. . . . . | 4,172 |





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| Number of days attendance.....                            | 285,276     |
| Average number of day's attendance by each.....           | 68          |
| Number of male teachers during the year.....              | 67          |
| Number of female teachers during the year.....            | 58          |
| Average salary male teachers.....                         | \$27.40     |
| Average salary female teachers.....                       | 18.80       |
| Number of school houses in county.....                    | 71          |
| Number of buildings rented.....                           | 1           |
| Number of pupils that may be seated in schools.....       | 4,206       |
| Number of white schools in operation.....                 | 78          |
| Number of colored schools in operation.....               | 3           |
| Average cost per day tuition for each.....                | .07         |
| Value of school property in county.....                   | \$75,225    |
| Average rate per cent. levied for schools.....            | 52          |
| Amount on hand at beginning of school year.....           | \$11,032.54 |
| Amount received public funds—state, county and township.. | 8,783.79    |
| Amount realized from taxation.....                        | 21,848.63   |
| Amount paid for teacher's wages.....                      | 17,431.25   |
| Amount paid for fuel.....                                 | 1,397.50    |
| Amount paid for apparatus and incidental expenses.....    | 1,640.60    |
| Amount paid for building school houses.....               | 1,306.35    |
| Amount paid for past indebtedness.....                    | 7,050 50    |
| Amount expended for library.....                          | 960 50      |
| Amount of unexpended school funds at close of year.....   | 9,517 46    |

## BUCHANAN COUNTY.

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|---|-------------|
| Number of white and colored persons between six and twenty<br>years of age..... | 6,124       |
| Number of white and colored attending public schools.....                       | 4,230       |
| Number of days of attendance.....   | 282,164     |
| Average number of days by each.....   | 66          |
| Number of male teachers.....  | 71          |
| Number of female teachers.....  | 22          |
| Average salary of teachers per month—males.....                                 | \$45.00     |
| Average salary of teachers per month—females.....                               | 35.00       |
| Number of school houses.....  | 72          |
| Number of pupils that may be seated in schools.....                             | 3,939       |
| Number of white schools in operation.....                                       | 72          |
| Number of colored schools.....  | —           |
| Average cost per day, tuition, each.....  | .07         |
| Value of school property.....   | \$39,931.00 |
| Average rate per cent. levied for schools.....                                  | 4.10        |
| Amount on hand beginning of school year.....                                    | \$3,204.00  |
| Amount received from public funds—state, county and town..                      | 6,316.00    |
| Amount realized from taxation.....  | 15,737.00   |
| Amount paid for teachers' wages.....  | 19,291.00   |
| Amount paid for fuel.....   | 792.50      |
| Amount paid for apparatus, etc.....   | 710.65      |
| Amount paid for building school houses.....                                     | 1,046.17    |
| Amount paid on past indebtedness.....   | 1,812.68    |
| Amount of unexpended funds at close of year.....                                | 5,389.62    |



## DE KALB COUNTY.

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| Number of white and colored persons between six and twenty years of age..... | 4,290       |
| Number of white and colored persons attending school....                     | 3,608       |
| Number of days of attendance.....  | 260,299     |
| Average number of days by each.....  | 72          |
| Number of male teachers.....   | 67          |
| Number of female teachers.....   | 47          |
| Average salary of teachers—male.....   | \$38.46     |
| female .....   | \$28.64     |
| Number of school houses.....   | 68          |
| Number of pupils that may be seated in schools.....                          | 3,524       |
| Number of white schools in operation.....                                    | 68          |
| Number of colored .....  | 2           |
| Average cost per day tuition, each.....                                      | \$0.06      |
| Value of school property.....  | \$42,187.00 |
| Average rate per cent. levied for schools .....                              | 66.1        |
| Amount on hand at beginning of year .....                                    | \$5,811.67  |
| Amount received from state, county and township funds.....                   | 6,586.92    |
| Amount realized from taxation.....   | \$14,888.87 |
| Amount paid for teachers' wages.....   | 16,830.78   |
| Amount paid for fuel.....  | 1,137.85    |
| Amount paid for apparatus, etc.....  | 813.53      |
| Amount paid for building school houses.....                                  | 507.25      |
| Amount paid for past indebtedness.....                                       | 2,732.09    |
| Amount paid for library.....   | 21.20       |
| Amount of unexpended funds.....  | 4,473.35    |

## CLINTON COUNTY.

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|---|-------------|
| Number of white and colored persons between six and twenty years of age ..... | 5,415       |
| Number of white and colored pupils attending school during the year .....     | 3,555       |
| Number of days attendance .....   | 294,188     |
| Average number days attendance for each .....                                 | 65          |
| Number of male teachers .....   | 79          |
| Number of female teachers .....   | 68          |
| Average salary of teachers—male .....   | \$50.00     |
| “ “ “ female .....  | 38.00       |
| Number of school houses .....   | 75          |
| Number of scholars that may be seated in schools .....                        | 6,000       |
| Number of white schools in operation .....                                    | 66          |
| Number of colored schools in operation .....                                  | 9           |
| Average cost per day tuition, for each .....                                  | \$0.08      |
| Value of school property .....  | \$55,230.00 |
| Average rate per cent. levied for school purposes .....                       | .05         |
| Amount on hand at beginning of school year .....                              | \$9,288.65  |
| Amount received public funds, state, county and township ..                   | 6,788.75    |
| Amount realized from taxation .....   | 33,473.20   |
| Amount paid for teachers' wages .....   | 27,198.00   |



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|---|------------|
| Amount paid for fuel.....                   | \$1,077.84 |
| Amount paid for apparatus, etc.....         | 800.00     |
| Amount paid for building school houses..... | 3,200.00   |
| Amount paid for past indebtedness.....      | 750.00     |
| Amount unexpended close of year.....        | 11,498.80  |

It will be seen from the above reports for the year 1878 that Clinton County had a greater number of school houses than either Clay, Buchanan, De Kalb or Caldwell ; a greater number of pupils than Clay, Caldwell, (both older counties than Clinton) and DeKalb, and but a few less than Buchanan ; a greater number of teachers employed than either of the other counties, and a greater average of salaries paid. It will also be seen that the value of school property in Clinton County exceeds that of either of the other counties named ; that the amount realized from taxation is greater than that realized by either of the other four, and that Clinton county had a greater amount of unexpended school funds at the close of the year than either Clay, Buchanan, DeKalb or Caldwell. These facts speak well and eloquently for Clinton County, and show that her people are wide awake upon the subject of public schools.

We will close our chapter on schools by publishing in full the excellent address of Hon. John M. McMichael, delivered before Thomas H. B. Turner's school in the south eastern part of Clinton County in May, 1870.

*Patrons and Students*—I have been invited by your worthy preceptor to join you in the festivities and intellectual pleasures of this bright May-day, and to say something which might, perchance, stimulate and encourage a perseverance, on your part, in the cause which has occasioned this pleasant assemblage. To the performance of a duty so laudable, so full of inspiration to an enlightened conception I approach with many misgivings of competent ability to discharge so grave, and yet so agreeable a duty. I would, therefore, invoke that this kind indulgence which your appreciation for honest purpose, indifferently manifested, will doubtless grant. The subject of education is replete with prolific interest. The greatest minds of all ages have discussed it with the depth of thought unkindled by the munificence its possession created. To be fully appreciated and enjoyed, it must adorn the mind. In proportion to our knowledge do we learn to estimate its worth. Since mankind first learned the rudiments, a thirst for more of this life-giving sustenance has rapidly increased. The individual who is deprived of education, journeys through life without an aim or an object. Indeed, to him life is a blank, a desert without a single oasis to cheer him on in the dark and perilous way unseen by him which marks his "footprints on the sands of Time." Education! What is it? The untutored mind cannot define it, for it is deprived of the source whence cometh the power of its elucidation. Some one has most truthfully said, "What sculpture is to a block of marble, education is to the human soul." Man, we are informed by Revelation, was created in the image of his Maker. He came into existence wearing the badge of Divinity upon his brow. Mind constitutes the immortal essence of his being. Mind elevates him above the brute.





Mind leads him to discover his origin, reveals the secret of his own existence, and points him to an attainable happy future. His superiority over all terrestrial creation is evinced in his possession of reason. In consequence of the possession of this invaluable inheritance, he has complete dominion over all inferior creation, which was designed by Providence to subserve his purpose for happiness. The happy recipients then of this beneficent gift, it should be our object to improve and develop this distinguishing element of our nature.

It was the design of our Creator in vouchsafing reason to man to furnish him with the means of his defense against the encroachments of all the animal kingdom. For this is the citadel of his strength, the armor with which he is panoplied in the battle of life. It fortifies him against the attack of all his foes, and places him in an attitude from which he bids defiance to all the world. Mind constitutes the majesty of man; virtue the accompaniment of its culture, his true nobility. History speaks adown the steep of time the honored truth that education is the moral lever that controls the destiny of nations. Read the story of impartial writers from the day that witnessed the entrance of our ancestors into blissful Eden until the present hour, and you will learn that intelligence has conquered ignorance in every engagement. Enlightened, educated armies have invariably put to rout the combined hordes of barbarism. In every combat fought on earth, truth, the outgrowth of education, has triumphed. The cultured Romans subdued the world by the invincibility of their valor and the prowess of their armies. Archimedes defied the bravery of innumerable hosts of Roman legions by his knowledge. Upon the culture of the mind, the durability of government rests. Despoiled of the refining and moralizing influence of education, mankind subside into anarchy, into barbarism and servility. War, under all circumstances a curse, becomes doubly so when its excesses are not restrained by the wholesome effects of education. Even after the Romans were emancipated from the thralldom of despotism by the feeble rays of light which had dawned upon them, they sold their captive prisoners, no matter what their color, race or sex, into perpetual slavery. Many of their prisoners were slaughtered outright. But as the beams of education fell upon them, thus partially christianizing them, they became more humane. At every stage in the history of our world, we see that an educated race must triumph over an illiterate one. England holds the heroic race of Ireland in subjection to this day, simply because she surpasses her in intelligence, not natural but cultivated.

I discern with heartfelt joy the movement throughout our country in favor of a more general diffusion of education among the masses. I hail this as the harbinger of a brighter future and a more glorious career to our country. I believe in the education of the masses—of every single being endowed with reason—and I am decidedly in favor of an unlimited education. I would not only have the youth of our country provided with the elemental branches, but I would extend it to all the higher branches. To the son of the farmer, the mechanic, the merchant or the professional man, I would measure it equally. Educate your son thoroughly. Do not attempt to choose his calling for him, but educate him qualified for any position, and let his own genius and inclination carve out his mission in life. To parents I would say, urge upon your children the advantage of a good education. Do not content yourselves



with an occasional admonition to them to be studious, but make it an every day business to warn them of the folly of neglecting to improve the golden days of their youth. They, like you and I, will regret, sadly regret, their failure to secure the richest boon on earth in early life; but not, perhaps, until too late to remedy the error. Is there a man or woman here who will not make the same confession that I do—that they would like to be children again, with their present experience, to teach them the priceless value of a good education? I utter a sincere truth when I tell these scholars that of all my errors, the one I most deeply deplore is the failure on my part when it was in my power, to secure a better education. Mark it, my young hearers, you will never cease to regret it if you fritter away your present opportunities for a good education. Devote yourselves to your studies. When your school closes do not cease from your labors. The money you spend for trifles should be used for the purpose of purchasing good, solid books, and then spend no idle time in loitering about, but constantly pore over these books, and ere you are aware, you will become an educated man or woman, fitted for any sphere in life, an ornament to society and a blessing to mankind. Do not read the light novelistic literature of the day. It will do you no good, but much harm. The time consumed in reading such trash can be usefully employed in reading something which will be of permanent value to you.

How I should like to instill into your minds the great importance of diligent application to study. Unless you take an interest in the development of your own intellectual powers, your teacher, however competent and solicitous, can be of little advantage to you. Remember, it all depends upon your own exertions, comparatively. Let me entreat you to take the advice of one who has seen the folly of a great neglect in this particular. As before stated, my whole heart is in sympathy with the cause of education. I have learned to know its worth. In the general assembly of last winter, I voted against nearly all my political friends, to ask congress to change the terms of the Agricultural Land Grant, to the end that the grant, with about half a million dollars might be put in the common school fund of the state. This I did, not out of any antipathy to Columbia, where the most of my friends wished to locate the the Agricultural College, but because I thought it would be wise to provide an additional increase of our already munificent school fund, in order that all might be made surer of a good education. Parents, educate your children. Send them forth into the world penniless rather than unlearned. This is your positive duty, and you dare not incur the responsibility of dereliction in this matter. To the teacher, engaged in a noble calling, I would say, persevere in your arduous, and often thankless, task. Your labors will be rewarded. You have a weighty responsibility committed to your charge. Instill into these youthful minds, not only the science of learning, but principles of morality and goodness. Teach them kindness, patience and self-government. Learn them to master themselves—to treat each other as brothers and co-laborers in a common cause.

In conclusion, let me say, that Education, Christianity and Liberty, constitute the chief aim of man on earth. Did you ever think how harmoniously they succeed each other? Education fits the human soul for Christianity, because without it, our conceptions of a God are vague,



indefinite and false. Christianity ministers at the altar of Liberty, and hallows its shrine. Liberty protects and guards Christianity and Education; and none of these can exist, in purity without the other. An inseparable trio, happyfying man's pilgrimage on earth. Then let us cherish these virtues and bulwarks to our liberties, that those who come after us may rejoice in the possession of a good inheritance. We should justly prize the liberties, the free institutions and the matchless constitution which is ours. True, crimes have been committed in their names, and they have even at times been made the instruments of oppression in parricidal hands; but they are still precious and interwoven with proud memories. Inculcate into the minds of the masses the blessings of education, and liberty, regulated by law, will be restored in all its former grandeur and glory. The more education we have, the more liberty we will enjoy. Republican government is more securely held, more fully appreciated by an enlightened people. In proportion to our intelligence will our government be peaceful, mild and parental.

With educated citizens to conduct the affairs of state; with educated masses to curb the spirit of demagogues, no tyrant's heel can ever press a happy and united people. Thus, and thus only, can Education, Christianity and Liberty, be the watchwords which shall guide us to the full summit of human happiness.







## CHAPTER XXVIII.

### REUNIONS OF OLD SETTLERS.

BARBECUE AUGUST 28, 1873—BISHOP MARVIN'S LETTER—REUNIONS AT ST. JOSEPH IN 1874 AND 1875—SPEECHES OF GENERALS CRAIG, DONIPHAN, ATCHISON, JUDGE BIRCH, JUDGE VORIES, AND OTHERS.

There has never been any distinctive reunion of the old settlers of Clinton County. There was, however, a barbecue at the bridge, south of Plattsburg, on the 28th day of August, 1873, which was attended by both old and young. The old settlers were especially invited to be present, not only those who were then residing within the limits of the county, but those who had formerly lived here, and had moved away. This being the first meeting of the kind held in the county where the coming together of these old veterans was made a prominent feature of the occasion, they turned out *en masse*, and it was estimated that nearly all the old pioneers who were physically able to be present, were there.

The occasion was redolent of pleasant memories and sacred recollections to the old gray haired sires. Many of them have long since passed to the land of shadows,

"Unblamed through life, lamented in the end."

A few still linger upon the shores of time, as the oldest landmarks, when Clinton County was still a wilderness. Brave hearted old pioneers! Golden be the evening twilight of their lives. We have for them a peculiar reverence, and upon our hearts may their memories abide imperishable. A few more years of watching and waiting, and those who still survive will have joined

"The innumerable caravan, that moves  
To that mysterious realm when each shall take  
His chamber in the silent halls of death."

The Plattsburg Lever of September 5, 1873, in speaking of that event, says: "Never, perhaps, in the history of Plattsburg has a day dawned that will be longer referred to than the one just closing. For weeks past the topic of conversation in all circles has been 'the big barbecue.' Children became impatient waiting. The lads and lassies have been busy getting their stunning outfits in order, and even those whose locks are silvered over thought the sands of life moved slowly. In fact, everybody and their families were on the *qui vive*.



"Yesterday afternoon, the fires were kindled under five of the finest oxen, thirty-five hogs and ten sheep, and four hundred and eighty feet of table, four feet wide, was put up. This they thought would be ample room. The next thing in order was a suitable rostrum, which was erected in a suitable place, and over it was a motto, 'Peace on earth and good will to all men,' which reflected the sentiment of every participant. At the head of the table the following motto: 'A kind and cordial welcome to all,' was noticeable in large, bold letters. The grove selected for this gathering lies nearly one mile south of the city.

"At an early hour this morning, farmers from all parts of this and adjoining counties, commenced making their appearance, from all directions, in wagons, buggies, carriages, horseback, and on foot. The railroads came in, some on time, and others behind, all filled to their utmost, with men, women and children, for the grand barbecue. Long before noon, the dense throng of people was estimated at seven thousand.

"About eleven o'clock, attention was secured, and Hon. J. M. Lowe, chairman, delivered a welcome speech on the part of the citizens, and then introduced Judge James H. Birch, who entertained us with well-timed remarks, after which Hon. James E. Hughes was introduced and favored his hearers with his experience. By this time, it was high twelve, and dinner was announced. Beside all the barbecued animals, several wagons, loaded with all sorts of the best provisions, were sent in from the country. One baker, we learn, furnished fifteen hundred loaves of bread and a wagon load of pies. Every one felt satisfied there was enough for him, and seemed anxious that his neighbor should be served first, hence, there was none of that snatching and pushing, which generally characterizes public dinners. I have no hesitancy in saying, it was the most orderly concourse of people ever assembled.

"After dinner Colonel John Doniphan, of St. Joseph and John R. Keller, of Clay County, made short speeches, after which Judge R. R. Rees, the pioneer of Plattsburg, but at present of Leavenworth, was introduced. Uncle Dick was in his proper mood to interest everyone within the sound of his voice. He told us how he came to settle in Clinton County in 1833; where he built the first log cabin on the town site; how he was made the first clerk of the county, and last, but not least, how on the 4th of July, 1833, he danced on the green with the girls; and added further, if any one of these girls was present, he would like once more to trip with her the light fantastic toe. Other speeches were listened to with interest by a portion of the people, while others participated in the dance, the amusement of swinging and the croquet games. Both the brass and string bands added much to the festivities of the day. At present writing, 9:30 p. m., nearly every house is illuminated, and the air is filled with music, while the City Hall is packed with the elite engaged in the mazy dance. All feel that the day has been spent pleas-



antly and profitably, and that it has been a day of great hilarity for Plattsburg."

In 1874 and 1875, in September, the old settlers of the Platte Purchase, including Clinton County, held reunions in the city of St. Joseph. At each of these meetings were many of the old pioneers of Clinton County, whose names appear among the list of veterans who were then present. Although these reunions did not occur in Clinton County, many other citizens participated in them, among whom were Judge James H. Birch and David R. Atchison; and believing that an authentic and reliable account of what was done and said upon those interesting occasions, and especially the part that was taken by the pioneers of Clinton County therein, would be of interest now, we shall in this connection give of them a full and complete history, beginning with the letter of Bishop Marvin to Colonel James N. Burnes, the president of the old settlers' meeting. Bishop Marvin had been invited to be present at the meeting in September, 1874, but owing to his ministerial duties, could not attend. His letter, we think, will be read with great interest, especially by the old pioneers of Northwest Missouri, nearly all of whom, doubtless, met the Bishop during the early years of his ministry in this portion of the state:

2719 LUCAS AVENUE, ST. LOUIS, September 3, 1874.

JAMES N. BURNES, ESQ.:

*Dear Sir and Brother:* I have just returned from a tour, and find yours of August 27th, inviting me to participate in the reunion of the "old settlers" of the Platte Purchase. I regret that I did not know of the reunion a month earlier. In that case I could have arranged my appointments so as to enable me to be present. As it is, I have an engagement in Dent County, which, for special reasons it is necessary to meet. You may assure your board that no circumstances of a trivial character would prevent my acceptance of their invitation.

For the early settlers of Northwest Missouri I feel a regard that amounts to enthusiasm, and increases with time.

The early years of my ministry were spent in that part of the state. In 1842, I passed the present site of St. Joseph, on my way to a field of labor quite on the frontier. It embraced all the country west of Nodaway River. You will remember at that time there was no St. Joseph. In subsequent years I labored in Clay, Platte and Buchanan counties. I shall never forget the uncalculating, unbounded hospitality of the "old settlers." Many of them were in their first rude cabins, but those cabins had the rarest capacity for entertaining both friend and stranger of any houses of their size I ever saw. I often saw them crowded, but to the best of my recollection I never saw one of them full; there was always room for a fresh comer. I recollect once in the Platte Purchase, I was wedging myself into a bed already occupied by five children, when one of them waked sufficiently to exclaim, "Mamma, mamma, he's a serougin me!"

You will yourself remember that I was more than once a guest at the house of your honored father. Bear with me while I say I can





never forget the model Christian mother, mistress and hostess, who presided over the domestic scene there.

At that time I knew many men who did not know me, for I was a mere youth. I knew they were great as compared with other men I knew, but I had a fancy that the great men were in the east. But after many years of extended observation I have come to the conclusion that I heard as fine a specimen of political speaking in Liberty, in 1844, by Colonel Doniphan, as I have ever heard since, and that the country would be happy if the balances were everywhere held by hands as intelligent and firm as those of the pioneer jurist, David R. Atchison.

Among my own class there was the laborious Redman, the scholarly Tutt, the impetuous and saintly Roberts, and many others, now dead. Nor can I omit the name of the incorruptible and courageous Roberson. Some are still living: Holmes, Perry, Ruble, Jordan, Rush, Spencer, Barker and others.

There was a man, a minister of Christ, a large portion of whose public career belongs to the Platte Purchase, of whom I must say, he was in some respects the most remarkable man I ever saw. I refer to W. G. Caples. He was another "Agamemnon, King of men." He was a first-class wit, a man of the finest social feeling, having positive ideas; and a great end to accomplish. That end was the extension of the kingdom of Christ and the salvation of men. In his view, a high standard of popular education would contribute to this. He did much for Northwest Missouri in establishing schools under Christian auspices, and although they did not survive the war, they did much to elevate public sentiment, and have left an influence behind them that must be permanent.

Now I proceed to say that the old settlers of Platte have heard as great preaching as any other people on the American continent, and from the lips of the man, Caples. I have heard more scholarly men, men whose sermons evinced higher cultivation and a better classical finish; but for power of argumentation, for philosophical breadth and sweep, for grandeur of conception, for greatness of imagination, for force and pungency of popular appeal, for originality, variety and opulence of thought, and for pathos, my conviction is his superior has not appeared in the American pulpit.

I make no doubt that the ministry and church have done more to quicken thought and create a thirst for knowledge in the west, than is generally understood. Ministers of the gospel in the new communities, being above the average of people in culture, and dealing in truths of a character to elevate the mind, and provoke inquiry, have, as an incident of their calling, toned up the popular mind, encouraged a taste for reading and created a demand for schools. Such a man as Caples cannot mingle with people without elevating them.

But pardon me. I had no thought of becoming so garrulous. I am getting to be almost an old man, and thoughts of the old times have awakened the talking mood in me, until it seems a real hardship and self-denial not to be with you at the reunion. It is thirty years since I heard Doniphan. How I would like to listen to his utterances on this occasion, when old memories will mellow his voice, and since, as I doubt not, Christian sentiments will exalt and irradiate his conception.

Will you have the goodness to present to the "old settlers" my profound regard, and express to them my deep regret that I cannot



greet them on this pleasant occasion, for there are many whom I shall never see again. As ever,  
E. M. MARVIN.

Bishop Marvin died in 1878.

The following interesting account of the reunion of 1874, we take from the St. Joseph Herald:

#### OLD SETTLERS' MEETING, SEPTEMBER, 1874.

The Old Settlers' meeting was the most interesting feature of the day. At least one hundred of the old gray-haired sires and mothers, who were among the early settlers of the Platte Purchase, were gathered on the reserved seats in front of the grand stand. At half-past twelve o'clock this meeting was called to order by Colonel James N. Burnes, who spoke as follows:

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN—You will not expect of me an extended speech. I am too full to express what I feel. You will allow me to nominate for chairman of this meeting the Hon. David R. Atchison. His name is the balance of my speech.

Hon. D. R. Atchison then took the floor, and thanked the audience for the honor conferred upon him. He had once presided over the United States Senate, but this was a prouder position than he had ever occupied before. He referred in feeling terms to the early settlers of the Platte Purchase, the trials and hardships of the people, and their courage and endurance under difficulties.

Hon. George Smith was elected first vice president. Mr. Smith returned his thanks for the distinction. He had no speech, but would on a proper occasion address the people of the Platte Purchase.

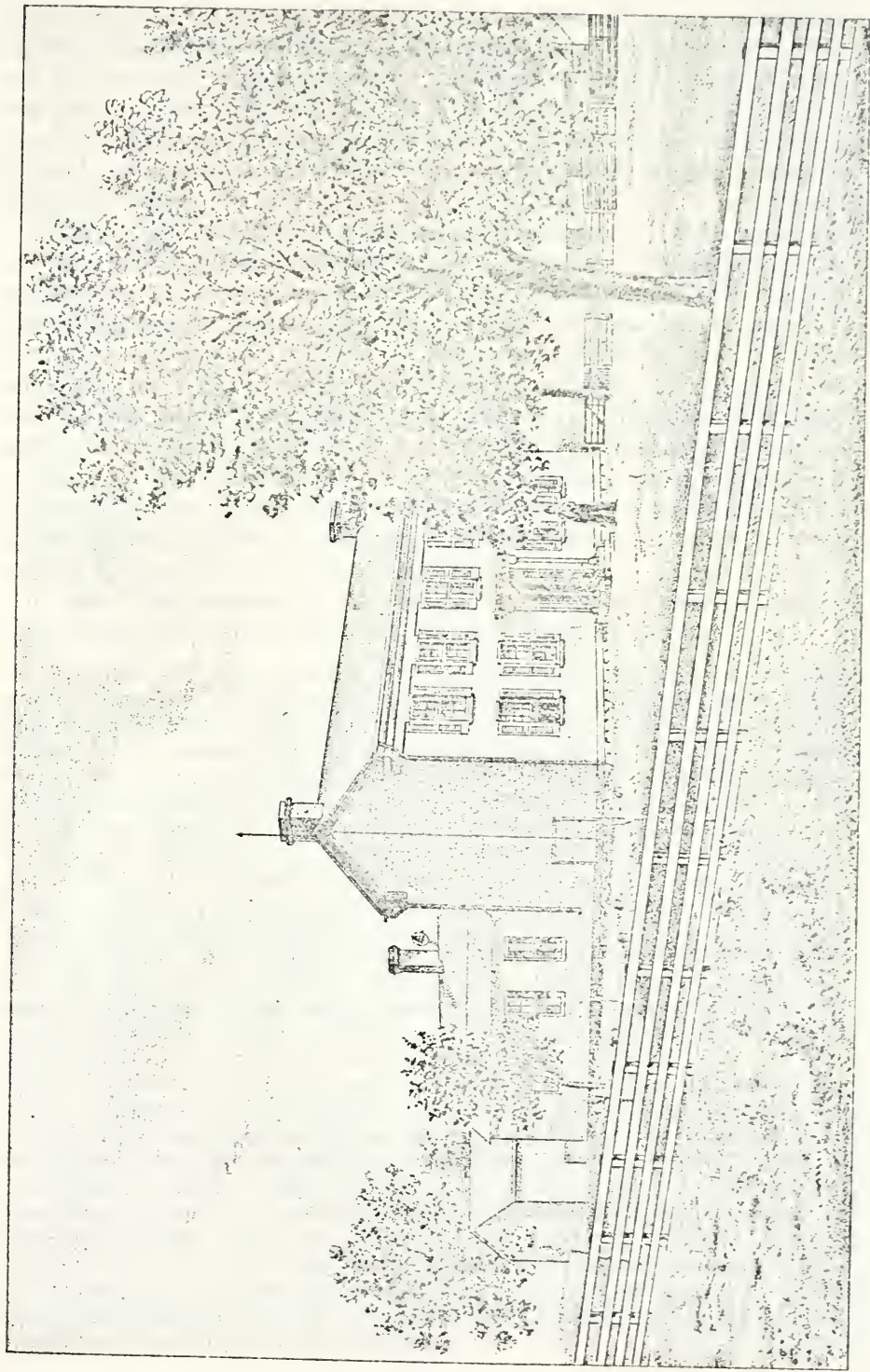
Col. Burnes then opened a book containing the names of the old settlers, and moved that they be appointed vice presidents. Carried.

Col. J. H. R. Cundiff was appointed secretary of the meeting.

Gen. Craig then introduced Gen. A. W. Doniphan. Gen. Doniphan then came forward and said the sight of the Old Settlers exhilarated him like laughing gas. He said that old people like to talk, but he had to excuse himself with returning his thanks to the managers of the Exposition for granting the opportunity to the Old Settlers to have a re-union. One of the privileges of an old man was to contrast the present state of the country with what it was when the first settlement was made. He referred to the railroads, cities, colleges and other evidences of civilization that had sprung up in this country, that was an unknown wilderness in the old times. The Missouri of 1874 was an entirely different Missouri from that of 1830. He referred in feeling terms to those who had died since the settlement of the country.

He referred to the free and easy hospitalities of the early days. Men did not stop to part their hair in the middle, but just gave it a toss back





RESIDENCE OF T.G.M<sup>c</sup> CROSKY, NEAR STEWARTSVILLE MO







and went about their business. The unbounded hospitality was such as the world had never seen before. The ladies were the picture of health, and had strength as well as beauty, and there wasn't a strong minded one among them. They had eyes like the doe, and a step like the gazelle, and were self-reliant and natural. He referred to the old type of men, that some thought had become extinct, but assured the audience they still lived.

His speech was well interspersed with anecdotes, and he kept the audience laughing and roaring for full fifteen minutes. He referred to the old Missouri settlers who had made homes in Colorado and California, and said still they kept up the good old customs. He spoke of the progress of the last quarter of a century. Twenty-five years ago there was not more than a thousand miles of railroad in America. St. Joseph and Kansas City were the ultimathule of civilization. Now they were great railroad centers, teeming with the commerce of half a dozen states and territories. The iron horse' had passed our borders and gone careering on his conquering course across numerous territories to the golden gates of the Pacific. It was impossible to conceive what the next hundred years had in store for this great country.

Judge Birch was then loudly called for; but Gen. Craig introduced Senator Bogy, who then came forward, and spoke as follows:

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN OF NORTHWEST MISSOURI:—For many years I have attended meetings of the people in different towns, cities and counties of the State, and, indeed, in many of the States of the Union, but I can say with the utmost sincerity that I have never before taken part in any assemblage of the people, which gave me so much true and heartfelt pleasure as this one does. When your invitation, sent to me by your committee, was received, I was on the eve of disposing of my time in a different way from that of being present here to-day, but the reading of it at once decided me to forego all other engagements. I have come, my friends, to exchange with you greetings of friendship, and to talk of the past, and of the men who, a few years ago, were with us working and shaping the destiny of our state and devoting their time, and energies to its material development. Most of them after well-spent lives, have passed from among us, leaving behind them honored names—to be cherished and respected by their descendants. I take it that, with few exceptions, I am addressing the children of the old settlers. Judging from my own recollections, there are but few left of the old set. Thornton and Thompson, and Laidlow, and Rich and Dougherty, with whom I was personally acquainted, have paid the great debt of nature, and lie now beneath the green sod of the section first made to contribute its share to the support of the civilized man. Other names could be mentioned by persons better acquainted with the individuals of this section than I am; but these few are a type of the old settlers. Who does not remember the name of each of these men without a profound emotion of respect and veneration? They were not only intelligent and influential, but in their respective persons was embodied the true character of American citizenship.



You, my friends, who are their descendants, should not only respect their memories, but be proud of their private and public virtues. A nation of such men would be the wonder of the world. So much for the past. I meet here to-day a few of the old settlers who have been spared as the connecting link between us and the past. Atchison and Doniphan, Morin and Wood and Birch, and a few others are here yet. Two of these have national reputations, and would of themselves be sufficient to make a nation illustrious. Atchison was for a long time the presiding officer of the Senate of the United States, when in that body were Calhoun and Clay and Webster and Benton and Crittenden and Mangum and Cass and Houston, and a host of other illustrious characters. He then acquired a reputation co-extensive with the nation. The name of Doniphan will live in history forever. His campaign in and through an enemy's country, under the most difficult circumstances, has never been surpassed by anything in ancient or modern times. Alexander obtained the name of Great because he went from Greece to the Indus, and for ages a halo of glory has surrounded his name, not surpassed by that of Hannibal or Napoleon; yet when all the attending circumstances are duly considered, the march headed by your own Doniphan required more true courage and bravery, and power of endurance, and patience, and perseverance, and skill and military genius than the expedition headed by Alexander the Great. Atchison and Doniphan are yet with you—and with the true simplicity of Cincinnatus and the dignity of Cato, move in your midst, sharing in your joys and sympathizing with your sorrows. May they be spared for many years to come. I am not here to-day, my friends, to deliver an eulogy upon the men who first settled this section. I have mentioned a few as a type, so as to let their descendants know what sort of men they came from, and so that they may entertain a feeling of great pride in their ancestors.

I am myself a descendant of a race of pioneers, different in many respects from the one I am speaking of. The first settlers of the valley were French, yet they did not come here from France. In the latter part of the seventeenth and early part of the eighteenth century, the fur trade of the valley of the Mississippi became an object of commercial importance, and the Canadians were the first persons who came here, and did so as fur traders. Canada was then a colony of France, and remained so till the treaty of Paris of 1763. The early Canadian pioneer is, therefore, the original settler of this country. They remained, however, on the east side of the Mississippi, and settled the towns of Cahokia, Prairie du Pont, Prairie du Rocher, Kaskaskia, and Fort Chartiers, and crossed the river only towards the latter part of the eighteenth century.

After the treaty of 1763, by which the east side of the river was ceded to England, they came over the river in large numbers, believing that it yet belonged to France, although the same treaty had ceded it to Spain. I will not detain you with the details, and only mention them to explain the different character of emigrants who first settled our state. At the time Louisiana was organized, in 1803, by Mr. Jefferson, the population of this country was, I may say, entirely French. Soon after the acquisition a large emigration came from Virginia, the great old mother of states, and from Kentucky, the first daughter of the glorious old mother, and from the old North State of Carolina, and from Tennessee,



and settled in the counties of New Madrid, Cape Girardeau, Ste. Genevieve, St. Louis and St. Charles. This emigration continued, not very rapidly, till the admission of Missouri as a state, when our population was only 56,000. I well remember the excitement about the Boone's Lick country, when I was a boy in my native town. Wagons filled with women and children, followed by cattle, horses and hogs, were passing through the town every day. Many of the little boys in the wagons became, in after times, leading men in our state, and no doubt many of the innocent little girls became the mothers of other men who also became distinguished and played their parts in the drama of life. Boone's Lick was settled by a noble lot of men and women. Old Daniel Boone himself came to our state and settled here. Boone, Callaway, Howard and Clinton Counties were settled at this period. A few years afterwards the tide moved towards the northwest and settled the counties of Clay, Ray, Carroll, etc.

In 1836, a most remarkable, and, under the political condition of the country, a most singular event took place. The section of country known as the Platte country, being the triangle lying west of the western line of our state and the Missouri River, was by act of congress added to our state. I well remember the newspaper controversy which took place at the time in relation to it. Benton and Linn were in the senate—both being senators of commanding influence—Benton being then considered the Ajax of the administration, and Linn, personally, the most popular man in the senate, for he was as lovely as a woman, yet possessing the true characteristics of one of the knights of old. Ashbury was in the House—a man of high character and large wealth, which he expended with princely liberality. Benton and Linn claimed a measure of credit for the passage of this law, which Ashley denied. On the other hand, he claimed that which they denied. The truth is, that not one was entitled to great credit for the passage of the measure. It required the combination of talent and personal popularity and personal influence which they had to secure its passage, and to each and to all are we indebted for this great measure.

This section of country now embraces the counties of Holt, Atchison, Nodaway, Andrew, Platte, and Buchanan, and this beautiful and growing city of St. Joseph, its metropolis, was founded by an old friend of my boyhood—Joseph Robidoux—who was really the first pioneer of the Platte country.

Up to the passage of this law, this was an Indian country, and by treaty had been set apart forever to the Sioux and Fox tribes of Indians. As soon as this most bountiful and rich country was acquired, as already mentioned, and opened to settlement, a wave of emigrants immediately poured into it, and soon this country, which but a short time before had been the home of the Indian and wild beast, was transformed into magnificent farms, and the home of as fine and noble a race of men as any country can boast of. In many respects the later emigrants had the advantage of the first settlers, and certainly greatly the advantage of the early Canadians. They left the old country after they or their fathers had had time and opportunity to acquire property, and also to obtain educations, which was an impossibility with the early settlers. Many of them, indeed, were men of wealth and the owners of many stores, and also possessing liberal educations. Many of the women were







highly educated and accomplished. I visited the section when a young man, and I never shall forget the favorable impression made on me at the time, not only by the robust and intelligent men I met, but by as charming, handsome and accomplished ladies, young and old, as I ever met elsewhere.

I have thus, ladies and gentlemen, in a brief and desultory manner, given you a sketch of the early settlers of our country.

Each generation has, no doubt, its allotted duties; ours is to transmit to those who are to come after us as the rich legacy we inherited from our forefathers—and this is not only in the political order, but in the social and moral order—and as your fathers left you honored names, you should do nothing to tarnish them; nay, you must not, no matter at what personal cost, permit any one else to place a blot on the fair fame of the brave men and women from whom you have sprung. And, as you inherited high social positions, transmit the same to your children. Do this, and you, like your fathers, will have discharged the duties of your day and generation to them, to your sons, and to those who are to come after you.

Ladies and gentlemen: Permit me in conclusion to say a few words of a personal nature. The people of my state have honored me with the highest office in their gift. A seat in the senate of the United States is truly one of the most distinguished and elevated positions which man can hold in this or any other country. When elected to this high position I felt the measure of my ambition was full, and the dreams of a long life realized. Yet I felt, as but few can feel, a sense of gratitude to the generation of the present day for selecting in my humble person a descendant of the old hunters and settlers of this portion of the New World. In the name of my early forefathers, the old hunters of this Western World, and with the recollections of their primitive and humble virtues fresh in my heart and soul, I return thanks to my generation for this, its great act of generosity to one of their descendants.

General Craig then introduced General B. F. Stringfellow, who spoke briefly and to the point. He referred to the fact that he was a citizen of Kansas; he said there was no act in his life of which he was so proud as the fact that he was once a member of the firm of Atchison-Stringfellow & Co. He here saw the Co. around him in the faces of the old settlers. He referred to the brilliant career of Colonel Doniphan, and the acquisition of Texas, New Mexico and California, to the early settlements of Kansas and the men who were then called border ruffians. They were rightly described by a young lady as the last remains of chivalry. He had only to say he was sorry they were whipped. He accepted the situation brought about by the new order of things.

He did not propose to shed any useless tears over the past, but to accept the new order of things, and make the best of it, and the most of it. He referred to the prejudice formerly existing against Northern men, and was glad that the old prejudices were worn out, and that the people of the Missouri Valley were a homogeneous people. His speech abounded in anecdotes, and was frequently applauded by the immense audience in attendance.



Uncle Henry Vories was then introduced, and spoke in his pleasant, old-fashioned way :

MR. PRESIDENT, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN AND OLD SETTLERS OF MISSOURI.—I decline making anything like a speech on this occasion, but I propose relating a few incidents in my life which, doubtless, will be personally recollected by not a few old settlers before me.

I came to Missouri from Indiana in 1844, the memorable year of the flood. I started with nothing, and arrived here with less, with my family sick into the bargain. Some time before leaving Indiana, on examining the map of the Platte Country, I placed my finger on the spot, in the bend of the Missouri, where St. Joseph was marked down, and where she now stands, and said, "That shall be my home."

I started for the new land of my hopes and arrived at last in Clinton County. There I became sick from the fatigue and labors of the journey, and could proceed no further. I was without money and almost entirely destitute. An early settler of that country, many of you know him, Mr. Bagley, took me and my family into his house, giving us the best quarters he possessed, and took care of us while I was sick, his wife waiting upon me as tenderly as my own mother could have done. It was there, while lying sick, before having reached my journey's end, that I first saw the face of my friend, Judge James H. Birch, now before you. Doctor Essig had come to wait on me. I told him that I had no money, and did not know when, if ever, I could pay him for his professional services, and that unless he felt able to give his services to me without certainty of ever getting any pay, he had better not spend his time with me. He said he would do the best for me he could. The next morning who should come to my bedside but Judge Birch. I was in a very dilapidated condition, which he could not help observing as he looked at me, and he said to me : "You are a stranger here, and in straightened circumstances, which I fully appreciate ; permit me to loan you some money." That was my first introduction to Judge Birch.

I finally got into a cabin with my family : I could throw a dog through the cracks of the door. One of my children was sick, and one morning a blue-coated boy of the neighborhood, who had become acquainted with her, came to see her. That boy now is the Hon. Willard P. Hall. In a few days the Hon. James B. Gardenhire called to see me, and I formed his acquaintance.

After a while the time for court to sit came round. I wanted to go, but had no money. I owed a girl, a servant in the house, fifty cents, and she wanted to leave, and I was determined not to let her go unpaid. One day old Bob Duncan came to me and asked me if I was going to court ; I told him no, that my family was sick, and I didn't want to leave them. I wanted to go, but I had no money ; but I didn't want to tell him any more. He suspected the real trouble, and said : "Now, Vories, don't you need a little money ? Take this and go to court," and he handed me several good sized coins. I did go to court.

The first fee I got was a horse, which I sold for \$40. The next day I took the money and went to Plattsburg to pay my friend Birch. I met Bela Hughes and told him my mission. He said, "don't look so down hearted." My hat was old and very dilapidated, for a member of the legal profession, and Hughes noticed it, and said : "Hold your head up ;



there are good people here, and the man who rides forty miles to pay a debt will succeed."

Here I met many of these old men, and got acquainted with them. Afterward I was, for a brief moment, captivated with the stories about California, and made a visit there. But I could not stay. On my return I met the question on all sides, "what makes you come back," and I said to them, "the men I meet here, when I speak to them, stood about six inches closer to me than they do out there." I said to my partner, in California, before leaving there, that if I knew that I could live only two years longer, and it would take me eighteen months to get back to Missouri, I would spend that eighteen months in getting home just to live the other six months among the people of Missouri. And now, all I ask is, that when it is all over, my grave may be made among the graves of my old benefactors.

General Craig then said that they had kept the best of the wine to the last of the feast, and then introduced Judge James H. Birch, Sr. The venerable and venerated Judge Birch, of Clinton County, then spoke as follows:

He commenced by an allusion to the kindly reference which had been made to him by Judge Vories, in respect to a circumstance occurring some thirty years ago, in which he had been so befriended by the speaker as to satisfy him that he had come to the right county to find *men*, and which had actuated him ever since. The Judge had regarded it simply as the duty of a lawyer and citizen, who happened to have a few dollars at the time, toward another lawyer (and a sick one), who was in a strange country, and was out of money, to divide with him. But as demonstrating exactly the man that Vories was, whether with or without money, the judge went on to say that, when it afterward came to the ear of Vories that he was strapped for spending money in one of his races for congress, Vories had opened his pocket book to him, although he had been a member of the convention that had nominated another candidate. Nor was this all—for when he was so chronically bedfast, two or three years ago, as to render it probable that he would never again get away from home, Vories had sent to him a basket of his "Virginia Seedling," and was preparing to send him another of Catawba, when he learned that Birch had anticipated him by ordering it from his agent. The whole of it was, that whatever risk the speaker had incurred in leaving all the money he had (and that borrowed money) with a sick brother lawyer and his family, it turned out to be the most encouraging instance he had ever met with of "casting his bread upon the waters" for the poor, high-headed creature had never got done with reciprocating it, and *never would*. Such was Henry M. Vories, now an honored justice of the supreme court—then a sick and downcast lawyer, without comforts for his family—and such is but an average type of the "old settlers" of the "Platte Purchase," by whom he found himself surrounded to-day.





Yes, gentlemen, continued the speaker, all the loose talk in the world cannot keep it out of history, that the "old settlers" who have passed the gate to-day on the "complimentary" of the self-possessed and far-seeing president of this great exposition, are of the type or class of men, who in all ages, from the conquest of Julius Cæsar to the settlement of California and Colorado, have been the founders of society, of counties and of states—and we ask no higher recognition than that we did not ingloriously "die out" amongst those we were born with, but that we took our chances to build up an equal, if not an improved, society amongst those of equal self-reliance with ourselves.

And here, if anywhere, it is appropriate to remark that amongst those whom you have so encouraged with your good will that their names are recorded as successful lawyers, and judges and legislators, in both houses, (both state and national), there is not one of us who has a black mark against another one, whether we remember each other as professional or political associates, or rivals. No, gentlemen, (said the distinguished speaker, turning to the ten or dozen who were occupying with him the speaking stand), no! and more than that, there is not a man amongst you who was not naturally "born and bred" in the full appreciation and recognition of General Jackson's sententious measure of unquestioned mediocrity, namely, the desire to detract from the reputation of your rivals, in the ignoble and mistaken assumption that to concede their "cleverness" was so much subtracted from their own. In this sense, at least, we were *all* Jackson men, whether agreeing or disagreeing in other respects, and in that sense we look into the faces of each other to-day, as I saw Harrison and Johnson look into the faces of each other, when meeting for the first time during the quarter of a century which had elapsed since the battle of the Thames. Each had discharged his *duty* according to his theory of it; and the respectful, yet stately look of each made an absolute end of the misjudged calumnies which the unreflecting friends of each had heaped upon the other during the political canvass of 1840.

Having no time before the horse race, of which he had heard the sound of the bugle, to speak of the other noble attributes of the representative men who surrounded him, as he would not scruple to do, even in their presence, did time permit him, the speaker took up and amplified the allusion which had been made by General Atchison to General Hughes, as the inaugurator of the Platte County addition to the State of Missouri, by referring to what it had happened to him to know upon the subject. Producing from his portmanteau a copy of the Western Monitor and Boone's Lick Correspondent, a small newspaper which he established and edited at Fayette six and forty years ago, (and which was then the westernmost newspaper office in the United States), he modestly referred to his connection with it as having given him his first polit-



ical influence, and that it was, therefore, that the late General Andrew S. Hughes, then the agent of the Indian tribes who had had the Platte country assigned to them as their reservation or territory, had addressed him a letter on the subject of having it annexed to the State of Missouri. This letter was accompanied by a rude diagram of the country, drawn up by the late General Cornelius Gilliam, from his hunting recollections of it, and was inclosed to Colonel Benton, (our then senior senator), with such an additional letter from the speaker as he hoped might help along the project; and in due course of mail he had the satisfaction to receive from our then distinguished and subsequently illustrious senator, a reply, which he published in his paper, to the effect that both the President and the Secretary of War were in favor of adding the then Indian reservation to the State of Missouri, for military considerations connected with the peace of our original frontier boundary.

Such having been the simple and unadorned inauguration of a project which added a congressional slave district to the State of Missouri, it is but justice to add that the measure was finally carried through both houses of congress, on the unanimous report of the House Committee on Indian Affairs, of which that life-long emancipationist, Horace Everett, of Vermont, was the chairman. May it not be added without offense, that in this case, as in previous and subsequent ones, the great Democratic reliance upon the ultimate sense of "justice and right" of a majority of our countrymen is at least the safest panacea for "the ills we feel," instead of "flying to others we know not of?" and that our recent unhappy experience of the opposite theory, where the sections as represented in congress were too mutually *deaf* to these appeals of fraternity and of reason to avert the ultimate arbitrament of the sword, should be referred to in no other spirit, and, for no other purpose, than as an admonition for the future.

God grant that we may live forever, not only as one people (as we *must* live), but as the fraternal, prosperous and free people we ought to be.

The renewed notes of the race come, and a whisper from the highly courteous executive of the day's programme, that but three minutes remain of the time allotted to these ceremonies, will but necessarily condense even the condensed remarks to which I had restricted myself.

I have spoken of the "Old Settlers" and their descendants, who, with all others, have so courteously listened to my gleanings—for I have but essayed to tread where others left me room—of the men I have spoken of as the class who *founded* society on the basis of right, and who so lived to be ready to "lay down the mace," in good conscience and peace, at the summons of the Great Maker. So lived Andrew Jackson, the frontier "settler" of Tennessee, to whose destiny it fell to so improve the opportunities of his time as to reach the most exalted position of the Republic. The bell rings again, and I must again condense.



If his character in life was a grand one, his character in death was still grander—as it may be the fortune of each of us to be—each in the sphere to which providence has allotted him.

For more than a year before he obeyed the final summons, he was “on guard,” (so to speak,) in view of the last enemy he had to vanquish, and the reflections it suggested were so accepted and acted upon as to turn aside the terrors of the destroyer, or to so improve them as but to gild his entrance upon “the life eternal.” His last words were :

“I have finished my destiny upon earth, and it is time this worn out body should go to rest, and my spirit to its abode with Christ, my Redeemer.”

Then, turning in the last intenseness and fervor of his mighty soul, the Christian patriot prayed :

“May my enemies find peace; may the liberties of my country endure forever; may I meet you all in Heaven, both white and black.”

I will but reverentially repeat a paraphrase of this, as a parting benediction to those who have so often and so variously honored me with their ear—and to whom, and to their posterity and mine, I thus give over, in common with all others, the future of a common country :

May our enemies find peace; may the liberties of our country endure forever; may we all meet in Heaven, both white and black.

At the close of Judge Birch's speech, Colonel Burnes announced that the Old Settlers' Meeting was adjourned until the next St. Joseph Exposition. The band then played Dixie and Yankee Doodle, which were received with tremendous applause by the large crowd in attendance. This was a shaking of hands across the bloody chasm, that was eminently appropriate to the occasion, and the manner in which this meeting closed shows that the people of the Missouri Valley are a homogeneous people; one in sympathy, and one in purpose; united and inseparable. The occasion will long be remembered by the old settlers in attendance as one of the happiest reunions in their lives.

#### THE VETERANS.

The following is a list of the veterans who reported to the secretary, at the meeting of September, 1874, and the dates of their settlement in the Platte Purchase :

#### BUCHANAN COUNTY.

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| Mrs. S. L. Leonard..... | 1837 | Mrs. S. Connett.....    | 1837 |
| S. S. Connett.....      | 1839 | H. T. Connett.....      | 1839 |
| M. C. Riley.....        | 1837 | Geo. G. H. Brand.....   | 1835 |
| Geo. W. Tolin.....      | 1839 | Evan Jordan.....        | 1840 |
| John B. Ritchie.....    | 1838 | Abner Copeland.....     | 1839 |
| Marian Copeland.....    | 1838 | Dr. Silas McDonald..... | 1838 |





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| James J. Reynolds. ....    | 1838 | Cornelius Day. ....         | 1838 |
| James B. O'Toole. ....     | 1837 | Simeon Kemper. ....         | 1840 |
| Alexander Poe. ....        | 1841 | Colonel John Doniphan. .... | —    |
| Judge Thos. A. Brown. .... | 1838 | Calvin James. ....          | —    |
| John R. Johnson. ....      | 1838 | Moses Pyle. ....            | 1837 |
| Jeremiah Burnes. ....      | 1837 | William Kirkham. ....       | 1838 |
| F. C. Hughes. ....         | —    | Jule C. Robidoux. ....      | 1838 |
| C. W. Davies. ....         | 1840 | E. M. Davidson. ....        | 1837 |
| Calvin F. Burnes. ....     | 1837 | Ben. C. Porter. ....        | 1839 |
| James E. Wallace. ....     | 1838 | Elisha Gladden. ....        | 1834 |
| William Gartin. ....       | —    | David C. Munkers. ....      | 1837 |
| D. A. Davidson. ....       | 1837 | Husselton Compton. ....     | 1840 |
| Isaac Lower. ....          | —    | Samuel E. Hardy. ....       | 1838 |
| G. M. Patton. ....         | 1834 | William B. Poe. ....        | 1843 |
| R. T. Davis. ....          | 1838 | W. F. Davis. ....           | 1840 |

## ANDREW COUNTY.

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| Judge John McDaniels, | Upton Roohrer.       | James R. Watts,   |
| Elias Hughes,         | Robert Elliott,      | Joseph Walker,    |
| Hugh Lewis,           | Jeremiah Clark,      | Jonathan M. Cobb, |
| Major E. S. Castle,   | Dr. P. P. Fulkerson, | Joshua Bond,      |
| George N. Castle,     | A. J. Demens.        |                   |

## CLINTON COUNTY.

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| Gen. D. R. Atchison,    | Jonathan Robert,      | S. T. Brooking,      |
| Judge Jas. R. Coffinan, | Abraham Funkhouser,   | Daniel P. McKissock, |
| Maj. James Cochrane,    | Hon. E. W. Turner,    | Caleb McGill,        |
| Wash. Huffaker, son of  | Judge James H. Birch, | John Whitson,        |
| 1st Collector of Clin-  | Ex-Gov. Geo. Smith,   | George Funkhouser.   |
| ton County.             | Rev. J. V. B. Flack,  |                      |

## NODAWAY COUNTY.

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| Wm. V. Smith, | W. R. Trapp, | Jack Albright. |
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## HOLT COUNTY.

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| Hon. James Foster, | Geo. McIntyre. |
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## PLATTE COUNTY.

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| Capt. John B. Wells, | Ben Yocum,           | Felix Blakely,     |
| Theodore F. Warner,  | Joel Ryan,           | Sidney Risk,       |
| Wm. Clay,            | John W. Martin,      | Col. G. W. Belt,   |
| Col. Geo. Gabbert,   | Eli Gabbin,          | John McLain,       |
| Joseph Todd,         | Isaac T. Lewis,      | Wm. A. Singleton,  |
| James Stultz,        | Maj. J. W. Hardisty, | Smith Adams,       |
| W. W. Williams,      | W. Cooper,           | Gen. J. Morin,     |
| John S. Woods,       | Maj. G. W. Hood,     | James N. Boydston. |



One of the most interesting features in connection with the Old Settlers meeting was the presentation, by Col. James N. Burnes, of the first reunion badge issued by the association, to the widow of the late honored Solomon L. Leonard. This badge is of the most elegant white silk, and the presentation was accompanied by a few appropriate and affecting remarks. The elegant testimonial was gracefully received and pinned upon the bosom of Mrs. Leonard.

#### OLD SETTLERS MEETING, SEPTEMBER, 1875.

We take the following from the St. Joseph Gazette, September 7, 1875:

Yesterday was a grand and proud one for the old settlers of the Northwest, and a day that will long be remembered. From early morning until the noon hour they came pouring into the city from all parts of the territory of the Platte Purchase, and many came from a long distance to once more mix and mingle with the friends of their youth and to grasp the hand and exchange salutations with those who with them had borne the hardships and privations of pioneer life, subduing the forests, battling with wild beasts and wild men, and above all enduring the privations and exposure of hunger and the elements, until they wrought out of the wilderness the blessings of the civilization their posterity now enjoys.

As they mixed and mingled upon the Exposition grounds, there was many an old eye dimmed with tears, many an aged hand that trembled with emotion as the palms of those long separated again crossed in friendly greeting in the roll call of memory, unearthed the name and merits of those who had fallen by the wayside and passed into the tomb. Even we younger ones whose years had not yet passed the three-score mark, feel a pain upon our hearts as we cast the backward glance, and note the multitude of those who began the struggle of life with us but are now numbered with the dead.

How thick are the monuments that rise above their graves; mile stones in our journey telling us that of all who begin life two-thirds depart before they reach the forties, and nine-tenths fail to reach the seventies; and as the last tenth of these old folks meet and read the book of life from the finish to the preface, how sad and yet how entrancing must have been the record; how full of sadness and yet of joy must their hearts have been and how truly must they have realized that in life at best the laugh lies close to the fountain of tears, that the brighter the rainbow the denser the mist through which the warm sun shines.

But the old people met. The sun came down upon the unshaded seats of the main stand as remorseless as hunger and thirst upon a vagrant, and, as the old fathers and mothers assembled in their places, it was evi-



dent that they were scarcely prepared for this last trial, which did not fail upon their old heads exactly in the shape of a blessing, and before the speaking was over there were scores of them who would have been ready to register an oath that this identical heated term was the worst they ever saw, and that the grand stand had been erected exactly in the spot where the sun would shine the hottest and longest in a direct focus. At last it was announced that the exercises would begin and Colonel Burnes stated that owing to sickness in his family, it would be impossible for Colonel Doniphan to meet with the old people and address them according to programme. In his place Gen. David R. Atchison was called upon to make the opening address, and replying to the call he stepped forward and made one of his characteristic addresses interspersed with anecdotes and adventures that always gladden the hearts of the old and give pleasure and instruction to the young. He spoke of those pioneer days, the old people were all so familiar with, and of the hardships connected with them, which now appear like a chasm and a lure to the young. After the conclusion of General Atchison's remarks, Governor George Smith, of Clinton, was announced, and said that as General Atchison had in his remarks related some incidents connected with the early settlements of the western part of the state, which he said would show the condition of civilization of the west, he would in a few words relate some of his experiences and observations as an old settler, which would illustrate in one particular the progress made by and growing out of the bold enterprise of these old pioneers. He said that it had been his good fortune to have passed the most of his early days on the frontier, subjecting him in early days to carrying the product of his toil as a farmer by flat-boats to New Orleans for a market. On his return from his second flat-boat expedition, he came to St. Louis on the 4th of March, 1832, the city then having a population of about seven hundred persons, thence on horseback, with two boating companions, he traveled into the western part of the state; but an incident of said trip would be all he would call in review to illustrate the great progress made in the material interest of our great state. Arriving at Arrowrock, where we desired crossing, we found a ferry-boat consisting of a platform on two canoes, upon which, by assuring the ferryman that we were boatmen, he agreed to risk ourselves and three horses, and we arrived safe about dark in the town, consisting of one double log cabin, where a religious meeting was being held. We expressed some hesitation as to remaining over night, but it being eighteen miles to the nearest house on the western trail, we accepted the kind hospitality of the proprietor and remained over, there being ample room for the entertainment and the weary traveler, as understood by those kind, hospitable pioneers. Now, old settlers and friends, let us turn our attention to the picture presenting itself to our view of the seven magnificent bridges spanning the





waters of this magnificent, boisterous river, besides innumerable other facilities for crossing its turbid waters. He remarked: Nor is it a matter of wonder that such evidences of rapid progress are to be seen when we consider the great natural resources of our state. All persons who have traveled over the state would bear evidence to the fact that by drawing a line from the northeast corner diagonally to the southwest corner and taking the country north and west of said line, it would nearly all be considered of excellent quality for agricultural products, and St. Joseph is in the very heart of the same, whilst much of the land east and south of said line was good for farm products, it would be admitted on all hands it was unsurpassed in mineral wealth, and only waiting for labor and capital for development. These were attractions that could not escape our intelligent American citizens, consequently we may reasonably suppose the young people of the present time may have the pleasure to inform the next generation of the great and useful changes that have taken place in their day.

Senator Cockrill followed Governor Smith, whose remarks had been listened to with pleasure by all present. He congratulated himself upon being a native of the state, although of that portion lying south of the river. He rejoiced in its growth, its advancement, its wealth and its prosperity, and he felt that he had an especial right to feel proud of standing before these old people. He had been by their aid and the aid of their posterity, elevated to a position of worth and trust, where he could stand as a pleader for their cause, and a defender of their rights and liberties.

Colonel Wm. F. Switzler, editor of the Missouri Statesman, at Columbia, was then introduced. He had not expected to make a speech. A matter of business, having no connection with the exposition, or with the reunion of the old settlers, called him to St. Joseph, and he made it convenient to come at this time, but with no expectation of occupying a place on the programme of speakers. Although not an old settler of Northwestern Missouri, he nevertheless could claim to be an old settler of the state, understanding from personal observation and experience much of its early history and the privations and trials of the pioneers of our present civilization. He could not boast, like Senator Cockrill, that he was a native of Missouri, but nevertheless was not ashamed, even in the presence of those who were to the manor born, of announcing with pride that he was a son of the mother of Missouri, the grand old Commonwealth of Kentucky. (Applause.) As early as 1826, he came from Kentucky to Howard County, Missouri, where he was raised and located, and where as a lad, he first met a distinguished gentleman, who now occupies a seat on the platform—Judge Birch. Missouri was then in the sixth year of its history as a state, and did not perhaps contain more than fifteen or twenty thousand voters, and the region now embracing



the happy homes of a vast majority of those present was under the almost undisputed dominion of the Indian and buffalo. Since this early period in the annals of the state what a wonderful history we have made as a member of the Federal Union, as a Nation, as a People. What achievements we have made in the arts and sciences, in agriculture and commerce, in education and means of inter-communication, in all the agencies and industries which distinguished the civilization of our age. Very befitting reference had been made by speakers who had preceded him to this progress and prosperity. Let it not be forgotten that to the noble and self-sacrificing efforts, singular perils and consummate wisdom of the heroic men and peerless women now present, and to their associates, living and dead, are we indebted for laying broad and deep the foundation of our cherished civilization and great prosperity. The men and women of a state, especially the pioneers, who lead the vanguard of the world's march against ignorance and barbarism, are the state, are of more value than all our fields of coal and mines of gold and silver, than all our railroads and bridges and halls of sciences and learning. Men constitute the state, and those before us to-day form the connecting link between our own eventful times and the ignorance of bondage in the bulwark of prosperity at home and respectability abroad. (Applause.)

Colonel Charles Mansur, of Chillicothe, was called to the stand, and introduced by General Craig. Colonel Mansur then said :

LADIES: I must, much as I love the old settlers, name you first, ladies, old settlers and friends. I feel that I owe the high compliment of an invitation to address you, to the too partial preference of my friends General Craig and Colonel Burnes; and yet the swelling pulsations of my heart tell me this is one of the proudest moments of my life, and I should feel recreant to my own spirit if I did not embrace the opportunity thus offered.

While the locks of my head are yet undamaged by the snows of forty winters, you may wonder what I may know that will prove of interest to thousands of old settlers here assembled, and while I feel doubtful of the honored appellation of old settler, I can only say, that if I had worn my blue coat and brass buttons I should have felt as if I could have divided the honors in that line with my venerable old friend, Judge Birch. Permit me to say that Judge Birch, in calling up his struggles for Congress, suggests to my mind that about the earliest political struggle that I can remember was in those old Democratic days when the only road to political honor was through the Democratic ranks, when two of our old memorable friends, Judge Birch and Judge King, undertook to pluck the Democratic goose that laid the Congressional egg in this district, at the same time, and beneath their joint efforts the proud old bird was so jaded and wearied that not a Roland but an Oliver stole in and captured the coveted prize, and proved to my distinguished friends anew the the truth of the old adage, that "in union there is strength." I well remember the first time I saw our honored president, General Atchison. It was in March, 1855. I, with a number of Rayites, were camped



at the Platte City Bridge, on the west side of the river, when General Atchison rode up at a full gallop, and with a Satanic rather than a God-like earnestness, proceeded to give us his views of our mission as border ruffians, and our duty toward our benighted Yankee brethren, sent out by Gospel societies of New England, under the protection of Sharpe's rifles, to subdue the virgin soil of our sister state of Kansas, and, to echo the sentiment of the general, then and there was born and begun our late internecinal war. Although not born on Missouri soil, yet the first sentiment of thought I had was of Missouri scenes and actors. My parents emigrated to this section in 1837; and, reared in our sister county of Ray, my memory is flooded with a series of recollections from say 1845, when only ten years old, up to 1850. How well I remember the old school house of my childhood, built by the hardy pioneers without the use of nail or window glass, the product alone of his own right arm, with sturdy axe and broad-axe, a puncheon floor and log chimneys daubed with mud. Now view the landscape o'er of our North Missouri; every village, town and hamlet vie with each other in rearing palatial structures, structures that compare with those of the older and more favored sister states.

Who, too, does not remember the hospitality, characteristic of our well-to-do settlers. The latch-string was ever out, and their genuine and sometime burdensome hospitality puts to shame the article of modern times. Old settlers of Ray, Clay, Clinton, Platte and Caldwell, do you not remember our old-time camp-meetings, where every well-to-do farmer had his log hut or tent, and entertained both man and beast of all who would accept? Those rich and rare old scenes in the open square of the camp ground are gone, alas! I fear never to return. Do you remember old father Patten, who would talk so loud that he placed his thumb in each ear to prevent his own voice from deafening himself? Do you remember the store coats; how few they were and how great a curiosity the appearance of each one and its owner excited? Do you remember the stirring times incident to the mustering in of the companies furnished by each county as its quota for the Mexican war, the heartrending partings, in many instances, and the joy manifested at their return, and the rich and generous barbecue given to them?

Do you remember the Mexican saddles brought back by them, and the rage of the young men for them, especially for those with the silver mountings; and that of each young lady to possess, as her own individual property, with bumble bees, or some other kind, nicely stitched upon the seat in golden colors, in an age when our only mode of travel was upon horseback? And now, how varied and different the scene. Railroads checker North Missouri like a chess board, and in our travels, as the darkey said, "we are there before we start," for truly is distance annihilated and time overcome.

I remember well in the late summer of 1852, when only a stripling grown, of returning from the East, where I had been at school for nearly three years, of being on the road for three weeks, and now it is readily done in as many days. Then the Pennsylvania Railroad, probably now the most wealthy railroad corporation in the world, was not completed from Philadelphia to Pittsburg, but was supplemented by the slow-going canal.

But time passes and I am warned I must close. How magical the changes wrought in our midst. Even far more so than those of the Genii of







the magic lamp possessed by Aladdin. Northwest Missouri, yea, even your own proud city of St. Joseph, have no ancestry to boast of. They are alike the product of the energy and genius of her own sons and the honored and venerated pioneers who are all around me. Twenty-five years ago that man would have been declared insane who prognosticated the simple truth of to-day, and the most boundless and vivid imagination could not and did not foretell the half of to-day. Your own proud, but turbid and restless river, on my right, has been subdued. Seven bridges, monumental of man's power and energy, span its rapid current, and I, young as I am, have seen the celebrations over those erected at your own city, Kansas City and St. Louis. What shall I say, in conclusion, of St. Joseph, proud and Queen City of the Northwest. I have declared she had no ancestry to boast of. No; she has sprang into existence full fledged, armed at all points, and equipped for the battle of life, resting upon the strong arms of her own sons to carry her on to still greater victories than any yet achieved in the past. Her proud career and commanding station in our state, furnishing as she has, governors, supreme judges, and other high state officials, and the home of such men as a Burnes, a Hall, a Woodson, a Craig and a Vories, reminds me of an anecdote of General Jackson's administration. Shawnee was a great Indian warrior, the measure of whose fame filled his own nation, and was the envy of surrounding tribes. He visited the great father, at Washington, and while there was asked by Mrs. Jackson, who did not know how sensitive every Indian warrior was upon the subject of his ancestry, who his father was. His face darkened with a cloud, but quickly recovering, he said years ago, the Great Spirit, in his wrath was angry at his red children, and in his fury, in the midst of storm and thunders and lightnings, the Great Spirit smote the oldest and proudest oak of the forest, and rent it from top to bottom, and as it fell prone upon the earth, from out of its heart stepped Shawnee, a full-grown Indian warrior brave. So it is with St. Joseph, she sprang into existence full-grown, and her commanding position, as the gateway of the Northwest, will enable her to maintain her vantage ground.

Judge Birch was then introduced, and spoke as follows:

MR. PRESIDENT, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:—As there can be no motive to impugn the sincerity of the declaration that none of you can be more disappointed than I have been by the non-attendance of the distinguished citizen you came to listen to, who, as the orator of the day, would have so generally swept the field, I will waste no time in excusing myself for that want of preparation to properly supply his place which will soon enough become apparent to you all. I will proceed, therefore, at once to the duty which has been assigned me, and shall hope to discharge it in such a manner as may be at least excusable as the results of the reflections of an hour or so instead of a week, or a month, as it would have been my duty and my pleasure to have expended upon a task so complimentary and so honorable had it been assigned me in time. As the chronologies and other items of precise information which should have entered so largely into an address of this character will have to be recalled from memory instead of the more reliable sources with which I might have refreshed and better assured myself at home, I can but promise to do the very best I can, and as no man has ever heard me premise a speech by excuse of any nature before to-day, it is felt that I



may the more confidently rely even upon the indulgence of criticism, than I could have done had I been set to the task you have assigned me and in many respects failed to redeem your reasonable expectation. What I deem it appropriate to suggest in advance of anything that I may be prompted to bring up before this vast assembly, is to submit to the old settlers who thus so candidly and encouragingly honor us with their ear, the reverential recognition of an overruling Providence who has so long guided and sustained us, and who has in like manner encouraged and sustained those who subsequently followed us to a country which is here so grandly represented in the all-embracing Exposition of the industries, the enterprise, and, in short, the progress and civilization which have grown up and gladden the eye and ear almost to the verge of intoxication. All honor to the man and men of St. Joseph who presided over and have carried to consummation the magnificent Exposition which is before us and around us, and who have inaugurated this re-union of the old settlers who yet linger around and among them.

And what has brought us to all this pass since the distinguished president of this re-union and myself, with the hundred who are before us, were men of middle age? Those of us who are called "old settlers," and who are known accordingly in the programme, and in the badges of the day, are of course content that it be written of us as it has been, that we so blazed the way to what we see before us and around us as to encourage others to follow us up as they have done, and it may perhaps be added without immodesty, that we have been strengthened and accredited to have so borne ourselves in the conflict to which our circumstances have committed us, each in his sphere, as to have at least not repelled such proper associations and enterprises as have since clustered around us, and as are typified around us to-day. This little conceded, we as unreservedly concede the rest to others, each again in his sphere, and point again and again to this wondrous Exposition as the result of a progressive and common civilization, the outcome, if we may say, of the germs, which, however rudely planted, had nevertheless to be planted before there could be realized the fruition and fruits of to-day. May such and similar fruitage be progressive in the heritage of our children, and our children's children, who may remain to enjoy them; or if, in the untowardness of events, some of them shall feel constrained to go in quest of new associations, and to embark upon newer fields of usefulness or of enterprise as their fathers once did, may they carry with them at least the sturdy manhood of their fathers, and continue to adorn and to benefit society, instead of inflicting a blemish upon it or staining it with a wrong.

What more shall I say in recognition of the distinction which puts me in the place of such a man as Alexander W. Doniphan, upon such an occasion as the present one? Firstly, that I shall not be presumptuous enough to expect to speak as he would have spoken, even by trying to say it in a different manner to what he would have said it, but simply to substitute as best I may such incidents or experiences as it may occur to me will be most indulgently received by the rows and tiers of benches, pit, box and gallery full, which so rise up and stretch out before me, as for the first time in fifty years to render me distrustful as to whether my voice can compass the audience which thus honors me with its ear. I briefly allude, therefore, to what I have witnessed, and the humbler part





in which I was permitted to act during a period of many years in our state. It may be permissible to premise that when I first looked upon the city of St. Louis from the deck of a steamer which was about to land me there, during the winter of 1826-27, there was something in what seemed to be the stately grandeur and the unerring prestige of the location, which made me feel that the good old uncle, who had long resided there as a bachelor surveyor of the public lands, and who had invited and enticed me (young as I was) to come to him, buy the office of a newspaper establishment, which had been presided over by Thomas H. Benton, up to the period of his election to the Senate, and afterwards by General Duff Green, until his transfer to Washington, as the organ of what was then known as the "Jackson Party," at least intended great things for me, whether I could be brought up to them or not. I soon came to believe, however, that although the population of the city at that time was only about 6,000, it was too large a place "for one of my age," and months afterwards, I transferred myself to a village of the interior with a small newspaper, then the extreme newspaper west.

And, as I see before me some of these old settlers of Howard County whose acquaintance I made when they were commencing life, as I may say, at Fayette, it will at least be unpardonable should I not occupy the remainder of my time with what they and I then knew and have since come to know of the state and the people, of whom we form a part. The state was divided into four judicial circuits, the one over which the Fayette lawyer traveled extending from Montgomery and Gasconade Counties, and all westward on both sides of the river, to the state line inclusive. By and by a new circuit was organized in this end of the state, and, as one of the governor's military confidants, was appointed to be judge of it, but served as his aid-de-camp, the commander-in-chief, was courteously and confidently conferred upon me, which is the way I came to be colonel about forty-five years ago. Then we had one member of Congress. Now we have thirteen—but even yet there are not half as many who can get to go to Congress as are willing to make the sacrifice. Then we had a mail once a week from St. Louis to Fayette in a stage, which the passengers had frequently to pry out of the mud and otherwise help along at the steep places. And from Fayette to Liberty, which was the county seat of western civilization of the United States, the mail was sent on horseback once a week.

What next? By a treaty with the Indians, whose wigwams covered the country, perhaps the very spot from which I am thus permitted to address this vast assembly, it was agreed that they would be removed, by their consent, to the other side of the river, and that that should be thereafter the boundary between ourselves and the red men. The state consenting, and Congress consenting, it was not long before the country was organized into counties and with representation in the Legislature, and with David R. Atchison, the president of this reunion, as judge of this new judicial circuit. I wish it were so, sir, said the speaker (turning to General Atchison), that we could more fully let you loose again from the more rigid conventionalities which but properly attach to an occasion of this nature—you and the lawyers who went around with you at your courts for the first year or so—just to hear you tell a few more stories as to the more primitive ways of an old horseback life, in contrast with the step by step advances which have brought us up not only





to our palatial houses in our sojournments, but to our palace cars in carrying us there. But I must pause.

Our politics in those early times were at least none the worse for having in them a little more heart than they have since grown to have. But let that pass. Other parties had worked into the new names of National Republicans under such leaders as Clay and Webster, and Democrats under such leaders as Jackson and Van Buren, and later still, when the National Republicans took the name of Whigs, as being more appropriate, to include all the outs against all the ins—there was war in the great earnestness of nothing—a presidential election which left the country distrustful and embittered as it has come to be.

The average Whig of that day was a man who, as well as we should put it, drank his grog regularly and voted his ticket without scratching, unless it was felt that he could in some respects do better, and when the Whigs won a big race (which was only about often enough to bring back the Democracy to a recollection that even the most powerful party could not brook the popular credulity or retribution as has since been done), when a presidential or state contest was their greatest thought, with it was felt that the country was nevertheless just about as safe as if it had gone the other way; and we all (or nearly all) shook hands and drank each others health accordingly. As to those Pullman or palace cars, to which I return, my friend Governor Hall, who is present, remembers how I was thrown down and made to go foot in our party almost a quarter of a century ago for advocating that system of internal improvement, out of which they have since grown. I don't think Willard was ever any better Democrat than I was (and yet am) but he was a better party disciplinarian; and to that, as well as to the patriotic furore which opportunity sent him (and a Doniphan) to Mexico, with musket at his shoulder, instead of longer continuing to oppose the road to India, as I then phrased the road which carried our children and grandchildren to California a few days ago, I believe he himself ascribes his election to Congress. Of course I would not thus publicly allude, in his absence, to my congressional campaign with the governor, when we were both much younger men than we now are, were it not that I feel free to declare that, as a political antagonist, he was as fair as he was unyielding, and that, in the subsequent history of the railroad which he had opposed as a congressional candidate, he made it all up and more, too, as our congressman elect. Although I am probably a trespasser beyond the line of a proper and considerate courtesy, I venture to add a few parting sentences in the reliance per chance that they may be worth remembering by the younger portion of this patient and listening assembly.

I see before me old men and old women of all creeds, and what are called no creeds, of whom I ask no more, nor they of me, than as Jehu asked of Jehonadab, is thine heart right? This much conceded, as under the old dispensation, then forbid him not of Christ, has sufficiently sufficed us for this present dispensation, and it is believed, I incur no risk in assuming, that the older we grow and the more we reflect, the more and more we have of reciprocal charity—the less and less of reciprocal bigotry. It but naturally follows such premises as these that "repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ" is all we require of each other on the score of Christian fellowship.



In respect to the neighborhood, a social requirement of these old settlers, such men (turning to Colonel Switzler) as the old sachems who were looked up to in the early settlement of our old County of Howard—if a man was brave to always tell the truth and stand well up to it in a fight, his children could marry with the children of neighborhood aristocracies—and so it is with the present day. But as Keitt said of the cock of South Carolina, who was loud in a crow but bashful in a fight, even the pullets had too much consideration for themselves and their posterity to run with them. Farewell, old settlers, and if forever farewell, we have the consciences to feel in parting (perhaps for the last time), that we have not only been faithful and true to each other, whether as friends or adversaries, but that in the public employment which has fallen to us, we have faithfully served our country; that we have never wronged her, and that in that respect we will be ready to meet the final inquiries of the Judge of all the earth. Farewell, old settlers, farewell.





## CHAPTER XXIX.

### OFFICIAL RECORD.

#### CIRCUIT JUDGES.

C. F. Ryland, Austin A. King, David R. Atchison, Henderson Young, George W. Dunn, Austin A. King, George W. Dunn, Walter King, Philander Lucas and George W. Dunn, present incumbent, term expiring 1886.

#### COUNTY COURT JUDGES.

1833 to 1834—John P. Smith, Stephen Jones and Archibald Elliott.

1834 to 1837—John Biggerstaff, Stephen Jones and Washington Hufaker.

1837 to 1838—Weston Everett, John Biggerstaff and Stephen Jones.

1838 to 1839—John Biggerstaff, Stephen Jones and Clark Stephens.

1839 to 1846—John Biggerstaff, Lorenzo J. Froman and Clark Stephens.

1846 to 1847—John Biggerstaff, Clark Stephens and Joseph Baxter.

1847 to 1848—Joseph Baxter, Clark Stephens and James Dagley.

1848 to 1850—Joseph Baxter, James Dagley and G. W. Culver.

1850 to 1851—Clark Young, John S. Johnson and Jacob N. Brawner.

1851 to 1852—Jacob N. Brawner, John S. Johnson and Robert Dillard.

1852 to 1854—Jacob N. Brawner, John S. Johnson and James W. Kirkpatrick.

1854 to 1858—Jacob N. Brawner, Joel Burnam and Daniel A. Stout.

1858 to 1859—Jacob N. Brawner, Joel Burnam and Rich. C. Lindsay.

1859 to 1861—J. C. Scott, Benj. F. Willis and James R. Coffman.

1861 to 1862—J. C. Scott, Thomas F. Viglini and Benj. F. Willis.

1862 to 1863—Thomas F. Viglini, James E. Young and David P. McKissick.

1863 to 1864—James E. Young, Thomas F. Viglini and David Cooper.

1864 to 1865—James E. Young, David Cooper and Robert Johnson.

1865 to 1866—David Cooper, Jackson Estes and Jacob Estep.

1866 to 1868—A. D. Stone, David Cooper and Jackson Estes.

1868 to 1869—A. D. Stone, David Cooper and J. G. Fitch.

1869 to 1870—David Cooper, J. G. Fitch and Francis D. Phillips.

1870 to 1871—Francis D. Phillips, E. T. Walker and J. G. Fitch.





1871 to 1874—Charles Young, J. G. Fitch (resigned 1873) and B. C. Stokes.

1874 to 1878—James E. Young, county and probate judge.

1878 to 1880—W. H. Lott holding over. During this latter year the county was divided into two districts. Berryman Shafer was made judge of the first district and A. W. Frederick judge of the second district.

1880 to 18—W. H. Lott, Berryman Shafer and Hiram Smith, Jr.

#### PROBATE JUDGES.

The County Court Justices had charge of all Probate matters until 1872, at which time Courts of Probate were established.

1873 to 1875—Thomas J. Porter, Judge. In 1875 the County Court Justices again had jurisdiction of all Probate matters until January 1879.

1875 to 1879—James E. Young, Presiding Justice and Probate Judge.

1879 to 1880—Milton M. McPhetridge.

1880 to 1883—Virgil R. Porter.

#### CIRCUIT COURT CLERK.

1833 to 1835—Richard R. Rees. Mr. Rees resigned August 31, 1835. Henry F. Mitchell was appointed clerk *pro tem.* in 1835, and died in December 1836.

1836 to 1839—Solomon Kimsey.

1839 to 1840—Cyrus Hubbard.

1840 to 1857—Winslow Turner.

1857 to 1862—Moses Shoemaker.

1862 to 1864—William J. Biggerstaff, appointed.

1864 to 1871—William L. Birney.

1871 to 1875—Thomas G. Barton.

1875 to 1879—Edward W. Turner.

1879 to 1883—David H. Lindsay.

#### RECORDERS.

The clerks of the county court were recorders till August, 1874, at which time Antoine G. Craig was appointed recorder by Governor Silas Woodson. He is the present incumbent, his term of office expiring the 1st day of January, 1883.

#### COUNTY COURT CLERKS.

1833 to 1835—Richard R. Rees. Mr. Rees tendered his resignation August 31, 1835.

1835 to 1836—Henry F. Mitchell was appointed clerk *pro tem.* at the August term of the court, 1835, and died in December, 1836.



1836 to 1839—Solomon Kimsey.  
 1839 to 1840—Cyrus Hubbard.  
 1840 to 1857—Winslow Turner.  
 1857 to 1862—Moses Shoemaker.  
 1862 to 1865—W. P. Hooper.  
 1865 to 1866—Jeremiah V. Bassett.  
 1866 to 1867—Charles W. Porter.  
 1867 to 1871—George Essig.  
 1871 to 1875—M. S. Peters.  
 1875 to 1883—George R. Riley.

## SHERIFFS.

1833 to 1836—Thompson Smith.  
 From July 11, 1836, to September 17, 1836—Elijah Jackson.  
 1836 to 1838—S. B. Taylor.  
 1838 to 1839—M. B. Ballem.  
 From March, 1839, to August, 1839—Levi Thatcher; John Harsell  
*sheriff from 1839; D. H. Randolph appointed 1839.*  
 1839 to 1842—Littleton S. Roberts.  
 1842 to 1846—George Funkhouser.  
 1846 to 1850—John Steel.  
 1850 to 1853—Robert Greer.  
 1853 to 1854—Jeremiah Tillery.  
 1854 to 1856—John Steel.  
 1856 to 1858—George W. Winn.  
 1858 to 1860—John Steel.  
 1860 to 1864—William L. Ferguson.  
 1864 to 1867—George Funkhouser.  
 1867 to 1869—Francis D. Phillips.  
 1869 to 1873—Milton M. McPhetridge.  
 1873 to 1877—William F. Davis.  
 1877 to 1881—John M. Payne.  
 1881 to 1883—Michael S. Allgaier.

## TREASURERS.

1833 to 1834—John Biggerstaff.  
 1834 to 1835—Elijah P. Howell. (Howell resigned in December,  
 1835.)  
 1835 to 1840—James H. Long. (Resigned June, 1840.)  
 1840 to 1851—Dr. N. F. Essig.  
 1851 to 1852—Henry Essig.  
 1852 to 1856—Charles W. Porter.



1856 to 1860--George Funkhouser.  
1860 to 1864--Oliver H. Jackson.  
1864 to 1865--Nathan M. Vance.  
1865 to 1867--O. P. Riley.  
1867 to 1869--J. F. Harrington.  
1869 to 1873--O. P. Riley.  
1873 to 1883--George P. Funkhouser.

## COLLECTORS.

1833 to 1834--Washington Huffaker.  
1834--Thompson Smith, (resigned in May 1834).  
1834 to 1836--Richard Miller.  
1836 to 1837--James Hall.  
1837 to 1839--S. B. Taylor.  
1839 to 1842--Littleton S. Roberts.  
1842 to 1846--George Funkhouser.  
1846 to 1850--John Steel.  
1850 to 1853--Robert Greer.  
1853 to 1854--Jeremiah Tillery.  
1854 to 1856--John Steel.  
1856 to 1858--George W. Winn.  
1858 to 1860--John Steel.  
1860 to 1864--William Ferguson.  
1864 to 1867--George Funkhouser.  
1867 to 1869--Francis D. Phillips.  
1869 to 1873--Milton M. McPhetridge.  
1873 to 1875--Washington Huffaker.  
1875 to 1877--James J. Osborn.  
1877 to 1881--William F. Davis.  
1881 to 1883--John N. Payne.  
Prior to 1873 the sheriffs were the collectors.

## ASSESSORS.

1833 to 1834--Elijah Fry.  
1834 to 1835--Benjamin F. Wilkerson.  
1835 to 1836--Jonathan Stone.  
1836 to 1838--David Shelton.  
1838 to 1839--Tobias Miller.  
1839 to 1841--William Reynolds.  
1841 to 1845--James M. Howell.  
1845 to 1847--Washington Huffaker.  
1847 to 1850--Milton A. Weldon.  
1850 to 1852--James P. Halsell.





1852 to 1857—Manford Lancaster.

1857 to 1859—The court laid the county off into four assessment districts: Ewen C. Hale, assessor 1st district; Middleton Vaughn, assessor 2d district; L. J. Froman, assessor 3d district; Washington Huffaker, assessor 4th district.

1859 to 1860—Richard P. Lindsay, assessor 1st district; George M. Whitson, assessor 2d district; William P. Gibson, assessor 3d district; Wesley Munkers, assessor 4th district.

1860 to 1861—Wesley Munkers.

1861 to 1862—James Christman.

1862 to 1863—William P. Gibson.

1863 to 1864—William L. Ferguson.

1864 to 1866—Miranda C. Riley.

1866 to 1868—Lilburn H. Eve.

1868 to 1870—Charles A. Leibrandt.

1870 to 1872—Sherman J. Waful.

1872 to 1874—John Downey.

1874 to 1878—H. Whittington.

1878 to 1882—Richard C. Rigg.

#### SURVEYORS.

1841 to 1846—Donald M. McDonald.

1846 to 1867—G. W. Osburn. (Continued by appointment till 1867.)

1867 to 1872—A. J. Everly.

1872 to 1875—George W. Osburn.

1875 to 1876—Joseph M. Williamson.

1876 to 1883—A. J. Everly.

#### COUNTY ATTORNEYS.

1832 to 1874—Joseph M. Lowe.

1874 to 1878—Roland Hughes.

1878 to 1882—Joseph M. Lowe. Prior to the year 1872, there were no County Attorneys except by appointment of the County Court. The office was filled by the Circuit Attorneys, among whom were Amos Rees, George W. Dunn, Mordacai Oliver, D. C. Allen, Aaron Conrow, Wm. M. Esteb, Peter H. Burnett and John G. Woods.

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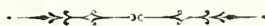
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#### SENATORS.

James H. Birch, Jr., W. W. Bland.



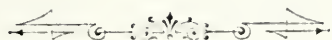
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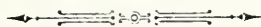
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## CONCORD TOWNSHIP AND THE CITY OF PLATTSBURG



M. S. ALLGAIER,

Sheriff of Clinton County, is a native of Kentucky, having been born in Scott County January 1, 1828. His primary education was obtained in the common schools, after which he clerked in a tin and hardware store. He subsequently attended Georgetown Baptist College and Beardstown College, in Nelson County, but did not complete his entire course. In the spring of 1855, he emigrated to Kansas, locating at Leavenworth, where he remained until 1857, when he removed to Missouri, and took up his abode at Weston, Platte County. There he engaged in the grocery business, continuing until September, 1861, when he entered the Confederate army as private, under Captain Spratt, at Platte City, and was afterwards with General Shelby in Arkansas and Texas, and in the latter state was made captain. He started for Mexico with General Shelby, but under President Johnson's proclamation returned home. He participated in many hard-fought battles, and was twice slightly wounded. Upon coming home he engaged in farming on Section 10, of Lafayette Township, and still owns this farm of 293 acres. In 1873, he was a candidate for the State Legislature, but was defeated by three votes, his opponent being Mr. Alexander C. Cook. In 1880, he was elected Sheriff of Clinton County, and in the discharge of his duties gives universal satisfaction. In December, 1849, he was married to Miss Hattie Anderson, a native of Clark County, Kentucky, born in 1838. They have three children living. Their son Charles, was thrown from his horse in 1863, and had his neck broken. Federal troops frightened





the animal, with the above result. Mrs. A. died August 14, 1855. Mr. Allgaier's second marriage occurred on the third of May, 1859, to Miss Amanda Williams, of Platte County, Missouri. They have had a family of ten children, of whom seven survive. He is a member of the Knights of Honor.

### C. ANDERSON,

contractor and builder, is a native of Norway, and was born March 14, 1835. He came to America with his parents when young, locating in Chicago, Illinois, there being reared, educated and also learned the carpenter trade. In 1858, he went to Leavenworth, Kansas, pursuing his trade at that point until 1860, when he became a resident of Platte County, Missouri. Remaining there for a time, he returned to Leavenworth, and was identified with the building interests of the city until after the war, when he again removed to Platte County, locating near New Market, where he made his home until July, 1870, then becoming a resident of Plattsburg. He has superintended the construction of and built many substantial and attractive edifices in Clinton County and Northwestern Missouri, among which are the public schools of Plattsburg and Chillicothe. There are few citizens who have manifested a more live interest in the advancement of, or contributed more freely to the progress of Plattsburg than Mr. A. Soon after coming here he built his residence, and the two-story brick edifice now occupied by Mr. Barnes as a furniture establishment, over which is the I. O. O. F. Hall, and which for a time was occupied by the Masons. In 1878, he was elected Mayor of the city, and in 1879, he was re-elected to the same position. Mr. A. is a fair illustration of what can be accomplished where there is a will to execute. Thrown upon his own resources when fifteen years of age, he has by industry and economy attained to a well-merited success. In 1864, at Leavenworth, he joined the I. O. O. F., and while a member of that body held several important offices in the Lodge and Encampment. At New Market, Platte County, he built the I. O. O. F. Hall, and established the Order. In 1878, he became a member of the Lodge in Plattsburg, and during his connection therewith has held the offices of Secretary and Treasurer. He has been a Representative to the Grand Lodge from the Thirtieth District, and has recently been appointed by the Grand Master as Lodge Deputy for Plattsburg. In 1868, at New Market, he became a member of the Masonic fraternity. Mr. A. has been twice married; first, in 1861, to Miss Mary Polk, by whom he had five children—George, Kittie, Nettie, Willie and Nannie. Mrs. A.'s death occurred in 1875. In 1876, Miss Mollie Ward, of Chillicothe, became his wife. They have four children—Letha, Bertina, Clara H., and an infant.



## J. H. BENNETT,

hardware dealer, is a native of Virginia, having been born at Harper's Ferry June 14, 1841. His paternal ancestors came from England, and were among the early settlers of the Shenandoah Valley. The subject of this sketch spent his early days in tilling the soil, and in 1856, with the family, came to Missouri, locating northeast of Plattsburg, in Clinton County, where he engaged in farming. In 1859, his father died, leaving, besides his widow, nine children. J. H. being the eldest, the responsibility of their care rested upon him, but he accepted the situation willingly and performed his duty faithfully. The carpenter trade, of which he is very proficient, was learned by him in Clinton County. This he followed for many years, erecting a number of the substantial structures in Plattsburg. His hardware and implement trade, which is one of the largest in the county, is steadily on the increase. Mr. Bennett has been twice married. In 1862 he was first married to Mollie Brown, now deceased. The result of this union was one son, Charlie. His present wife is L. P. Arnold, of West Virginia; they have one son, Arnold. He is a Deacon in the Missionary Baptist Church, and is a member of the A. O. U. W.

## SIMON BICKEL,

farmer and stock raiser, section 33, post office Lathrop. Among the younger class of successful farmers may be mentioned the subject of this sketch. He is a native of Indiana, and was born in Elkhart County, October 30, 1852. He was raised in the occupation he has since followed, and emigrated to Missouri in 1870, settling in this county. He was married in 1876 to Miss Emma Ellwood, a lady in every particular worthy of him. Their family consists of two children, Rollo E. and Georgie O. They are members of the Methodist Church.

## S. G. BIGGERSTAFF,

one of Clinton County's pioneers, as well as one of its most respected citizens, is a native of Kentucky, and was born in Monroe County, on the Cumberland River, August 20, 1808. His father, Aaron, was a flat-boatman on that river for many years. The subject of this sketch was raised and educated in his native State, following the pursuits of agriculture. In 1830, he married Miss Amanda L. Gee, then in her fifteenth year, and in 1831, with his young wife, started for Missouri in a cart. His live stock consisted of a team of horses and a yoke of oxen, his financial resources amounting to \$200. On the 15th of October of that year, he staked his tent where the town of Gower now stands in Clinton County. He entered 160 acres a short distance southeast of that point



near the Buchanan County line, and commenced the career of a pioneer farmer. After a residence of four years, he sold out and bought a farm south of Casteel Creek, remaining a few years, when he returned and purchased his old place, and also some additional land, making a farm of 300 acres. His next move was north of Plattsburg, where he purchased the farms of Judge Biggerstaff, Mr. Stow and J. H. Trice, a tract of land amounting to 500 acres, on which he resided three or four years, when he sold out and bought from J. T. Hughes 920 acres close to Plattsburg, which he soon after disposed of and purchased the Culver farm, south of Casteel Creek. During these times he was one of the largest agriculturists in the Northwest, owning a number of slaves, and was reputed to be worth upwards of \$40,000. Upon the outbreak of the war he was deprived of half his wealth by the loss of slaves, and other drawbacks. After a residence of four years on the last mentioned place, Mr. B. came to Plattsburg and engaged in the livery business extensively. After a few years he embarked in the grocery trade, and has since been engaged in business, with the exception of one year spent in agricultural pursuits, having traded his livery for a farm. Thus we have traced the changes of one of Clinton County's representative men, and one who has contributed amply to its substantial development. Few men are more widely and popularly known. He is a gentleman in every sense of the word. Has a well stored mind and an excellent memory. Mrs. Biggerstaff died in 1865. His present wife was Mrs. Sarah J. Halsel. By his first marriage he had ten children, seven of whom are living—Martina, Willie Ann, John S., George W., Henrietta, Zachary T. and Mary Marcella. Lost three—Josephine, James M. and William C.

#### W. L. BIGGERSTAFF.

farmer and stock raiser, section 26, post office Plattsburg. This gentleman ranks among Clinton County's most prominent and progressive citizens. He is a native of Kentucky, and was born in Monroe County, March 28, 1816. His father, William, was a well to do farmer of that county, and W. L. spent his youthful days in agricultural pursuits. After attaining his majority, he embarked in mercantile pursuits in Center Point, where for several years he was postmaster, and also for a time was in trade at Tompkinsville. In 1857, he came to Clinton County, Missouri, and purchased the farm where he now resides, and has contributed much towards the development of that locality. The celebrated Plattsburg Springs are situated on his land, and much credit is due Mr. B. for his untiring attention and liberal contribution towards making this a delightful summer resort. His estate consists of 235 acres of choice land. In 1843, Miss Ruth Holman, of Overton County, Tennessee, became his wife. They have had eight children, six of whom are living





—Mary, Permelia, Martha, Sarah, Levina and Ruth. Two are deceased, Nancy and William. Mrs. Biggerstaff's death occurred in February, 1864. The subject of this sketch is a member of the Christian Church.

#### G. T. BIGGERSTAFF,

farmer and stock raiser. Among the old pioneers of this county the subject of this sketch occupies a prominent position. He is a native of Kentucky, having been born October 30, 1818, and was raised in the occupation he has since followed. His father, William, was an old settler of Kentucky, and was closely identified with the agricultural interests of his district. His death occurred September 10, 1831. G. T. emigrated to the State of Missouri in 1843, and settled where he now resides. He has been, for years, one of our successful and practical farmers and stock raisers, and has done much toward making this county what it is. He was married, August 15, 1839, to Miss Sarah T. Bedford, also a native of Kentucky. By this marriage they have eight children: William B., Thomas J., Rebecca T., Joseph L., James H., John B., Peter F. and Stephen H. Mr. B. is a member of the Masonic Order. He and his wife are members of the Christian Church. He was one of the original members of the first church built in this county, which was known as the "Old Log Church."

#### J. B. BIGGERSTAFF,

dealer in horses and mules, is one of the well known business men of Plattsburg, and one who has been closely identified with its growth. He was born in Monroe County, Kentucky, April 5, 1823. His father, William, was a native of that state, and an agriculturist. J. B. spent his early days in his native state, where he was educated, and resided until 1842, when he came to Clinton County, locating in Plattsburg. He learned the blacksmith trade, and, when he had completed it, engaged in business for himself, and erected for his shop the brick structure on the northeast corner of Main and Broadway Streets. At the breaking out of the war, he had several smiths employed, and was doing a lucrative business; was owner of a number of slaves, and by the rebellion lost \$15,000. After the war he engaged in the stock trade, in which he was favorably known over a vast area of territory. Mr. B. is a man who has had a wide and varied experience in business, and is endowed with rare good sense and a well balanced mind. He came to Plattsburg a penniless young man, and, by his habits of industry, economy and good management, placed himself among the substantial men of the county. He was married, in Liberty, Clay County, Missouri, in 1849, to Miss Mary E. Collins. Both Mr. and Mrs. Biggerstaff are connected with the Christian Church.



## COL. JAMES H. BIRCH.

Among the men of prominence who have long been identified with the interests and history of this county, is Col. James H. Birch, the oldest living son and child of the late Judge James H. Birch. He was born in Fayette, Howard County, Missouri, November 14, 1831, and came with his father to his county in October, 1841. Col. Birch was educated in the log school house of that early period. He, with his elder brother, Charles, joined the volunteer forces and followed the flag to Mexico, and were attached to the Santa Fe battalion under Major Walker. When discharged he was yet under seventeen years of age, but wore the stripes of a corporal, given him by his commander for gallant service on the battlefield, his last service in that war being a member of the body guard of the late General Sterling Price. Upon his return home he studied law under the guidance of his father, then on the Supreme Bench of the State, and entered upon the practice of the law in his native town before he was of age. Afterwards he graduated at the Law Department of the Cumberland University, in Tennessee. At the breaking out of the war of the states, Col. Birch, and his father, were decided Union men. He accepted the appointment of aid-de-camp from Governor Gamble, with the rank of colonel, which position he filled until near the close of the war, when he was arrested and paroled by the Confederate forces, whereupon he tendered his resignation. In politics he was an ardent Democrat, and in 1868, was elected a senator from the Third District, composed of the counties of Clay, Platte and Clinton, it being the first civil office he ever held. As a senator he faithfully discharged its duties. He was the author of the law abolishing the office of public printer, and submitting the work to competition, thereby saving many thousands per year to the taxpayers. To his energy and persistence do the people of Northwest Missouri owe the Insane Asylum at St. Joseph. Beaten three times in as many winters, he introduced the bill the fourth winter and successfully passed it, it being the first dollar of money ever appropriated for this section of the state. He was the author of the law abolishing the office of circuit attorney, and establishing the office of prosecuting attorney, as a court office. He wrote the law settling the controversy between the state and public school fund, on account of the sale of the stock in the old Bank of Missouri, whereby nine hundred thousand dollars were added to the public school fund, thereby proving his feelings in the educational interests of the state. Many other laws bear the impress of his positive character. After leaving the Senate, his friends sought to send him to Congress, and were only prevented by those tricks in convention, which have brought the convention system into great disrespect. In 1875, his health was so impaired that he sought the air of the Pacific shores, and returned in 1878, greatly improved. He



lives in one of the most beautiful groves in Northwest Missouri, which he improved in 1859, about a half mile south of Plattsburg. He has been married twice. By his last wife he has raised a family of nine children, all of whom are living. The colonel is in the prime of life, vigorous in mind and body, and bids fair to live many years.

WM. LEONARD BIRNEY, M. D.,

was born in Missouri, seven miles south of Lexington, on the 19th of January, 1839, and received a common school education. He also attended the High School at Harrisonville, Cass County, and remained at home, working on the farm, until nineteen years of age. During the late war he was Deputy Provost Marshal of the Sixth District of Missouri and was assigned to Clinton County, coming here July 14, 1863. During the war he also served as First Sergeant of a Missouri regiment. On the 5th of May, 1865, Mr. Birney was appointed Clerk of the Circuit Court of Clinton County, and November 3, 1866, was elected for four years, but served five years and eight months. December 8, 1865, he commenced the publication of a paper, the first one issued here after the war. This was called the New Constitution, and was successfully carried on for about a year. Having resolved upon the practice of medicine as a profession, he commenced its study, reading under Dr. Essig, and attended lectures at the Missouri Medical College of St. Louis, and was graduated March 5, 1879. Dr. Birney was united in marriage to Miss Laura E. Maupin, a native of Richmond, Missouri, February 23, 1865. They have had, as a result of this marriage, two children.

ADAM A. BRECKENRIDGE,

farmer and stock raiser, section 34, post office Lathrop, is a native of Kentucky, and is a member of the Breckenridge family who attained a national reputation. He was born in Bourbon County, in 1837. His father was the proprietor of a large plantation, and the son early became interested in stock raising and agricultural pursuits, and became one of the rising men of his vicinity. In 1874, he removed to Clinton County, Missouri, and has since followed his chosen occupation. He owns 460 acres of good land, well adapted for successfully raising and feeding stock. He married Miss Rebecca D. Wilmot, of Bourbon County, Kentucky, October 7, 1856. She is a granddaughter of Colonel Wilmot, of Revolutionary fame. Their family consists of three sons: John C., Wm. Wilmot and Jefferson Davis.

J. W. BOWLBY,

of Bowlby & Vallandigham, proprietors of the Laclede Hotel, is a native of Belvidere, Burlington County, New Jersey, and was born January 8,







1841. His father, Dr. Alfred Bowlby, was a well known practitioner in that county. When J. W. was in his third year he was taken by his parents to Ohio, and there resided until he attained his fifteenth year, when he came to Weston, Platte County, Missouri, where his father had preceded him a number of years and was one of the early and prominent physicians in the Platte Purchase. In 1856, our subject went into the mountains, where he made his home for over ten years, making several visits to the States. During that period, his time was divided between New Mexico, Colorado, California, Wyoming, Utah, Washington Territory, the British Possessions and other localities, engaged principally in freighting, and at times as clerk in mercantile establishments. In that day the Indians reigned supreme and he was an actor with these individuals in many daring exploits, and had many hair breadth-escapes. His familiarity with the Western country was good, and he was well known to the numerous adventurers who were traveling towards the setting sun. In 1867, he embarked in the restaurant business at Weston, and in 1868 came to Plattsburg, engaging in the liquor trade and continued it until January, 1881, when he opened the Laclede Hotel. As a hotel keeper he has proved himself a success. He found a wife in the person of Miss Lucy Noel, of Atchison County, Kansas, an esteemable lady and an excellent manager of household affairs.

#### ELI BROWN,

farmer and stock raiser, section 28, post office Plattsburg. The subject of this sketch is a native of Bath County, Kentucky, and was born September 9, 1820. He is a tanner by trade, at which he worked in his native place for twelve years. In 1855, he emigrated to this county, where he has since resided, and, since his arrival, has followed the occupation of farming. He is an old settler, and a man of integrity and solid worth in the community. He has forty acres of land, all of which is under cultivation. He was married, in 1848, to Miss Emily F. Purgrew, a lady of ability and taste. They have, from their union, four children: Thornton, Katie, Maggie and Enoch. He is a member of the Christian Church, and a liberal contributor toward its support.

#### W. R. CARTER,

farmer and stock raiser, section 9, post office Plattsburg. Among the pioneers of Clinton County was Mr. Charles H. Carter, who was a native of Cumberland County, Kentucky. He was justice of the peace of Concord Township for several years, and took an active part in developing the agricultural resources of this county, with which he was prominently identified until the time of his death, in 1870. His son, W. R., was born in Clinton County, Missouri, March 4, 1836, and was there educated, his



early days being spent in tilling the soil. In 1862, he enlisted in the Union army, in Company F, Missouri State Militia, veteranized, and was a member of Company A, Thirteenth Missouri Veterans. He served through the rebellion and one year after, being honorably discharged as sergeant. Mr. C. has since confined his attention to agricultural pursuits. His estate consists of over 106 acres of land. Mr. C. is an industrious, progressive farmer, and favorably known among the respected citizens of Clinton County. He married, in 1866, Miss Martecia McCrory. They had a family of six children: Willie Kate, Minnie Ann, Charles S., Hattie Francis and Thomas N., living, and one, Corda Belle, deceased. S. D. Carter, farmer, section 9, post office Plattsburg, was born in Clinton County, Missouri, June 23, 1849, and is a son of the pioneer, C. H. Carter, and was raised and educated in Clinton County, and, at present, lives on the old homestead. His estate consists of eighty acres. In 1876, he married Miss Esther A. Abbott, a native of Kentucky. They have three children: Charles H., Clarence T. and Lulu M.

#### JAMES M. CLAY,

of the well known banking house of Clay & Funkhouser, was born in Bourbon County, Kentucky, October 18, 1824. His father, George W. Clay, was a farmer of that county where the family, originally from Virginia, had lived for several generations. His mother's name was Rebecca. She was a daughter of George Winn, a well known farmer of Fayette County, Kentucky. His father dying when the subject of our sketch was a young boy, his mother moved, with her children, to Missouri; and, in September, 1839, settled in Clay County, where James was reared on a farm, and where he received the limited advantages of education afforded in the schools of that period in the West. He was the second of a family of eight children, four sons and four daughters. Gifted with persevering energy, and a determination to achieve success in life, he soon overcame the obstacles and impediments in the path of his early education, and speedily acquired that thorough knowledge of practical business which, coupled with his high character for personal integrity, has resulted in ranking him with the successful men of his day and generation. In October, 1839, shortly after his arrival in the state, he came to the site of the present town of Plattsburg, which then contained not more than half a dozen small and insignificant buildings. Settling in the neighborhood, he engaged in farming, in which occupation, together with, from time to time, trading in live stock and other values, he remained engaged many years. In 1866, in company with his present partner, Mr. Joel Funkhouser, he embarked in the banking business in Plattsburg, opening the Clinton County Savings Bank. This concern soon commanded the confidence of the community, and has



continued since to enjoy a career of uninterrupted prosperity. In 1878, the style of the firm was changed to its present designation, the Banking House of Clay & Funkhouser. In 1851, Mr. Clay was married to Miss Mary C. Gordon, daughter of Thomas C. Gordon, since dead, but, in his day, one of the wealthiest of the representative farmers of Clay County. They had, by this union, seven children, of whom four survive—William T., Henry R., Emma and Sallie G. Clay. In April, 1876, Mr. Clay was left a widower. On the 5th of November, 1880, occurred his second marriage. This was to Mrs. Alice H. Reynolds, a native of Missouri, and widow of John C. Reynolds, formerly a lawyer, and at one time a newspaper editor of Weston, in Platte County. The fruit of this marriage is a son, James M. Clay, Jr. In politics James M. Clay, as his father before him, was a Whig. On the dissolution of that party, he affiliated and subsequently continued to act with the Democratic party. On the breaking out of the civil war, though strongly opposed to the doctrine of secession, he was, in consequence of his southern birth and sympathies, treated as a rebel, and, in common with many others, sustained grievous financial injury. He has, however, to a considerable extent recovered his losses; and, besides his lucrative banking business, is the owner of one thousand acres of fine agricultural land. In 1851, he united with the Christian Church at Barry, a small town on the line of Clay and Platte counties, and was baptized by Elder Payne, a distinguished minister of that denomination who was murdered during the civil war, in consequence of his sympathies with the Southern cause.

#### M. P. CLOUDAS,

the present proprietor of the Mineral Springs Hotel. One of the important features at the Plattsburg Mineral Springs is its hotel, which, under the proprietorship of Mr. C., has attained a justly merited reputation for being a well-kept summer resort. Mr. C. is a native of Kentucky, and was born in Boone County, December 25, 1830. His father, Pitman Cloudas, was a native of Virginia, and a hotel man of long years of experience. When the subject of our sketch was in his fifteenth year, he migrated to Adams County, Illinois, residing a number of years, a portion of which time he followed hotel keeping. Afterwards he came to Missouri and engaged in the same business for several years, at Iron-ton, Iron County; thence to Chillicothe, residing until August, 1881, when he took charge of the Mineral Springs Hotel. His long sojourn at Chillicothe gave him a wide acquaintanceship with the traveling public, as a popular and accommodating landlord. He was first proprietor of the Shirley House, and afterwards of the Park House. Although but a short time in Clinton County, he has made many friends. He married in 1859, Miss Mary Stroude, of Kentucky. By this union they have six







children : Ora M., Charles T., Mary E., Margaret and Ann. Lost two, Elizabeth and Sally. Himself and family are members of the M. E. Church, South.

### ANTOINE G. CRAIG,

present (1881) Recorder of Deeds for Clinton County, was born in Carroll County, Kentucky, January 25, 1848. He is the fifth of a family of eleven children, of whom four are living. These are, besides himself, the eldest surviving, Joshua M., John A., and a daughter, Callie. In 1855, he moved, with his parents, to Plattsburg, where he was educated. Here, October 3, 1876, he married Miss Elma Funkhouser, a daughter of George Funkhouser. They had one child, George Stanley, since dead. Mrs. Craig herself died, in 1878, and Mr. Craig has since remained a widower. He worked, during the first twenty years of his life, on a farm. At the end of this period he entered, as a student, the law office of James M. Riley, of Plattsburg, in which he remained four years, at the end of which period he was admitted to the Plattsburg bar. On the separation of the recordership of deeds from the circuit clerkship, Mr. Craig was appointed by Governor Woodson to the former office. This was in August, 1874. In the following November he was elected to the same office, and, at the end of his four years term, was re-elected. His father, Benjamin F. Craig, now a resident of Plattsburg, and, for sixteen years, a farmer in the neighborhood, is the author of several historical works, among which is the "Border Ruffian," embodying a history of the Kansas war. It was published in Cincinnati, in 1863. He also wrote the "Rough Diamond," a production in prose and verse, published in Kansas City, in 1880.

### J. R. DAUGHERTY,

grocer, Plattsburg, one of Plattsburg's most respected and popular business men, is a native of Kentucky, and was born in Jefferson County, June 9, 1826. His father, William, was also a native of that state. When J. R. was quite young, the family migrated to Fayette County, residing nine years; thence to Shelby County. His early days were spent in agricultural pursuits. In 1854, he came to Missouri, locating in Buchanan County, and engaged in agricultural pursuits, three miles east of St. Joseph, on what is now the John Williams farm. Here he remained until the breaking out of the war, when he became proprietor of a livery stable on Third Street, St. Joseph, and was identified among the horse-men for eleven years, when he returned to his native state, remaining for a time. In 1870, he came to Plattsburg, embarking in trade. Mr. D. is a gentleman of broad views, a business man of long experience, and has attained an enviable reputation for honesty, and fair dealing.



He married in 1857, Mrs. Amelia Smith, of Richmond, Kentucky. By this union they have had five children, three of whom are living—Willie, Laura and Ella May. Lost two—Logan and Mattie.

### W. F. DAVIS,

is a native of Buchanan County, Missouri, and was born January 12, 1840, on Rock House Prairie. His father, Ishmael, was one of the well known pioneers of the Platte Purchase. W. F. was raised and educated in Buchanan County, his boyhood days being devoted to tilling the soil. At the breaking out of the rebellion, his sympathies being with the Confederate cause, he enlisted in Company E of the First Missouri Cavalry, serving eighteen months, when, on account of his ill-health, he was honorably discharged. In 1870, he became a permanent resident of Plattsburg, but previous to this time had been engaged in farming in the southwest portion of Clinton County. For several years he was occupied in merchandising at Union Mill, Platte County. After locating in Plattsburg he was engaged in trade for two years, and in 1872 was elected by the Democratic party as sheriff, and re-elected in 1874. For the office of county collector he has been the choice of the people for two terms. In his official capacity Mr. D. was found one of the most efficient. Has been thoughtful, industrious, and attended strictly to the legitimate duties pertaining to the relative positions. In commercial circles he is well known, being largely interested in live stock and other branches of trade. He is a man of more than ordinary intelligence, a good financier, and an impressive conversationalist, clothing his ideas with appropriate language. In 1865, Miss Virginia B. Ashbury, of Richmond, Ray County, Missouri, an estimable lady, became his wife. They have five children living: William T., Clara, Nannie, Frank, Emma E. Their first-born, Marshall, died a few years ago. Mr. Davis belongs to the M. E. Church South, and is a Master Mason. Politically he has been a life long Democrat.

### NICHOLAS DENNIS,

a prominent farmer and stock raiser, section 36, post office Plattsburg, is a native of Belgium, and was born May 30, 1835. He was there reared to manhood, and educated, and in 1857, emigrated to America, settling in Ohio, and resided in Hardin and Clinton Counties in that state. At the breaking out of the war, he enlisted in Company D, Forty-eighth Regiment, Tenth Division, Thirteenth Army Corps, as a private. He was promoted to sergeant, and afterwards commissioned lieutenant, serving one year. He served four years and seven months. At the close of the war, he returned to Ohio, where he remained till 1871, when he came to this state, and settled in this county, where he now resides.



He has 140 acres of land, 60 of which are under cultivation. He was married December 25, 1873, to Miss Julia Hannafin, a native of Ireland. From this union they have two children—John N. and Isaac A. They are members of the Catholic Church.

### JAMES DITMARS,

farmer and stock man, section 12, post office Plattsburg, is a son of V. Detmars, a man to whom Clinton County is indebted as much as any agriculturist within its bounds for the active part he has taken in developing its resources. He came to the county in 1837 and opened a farm near Hainesville, that section being then in its primitive state, and has since, although now well advanced in years, been closely identified with the substantial citizens of the county. His son James is a native of Ohio, and was born in Clinton County December 26, 1825, and became a resident of Clinton County, Missouri, in 1837, where he has since been a resident, with the exception of three years spent in the Mexican war. He owns over 350 acres of land in the county, the greater portion of which is in a high state of cultivation. As a stock feeder he is among the largest, and his barn, yards, etc., are well adapted for this industry. His residence, which is commodious, is attractively situated and indicates taste and comfort. Mr. D. has been twice married. First in 1849, to Miss Margaret Henderson. By this union they have had nine children: Catherine, C. M. George, Emma, Ida, Cora, Annie, Allie and James L. Mrs. D. died in 1870. In 1873, Mary Burkholder became his wife. The result of this union was four children: Bessie, Alma Grace, Charlie and Rosa.

### W. B. DOHERTY,

farmer and stock raiser, section 10, post office Plattsburg. One of Missouri's early settlers, and one who was prominent in the pioneer days in the western part of the state, was Mr. Joseph B. Doherty, who was a native of Bedford County, Tennessee, born February 10, 1799. He came to Missouri, locating in Clay County, in 1824, but had been in the state previous, temporarily, having attended the first land sales at Franklin, in 1818. He was a leading agriculturist, in Clay and Clinton Counties, for a number of years. His death occurred in this county, August 8, 1878. For a time, he was in the employ of the government, at Agency, in Buchanan County, when the Ioway Indians were located there. His wife, the mother of W. B., was a native of Kentucky, and was born January 9, 1817, and died in Clay County, Missouri, July 31, 1839. Her maiden name was Mary Groom. W. B. was born in Clay County, Missouri, November 21st, 1832, and came to Clinton County in 1851, and has since been a resident on the old homestead. His landed estate con-





sists of 314 acres. His home is pleasantly situated, and everything pertaining to the place indicates thrift and good management. Mr. D. has been twice married: First, in 1856, to Miss Dortha Ann McKorkle. By this union there were two children: Mary and Octavia. Mrs. D. died in 1870. In 1871, he married Mary E. Winn, of Clinton County. By the latter union there are two children: Joseph T. and Mildred E. Mr. D. is a genial gentleman, possessed of a well disciplined mind, and keeps pace with the progress of the age. He traces his ancestry to Irish lineage.

### JOHN T. DOWNEY,

manufacturer of farm and spring wagons, horseshoer and general repairer, and agent for the Champion reapers and mowers, is a native of Ireland, and was born in County Kerry March 2, 1848. He was brought to America by his parents when one year old, his father, Thomas, locating with his family in Buchanan County, Missouri, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits. In 1866, his death occurred, he having been drowned in Casteel Creek at the site of Royan's store. John T. commenced to learn the blacksmith trade in St. Joseph in 1863, continuing two and a half years. He followed his trade for a time at Kearney and Cameron, and, in 1865, engaged in business in Plattsburg. He is a thorough and proficient workman, and has built up a good trade. His specialty is plow work, and in this, as in repairing farm machinery, his business will compare favorably with any in the northwest. In 1877, Mr. D. married Miss Mary A. Hickey. They have one son, Thomas H.

### HON. GEORGE W. DUNN,

was born in Mercer County, Kentucky, on the 15th day of October, 1815. He was the son of Lemuel and Sarah Reed Dunn, his father dying when his son had reached the age of thirteen years. His early school days were spent in Cain Run Academy, a classical institution, located in the immediate vicinity of his home. After leaving Cain Run Academy, (his parents being in limited circumstances,) he taught school a portion of his time, in order to enable him to enter the law school of the Transylvania University, at Lexington, Kentucky, where he remained during the winters of 1836 and 1837. He graduated in 1837. Among his classmates at the university, were Montgomery Blair, afterwards Postmaster General; Beriah McGoffin, afterwards Governor of Kentucky; Richard Yates, afterwards Governor of Illinois; Orlando B. Ficklen, Representative in Congress from Illinois; O. R. Singleton, Representative from Mississippi, and Samuel H. Woodson, Representative in Congress from Missouri, and others, who achieved honorable distinction in public life. In the spring of 1837, he obtained a license from Judges Roberson and



Marshall, of the Court of Appeals of Kentucky, and began the practice of law in the town of Nicholasville, Jessamine County, where he remained until the spring of 1839, at which time he came to Missouri, and located in Richmond, Ray County. Here, he immediately resumed the practice of his profession, and devoted himself exclusively to it, until 1841, when he received by appointment, his commission as Circuit Attorney of the Fifth Judicial Circuit, from Governor Reynolds, succeeding Peter H. Burnett, who afterwards became the first Governor of California. He continued to fill the office of circuit attorney until 1848, when he was commissioned judge of the circuit, as the successor of Hon. Austin A. King, who was that year elected governor of the state. In 1851, occurred the first election of judges in the state, (the offices heretofore having been filled by appointment,) when Judge Dunn was elected by the people. He was again elected in 1857, and continued in office till 1861, when he retired, declining to take what was called the "Test Oath." In 1863, however, he was again elected judge, and went out of office in May, 1865, under the "Ousting Ordinance," passed by the Drake Constitutional Convention. He then resumed the practice of law until 1874, when he was again elected Judge of the old Fifth Circuit. He was re-elected in 1880, for a term of six years, and now (1881) is the judge of that circuit. Judge Dunn was a member of the convention in 1861, which held its first session in St. Louis during that year, and its subsequent sessions at Jefferson City. That convention was called to consider the relations of the state to the Federal government, and established the provisional government of the state, electing Hamilton R. Gamble as Governor. The Judge's associates at the bar, from 1839 to 1848, during the period when he was circuit attorney, were General A. W. Doniphan, General David R. Atchison, Peter H. Burnett, General Andrew S. Hughes, General B. F. Stringfellow, Colonel Wm. T. Wood, Robert D. Ray, Amos Rees, Philip L. Edwards, Ephraim B. Ewing, Elijah H. Norton, and others. He married Susan M. Henderson, of Nicholasville, Kentucky, in May, 1841. They have had five children, all of whom are dead, excepting John H. Dunn, who is now twenty-nine years of age, a lawyer by profession. Judge Dunn is called the "Poet Judge." During the early years of his life, while still in his teens, he became exceedingly fond of poetry. Like Burns, he delighted in the scenery surrounding the home of his childhood, the beauty and grandeur of which tended to develop whatever of passion he had for poesy and song. It was during one of his rambles among the crags and cliffs of his native hills, which overlook the picturesque banks of that classic stream, the Kentucky River, that he composed the poem entitled "White Cliff Cottage," which was published at the time, and obtained a wide circulation. When about to commence the practice of law, the Judge, concluding that poetry and law were somewhat incompatible, wrote his "Farewell to My Harp,"



thinking, at the time, that it would be his last poetical effusion. Not so, however. He was too deeply attached to his early love, to thus rudely and so suddenly cast it off, and during the long years that have followed, he has occasionally turned aside from the stern and solemn duties of the bench, to delight his friends with the mystic notes of his lyre. His poem, entitled "Death of President Garfield," is his last production, and being replete with the spirit and sentiment which filled all hearts at the sad announcement of the death of the President, we here reproduce it.

#### DEATH OF PRESIDENT GARFIELD.

O, God! Our bleeding hearts are turned to Thee;  
Our streaming eyes are raised to heaven above;  
In this dark hour, O may our country be  
Shielded from peril, in Thine arms of love.

We weep, because our chosen chief is gone;  
O, look in pity on a nation's grief!  
No hand can heal our wounds save Thine alone;  
None else can bring our burdened souls relief.

Dark is the cloud that now obscures our sky;  
O, arch it with the rainbow of Thy love,  
And write upon it: *Man, alas, must die,*  
*But God still sits upon His throne above.*

And does this Christian patriot die? O, no,  
He only passes to a happier sphere;  
He rests from all his labors here below,  
And lives in bliss without a sorrowing tear

He wears a crown of glory on his brow,  
And in his hand he holds a golden lyre;  
The radiant "summits" charm his vision now,  
And his voice mingles with the heavenly choir.

#### ALFRED EATON,

liveryman, a leading horse fancier of Clinton County, is a native of Canada, and was born November 5, 1842. He came to the United States, with his parents, when six years of age, his father, John Clement, who was a millright, locating with his family at New Santa Fe, Jackson County, Missouri. Here Alfred was raised and educated. In November, 1862, Mr. Eaton enlisted in the Confederate army, in Company A, Sixth Missouri Volunteer Infantry, participating in many of the notable events of the war. He was wounded at the battle of Corinth, also at Vicksburg, and taken prisoner, and was captured again at Fort Blakeley; served until the close of the rebellion, when he was honorably discharged. Returning to Missouri, he located in Plattsburg, his parents having removed to this place during the war, where they eventually died. He was engaged in various pursuits until July, 1877, when he embarked





in the livery business. In 1874, he was married to Miss Jennie Tillery, daughter of Mr. W. W. Tillery, one of Clinton County's well known pioneers. They have had three children, only one of whom survives—Hettie. The two deceased were Edgar H. and Beulah.

J. W. ELLIS, A. M.,

President of the Plattsburg College, and an educator of much experience and eminence, is a native of Illinois, and was born in Carthage, Hancock County, Illinois, December 29, 1839. His father, Timothy, when the subject of this sketch was two years of age, removed with his family to Ghent, Carroll County, Kentucky, where J. W. received his primary education. He determined to secure a good schooling, but owing to the large family of his father, he was obliged to work his own way. When fourteen years of age he commenced to work at various pursuits suitable for a boy of his age, and was often remunerated for the same at the rate of 25 cents per day. But he had placed his mark high, and with a light heart and willing hands, to him labor was a pleasure. His success is a good example for the youth of our land, who are struggling to possess themselves of a share of the world's knowledge under adverse circumstances. In due time he was sufficiently fitted and prepared to enter the Georgetown College, and was graduated in the class of 1860. Many prominent and well known citizens were graduates of the same class, among whom were the Hon. Jas. F. Clay, Rev. W. H. Felix, pastor of the Baptist Church of Covington, Kentucky, E. J. Hamilton, R. M. Dudley, D. D., the present President of the Georgetown College, and other distinguished and notable men. After graduating, he returned to Ghent, Kentucky, and for one year taught school; thence moved to Warsaw, Kentucky, where he secured a charter in the Kentucky Legislature for the establishment of a college, and was President of the same for six years. He took up the study of law in Kentucky and was admitted to the bar on the 24th of February, 1862, in the Court of Appeals before Judge Alvin Duvall. After leaving the college at Warsaw, he came to St. Louis, Missouri, and for a number of years was prominent among the leading attorneys of the city, and was solicited to become a candidate for the judgeship of the Criminal Court, which he declined. He had early become devoted to teaching, and the city proving unhealthy for his family he removed to Independence, Missouri, where he became manager and teacher of the Woodland College, continuing two years. On the 31st of July, 1880, he purchased the Plattsburg College, which had previously been conducted under the auspices of the M. E. Church South. The college, under the present management, has become one of the great educational institutions of the state, as it embraces a full college course, together with an able faculty, an Excel-



lent library, chemical and philosophical apparatuses, the various departments being complete in all of their appointments. Prof. Ellis is an impressive and logical speaker, conversant with a number of languages, and as a mathematician he is pre-eminent, having but few equals and no superiors in the state. As a literary writer he has attained to no small degree of celebrity. For some years he was a constant contributor to our leading journals. He wrote the "Short E. A. Lectures" in the Pomeroy Democrat under the soubriquet of Henry C. Blount. His writings have been scanned by the thousands of the Masonic fraternity. In poetry, verses from his pen when placed beside the productions of many of our renowned American and English poets of the age, will compare favorably. He is prominently identified with the order of Masons, and belongs to its Chapter and Council. He is a member of the Christian Church. His wife's maiden name was Miss Sallie Breckenridge, whom he married December 29, 1863, in Boone County, Kentucky. She is a native of Kentucky, and a cousin of General John C. Breckenridge. By this union they have had two children: Perry C. and Breckenridge. Mrs. E. is a lady of refinement and culture, and is in the college as principal of the primary department, Christian Ethics, Political Economy, Civil Government and the first steps in Science. She is a graduate, and of superior mental endowments.

#### WILLIAM EVANS, M. D.,

was born on a farm in Deleware County, Ohio, November 14, 1816, and there received a good education in the common schools. He spent his early manhood on a farm, and subsequently commenced the study of medicine, reading under Dr. John Evans, and was graduated from the Louisville Branch Transylvania University in March, 1853. Since that time he has practiced more or less. In 1851 he had been engaged in the drug business, which he continued until 1853, then selling out. Two years afterwards, he again became connected with it and thus remained for eleven years, when he retired from that business. Dr. Evans lived in Ohio until May, 1839, when he left for the mountains. He shortly returned to Rock Island, Illinois, and after four months went to Ohio, coming to Missouri in 1842. He located at Kingston, Caldwell County, and remained two years, and in 1846 removed to Clinton County, arriving on the 26th of July. During the war (at which time he suffered considerable loss) he was assistant surgeon, in the Forty-fifth Battalion, composed of the Second Missouri Regiment, State Militia. Also, for two years after the war, was examining surgeon. He was post surgeon at Plattsburg for four years previous. In 1874, Dr. Evans commenced a specialty of removing cancers, without the use of a knife, in which he has been very successful. His marriage occurred February 13,



1845, to Miss Margaret C. Gill, a native of Bath County, Kentucky. They had a family of eight children, all of whom have since died. Mrs. Evans died July 23, 1859, and the Doctor was married again in March, 1867, to Mrs. Nancy A. Harvey, daughter of Robert Ray, who was born in Kentucky. Mrs. Evans is a native of Indiana. They had two children, both now deceased. Mrs. Evans' son, Robert C. Harvey, is engaged in the jewelry business in Plattsburg. Dr. E. is a member of the Masonic fraternity. He has always been an earnest supporter of churches, and there is probably not a church in Clinton County but what has received donations from him.

### W. L. FERGUSON,

express agent, is a native of Kentucky, and was born in Fayette County September 9, 1826. His father, John B., was an old resident of that state, and his grandfather, Gabriel, was a native of Virginia. The Fergusons are of Scotch ancestry. W. L. was raised to manhood in Kentucky, his boyhood days being spent in tilling the soil. In 1853, he came to Missouri, locating in Plattsburg, where he engaged in the drug trade, in which capacity he continued until 1858, when he removed to Osborn, DeKalb County. There he became occupied in merchandising, and was also postmaster, and railroad agent for the Hannibal & St. Joseph Railroad Company. Here he remained until August, 1860, when he took up his abode in Plattsburg, having been elected to the office of Sheriff, which position he held for two consecutive terms, discharging the duties creditably to himself and to the satisfaction of his constituents. During his term the rebellion was at its height, and the office of sheriff was an unenviable position. In 1866, he embarked in the livery business, and in this continued until 1870, when he became express agent. Few men have been more closely associated with the general interests of the place than Mr. F., and he is favorably known by a large circle of acquaintances. In 1848, Miss F. A. Carpenter, of Kentucky, became his wife. By this union they have had six children: Mary F., wife of M. B. Riley, of Nodaway County, John L., Adelia M., Kate, Charles W. and Louis. Himself and wife are members of the Baptist Church.

### SAMUEL M. FROMAN.

merchant, is one of the well known citizens of Clinton County, and a gentleman who has been closely associated with its progress. He is a native of Clinton County, and was born November 15, 1836. His father who was a native of Hardin County, Kentucky, was born in 1810, and migrated to Clay County, Missouri, in 1828, and a few years later to Clinton County. Previous to his coming he married Miss Cecil Gist,







and the result of this union was ten children, Samuel M. being the third. Mr. Froman was one of the pioneers of Hardin Township; and was instrumental in developing an ample share towards the banner county of the state. He was one of the early county judges, and as a public citizen was noted for his good judgment and the live interest manifested in the advancement of education and religion. His death occurred in this county in 1877. His wife, who was born in Andrew County, Kentucky, is still living. The subject of this sketch has always resided in Clinton County, with the exception of a time spent in Colorado, and a few years spent in Hardin County, Kentucky, where he engaged in trade in 1865. In 1867 he commenced business in Plattsburg, and now stands high in commercial circles. He is largely interested in the Plattsburg Mineral Springs, and has done much towards making Plattsburg a popular summer resort. In 1858 he married Miss Arthcusa Froman. They have four children: Mollie, Ella, Bayes and Gracie. Mr. and Mrs. F. are members of the Baptist Church.

#### HENRY S. FOREE,

justice of the peace, is a native of Kentucky, and was born in Henry County, December 16, 1815. His father, Silas, was a native of Prince Edward County, Virginia, and emigrated to Kentucky. During the Revolutionary War, when quite young, he was made a captive by the Indians, and taken to Canada, and retained four years. The Forees are of French ancestry. The great grandfather of the subject was one of the Huguenots who were obliged to flee from France, on account of their religious views. Henry spent his early days in Kentucky, and was principally educated at the Miami University, Ohio. In 1860, he came to Missouri, locating in Caldwell County, engaging in agricultural pursuits, continuing until 1865, when he moved to Plattsburg. He was elected justice of the peace in 1874, and again in 1878. Mr. Foree is a man of mature judgment, and has a well balanced mind, which eminently fits him for his official position. He is generous and public spirited, and is numbered among the substantial citizens of the county. He has been twice married, first, in 1839, to Miss Mary C. McDonald. They have had five children, four of whom are living: Robert E., William, Marion T. and Silas H.; lost one, Sallie. Mrs. F. died in 1846. In 1850, Miss Mary M. Carpenter became his wife. They have had one daughter by this marriage, Fannie T. Mr. F. is a member of the Masonic fraternity also of the missionary Baptist Church.

#### GEORGE FUNKHOUSER,

merchant, is one who has figured conspicuously in Clinton County as an official and business man, and is one of the pioneers of Plattsburg. He



is a native of Virginia, and was born in Shenandoah County, September 16, 1814. His father, George Funkhouser, was an agriculturist in that state. The subject of this sketch was there raised to manhood and educated. After attaining his majority he located temporarily in Indiana, and then removed to Ohio where he resided for a time, and from there came to Missouri, arriving in Plattsburg August 27, 1837. He embarked in merchandising, which he continued for eighteen months, and afterwards was elected county assessor. In 1842, he was elected sheriff, and acted in that capacity until 1846. He was engaged in different pursuits until 1850, when he went to California by the overland route, returning by water in 1851. He was engaged in selling goods at Maysville, DeKalb County, until 1855, when he again became a resident of Plattsburg, forming a partnership with Thomas McMichael, in the mercantile business. The firm was better known as Funkhouser Brothers, Mr. Abraham Funkhouser becoming his partner. In this business he was interested until the breaking out of the war, when it was discontinued. In 1865, Mr. F. was again elected sheriff, but was thrown out of office temporarily, by the state militia, on account of political views, and was re-instated by Governor Smith. For a number of years he has been engaged in the stock trade and in this branch does a large business. In 1874, the house of Foreman & Funkhouser was established. During his sojourn in this county he has been deputy sheriff the greater portion of the time, when not sheriff, and there are few people, young or old, within the boundry lines of Clinton County, who do not know Uncle George, as he is familiarly called. Mr. F. has been twice married: first in 1844, to Miss Mary Young. They have had four children, two of whom are living—John and Louisa. Mrs. F. died in 1854. His second marriage was to Mrs. Melvina Biggerstaff, by whom he has had seven children: Elma (deceased), Cora, Thomas, Annie, Laura, George, Jr., and Minnie. Mr. F. is a Master Mason. Politically he has been a life long Democrat, and has been recognized as a staunch supporter of that party.

#### JOEL FUNKHOUSER,

of the firm of Clay & Funkhouser, bankers, is one of Clinton County's most substantial citizens and successful financiers. He was born in Rockingham County, Virginia, November 16, 1822, and reared and educated in the state of his birth. In 1856, he located in Plattsburg, and for several years was engaged in mercantile pursuits. In 1866, in connection with James M. Clay, he engaged in the banking business, and for some years was custodian of the funds of Clinton County. He has long been identified with the stock interests of his county, as well as in real estate matters, being one of the largest land owners and taxpayers of the vicinity. In his business transactions he is peculiarly clear and



transparent, and he has the unlimited confidence of every one with whom he has any intercourse. In character, as well as in purse, he is one of the solid men of the county.

#### A. FUNKHOUSER,

retired farmer, section 22, post office Plattsburg. One of the oldest and most valued citizens of the Northwest, and a man universally esteemed in Clinton County, is the subject of this sketch. He is a native of Virginia, and was born in Shenandoah County, August 28, 1812. He was there raised and educated, and, for a number of years, followed clerking. Also, for a time, was engaged in trade, at Mount Jackson. In 1836, he emigrated to Ohio, residing two years at Xenia, and, in 1838, came to Clinton County, Missouri, where, until 1848, he was engaged in business at Hainesville. After this, he became associated with the business interests of Plattsburg. For a number of years prior to retiring from active life, Mr. F. gave the stock trade his attention, and in that branch, as in all his enterprises, made a success. He uses excellent judgment, is a good financier, and weighs well all undertakings. He has a fine homestead, a short distance west of of Plattsburg, where, in his declining years, he enjoys the fruits of his earlier exertions. He was married, in Virginia, to Miss L. A. Morgan. They have had a family of seven children: Mary E., Louisa A., George P., Treasurer of Clinton County, James A., William T., Morgan and C. S. Himself and family are members of the M. E. Church South.

#### GEORGE P. FUNKHOUSER,

county treasurer and banker, is a native of Clinton County, Missouri, and has since made his home in this vicinity. He received a common school education, and in 1866, commenced general merchandising, continuing until 1871, when he was elected county treasurer. The same year he also engaged in the banking business, and was made cashier. Since 1871, he has been re-elected county treasurer for five terms. He has served the city as councilman two terms. The Plattsburg Bank, of which Mr. George P. Funkhouser is the cashier, was organized with the following officers: Charles W. Porter, President; W. T. Funkhouser, Assistant Cashier.

#### MICHAEL GUYER,

nurseryman and farmer, section 14, post office Plattsburg, one of the leading nurserymen of the northwest, and one who has attained a wide and well merited reputation for producing varieties adapted to the western country, is the name that heads this sketch. His







nursery is conveniently located, adjoining the corporate limits of Plattsburg on a high, rolling prairie, so situated as to be exposed on all sides, whereby the trees are hardened and well suited for transportation to his patrons, who are not confined to Missouri alone, but extend into Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, and to some extent in Illinois. He has an excellent orchard that will compare with any in the country, and thousands of apple trees of the various varieties: pears, cherries, plums, peaches, currants, grapes, strawberries, ornamental trees, and shrubs, roses, plants, bulbs, evergreens, etc., in fact everything that is to be found in a first-class nursery, and all in a healthy and promising condition. The superior railroad facilities Mr. Guyer enjoys is an advantage not easily overestimated, and is highly appreciated by his patrons, as they can receive their trees in a short time after they are taken from the nursery, it being only a few hundred yards from the depots of Rock Island, and the Wabash, St. Louis & Pacific railroads. He is a proficient nurseryman, and it may be said of him, was literally bred to the business. He believes in combining the practical with the theoretical. He is a native of Ohio, and was born in Carroll County, July 17, 1826. His father Henry, was an agriculturist in that state and the subject of this sketch, when thirteen years of age, turned his attention to the nursery business to which he has since been devoted. He resided in the Buckeye State until 1867, when he became a resident of Clinton County, purchasing his present farm, which consists of 200 acres. He married, in 1847, Miss Sarah J. Thomas, of Ohio. They have five children: Annie, wife of Geo. Essig, Florence, wife of C. W. Shepherd, Jennie, Edwin, and Michael, Jr. Mr. G. is a member of the Good Templars, and himself and family are members of the M. E. Church.

#### REV. W. A. HANNA

was born in Callaway County, Missouri, on the first day of November, 1844. He was the second son of Samuel and Susan Hanna, who came to Callaway County from Virginia, at an early day; attended school at Fulton, Missouri, and afterward Central College, at Lafayette, Missouri. He began to study for the ministry in 1864, with the Rev. H. A. Boreland of the Missouri Conference. He was admitted into the traveling connection, in the Missouri Conference, of the M. E. Church, South, at Weston, Missouri, in 1867. His first charge was Irving, Missouri, embracing a large territory on the Big and Little Blue Rivers, in Kansas, where he remained one year. His next charge was the Oskaloosa Circuit, Kansas. At the close of the second year, the Western Conference was organized at Leavenworth, Mr. Hanna being a member of that conference, was appointed to the charge of the Leavenworth Circuit. His succeeding charges were Atchison Station, Holton Circuit, Council Groves Station,



Kansas, then at Nebraska City, Nebraska, and in September, 1878, was transferred to the Missouri Conference, and given charge of Plattsburg Station, where he remained for three years, and has recently been appointed by the Missouri Conference, to the Osborn Circuit, which embraces four churches. Mr. Hanna is a member of the Good Templars, and was made a Free Mason in Atchison, Kansas, in 1874. He was married to Miss Mollie Endler of Virginia, in 1872. By this union they have had one child, Annie E., who is now five years of age. Mr. Hanna is a man of fine physique, and like the ministers of his church generally, is entirely devoted to his calling, being willing and ready to work in any field of labor, where he can accomplish the greatest good. His ministerial labors at Plattsburg have been crowned with great success, having added to the church at Plattsburg, and the church at Lathrop (which latter was included in his charge), one hundred and forty members.

#### R. W. HOCKADAY,

of the firm of R. W. Hockaday & Brother, the leading hardware and agricultural implement dealers of Plattsburg, was born in Liberty, Clay County, Missouri, February 6th, 1845. His father, Isaac N. Hockaday, was a native of Greenup County, Kentucky, and was among the pioneers of Clay County, settling in Liberty, Missouri, in 1842. His mother's maiden name was Fannie Lincoln. Isaac N. moved to Clinton County in 1845, where he engaged in farming, and afterwards, in 1856, in merchandising in Plattsburg. He also at one time, sold goods in Atchison, Kansas. He died in April, 1873. R. W. Hockaday is the oldest of a surviving family of five sons and two daughters. He received his education partly in Plattsburg, and afterwards, in William Jewell College, Liberty, Clay County, Missouri. He was reared to mercantile pursuits, and for the past seventeen years has been engaged in the same. From the fall of 1864 to the fall of 1867, he sold goods in Atchison, Kansas. He then returned to Plattsburg, where he employed himself in the grocery, hardware and lumber trade. In January, 1880, in partnership with his brother, William D. Hockaday, he opened a stock of hardware, stoves and agricultural implements in the same town. The firm has prospered abundantly, and they now do an annual business of thirty-five thousand dollars. R. W. Hockaday was married, in 1869, to Miss Bettie Whittington, daughter of Hervey Whittington, a pioneer of the county, and a representative merchant of Plattsburg. They have (1881) three children, Claude, Anna and Muggy. Politically, Mr. Hockaday has always been a Democrat.

#### WILLIAM DONIPHAN HOCKADAY,

of the firm of R. W. Hockaday & Brother, son of Isaac N. and Fannie L. Hockaday, above referred to, was born in Clinton County, Missouri,



in 1856, and educated in Plattsburg. Reared to commercial pursuits, for the first three years of his experience in that character of employment, he clerked in his brother's store. He then entered the banking house of Clay & Funkhouser, where he filled the position of bookkeeper during a period of three years, ending January, 1880, when he associated himself in the agricultural implement, stove and hardware business, with his brother, R. W. Hockaday, as above stated. In early youth, he united with the Christian Church, in Plattsburg. Politically, he is a Democrat. The place of business of R. W. Hockaday & Brother is a spacious and well appearing two-story brick building, thirty feet front, by ninety deep, and constitutes a handsome feature of the business quarter of Plattsburg.

#### HENRY R. HOLLAND,

farmer and stock raiser, section 15, post office Plattsburg, was born October 18, 1821, in New Hampshire, and when quite young removed to Canada, and later to New York, living for a number of years in the latter state, where he learned the blacksmith trade. His father, Christopher, was a sergeant-major in the British army, serving in the ranks for twenty-five years. The subject of this sketch, after learning his trade, came to Chicago, Illinois, where he resided for a time pursuing his vocation, after which he migrated to Berrien County, Michigan, and for a number of years followed various industries. In 1871, he came to Clinton County, locating in Plattsburg, where he engaged in the milling business with Moses Shoemaker, and while performing his labors, he was so unfortunate as to be deprived of his right arm, after which he traded his mill interest for his present farm. This consists of 160 acres of choice land, the greater portion of which is surrounded by an excellent hedge, and is divided by cross hedges. Mr. H. is a practical farmer, and although having had many adversities in life, has been eminently successful. During his sojourn in Clinton County, he has formed a large acquaintanceship, and is popular wherever known. He has been twice married. First in New York, to Miss Bettie Stoughton. Six children, the result of this union, are now living—William F., Emily, E. Ryan, C. Franklin and Charles E. Lost two—Rosa and William. In 1874, Mrs. Holland's death occurred. His present wife, Maggie J. Bell, he married at Savannah, Andrew County. They have two children—Irvin T. and Ella May. Himself and family are members of the M. E. Church, South.

#### HON. W. P. HOOPER,

Mayor of Plattsburg, insurance, real estate and government claim agent. Favorably known as a public man, in Missouri, and a gentleman of the finished type, is W. P. Hooper, who was born near Knoxville, Tennessee,







January 15, 1836. His father, Abraham, was a native of that state, and a farmer. He was a soldier in the war of 1812, and fought under Jackson. The Hoopers are of English extraction. W. H. Hooper, of Utah, and Samuel Hooper, of Massachusetts, well known in political circles, are lineal descendants of the same family. Soon after the Platte Purchase was opened, the senior Hooper migrated with his family, including W. P., to Missouri, locating in Platte County, where he was raised and educated. In 1860, he commenced merchandising in Plattsburg, and on the 24th December, 1861, was appointed clerk of the court, after which he sold out his stock of goods, and continued in that office until May 5, 1865, when the Democratic officials were obliged to vacate, the Republicans taking the reins. Mr. Hooper, politically, has been a life long Democrat. He again embarked in mercantile pursuits, in which he was interested until 1872. In 1873, he was chief clerk of the state prison, and again in 1874. In 1879, he was docket clerk of the House during the revision session, and was highly complimented for the efficacious manner in which he discharged the duties of his office. He is attorney for claims in five departments, at Washington, District of Columbia, and in this branch does a large business in connection with insurance and real estate. In 1871, he was the people's choice for Mayor of the City of Plattsburg, and was re-elected in 1872. Was again elected in 1880, and re-elected in 1881. This is *prima facie* evidence of the satisfaction he has given as an incumbent of this position. Mr. H. took a leading part in the organization of the Presbyterian Church in Plattsburg, which event transpired in April, 1861, he being the clerk, and one of the elders. Few men have contributed more amply in the cause of advancing religion, and the general morals of Plattsburg, than Mr. H. He has been three times married; first, in 1857, to Miss Sally Arnold. She died, leaving four children: Artie, Mattie, William P. and James A. For his second wife, he married Miss Fanny Arnold, by whom he had one daughter, Fanny Gertrude. In 1873, Miss Alice McClellan became his wife. The result of this union is two children, Lester B. and Jefferson V.

#### S. G. HOOVER,

farmer and stock raiser, post office Plattsburg, is a native of Pennsylvania, and was born in Franklin County, January 8, 1841. His father, Christian, was also a native of the same place, and S. G. was there reared and educated, following the occupation of farming until 1871, when he came to Missouri, locating in Clinton County, on his present farm, which consists of 80 acres, conveniently located to Plattsburg. He is a practical farmer, and few are more successful in this branch of industry. He married in 1866, Miss Nannie J. Miller, of Cumberland County, Pennsylvania. By this union they have had seven children—Ira, Mary, Charlie,



Georgie, Ellen, Susan and Martha. Himself and family are identified with the German Baptist Church.

### MASON HORD,

dealer in dry goods, notions, groceries, etc., Plattsburg, is a native of Mason County, Kentucky, and was born October 21, 1823. His father, Abner, was a farmer, and in later years of his life, he was actively engaged in railroad enterprises, and was president of the Maysville & Lexington Railroad, and died soon after its completion. When Mason attained his fourteenth year, he became a clerk in the store of his uncle, Mr. A. S. Parker, at Frankfort, and there remained until he attained his majority. In 1847, he came to Missouri, and engaged in general merchandise, at Barry, Clay County, purchasing the stock of his brother-in-law, Mr. I. M. Summers, who was among the first business men of Clay County. After remaining one year at Barry, he removed to Liberty, where he sold goods four years, thence to Parkville, Platte County, where for several years was prominently identified in mercantile pursuits. In 1859, he came to Clinton County, and settled on a farm seven miles west of Plattsburg, which he cultivated until the close of the war, when he opened a store in Plattsburg, in December, 1869. Since he became a resident of Clinton County, he has proved himself a worthy citizen, and few men are more highly esteemed. He married, August 21, 1845, Miss Elmira Summers, of Fleming County, Kentucky, daughter of Jesse Summers, who came to Missouri, and died in Platte County, in his seventy-fourth year. Their family consists of seven children: Richard, born September 9, 1846; Mary E., born September 11, 1848; Annie Belle, born May 6, 1854; Nellie, born August 30, 1861; Eveline, born August 24, 1863; William J., born March 11, 1866; Hattie, born May 15, 1868. Lost three: Adelaide, Caroline and Abner.

### JAMES HOWE.

farmer and stock raiser, section 18, post office Plattsburg, is a native of New York, and was born in Montgomery County, August 22, 1809, and was there reared and educated. After attaining his majority, he came to Fort Wayne, Indiana, and embarked in the grain trade, and for twenty-five years he was one of the leading business men of that city. He next went to Leavenworth, Kansas, and engaged in the insurance business. In 1871, he came to Plattsburg, and in 1875, located where he now resides. During his long sojourn in the west, he has traveled considerably in California and other sections. He is a gentleman of broad views, well posted in the current events of the day, and a successful farmer and stock raiser. He has been twice married. First, in 1828, to Miss Sarah Holiday, of New York, now deceased. His present wife, Mary



Smith, he married in 1868. Mr. H. is a strong believer in Spiritualism, and in that doctrine can advance very strong and convincing arguments.

### COL. JOHN T. HUGHES,

(deceased.) Col. John T. Hughes was born in Jessamine County, Kentucky, July 25, A. D. 1817, and was the sixth of a family of ten children, eight sons and two daughters. In the fall of 1821, just after the state had been admitted into the Union, his father, Samuel M. Hughes, moved to Howard County, Missouri. His grandfather was Joseph Hughes, who married Sarah Swan, a lady of distinction in Kentucky, in its early settlement. His mother was Nancy Price, who was the daughter of Col. William Price, of Jessamine County, Kentucky. He was a brave soldier of the Revolution, and was captain of the Life Guard of General Washington during the revolutionary struggle. He was a cousin to Pugh Price, the father of General Sterling Price. Col. Hughes' ancestors were from Wales, and moved to this country and settled in Pennsylvania early in the seventeenth century. In Howard County he received his primary education. He was passionately fond of his books, and was greatly admired by all for his manliness and his unabating industry. About the year 1840, he entered Bonne Femme College, located in Boone County, this state, about six miles southeast of Columbia. At this time this institution was under the control of Professors Roach and Cunningham. These men were distinguished for their learning. He prosecuted his studies with such energy that his health became impaired, and in order to regain what he had lost, he joined a surveying company, and for several months his life was spent in camp. He resumed his studies, and about the year 1843, he graduated with distinguished honors. This college was merged into the State University, located in Columbia. Col. Hughes, after leaving his Alma Mater, taught school for several years. He first taught in Richmond, Ray County; after this in Randolph County, and in 1846, when the war broke out between the United States and Mexico, he was teaching school in Liberty, Clay County. When a call for volunteers was made by the president, James K. Polk, he quickly responded, and joined the company from Clay County, O. P. Moss being captain of the company. At a subsequent date, General A. W. Doniphan was elected colonel of the regiment to which this company belonged, and was ordered to march against the states of Chihuahua, Santa Fe, and others. After the war had ended with honor and success to the American arms, Col. Hughes wrote and published a book of 407 pages, entitled "Doniphan's Expedition." This book was published in Cincinnati by J. A. & W. P. James, A. D. 1848, and distributed extensively over Missouri and







other western states. In August, 1848, he was married to Mary L. Carpenter, of Liberty, Clay County. She was born in Versailles, Kentucky, April 12, A. D. 1829, and was of English descent. To them were born five sons: Paley C., Roland, Edward T., Henry C. and Tyre C. In the early part of the year 1849, he made a public profession of religion, and united with the Baptist Church, in Liberty, Clay County, and adhered to the end of his life with great tenacity, to his faith in the Christian religion. About this time of the same year (1849) he was appointed receiver of moneys in the land office, then located in Plattsburg, Clinton County, by Zachary Taylor, and continued in this office for four years. During his connection with this office, he bought and entered about one thousand acres of land in Clinton County. This land he improved, together with many lots he owned in Plattsburg, applying his means and talents to the improvement of his county and its county seat. He was also a friend to education, and as commissioner of schools, he greatly aided in building up the common school system in Clinton County. In 1854, he was elected to the Legislature upon the Whig platform, and was conspicuous in the debates upon the Omnibus Railroad bill, and other bills of state interest, which were then agitating the General Assembly of Missouri. General Sterling Price was then governor of Missouri. From boyhood Col. Hughes was passionately fond of the principles of the Whig party, but the opposition of this party to the prosecution of the Mexican war, lessened his attachment to it, and when it merged into the Know Nothing organization, he refused longer to give it support, after which he acted with the Democratic party. In 1861, when the war broke out between the states, he espoused the Southern cause, and under Governor Jackson's call for fifty thousand men, he was elected captain of a company from Clinton County. But when the volunteers were called south of the river, to a place of general rendezvous, for the purpose of electing state officers, he was elected colonel of the First Regiment of the Missouri State Guards. But as Governor Jackson and the Legislature of the state were driven out of the state by Federal power, the State Guards being rendered powerless, Col. Hughes, and many others, joined the Confederate service, and when they convened at \_\_\_\_\_, for the purpose of electing Confederate officers, he was elected colonel of the First Regiment of the Army of the West, under General Price, and others. He was a sagacious officer, and was brave to a fault. His disposition was, as an officer, never to order a man to go where he was not willing to lead him. At the battle of Wilson Creek, near Springfield, Missouri, his men were stationed immediately opposite General Lyon and his regular troops. These were the bravest and best disciplined troops on the Federal side. The battle was fought on both sides with great desperation, Col. Hughes having two horses shot from under him, and his regiment cut to pieces. His brother, Lieutenant



Samuel S. Hughes, was killed in the heat of the contest. So much had his regiment become distinguished for its bravery, that through the whole army of General Price it was known as the "Bloody First," and when General Price was advancing on Col. Mulligan, then well fortified at Lexington, the army was halted, and it is stated that Col. Hughes' regiment was brought in front and placed at the brow of the hill, near the enemy, in order to cut off their supply of water. It was claimed for him by his men, that he first originated the idea of the portable hemp-bale breastworks, used so successfully against the enemy. After the battle at Pea Ridge, Col. Hughes, together with General Price's whole army, marched to Memphis, east of the Mississippi River, where he remained until about August, 1862, when he was sent back to Missouri, for the purpose of raising a new brigade of men, and when he had advanced north as far as Jackson County, this state, he, with about 300 men, attacked the Federals, then fortified at Independence, under the command of Col. Buell. The contest was long and bloody. The Federals surrendered, but Col. Hughes, together with Col. Boyd, Major Hart, Captain Clark, and others, were killed and wounded. Col. Hughes was killed dead on the field, having received a shot through the head. Thus ended the life of one of the bravest and most sagacious officers connected with the civil war between the states.

#### NEWTON HUGHES,

the son of James and Elvira A. Hughes, was born in Ray County Missouri, in 1855, on a farm eight miles northeast of the town of Richmond. He attended the schools of the county, in the immediate vicinity of his home, remaining at Liberty school until he entered Richmond College, located at the county seat of Ray County. Here he continued for three years, where he received a fair education. Upon leaving Richmond College, he entered the bank of Salsbury, in Chariton County, Missouri. Here he remained for two years, giving entire satisfaction to his employers. He then returned to the farm, where he followed agricultural pursuits for six months. He then became a clerk in the dry goods house of Holt & Hughes, in Richmond. In January, 1880, he came to Plattsburg, Clinton County, Missouri, and entered the banking house of Clay & Funkhouser, as their book keeper, which position he now (1881) fills. Mr. Hughes is a young man of great energy, and strict integrity of character, and by his unassuming manners, and good habits, has won the esteem and respect of all who know him.

#### ROLAND HUGHES,

attorney at law and abstractor of titles, was born in Plattsburg, on the 30th of March, 1852, and there attended the common schools. He after-



wards entered a college, for the purpose of undergoing a further course, but was prevented on account of failing health. He commenced the study of law, reading in the office of Governor Ingalls, and was admitted to the bar. Subsequently, he was elected prosecuting attorney, and served for four years. In November, 1874, he was again elected to the same position, which he filled for two terms. Mr. Hughes was married to Miss Maud E. Steele, of Kansas, February 27, 1880. The result of this union was one child, Count Steele. He is a Mason, was Worshipful Master during 1880, and belongs to the Missionary Baptist Church.

### CHARLES INGLES,

son of Anthony Ingalls, a prominent merchant of Clinton, New Jersey, was born in Auburn, New York, February 26, 1826. He was the fifth of a family of eight children. He attended school in Auburn till he was fourteen years of age, when he entered Skaneateles Academy, New York. After three years residence in this institution, he went to the State of Ohio, where he entered Twinsburg Institute, a Presbyterian college. In 1846, he was graduated here with the degree of A. B. He then moved to Kentucky and settled in Carrollton, where he had charge of an academy until 1853. In the meantime, he had devoted considerable time to the study of law, and now entered the law school of Judge Pryor, in Louisville. In the spring of 1854, he passed his examination before Chancellor Pyrtle and Judge James A. Pryor, and was admitted to the bar with Henry Crittenden, a brother of T. T. Crittenden, present Governor of Missouri. He then engaged in the practice of law in Carrollton, where he continued till the spring of 1855, when he moved to Missouri and settled in Plattsburg, where he has since continued to reside in the practice of his profession, meeting with unqualified success. For the period of five years immediately preceding its close, he practiced in the land office in that town. In 1848, while a resident of Carrollton, Kentucky, he married Miss Polly Ann O'Neal, a daughter of James O'Neal, of that place. They have two children: Mary W., graduate of the class of 1881, of the Boston, Massachusetts, Conservatory of Music, and, at present, a teacher in one of its departments, and Anna, a graduate in the class of 1875, of Vassar College, New York, and wife of M. S. Peters, an attorney at law, resident of Kansas City, Missouri. Mr. Ingles has been, all his life, a Democrat. He is a member of no religious organization, and has always entertained and expressed liberal views with reference to theological dogmata. The old family name was Ingalls. The change to the present orthography was the result of a whim on the part of Mr. Ingalls and two of his brothers, when children at school. He is a representative citizen of the county and ranks with the leaders of the bar in his section of the state.







## WILLIAM JOHNSTON,

liveryman, is a well known citizen of Clinton County. He is a native of Indiana, and was born in Kosciusko County, August 22, 1833. In 1837, his father, John, with his family, including William, emigrated to Missouri, locating in Clinton County, ten miles northwest of Plattsburg, being among the first families in that section. The senior Johnston, was a brick mason by trade, and at an early day plied his vocation in Clinton and adjoining counties, in erecting chimneys, etc. Young William was reared to manhood, in Clinton County, following the pursuit of his early days, that of farming, until the spring of 1880, when he engaged in the livery business. Mr. Johnston possesses those traits which make him popular, with all who form his acquaintance. He was married in 1851, to Miss Elizabeth Livingstone, daughter of John Livingstone, one of the pioneers of Northwest Missouri. They have four children : John O., Charles T., Louisa J. and William D. Himself and family, are identified with the Christian Church.

## REV. M. R. JONES,

Presiding Elder of the Plattsburg Circuit of the M. E. Church South, was born in White County, Tennessee, December 27, 1820. His father, Byron Jones, and his mother, Fannie, *nee* Frazer, were natives of Virginia. The son spent his early days, in his native state, on a farm, and received his primary education in a select school. When eighteen years of age, he commenced clerking in a store. The family afterwards removed to Illinois, where his father died. In the spring of 1844, Mr. Jones came to St. Louis, and, the following spring, to Platte County, and engaged in teaching school. He had a long cherished desire to enter the ministry, and his leisure hours were spent in study, with that duty in view. After receiving his license to preach, his first charge embraced the territory lying between the Platte and the Missouri Rivers, extending near what is now St. Joseph. In 1851, he came on the Plattsburg Circuit, and services were held in the Log Church, and occupied as an office by Doctor Essig. He continued his relations with the Plattsburg Circuit two years, during which time he inaugurated the movement for building the Academy, which is now the Plattsburg College. He then removed to Liberty, Clay County, where he was stationed one year, and returned to Plattsburg, and, through his efforts, the academy was completed, which was conducted under the auspices of the M. E. Church South, until the outbreak of the civil war. In 1864, he went to Illinois, and labored faithfully for ten years. In 1874, he returned to Missouri, and was stationed at Richmond, and for four years was on the St. Charles Circuit, and, in the autumn of 1880, once more



made his home in Plattsburg. It is the privilege of but a few to be the instruments, in the hand of the Master, for the accomplishment of such a work, and to witness the result of his labors, to such a degree as has taken place in the life and experiences of Elder Jones. He has not only proved himself an acceptable and instructive preacher and successful pastor, but has a remarkable executive ability in the building of churches, and the numerous houses of worship scattered throughout this and adjoining counties, connected with the society to which he has long been devoted, are monuments of his faithfulness, and witnesses of his labors, in the the great moral vineyard. His life has been one of ceaseless activity, and remarkable for energy and courage, and he has enjoyed, in an unusual degree, the confidence and respect of the community in which he has lived. He was married, in 1843, to Miss Nancy Wilson, of Tennessee. They have three children: Carrie, Randolph P., pastor of a church at Edina, Knox County, Missouri, and William Riley. Lost one daughter, Julia.

#### F. KENNEDY,

of F. & C. T. Kennedy, grocers and produce dealers, is a native of Garrard County, Kentucky, and was born January 30, 1836; was there raised, educated and resided until 1854, when he came to Missouri, arriving at Liberty in October of that year. He soon after engaged in merchandising at Parkville, Platte County, continuing until the breaking out of the rebellion, when the Confederate cause received his support, and he enlisted in the First Missouri Cavalry under Col. Yates, and participated in many of the stirring events of the war; eventually was captured at Blackwater, Mississippi, and was held a prisoner one year. After the war he settled in St. Joseph, and was for a time identified with its business interests. In 1866, he took up his abode in Plattsburg, and for a while was engaged in general merchandising, and for a few years was owner and proprietor of the Clinton House. For the past three years he has been one of the leading grocers in the city. His son, C. E., is associated with his father in the business. Mr. K. has been twice married, first in 1857, to Miss Lucy Arnold, of Clay County, Missouri, who died leaving one son, C. E. His present wife, whom he married in 1867, was Miss Hattie Wells. By this marriage they have had five children—Robert T., Mack, Ida, Willie and Allen.

#### HENRY KLEIN,

baker and grocer, is a native of Germany, and was born in Bavaria September 4, 1840. When Henry was quite young his parents died, and in 1856, with two brothers and a sister, he came to the United States, locating in New York, where he learned the baker's trade and resided until



the breaking out of the war. In August, 1861, he tendered his services to the Union cause, enlisting in Company I First New York Cavalry. He participated in thirteen hard fought battles on the Potomac; was severely wounded and had his horse shot under him, and was honorably discharged August 22, 1864, at Harper's Ferry, Virginia. Resided temporarily in St. Louis and other points until 1869, when he embarked in trade at Richmond, Ray County, continuing until 1871, when he took up his residence in Plattsburg. The greater portion of the time he has been engaged in the hotel and restaurant business. He is a superior baker, and in this important branch has attained considerable celebrity. In 1867, Miss Eliza Shott, of St. Louis, became his wife. By this union they have had six children—George C., Harry E., Freddie C., Willie E., Minnie L. and Bertha E. He is a member of the I. O. O. F.

### G. B. LANCASTER.

superintendent of Clinton County Poor Farm, is well and favorably known throughout Clinton County. He is a native of Kentucky, and was born in Daviess County, May 15, 1828, was there educated and reared until 1844, and in that year, the mother, with the family, removed to Missouri, locating in Buchanan County, the father having died when G. B. was quite young. In 1845, the family located in Clinton County, three miles east of Plattsburg, on a farm. In 1850, Mr. Lancaster went to California, and for two years, followed mining. He then returned to Missouri, and located in DeKalb County, where he lived three years, thence to Texas remaining one year, and then returned to Clinton County. In 1879, he took charge of county farm, which, under his skillful management, is in a substantial condition. Mr. Lancaster, has been twice married, first in 1848, to Miss Rebecca Jane Roberts. By this union they had twelve children: Sarah J., Mary E., George H., Littleton M., E. Ann, William G., John T., Fannie M., Emma A., Ira R., and two died in infancy. Mrs. L. died in 1869. He married for his second wife, Miss Ella Martin, in 1870. By this marriage they have had five children: Charles F., Eva M., Luella, Rosa M. and Luetta Pearl.

### J. J. LEAKE.

furniture dealer and undertaker. Is a native of Missouri and was born in Saline County, February 11, 1836. His father, Benjamin Franklin Leake, was from Mason County, Kentucky, and among the early settlers of La Fayette County, Missouri. When sixteen years of age, J. J. commenced and learned the carpenter trade. He received the benefits of a good education, employing, to an advantage, his early opportunities. For a number of years he followed school teaching. In 1851, he came to Clinton County, which he has made his home two-thirds of the time





since. For a number of years he worked at the carpenter trade, at different points, and was for a time engaged in the furniture trade at Orrick, Ray County. He also worked in the car department of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company. Four or five years ago he established in trade at Plattsburg, being favorably known throughout the county as a first-class workman, and his affable demeanor, has built up a lucrative business. He keeps thoroughly familiarized with the current news of the times, and is a man of excellent judgment. He married, in 1860, Miss Margaret Goode, of Ray County. By this union they have had six children, five of whom are living: Ida Florence, Ellen Josephine, C. Franklin, William Arthur, Elizabeth Ann; lost one daughter, Matilda A. Mr. and Mrs. Leake, and oldest daughter, are members of the Baptist Church. The Leakes are of English ancestry. The father of J. J. has, for many years, been a resident of Ray County.

### RICHARD COLE LINDSAY,

one of the representative pioneers of the west, was born at Lindsay Station, Scott County, Kentucky, December 25, 1795. His parents, Anthony and Alice Lindsay, were natives of Virginia, who emigrated to Kentucky in an early day. Lindsay's Station, settled by Anthony Lindsay, was for many years the frontier settlement of that section, and a noted stockade fort against the Indians. He was the third of a family ten children, six sons and four daughters. He was raised a farmer, and lived in the fort, his father's habitation, till he attained his majority, when he married Miss Julia Herndon Bond, daughter of Walker and Susan Bond, both natives of Virginia, and among the earliest settlers of Scott County, Kentucky. On his marriage, he moved to Gallatin County, Kentucky, where he began the battle of life in a small cabin, with no capital, but energy and a determination to achieve success. He continued to reside there till 1856, when he moved, permanently, to Missouri. While in Kentucky, he became prominent as a breeder of fine stock, and in 1837, it was through his influence, mainly, that the first agricultural fair held in that section of the state occurred at Big Lick, in Gallatin County. Over this institution he presided during the first four years of its existence. In 1840, he took to Callaway County, Missouri, a herd of fine graded cattle, the pioneer importation, of that character, into that part of the state. While a resident of his native state, he was almost constantly in an official position of some kind. He was, successively, justice of the peace, assessor, and sheriff of the county. He was also generally recognized as a public and private arbitrator of differences, being frequently appointed a special commissioner, not only by his own but by neighboring counties, for that duty. For the hospitality proverbial as existing in that age and locality, the house of Richard Lindsay



was especially noted. His education was acquired in such schools as existed in that section of the country where he was born, and of these advantages he made abundant use. After his first visit to Missouri, in 1840, he made several return trips, and, being highly pleased with the country, sent, at subsequent periods, his children, as they became of age, to settle there. In 1856, he moved, himself, permanently, to Missouri, and settled in Shoal Township, Clinton County, near the present (1881) line of Lathrop Township. Here he continued to reside till the year 1864, when, with a daughter, Mrs. James B. Green, he moved to his present home in Jackson Township. It was not until the spring of 1880, that his mental and physical energies began to manifest any marked decline. He has had fourteen children, four sons and ten daughters. The four sons and six of the daughters attained to maturity. These were : Edward E., D. Herndon, R. P., John T., Mary E., wife of George B. White, of Atchison, Cassandra, who married A. W. Osburn (she died some time after), Sarah Jane, wife of Captain John G. Scott, Alice, wife of A. S. Fry, of Clinton County, Julia H., wife of James B. Green. The other children died young.

#### MAJOR DAVID HERNDON LINDSAY, A. M.,

was born September 29, 1827, in Gallatin, now Carroll County, Kentucky. He was one of a family of fourteen children, and was the second son and sixth child of Richard Cole Lindsay, above referred to as now living in Jackson Township at the advanced age of eighty-six years. Major L. was raised on a farm and educated in the common schools of his county, attending the same at different times till he achieved his nineteenth year, when he entered Franklin College, Indiana, where he remained till some time after he had entered the senior year, when, in consequence of sickness, he left without taking his baccalaureate degree. The institution, however, in recognition of the superior character of his attainments, afterwards conferred on him the degree of A. M. This was in 1851, when he moved to Missouri, settling first in Hainesville, where he immediately engaged in teaching. Here, in February, 1853, he married Miss Emma Hubbard, daughter of Col. Moses Hubbard, of Clay County. He then moved to LaFayette County, Missouri, where he taught in the Glendale Academy three years. His compensation here during his first year's experience was fifty dollars per month. At the end of the second year he was paid at the rate of \$80 per month for the preceding ten months without any demand on his part ; and, for his services during the third, he was paid at the rate of \$100 per month. In March, 1856, he moved to Miami, Saline County, where he established Saline Female Institute, which prospered abundantly till the breaking out of the civil war. On the day on which he dismissed his school, the



same numbered one hundred and twenty pupils. From the different educational institutions presided over and taught by Professor Lindsay over forty lady teachers have, at different times, been sent. The breaking out of the civil war, however, ended these peaceful and useful pursuits on the part of the Professor, now about to embark in the sterner realities of war. On the sixteenth of June, 1861, he left Miami, as lieutenant of a company raised in that locality, and of which Captain Smith was commander. On reaching Lexington, Missouri, however, Smith failing to be present, Lieutenant Lindsay was elected to command the company, a member of Colonel Hughes' regiment from Clinton County. The first battle in which he engaged was Carthage, Missouri. At Wilson's Creek he became separated from his command and was captured. On the second night, however, he effected his escape and rejoined his command. He served under Price in the Confederate army during the entire period of the war. In August, 1861, he was promoted to the rank of major, commanding a battalion in General Parsons' State Guard division. At Pea Ridge, Major L. commanded, by special order of General Price, the division of General Parsons, who was then absent in Richmond, Virginia. In this fight, the hardest contest was sustained by the regiment of Colonel Burbage and the command of Major (acting brigadier-general) Lindsay, these losing fully one-fourth of their men. On the march to Memphis, Major L. was taken sick and never fully recovered from the effects of the attack till after the close of the war, though he remained in active service during the entire period. In 1859, his first wife died, leaving one daughter, Leora S., present (1881) wife of T. W. Walker. At the breaking out of the civil war, he was engaged to be married to Miss Lucy C. Nicholson, daughter of William P. Nicholson, Esq., of Cooper County. In view of the distracted condition of the country, it was decided to defer the marriage till the close of the war. Miss Nicholson was earnestly devoted to the cause of the South, and, after the battle of Boonville, established a hospital for the Confederate wounded, which she assisted in tending, several months, till the last patient was able to be moved. During the winter of 1861-'62, she was in Springfield, Missouri, actively engaged, with other ladies, in preparing and providing clothing for the soldiers. On her return home to Boonville, in the spring of 1862, she was arrested as a dangerous rebel, by Colonel Eppstein, a recently promoted vender of beer and bologna sausage, who proceeded to display his courage and magnanimity by confining her in prison for the period of eight weeks, at the end of which time she was released by General T. T. Crittenden, now (1881) governor of the State, who had just arrived and been informed of the outrage. She then went to Howard County, Missouri, where she engaged in teaching school. While there she inspired sufficient terror, to cause, at the command of Colonel Dick, the provost-marshal, her arrest by a force of forty men. Colonels James S.







Rollins, Odon Guitar and others interested themselves to have the lady released. Dick, however, had her taken to St. Louis and incarcerated in Gratiot Street prison. She was one of the only two ladies ever imprisoned in this place. At the end of four weeks she was removed to the female prison in the city. She was subsequently banished with a number of other ladies to Okolona, Mississippi. Traveling thence, in company with the wife of General Frost, she reached Pine Bluff, Arkansas, and on the 22d of July, 1863, was married, at the general's headquarters, to Major Lindsay. She remained with the army till the close of the war, devoting much of her time to the aid and comfort of the soldiers. By means of tableaux, theatrical exhibitions, etc., principally inaugurated by herself, the means of clothing an entire brigade at Washington, Arkansas, were realized. At the close of the war, Major Lindsay returned to Kentucky, where he filled the position of assistant principal of Concord College, in Owen County. In 1867, he was elected Professor of Latin and Mathematics in Ghent College, Kentucky. In 1870, he was elected President of Warsaw Male and Female College, which position he filled till 1876, when he removed to Missouri and settled in Clinton County. While in Kentucky, he was, in 1873, elected a member from the Twenty-third Senatorial District to the Legislature of the State. His district included the counties of Owen, Gallatin and Boone. He left for Missouri before the expiration of his term of office. From 1876 to 1878, he filled, with ability, the position of Principal of the Plattsburg Public Schools. In 1878, he was elected Clerk of the Circuit Court of Clinton County—for the term of four years. Major Lindsay has, by his second marriage, two children, Richard H. and Mary G. He has, from his early boyhood, been a member of the Missionary Baptist Church. Politically he has always been a Democrat.

#### ELDER G. W. LONGAN,

pastor of the Christian Church, is a native of Missouri, and was born in Howard County, December 31, 1819. His father, Austin K., was a native of Virginia, and his mother, Martha Litchworth, was a native of Maryland. His father is of Irish ancestry, and the mother of English origin. His grandfather Litchworth, was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. When the subject of this sketch was about one year old, the family removed to Cooper County, Missouri. The father was a brick mason by trade, and, for a number of years, was identified with the building interests of Boonville. He was also well known as a public man, having represented the county at three different periods in the Legislature, and had the honor of being the first from Cooper County. Here young Longan, was reared and educated, entering the ministry in 1847. His first charge, was in Cooper County. In 1852, he removed to Warsaw,



Benton County, continuing until the close of the war, when his labors were changed to Pettis County, where he lived for some years, thence to Warrensburg, Johnson County, afterwards at Richmond, Ray County, and in 1877, took charge of the Plattsburg Church. During his pastorate in Missouri, Elder Longan, has done much towards the establishment of the moral sentiments, and the advancement of the cause of Christ. His career has been an active, useful and successful one. The churches that have been erected through his efforts, and societies formed in different parts of the state, during the long period of his ministry, are evidences of his untiring zeal and energy, in the interest of the Master, and his devotion to the society, with which he is connected. He is a thorough bible scholar, a good logician, and a clear, comprehensive and impressive speaker, as a pastor, faithful to every duty, and, as a contributor to the organs of his denomination, he being associate editor of *The Christian*, published in St. Louis, has achieved a well earned reputation. He has marked social powers, which have gained the love and esteem of his friends and acquaintances. He married Miss Myra P. Reaves, of Cooper County, Missouri, November 12, 1840. Their family consists of seven children. William H., Maria C., now Mrs. W. L. Black, of Pettis County, Missouri, Patrick Henry, Geo. B., a teacher in the Kansas City Public Schools, Mary E., wife of J. H. Stone, of Clinton County, Martha E., wife of H. C. Upton, and James A.

### GEORGE W. LOTT.

This genial young gentleman is a native of Clinton County, Missouri, and was born July 4, 1858. His father, Fountain P. Lott, was among the pioneers, and was closely identified with the development of the county, until 1877, when he located in Atchison County. George W. was reared in his native county, and received a good education at the State Normal School.

### J. M. LOWE,

attorney and counsellor at law, and present prosecuting attorney, ranks as one of the leading lawyers of the Clinton County bar. He is a native of Kentucky, and was born in Pendleton County, December 13, 1844. His father, Moses, was a native of Kentucky, and his grandfather, Lowe, was from Virginia. His mother, formerly Miss Nancy W. Porter, was a native of Kentucky. His nationality he traces to English and Scotch ancestry. J. M. spent his youthful days in Kentucky, receiving the benefits of a common school education. In 1863, he commenced the study of law, at Greenfield, Indiana, and after being admitted to the bar, practiced in the courts in that locality until 1869. In 1870, he became a resident of Plattsburg. In 1872, he was elected prosecuting attorney, and



re-elected in 1878, as the popular choice for that important office, and was also elected his own successor in 1880. Mr. Lowe has attained a well-merited reputation, and an established fitness as a prosecuting attorney. As a man, he is genial and companionable, commanding in a large degree the respect of his fellow-citizens. In March, 1876, Miss Mary E. McWilliams became his wife. She was a resident of Jackson County, Missouri, and a native of Kentucky. They have by this union two children, Roger and Florence M. Mr. L. is a Mason and a member of the Knights of Honor.

### LYONS & CONNER,

dealers in dry goods, clothing, boots and shoes, hats, caps, carpetry, etc., are numbered among the leading merchants of Plattsburg. The firm is composed of E. M. Lyons and W. H. Conner. The former is a native of Jefferson County, Kentucky, and was born March 26, 1842. His boyhood days were spent in Carroll County, where he was reared and educated. He had an extensive mercantile experience in Louisville, Kentucky. For several years he was well known to the traveling public as the popular host of the Carthright House, of that city. In 1863, he came to Plattsburg, but returned to Kentucky in 1864, and in 1865, he again became a resident of Plattsburg, and engaged in his present business. William H. Conner is also a native of Kentucky, and was born in Greenup County, February 26, 1834. His father, the Hon. William Conner, was an eminent attorney, and prominent in political matters, being a Democrat of the old school. For eight years he was a member of the state senate, and six years of the lower house. The youth of W. H. was spent in his native state until 1852, when he came to Missouri, and the same year he crossed the plains to California, and for ten years was employed by different companies as train master, and earned an enviable reputation in this occupation. In 1867, he came to Plattsburg, and was associated in business with Hooper, Porter & Co., until he formed a partnership with Mr. Lyons, in 1870. Their career as business men is well known to the residents of Clinton County, and their reputation for honesty and fair dealing, is as wide as their acquaintance, and is recognized as such by a host of appreciative patrons. They have a branch store at Starfield, in the northern part of the county, which is an important adjunct to their large and increasing business.

### WILLIAM McDONALD,

farmer and stock raiser, section 5, post office Plattsburg. The subject of this sketch is a native of Kentucky, and was born in January, 1817. At the age of fifteen, he emigrated to this state, and settled in Callaway







County, where he remained about two years, after which time he removed to Platte County. He subsequently emigrated to Oregon, where he remained five years, and then returned to this state and settled in this county. He is, truly, a self-made man, having worked his way from an humble station in life to the position he now occupies. Mr. McD. has seventy-three acres of good, average land, most of which is under cultivation. He was married, February 16, 1848, to Harriet Swearingen. They have two children, Sophia L. and Laura J. Mr. and Mrs. McDonald are members of the Methodist Church, and contribute liberally toward its support.

#### THOMAS H. MCKEE,

farmer and stock raiser, section 33, post office Lathrop. This popular agriculturist, although young in years, is, nevertheless, one of our representative farmers. He is a native of Pennsylvania, and was born August 11, 1848. He emigrated to this state in 1867, and settled in this county. Having been reared a farmer, he still follows that occupation, and owns 200 acres of good land, all of which is under cultivation. He is also a stock dealer of considerable prominence. Mr. McKee was married, August 4, 1868, to Miss Mattie B. Thomas. They have had five children: Joseph E., William A., Marshall P. (now deceased), Martha Z. and Mildred M. Mr. and Mrs. McKee are members of the Presbyterian Church.

#### THOMAS McMICHAEL,

an early settler and representative citizen of Clinton County, was born in Xenia, Greene County, Ohio, May 22, 1810. His parents, who were natives of the neighborhood of Louisville, Kentucky, moved to Ohio in an early day. He was the youngest of a family of three children, two sons and a daughter. The latter died young. Neriah, the second son, is a resident of the State of Iowa. Raised a farmer, Mr. McMichael received his literary education in the common schools of the country. These limited advantages he improved by unaided, though unremitting, application. A constant reader during the long period of his life, he has not only justly acquired the reputation of a man of superior intelligence, and, though uninformed as to the technicalities of grammatical construction, is a singularly correct writer of his own language. In November, 1838, he moved to Missouri, and settled in Plattsburg, in the immediate neighborhood of which he engaged in farming, and also sold clocks. He was, at different times, for the period of thirty years, engaged in mercantile business in Plattsburg. In 1833, he traded his stock of merchandise to Thomas E. Birch, now of Glasgow, Missouri, for 3,300 acres of land, in Clin-



ton County, valued at \$10,000, two-thirds of which he, at different times, subsequently disposed of for about \$60,000. In 1854, he again engaged in merchandising, in Plattsburg, continuing in the same till the year 1859, when he sold out his stock of goods to Abraham Funkhouser. In 1860, he again, and, for the last time, embarked in commercial business in Plattsburg, continuing in the same three years, when he retired from the active pursuits of trade, and closed his mercantile career. He married, in Xenia, Ohio, Miss Hannah Morgan, daughter of John Morgan, Esq., of Shenandoah County, Virginia. By this marriage they have had eight children: John M., William L., DeWitt C., Charles O., Augusta V., Leonora, Josephine and Thomas. These, with the exception of John M., the founder and present editor and publisher of the *Lever*, are all dead. Mr. McMichael united with the M. E. Church South, about 1845. Of this he has ever since continued an active and zealous member. He was a member of the first lodge of Sons of Temperance organized in Plattsburg, and has, all his life, been a pronounced temperance man. Politically, he has always been a Democrat. In 1881, he traded his magnificent farm, adjoining the town site, to B. F. Trimble, for a farm in Clay County, and moved his residence into Plattsburg.

#### HON. JOHN MORGAN McMICHAEL,

the eldest and only surviving of a family of eight children, was born in Xenia, Ohio, March 16, 1838. In November, 1838, his parents, Thomas and Hannah McMichael, above referred to, moved to Plattsburg, Missouri, where young John was reared, and where he has spent most of his life. He was educated chiefly in Plattsburg and in Ridgely Academy, Platte County. His first employment on leaving school was in the position of clerk in his father's store in Plattsburg, where he afterwards sold goods on his own account till 1868, when he entered on the study of the law in the office of Judge Porter. In 1869, he was admitted to the bar, and engaged in the practice of his profession till the year 1872, when he moved to Kansas City, where he assumed editorial charge of the *Daily Evening News*. In May, 1873, he returned to Plattsburg, where he established the *Lever*, a seven column weekly, which was immediately received with favor, and which has continued to meet with unqualified success. In 1875, the prosperous character of the enterprise warranted the enlargement of the *Lever* to its present (1881) dimensions, a nine column sheet, thirty-one by forty-seven and a half inches, the largest single sheet printed in the state. Always Democratic, the *Lever* has been ever noted for the independent character of its utterances. In 1876, it began boldly to espouse the cause of temperance, and has ever since continued to be recognized as the leading advocate of that principle in the state. Mr. J. M. McMichael represented Clinton County in



the State Legislature, in the sessions of 1869 and 1870. He was afterwards elected mayor of the city of Plattsburg, serving one year. In the convention of 1870, he came within a few votes of receiving the nomination for Congress in his district. He has been a member of the M. E. Church, South, since the year 1858. He was also, at one time, a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and was, from time to time, a member of the different temperance societies as they existed in the town. He was married in Liberty, Missouri, May 5, 1864, to Miss Julia Lincoln, daughter of George T. and Julia A. Lincoln. They have had five children: Lenore, Fanny, Julia, Clara and Thomas. Of these all are (1881) living, with the exception of Fanny.

#### ALEXANDER McWILLIAMS,

justice of the peace, was born in Belmont County, Ohio, December 13, 1818. His father, Abraham, was a farmer and an early settler in the Buckeye State. The McWilliams are of Irish ancestry. In 1836, the family removed to Guernsey County, Ohio, where the elder McWilliams engaged in the milling business, and the subject of this sketch was also identified with the same industry for a number of years. He was, also, justice of the peace, and for several terms was deputy sheriff under William Birch. In 1855, he migrated to Washington County, Ohio, and engaged in agricultural pursuits, continuing until the spring of 1866, when he came to Missouri, locating in Clinton County. He followed farming for several years, and in the spring of 1870, engaged in the drug trade in Plattsburg. In the Autumn of 1874, he was elected justice of the peace, the duties of which office he has administered with credit to himself and satisfactorily to the public. Upwards of one thousand cases have been before him, and in every instance of those appealed, his decisions were confirmed by the circuit court. He has a host of friends, where known, throughout the county. He has been twice married. First, in 1842, to Miss Charlotte Van Sant. They had seven children, five of whom are living: W. E., Albert A., Samuel S., Mary E., and Suetta E. Lost two: Mary T. and Maggie E. Mrs. McW. died in 1870. His present wife was Eliza E. Freland. By the latter union they have one daughter, Emma. Himself and wife are members of the Presbyterian Church.

#### S. H. McWILLIAMS,

section 21, post office, Plattsburg, is a representative farmer and stock raiser of this district, and deserves special mention. He is a native of Kentucky, and was born October 23, 1830. In 1854, he emigrated to this state, settling in Jackson County, and, after a lapse of two years, removed to this county, and settled where he now resides. He has 140







acres of land, which will compare favorably with any in the county, and most of which is under cultivation. He has a good residence. During the late war he was captain of the Missouri State Guard, First Regiment, Fourth Division, and served ten months in the Confederate service. Mr. McWilliams was married August 14, 1860, to Miss Nancy E. McCorkel. They have had seven children: Lillie D., Robert E., Jeremiah N., Mary A., Susan, Bettie (now deceased), and Willie. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, also a member of the Protective Association. He also belongs to the Baptist Church, while his wife worships with the Christian denomination.

### R. MALONE,

proprietor of the St. Cloud Hotel, is a native of Missouri, and was born in Mercer County, May 20, 1850. His father, A. B., was one of the pioneers of Mercer County, and the subject of this sketch was there reared, educated and made his home until he attained his nineteenth year, when he went to the mountains, and followed mining, for five years. Returning to Mercer County, Missouri, he remained for a time, and then moved to Decatur County, Iowa, and eventually located at Eagleville, Harrison County, Missouri, where he was well known to the traveling public, for two years, as landlord of the Central Hotel. On the 14th of August, 1881, he assumed the proprietorship of the St. Cloud, which has been gaining in popularity, and promises to rank among the foremost in the west. Mr. M. knows the wants of the travelers, and is constantly on the alert for their comforts. He was married in 1872, to Miss Maggie McKinney, of Illinois, an estimable lady, and an excellent manager of household affairs. They have two children, Minnie M. and Ninnie N. Mr. M. is a member of the Masonic fraternity.

### A. C. MILLER,

now deceased, was long known as a representative farmer of this district. He was a native of Pennsylvania, and was born September 13, 1833. He was raised to manhood in his native state, and in 1869, emigrated to Missouri, and settled where the family now reside. He was married to Miss Susan Hasler February 19, 1858. They had eight children: Samuel A., Henry E., Isaac B., William I., Franklin A., Edwin D., Susan E. and Cornelius E. Mr. M.'s death occurred October 19, 1876. Mrs. Miller, since her husband's death, with the assistance of her children, has successfully managed the home farm, which is on section three. She has 160 acres of good land, all of which they cultivate. They are members of the German Baptist Church.



## JOHN W. MORELAND,

farmer and stock raiser, section 27. John W. Moreland, Sr., was well known among the pioneer citizens of Clinton County. He came to Missouri, in 1849, and to Plattsburg in 1855. He was a harness maker by trade, and was associated with that branch of business for many years. His death occurred in 1876. Few of the early settlers were more respected, or their loss as sincerely regretted. His son, John W., Jr., was born in St. Charles County, Missouri, April 2, 1840, and came to Clinton County with his parents, in 1855, where he has since made his home, devoting the greater portion of the time to the pursuits of agriculture. In 1867, he located on his present farm, which consists of ninety-eight acres, in a good state of cultivation, and situated two miles southwest of Plattsburg. He was married in 1860, to Miss Frances A. Baggs, of Clinton County, a native of Kentucky. By this union they have ten children: John W., James H., Mary E., Robert L., Charles, Cordelia, Archie, Mattie, Ollie, and Eugene. Himself and family are members of, and contributors to the Missionary Baptist Church.

## O'CONNOR BROTHERS,

dealers in dry goods, groceries and notions, Plattsburg, commenced business in 1880, and although among the more recent acquisitions to the business interests of this city, have, from the first, taken a prominent place. They are honest, capable, straightforward merchants, and have built up their trade and secured a large patronage by honorable and fair dealing. The firm is composed of John W. and Bartholomew O'Connor, sons of Cornelius O'Connor, one of Clinton County's prominent farmers. They were born in Bourbon County, Kentucky, the former in 1856, and the latter in 1858. At an early day the family removed to Illinois, where they spent their youth and received their education, and in 1876 became residents of Clinton County.

## JOHN N. PAYNE,

county collector, is a native of Missouri, having been born in Clay County in October, 1844. He was brought up on a farm, attended the common schools, and in March, 1853, took up his residence in Clinton County. During the late war, the father of Mr. Payne was murdered, June 4, 1863, by a detachment of Union soldiers. John N. removed west, and for two years made his home in Montana. In the spring of 1872, he commenced in the live stock business, at St. Louis, Missouri, continuing for eighteen months. Mr. P. was elected sheriff of this county in 1876, and held that position until 1880, when he was elected collector. In March, 1881, he entered upon the duties of his office. In December,



1873, he was married to Miss Permelia Biggerstaff, a native of Kentucky. Mr. Payne is a Sir Knight in the Masonic Order, and belongs to Platte Lodge No. 13, A. O. U. W. He is a member of the Christian Church.

#### CHARLES PENNOYER,

proprietor of the Central Meat Market. One of the pioneers of Jackson County, Missouri, was Mr. John Pennoyer. His son, Charles, was born in that county, at what was known as New Santa Fe, October 7, 1849. The same year, the father went to California with the multitude of forty-niners, and died, the same year, in the Golden State. When Charles was fourteen years of age, with his mother, he came to Clinton County, locating a mile from Plattsburg. Here he was educated, and has since resided. For a number of years, he was engaged in the stock trade, and, in this branch, is well and popularly known in Clinton and adjoining counties. In 1879, he embarked in the butchering business. The Central is one of the most popular markets in the county, and, Mr. P., as a knight of the cleaver, caters to the people in a universally satisfactory manner. He married, in 1874, Miss Emma Henderson, of Clinton County. They have three children: Stella, Pearl and Charles Tipton. Himself and family are members of the Christian Church.

#### F. D. PHILLIPS.

postmaster, was born in Ireland, near Skillen, in February, 1828, there receiving but a moderate education. After following farming until 1853, he emigrated to America, landing at New York, and from there went to Carroll County, Ohio, where he remained four years. For one year, he made his home in Topeka, Kansas, and then removed to Clinton County, Missouri, locating on a farm. In 1866, he moved into Plattsburg, and the same year, was elected sheriff, and also collector, holding the position for two years. Mr. Phillips served as county judge for over one year, filling the unexpired term of A. D. Stone. In 1873, he was appointed postmaster, which position he has since continued to fill. He is the owner of a farm of 465 acres, well improved, and is quite an extensive dealer in short horn stock. He was married in May, 1858, to Mary E. Atwell, a native of Ireland. They have had eight children, six of whom survive. Mr. P. was in the state militia, for about three years. He is a Mason, a member of the I. O. O. F., and belongs to the M. E. Church.

#### S. G. POLK,

an extensive carpenter and contractor, was born in Scott County, Kentucky, November 21, 1840. His father, Daniel, was a native of Kentucky and his grandfather of Maryland, being of the same family as President





James K. Polk. The subject of this sketch spent his early days and learned his trade in his native state, and resided for a number of years in Frankfort. The elder Polk was a contractor and carpenter, and for a time was proprietor of a saw mill. S. G. adopted and learned the carpenter trade, residing in Kentucky until 1858, when he came to Missouri, locating in Platte County. After remaining four years, he removed to Fort Scott, Kansas, and for twelve years was a prominent carpenter and contractor in that city. He next went to Chicago, where for a time was proprietor of a tannery, after which St. Louis became his home. In 1877, he left there and became a citizen of Plattsburg. During the rebellion he tendered his severices to the Union cause, enlisting in Kansas, in the Ninth Wisconsin Volunteers, serving one year. He participated at the battle of Baxter Springs and other notable engagements. In 1865, Miss Nancy Russell became his wife. They have five children—Carrie, Mary, Oscar, Jessie and Frank. Mr. Polk is a thoroughly skilled workman and a man well read. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. and Grand Encampment of Kansas.

#### JUDGE VIRGIL ROE PORTER,

the fifth of a family of nine children, five sons and four daughters, was born in Greenville, the seat of Darke County, Ohio, December 10, 1845. His father, Jesse J. Porter, a silversmith by trade, was a native of Long Island, New York, who moved to Ohio in 1828. His mother's maiden name was Marion Margaret Fowler. She was born in the city of New York. Virgil R. Porter enjoyed exceedingly limited opportunities of early education; indeed, may be said to have been self-educated. Such instruction as he received he acquired in Sidney, the seat of Shelby County, Ohio, during the period of less than one year. Shortly after mastering his father's trade of silversmithing, he entered a dry goods and furnishing store, only working at his trade at nights. He has been, during the greater part of his life, engaged in mercantile pursuits. In the fall of 1862, he enlisted in the Ninety-ninth Ohio Regiment, at Camp Lyma, Ohio. At the end of six months, he was discharged in consequence of disability superinduced by fever. He then removed to the State of Indiana, settling in Marion, the seat of Grant County, where he sold goods for Jason Cary. Again taken sick, he went to Chicago, thence to Burlington, Iowa, arriving November 19, 1863. December 24, following, he found himself in Leon, Iowa, where he engaged in selling goods for Seth Richards & Co. December 26, two days after his arrival, he was arrested as a copperhead, and taken to Fort Des Moines, where, however, he was immediately released. Returning to Leon, he continued to sell goods till May, 1868. During this period, while engaged as a clerk, he also carried on, by deputy, the silversmith business, in



which he also worked at nights. In consequence of ill-health, he sold out in May, and in August, 1868, started for Colorado. Stopping on his way in Plattsburg, Missouri, where he had a brother, Judge Thomas J. Porter, a prominent Democrat of the county, he was persuaded to remain, and accepted a clerkship in the dry goods house of Moore & Whittington, where he remained from September 15, 1868, to the following spring, when he bought out the interest of Moore, and continued the business under the style of Hooper, Porter & Co., till August, 1871, when they sold out to Lyons, Winn & Co. He then engaged in the fire insurance business till the fall of 1872, when he accepted a clerkship in the house of Lyons & Conner, with whom he remained till February, 1, 1874. He then engaged in traveling for Schuster, Ketcham & Co., of St. Joseph. September 1, 1875, he opened a clothing and furnishing store in Plattsburg, which he conducted till April 1, 1877, when he sold out. In the meantime, in 1870, he was elected treasurer of the city of Plattsburg. In 1872, he was appointed deputy collector, under M. M. McPhetridge. In August, 1876, he accepted the appointment of deputy circuit clerk, under Ed. W. Turner, a position which he held till January 1, 1879. November 15, 1877, he took a trip through the southern states, arriving on his return home April 1, 1878. November 20, 1880, he was appointed by Governor John S. Phelps, Judge of the Probate Court of Clinton County, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of M. M. McPhetridge. Prior to this appointment, he filled the office of clerk of said court. He also engaged in the insurance business. August 31, 1868, he was introduced to Miss Florence May Turner, daughter of Col. Winslow Turner, in Plattsburg. Miss Turner was the first lady whose acquaintance he made after his arrival in the state. They were married July 26, 1876, and have two children, Virgilia May, born in Dallas, Texas, December 19, 1877, and Edward Winslow, born May 27, 1881. In politics, Judge Porter has always been a Democrat. In 1878, he was nominated by the National Greenbackers as a candidate for the office of circuit clerk in Clinton County, but he declined to accept the nomination. Mrs. Porter is a lady of rare literary attainments and a popular writer.

### C. W. PORTER,

banker, Plattsburg, was born in Danville, Caledonia County, Vermont, January 14, 1821. His father, Aaron Porter, was engaged in mercantile pursuit, but in later years was a farmer. The youth of C. W. was spent in his native State. In 1849, he drifted westward, and, while stopping in St. Louis, formed the acquaintance of Thomas McMichael, then a merchant of Plattsburg, Missouri. Mr. McM. was in need of a clerk, and becoming favorably impressed with the subject of this sketch, prevailed upon him to come to Plattsburg and enter his employ. This was in the



spring of 1850. After remaining in his employ four years, he became clerk for Thomas E. Birch, Mr. McM.'s successor, and in this capacity continued two years. He next entered the Land Office as clerk, and was soon register of that office, which position he held a few years; previous to this, however, he was county treasurer for two terms. After leaving the Land Office, Mr. P. was interested, for a time, in the real estate business, and then commenced his banking experience, which he discontinued during the war. In 1866, he resumed the banking business, conducting the same until 1872, when Mr. Funkhouser became interested with him. In a business point his life has been a grand success, and as a business man, has been upright, reliable and honorable, as an official, attentive and obliging but inflexible and unswerving in the discharge of his duty in all places, and under all circumstances he is loyal to truth, honor and right. He has always shown a worthy public spiritedness, and has heartily sympathized with all public improvements. In railroad, educational and other public enterprises, he has been prompt to act and efficient to work. For four years he served as mayor of the city. He was married, in 1859, to Miss Mary E. Funkhouser. Their family consists of four children, Charles L., Katie A., Lena V. and William A.

#### J. A. PORTER,

merchant, was born in Culpepper County, Virginia, November 27, 1837, and, with his parents, removed to Missouri when seven years of age, his father, Samuel S., locating in Clay County. There he engaged in agricultural pursuits, and there J. A. was raised, and resided, until 1858, when he removed to Hainesville, Clinton County, and engaged in clerking in a mercantile establishment, remaining until 1861. Then he tendered his services to the Confederate cause, and, as orderly sergeant in Colonel Hughes' regiment, participated at the battles of Carthage and Springfield. At the latter engagement he met with a serious misfortune, being deprived of his left leg. Not being fitted for further military duty, he returned to Clay County, and, in 1864, engaged in merchandising at Jacksonville, Illinois, remaining there about one year. In 1865, he embarked in trade at Hainesville. His circumstances were limited, but business soon increased, and by attending strictly to his calling, which has been the foundation of his success, he rose steadily, until he attained a position which ranks among the solid men of Northwest Missouri. In 1867, he established a branch store at Kearney, Clay County. In 1869, he moved his stock from Hainesville to Lathrop, and then continued in trade until 1875, when he established his present business. In 1879, he bought the grocery store of Doniphan & Son, the store adjoining, and, for some time, has carried the largest general stock of goods in the county. Besides the branch store, at Kearney, he has had, at differ-







ent periods, branch houses at Lawson, Clay Center, Holt and Polo, all of which have, of late, been discontinued, and the present firm of Porter, Swan & Co., are doing business only at Lathrop and Plattsburg. Their stock of dry goods, clothing, boots, shoes and notions, are unsurpassed in Northern Missouri, their annual sales being an indication of honorable dealing and a host of satisfied patrons. The subject of this sketch is of a genial disposition, and has attained a wide and well merited reputation as a first-class business man. On the 7th of May, 1872, Miss Bettie Gill, of Clay County, became his wife. They have one son, K. G. Himself and wife are members of the Baptist Church.

#### E. S. RANDOLPH,

manufacturer of saddles and harness, is a native of Virginia, was born on the 2nd of November, 1831. His father, Reuben, was a cabinet maker, by trade. In the spring of 1838, the family removed to Missouri, locating in Plattsburg, where the elder Randolph engaged in the milling business, and in that capacity continued until the time of his demise, which occurred in 1844. His esteemed wife, Martha, the mother of the subject of this sketch, soon followed her husband. Thus passed away, two of Clinton County's early settlers. E. S. Randolph, when fourteen years of age, commenced to learn the harness and saddlery trade at Richmond, Ray County, and after its completion, he operated a shop for some time. In 1861, he went to Illinois, and worked as journeyman until 1866, when he became a resident of Plattsburg, and opened a shop, and has since done the largest business in the place, having a large number of acquaintances, throughout Clinton and adjoining counties. He married in 1852, Miss Susan A. Bullock, of Richmond, Ray County, Missouri. They have three children: Lizzie, wife of T. J. Lee, of Colorado, David R. and Curtis. Mr. R. is a member of the I. O. O. F.

#### J. E. REYNOLDS,

farmer and stock raiser, section 27, post office Plattsburg, is a native of Tennessee, and was born August 9, 1830. At the age of five years he emigrated, with his father's family, to Missouri, settling in Clay County, where he was raised in the occupation he now follows. His father, J. W. Reynolds, was an old pioneer of this district, and a man who has been closely identified with the progressive interests of Clay County. The subject of this sketch has 160 acres of land, sixty-five of which are under cultivation. He has been twice married. First, to Miss Malinda Benton, by who he had two children, Mary F. and Laurinda J. Mrs. Reynold's death occurred April 22, 1865, and he was again married, January 28, 1879, to Miss Mary A. T. Parvin. They have two children, Cynthia M. and an infant.



## RICHARD C. RIGG,

farmer, section 29, post office Plattsburg, was born in Shelby County, Kentucky, June 21, 1829, and received a good common English education. After leaving his native place he emigrated to Missouri, locating in Buchanan County November 21, 1848. He worked on a farm, and on the 21st of September, 1862, enlisted in the army; was made commissary of the First Missouri regiment commanded by Col. Gates; was captured at Vicksburg and paroled. He remained in service until Gen. Lee surrendered and then returned to Buchanan County and resumed the cultivation of his farm. In 1870, he removed to his present location. He was elected assessor in 1878, served until 1880 and was again elected to the same position. He was also constable and school director for many years. Mr. Rigg owns 315 acres of improved land, with a good orchard, and upon his land is a fine sulphur spring. In 1850, he was married to Miss Nancy Taylor, a native of Anderson County, Kentucky. They were blessed with a family of eight children—Amanda J., Joseph C., Mary J., John C., Robert L., Lydia A., William A. and Lucy E., all of whom are living. Mr. R. is a Mason, a member of the A. O. U. W., a Good Templar and belongs to the Grange. He is also a member of the Missionary Baptist Church.

## GEORGE R. RILEY

was born at Plattsburg, Clinton County, Missouri, April 6, 1845. He was the fourth of a family of seven children, five sons and two daughters. His father, Henry O. Riley, a native of Virginia, moved with his parents, when two or three years of age, to Shelby County, Kentucky. He was among the early settlers of Clay County, and moved from Liberty to Clinton County in 1842. Here he continued to reside up to the period of his death, which occurred in 1864. The maiden name of his wife, the mother of the subject of this sketch, was Hannah Snapp. She was a native of Vincennes, Indiana. George R. Riley was educated in his native town. He began his business career at the age of eighteen, as a clerk in the general store of Colonel Vance, in Plattsburg, in which position he continued three years. He then engaged in the drug business, continuing till 1874, when he was elected to the office of County Clerk, which he now (1881) holds, with the reputation of one of the most capable as well as most accommodating officials who ever filled that office in this or any other county. October, 1871, he married Miss Sallie Shoemaker, youngest daughter of Moses Shoemaker, of Plattsburg. They have three children: Mary, born August, 1873; Georgie, born September, 1876; and Horace, born February 1, 1881. Politically Mr. Riley has always been a Democrat.



## A. Y. ROBERTSON,

wool carder and owner of the Little Flour Mill, is a native of Pennsylvania, and was born December 29, 1842. He was there partially raised, after which he came west, and for a time was a resident of Illinois. In 1862, he enlisted in Company A, of the First Nevada Cavalry, and served in the United States army until July 12, 1866, when he was honorably discharged. After traveling through the western country, he soon became a resident of Plattsburg, where he has since been identified with its business interests. He erected a mill in close proximity to his present one, which he subsequently disposed of. The Little Flour Mill is well arranged and complete in all its appointments. As a wool carder, Mr. Robertson has but few equals in the west. He has attained a prominent position, and is known as the "Boss Carder." His business extends many miles either way from Plattsburg, and he is a public spirited, thorough going citizen. He married, in 1872, Miss Luella Brann, of Davis County, Iowa. Their family consists of two children, John and Virgil. Mr. R. is a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen.

## JOHN RYAN,

dealer in dry goods, groceries, notions, tinware, etc., is a native of Ireland, and was born in County Tipperary, in 1842. He came to America with his parents, when comparatively young, locating in St. Lawrence County, New York, where his father, who was a shoe manufacturer, pursued his vocation, for a number of years. In 1862, the subject of this sketch, tendered his service to the Union caused, and enlisted in the Eighty-third New York Volunteer Infantry. He was taken prisoner at the Coal Harbor engagement, and after being an occupant of Libby for a time, was transferred to Andersonville, and there confined nine months, when he was exchanged. He participated in thirty-two engagements, and was honorably discharged, at the close of the rebellion. He returned to New York, and in 1866, came to Missouri, locating in Plattsburg. His resources were limited, and like many of our great and good men, of the present day, he commenced his business career, at the foot of the ladder, starting out as a pack peddler. He soon had a wagon on the road, from which he dealt his goods, and was known for a number of years throughout Clinton and adjoining counties, as "Cheap John." In 1877, he opened his present store, which is well stocked with dry goods, groceries, notions, etc. His trade is large, and on the increase. All enterprises for the advancement of the town and county, are sure to receive Mr. Ryan's hearty support. In 1861, he married Miss Julia Sullivan, an estimable lady of New York State. They have one daughter, Fannie. Mr. Ryan and family are members of the Catholic Church.





## GEORGE SELL,

proprietor of the Little Flour Mill, Plattsburg, is a native of Pennsylvania, and was born July 7, 1833. His father, Daniel, was also a native of that state, and one of its enterprising farmers. Here young George was reared and educated. He learned the milling trade at McGill's Gap, and was there engaged in the business for several years. In 1854, he married Miss Elizabeth Kephart, of that state. They have had ten children, eight of whom are living: Emma, Raphael, Laura, Charles, Horace, Leonard, Rosa and N. Fred; lost two, Catherine and Samuel. In 1865, he came West, locating in Plattsburg, and, for five years, was in the employ of Mr. Shoemaker, as miller, and then, for one year, was engaged in agricultural pursuits. He afterwards returned, for a time, to Plattsburg; was engaged at milling in Lathrop and in Caldwell County. In 1879, took charge of the Little Mill, and has been doing a satisfactory and constantly increasing business. He is a practical miller, priding himself on the quality of his products.

## J. F. SHEPHERD,

farmer and stock-raiser, section 14, post office Plattsburg, was born in Washington County, Ohio, January 17, 1849, and came to Missouri with his father in 1861, locating in Clinton County. Here he has since resided. He owned, and cultivated for a time, what is now known as the O'Connor farm, in Atchison Township. In March, 1876, he located on his present farm, which consists of 320 acres of choice land. His residence is attractive and pleasantly located one-half mile from the corporate limits of Plattsburg. In point of stock-raising, Mr. S. is among the largest in the county. He is a genial gentleman, and popular with all who know him. In 1873, Miss Sarah E. Thomas became his wife. They have three children: Gail H., Coy J. and Daisie D.

## C. W. SHEPHERD,

farmer and stock raiser, section 15, post office Plattsburg, is a native of Ohio, and was born in Carroll County, March 16, 1850. He came to Clinton County with his father, in 1861. Here he was raised to manhood, and has since resided. In 1872, Miss F. A. Guyer, daughter of Mr. Michael Guyer, became his wife. By this union they have had three children: Lena, Annie, and Georgie. He located on his present farm in 1868. The farm embraces 160 acres. His residence is situated on a gently raised eminence, a short distance west of Plattsburg, and is conceded by all to be one of the most desirable locations in the county. Mr. S. devotes his attention to the stock trade, in which he has been very successful.



## . JOSEPH SHOEMAKER.

farmer and stock-raiser, section 32, post office Plattsburg, is one of the prominent farmers and most successful agriculturists in Clinton County. He was born in Pennsylvania, January 3, 1827, and lived there until eighteen years of age, and then accompanied his parents to this state, settling in Platte County. After residing there a few years he removed to this county and settled where he now lives. His farm consists of 200 acres, in a high state of cultivation, and his improvements are among the best in Northwestern Missouri, and he is a good illustration of what an industrious man can accomplish by giving his time to one subject and bending his energies in one direction. He was married April 13, 1854, to Margaret A. Young, a lady who has proved herself a most excellent manager of household affairs and her husband's best counsellor. They have six children living: John T., Annie F., George L., Harriet L., Emmet L. and Lanius. They are active members and liberal contributors of the German Baptist Church.

## AARON SHOEMAKER,

a prominent agriculturist and stock man, is a native of Pennsylvania, and was born in Fayette County, August 30, 1831. He came to Clinton County, with his parents, in 1846, his father, Isaac, being among the well known and representative early settlers. The subject of this sketch has since been a resident here, and has aided greatly in promoting the growth and development of this county. His landed estate consists of 434 acres, north of, and in close proximity to, Plattsburg. In point of fine stock raising and dealing, he is one of the largest in the county. He makes a specialty of fine horses, and in this important feature has done much toward advancing and bringing before the people superior animals. He is a member of the Short Horn Association, in which he takes a live interest. Mr. S. is an energetic and indomitable worker, a good financier and a man of excellent judgment. In 1880, Miss Ellen B. Heisler, a native of Ohio, became his wife.

## R. C. SMARR,

proprietor of meat market, is a native of Bracken County, Kentucky, and was born November 17, 1844. His father, John H., was a native of that state, and his grandfather Reuben was from Virginia. R. C. spent his earlier days in tilling the soil, and in due time learned the carpenter and butcher trades. He was a resident of Kentucky until 1869, when he came to Missouri, locating in Plattsburg. Here he engaged in working at the carpenter trade, and for a time followed railroad bridge build-



ing. In the spring of 1871, he established his present business, which, in point of patronage, and as an excellent shop in all particulars, stands among the foremost, as Mr. S. gives the business his individual attention. He is one of Clinton County's substantial and worthy citizens. In 1876, he married Miss Mary E. Young, a daughter of J. H. Young, of this county. They have two children: John Hampton and an infant. He is a member of the M. E. Church South, and belongs to the Western Mutual Benefit Association, of West Virginia, an order in the fold of the M. E. Church South.

#### S. H. SMITH,

farmer and stock raiser, section 36, post office Plattsburg, is one of the many old settlers and progressive and successful farmers in this district. He is a native of Kentucky, was born December 30, 1822, and was there raised to manhood and educated. In 1837, he emigrated to this state, and settled in Ray County, where he resided one year. He then moved to Platte County, where he remained three years, after which he removed to this county, and settled where he now resides. He has 360 acres of land, most of which is under cultivation. He was married December 22, 1846, to Miss Henrietta Arnold. They have four children: Jephtha D., Patrick H., Younger P. and Samuel M. Mr. and Mrs. S. are members of the First Baptist Church. He and his wife were originally members of the First Baptist Church of Plattsburg.

#### E. T. SMITH,

carpenter and builder, (bridge building a specialty,) is a native of Barren County, Kentucky, and was born April 25, 1842. His father, Daniel, moved to Clinton County, Missouri, with his family, in 1857, locating in Lafayette Township, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits, at which occupation the son was engaged until 1861, when he returned to Kentucky, and for two years attended school. In 1863, he tendered his services to the Confederate cause, enlisting in Company C, Second Kentucky Cavalry, under Captain Bowls, of Louisville, and was in the command of General John Morgan. He was several times captured, but served until the close of the war, when he was honorably discharged. After the war he returned to Clinton County. In 1866, his father purchased a farm on which the town of Gower stands, and when that town was laid out, E. T. was one of its first business men, engaging in the lumber trade and the handling of agricultural implements. He was also engaged in contracting and building, and erected a number of its first buildings. He was president of the first town board, and was a resident of the town until 1876, when Plattsburg became his home. Many of the substantial buildings in Clinton and adjoining counties, including resi-





dences, churches, school houses, &c., are specimens of his skill. He does the most of his own architecture, and has attained considerable reputation as a draughtsman. For the past four years he has been the county bridge builder. On the 21st of November, 1867, Miss Sarah E. Tillery, daughter of W. W. Tillery, became his wife. By this union they have five children: Hattie, Mertie, Ettie, Theodore D. and Daisy May.

#### A. W. STEARNS,

dealer in lumber, grain, coal, wood, lime, salt and cement, and agent for the Buckeye reapers and mowers, is a native of New York, and was born in Jefferson County, June 10, 1843. His father, Eugene, previous to the war, was a well known commission merchant in New York City. A. W. was raised to manhood and educated and resided in his native state until 1868, when he came west, and for one year, was the representative, on the road, for a Chicago notion house. In 1869, he located at Lathrop, Clinton County, Missouri, where his brother, L. L., was engaged in the banking business. In 1870, he established his present business in Plattsburg. His trade has been solidly on the increase, not being confined alone to Clinton County, but it extends into Buchanan, Clay and Platte. Mr. S. knows the wants of the people, and his stock is always complete. He was married, November 27, 1872, to Miss Logie Steele, of Plattsburg. They have one daughter, Gussie.

#### W. E. STECK,

cigar manufacturer, and dealer in confectionery, cigars, tobacco and smokers' articles, was born in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, November 12, 1852. His father, Simon, was well known in the mercantile circles of that county, being one of its substantial merchants. W. E. was there raised to manhood and educated, and learned the cigar-maker's trade; for two years was engaged in business in Delmont, Westmoreland County; came west in 1877, locating in Plattsburg, engaging in the manufacture of cigars. In this branch of industry he has made a success, by placing before the lovers of the weed, a cigar that is deserving of the patronage of all smokers. He is a musician of considerable celebrity, and to him the citizens are indebted for having a well organized band, of which he is leader. Since he became a resident he has been identified with the musical circles of Northern Missouri, having organized and taught the bands at Princeton, Bethany, Eagleville and other points. In 1875, Miss Annie McMurtry, of Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, became his wife. They have had two children, one living: Murry. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and Ancient Order of United Workingmen.



## JOHN STEELE,

harness maker, is a native of Pennsylvania, and was born in Franklin County, February 19, 1815. When sixteen years of age, he went to Hagerstown, Maryland, where he learned the saddlery and harness trade, after which he migrated to Ohio, then to Pennsylvania, and for a time resided in Kentucky. In the spring of 1840, he came to Plattsburg, and engaged in working at his trade, as journeyman, continuing until 1846, when he was selected as candidate for the office of sheriff, and was elected, holding the position until 1850, when California attracted his attention, and he went to that state, making the trip in one hundred days. He engaged in mining, and the stock trade in Lower California, remaining eighteen months, when he returned to Plattsburg, and has since resided here. He has followed hotel keeping, brick manufacturing, the liquor trade, stock business, etc. In 1860, he was elected a member of the state legislature. He is very popularly known, and has been closely associated with Clinton County's progress. In 1843, Miss Susan Randolph became his wife. They have had nine children: Jennie, Mildred, Eliza, Bettie, Laura and Lulu, J. R., Mary R. and Georgie. Mr. S. is a Mason, and a charter member of the Plattsburg Lodge.

## ROBERT S. STIPE,

section 25, post office Plattsburg. The subject of this sketch is a native of Kentucky, and was born December 23, 1824. He was raised in the occupation he now follows, and in March, 1872, emigrated to Missouri, settling in this county, where he has since resided. In 1879, he moved to his present place. He has 307 acres of good land, most of which is under cultivation. Mr. S. was married November 19, 1847, to Miss Ann L. Smith. Their family consists of Mary O., Martha L., Eliza C., Robert J., and Jephtha B. They are members of the Christian Church.

## JAMES STONUM,

liveryman, is a native of Henry County, Kentucky, and was born February 8, 1827. When he was quite young, his father emigrated to Missouri, locating in Clinton County, where he has continued to make his home to the present time. The greater portion of his life has been spent in agricultural pursuits. In 1872, he engaged in the livery business. Mr. S. is one of Clinton County's oldest and popular citizens, and has contributed amply towards its development. He has been three times married; first to Melissa Stone. They had two sons, Willard and Woodson. His second wife was Lucy McCalloun. For his third wife he married Mrs. Sarah Tillery.



## STONUM BROTHERS,

dealers in dry goods, clothing, gents' furnishing goods, boots, shoes and notions, Plattsburg. This firm is composed of Willard and Woodson Stonum, sons of James Stonum, who settled in Clinton County at an early period of its history. They were both born in Clinton County, the former July 25, 1852, and at the age of fourteen commenced his mercantile experience as a clerk, and has continued selling goods since that time. He married Miss Elizabeth Steele in 1878. They have one son, George Preston. Woodson was born June 18, 1854, and, like his brother, was bred to the business in which they are now engaged. He was married in 1877 to Miss Emma Carpenter, of Harrison County. They have two children, Linn and an infant. Both the brothers are members of the Masonic fraternity. They engaged in their present business in 1875 under the firm name of Stonum Bros. & Jones, and after continuing business in Plattsburg for a few months removed their stock to Eagleville, Harrison County, Missouri, and sold goods there for three years, and then returned to Plattsburg and opened a store under the firm name of Stonum Bros., Mr. H. Jones having withdrawn from the firm. Since their return they have done a large and constantly increasing business. Their stock is selected with great care and with special reference to the wants of their patrons. Their sales for 1880, which amounted to \$63,000, are an evidence of their popularity as merchants and their manner of doing business.

## E. C. STONEMAN,

manager for Osgood & Murry, proprietors of Plattsburg Steam Saw Mill, and wholesale dealers in walnut lumber. This enterprise was established in June, 1881. They manufacture, exclusively, walnut lumber of an excellent grade, and turn out, on an average, 100,000 feet per week. They have, also, mills at Cameron and Gallatin. They have a large mill, also, at Peoria, Illinois, and a yard at Indianapolis, Indiana. Mr. P. A. Murry is a resident of the former city, and Mr. M. J. Osgood, of the latter. The general manager of their Plattsburg mill is Mr. E. C. Stoneman, who is thoroughly skilled in the saw mill business, and a gentleman who, during his short sojourn here, made a host of friends. He is a native of Morgan County, Ohio, where he was raised and educated. In 1868, he removed to Indianapolis, Indiana, where he followed his present business for eight years. Thence, to Peoria, Illinois, continuing until the present mill was established by the company at Plattsburg.

## CAPTAIN JAMES H. THOMAS

was born in Jefferson County, Ohio, June 6, 1842. His father (of Welsh descent) was a native of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and his mother of





Dublin, Ireland. His parents early settled in Eastern Ohio, engaging there in farming and stock-raising. James H. lost his father at the age of eight years; and, four years after, his mother died. An orphan at the age of twelve years, Hon. J. H. Tripp, of Carrollton, Ohio, was chosen his guardian, and so managed the affairs of his ward as to secure him the advantages of a fair preparatory education at the Harlem Springs and Carrollton Academies. He afterward entered Allegheny College at Meadville, Pennsylvania, in which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, in the class of 1863. Three years afterward, the same institution conferred upon him the degree of Master of Arts. During his junior year in college, he received the highest literary honor in the Philo Franklin Society. The civil war was in progress at this time, and young J. H. T., while at home, during a vacation, raised a military company, of which he was chosen captain, but at the earnest entreaty of a brother, A. J. Thomas, who was already in the service as captain of Company H., in the Ninety-eighth Ohio, and who was afterward killed at the battle of Chickamauga, Georgia, he declined the proffered distinction, and returned to college to complete his course, his elder brother, Daniel Thomas, having, in the meantime, been chosen by the company as captain. On completing his collegiate course, in the fall of 1863, he enlisted in the Signal Corps, which had been made an arm of the regular service. He immediately repaired to Washington City for instruction, and while being informed with regard to the signals and uses of the telescope, had occasion to put to practical use his recently acquired knowledge within five miles of his place of training. This was on the occasion of an attack by the Confederates under Breckenridge and Early on the city of Washington. The first gun fired on the advancing enemy was directed by J. H. T., who, by means of a telescope, from Fort Stevens, had discovered their advance. He was subsequently sent by E. M. Stanton, Secretary of War, to the military academy at Philadelphia, where, after being graduated in tactics, he was commissioned a lieutenant in the regular service and assigned to the Twentieth United States Infantry, with headquarters at New Orleans, Louisiana. He subsequently took an active part in nearly all the military operations in Louisiana, Alabama and Mississippi, serving till the close of the war; when, returning to civil life, he settled in Plattsburg, Missouri, in 1866, where, purchasing the Plattsburg College, he conducted that institution as principal and proprietor for the period of four years. In 1868, he was the regular candidate of the Republican party and contestant for a seat in the Twenty-fifth General Assembly of the State of Missouri, in the year 1868. The contest was ended January 25, 1869, by a compromise, the result of which was that J. H. T. was allowed mileage per diem as a member of the house, until the 25th of January, and Hon. John M. McMichael, his competitor, was awarded



the contested seat. In 1870, Captain Thomas was appointed United States Deputy Surveyor for Montana Territory, having for the two succeeding years, charge of the United States surveys in Northern Montana, and along the Yellowstone River. Haskell's new United States map shows Lake Blaine, in Montana Territory, near the British line. This was discovered by Captain Thomas, and named after the distinguished Senator and Secretary of State. Returning to Plattsburg, in 1872, he engaged in milling and manufacturing for some time, but, since 1876, has been engaged in the United States Internal Revenue Department, as storekeeper and gauger for the Sixth Missouri district. Captain Thomas has held, for shorter or longer periods, Federal appointments under every President since Lincoln's first term, either in the War Department, Treasury Department, or Interior Department. He was married, in 1868, to Miss Lucy B. Guyer, of Plattsburg, Missouri. They have four children: Dora H., Maud E., Roscoe Conkling, and James Blaine.

#### REV. EPPE TILLERY,

one of the most noted of the early settlers of Clinton County, was born in Woodford County, Kentucky, in 1796. His parents, originally from Virginia, were among the pioneers of Kentucky. In 1819, the year before Missouri was admitted as a state, Mr. Tillery moved to the West, and settled in what is now Clay County, two miles northwest of the site of the present City of Liberty. He was among the first in this section to make an entry in the United States Land Office, then located at Franklin, in Howard County, at that period a place of several thousand inhabitants, and the commercial and business center of the state. In 1844, he moved to Clinton County, and settled on a farm, five miles northwest of Plattsburg, on which he continued to reside up to the period of his death, which occurred October 28, 1873, at the advanced age of eighty-five years. Mr. Tillery, in early youth, united with the Old Baptist Church, in Kentucky. He was the pioneer preacher of this church in Clinton County, a man of untiring energy, earnestly devoted to the cause of religion, and recognized, for many years, as its chief pillar and support. At the period of his death he had been, for half a century, an active member. The energy which characterized his religious fervor entered into his daily avocations. He was an industrious, laborious and enterprising farmer, steadily keeping pace with the progress and advancement of the county he had, from so early a period, assisted in developing. In 1824, he married, in Clay County, Missouri, Melinda Vaughn, daughter of Enos Vaughn, a native of Madison County, Kentucky. He had, by this marriage, one child, Nancy, present (1881) wife of Geo. W. Davis, of Plattsburg. In 1846, he entered into partnership with his son-in-law, George W. Davis. This business connection lasted



twenty years. At the period of the dissolution of the same, in 1866, their joint property, with other assets, included two thousand acres of valuable land. April 20, 1865, Mrs. Tillery died. In 1867, Mr. Tillery, then in his seventieth year, again married. His second wife was Mrs. Sarah Dow, a widow lady, whom he married in Boone County, Missouri, and who still survives him. He had by this marriage one child, a daughter, Lena, born September, 1872, and who still lives. In person, Mr. Tillery is described as having been a man five feet ten inches in height, well formed, of robust constitution, and weighing about one hundred and seventy pounds. At the period of his death he left about 1,000 acres of land in Clinton County. He was never a politician, but always voted the Whig ticket, till the demise of that party, when he began and continued to act with the Democracy up to the close of his life.

### ELDER S. S. TRICE,

was born in Buckingham County, Virginia, in the year 1810. He migrated with his father to Kentucky, when but three years of age, and settled in Monroe County, where he remained until the age of thirty-five years, when he moved to Missouri, and settled in Clinton County, where he spent the balance of his life. In early youth he manifested strong religious sentiments, and while in Kentucky united with the Presbyterian Church. He afterwards, at the age of twenty-five, joined the Christian Church, of which he was destined to become one of its brightest lights in the field of his western labors. He is described by an obituary writer, under date of May 18, 1877, as "a matter-of-fact man of God, of the Raccoon John Smith school, and to his pioneer labor the Christian people, especially in Northwest Missouri, owe much for the establishment and growth of the church. He was the father of a large family, having been married twice, and leaves a faithful Christian woman and mother, and six children still at home, together with those of his first wife, and who are the heads of families in this vicinity, to mourn his departure. Being a man widely known, and highly esteemed by all who knew him, they have the heartfelt sympathy of the entire community. He was buried on Monday last at the 'Old Log Church,' where others of his family rest, and was followed to his last resting-place by a large crowd from the country." The Plattsburg Register of Friday, May 18, 1877, in referring to the death of Elder Trice, says: "It is with sorrow that we chronicle the news of the sudden and unexpected death of the venerable Elder S. S. Trice, of this county. Without a moment's warning, his spirit took its flight to Heaven, on Sunday last, at eleven o'clock and ten minues. In his usual health, seemingly, he was filling an appointment at Bethany Church, about eight miles northwest of this place, and whilst in the midst of his discourse, dropped down in the







pulpit and expired almost instantly." Elder Trice was for many years prominently identified with the "Old Log Church." Indeed, during his entire life in Missouri, he was its honored and beloved pastor.

### JAMES A. TRIMBLE,

grocer, is a native of Kentucky, and was born in Clark County, May 14, 1842. When quite young, with his parents, he removed to Harrison County, where he was raised to manhood and educated. His father, John, was an agriculturist in that state. J. A., thus reared, pursued farming until 1873, when he came to Missouri, locating in Plattsburg, and on the 29th of October, of that year, embarked in the grocery trade, which has been a success, his business increasing year by year, and at present is one of the largest in the county. His stock, as complete as can anywhere be found, is second to none. In 1879, he engaged in the distillery business, and in the manufacture of fine whiskies, brandies, etc., has attained to a prominent position. He manufactures 1,000 barrels per year, on an average, and thereby adds much to the manufacturing interests of Plattsburg. Mr. Trimble married, in 1876, Miss Eliza Steele, daughter of Mr. John Steele, one of Clinton County's pioneers. They have three children: James, Jr., Flora, and Laura. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and a Knight Templar in the order.

### B. F. TRIMBLE,

stock raiser, post office, Plattsburg, has long been associated with the leading stock raisers of this state. He is a native of Kentucky, and was born in Clark County, January 20, 1845. His father, William, was a farmer, and a native of that state, and his grandfather, John, was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, under General Washington, and settled in Kentucky, after that memorable conflict, locating a homestead, by the land warrant, granted each soldier in that war. B. F. was raised in his native state receiving the benefits of a select school education. In 1867, he came to Missouri, locating in the northern part of Clay County, where he engaged in farming. His finances were then in a low condition, and his success in life is entirely due to his enterprising industry and good judgment. A portion of the time for two years, he followed school teaching. Upon locating in Clay County, Mr. Trimble was among the leaders, to introduce the animals that were destined to give this portion of Missouri, the enviable reputation it has attained, for fine stock. His first purchase was made in 1868, and kept increasing, as his means would justify, selecting only the best, from the most noted families entered on the Short Horned Record, and the American Stock Book. In 1877, he purchased an animal, of the Rose of Sharon tribe, at a cost of \$2,400, which



is considered by short horn fanciers to be one of the finest living. His stock embraces animals from the tribes Rose of Sharon, Marys, Princes, Phyllises and Canbros. In March 1881, Mr. T. removed from Clay County, where he owned a large tract of land, to his present farm, which adjoins Plattsburg, and is well adapted for stock raising. His barns and buildings, are conveniently arranged, and complete in all their appointments. He was married in 1867, to Miss Fannie Henshaw. They have had three children: Frank, Willie and Lulu. Himself and wife are members of the Baptist Church. He is a Master Mason.

### J. H. TRICE.

farmer and stock raiser, section 10, post office Plattsburg, was born in Cumberland County, Kentucky, February 15, 1816. His father, Tandy Trice, was an agriculturist. J. H. was raised, educated and resided in his native state until 1846, when Missouri attracted his attention, and in that year became a resident of Clinton County, locating three miles northeast of Plattsburg, being among the foremost to cultivate the soil of Concord Township. In 1854, he removed to his present homestead, which, at that time, consisted of 80 acres. He has been adding from time to time and his landed estate at present embraces 214 acres, well cultivated. Mr. T.'s success in life is entirely due to his own efforts of industry and good management. During his long sojourn in the county, he has been among the first to promote in all commendable enterprises the advancement of the public good. It was characteristic of Mr. T. at an early day when the memorable log church was in course of construction to subscribe \$15, and his meagre circumstances obliged him, in order to raise that amount, to haul logs for one dollar per day and board himself. By similar acts, as his circumstances became better, his life down through the long course of years has been the same. He has been twice married, first in 1836, to Miss Permelia Biggerstaff, of Kentucky. They had three children, Pelina, Nancy and Samuel. Mrs. Trice's death, which occurred over a quarter of a century ago, deprived Clinton County of one of its estimable lady pioneers. His present wife was Miss Lizzie Baxter. Her father, Mr. James Baxter, was one of the early settlers of Northwestern Missouri, having assisted in building the first house in Clay County. Mr. and Mrs. T. have three children, Lizzie, Carrie and James. He is a member of the Christian Church.

### COL. WINSLOW TURNER.

deceased, was a native of Massachusetts, and was born in Plymouth County, December 12, 1802. He was raised to manhood and educated in his native state. His ancestors were of English origin, and among the Puritans that came over at an early day, and located in Massachusetts.



In 1832, the subject of this sketch was a soldier in the United States Army, came west, and, after a temporary sojourn in different parts of Missouri, came to Plattsburg, which he made his home continually until his demise, which occurred March 5, 1874. Soon after his arrival in Plattsburg, he was appointed circuit clerk, clerk of the court and ex-officio recorder. This important trust he discharged, creditably to himself and to the entire satisfaction of his fellow citizens, for sixteen years. He was always to be found at his post of duty, genial and accommodating, and his records, which, to-day, are in a well preserved condition, indicate care, precision and neatness. His popularity in this official capacity may be inferred from the fact, that when his name appeared on the ticket his election was assured. In 1857, he was appointed register of the land office, and held the position two years, and voluntarily resigned. In 1854, he was appointed, by President Pierce, on the Examining Board of Cadets, at West Point, where he attended, and, about the same time, was a representative to the Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance, of which order he was a live and persistent worker. In 1858, he was elected to represent Clinton County in the State Legislature, and, for two years, he proved to be a diligent and faithful representative. At the expiration of his term in the Assembly, he virtually retired from political life, and devoted his attention to the practice of law, until his death. Politically, he was a staunch Democrat and life long advocate of the principles of the party. In Colonel Turner was centered all the sterling qualities which constitute an American citizen, being highly educated, and a mind well developed by the world's experience. The universal expression of all in whose memory he still lingers, is that as a man among men he had few equals and no superiors. The following we condense from the Plattsburg *Lever* of March 13, 1874: "He was a man of the purest honor, and scorned everything that partook of the false and unreal. Of a pointed and emphatic nature, he pronounced his sentiments freely and fearlessly at all times, and under all circumstances. Not even in politics would he dissemble, or prevaricate, but in all things he was equally honest, equally sincere and pronounced. To friend or foe he was frank, manly, bold and unequivocal. When he believed, his belief was genuine, earnest and unwavering. He was guided by principle, and no question of policy could intervene to abate his advocacy of what he deemed right. He was firm in his convictions, and clung to them with the most persistent tenacity. He had but little admiration for expediciencies, but loved and practiced consistency in all things. When Winslow Turner announced his support of a principle, or person, he was ever found on the right side. He was humane and liberal, and from his door the poor and needy never went without receiving beneficent alms. Many a poor widow, orphan and sufferer have felt the kindness of his liberality. His heart would







melt at the recital of misery, and his impulse led him to the exercise of that generosity, which was a praiseworthy and commendable trait in his character. We remember him as a friend of Sunday Schools, and that he was one of their strong workers in his younger days. Thirty-four years a resident of the place, he was so intimately connected with everything concerning it, that the vacuum can never be filled. His death is not only a matter of great regret, but a severe calamity. Like some stately monarch of the forest, he has fallen, full of years, leaving behind a name and a record embellished by many noble deeds, and darkened by none of which his posterity and friends might be ashamed. We cannot forget your many kind words of admonition and encouragement, as we shall attempt to travel the same honest and honorable highway after you. The virtues which radiated in your life shall lighten up the way for others, and prompt them to imitation. His wife was Miss Emily Pollard, of Vermont; her mother was a Watterman, her ancestry tracing to the first families of England, Edward, Earl of Clarendon, and also Chancellor Watworth. By this union they had four children, two of whom are living, Edward M. and Florence M., wife of Judge Virgil Porter.

#### HON. ED. W. TURNER,

attorney, is a son of Colonel Winslow Turner, and was born in Plattsburg, Missouri, where he spent his youthful days, and has since made his home. He was principally educated in Plattsburg, attended the Westminster College, one year, studied law in his father's office, and was admitted to the bar, in Clinton County. In 1870, he was elected by the Democratic party to the State Legislature, being the youngest representative in that honorable body. He made a diligent and faithful official, and secured a high reputation for his fidelity, to his constituents, and the satisfaction of the people generally. The party found in him an able advocate of their principles, and as a speaker, he is clear and argumentative, clothing his ideas in appropriate words, of which he has a ready command. In 1874, he was elected clerk of the circuit court, acting until 1878. Although Ed. is noted for geniality, kindly disposition, and domestic inclination, he has not assumed the responsibilities of a benedict, but so far has passed his life in single blessedness. He is, in a large degree, possessed of the confidence and esteem of his fellow citizens.

#### COL. NATHAN M. VANCE,

a prominent farmer, section 24, post office Plattsburg, was born in Garrett, Kentucky, May 10, 1810, and received a fair common school education. In the fall of 1833, he emigrated to Liberty, Clay County,



Missouri, and for two and a half years was occupied in clerking in the general store of Dr. Morse. July 6, 1836, he removed to Plattsburg and opened a general stock of goods, continuing this business until 1867, when he retired from active business life, in order to devote his attention to his farm and the raising of stock. Previous to this, however, in 1864, he removed to Atchison, bought a store, and remained until the fall of 1865, when he returned to this county. In common with many others, he sustained serious loss during the war. Colonel V. has been twice married. First, April 26, 1840, to Miss Mary Jane Hughes, a native of Nicholasville, Kentucky, born March 12, 1821. Mrs. Vance died May 18, 1862, leaving seven children, three of whom are living. His second marriage occurred January 22, 1863, to Miss Anna Patton, a native of Missouri. During the war, Colonel Vance served as treasurer of this county by appointment. Upon first coming here, he had many hardships with which to contend. The Indians were numerous, but not very troublesome, their reservation being about ten miles out on the Platte Purchase. During the Mormon troubles, he was one of a committee to investigate the true state of affairs, and was made lieutenant colonel of battalion of militia. Colonel Vance has always taken an active part in promoting the interests and advancement of his county and city, and has laid off six additions to Plattsburg.

#### DR. J. H. WEST,

dentist and druggist, is a native of Preble County, Ohio, and was born July 11, 1819. His father, who was one of the first settlers of Cincinnati, Ohio, was a native of Delaware, and was a lineal descendant of Thomas West (or Lord Delaware.) The ancestry of the Wests is traced back to the first families of Old England. The subject of this narrative spent his early days in tilling the soil, receiving the benefits of a good education, and in early life, followed the profession of school teaching. He then studied medicine, but finally turned his attention to dentistry, and since 1851, has been interested in that calling. In 1843, he became a resident of Indiana, residing there until 1851, after which he lived at different points. He was, for a time, the leading dentist of Keokuk, Iowa. In 1866, he came to Plattsburg, where he has since made his home. The Doctor is possessed of a rare amount of information, is a close reader, and has an excellent memory. In 1854, he married Miss Nancy McHenry, of Tennessee. They have four children, two of whom are living: A. Jasper and Francis Milton. Two are deceased: Marsena L., and an infant.

#### H. WHITTINGTON.

was born in Woodford County, Kentucky, on the 13th of April, 1814. His father, William, was a native of Maryland, and removed to Ken-



tucky at an early day. The subject of this sketch was raised in his native county, and learned the saddlery trade in Versailles, the county seat. In the spring of 1835, he came to Missouri, locating at Liberty, Clay County, remaining five years, and the first two years he worked as journeyman saddler, the remaining three years he was proprietor of a shop. In 1840, he came to Plattsburg and opened the first saddlery establishment. This he conducted until 1850, when, with other gold seekers, he went to California, returning in 1851. He again embarked in the saddlery business and was in trade until 1855, when he was appointed receiver of the land office by President Pierce, and discharged the duties of that important trust until 1857, when he was re-appointed by President Buchanan. At the time that Plattsburg was in its infancy Mr. W., for a number of years, was the postmaster. In later years he has held the office of justice of the peace, and from 1874 to 1878, was county assessor. For many years he has been engaged in different branches of mercantile business, and is well known in commercial circles throughout the Northwest. He has seen the development of Clinton County from its primitive state to one which ranks it among the foremost in the state, and has contributed his full share in making this change. In 1836, he was a participant in the memorable Heatherly war, which many of the pioneers of Clinton County recollect. In 1838, he took an active part in suppressing the Mormon outbreak. Mr. W. has an excellent memory, his mind is well disciplined and stored with a large amount of knowledge. In 1838, Miss Ann M. Story became his wife. By this union there were eight children, four of whom are living—William S., Elizabeth H., wife of R. W. Hockaday, Edwin and Ida. Lost four—Mary M., Mary M., Luella O. and Jennett.

#### C. J. WILKERSON,

section 29, postoffice Plattsburg, farmer. The subject of this notice is a native of Missouri, and was born February 18, 1836. He received the advantages of a good education, was raised in this county, and has always followed farming, and now owns sixty acres of good land, forty of which is under cultivation. B. F. Wilkerson, the father of the subject of this sketch, was an old settler in this county, and a man who was closely identified with the agricultural interests of this district at an early day; his death occurred in the fall of 1840. C. J. was in the Confederate service during the late war, and was orderly-sergeant of Company K, First Missouri Regiment, Fourth Division. He was one of the first to enter and among the last to return. March 20, 1861, he married Miss Annie Pendleton. They had seven children: Carrie P., Fannie E., Emma C., John P., William F., Malinda J., and Ollie. Mrs. W. died November 8, 1877. Mr. W. is an elder in and a liberal contributor of the Christian Church.





## L. E. WOLFE,

Principal of Plattsburg Public Schools, is a native of Virginia, and was born on the 30th of August, 1832, spending his youth and early manhood on a farm. He received but a limited education, taught school in summer, and, during the winter seasons, attended a college. He commenced his career as a teacher at the age of nineteen. In October, 1865, he emigrated to Harrison County, Kentucky, and, in the month of June, 1874, came West. Professor Wolfe has had charge of the schools here for three years, and is now serving his fourth term, ample proof of his ability as an instructor. He is a man who, though almost wholly deprived of educational advantages, having attended school but twenty months, has risen through his own exertions to a position which he is ably qualified to fill.

## CHARLES YOUNG,

farmer and stock raiser, section 11, post office Plattsburg, is a native of Kentucky, and was born in Bath County, September 21, 1812. His father, Sennett, was a native of Virginia, and his mother, Margaret Waller, was a native of Culpeper County, Virginia. The subject of this sketch was raised and educated in his native state, spending his youthful days in tilling the soil. In 1832, he came to Jackson County, Missouri, residing one year at Westport, and also lived, for about ten years, in Perry County. After this he returned to Kentucky, remaining over a year, when he again returned to Missouri. In 1840, he located in Plattsburg, and engaged in working at the carpenter trade, in which he was proficient. Many of the old land marks of the town are specimens of his handiwork. In 1845, he located where he now resides, purchasing 240 acres. To this he has been adding, from time to time, and his landed estate, at present, comprises 440 acres of as choice land as is to be found in the county. When Judge Young commenced farming here, the land was in a comparatively unbroken condition, and he was the first to cultivate prairie in the vicinity of Plattsburg. His early life was spent on the frontier of northwestern Missouri, and he did much towards its development. The first house at Kansas City was built by his hands. All issues for the advancement of the country, has received his hearty endorsement. He is no political aspirant, and has always declined coming before the people, preferring the peace and quiet of home. In 1870, however, he was elected county judge, and again in 1872, serving six months of the latter term, when he resigned. During his occupancy of that important office, his duties he discharged creditably to himself, and the satisfaction of his constituents. He was married, in 1843, to Miss Patsey Young, of Kentucky. By this union they have five children:



James, Sennett, Annie, Mary and Willis. Himself and family are members of the Christian Church.

### JOHN H. YOUNG,

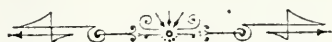
farmer and stock raiser, section 12, post office Plattsburg, is a native of Bath County, Kentucky, and was born October 10, 1820. His father, Sennett Young, was a native of Kentucky, and came to Clinton County, Missouri, with his family, in 1835, locating a short distance north of Plattsburg. Being one of the pioneers, he took an active part in the opening of the county. His death occurred not many years after his arrival. His wife, the mother of the subject of this sketch, now well advanced in years, still resides on the old homestead. John H. was educated and raised to manhood in Clinton County, and here has continually resided. His landed estate embraces 314 acres of choice land, conveniently located to Plattsburg, and is a very desirable home. He is one of Clinton's most sterling and substantial citizens, and few men are more highly spoken of. In 1848, Miss Eliza Tillery became his wife. They have had seven children: Oscar O., Sarah, Bettie, Fannie and Dora, living, and two are deceased, James S. and Willard. Himself and family are members of the Christian Church.

### CHARLES J. NESBITT

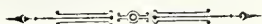
was born at Clearspring, Washington County, Maryland, August 6, 1831. His father was Jonathan Nesbitt, and his mother's maiden name was Ann R. Meixsel. Charles J. is the eldest of a family of eight children, four sons and four daughters. His early education he acquired in an academy of his own town. He, subsequently, became a member of Washington College, Pennsylvania, where he completed his literary and scientific course. In 1856, he was elected from Washington County to the Maryland legislature, as a Democrat, by a majority of one vote, but was counted out by a Know-Nothing legislature. He then entered the law school of Poughkeepsie, New York, in which in was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Law, in the class of 1858. He then engaged in the practice of law in Hagerstown, Maryland, and continued in the pursuit of his profession in that locality till the breaking out of the civil war. In 1865, he purchased a half interest in the Hagerstown Mail, a weekly newspaper, which he published for a period of nearly two years, when he sold out, and, moving west, settled in St. Joseph, Missouri, in the spring of 1868. In the following fall, he moved to Plattsburg, where he bought from Charles C. Scott, the Register, a weekly newspaper, which he published until 1873, when he sold out to E. C. Thomas. In February 1874, he purchased of Major T. W. Park, a half



interest in the Platte City Landmark. After remaining connected with this enterprise five years, he sold out to Major James L. McCluer. In January, 1880, he removed to Plattsburg, and established the *Purifier*, a Democratic paper, which he still continues to edit and publish. He was married in Hagerstown, Maryland, January 6, 1873, to Miss Mary C. Davis, daughter of Gilbert Davis, Esq., of New Philadelphia, Ohio. They have had six children, of whom the following five are living: Mary Velula, Charles Jackson (Stonewall), Jonathan, Ann Rebecca, and Mattie Lee. Politically Mr. Nesbitt has always been a staunch Democrat.



## SHOAL TOWNSHIP AND CITY OF CAMERON.



### D. B. ADAMS,

physician and surgeon, was born in Perry County, Ohio, January 25, 1836. He was raised on a farm, in his native county, and was educated in the common schools, and McConnel's High School. When nineteen years of age, he began teaching, which profession he followed about three years. At the age of twenty-three, he began the study of medicine under Dr. P. Kennedy, of Deavertown, Ohio, during the session of 1860-1. He attended the Starling Medical College, of Columbus, Ohio, and in the spring of 1862, he was a graduate from the Ohio Medical College, of Cincinnati, and located in Muskingum County, Ohio, where he was engaged in the practice of his profession, till June 1863, then he went to Louisville, Kentucky, and was appointed assistant surgeon, in the Twelfth Kentucky Regiment, which position he held till the close of the war. He was in a number of important engagements, among which were the campaigns from Chickamauga to Atlanta, Thomas' campaign through Tennessee, etc. After the close of the war, he returned to Ohio, and in September of the same year came to Cameron, where he has since been engaged in the practice of his profession. He has, for six years, been surgeon for the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad Company. He has landed interests near Cameron, to which he gives his attention, and keeps his farm well supplied with stock. He is a Mason, and a member of Vincil Lodge, No. 62, also of Cameron Royal Arch Chapter, No. 67. He was married May 21, 1861, to Miss Mary C. Roberts. She was born in





Muskingum County, Ohio, April 29, 1838. They have had eight children, five of whom are living: John W., Charles E., Frank C., Fred R. and Curt R.

### JOHN ALTHOUSE,

farmer and stock raiser, section 13, post office Turney, was born November 4, 1830, in Jefferson County, Pennsylvania, and was reared at his birth place until fourteen years of age, spending his boyhood days on the farm and securing the benefits of a good education, principally from his father, who was a minister in the German Reformed Church. The elder Althouse moved to Niagara County, New York, in 1844, for the purpose of educating his children and following his profession. John attended school here a short time and then turned his attention to farming, remaining there until 1866, when he moved to Kalamazoo, Michigan; thence to Clinton County, Missouri, in 1868, and settled where he now resides. He commenced cultivating the land and now his farm, one of the finest in the county, contains 170 acres of well improved land; has two orchards with different varieties of fruit. He has filled the position of school director most of the time since residing here. Mr. A. was married February 12, 1854, to Miss Mary L. Bedell, a native of New York, born August 2, 1834. They have had ten children—Albert J., Charles H., Ella L., (now Mrs. Steward Little), Oscar D., Edgar E., Calvin E., Dora L., Mary E., Lilly I. and William J. Mr. and Mrs. A. and six of the children are members of the M. E. Church of Turney, in which he has held the office of steward for ten years.

### B. F. BASSETT,

farmer and stock raiser, section 27, post office Cameron, was born March 27, 1830, in Cynthiana, Harrison County, Kentucky. He spent his boyhood days on a farm, and received the benefits of an excellent education at the Transylvania University, of Lexington, Kentucky. In 1852, he entered a wholesale establishment as a clerk, and soon became a partner. Selling out, he came west and settled where he now resides, in 1857. The country was then a wild prairie, and the hardships and privations he endured were enough to discourage and intimidate the hearts of the most courageous. He commenced improving his farm, and now has 440 acres of fine land, 220 of which are in pasture. He gives his attention, principally, to the raising of thoroughbred cattle, has some of the best stock in the county. He has a good orchard with about twenty-three varieties of apples, also peaches, pears, etc., in abundance. Samples taken from his orchard and exhibited at the Kansas City Exposition, in the fall of 1880, were said to be equal to any there. During the late war he remained a strong union man. He was married



at Lexington, Kentucky, in 1853, to Miss Mary J. Warfield, who was born December 30, 1833. Her father's family was one of the most noted in the state. They have been blessed with six children, five of whom are living: Lloyd W., John A., Mary B., (now Mrs. T. E. Potter, of Cameron), Maria W., and Rebecca B. Mr. B. and family are active members of the Episcopal Church, of Cameron, in which he holds the position of warden. He and his wife were the first members of this denomination here.

### MAJOR ALBERT T. BAUBIE,

real estate and insurance agent, also United States and general claim agent. The subject of this sketch was one of the first settlers in Cameron, and is one of its most enterprising citizens. He is a native of Canada, and was born in Windsor April 3, 1830. When twelve years of age, he began clerking in a store, and, when sixteen, went to St. Louis, principally by stage and water, railroad transportation, at that time, having reached only to Kalamazoo, Michigan. After arriving at St. Louis, he accepted a position as clerk on a steamboat, plying between St. Louis and New Orleans, and continued the same for about three years, when he again helped to supply the customers from a dry goods store, in St. Louis, for one year. At the end of this time he was employed by the old American Fur Company for one year, and in the fall of 1849, he went to St. Joseph, where he formed a partnership with the firm D. & T. D. McDonald & Co., dealers in dry goods, etc., continuing business as the Co. of this firm till 1851, when he withdrew. His next move was Salt Lake City, where he accepted a position in the store of Benjamin Holliday, there remaining till 1852, when he returned to St. Joseph. In 1853, he built a house in Weston, Platte County, 20x60 feet, which he shipped to Council Bluffs, Iowa, there opening an outfit for the emigrants. After remaining till fall, he returned to St. Joseph, and, in the spring of 1854, in company with General James Craig and others, he took a stock of goods to Salt Lake City, returning in the winter of 1854. In 1855, he went as a special agent for a freighting train to Salt Lake City, and, after closing out his stock, he took a trip, by the Southern Route, to California, this being about the second time that a vehicle ever passed across this section. Shortly afterwards, he returned to Missouri, by the Isthmus, and, in the spring of 1856, located at the present site of Cameron. He was the first man to build a dwelling in this city; also had the first store, and was then appointed trustee of the town. He was the first postmaster of Cameron, and held that position till 1867. At the beginning of the war he was commissioned regimental quartermaster; also, after this, was promoted a number of times, serving on the frontier till the close of the war, or winter of 1865, when he was mustered out as major, and



then returned to Cameron, Missouri, since which time he has been engaged in his present business. He is deserving of much credit for the interest he has manifested in the building up of Cameron. He has owned a great part of what is now the business part of the town, and his hall, which is known as Baubie's Hall, has been of great interest to the town, both for home and transient use. He was the first to proceed in having the town incorporated, and acted as chairman about two years. In 1861, he was elected as Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, but, on account of the breaking out of the war, did not serve. He was married, July 4, 1853, to Miss Hannah Hamilton. She is a daughter of James B. Hamilton, who was a captain in the regular army, and was killed prior to the late war. They have two children, F. H. and Anna; also have one adopted child, Maggie Fitzgerald. He is a Mason, and a member of Vincil Lodge No. 62, also of Cameron Royal Arch Chapter No. 67.

#### H. M. BERKLEY,

was born in Shelby County, Kentucky, and about the year 1855, emigrated west, settling within the limits of Clinton County. He improved a fine farm of 800 acres, which his two sons still continue to cultivate. He was a man honest in every particular, upright in his dealings, and had many friends, both among the early settlers of the county, and the more recent arrivals. His marriage was to Miss Caroline F. Moore, who was also a native of Shelby County, Kentucky. They had a family of three children: J. N., Wm. H. and Minnie A. Mr. B. departed this life in 1874, his loss being mourned by many.

#### J. N. BERKLEY,

of the firm of Berkley Bros., farmers and stock dealers, Cameron, was born January 3, 1850, in Shelby County, Kentucky, and was brought to this county by his parents when about six years of age. His father, H. M. Berkley, was one of the pioneers of this county, and took an active part in its early improvements. J. N. spent his boyhood days on the farm, and after receiving his preparatory education in the common schools, completed his schooling at William Jewell College, at Liberty, Missouri. He emigrated westward in the spring of 1871, and spent four years among the silver mines of Nevada. He returned to this county in 1875, and has since been interested in the stock business with his brother, W. H. Berkley. They have a large farm of from 700 to 800 acres, which is well improved, and upon it are two windmills. On their land high grades of cattle are found. They also have a herd of twenty-five or thirty thorough-breds, and do the leading business in buying and shipping stock. The subject of this sketch was married May 26, 1881, to







Miss Belle Handy, a native of Bowling Green, Kentucky, who was born August 1, 1852. They are active members of the Baptist Church of Cameron, and Mr. B. belongs to the Masonic fraternity of the same place.

#### WILLIAM H. BERKLEY,

of the firm of Berkley Bros., farmers and stock dealers, section 31, post office Cameron, was born January 22, 1853 in Shelby County, Kentucky, and was brought to Clinton County, Missouri, by his parents about 1855. They commenced to improve a farm, and at which William assisted. He received excellent educational advantages in his youth, although having oftentimes to go six and a half miles to school, and is a graduate of William Jewell College, of Liberty, Missouri. He, in partnership with his brother, is conducting the farm, and they do a large and increasing business in buying and selling stock. He is pleasing in his manners, and has the respect of numerous acquaintances. Wm. B. was married March 31, 1881, to Miss Elvira F. Handy. She is also a native of Kentucky. Himself and wife are active members of the Baptist church of Cameron, and with that denomination Mr. B. has worshipped for ten years. He is also a member of Cameron Lodge A. F. & A. M.

#### FREDERICK BIGLER.

farmer and stock raiser, section 10, post office Cameron. The subject of this sketch is a native of Switzerland, and born on the 9th day of January, 1844. When ten years of age he came to America, shipping on the vessel Still Grace, and landed at New York after a voyage of thirty-one days; then went to Cleveland, Ohio, where he apprenticed himself to learn the carpenter trade, and followed that business for twenty-six years. In 1862 he enlisted in the One Hundred and Third Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and participated in the battles of Lookout and Kenesaw Mountains and various skirmishes. By constant exposure his lungs became troubled and he was honorably discharged in 1864. In the fall and winter of 1868 and 1869 he made a visit to his native country. In 1878 he came to Clinton County, purchased his present farm of 180 acres, which is well improved. His unswerving fidelity to his ideas of right and his religious convictions aided very materially to his success in business. Mr. B. was married in 1869 to Miss Mary Shafter, a native of Germany, who came to America in 1854, and their family consists of Benjamin F., Ellen F., William, Ida, George H. and Emma. Mr. and Mrs. B. are both church members.

#### JOHN BRESSLER,

of the firm of Bressler & Temple, manufacturers of Frear stone for well tubing, &c., was born in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, June 14, 1832, and



secured the advantages of a common school education in his native town. When fifteen years of age he went to Iowa, where he remained, working at the plasterer's trade in different parts of the state, till 1877, when he came to Cameron, and in one year began at his present business. This firm also manufacture well augers and deal in cement. Mr. B. was married in October, 1854, and has had a family of four children, three of whom are living: John C., Emma L. and F. R. Ella.

### C. N. BURNHAM.

editor of the Cameron Observer, is a native of Chautauqua County, New York, and was born on the 11th day of May, 1837. He was educated in the schools of that vicinity until fourteen years of age, and then commenced learning the printing business. After working for some years in his native county, he went to Buffalo, New York, and continued to work at the same occupation until 1859, when he returned to the home of his youth, and, for two years, he was engaged in agricultural pursuits. At this time the firing on Fort Sumpter aroused his patriotism, and, in answer to President Lincoln's call for 75,000 men for three months, he was among the first to respond. The quota being filled before his company was called into service, they re-enlisted for three years in what was called the Pennsylvania Reserve Volunteer Corps. Mr. B. was assigned to Company H, Tenth Regiment, and this regiment and division were called into the United States service in July of the same year. He participated in many memorable battles of the rebellion, among which may be mentioned the seven days engagement in front of Richmond, the second battle of Bull Run, battle of South Mountain (Maryland), Antietam, and first battle of Fredericksburg, under Burnside, where he was captured and confined in Libby prison. He was held as a prisoner of war for six months. Twenty-seven days after his release, he was taken sick and sent to the general hospital at Annapolis, where he was detailed by the surgeon in charge to publish a paper, which was known as "The Crutch." This he published in the interest of the hospital and soldiers, continuing in the same position until his term of enlistment had expired. In June, 1864, he was mustered out and returned home, and received the appointment of sutler. He married Miss Mary A. Carpenter, December 28, 1864. She is a native of Erie, Pennsylvania, and was born May 6, 1843. They were in the audience at Ford's theater during the evening President Lincoln was assassinated, and were seated where they witnessed the movements of Booth in leaping from the stage, and experienced all of the excitement that attended that act. After the close of the war, he returned to New York and engaged in the printing business at Jamestown, and there remained till 1874, when he came to Missouri and located in Cameron. He purchased



the Cameron Observer, which was at that time in a demoralized condition, having been for some time in a state of suspended animation. He commenced the publication of a five-column quarto and continued the same until February, 1877, when he enlarged to a six-column quarto, its present size. In the winter of 1880, he supplied the office with new presses, and has added other improvements from time to time, and the paper is now in a flourishing condition and has a full share of public patronage—a more extensive notice of which will be found in the chapter on the Press. Mr. B. is a member of the Masonic fraternity at Jamestown, New York, and, also, of Cameron Royal Chapter, No. 67. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Burnham consists of twin daughters: Nettie and Nellie, born June 9, 1867.

#### L. E. BURR,

of the firm of Burr & Corn, dealers in hardware, stoves, tinware, etc., was born in Middletown, Connecticut, August 4, 1835, and remained in his native city until about fourteen years of age, after which time he was on a sailing vessel, for about five years. In 1855, he located in Summit County, Ohio, on a farm, where he remained till 1861, and then returned to Connecticut, his native state. There he was engaged in various places, in different avocations, till the close of the war, when he returned to Summit County, Ohio, again located on a farm, and in the winter of 1868, came to Cameron. Since that time he has been engaged in the hardware trade. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., and belongs to the Star of Hope Lodge. He was married November 14, 1857, to Miss Lucy E. Gaylord. She was born in Summit County, Ohio. They have two children, G. Elbert and Bessie. They have lost four.

#### JOHN H. CAMPBELL,

farmer and stock raiser, section 23, post office Cameron, was born in Andrew County, Missouri, December 15, 1841, and received his education in Buchanan County, having moved with his parents to that county. He was reared on a farm, and, September 15, 1861, he enlisted in Colonel Boyd's battalion for six months, and in 1862, re-enlisted in the Third Missouri Cavalry of Colonel Lawthers' company, and was taken prisoner while sick at a farm house, and taken to Jefferson City for three weeks. He was then removed to St. Louis, remaining there till June 5, 1863, when he went to Cairo for two weeks. January 23, he was removed to St. Louis, and on the 28th to Chicago. There he was paroled, and in May, 1863, went to Macomb, Illinois, where he engaged in the milling business for two years. In November, 1865, he returned to Buchanan County, and located on the old homestead for eighteen months, and at the same time worked at the carpenter's trade. In 1869, he moved to







DeKalb County, where he remained till 1870, when he moved to his present location, and now owns 120 acres of land, all of which is the savings of his own labor and business tact. December 25, 1864, Mr. C. was married to Mrs. Jane Wood, her maiden name being Foster. She is a native of Missouri, and was born May 3, 1838. They have had nine children: Charles B., born January 14, 1866; James M., born May 8, 1867; Wm. F., born June 15, 1869; John M., born March 8, 1871; Thomas F., born November 25, 1872, died April 21, 1881; Francis N., born October 12, 1874; Jesse R., born September 29, 1876; Homer D., born March 4, 1878, and Etta L., born May 3, 1880.

#### F. A. CHAMBERLAIN,

farmer and stock raiser, section 2, post office Cameron, is a native of Mason, West Virginia, and can trace his ancestors to those who came in the good old ship Mayflower. He was born on the 5th day of March, 1821, on a farm, and received a good education. He has always been a farmer by occupation. In the spring of 1855, he left Virginia and emigrated to Andrew County, Missouri, and purchased land near Savannah, which he sold in 1857 and came to Clinton County, settling where he now resides. His farm consists of 100 acres of improved land. Mr. C. commanded a company of home guards during the civil war. He was united in marriage in January, 1844, to Miss Sarah McTire, a native of Virginia. She was born in 1817. Their family consists of George, Abner, Joseph, William, Catherine, deceased, Mary and Maria.

#### K. D. CLINE,

a member of the firm of Lingle, Cline & Co., proprietors of the Cameron Flouring Mills, was born in Grant County, Pennsylvania, May 28, 1821. He was reared and educated in different parts of Pennsylvania, and followed farming, while in that state. In 1869, he moved to Missouri, and located in DeKalb County, and in the fall of 1876, moved to Cameron, since which time, he has been a partner in the mill at this place. He was married in the year 1844, to Miss Caroline Seiple, of Pennsylvania, who died in 1879, leaving the following children, living: Geo. W., Clara J., Laura E., Peter P., Wm. G., Mary C., Ida B., Joseph H. and Minnie C.

#### W. D. CORN,

grain and coal dealer, was born in Holmes County, Ohio, September 16, 1830, and was raised and educated in his native county, and was, for several years, a teacher there. During four months of the year 1876, he was a member of the Ohio National Guards. In October, 1865, he located in Cameron, and for one year was engaged in teaching, after



which he embarked in the hardware business, as one of the firm of W. D. Corn & Co., which business he pursued till 1869. During this time he erected his present grain house, and since then, has been the leading grain dealer of the city, his residence being located in DeKalb County. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity and belongs to Vincil Lodge, No. 62. September 30, 1853, he was united by marriage to Miss Jane K. Hart, of Ohio. They have a family of five children, and have lost two. Those living are: Jessie M., now Mrs. Kester, Hellen A., Lizzie A., Jennie V., and Willis K.

### CAPTAIN S. H. CORN,

lawyer, and of the firm of Burr & Corn, dealers in hardware, agricultural implements, stoves, tinware, etc., was born in Holmes County, Ohio, June 3, 1840, and was raised on a farm in his native county. After receiving his primary education, he entered the Vermillion Institute, of Ashland County, Ohio, and, when prepared for the junior course in college, the war broke out. He discontinued his studies, and, in September, 1861, enlisted as private in Company B., Sixteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was mustered out, as captain, in October, 1864, having participated in a number of important battles. He was taken prisoner December 29, 1862, while at the battle of Chickasaw Bluffs, and was held as such till May 8, 1863, being in Libby prison most of the time. He again joined his army July 4, 1863, and participated in the second capture of Jackson. After being mustered out, he returned to Ohio, and began the study of law in Cleveland, attending the Western Union Law College, of that city, and was there admitted to the bar in September, 1865. Mr. C. then went to West Virginia, and located in Moorefield, Hardy County, for a short time, afterwards going to the adjoining county, where he continued his practice till the spring of 1869. He then came to Cameron, Clinton County, Missouri, where he has since been engaged in the practice of law. Shortly after coming here, he purchased an interest in the store of which he is now a partner. They have made improvements in their store, from time to time, until it is not now surpassed by any retail store in Northwest Missouri. Including the basement, they have four rooms, which are 90x40 feet, and an elevator, so conveniently arranged as to permit the passage of a loaded wagon from bottom to top. Mr. Corn was married, August 6, 1867, to Miss Anna C. Babb. She was a native of Virginia, and was born August 12, 1840. They have had eight children, three of whom are living: Wilber S., Lena V. and Mabel G.

### W. H. CRAWFORD, M. D.,

was born in Rock Castle County, Kentucky, April 23, 1823, and was educated in the common schools of his native county, and at a Catholic



school known as the Mount Morino, of Breckinridge County, Kentucky. When about fifteen years of age, he began the study of medicine, and attended the medical college of Louisville. About 1840, with his mother, he came to Missouri, and located in Rochester, Andrew County, where he studied his profession for one year. After this he was engaged in practicing for two years or more, when he moved to Caldwell County, Missouri, and immediately began his practice, being the first and only physician in Mirabile for several years. Becoming advanced in years, and having a desire to retire from practice, he moved to Cameron May 25, 1881. For about sixteen years Dr. C. was the proprietor of the leading dry goods store in Mirabile; also being the proprietor of the grist mill of that place, besides of a saw and carding mill. His residence in Cameron is one of the finest in the city, and conveniently located. His landed estate consists of about 1,500 acres, principally in blue grass. Most of his land is located in Caldwell County. He was married in 1846, to Miss Elizabeth Kerrins, who was born in 1824. She is a native of England, and came to America when a child, locating in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. There she lived for a number of years, then coming to Missouri. They have seven children: Anthony K., Sarah E., Charles O., Mary A., John, William H., and Lillie M.

#### A. K. CRAWFORD,

merchant, is a native of Clinton County, Missouri, and was born November 18, 1846. He received his primary education in the common schools, and graduated in the Commercial School of St. Joseph, during the winter of 1861. He was raised in Marabile, Caldwell County, and when about sixteen years of age, he took an interest in the store with his father, and continued as business manager till the spring of 1869, when he came to Cameron. He remained as clerk in a store, for some time, then went to Lathrop, and embarked in the mercantile trade, and returned to Cameron in 1876, since which time he has been one of the leading business men in the town. He was married September 9, 1868, to Miss Mattie Jones. She was born in Holmes County, Ohio, September 25, 1848. They have had one child, Wm. K., born November 6, 1877.

#### A. R. CREIGH,

wholesale and retail dealer in hardware, tinware, etc., was born in Morrow County, Ohio, February 15, 1852, and was raised and educated in his native county and state. In 1875, he drifted westward and located in Cameron, and for one year was engaged in the grain trade. Since then he has been engaged in his present business, one with which he is thoroughly conversant, having followed it since he was thirteen years of





age, except the time mentioned when he was a grain dealer. His father was a native of Maryland, and a prominent and respected man of Morrow County, Ohio, having represented that county in the legislature six years, and in the senate for eight years. His death occurred in 1861. His mother, Sarah A. Reed, was a native of Ohio, and died in the year 1881. A. R. Creigh was married, January 19, 1876, to Miss Lizzie Smith, a daughter of the late ex-Governor George Smith, whose history appears elsewhere. She was born August 11, 1857. They have one child, Mary E.

#### REV. FATHER THOMAS DENENY,

was born in County Cavan, Ireland, January 9, 1849, and was educated in the classical schools in his native country. In August, 1868, he came to America, landing at New York, and then entered the St. Charles College, of Baltimore, from which he was graduated in classics, in 1869. He was then adopted by Bishop Hogan, of Kansas City, as a student, and was sent to Topeka, Kansas, where he studied philosophy for three years. He was afterwards sent to Notre Dame College, of South Bend, Indiana, which college he attended for one year, then went to Montreal, entered the Seminary of St. Sulpice, and, after one year, he was ordained and returned to St. Joseph, Missouri, there being redeemed by Bishop Hogan as priest. Subsequently, Father D. officiated at the Cathedral of St. Joseph for one year, when he was sent, by Bishop Hogan, to Cameron, this being in 1876. Since he came to Cameron, he has made many improvements to this church.

#### CAPTAIN THOS. DOAK,

Postmaster and dealer in cigars, tobacco, books, notions, etc., was born in Jacksonville, Illinois, September 15, 1839, and when three years of age his parents moved to Missouri and located in the Platte Purchase. His time until 1861 was spent in attending school, clerking in a store and working on a farm. His father made several changes and moved to DeKalb and Caldwell Counties. Being a carpenter he built the first houses in Kingston and Maysville. In the spring of 1861, Thomas went to Omaha, Nebraska, and enlisted as private in Company K, First Nebraska Infantry, remaining in service with this company till June 19, 1862. He then received a recruiting commission and raised Company H, Twenty-ninth Missouri Volunteers and acted as captain of the same command till December 19, 1864, when he was discharged on account of a severe wound received while in the battle of Chickasaw Bluffs, Mississippi. After this he returned to Cameron, Missouri. While in service he participated in forty-seven active battles. His wound was



a severe one, a ball passing into the shoulder and lodging in the interior of the body, from where it has not been removed. He also received other slight wounds. After his return he remained in Cameron till 1867, when he embarked in the mercantile trade in Caldwell County, continuing two years in Mirabile and Kingston. In May, 1869, he moved to Lathrop, where he was interested in the railroad project, and in October of the same year returned to Cameron, where he engaged in merchandizing as one of the firm of Walker, Stone & Co. He continued as a member of the firm till 1870, having been appointed to his present position in August of that year. He was the first marshal of the city, and served as such one term and part of another, having resigned on account of his removal from town. He was married April 11, 1866, to Miss Sarah Caffing, who was born September 20, 1849. She is a native of Ohio. They have had nine children, all boys, seven of whom are now living: Perry D., Walter A., William C., Fred M., John L., Thomas, Frank, now deceased, and an infant not named. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. and belongs to the Star of Hope Lodge No. 182.

#### J. B. DOUGLASS,

physician and surgeon, was born in Clinton County, Missouri, March 11, 1848. He was reared and partly educated in his native county, and when twenty-one years of age, entered the State University of Missouri, which he attended two years, and at the same time studied for his profession. He was graduated from the St. Louis Medical College in the spring of 1874, and soon after located in Lathrop, Clinton County, Missouri, where he began the practice of his profession. After remaining a short time he moved to Turney. He had a drug store at Lathrop, which he moved to Turney and continued there till June, 1875, when he located in Hamilton. There he was engaged in the medical profession till November, 1880, when he moved to Cameron. The doctor is a member of the Masonic fraternity. He was married September 16, 1874, to Miss Flora Bever.

#### R. B. ELLIOTT,

dealer in pianos and organs, and teacher of music, was born in Baltimore, Maryland, March 21, 1831, and while he was yet an infant his parents moved to Columbiana County, Ohio. When he was eight years of age, they moved to Wood County, Virginia, where he was reared and educated. At the age of seventeen, he returned to Ohio, and there attended school for some time, and also taught music to some extent. In 1855, he returned to Virginia and located in Parkersburg, where he was engaged in working at the carpenter trade and teaching vocal music until 1869, when he became a resident of Kansas. Shortly after,



he moved to Kearney, Missouri, and continued his trade of contracting and building. Among the structures erected by him was the James Boys' barn, it being his last work. Since then, he has been engaged in teaching vocal and instrumental music. In October, 1873, he moved to Cameron, where he has since resided. He was first married, October 7, 1852, to Miss A. A. Fisher, who was a native of Pennsylvania. She was born June 29, 1831, and died December 28, 1854. They had two children, both now deceased. He was again married, December 4, 1855, to Miss Maria Wise. She was born in Virginia, October 1, 1821, and died December 9, 1878. His third marriage occurred July 14, 1879, to Mrs. Amanda V. Mott. She was born June 16, 1857. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. and of the Knights of Honor.

### STEPHEN EMERY,

inventor and patentee, was born in New Birmingham, England, in November, 1832. In 1849, his parents emigrated to America, landing at New York, and soon located in Illinois, where Stephen learned the wagon maker's trade, which he followed while in this vicinity, also spent a part of his time in inventing. In 1868, he came to Cameron, where he has since resided. He immediately began working at his trade, and has been the inventor and patentee of many valuable articles. The I. X. L. well auger, patented August 26, 1873, has been of great benefit to persons in this locality, and he also has a number of other valuable inventions, too numerous to mention. He was married in April, 1864, to Miss Phebe Mountain, of Pennsylvania. They have five children: Alice, Clara, William, John and George.

### S. B. EVANS,

is a native of Tuscarawas County, Ohio, was born February 7, 1830, and was reared and educated in Harrison and Licking Counties. His father being a merchant, S. B., also followed the same business, in different parts of Ohio, till 1875, when he moved to Missouri, and located at Kidder, there embarking in mercantile trade, and afterwards was engaged in the same occupation in different parts of Missouri. He came to Cameron, in the spring of 1881. Mr. E. is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and belongs to Vincil Lodge No. 62. He was married, October 13, 1859, to Miss M. A. Sortor, a native of Ohio, who was born December 21, 1835. They have had four children, three now living: Frank P., born July 5, 1861; Lillie M., born April 16, 1863, and Marynad B., born October 12, 1866.

### JOHN EWING,

farmer, stock raiser, and dairyman, section 27, post office Cameron, was born August 24, 1827, in Holmes County, Ohio, where he was raised as a





farmer, there receiving the benefits of a common school education. He emigrated west in the spring of 1866, and landed in Cameron on the 28th of March, settling where he now resides, during the same fall. He has always followed agricultural pursuits, and his landed estate now consists of forty acres improved and eighty acres of timber and pasture land. He has a comfortable residence, a good orchard, etc. He was married, October 17, 1861, to Miss Susan Charlton. She is also a native of Holmes County, Ohio, and was born February 3, 1838. They have been blessed with a family of seven children, six of whom are living: Elma A., William E., John H., James W., Charles E., and Cora E. Himself and wife are active members of the Presbyterian Church of Cameron, in which he holds the position of elder. Mr. and Mrs. E. well merit the esteem in which they are held by a host of acquaintances. He has never been an office seeker, although he has filled the positions of school director and road overseer several terms.

#### NATHAN B. FALES,

farmer and dairyman, was born February 9, 1817, in Genesee County, New York, and, when ten years of age removed with his parents to Cuyahoga County, Ohio, and to Trumbull County, of the same state, in 1833. He received a common school education, spent his boyhood days on a farm, and learned the blacksmiths' trade of his father, at which he worked until 1845, then commenced farming, and, also, engaged in the dairy business. He emigrated West in 1868. He settled about one mile north of Cameron and there resided for three years, when he moved to the place he now occupies, located on section 30. He owns 112 acres of land in Kidder Township, DeKalb County, making one of the best stock and dairy farms in this vicinity, and upon it is a handsome residence. Mr. F. has filled the offices of road overseer and school director for several terms. He was married April 16, 1840, to Miss Carolina McKee, a native of Portage County, Ohio, born January 21, 1821. They have had six children, three of whom are living: Francis F., Louis E., and Newton N. Himself and wife are active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Cameron, in which he holds the position of trustee. Mr. F. is, entirely, a self-made man; his first start in life was to buy a shop for \$100, for which he was obliged to go in debt, but he has been able to rise over these obstacles, and is now one of DeKalb County's largest taxpayers.

#### H. B. FALES,

farmer, stock raiser and dairyman, section 35, post office Cameron, was born January 13, 1830, in Dunkirk, Cattaraugus County, New York, and was taken to Trumbull County, Ohio, by his parents, when about three



years of age. He there spent his boyhood days on a farm, receiving the benefits of a common school education, and, when twenty years of age, he commenced to learn the carriage maker's trade, which he followed for about four years. His health failing, he commenced peddling. He emigrated westward in 1857, and settled at Omaha, Nebraska, a small place at that time. He there engaged in farming and shipping stock to Iowa. In the spring of 1859, he moved about seventy-five miles west of Omaha, and built what was known as Shin's Ferry. In the spring of 1860, he went further west, and started a ranch at Julesburg, Colorado, remaining there until 1866, when he moved to Laramie Plains, and there started another ranch. He came to St. Joseph in 1867, and to this county in the same fall, and settled where he now resides in the fall of 1868. He owns a fine farm of 472 acres, well improved and with a good orchard. It is situated about one and a half miles from Cameron, and is one of the best stock farms in the county. In partnership with M. E. Moore he owns four cheese factories. Clover Hill Factory is situated on his farm, near Cameron, and the others are located in Andrew, DeKalb and Caldwell Counties. Mr. Fales has been twice married; first, on the 8th of January, 1867, to Miss Ada E. Hurd, a native of Ohio. She died October 21, 1872, leaving two children, one of whom is now living, Freddie. He married again April 17, 1877, Miss Mary E. Shreve, a native of Wayne County, Ohio, born October 8, 1849. They have had two children, Pearl E. and Harlon B. Himself and wife are active members of the Congregational Church, of Cameron, in which he holds the position of chairman of the board of trustees. He gives his attention to his own business, and well merits the esteem in which he is held.

### CHARLES T. FINLEY,

proprietor of hotel, is a native of Indiana, and was born in South Bend, St. Joseph County, April 3, 1847. He was principally reared in his native state, working for a time in the shops of the Lake Shore Railroad Company, and in the office of the La Porte County Herald for one year. In 1860, he came to St. Joseph, and during that summer was employed by the historic Pony Express as one of the riders. From this time on until 1862, he was engaged in railroading near his native home. In the summer of 1862, he again came to St. Joseph, and was employed by the packet line from St. Joseph to Omaha, till fall, when he returned to Illinois, and was there engaged in railroading till the spring of 1863. At that time he enlisted in Company A, Twenty-ninth Cavalry, and was afterwards transferred to the Fifteenth Illinois, and remained in service until the close of the war. Mr. F.'s next move was to St. Louis, and while there he was employed by the packet company till 1867, after which he was engaged in railroading under different companies till 1877. For



many years he was an engineer. Since coming to Cameron, he has been engaged in his present business. He was married October 20, 1869, while at Rock Island, Illinois, to Miss Jennie Barrett. She was born at Little Falls, New York, September 14, 1851. They have five children: Charles H., Mary M., William H., Cecil E., and Thomas E.

#### HENRY A. FINLEY,

the father of Charles T., who now resides in Cameron, is a native of Highland County, Ohio, and was born April 10, 1812. When six years of age, his parents moved to Greene County, and in the year 1824, moved to Shelby County, Indiana. He was reared on a farm, and in 1831, he went to Indianapolis, Indiana. He has followed his trade over different parts of Indiana, Michigan and in St. Joseph. Mr. F. came to Cameron in 1866, and was for some time engaged at his trade, but later has been working in various branches of business. He was married June 22, 1843, to Miss Jane Fox. She was born in New York in the year 1826. Mr. F. was again married February 4, 1877, to Mrs. Mary J. Worden. By his first wife he had four children, of whom Charles T., Howard and Francis M. survive.

#### C. I. FORD,

farmer and dairyman, section 23, post office Cameron, was born April 6, 1822, in Berkshire County, Massachusetts, and was reared at his birth place, receiving the benefits of a common school education. When nineteen years of age, he commenced business for himself, first working by the month for about three years. He then married and located on a farm. He moved to Fulton County, Ohio, in 1853, purchased a steam saw mill and engaged in the lumber business, remaining therein for about eight years, at that time selling out. He then resumed farming, and came to Missouri in 1866, settling on the property he now occupies. Mr. F. owns 250 acres adjoining the town of Cameron, and he has about thirty-five acres laid off in lots. He has disposed of several acre lots upon which some of the finest buildings in the city are located. He owns a handsome brick residence, which was built in 1873. He gives his attention, principally, to the dairy business, and milks about forty cows. His stock is of high grade, and some of the animals are thoroughbreds. Mr. F. has filled the position of school director, and stands among the leading citizens of the county. He was married in December, 1843, to Miss Martha Packard, a native of the same state as her husband. They have had a family of eleven children, only three of whom are living: Sarah J., (now Mrs. E. M. Shaw), Cora A., (now Mrs. George T. Houser), and Henry E., who is now engaged in the harness business, at Cameron. Mrs. F. is a member of the Congregational Church of Cameron.





## JUDGE A. W. FREDERICK,

farmer and stock dealer, section 22, post office Cameron, was born March 26, 1832, in Carroll County, Ohio, and was reared at his birth place; spending his boyhood days on a farm, he received a preparatory education in the common schools, and then attended a two years' course at Findlay High School, Hancock County, Ohio, at which institution he commenced the study of law and was admitted to the bar in 1861. He commenced the practice of his profession at Findlay and remained there twelve years; was elected County Judge in 1863 for a three years' term, and was re-elected in 1866. After this he continued the practice of his profession, remaining there one year, and in the fall of 1870 settled where he now resides. He owns thirty acres adjoining the town of Cameron, on which he has a comfortable residence. In the spring of 1871 he was appointed Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, by Governor B. Gratz Brown, to fill an unexpired term of twenty months, was re-elected Judge of Clinton County in the fall of 1878 and filled a two years term. He commenced stock-raising and the wool-growing business in 1877, and deals quite extensively in fine cattle and sheep, and with the exception of three car loads has shipped all the sheep which have gone from this point in ten years. His landed estate consists of 700 acres, located in Clinton, Caldwell and DeKalb Counties. He superintends his farms personally. He was married October, 1853, to Miss A. M. T. Hale, a native of Jefferson County, Ohio, born in May, 1832. They have had three children: Samuel K., Maggie E. and Nellie T. Mr. F. is a member of the Masonic fraternity and belongs to Findlay Lodge No. 272.

## H. L. FREEMAN,

dealer in dry goods and clothing, was born in Wayne County, Pennsylvania, October 15, 1834, and was reared in Luzerne County, to which he, with his parents, had moved when quite young. He was educated in the common schools, and, when eleven years of age, he began clerking in a store at Carbondale, Pennsylvania, and as such was unsurpassed. When in his nineteenth year, he began in business as a member of the firm of H. L. Freeman & Co., and continued one year, when almost the entire town was burned. Mr. F. then commenced again, forming a co-partnership under the firm name of Thompson & Freeman, which existed five years. His next move was to Waymart, Pennsylvania, where he sold goods for two years. In the spring of 1861, he went to Winona, Minnesota, simply on a visit, and for one year was on a pleasure expedition, hunting and fishing. Upon concluding to stay there, he began clerking, in which he continued for about two years, and, in 1865, purchased a farm, which he cultivated till 1870, then moved to



Missouri, and located on a farm near Osborn, and afterward clerked in that town one year. During 1872-3, he was in the insurance business; in 1874-5, he traveled over Kansas for J. C. Ogden & Co., dealers in hats and caps; and, in February, 1875, he opened his present store in Cameron, and has, from time to time, added to his stock until he has one of the leading stores of the city. His establishment is divided into two departments, clothing and dry goods, one being 90x25 feet, and the other, 90x23 feet. He keeps in his employ eight men. Mr. F. was one of the charter members of Winona Commandery, Winona, Minnesota. He was married June 18, 1858, to Miss Sarah C. Starkweather. She was born in Wayne County, Pennsylvania, in 1836. They have had three children: Harry, born in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, June 24, 1860; Nettie, born in Winona, Minnesota, in 1864; and Helen, born in Clinton County, Missouri, and died while young.

### JAMES GILCHRIST,

farmer and stock raiser, section 1, post office Keystone, was born July 20, 1820, about twenty miles east of the City of Glasgow, Lanarkshire, Scotland. He was reared at his birthplace, his boyhood days being spent on a farm, and he received the benefits of a common school education. He left the scenes of his childhood, and came to America, in 1855, landing at New York, from which city he went to Butler County, Ohio, and engaged in farming. He moved to Illinois in 1867, and thence to Clinton County, Missouri, in 1868, locating where he now resides. He purchased a half section of prairie land, commenced improving it, and now owns one of the finest farms in this vicinity, containing 360 acres. He gives his attention chiefly to stock raising. He commenced life a poor boy, and, by adhering to sterling principles of honesty and fair dealing, has risen gradually, until he now occupies a prominent position. Mr. G. was married, in February, 1875, to Miss Jennie Crider, a native of Pennsylvania. They have three children: Martha E., Edna G. and Claude S.

### A. A. GOFF,

carpenter and contractor, was born in Lewis County, Virginia, July 16, 1834, and when seven years of age, his parents moved to Jackson County, of the same state, and when fifteen, they moved to Lawrence County, Ohio. At the age of seventeen, he began to learn the carpenter's trade which occupation he has followed during life. During the winter of 1854-5, he located in Caldwell County, Missouri. In 1861, he enlisted in the Home Guards for three months, and afterwards in the state militia, subsequently re-enlisting in the federal service, in Company B, Sixth Missouri Cavalry. He remained in service till March, 1865, when he was



mustered out, having acted most of the time as orderly sergeant, in the frontier service. He received some severe wounds, from which he is now suffering. After being mustered out he returned home, and moved to St. Joseph, where he was engaged at his trade for over two years. Later, Mr. G. moved to Cameron, where he has since resided. For several years he has been identified with many interests of the city, both in official and educational matters. He was married November 1, 1857, to Miss Nancy J. Shirts, who was born in Columbiana County, Ohio, August 10, 1838. They have had nine children, eight of whom are living: Joseph R., Alonzo, John S., Annie, Melissa, Charles, Everest and one infant.

### HIRAM GORRELL,

farmer and stock raiser, section 3, post office Cameron, is a native of Holmes County, Ohio, and was born on the 23d day of October, 1827, on a farm. He received a good education and remained with his parents till the spring of 1856, when he went to Mirabile, Caldwell County, Missouri. He became engaged with Dr. Crawford, a merchant of that city, and remained in his employ for two years. Being prompt and energetic and upright in all his dealings, he secured the esteem of all with whom he had business transactions. In the spring of 1858 he came to Clinton County; taught school and farmed, and now is owner of 180 acres of well improved land. He was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Jones July 5, 1854. Their family consists of nine children, Lizzie, John H., Minnie, Martha B., Everett, Wilson, Ida, Ella and Myrtie.

### ORIS W. GRANNIS,

of the firm of Smyser & Grannis, is a native of Canada, and was born in Toronto, September 1, 1847. When quite young, his parents died, and he was brought to America, where he was raised. When near of age he learned the blacksmith trade, which he has followed over many different states, and in the spring of 1881, he located in Cameron, forming a partnership, which constitutes the present firm. Mr. G. was married December 25, 1874, to Miss Mamie Morris. She was born in Plattsburg, July 22, 1856.

### JAMES M. HARLAN,

farmer and stock raiser, section 20, post office Turney, is a native of Huntsville, Madison County, Alabama, and was born on the thirteenth day of September, 1815. His education was received in the common schools. With his parents he moved to Hamilton, Butler County, Ohio, in 1825, and resided on a farm until 1827, when he moved to Washington County, Indiana, and in 1829, to Fountain County, of the same state. In





1840, he came to Clinton County, working on a farm for two years, after which he purchased land, and, in 1850, associated himself with some thirty others. They procured about six yoke of oxen and a wagon, and started from Plattsburg for California, crossing the Missouri River at St. Joseph. After a four months' trip they arrived at Nevada City, California, and stopped at the Kelsey Dry Diggings. Mr. H. then went to the Humboldt River, and down that stream to the Great Desert, working in the mines at Gray Eagle. Finally, becoming tired of California, he returned to this county. He was united in marriage October, 1842, with Miss Elizabeth M. Potter, a native of Clay County, Missouri. She was born on the 29th day of May, 1822. She came to Clinton County, Missouri, in 1857.

### J. F. HARWOOD,

attorney for the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad Company, was born in Cattaraugus County, New York, November 24, 1843. When ten years of age, his parents moved to Lorain County, Ohio, remaining there and in Cuyahoga County till 1860, when they moved to Vermillion County, Illinois. He there began clerking and keeping books in a drug store at Champaign City, which business he continued till August, 1861, when he enlisted in Company G, Twenty-fifth Illinois Infantry for three years, and was discharged October, 1862, on account of disability. He then served one year in the secret service, returned to Illinois and was there engaged in the study of his profession, and looking after the interest of his farm. In 1865, he went to Omaha, Nebraska, where he was for one year studying his profession and keeping books in a grocery store. In 1866, he returned to Illinois, and continued his studies till June, 1867, when he located in Cameron, where he has since resided and has been engaged in the practice of law. He practiced for some time in Kansas City. He was married, September 13, 1864, to Miss Mary Etta Caldwell. She was born in Hendricks County, Indiana, in the year 1843. They have two children, Irene, born September 8, 1875, and George L., born January 2, 1878.

### S. S. HARE,

traveling agent for the Fairbank Scale Company, and, also, insurance agent. He was born in Ashland County, Ohio, April 2, 1833, and when a child, his parents moved to Wyandotte County, where he was reared and educated. At the age of seventeen he began teaching school, which profession he followed for fifteen years. During the latter three years of this period, he taught in the high school of Ashland. In June, 1864, he accepted a position as bookkeeper in the Ashland machine shops, which he continued to fill till February, 1863, when he enlisted in



Company A, One Hundred and Ninety-sixth Ohio Infantry, and remained in the service till the close of the war, being mustered out as sergeant-major. April 14, 1867, Mr. H. located in Cameron. While in Ohio he learned the trade of plastering and bricklaying, which he followed in this city till 1870, and, after this, he was engaged in the commission business. In January, 1881, he accepted his present position. He was married May 18, 1854, to Miss Emiline Sponster, who was born May 3, 1837, in Brookfield, Stark County, Ohio. They have three children: M. Myrtle, William Ed., and J. Clayton.

### JOHN HAYWOOD,

farmer and stock raiser, section 21, post office Turney. This worthy pioneer is a native of Hardin County, Kentucky, and was born in November, 1820, on a farm. At the age of twenty-one he learned the trade of wagon maker, at which he worked for about ten years. In the spring of 1850, he emigrated to Buchanan County, Missouri, and, in 1851, came to Clinton County, settling where he now resides. He worked at the carpenter's trade until 1860. Mr. Haywood has held many prominent positions, while a resident of Missouri. He received a good education, which has fitted him for a thorough business man. His wise counsel is often consulted by others. He was married in the fall of 1849, to Miss Susan Pawley, a native of Kentucky. Their family consists of Mary E., Nancy C., James W., John S., George C., C. D., Lavina L., Lucy A., Thomas L., Marsena R., deceased, and Susannah E.

### JAMES HEFFRON,

farmer and stock raiser, section 36, post office Cameron, was born November 22, 1845, in Orange County, New York, and was taken to Steuben County, New York, when quite young, where he was principally raised on a farm, and in the lumber business. He received the benefits of a common school education, and, upon arriving at maturity, he turned his attention entirely to the lumber business, in which he continued until he came west. He moved to Tioga County, Pennsylvania, in 1867, remaining there about nine years, when he emigrated west, in the summer of 1876, and settled in Clinton County, on the place he now occupies. His landed estate consists of 240 acres of well improved land. At present (1881) he holds the office of school director. Mr. H. was married in 1868, to Miss Catherine M. Montz, a native of Livingstone County, New York, born in 1848. They have had three children, one of whom is living, Annie. Mrs. H. is a member of the Catholic Church. Mr. H. belongs to the Masonic fraternity.



## PHILIP HEFFLEFINGER,

farmer and stock raiser, section 12, post office Keystone, was born June 1, 1838, in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, and there was reared, spending his boyhood days on a farm, and attending school. At the age of sixteen, he commenced to learn the tanner trade, and followed it three years. He then turned his attention to agricultural pursuits. He emigrated to Missouri in March, 1869, and settled at Plattsburg, and thence to the farm on which he now resides, in 1870. He owns eighty acres of land. It was unbroken prairie, and all the improvements have been made since that date. He has a good orchard and a never failing spring and good cattle. He commenced life a poor boy, and has advanced gradually, but sure, through life. He takes an active interest in educational matters, and holds the position of school director. He was married during the winter of 1858, to Miss Margaret J. Wagner, an estimable lady, also a native of Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, born in 1837. They have a family of six children living: Ida J., Annie C., Josephine McClellan, William W., Cora K., and Flossy B. Himself, wife, and three eldest children, are active members of the Church of God, of Keystone, in which he holds the office of elder, and is one of its most liberal contributors and active church workers. He has always been an old time Democrat, and cast his first presidential vote for John C. Breckenridge.

## GEORGE HEINZ,

carpenter and contractor, is a native of Germany, and was born in Wurtemberg, May 25, 1849. He was reared in his native country and received a fair education. When thirteen years of age he began to learn the trade of cabinet making, working as an apprentice for three years. In 1867, he came to America, landing in New York May 22d, and soon after settled in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, remaining a short time, when he came to Cameron. Here he worked at his trade, and was engaged in other occupations. He was burned out, and then visited many localities seeking a new place of abode, but found no place like Cameron. He has now purchased a farm near this city, where he expects to locate sometime in the near future, having erected on this farm a fine residence. Mr. H. was married June 3, 1869, to Miss Paulina Kresse. She was born in Prussia in 1851. They have four children: Charley, Anna, George, and Olive. Mr. and Mrs. H. are members of the German M. E. Church.

## W. HOLLINGTON, M. D.,

was born in Westshire, England, August 16, 1830. In 1835 his parents, Joseph and Mary (Perry) emigrated to America, and were two months





on the water. They landed at New York and soon located in Wood County, Ohio, where the subject of this sketch was reared and educated. The school houses at that time were of the oldest style, having been built without a nail. His father was the first man to build a house in that locality by using nails. After receiving his primary education, he attended a higher school, known as Baldwin's Institute. In 1849 he began the study of medicine at Bowling Green, and graduated from the Medical College at Ann Arbor, Michigan, in the spring of 1852. He soon began the practice of medicine in Morena, Lenawee County, Michigan, and continued in this locality till the winter of 1857, when he moved to Danville, Vermillion County, Illinois. There he was successfully engaged in the practice of his profession till the summer of 1867. In 1861 he was appointed as Assistant Surgeon of the Twenty-fifth Illinois Infantry, and served as such until October, when he was promoted to Major Surgeon, which position he filled till the fall of 1864. He was then taken home in very feeble health. In 1867, Dr. H. came to Cameron, Missouri, and opened a drug store, in which business he was engaged till the fall of 1875, when he disposed of his store, and has since been leading a retired life, except in looking after his landed and financial interests. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. and a charter member of Star of Hope Lodge No. 182. He was married in October, 1853, to Miss Mary Whitehead. She was born in Newark, New Jersey, September 13, 1835. They have had three children, two of whom are living: Ella E., born July 31, 1855, and Louis F., born June 11, 1863.

### J. T. HOUSE,

grain dealer, is a native of Morrow County, Ohio, and was born April 29, 1842. He came to Cameron in 1867, and has for several years been engaged in the grain business, and is now one of the leading grain dealers in the county. His business is large and on the increase, and besides making Cameron one of his principal business points, is successfully carrying on the same at Osborn and Lathrop.

### WILLIAM HOUGER,

farmer and stock raiser, section 10, postoffice Cameron, is a native of Pennsylvania, and was born on the 26th day of July, 1810, on a farm. At the age of thirteen years, he moved, with his parents, to Holmes County, Ohio, in 1823, and remained there thirty-five years, his occupation being farming. In 1858, he came to Clinton County, Missouri, and purchased the farm on which he now resides, consisting of 190 acres of fine land under good improvements. Mr. H. was united in marriage with Miss Christina Bartlett, a native of Pennsylvania. Their family consists



of A. L., William H., Amanda J., Louisa A., I. L., Andrew D., R. A., and J. W.

### G. C. HOWENSTEIN,

manufacturer and dealer in furniture, is a native of Ohio, and was born January 4, 1845, in the town of Bucyrus, Crawford County. He received his education in his native town, and when only seventeen years of age, or in 1861, he enlisted in Company K., Sixty-fourth Ohio, and remained in service for three years and three months. He participated in a number of important battles, and was mustered out as sergeant. He was taken prisoner at Fort Mission Ridge, October 30, 1863, and held for thirteen months, spending most of the time in Andersonville prison. After he was mustered out, he returned home, and having learned the trade of cabinet maker, he began in the furniture business, which he continued in this locality for two years, then went to Omaha, Nebraska, and was there in the employ of the Union Pacific car shops, till January, 1869, when he came to Cameron, and began in his present business. This is not only located in Cameron, but he has a fine store in Hamilton, Missouri. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and belongs to Vincil Lodge No. 62. Mr H. was married January 4, 1870, to Miss Lou. Lewis, of Ohio. They have had three children, two of whom are now living, Grace E. and George G.

### L. S. HURD,

general real estate agent, and, also, agent for the McCormick reapers and mowers, was born in Portage County, Ohio, April 9, 1849, and grew to manhood in his native county, where he attended school. He enjoyed excellent educational advantages, always improving his time and talents. In December, 1868, he came to Cameron, where he has since resided. Previous to this he made farming his occupation, but since then has been engaged in different branches of business. He is, at present, engaged in the real estate business, and is competent and reliable, attending to any transactions in his line of business. His father, Freedom, was born in Colebrook, Connecticut, and emigrated to Ohio, when nine years of age, and has made farming his occupation during life; his father, G. F., was also a native of Connecticut, and of English descent. The mother of L. S., whose maiden name was Hannah Moore, is a native of Ohio; her father, Nathaniel Moore, was born in Ireland.

### IKNER & SCHNEIDERMYER,

produce dealers and shippers. The senior partner of this firm, J. J. Ikner, is a native of Germany, and was born in Wardenberg April 17, 1841. When thirteen years of age, he emigrated to America with his



parents, landing in New York, and soon after he located in Holland, New York. After residing in different parts of that state till 1864, he went to Iowa, and in 1866, took a trip to Montana, where he remained till 1869. He returned to Iowa, having been engaged in various business in the different states. For several years Mr. I. has been dealing in produce. He located in Cameron March, 1880. He was married September 7, 1872, to Miss Alice F. Flemming. She was born in Harrison County, Missouri, October 16, 1852. They have three children: Mary M., born May 18, 1871; Ira, born February 18, 1875; Pearl, born April 10, 1881. The junior partner of the firm, Herman Schneidermyer, was born in Western Prussia, January 1, 1847, and came to America when a child. He lived near St. Louis, on a farm, for about five years, when his parents moved to Fort Madison, Iowa, where they now reside. He received a fair education, both in the English and German schools, and while in Fort Madison, learned the cooper trade, which he followed, at various places, till a short time before locating in Cameron.

#### THOMAS P. JONES,

farmer and stock raiser, section 12, post office Cameron, was born in Wooster, Wayne County, Ohio, on the 6th day of January, 1833, and when four years of age, with his parents, he moved to Holmes County, Ohio, and was there raised and received a common school education. He made his home there till 1856, and in 1857 came to Missouri, living in Caldwell County for two years. In the spring of 1858 he came to Clinton County and settled where he now resides, his farm containing 660 acres of well improved land. Mr. J. was married in March, 1861, to Miss Nannie Parker, a native of Caldwell County, Missouri, and by this marriage they have eight children: William M., Zellette V., Susie B., John H., James L., Kerrins C., Harrison N. and Ellsworth T.

#### JAMES F. JONES,

is a native of Holmes County, Ohio, and in 1857, with his parents, moved to Caldwell County, Missouri, remaining there until 1858, when he came to this county and settled some three miles south of Cameron. He enjoyed good educational advantages in his youth, and after becoming of age, he manifested a fancy for the stock business, and his excellent judgment in the selection of fine animals, commended him to the notice of older heads. His genial nature, courteous manners, and wise sagacious management, have made him one of the best, as he is one of the most popular, stock men of the county. Of late years, he has given much attention in making selections from among the best herds of Missouri, and in 1880, made quite a purchase from a noted breeder of Ken-





tucky. His farm consists of five hundred acres of land, well improved and watered. He was united in marriage, December, 1879, with Miss Effie Wardell, a native of Canada Falls. Their family consists of two children, Orra and Garfield.

#### WILLIAM KEESAMAN,

farmer and stock raiser, section 12, post office Raytown, was born October 6, 1819, in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania. He was reared at his birthplace, spending his boyhood days on a farm and receiving a common school education. At the age of fifteen he commenced to learn the blacksmith trade. He served a five years' apprenticeship and afterward followed it fifteen years. He then turned his attention to farming, which he followed until he came west in the spring of 1868. He stopped about six months in Illinois, then came west to Missouri, and settled in Clinton County near Lathrop, thence to the place on which he now resides in the spring of 1870. His landed estate now consists of 166 acres of improved land and ten acres of timber. His farm is well watered, he has a young orchard, a comfortable residence, etc. He gives his attention principally to stock raising. In his business transactions he is upright and reliable, and has the respect and esteem of a large circle of friends. He was married in August, 1844, to Miss Sarah Mouray, a native of Cumberland County, Pennsylvania. They have six children: John A., Nicolas M., Mary C. (now Mrs. Geo. Bond), William A., George W. and Annie M. They have lost three. They have also raised three adopted children: Nancy B. Finkinbiner, David Lacklan and Bertha E. Evans. In their religious preference they are in sympathy with the German Reformed church, of which they were members while residents of Pennsylvania.

#### SAMUEL KENDIG,

farmer and stock raiser, section 1, post office Keystone, was born June 20, 1828, in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania. He was reared in his native state and spent his boyhood days on a farm in the vicinity of Green Spring. He received his education in the old log school houses and subscription schools of the vicinity. He has always followed farming as an occupation. During the late war he assisted in organizing a company for active service, but the quota was full and they disbanded; his brothers afterward enlisted and he remained at home to take care of his aged parents. He emigrated to Illinois, in the fall of 1868, and lived there one year, then came to Clinton County, Missouri, and settled where he now resides. He now owns 120 acres of well improved farm land and ten acres of timber. He has a handsome residence, a good orchard, and his farm is well stocked. He has filled the position of



school director several terms and superintended the building of the school house at Keystone. He was married, in 1854, to Miss Sarah J. Weaver, a native of the same place as her husband, born in 1834. They have seven children: Lizzie B. (now Mrs. Alonzo Bryant), S. Abner, Barbara J. (now Mrs. M. Hoffman), Harry, J. Weaver, Clinton C., and Willis. Himself, wife, and four of the children, are active members of the Church of God, in which he holds the position of elder.

### J. B. KESTER,

tinner, Cameron, is a native of Holmes County, Ohio, and was born April 23, 1849. In 1865, he accompanied his parents to Clinton County, Missouri. His education was acquired in his native county, and, until 1866, he resided on a farm. He then commenced work at the carpenter's trade for three years, and then learned his present trade, which he has since followed, having worked in different parts of Missouri, Kansas and in San Francisco. In 1880, he began as one of the present firm, Kestor, Shirts & Co., doing all kinds of job work, steam fitting, etc. He was married December 24, 1876, to Miss Jessie Corn, who was born in Holmes County, Ohio, September 14, 1865. They have one child, Nellie, born December 24, 1878.

### JOHN F. KING, M. D.,

was born in Williamson County, Tennessee, September 21, 1831, and was raised and educated in his native county. He made choice of the practice of medicine as a profession, and, after a thorough preparation, in May, 1854, he was graduated from the medical department of the University of Nashville, and began as a practitioner at Allen Springs, Allen County, Kentucky, where he remained one year. In May, 1855, he came to what is now Cameron, Missouri, before the town had attracted attention, being only a prairie. He was the first physician that located at this point, and also one of the first citizens. He is a Mason, and member of Vincil Lodge, No. 62. His father, James, was a native of North Carolina, and his mother, Elizabeth, of Virginia. They were both of English descent. He was married in Kentucky, September, 1854, to Miss Elizabeth D. Hare, of Kentucky. They have had seven children, three now living: Ersten A., James E., and Mary E.

### P. C. KISHPAUGH, M. D.,

was born in New Jersey, February 15, 1830. When five years of age he, with his parents, Henry and Sarah (Chisler), moved to Lodi, Seneca County, New York, where he was educated. After receiving his primary education he attended the Academy of Ovid, in the same county, for



two years, when he then began the study of medicine, graduating in the Albany Medical College of New York, and he began his practice in Clyde, Sandusky County, Ohio, where he continued five years and then moved to Tiffin, Seneca County, Ohio. He continued the practice of medicine in this locality till 1869, when he came to Cameron, Missouri, where he has since pursued his chosen calling. His homestead contains forty acres of land, finely improved and well supplied with both large and small fruit. He has four acres of vineyard, three acres of raspberries, one hundred pear trees, seventy-five cherry trees, two thousand apple trees and other small fruit. His house and location are unusually pleasant and inviting. He was married on April 2, 1855, to Miss Sarah Culver. She was born December 25, 1835, and is a native of Seneca County, Ohio. They have one child, Mettie M., born December 11, 1860.

#### J. H. KITTRIDGE,

liveryman and real estate agent, was born in Charleston, Maine, April 9, 1832. When three years of age his parents moved to Waterville, and when five years of age, moved to Milo, where he remained till eighteen years of age. He was educated in Milo, and in 1850, he went to Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts, where he lived for a short time, and then went to Amherst, New Hampshire, where he learned the moulder's trade, and followed the same in that locality, for five years. He then worked in different parts of New York, Pennsylvania and Georgia, and in the spring of 1857, he returned to his native home, and was there engaged in the saw mill business till the breaking out of the war, when he enlisted in Company D, Second Maine Infantry, their company being the first to leave the state. He remained in service two years, acting as orderly sergeant most of the time, and participated in a number of the most important battles. After leaving the army, he returned home, and resumed his business at milling. In 1865, he moved to Clarence, Iowa, where he located on a farm till 1868, when he moved to DeKalb County, Missouri, and in 1875, he made his home in Cameron, engaging in his present business. He is a member of Vincil Lodge No 62, A., F. & A. M., also of A. O. U. W., No. 38, and Royal Temple No. 1. He was married in 1857, to Miss Ella Thomas. She was born in Brownville, Maine, in 1835, and died in 1877, leaving three children: Dalbert S., Lillie and Bertie. He was married, September 10, 1877, to Miss Emma Brant. She was born in 1857, and is a native of Ohio. They have by this marriage, two children, May and Roy.

#### M. G. LEACH,

agent for the United States and American Express Companies, was born in Plympton, Massachusetts, November 9, 1838. He received his educa-





tion in his native town, and, while a boy, worked in a boot and shoe manufactory. In 1854, he, with his parents, moved to Howard County, Iowa. His parents returned to Massachusetts, while he remained and entered a tract of land in the same county, and, for some time, followed the occupation of driving stage and clerking in a store. In 1859, he returned to Massachusetts and worked in a boot and shoe manufactory till the firing on Fort Sumpter, when he enlisted in Company H, Third Massachusetts Infantry, for three months. He had belonged to the state militia for six years previous. At the expiration of three months, he re-enlisted in Company H, Eighteenth Massachusetts, and remained in active service three years, participating in a number of the historical battles of the war, numbering, in all, twenty-eight. He received a serious wound, which disabled him for duty for some time. In November, 1864, he came west, to Quincy, and accepted a position as express messenger from Quincy to St. Joseph, and continued for eighteen months, when he then accepted the agency for the same, and was stationed at Chillicothe. He also bought the stage line between this city and Princeton, which he operated for two years. He then accepted the same route as express messenger, which he continued six months, and then purchased a farm near Chillicothe, where he located and was engaged in agricultural pursuits till 1875, when he, the third time, accepted the same route as express messenger, which he continued till February, 1881, when he located in Cameron and took charge of the office at this point. He was married, November 7, 1866, to Miss Kate Jennings, of Chillicothe. They have six children: Jessie, Effie B., Charles G., Mamie, Laura, and Melvin.

#### O. B. LINGLE.

of the firm of Lingle, Middaugh & Co., grocers, is a native of Crawford County, Ohio, and was born November 13, 1844. In the fall of 1861, although not seventeen years of age, he enlisted in Company E, Sixty-eighth Ohio Infantry, re-enlisted in July, 1863, and was mustered out in July, 1865. He was with Sherman on his march to the sea, and participated in thirty-six general engagements, and, also, in a number of skirmishes. He then returned to Ohio, and was engaged in different occupations till 1867, when he moved to Cameron, Missouri, and was, for seven years, engaged in the milling business. In 1879, he began in his present business. Mr. L. was married December 5, 1866, to Miss Mary Packard, of Medina County, Ohio. They have one child Elmer L.

#### E. Y. LINGLE.

the subject of this sketch, is a native of Ohio, and was born in Fulton County, January 7, 1847. He was reared on a farm in his native county,



and was educated in the common schools. In February, 1865, he enlisted in Company E, Sixty-eighth Ohio, and was mustered out at the close of the war, after which, he returned to his native home and was engaged in tilling the soil till the spring of 1866, when he located in Cameron. He then began work in the mill of which he is now a partner. Mr. L. was married December 8, 1872, to Miss Mary C. Cline, a native of Pennsylvania. They have one child: Walter T., born June 13, 1877.

### L. C. LIVENGOOD,

farmer and stock raiser, section 30, post office Cameron, was born June 22, 1839, in Somerset County, Pennsylvania. He was raised in Allegheny, Fayette and Westmoreland Counties. He spent his boyhood days on a farm and received the benefits of a common school education. He worked some four years at the cooper trade. During the late war he enlisted in Company B, Twenty-eighth Pennsylvania Infantry, and served until the close of the war, taking part in many of the hardest fought battles, among which may be named Antietam, Chancellorsville, Lookout Mountain, Gettysburg, and with General Sherman, on his famous march to the sea. He held the position of sergeant most of the time. At the close of the war he returned to Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, and engaged in boating on the Ohio River. He emigrated west in the spring of 1871, and settled in Clinton County, and engaged in agricultural pursuits. He now owns two fine farms of 160 acres each. He has held the office of school director almost continuously since he has been a resident of the county. He was married, in the fall of 1866, to Miss Annie Mayer, a native of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. They have had six children: Maggie, Harry, Minnie, Leon, Mary and Bert; deceased, two. Mrs. L. is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

### WILLIAM McCALLUM,

Roadmaster on the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad, was born in Clinton, New York, August 7, 1837, and when nine years of age his parents moved to Michigan, remaining in that state till 1859, when they moved to Illinois. Since that time he has been in the employ of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad Company, it being the only regular business in which he has been engaged. He is a Mason and member of Cameron Lodge No. 296, also of Royal Arch Chapter No. 62 and Kadosh Commandery No. 21. He was married in October, 1868, to Miss Mary E. Harroun. She was born in New York in 1842, and died in 1879, leaving three children: Charles D., William H. and George D.



## JOHN P. MCCARTNEY,

farmer and stock raiser, section 1, post office Cameron, is a native of Harrisonburgh, Rockingham County, Virginia, and was born in 1819. He obtained a common school education, and, in 1834, with his parents, moved to Knox County, Ohio, near Mount Vernon, settling on a farm there remaining until 1842. Like many others, he decided to go west, and consequently came to Missouri, settling in Caldwell County, near Mirabile, there making his home until 1843. He went to Gainesville, Missouri, where he did a general merchandise business, and soon after returned to Clinton and devoted his time to the nursery business, he having owned the first one in Clinton County. By close application and constant work, he soon built up an excellent trade, although having commenced with but limited means. He has always been prudent in his expenditures, and richly merits the success which has attended his career. Into whatever he has undertaken he has thrown his whole energy. He was clerk at the first sale of lots sold in Cameron, and has taken an active interest in the prosperity of the town. He is now owner of about 700 acres of fine land. In 1861, he found a wife in the person of Miss Angeline Thomas, a daughter of William Thomas.

## THOMAS McCOMB,

farmer and stock raiser, section 28, also proprietor Union House, Cameron, was born December 12, 1827, in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, and was taken to Carroll County, Ohio, by his parents in 1836. He spent his boyhood days on a farm, receiving the benefits of a common school education, and first engaged in teaching, until he had earned sufficient money to buy a piece of land, and engaged in farming. He commenced in the mercantile business in 1865, in which he continued until 1869, when he sold out, and came west. He settled in Clinton County, where he now resides, and is the owner of 280 acres of fine land, fifty acres of which are timber. He also owns and conducts the Union House, opposite the Union Depot, at Cameron. He is no office seeker, although he has held the position of school director several terms. In his manners, he is much of a gentleman. Mr. McC. was married, June 3, 1852, to Miss Eliza J. Stevenson, a native of Ireland, born May 22, 1829. They have had eight children: Nancy J., now Mrs. R. B. Sadler, William E., Ella F., David S., Albert T., James C., Martha E. and John R. Himself and wife, and three of his children, are members of the Congregational Church of Cameron, in which he holds the position of deacon.

## J. C. MCCRAY,

real estate agent, was born in Pike County, Illinois, April 27, 1847. In 1849, he moved with his parents to Caldwell County, Illinois, where





he resided till December, 1880, when he moved to Cameron. He was educated in the common schools and reared on a farm, and was for a number of years engaged in the stock business. In 1873, he embarked in the mercantile trade, which he continued till 1877. After this time he was principally engaged in the hotel business and real estate. In 1863, he enlisted in the State militia, and in 1864, in Company H of the Forty-fourth Missouri Infantry, and remained in service till the close of war. He was married December 25, 1868, to Miss Alice Payne. She was born in Daviess County, Missouri, January 18, 1852, and died March 16, 1872. He was again married September 2, 1873, to Mrs. Jennie E. Ross, whose maiden name was Estep. She was born in Wayne County, Indiana, January 28, 1847. He had by his first marriage one child, Horrie E., and by his second marriage two children, Clyde and Jessie E. He is a Mason and member of Kingston Lodge No. 118, Royal Arch Chapter No. 45, and of Kadosh Commandery No. 21, and of the Hamilton I. O. O. F. Encampment No. 77.

#### W. W. MCGREGOR,

dealer in hardware, stoves and tinware, is a native of Massachusetts, and was born August 16, 1853, in the town of Millville. When nine years of age, his parents moved to Kentville, Canada, where they remained till he was sixteen years of age and returned to his native home. He received a fair primary education in the common schools, and afterwards attended the Blackstone College of Blackstone, Massachusetts, for three years. In 1869, removed to Cameron, Missouri, where they have since resided. He was for three years working at the tinners' trade, since which time he has been engaged in his present business. He was married December 10, 1874, to Miss Alice Provolt, of Ohio. They have two children—Ethel and Bell. His father, John McGregor, is a native of Scotland, and was born in Campsie, November 29, 1813. When about eleven years of age, he learned the spinners' trade in Glasgow, where he followed his trade till 1841, the year of his emigration to America. After coming to America he located in Massachusetts, and has principally followed his trade in all his various moves mentioned in the history of our sketch. Since he came to Cameron he has been leading a retired life, except in the way of building, in which he has added much to the improvement of the town. He was married December 31, 1835, to Miss Agnes Alexander while in Glasgow, Scotland, where she was born November 15, 1816. They have had five children, two of whom are living—Charles and W. W. Charles, who is now railroading in Texas, was born January 21, 1849.

#### FRANCIS MCGUINNIS,

or Mac, as he is familiarly known, depot and baggage master for the Hannibal & St. Joseph Railroad, at Cameron Junction, was born July 27,



1832, in Somerset, Pulaski County, Kentucky, and was reared at his birth place, until seventeen years of age. He then moved to Adams County, Illinois, where he afterwards married, and engaged in farming and stock raising. During the late war, in 1861, he enlisted in Company B, Sixteenth Illinois Infantry. After serving nine months, he was discharged on account of disability. He was with the first troops that came over the Hannibal & St. Joseph, and assisted in taking down sixteen Confederate flags. He commenced his railroad experience in 1862, with the Hannibal & St. Joseph, and has filled various positions. He took charge of the yards February 27, 1876, and in March, 1880, accepted his present position. He held the position of sergeant-at-arms in Missouri Legislature, for the years 1866 and 1867. Also held the position of superintendent of registration at the close of the war for Chariton, Linn, Putman and Sullivan Counties. He was married in March, 1852, to Miss Olive C. Gould, a native of Adams County, Illinois. They have three children: Sarah E. (now Mrs. Charles Leport), Mary B. (now Mrs. John Proud), and William B. Himself and wife have been members of the Christian Church since 1853. He is a member of the Masonic order, Blue Lodge and Commandery.

### SAMUEL MATTHIS

was born in Kentucky, September 27, 1804. He was there reared and educated. When seventeen years of age, he apprenticed himself to the gunsmith trade, working as an apprentice for four years. He then worked journeyman work till 1827, when he located in Russellville, Kentucky, and was there engaged in manufacturing and repairing till 1856, and the fall of the same year he moved to Missouri, making the journey by team, starting October 2, and landing in Platte County November 7, where he remained till February 26, 1857, and moved to Caldwell County, where he was engaged in agricultural pursuits and raising stock till July 19, 1864, when he moved to Cameron, having sold his farm and invested his means in town property, which he has since improved, and for which he is deserving of much credit. He has been twice married; first, in the year 1829, to Miss Fannie Curd. She was born in 1806, and was a native of Kentucky. She died in 1833. They had three children, only one of whom is now living—David W., or Watt, as he is familiarly called, proprietor of the Cameron House. He was married the second time in November, 1835, to Miss Margarette A. Frazier. She was born in Russellville, Kentucky, November, 1815. Mr. and Mrs. Matthis have been active members in the Baptist Church for many years, and are now the only two of the original members of the Cameron Church that are living. His ancestors were from Pennsylvania.



## CAMERON HOTEL,

D. W. Matthis, proprietor. One of the important features to commercial travelers, at the present day and age, is as to which are the best hotels on their respective routes. Among those that are pre-eminent, and have attained a wide and well merited reputation, is the above named hotel. The structure was erected by Samuel Matthis, and was opened to the public as a hotel soon after. The urbane proprietor, D. W. Matthis, or Watt, as he is familiarly called, has become noted as a caterer, and knows the wants of "ye" weary and hungry traveler. The hotel is a three story brick, conveniently arranged on the most improved plans, and complete in all its appointments. His trade has been steady, and constantly on the increase, and in the season of 1881 attained such a magnitude, that necessitated his adding an additional number of rooms, to meet the increasing patronage. Watt, by his affability and genial demeanor, makes his guests perfectly at home.

## G. S. MERWIN,

carpenter and contractor, was born in Northampton County, Pennsylvania, July 14, 1828. He was reared in different parts of his native state, and when twenty years of age he learned the carpenter trade, which he has followed during life. In 1868, he moved to Missouri and located in Clinton County. He is a Mason, and member of Vincil Lodge No. 62. He was married December 19, 1850, to Miss Lina Beebe. She was born in Wyoming County, Pennsylvania, February 6, 1831. They have had five children, four of whom are living: Mary A., George T., Berry M., Hugh H.

## CHARLES MEYER,

farmer and stock raiser, section 35, post office Cameron, was born February 18, 1834, in Prussia, Germany, where he lived until eighteen years of age. He was reared on a farm and received the benefits of a common school education. He crossed the ocean in the summer of 1854, and landed at New York in June of that year. He emigrated west and settled in La Fayette County, Missouri, where he engaged in farming. He made a trip to this county in 1856, to select a home, and moved his family here in the fall of 1857. He settled on a farm in the country. Cameron at that time contained but two stores. During the late war he assisted in defending the lives and property of the citizens, having served in the state militia and took part in the engagement at Camden Point. He moved to the farm on which he now resides in the spring of 1865. He owns 280 acres of well improved land, most of his fencing being hedges. He has a handsome residence. He has filled the position







of school director nine years. He was married October 13, 1857, to Miss Margaret Definbrink, a native of Indiana, born June 14, 1841. She was principally raised in La Fayette County, Missouri. They have ten children: John W., Mary A., Charles H., James U., William F., Kate G., Elizabeth, Albert B., Lewis and Franklin A.; lost three. Himself and wife are active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Cameron, in which he has held the office of steward and trustee.

### CAPTAIN TIMOTHY MIDDGAUGH,

of the firm of Lingle, Middaugh & Co., is a native of Bourbon County, Kentucky, and was born April 6, 1837. When one year of age his parents moved to Missouri and located in Caldwell County, where he was reared. In a few days after the breaking out of the war he enlisted in the Federal service in Company A, Sixth Missouri Cavalry, and remained in the service till the close of the war, at which time he held the commission of captain. After the close of the war he engaged in the stock business till May 1880, where he commenced his present business. He was married November 1, 1866, to Miss Alena Daugherty. She was born in St. Louis, May 5, 1867. They have two children: Alena, born November 21, 1867, and Jessie, born July 22, 1874.

### WM. F. MILLER,

of the firm of Dietrich & Miller, dealers in groceries and provisions, was born in Shelby County, Kentucky, October 7, 1828. He was reared in his native state on a farm. In 1855, he moved to Daviess County Missouri. In 1862, he enlisted in the Federal service, in Company A, First Missouri Infantry, holding the position as hospital steward one year, when he was discharged, at Lexington Missouri, on account of disability. He then went to Indiana, where he remained two years; then moved near Bloomington, Illinois, where he remained six years; then moved to Kansas, and, in the spring of 1881, came to Cameron, engaging in his present business. From the time he left the army till he came to Cameron, was engaged principally in the stock business. He was married, September 30, 1851, to Miss Nancy Ashby. They have had seven children, three living: Rosa T., Mary E. and Nellie M.

### ISAAC MOORE.

farmer and stock raiser, section 24, post office Turney, was born August 9, 1828, in Derbyshire, England, and was reared there as a farmer, and has made agricultural pursuits his occupation through life. He came to the United States June 18, 1859, and landing at Castle Garden on the 19th of July, he settled in Herkimer County, New York, and engaged in farm-



ing. He remained there ten years; then emigrated to Clinton County, Missouri, and settled where he now resides. He has improved a fine farm of 160 acres; twenty acres of timber. He commenced life under unfavorable circumstances, being thrown upon his own resources when nine years of age. He has made himself a worthy type of independent manhood. He was married October 11, 1851, to Miss Emma Green, a native of England, born February 7, 1829. They have had four children, two of whom are living: William and Emma J.

#### M. E. MOORE,

of the firm of Fales & Moore, proprietors of Clover Hill Cheese Factory. Among the many industries of this county none are more worthy of mention than the productions of the dairy. The subject of our sketch has done much to raise the standard and awaken an interest in this industry. He is a native of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, and was born January 6, 1847, and was reared at his birth place, spending his boyhood days on a dairy farm and receiving his early education at the common schools of the vicinity; then attended college at Hiram, Ohio, and completed his attendance at school with a commercial course at Poughkeepsie, New York. He emigrated to Missouri in 1868, and engaged in the mercantile business at Cameron, Missouri, and afterwards dealt in real estate. In 1874, he formed a partnership in the dairy business with H. B. Fales. He is a live, active business man, and gives his attention to his legitimate business, of which he is a thorough master, understanding its details, and the firm at the present time are operating four dairies. He was married December 11, 1878, to Miss M. La Verne, an estimable lady of French descent, born in Ohio in April, 1857. They are active members of the M. E. Church. Mr. M. is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and belongs to Vincil Lodge No. 62, of Cameron.

#### JOHN S. NELSON,

of the firm of Nelson & Lile, grocers, is a native of Missouri, and was born in Daviess County, October 29, 1842. He was raised and educated in his native county, and when eighteen years of age, began clerking, first, in a drug store. He continued clerking in different branches of business throughout Missouri, till 1881, when he began in his present business. During the years 1869-70, he was here engaged in the lumber trade, having come to Cameron in 1868. He is a Mason, and member of Vincil Lodge No. 62. Mr. N. was married, April 10, 1870, to Miss Mary F. Stout, of Missouri. They have three children: Charley O., M. B. and Frank.



## JOHN OSSMAN,

farmer and ice merchant, section 15, post office Cameron, is a native of Germany, and was born in August, 1824. He received a good education, having spent about seven years at college. In 1844, he enlisted in the German army, serving for thirteen months. Upon the death of his father, he was discharged from service, and took charge of his father's estate. Mr. O. was married, in 1848, to Miss Mary Worker, of Germany. He remained upon the old homestead till 1849, when he came to America, landing at New Orleans. He then went to St. Louis, and, for two years, was in poor health. In 1851, he moved to Cincinnati, Ohio, and worked for two years in a cabinet shop, going from there to Carroll County, Kentucky, where he farmed for three years. In 1857, he came to Clinton County, Missouri, and farmed for two years. For seven years he was engaged in the same avocation, in DeKalb County. In 1861, he enlisted in the Sixth Missouri Volunteer Cavalry, for three years, and participated in many battles, serving his entire time. He was mustered out at Sedalia, Missouri. Returning to Clinton County, he again commenced tilling the soil, and now owns 120 acres of fine land, also a large ice house. His family consists of Lenoa, Fred, Albert, Gertie, and Edward, deceased.

## O. C. PACKARD,

farmer and dairyman, section 25, post office Cameron, was born July 27, 1835, in Hampshire County, Massachusetts, and was raised to farming and the dairy business. He received the benefits of a common school education, to which he has added much knowledge by self-application. He learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed during the summer seasons and taught school in the winter. Mr. P. emigrated west in the spring of 1863, and settled at Mendota, Illinois, afterward coming to Cameron, Missouri, where he located in November of the same year. His first farm was on section 24, and his residence was the only one in sight, southeast of town, for about two years. He moved to his present location in the spring of 1868, and his landed estate consists of 138 acres in Clinton County, and fifty acres in DeKalb County. He has a comfortable residence, which he erected himself. He gives his attention principally to the dairy business; during the summer of 1880, he averaged \$100 per month from the milk of twenty cows. He has filled the position of school director for eight years and clerk for six years. Mr. P. was married April 2, 1863, to Miss Sophia Dean, a native of Berkshire County, Massachusetts, born April 10, 1840. They have one child: Herbert M., born July 18, 1867. They are active members of the Congregational Church of Cameron, in which he holds the position of trustee.





## C. E. PACKARD,

farmer, stock raiser and dairyman, section 24, post office Cameron, was born March 19, 1838, in Hampshire County, Massachusetts, and was reared at his birthplace as a farmer, receiving the benefits of a common school education. He moved to Clinton County, Ohio, in 1858, where he engaged in teaching, and emigrated to Missouri in 1863, accepting the position as agent and operator at Cameron for the Hannibal & St. Joe Railroad Company. He held this position for four years, and also carried on the lumber business. In 1867 he turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, and now owns a fine farm of 160 acres near Cameron, and his handsome residence stands within a mile and a half of the city. His attention is devoted chiefly to the dairy business. He is keeping about forty milch cows. He has taken an active part in the up-building of Cameron and is numbered among the best respected citizens of the county. He was one of the first to manifest an interest for educational matters. During the late war he assisted in defending Cincinnati when it was threatened by Kirby Smith in fall of 1862, and after coming to this state joined the Enrolled Missouri Militia in 1864. He was married to Miss Araminda Utter, native of Ohio, born March 13, 1842. They have had five children, four of whom are living: William, Clark, Eva and Martha. Himself and wife are active members of the Christian Church of Cameron, in which he holds the position of elder.

## W. G. PARK.

farmer and stock speculator, section 18, post office Turney, is a native of Missouri, and was born on the 19th day of February, 1835. He was raised on a farm, and acquired a good education, which has enabled him to keep thoroughly posted in all branches of business. He is a man of intellectual, moral and physical stamina, industrious and energetic, and early laid a good foundation, upon which he built slowly, yet surely and safely. He has been successful as a cattle feeder, and displays good, firm judgment in the selecting of stock. He is the possessor of a fine stock farm, well watered, and adapted to his business. Mr. P. was married, in August, 1856, to Miss Jane C. Hall, a native of Missouri. Their family consists of Emma C., James E., Minnie E., Mollie J., Virginia B., William J., and Laura. Both Mr. and Mrs. Park are members of the Christian Church.

## J. P. PIERSON,

merchant, was born December 23, 1841, and is a native of Sweden. On the 2nd of May, 1851, his parents started to America, and, after a dangerous voyage, having been shipwrecked a time or two, they landed at Bos-



ton, Nov. 23, 1851. Soon after, they went to South Port, now Kenosha, Wisconsin. J. P. was principally educated in his native land, and after coming to America he worked on a farm, and was engaged at various branches of business in Wisconsin, Iowa and Illinois, till 1870, when he came to Missouri and located at Breckinridge, Caldwell County, farming one year. He then embarked in the grocery trade, which he carried on till 1876, when he located in Cameron, where he has since resided, having been engaged in his present business. He was married September 29, 1867, to Miss Mary E. Jameson. She was born in Allegany County, New York, December 5, 1847. They have five children: Harry J., born October 1, 1869; Anna B., born April 24, 1871; Willie C., born September 2, 1872; Flora A., born April 27, 1875; John G., born January 4, 1881.

#### T. E. POTTER, M. D.,

and a member of the firm of Potter Bros., druggists, is a native of Clinton County, Missouri, and first saw the light of day December 18, 1842. He is the son of Thomas and Hessie (Smith), both natives of Missouri. T. E. was educated in the common schools, and McGee College of Macon County, Missouri. In 1871, he commenced the study of medicine under Dr. Franklin, of DeKalb County, Missouri, and, in 1873, entered the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia, from which he was graduated, with honors, in the spring of 1875. The following was copied from the report of the Jefferson Medical College, of Philadelphia, March, 1875: "A prize of \$50, by the Professor of Obstetrics, for the best paper on the descriptive and relative anatomy of the gravid uterus, awarded to Thompson E. Potter, of Missouri, with honorable mention of the papers of Joseph F. Robinson, of Missouri, and A. F. Balmer, of Pennsylvania." After graduating, he returned to Missouri, and located in Cameron, where he has since been engaged in the practice of his profession, having performed some very successful operations in surgery. In the spring of 1881, he was elected to the Chair of Lectures on Physiology and the Nervous System, in the Northwestern Medical College of St. Joseph, Missouri. He has devoted his entire time to the interest of his profession since choosing that calling, except during the short period of his teaching school, while preparing for the medical work. The drug store, of which he is now a member, is managed by his partner. He was married April 17, 1876, to Miss Mary Bassett. She was born in Lexington, Kentucky, February 15, 1855. They have been blessed with four children, three of whom are living: Mary B., born February 25, 1877; Ena W., born December 25, 1879, and Thompson E., born December 14, 1880. The doctor is a member of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to Cameron Lodge, No. 296.



## J. P. PRICE,

farmer and cattle feeder, section 24, post office Turney, is a native of Centre County, Pa., and was born on the 5th day of August, 1849. When but a child, he moved with his parents to Hollidaysburg in 1860, having received a good education. In 1861 he went to Halifax, Dauphin County, and remained on a farm until 1864, when he began the boating business, and followed same till 1866. Then he came to Clinton County, Missouri, and farmed for three years. He worked on the railway for one year, and afterward went to Wilson County, Kansas, where he entered a piece of land. In 1871, he returned to Clinton County, and has since followed farming and cattle feeding. Mr. P. was married on the 24th day of December, 1874, to Mrs. Adams (formerly Miss Melissa Miner), who was born December 25, 1844. Mr. Price is a man well known throughout the county. Beginning life without capital other than his own native abilities, and prompted by ambition to become known as an upright, honorable and industrious man, he has by his own efforts gradually risen to his present position; and his life history furnishes a worthy example to young men who aspire to dignity and nobleness of character. Mr. and Mrs. Price are both members of the Baptist church. Mrs. Price has by her first husband three children: Newton L., John M. and Elizabeth J., and by the latter union there are three children: Melissa M., Florence L. C., and Julia.

## J. H. REEVES,

ticket agent and telegraph operator for the Hannibal & St. Joseph Railroad, at Cameron Junction, was born April 6, 1850, in Burlington County, New Jersey. He was reared and educated in that state. He emigrated west in the spring of 1869, and located in Kansas City. On the 29th of March, he entered the employ of the Hannibal & St. Joseph Company, and remained two years at Kansas City. He then accepted a position with the St. Joseph & Western as train dispatcher at St. Joseph, where he remained between two and three years. He then came to Cameron and accepted the same position with the Hannibal & St. Joseph Railroad. He afterwards accepted the position as agent and operator at Kearney, Clay County, Missouri, with the same company, and held this position two years, returning to Cameron in the fall of 1880, and accepting his present position, which he fills to the entire satisfaction of all. He is a member of Kearney Lodge No. 311, A. F. & A. M. He was married August 3, 1876, to Miss Jennie McDougal, a native of Quincy, Illinois. She was born March 8, 1856. They have one child, Donald W., born September 30, 1877.





## A. O. RISLEY, M. D.,

senior partner of the firm of A. O. Risley & Son, dealers in dry goods, clothing, hats, boots, shoes, notions, etc., is a native of Portage County, Ohio, and was born August 29, 1824. His education was received in the common schools, supplemented with a course at the Grand River Institute, of Ashtabula County, Ohio, and also at Samuel Bissell's Academy, of Twinsburg, Summit County, Ohio. After completing his education, he went to Louisville, Kentucky, where he remained three years, and for two years was employed as a teacher in a select school. Upon returning to his native county, he resumed the study of medicine, having previously chosen its study as his profession. In the fall of 1849, he went to California, where he remained till the fall of 1851, and while there, was engaged as superintendent for a mining company. He then went to Cleveland, Ohio, and in a short time removed to Medina County, again commencing the study of medicine. In the spring of 1853, he graduated from the Cleveland Medical College, and began the practice of his profession in Franklin, Portage County, Ohio, under the most favorable circumstances, continuing with excellent success while in that locality. Owing to the death of his brother, he became discontented, and in 1856, went, by the way of Cleveland and Detroit, to Rock Island. After traveling over Iowa, he went to St. Paul, Minnesota, where he remained three months and visited various parts of the country, finally locating at Shakopee, Scott County, Minnesota, where he was engaged in the practice of his profession, with a considerable degree of success, for three years. In 1863, he was appointed surgeon, which position he continued to fill till the close of the war. After this he returned to Ohio, and subsequently took a trip to Kentucky, and over different parts of Missouri. He then returned to Ohio and moved his family to Kansas City, but not being satisfied with that location, he came to Cameron, where he has since resided, and has been engaged in the practice of his profession. In the spring of 1879 he purchased the store which his son is now managing, having been engaged in this business for several years. He was married May 10, 1857, to Miss Jennie S. Coulthard. She is a native of Toronto, Canada, and was educated in Rochester, New York. Have four children: George, Charles, Chester, and Frank. Dr. R. is a member of the I. O. O. F. He was Deputy Grand Master of Olakue Lodge No. 9, of Minnesota, and a member of the Grand Lodge of the state. His father, Nathaniel H., was a native of Connecticut, and emigrated to Ohio in the year 1812. His mother, Content Russell was a native of Hartford, Connecticut.

## C. S. SADLER,

retired farmer, section 33, postoffice Cameron, was born May 26, 1804, in Germany. He was raised in his native country. At fifteen years of



age, commenced to learn the tanner's and currier's trade. After he had worked three years as a journeyman, and nine years on his own account in his mother country, he then emigrated to the United States in 1831, and settled in New Jersey, where he worked six months at his trade, and also attended school. He moved to Northampton County, Pennsylvania, in the spring of 1832, and followed his chosen vocation. He there married Miss Caroline Kester, October 26, 1833. She was a native of that county, born in March, 1808. They resided in Northampton County, until the fall of 1836, when he then purchased a one horse wagon and a horse, and with his household goods, his wife and one child, made the trip to Wayne County, Ohio, where he resided until 1838. He then moved to Holmes County, and started a tanyard, which he operated until 1852, when he sold out, and turned his attention to farming. He came west in the spring of 1865, and settled in this county. He first purchased some 440 acres, and went into partnership with his brother-in-law, A. Kester. They afterwards divided the place, and he now owns 220 acres of fine land, which is well watered, on which he has a good orchard and a handsome residence, the farm is one of the best in the county. Mr. S. commenced life a poor boy, and has been the architect of his own fortune. He is one of the oldest citizens in the county, being now in his seventy-eighth year, and he is still active and youthful in his disposition, and bids fare to see a mellow old age. They have been blessed with five children, two only of whom are living, Sarah J. (now Mrs. T. Corbin), and Rufus B., who takes charge of the farm. Mr. and Mrs. S. have been active members of the Christian Church, since 1839, in which he has filled the office of deacon, and is one of the most liberal contributors of the church at Cameron. The eldest son Leonard, served in the late war, and lost his health, and finally died in the hospital at Camp Denison, Ohio. Rufus B. was born September 19, 1847, in Holmes County, Ohio, and received excellent educational advantages in his youth, and has been raised on the farm. He was married, May 15, 1873, to Miss Nancy McComb, of this county. They have four children: Carrie, Eldon, Carl and Lydia. They are members of the Congregational Church of Cameron.

#### ADAM SCHLEMMER,

manufacturer of cooperage, was born in the Province of Hesse-Cassel, March 21, 1837. He was educated in his native land, and, in 1866, came to America, landing in New York October 14. From there he went to Pittsburgh, remaining a short time, after which he moved to Cincinnati, where he learned his trade. He made his home there for three years, and then followed his trade in different parts of Ohio, until 1871, when he went to Omaha, for a short time. He then located in St. Joseph, and shortly afterwards started a manufactory in Stewartsville, where he con-



tinued business till 1875, when he began in his present location. He is an Odd Fellow, and belongs to Star of Hope Lodge No. 182. While in his native land he was in the war for eighteen months. He was married, October 23, 1873, to Miss Artie Smith. She was born in Gentry County, Missouri, in May, 1855. They have one child, Charles.

### ADOLPH SELLE,

farmer and stock raiser, section 32, post office Cameron, was born August 3, 1827, in Prussia, Germany, and was reared at his birthplace, receiving a common school education. When fourteen years of age, he commenced to learn the stone cutter's trade, at which he worked for about seven years. He came to the United States in the fall of 1848, and landed at Baltimore, Maryland; then he removed to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he remained one season and worked on the county court house. After living in Fairfield County, Ohio, he came to this county in November, 1855, where he has since resided. He owns 312 acres of fine land, about 200 acres of which are improved and well watered. He has filled the office of school director and road supervisor several times. He was married in September, 1853, to Miss Christina Steimer, a native of Wurtemberg, Germany. They have had five children: Christina, Henry, Charles, John and Anna. Himself and wife are active members of the M. E. Church, in which he holds the position of steward, and is also superintendent of the sabbath school. Mr. S. had but \$5 in his pocket when he landed in Baltimore, but by adhering to sterling principles of honesty and industry, he has risen to a prominent position among agriculturists.

### GUSTAVE SELLE,

farmer and stock raiser, section 8, post office Cameron, is a native of Germany, and was born on the thirteenth day of January, 1842. He came to America, with his parents, in 1854, and settled in this county. He received a good education, and assisted his father in working the farm, till 1861, when he responded to his country's call, and enlisted under Captain Edgar, and re-enlisted in 1862, under Captain Thomas Doak, in Company H., twenty-ninth Missouri Volunteer Infantry. He participated at the battle of Vicksburg, and many others, and accompanied Gen. Sherman on his march to the sea. He was mustered out, at Washington, District of Columbia, on the 17th day of June, 1865, after which he returned to Clinton County, and purchased a farm of 160 acres of land. Mr. Selle was married, in December, 1870, to Miss Emily Beachner, a native of Germany. Their family consists of Emma, Lewis H., William L., Omar, deceased, and Bertha E.





## HENRY SELLE,

farmer and marble cutter, section 4, post office Cameron, is a son of Fredrick and Rebecca Selle, of Prussia, Germany, and was there born. He enjoyed excellent educational advantages in his native country, and devoted some two years to the study of music, being a master of harmony and thorough bass. In 1853, Mr. S. emigrated to America, landing at Baltimore, Maryland, and came direct to Clinton County, Missouri, here beginning the life of a farmer in connection with his profession. He pursued his chosen avocation with untiring zeal, and with a success which has earned for him no inferior rank among the farmers of the county. He is a man of strong intellect, untiring ambition, and as a musician has few superiors. He was united in marriage on the first day of May, 1841, to Miss Eva Wagner, a native of Aldenburg, Germany. She was born on the sixth day of September, 1822. By this union they have had eight children: Gustave, Augusta, Albert, Clara, Agnes, Oscar, Minnie and Aimie.

## C. L. SHARP, M. D.,

the subject of this sketch was born in Shelbyville, Kentucky, April 30, 1828. He received his education in the schools of that city, and when eighteen years of age he began the study of medicine, and 1859 he entered the Ohio Medical College. After completing the usual course he graduated in the spring of 1851, and immediately began the practice of his profession in Cincinnati, where he lived till 1857, then went to Montezuma, Parke County, Indiana, where he was engaged in the practice of medicine till 1860, when he returned to Cincinnati and attended a full course of lectures in the Eclectic Medical College, graduating in the spring of 1861. Dr. S. then went to Eugene, Vermillion County, Indiana, where he again resumed the practice of his profession till May, 1864, next moving to Quincy, Illinois. This place he made his home till 1866, when he located in Cameron, Missouri. Since that time he has been actively engaged in the practice of his profession. He was married May 3, 1863, to Miss Ann M. Phillips. She was born in Vermillion County, Indiana, September 28, 1834. They have one child, Edna, born March 26, 1869.

## CALEB SHREVE.

farmer, stock raiser and dairyman, section 34, post office Cameron, was born October 15, 1823, in Wayne County, Ohio, and was reared at his birth place, receiving the benefits of a common school education. During the war he espoused the Union cause. In 1866, he settled in Clinton County, Missouri, where he purchased 290 acres of land. He has lately



sold all but eighty acres. Mr. S. has filled the positions of school director, road overseer and public administrator, and has been one of the most influential men of the county. He was married March 6, 1845, to Miss Eva Gorsach, a native of Holmes County, Ohio, born January 9, 1824. They have had nine children, seven of whom are living: Zephaniah B., Mary E. (now Mrs. H. B. Fales), Sophinia (now Mrs. L. E. Fales), Alexander F., Thomas J., David G., and Andrew B. Himself and wife are active members of the Christian Church.

### W. G. SLOAN,

proprietor of the Cameron marble works, is a native of Trenton, Canada, and was born February 22, 1851. He was reared on a farm until sixteen years of age, when he commenced an apprenticeship for three years to his present trade. In the spring of 1871, he went to Chicago, where he remained a short time, and was afterwards located in Maysville till the fall of the same year, when he returned to his native country. There he was principally engaged in attending school till 1872, when he again came to Missouri, and located in Cameron. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity. Mr. S. was married January 1, 1876, to Miss Sarah E. Craig. She was born in Iowa, July 4, 1851. They have one child, James C., born February 21, 1878. Have lost two.

### T. K. SMITH, M. D.,

is a son of the late Hon. George Smith, and was born in Columbiana County, Ohio, March 19, 1842. When three years of age, he was taken by his parents to Caldwell County, Missouri, and was educated at the Franklin High School, of Clay County, Missouri, and at Edinburg College, in Grundy County. At the age of sixteen, he commenced teaching school, and followed it for some years, with marked success. He formed a taste for the practice of medicine, and commenced reading with Dr. G. W. McCook, of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, as preceptor. He attended lectures at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York, in 1864-5, and in 1866-7, he attended the medical department of the University of Michigan, and graduated in the spring of 1867. He commenced the active duties of his profession, in Springfield, Missouri, and remained there one year, and then came to Lathrop, Clinton County, where in connection with his practice, he conducted a drug business for two years, and then abandoned the practice of medicine, and removed to Cameron, and engaged in the boot and shoe trade. He served as a Deputy United States Marshal, for eight years, and was a clerk in the legislature, for four sessions, one in the House, and three in the Senate. In 1876, he was selected by the Republicans, as their standard bearer, for representa-



tive in the state legislature, but in a district largely Democratic was, of course, defeated. He has always taken a deep interest in educational matters, and has served, for six years, as a member of the board of education, and the last year, has acted as president. When he first became a member, the debt of the school district was about \$40,000, and, largely through his efforts, this debt has been reduced to \$22,000. In February, 1880, he visited St. Louis, and succeeded in reducing the rate of interest on the school bonds, from ten per cent. to seven per cent. He married Miss Hattie Smalley, August 8, 1866. She was born in Ohio, July 15, 1841. Their family consists of five children living: George P., Eugene T., L. Agnes, Fanny M., and Maud L.

### EDWARD SMITH,

familiarly known as Diamond Smith, farmer and stock raiser, section 29, post office Cameron, was born May 27, 1842, in County Tipperary, Ireland, and was brought to the United States, by his parents, when an infant. They settled in Peoria, Illinois, where Edward was principally raised, and where he received a part of his education. He accompanied his parents to Burlington, Iowa, when about thirteen years of age, and attended school there for five years. He then went to the Pacific Coast, and engaged in mining, there spending about twenty years, visiting many of the Pacific Islands, and traveling around the coast of Chili, to Africa, where he visited the famous diamond fields. He returned to the United States again, having had an eventful life, and one that few have the privilege to enjoy. He came to Clinton County, Missouri, in January, 1881, and engaged in tilling the soil. He purchased the old Shult farm, one of the finest in the county, containing 280 acres of well improved land, upon which is a fine residence and an excellent barn. Mr. S. is giving his attention, principally, to the raising of thoroughbred cattle.

### EDWARD SMITH,

owner of the farm upon which the Acme Mineral Springs are located. He was born on the place he now occupies, and has there been reared. His farm consists of 335 acres. He was married June 15, 1881, to Miss Maggie A. Coil. She was born in DeKalb County, Missouri, July 15, 1852. These springs have been more particularly noticed in another part of this work.

### H. S. SMYSER,

of the firm of Smyser & Grannis, wagon and carriage manufacturers, also general blacksmithing, was born in Adams County, Pennsylvania, February 3, 1831. When ten years of age, his parents moved to Ash-





land County, Ohio, where he was educated. In 1845, he went to Cincinnati, where he learned the carriage making business, remaining in Cincinnati till 1850, when he returned to Ashland County, Ohio, living there until 1855, when he went to South Bend, Indiana, and worked in the employ of the Studebaker Wagon Company for twenty-two years, the latter part of the time in St. Joseph, from which place he moved to Cameron, in 1876, and opened a shop for himself. He is a Mason, and member of St. Joseph Lodge No. 78. He was married, February 28, 1852, to Miss Mary A. Spousler, who was born in Brookfield, Ohio, July, 1836. They have two children, Alice P. and Etta M.

#### J. H. SNYDER, M. D.,

is a native of Schoharie County, New York, and was born July 17, 1833. He was educated in his native county, and when eighteen years of age, he began the study of medicine. In 1852, he entered the Eclectic Medical College, at Syracuse, New York, and graduated in the same in February, 1854, and soon after commenced the active duties of a practitioner, in Springfield, New York, where he lived till 1868, when he moved to Clinton County, Missouri, and in a short time located in Cameron, where he has since resided. He is also interested in some mines in Colorado, being the president of the Silver Mining Company, of Cameron. He also has the honor of being the discoverer of the medical properties of the Acme Mineral Springs, and being the first to give them their boom (mention of same is made elsewhere). He has, for five years, been dealing in fine Hambletonian horses, with success. He is a Mason, and a member of Evergreen Lodge, No. 363, of Springfield, New York; also a member of Cameron Royal Arch Chapter, No. 67, and Kadosh Commandery, K. T., No. 21. He was married March 12, 1854, to Miss Sarah A. Mereness, of New York. They have one child, Kittie M. She was born September 26, 1864.

#### A. D. STEVENS,

proprietor of the Combs House. Among those experienced in catering to the wants of the traveling public and who have made themselves popular as landlords, is the subject of this sketch. He was born in Norwich, New York, April 8, 1841. He was educated in the academy of his native town. On November 26, 1861, he enlisted in Company D of the United States Sharpshooters, and remained in the service till November 27, 1862, when he was discharged. He was then engaged in various business till 1866, when he went to Royalton, Waupaca County, Wisconsin, where he was engaged in the lumber business till 1869, since which time he has been in the mercantile and hotel business. January 25, 1881, he took



charge of the Combs House. He is a Mason and member of Cameron Lodge No. 296. He was married January 26, 1864, to Miss Mert Combs. She was born in Madison County, New York, in 1841. They have one child, Alice M.

### C. J. STEVENS,

cashier of the Farmers Bank, was born in Newark, Essex County, New Jersey, January 2, 1845. When thirteen years of age, he, with his parents, William and Elizabeth (Townley), moved to Ohio. He was educated in the common and high schools of Ohio and graduated at Bryant & Stratton's Commercial College, of New York City, in 1866. In 1867, he came to Cameron, and was engaged in the dry goods business until the fall of 1871. He then embarked in the boot and shoe business till 1877. During four years of this time he acted as Deputy United States Marshal. In 1878, he, in connection with others, organized the Farmers Bank, of which he is and has been, cashier. He was married Jan-16, 1872, to Miss Nellie, a daughter of Ex-Governor George Smith, deceased. She was born in Caldwell County, Missouri, November 15, 1851. They have two children: Clarence W., born December 30, 1872; and Alina M., born August 15, 1875.

### G. W. STONER,

general real estate and collection agent, was born in Montgomery County, Indiana, January 13, 1835. He was raised on a farm in his native county. In the fall of 1857 he came to Missouri and located in Daviess County, spending most of his time for four years in traveling, principally in Kansas. In 1868, he moved to Cameron, where he has since resided, and has been engaged in his present business, trading in lands in Missouri, Kansas, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Texas and other States. He was married March 5, 1862, to Miss Susan Rogers. She was born March 5, 1835, and is a native of Kentucky, but was raised in Indiana. They have three children, two now living: William Jacob, born December 14, 1862, and Ida C., born November, 25, 1864. Mr. S. belongs to the I. O. O. F., and is a member of Cameron Lodge. He and Mrs. S. are also members of the Christian Church.

### JOHN N. STROTZ,

merchant, was born in Belgium, April 16, 1837. He was educated in the French language, having the benefits of a very fair training, being taught to read and write three different tongues, French, German and Latin, before coming to America, which was in 1853. He first located in Chicago, where he was engaged at wagon making till 1859, when he came



to Missouri and located in Clay County for a short time, after which he moved to Clinton County, where he was engaged in the carpenter's trade till 1861, then returned to Illinois, where he followed wagon making till 1866. He then returned to Clay County and was engaged in the baker's trade, in Liberty, till 1869, when he came to Cameron and commenced his present business. He has been a member of the town council since he came to Cameron, for four years. He is an Odd Fellow and member of Star of Hope Lodge, No. 182. He was married in Chicago, April 29, 1864, to Miss Margarette Baker. She was born in the same place as himself, January 6, 1838. They have had eight children, seven of whom are living: Nellie M., John S. P., George F., Nina J., Wyota R., Flossie, and an infant.

### GEORGE SUDSBERRY,

farmer and stock raiser, section 12, post office Keystone, was born July 27, 1826, in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, where he was reared, and spending his boyhood days on a farm, and received the benefits of a common school education. He worked one year at the blacksmith trade. Owing to a weak back he gave it up and turned his attention to agricultural pursuits. He commenced working for himself at the age of seventeen as a farm hand. During the late war he enlisted in the One Hundred and Fifty-eighth Pennsylvania Infantry, Company F, on the 16th of October, 1862. He took part in the action at Newbern, North Carolina, and at Little Washington. His regiment was drilled for heavy artillery men. He received an honorable discharge on the 12th of August, 1863, and returned home. He came west in May, 1868, to look at the country, and moved out in the spring of 1869. He first settled near Plattsburg, thence to his present residence in March, 1870, and at once commenced improving the farm he now owns, which consists of 160 acres. He was married February 13, 1851, to Miss Mary A. Row, an estimable lady, a native of the same place as her husband, and born September 29, 1826. They have been blessed with a family of eight children, seven of whom are now living: William H., Elizabeth (now Mrs. Fred Harter), Laura B. (now Mrs. Frank McClintic), Nettie J. (now Mrs. Samuel Wolf), Nora, George and Peter R. Himself and wife and five of the children are members of the Church of God, in which he holds the office of deacon. He was one of the original members when the church was organized. He holds the position of Sabbath School superintendent, and is one of the most active church workers.

### E. A. SYLVESTER,

nurseryman and fruit grower, section 24, post office Osborn, was born November 15, 1843, in Wayne County, New York. He was raised there





as a farmer and nurseryman. He received the benefits of a common school education in youth, and has a practical knowledge of the nursery business. He emigrated to Missouri in the spring of 1869, and settled where he now resides, when it was unbroken prairie, and commenced improving a farm. He now owns 110 acres of well improved land, and has one of the best nurseries in the county, containing a large variety of fruits. He has an apple orchard forty acres in extent, being one of the largest in the county. He raised over half a million hedge plants the past year. He is an honest, industrious citizen, and one that gives his entire attention to his business. He has spared no pains to make his nursery equal to any in the vicinity, and deserves the patronage of the citizens of Clinton and adjoining counties, wanting choice trees adapted to the soil and climate. He was married, in September, 1871, to Miss Rosalie Wells, a native of Utica, Michigan. She was born November 3, 1843. They have six children: Eliham W., Philip K., Ida M., Charles S., Flora I. and Fannie. They are members of the Presbyterian Church of Osborn, in which he holds the office of trustee.

#### J. W. THOMPSON,

proprietor of livery stable, is a native of Ohio, and was born in Warren County, August 3, 1840. When seven years of age his parents moved to Huntington County, Indiana, where he was reared and educated. In August, 1861, he enlisted in Company G, Thirty-fourth Indiana Infantry, and was commissioned a lieutenant, and served nearly four years. In 1869, he moved to Kansas, where, in different localities he was engaged at various pursuits till the summer of 1875, when he came to Cameron. He engaged in his present business in August, 1879, and now conducts a first class livery. He was married January 22, 1862, to Miss Armantha Olds, a native of New York. They have three children: Alice J., Sarah I., and Celia M.

#### J. J. TIPTON,

carpenter and contractor, and one of the firm of Tipton Bros., dealers in furniture at Winston, Missouri, is a native of Montgomery County, Indiana, and was born December 9, 1834. He was educated in the schools of his native state, and was reared a farmer boy. In 1856, he went to Des Moines, Iowa, where he remained one year engaged in teaching, when he returned to his native home and came from there to Missouri, remaining one year in this state and Kansas. Subsequently he returned to Indiana and moved to Daviess County, following teaching and working at the carpenters' trade till 1860, when he again went to Des Moines. In 1860, he enlisted in Company D, Second Iowa Cavalry, and



was mustered out at Davenport in October, 1865. He returned to Daviess County, where he followed his trade till 1867, when he moved to Cameron, where he has since resided and has been one of its most successful contractors and builders. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., and belongs to Star of Hope Lodge No. 182. Mr. T. was married January 1, 1865, to Miss Mercy Reed. She was born in Marysville, Ohio, November 8, 1841. They have four children--Alice, born December 18, 1865; Annie, born September 13, 1867; Cappie, born January 29, 1869; Ella, born October 6, 1874.

### JOHN P. TRUSSELL,

farmer and stock raiser, section 19, post office Turney, the subject of this sketch, owes his nativity to Clarke County, Virginia, where he was born on the 19th day of August, 1824. He was educated in the schools of his native State, and lived at the old homestead till 1856. Like thousands of other energetic and aspiring young men, he early resolved to seek some field of usefulness in the great and growing west. Good fortune directed his footsteps to Clinton County, where he purchased his present farm. By constant industry and good management, he is now the owner of a fine estate. On the 8th of April, 1846, he was married Miss Mary E. Beltz, a native of Virginia. They had three children: Amanda M., Mary A., deceased, and Sarah D. Mrs. Trussell departed life on the 6th day of September, 1855. Mr. Trussell was again married September 30, 1858, to Miss Margaret Potter, a native of Missouri, and the result of this marriage was: Alice H., Josephine, Thomas S., Charles E., deceased, Edna E., and William E. Mrs. Margaret Trussell died on the 12th of January, 1873.

### WILLIAM WARALL,

farmer and fruit grower, section 24, post office Cameron, was born November 5, 1821, in Lincoln County, Canada, near Niagara Falls. He was reared at his birth place, spending his boyhood days on a farm. His gala days were days men generally spent at the falls. After controlling his own time, he first engaged in teaching, and followed it three years. He then emigrated west, and took a claim in Winneshiek County, Iowa, remained there a short time, and sold his claim, returned to Canada, and engaged in farming. He came from there to this county, in 1866, and settled where he now resides in the spring of 1868. He owns forty acres of well improved land, fifteen acres being set in fruit of all varieties. He is giving his attention principally to the raising of grapes and berries. He commenced life without means, his willing hands and hopeful heart being his stock and capital in trade. He was married, January 15, 1855, to Miss Mary A. Merridith, a native of Smithville,



Lincoln County, Canada. • They have six children: Effie (now Mrs. James Jones), Frank, Nellie, Lewis, Ida B. and Ernest. Himself and wife are active members of the Christian Church of Cameron.

#### P. D. WATSON,

proprietor of the Cameron Junction Eating House, was born December 31, 1843, in Pittsfield, Merrimac County, New Hampshire. His father is of English origin and his mother is of Scottish descent. He was reared and educated at his birthplace. He displayed his patriotism and love for country during the late war by shouldering a musket and going to the front. He first enlisted in the Fifteenth New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry, and served with them under General Banks and others. He took part in the battles of Springfield Landing and Port Hudson. He was then taken sick with typhoid fever and chronic diarrhœa, sent home to die, was reluctant to do so, and recovered and reenlisted in the First New Hampshire Heavy Artillery, and served until the close of the war. He organized Company E of the above named regiment, and held the position of first lieutenant. They took part in the grand review at Washington, and, strange to say, brought every man of his company home alive. After the close of the war he emigrated west and assisted in the construction of the Union Pacific, the Missouri, Kansas & Texas, and the I. & G. N. Railroads. He accepted a position as passenger conductor on the M., K. & T. road, remaining three years with them, and then accepted a position with the Hannibal & St. Joe Company. In the spring of 1880 he took charge of the eating house at Cameron Junction. He has just given it a thorough renovation, making it first-class in all its particulars. In his manners he is genial and hospitable, and is a landlord well fitted for the position he occupies, and has the respect and esteem of all who are favored with his acquaintance. He was married in February, 1860, to Miss Elizabeth M. Pillsbury, an old schoolmate, and a native of Strafford, New Hampshire, and was born in 1843. They have one child, Nellie B.; lost one. He is a member of St. Oma Commandry No. 11, of Sedalia, Missouri. His mother is still living, and resides with him. She is now sixty-five years of age.

#### R. N. WILLIAMS,

dealer in drugs, books, stationery, wall paper, window curtains, musical instruments, fine cigars, tobacco, etc., was born in Callaway County, Missouri, January 4, 1841. When nine years of age, he, with his parents, moved to Montgomery County, Missouri, where he was raised on a farm and educated in the common schools. At the age of eighteen he accepted a position as clerk in a dry goods store, in which he continued for two years, when he embarked in the drug business at Smithton, and





has since been engaged at the same, doing business in St. Joseph and other parts of Missouri. In July, 1871, he came to Cameron, where he has since resided, and now has a store that is deserving of more than a passing notice. During the period of his residence at Smithton he filled the offices of circuit clerk, recorder, school commissioner and postmaster, all of which he received by appointment. He was married November 21, 1869, to Miss Alice Buchhols, of Gallatin, Daviess County, Missouri. They have two children--Hattie, born October 21, 1870, and Robert H., born January, 1877. Mr. and Mrs. W. are members of the Christian Church.

### JAMES WILLIAMS,

farmer and breeder of shorthorns, section 10, post office Cameron, is one of the most sagacious and successful business men of this county. He is a native of Boonville, Cooper County, Missouri, and, with his parents, came to Clinton County, when houses were few, and far between. He has lived to see emigration pour in rapidly, year after year, and can fully realize what Clinton County has done for herself. Mrs. W., the mother of James, still lives, and resides with him, being now in her eightieth year. She enjoys good health, and can call to memory the past days of her life, with pleasure. She was born in 1802, in Kentucky, near Daniel Boone's old residence, and well recollects the great hunter. She came to Missouri in 1807, and, on account of her mother's death, made her home with Colonel Eastman, and was one of the witnesses of the burning of the effigy of General Hull. She saw General La Fayette when he paid his visit to St. Louis. She remembers the duel of Benton and Lucas; also, saw Lewis and Clark on their return from exploring the head waters of the Missouri River, and she was on the first steamboat that navigated that stream. Her husband, Luke Williams, was an elder of the Baptist Church. James is a very energetic business man, and his neighbors, who have dealings with him, find him honest and fair in his transactions, social in his relations, and benevolent in disposition. For the past few years, he has devoted his time, and gone to great expense in securing a herd of fine shorthorn cattle, unsurpassed in the county. Mr. W. was united in marriage, December 27, 1864, with Miss Emily Stephenson. Their family consists of Rose Bell, Wallace E., Charles, Luke, Rowland, Elia H., and Maud.

### JAMES W. WRIGHT,

master mechanic for the southwest division of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad Company, is a native of Adams County, Pennsylvania, and was born March 24, 1839. He was reared and educated in his native county, and when about eighteen years of age he learned the carpenter-



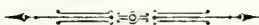
ter's trade. At the age of twenty years, he went to Iowa, having made a previous trip to that state, and in two years commenced work for the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad. Since that time he has been in their employ. He moved to Cameron in the year 1872. He is a Mason and a member of Cameron Lodge No. 296. Mr. W. was married April 20, 1860, to Miss Annie E. Michaels. She was born in Orange County, Pennsylvania, March 19, 1849. They had four children: Ida, Minnie, George; and Nicholas.

### JOHN W. YEAMAN,

wagon and carriage manufacturer, is a native of DeWitt County, Illinois, and was born August 26, 1845. He was reared and educated in his native county, and was engaged in different occupations till December 4, 1863, when he enlisted in Company F, Second Illinois Artillery, and remained in service till the close of the war, when he returned to Clinton, Illinois; there he began to learn his present trade, remaining until April, 1866, when he came to Missouri, working in different parts of the state. For some time he was in Wichita, Kansas, and finally located in Cameron, in the year 1875, and is now the leading manufacturer of the kind in the town. He was married December 28, 1865, to Miss Amanda Elliott. She was born in Illinois, July 5, 1848. They have four children: Frank L., Caroline, Nellie, and Emma.



## PLATTE TOWNSHIP AND CITY OF OSBORN.



### JOHN BAXTER,

farmer and stock raiser, section 26, post office Osborn. Among the worthy representatives of this county may be mentioned the subject of our sketch. He is a native of Manchester, England, and was born March 1, 1815. He was there raised, obtaining a fair education, mostly by self-application, and was brought up in the silk manufacturing business, at which he worked some thirty years. In the fall of 1867, he came to the United States, and landed in New York October 13; soon settled in Connecticut, where he commenced working in the silk manufactories, there remaining between seven and eight years. Mr. B. then emigrated west, and settled where he now resides in the fall of 1876,



now owning a fine farm of eighty acres, improved. He takes quite an interest in educational matters, and, at present, holds the position of school director. He was married, August 30, 1846, in the Parish of Eccles, to Miss Mary Gartside, a native of the same place as himself. On the 22d of March, 1879, she died, leaving five children: Fannie, William G., John J., Annie and Robert E. The children are members of the Christian Church.

#### WILLIAM BOGART,

farmer and stock raiser, section 17, post office Perrin, was born October 25, 1825, in Carter County, Tennessee, and was taken to Vermillion County, Indiana, when between four and five years of age. He was there raised and spent his boyhood days on a farm, receiving the benefits of a common school education, and has made agricultural pursuits his occupation through life. He removed west in 1868, and located where he now resides, commencing at once the improvement of a farm, and, by steady and energetic efforts, he has, under cultivation, 160 acres of land; also owns twenty acres of timber. Mr. B. was married October 5, 1845, to Miss Civilia Hood, a native of Vermillion County, Indiana, born March 23, 1825. They have had nine children, seven of whom are living: Isabella (now Mrs. W. Hale), William A., Marcus L., Talithia M., Fannie and Emma (twins), and Annie. Himself, wife, and eldest daughter, are active members of the M. E. Church South, of Perrin. Mr. B. stands among the old and well respected citizens of Clinton County.

#### A. D. CAPPS,

farmer and stock raiser, section 26, postoffice Stewartsville, was born June 23, 1831, in Clay County, Missouri, and was reared at his birthplace, spending his boyhood days on a farm, and received the benefits of a good common school education. He has devoted his attention chiefly to farming during life. He moved to Clinton County, in 1852, and settled below Plattsburg, where he engaged in farming and stock raising. During the war, he enlisted in the southern army in 1861, under General Price, and and served for about six months, taking part in the battles of Lexington, Pea Ridge and many minor engagements. He took a trip to Denver, Colorado, in 1863, and spent about one year in the mountains, returned home, and subsequently moved to Nebraska City, in 1864, coming to Clay County in the fall of 1865, where he remained until he moved to Clinton County, in the spring of 1867. The county was then thinly settled. He commenced to improve his farm, which now contains 220 acres of land, well improved, upon which is a large orchard. Mr. C. has filled the township-offices, of school director and road overseer several terms.





He was a candidate before the Democratic Convention, in 1878, for County Judge, and was defeated, only by a small majority. Being an old settler, he is widely and favorably known. He was married, December, 16, 1862, to Miss Julia Pickett, an estimable lady, a native of Clay County, Missouri, born October 9, 1834. They have had four children: Mary E. (now Mrs. Wm. J. Francis), Henriette, Katie and Daniel H. Himself and wife, and their daughters, are members of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. C. united with the church in 1854, and was soon afterwards elected a ruling elder, which position he still holds.

### CHARLES S. CARTER,

minister and farmer, section 19, post office Osborn, was born December 3, 1819, in Boone County, Kentucky. His ancestors were natives of Virginia. Charles was reared at his birthplace, spending his boyhood days on a farm, and receiving a preparatory education in the common schools, which he completed at Georgetown College. He united with the Missionary Baptist Church, in 1842, and, at the urgent request of friends, attended a seminary for the purpose of preparing for the ministry. He received a license to preach, in 1843, and in 1846, he entered the Georgetown College where he finished his collegiate course, and was regularly ordained to the Baptist ministry. Mr. C. then returned to Boone County, and taught the Billetsburg Seminary two years, after which he engaged in teaching at various places in that vicinity, and also supplied the pulpit, quite frequently, at Middlesex Church. About the year 1852, he was called to the pastorate of East Bend Church, and remained in charge there about twenty-five years. During this time, he purchased a farm on the Ohio River, forty miles below Cincinnati, on which he settled. Soon afterwards, he lost his wife, who left two small children, and, consequently, he gave up farming and engaged in teaching until 1861, when he again resumed farming. He came west in the spring of 1876, and settled in Clinton County, where he has since resided. He owns a fine farm of 120 acres, partially improved. Mr. Carter took charge of Garden Prairie Church, in De Kalb County, in 1878, and also preached, once a month, at Smith Fork Church during the year 1880. He and his wife joined Smith Fork Church soon after coming here. He has been twice married. First, May 20, 1851, to Miss Mary A. Birkshire, a native of Boone County, Kentucky. She died November 20, 1854, and left two children: Eugenia (now Mrs. H. C. McGlasson), and Mary E. (now Mrs. George R. White.) He was married again April 2, 1861, to Miss Rosette Miller, a native of Ohio County, Indiana, born September 19, 1839. They have had five children, three of whom are living: Kate E., Joseph M., and John W.



## WILLIAM H. CARR.

stock raiser, Osborn, was born December, 8, 1838, in Loudoun County, Virginia, and was reared there as a farmer, receiving a common school education. He removed west in the fall of 1855, and settled in Howard County, Missouri, where he remained until 1865, then moving to Osborn. During the late war, he enlisted in Company F, Ninth Missouri State Cavalry in March, 1862, and served until the close of the war, taking part in many hard fought battles, among which are Moore's Mills, Kirksville, Yellow Creek, and others. He rose from the position of sergeant to second lieutenant. At the close of the war, he engaged in farming, near Osborn, in which he continued for seven years, and then turned his attention to stock raising exclusively. On account of poor health, he has partially retired from active business life. He has filled the position of school director several terms. Mr. Carr was married, October 20, 1866, to Miss Matilda Perkins, a daughter of one of the oldest and best known residents of Clinton County. She was born October 20, 1844, in this county. They have had five-children, three of whom are living: Celia C., John C. and Josephus S. Mr. C. has been a member of the M. E. Church since he was twenty-one years of age. Since 1867 he has belonged to the Masonic fraternity.

## B. J. CASTEEL.

attorney and counsellor at law, Osborn, was born October 14, 1851, in Sévier County, Arkansas, and was taken to Monroe County, Tennessee, by his parents when about nine months old. He was there raised and spent his boyhood days on a farm, and after receiving a preparatory education in the common schools entered Hiwassee College, from which he was graduated in 1860. He read law in the Lebanon Law School, and was admitted to the bar of Tennessee in 1871, before he was of age. He came west in the fall of 1872, and settled at Osborn, and was immediately admitted to the bar of Missouri, after which he commenced practicing and has since continued it. He was elected county attorney of DeKalb County, Missouri, in 1874, and re-elected in 1876. His practice extends through DeKalb and Clinton counties, and is quite large. He owns one of the finest residences in Osborn. Mr. C. is a member of the Knights of Pythias. In his manners he is much of a gentleman, and merits the esteem in which he is held by a large circle of acquaintances. He was married March 15, 1876, to Miss Belle Gibbany, an estimable lady, and a native of Lexington, Kentucky. She was born on the 17th of December, 1856, and was principally raised in Missouri. They have had two children—Ethel M. and Walter L. Himself and wife are active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, of which denomina-



tion Mr. C. has been a member since he was ten years of age. He has held the position of superintendent of the Sabbath School for four or five years, and is one of the most active workers therein.

### CAPTAIN ALEXANDER C. COOK,

was born in Lincoln County, Kentucky, June 17, 1831. He is the first child, and only son of a family of five children. His father, James Cook, a native of Virginia, emigrated to Kentucky in the year 1800, and settled in Lincoln County, where his children were afterwards born. He died in May, 1841, and his widow afterwards married Colonel Hubbard. Captain Cook was educated in the neighborhood schools, and finally, in Lancaster Academy, in Garrard County, Kentucky. In October, 1849, he moved, with his step-father, Colonel Moses Hubbard, and family, to Clay County, Missouri. In the spring of 1850, Alexander settled in Jackson Township, four miles northwest of Hainesville, on the head waters of Clear Creek. January, 1856, he moved to his present residence in what was then La Fayette Township, but now (1881) Platte Township, where he has since continued to reside. October 21, 1852, he married Miss Mary Anne Bivins, daughter of David M. Bivins, of Clay County, who settled there, from Kentucky, in 1834. They have had eight children, of whom four survive, three sons, James M., David B., Alex. Riley, and a daughter, Mary Drusilla. Three daughters and a son are dead. A. C. Cook enlisted in the Confederate service, and served during the entire war; first, in Boyd's Battalion of State Guard, and then in Reeves' Regiment, Little's Brigade, Confederate troops. He achieved, successively, the grades of lieutenant and captain, in this service. At the close of the war, he was in Shelby's command, to which he had attached himself in March, 1865, and was among those paroled at Shreveport, Louisiana, June 14, 1865, when he returned to his home in Missouri. Captain Cook was a member, from Clinton County, of the Thirtieth General Assembly of the State of Missouri. He has long been prominently active in the advancement and development of the resources of his county, and prides himself in the fact that he was the presiding officer of the first farmers' club ever organized in the county. (This was at Fairview school house, Concord Township, in August, 1869.) This organization preserved its existence till it merged into the grange movement, of which he has continued an active member, and now (1881) is county deputy and lecturer. Originally a Whig, Captain Cook early affiliated with the Democratic party, of which he has since been an active member. He has been a member of the Christian Church since 1846, when he was immersed, by Elder John R. White, in Garrard County, Kentucky. He has been a member of Bethany Congregation of Disciples since its organization, in 1860, and for the past twelve years, has been an elder in the same.







## CORNISH &amp; PATTEN,

farmers and stock raisers, section 22. This firm, which is composed of D. P. Cornish and Freeman Patten, have under their control 320 acres of fine land, 160 of which is owned by Mr. Patten, the other is leased. The farm joins the town plat of Osborn on the south. It contains a well arranged barn, windmill, good pasture, a comfortable residence, with a large yard, and is fenced in excellent shape; everything about the place denoting thrift and industry on the part of the owners. Mr. Cornish is a native of Pittston, Kennebec County, Maine, and was born December 27, 1844. He was reared and educated at his birthplace, and when he was about six years of age his father died, and he was then thrown upon his own resources. During the late war he first enlisted in the Twenty-first Maine, but as he was but sixteen years of age his mother objected to his going. He afterward enlisted in what was known as the Independent or Coast Guards, of Maine, and served for about six months. Mr. C. came west in the spring of 1868, and settled in Platte Township, Clinton County, where he commenced improving a farm, and in 1872 moved on Mr. Patten's farm, and in 1874 the present partnership was formed. He was married December 13, 1865, to Miss Elizabeth M. Davenport, a native of Maine, born November 6, 1847. They have had four children, three of whom are living: John E., Herbert D. and Freeman P.

## FREEMAN PATTEN

is a native of Gardner, Kennebec County, Maine, and was born June 4, 1846. He was there reared and received his education at Kent's Hill College. When eighteen years of age he entered a store as clerk, and afterward was admitted as a partner. Selling out he came west in 1868, and settled upon the land on which he now resides. The prairies were then very thinly populated, and he was among the first settlers. For the last eight years he has been giving his attention chiefly to railroading, commencing as a brakeman. After working one year he was promoted to conductor, which position he still holds with the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Company. He is one of the charter members of Osborn Lodge No. 378, A. F. & A. M., and holds the position of secretary. He is a polished gentleman in his manners and his character is irreproachable.

## JAMES DOWNEY, JR.,

farmer and stock raiser, section 6, post office Perrin, was born December 18, 1843, in County Kerry, Ireland, and was brought to the United States by his parents, when about six years of age. They settled in Bourbon



County, Kentucky, and remained there eight years. James spent his boyhood days on the farm, and received a common school education. He came West, and settled in Buchanan County, Missouri, in 1856, and, during the late war, he enlisted in Company F., Thirty-fifth Missouri Volunteer Infantry, and served until its close. He took part in the battle of Helena, Arkansas, and was with the expedition down the Yazoo Pass. About this time he received the appointment, from the Secretary of War, as hospital steward, but did not accept the position, and, at the close of the war, he was mustered out at Little Rock, Arkansas. He returned to Buchanan County, and came from there to Clinton County, in 1867. Resided here about three years, then moved to the place he now occupies, in January, 1870. He has a fine farm of ninety-one acres, improved, and also owns some graded stock. He has filled the position of school director. Mr. D. was married, October 24, 1867, to Miss Mary R. Faunteroy, a native of Missouri, born in June, 1844. They have seven children living: Thomas, Julia, John, Jane, James, Dennis and Nancy; lost three. Himself and family are members of the Catholic Church.

#### H. C. DUNCAN,

farmer, breeder of short horns, and stock shipper, section 5, post office Osborn, was born in Clay County, Missouri, June 2, 1841, and was raised as a farmer, receiving a good education. His father, Jacob Duncan, was born October 17, 1797, and was a native of Bourbon County, Kentucky; he emigrated to Missouri in 1838, settling in Saline County; from there he went to Clay County, and thence to Clinton County, in 1855; he was the first breeder of short horns in the county, and died April 6, 1877; his wife, the mother of the subject of this sketch, was born in Trumbull County, Ohio, October 15, 1814, and died April 13, 1875. H. C. sold goods at Osborn during the war, having moved to Clinton County April 24, 1855. He is the owner of 640 acres of well improved land, upon which he has a fish pond, one acre in extent. He has a fine herd of cattle, and is an extensive raiser and shipper. He was married May 23, 1865, to Miss Lizzie Talbott, a native of Missouri, born October 11, 1844. They have had three children, all of whom are living: Lena, born August 15, 1867; Nannie, born August 6, 1871; and Susie K., born April 4, 1880.

#### JOSEPH DUNCAN,

farmer and fine stock raiser, section 33, post office Osborn, was born February 25, 1823, in Henry County, Kentucky, and was reared at his birth place, spending his boyhood days on the farm and receiving the benefits of a common school education. He came west in 1842, and



settled in Clay County, Missouri. He made a trip across the plains to California in 1850, and remained nine months working in the mining districts, after which he returned, and in the spring of 1852, settled where he now resides. The country was then in its primitive state, and deer and game of all kinds were abundant. The Indians returned here to hunt in the fall, and Mr. D. spent the first five years of his residence here in hunting and clearing his farm. He now owns 250 acres of fine land, well improved. He has a fine herd of thirty head of short horn cattle, and as fine a drove of cattle as one could wish to see. In his business operations he is upright and honorable, and has the respect and esteem of all those that have been favored with his acquaintance. Mr. D. was married August 5, 1846, to Miss Julia J. Duncan, a native of Clay County, Missouri, born the 14th of April 1832. They have had eleven children, seven of whom are living: Seth, L. E. (now Mrs. Thomas Turner), Joseph, Mary B. (now Mrs. William Metcalf), Hattie E., Charles S. and Daisy. Mr. D. has been, for thirty-five years, an active member of the Christian Church, in which he formerly held the office of deacon. Mrs. D. has been a member of the same church thirty-three years. There is not a person living in this vicinity who was here when Mr. D. settled.

#### J. E. EBERTS.

farmer and stock raiser, section 29, post office Osborn, was born March 26, 1852, in Clinton County, Missouri, and has been here reared, spending his boyhood days on a farm. He received a preparatory education in the common schools, completing it at the North Missouri Normal School at Kirksville, Missouri in 1867, and received his diploma, and then engaged in teaching in the winter season and farming during the summer months. He owns a fine farm of 240 acres, improved, which has been brought to its present condition since 1879. He has a young orchard, and his stock is of high grade. He takes a deep interest in educational matters, and, at present, holds the office of school director. He was married December 24, 1879, to Miss Matilda B. Froman, a native of this county, born January 16, 1856. They are active members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church at Bethany Chapel.

#### JOHNSON EVERETT.

farmer and stock raiser, section 26, post office Stewartsville. Among the pioneers of Western Missouri, may be mentioned the subject of this sketch. He is a native of Clay County, Missouri, and was born April 16, 1822, about four miles north of Liberty, and was there reared until fifteen years of age, spending his boyhood days on a farm, and he attended the common schools. He accompanied his parents to Clinton





County in 1837. They settled in La Fayette Township, remaining there until 1850, when he crossed the plains in the spring of that year with an ox team, and spent about eighteen months in the mining districts of California. He returned by the isthmus, and then went to New York City, thence around the lakes to Chicago, and down the Mississippi to St. Louis and up the Missouri, there not being a railroad in operation in the state at that time. He had previously located the place on which he now resides in 1845, and his family remained upon it while he was absent. Since his return he has given his attention to farming, and he now owns 295 acres of land well improved. Mr. E. has filled the position of school director for five years, and also road overseer for five years. He took no active part in the late war, although his sympathies were with the South, and he was once arrested. He has been twice married; first, April 17, 1845, to Miss Anna Hawkins, a native of Lawrence County, Ohio, born 1827. She died February 16, 1861, leaving seven children, six of whom are now living: John T., Belvidia (now Mrs. H. C. Bergman), James H., William L., Benjamin W. and Warren D. He was married again October 2, 1862, to Mrs. Susan J. Baxter. By this union they have seven children: George A., Anna M., Joseph E. J., Albert L., Susan B., Mathew G. and Francis R. Mrs. E. had two children by a former marriage: Frances E. (now Mrs. Church), and James T. She is a member of the old school Presbyterian church. Mr. E.'s father, Mathew Everett, was one of the earliest pioneers in Western Missouri. He was a native of Virginia, and was born in 1794. He came to Missouri about the year 1819, and settled in Howard County, and came to Clinton County in 1837.

#### WILLIAM GROSS,

farmer and stock raiser, section 20, post office Osborn, was born June 2, 1824, in Bavaria, Germany, and was raised there as a farmer, receiving a common school education. He also served five years in the German army. In the fall of 1851, he started for America, landing at New York City on the 12th of August. He settled in Kendall County, Illinois, near Oswego, and remained there until 1869, engaged in farming, after which he came west and settled in this county, where he now resides. By steady and energetic efforts he has managed to improve a farm of 160 acres, which is stocked with high grades of cattle. He takes a live interest in educational matters, and has held the position of school director for eight years. Mr. G. was married September 17, 1851, to Miss Margaret Boesseunecker, a native of Wurtemberg, Germany, born January 29, 1829. She died November 14, 1873, leaving eight children living: Caroline C. (now Mrs. H. M. Totzke), Mary A., Minnie C. (now Mrs. W. F. Ernest), Frederick W., John G., Henry, Charles A., and George M.; lost, one. Mr. G. is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.



## THORNTON GUINN,

retired farmer, section 36, postoffice Stewartsville, an early settler of Western Missouri. He is a native of Pittsylvania County, Virginia, and was born March 14, 1803. He was taken to Cocke County Tennessee, when six months old, and was there raised on a farm, receiving the benefits of a common school education. When seventeen years of age, he commenced to learn the stone mason's trade. He came to Missouri, in June, 1818, and settled in Montgomery County, then removed to Howard County, and afterwards to Clay County (then known as Ray), in 1820. He has since been identified with all the interest of Western Missouri. He visited the Plattsburg Mineral Springs, in 1821, at the time the Indians had the sick members of their tribe there. He made frequent hunting expeditions through the wilderness of Clinton County, and can recollect of one instance when he killed five deer, without moving from one spot, thus showing the abundance of game at an early day. Mr. G. has improved four farms. He came to Clinton County, and settled where he now resides, on the fourteenth of April, 1852, now owns 220 acres of well improved land. He has been entirely a self-made man, and it is to such bold, enterprising men as he, that Missouri is indebted for her present high rank among the Western States. Mr. G. is blessed with an excellent memory, and can recall incidents, which occurred years ago. He has always been a Democrat, and voted for General Jackson. He served in the militia in the early days, and held the position of captain. He was married, April 2, 1829, to Miss Deborah Cameron, a native of Tennessee, born on the 29th of March, 1811. The town of Cameron was named after her uncle. Mr. and Mrs. G. have had eleven children, nine of whom are living: Lucinda (now Mrs. David Dodson), James H., Jonathan K., John F., David A., Deborah A. (now Mrs. O. G. Gordon), Thornton H., Angeline (now Mrs. Wm. T. Gordon) and Rachel (now Mrs. Silas C. Walker). Himself and wife are members of the old school Baptist Church.

## P. M. HATCH,

the subject of this sketch, was born in Orange County, Vermont, March 6, 1843, and was reared at his birthplace until thirteen years of age, and then accompanied his parents to Illinois. His early education was in the public schools; he then entered the Princeton Academy, Princeton, Illinois, pursuing his studies until the firing on Fort Sumpter, and was one of the first to respond to President Lincoln's call for 75,000 men for three months to assist in putting down the rebellion, and enlisted in the Twelfth Illinois Infantry. At the expiration of his term of enlistment, he re-enlisted in the Fourteenth Missouri Infantry, which afterward became the Sixty-sixth Illinois Infantry, and served in the Army of



the Tennessee, and accompanied General Sherman in his memorable march to the sea, thence to Washington, and from that place to Louisville, Kentucky, where they were mustered out. He was badly wounded in the head at Dallas, Georgia, for which wound he is now drawing a pension. Mr. Hatch returned to Chicago, and resumed his studies in the the university and was graduated in 1867. He made choice of the practice of law as a profession, and was admitted to the bar in Illinois, and continued in practice in that city until 1873, when he came to Missouri and settled at Cameron. He then engaged in the grain trade on the line of the Hannibal & St. Joseph railroad; and afterward commenced his mercantile experience as a dealer in hardware, queensware and fancy groceries at Osborn, mention of which is made in another part of this work. In April, 1879, he was appointed postmaster, which office he now holds. Politically, he is a staunch Republican, and a leader in his county, and at present is secretary of the Republican Congressional Committee of the Ninth Missouri district. As a business man, he has been upright, reliable and honorable; as a soldier, brave and chivalrous; as a public official, attentive and obliging, but inflexible and unwavering in the discharge of duty. In all places, and under all circumstances, he is loyal to truth, honor and right. He married Miss Anna Lyford in the autumn of 1869. She is a native of New Hampshire, and was born in 1849. Their family consists of three children living: Winnefred, Barney, and Luella; and one, Jennie, died in 1876. Mr. and Mrs. Hatch are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Mr. H. holding the positions of steward, trustee and superintendent of Sabbath School, and is widely known as a Sunday School worker and speaker, holding the office of president of the DeKalb County Sunday School Association and devoting much time and effort to build up the Sunday School cause in his county.

### SAMUEL B. HITT,

dealer in general merchandise, also farmer and fruit grower, Osborn, was born December 2, 1832, in Fauquier County, Virginia, and was there reared, spending his boyhood days on a farm. He attended the common schools, and, when fifteen years of age, accompanied his father to Lexington, Kentucky, where he commenced to learn telegraphy. At that time there was but one telegraph line in Kentucky, and that extended from St. Louis to Independence. Samuel continued the profession, working at various places, until the spring of 1861, when he came west, and accepted the position as agent and operator at Osborn. The first important message received at this office was an account of the firing on Fort Sumpter. Osborn, at this time, was quite a shipping point, and a great deal of the shipping from Northwestern Missouri and Southern







Iowa was done at this place. Leavenworth and Kansas City received their mail from this point, the old Concord coaches being in use. In 1862, Mr. Hitt embarked in the mercantile business, and has since continued therein, with the exception of five years, which he spent in farming. He carries a large and well assorted stock of general merchandise, also deals in agricultural implements, and buys and sells grain. He owns a well improved farm of eighty acres within the town plat of Osborn, and has a large variety of fruit. The farm is well stocked with graded cattle and Berkshire hogs. Mr. H. has been a member of the board of education for twelve years, and has always taken a live interest in educational matters. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity of Osborn. He was married, in October, 1863, to Miss Hannah Deweese, an estimable lady, a native of Louisville, Kentucky, born January 28, 1844. They have had four children, Bruce D., Arthur J., James and Florence A. Himself and wife are active members of the M. E. Church South, in which he holds the position of trustee. He is also teacher in the Sabbath School.

#### JAMES E. HUGHES,

or "Parson Hughes," as he is familiarly known, farmer and stock raiser, section 28, post office Osborn, was born March 5, 1822, near Fayette, the county seat of Howard County, Missouri. He was reared at his birthplace, spending his boyhood days on a farm. He received a preparatory education in the high school of Fayette, and in 1847 entered the Georgetown College, of Kentucky, where he took a regular course, and was graduated in 1853. He then commenced studying for the ministry at the Covington Theological Seminary, remaining twelve months, when the college was suspended on account of the slavery question. He returned home and became pastor of two missionary Baptist churches in Callaway County, Missouri, continuing there for two years, and came to Clinton County in the fall of 1855. He settled at Plattsburg, and was for ten years engaged in the ministry. He also had a fine farm of 370 acres ten miles south of Plattsburg. In 1865 he sold his farm and purchased one near Turney, this county. Having been compelled to give up the ministry on account of his voice having failed, he was elected County School Commissioner in 1858, and was re-elected in 1860; in 1872 he was elected to represent his district in the state legislature, serving for two years. He was a candidate for Congress from the Ninth District, Clinton County, before the Democratic Convention in 1874, and was defeated by Mr. Kay. He resided at Turney eleven years, and then moved from there to his present farm, two and a half miles south of Osborn. It embraces 210 acres of fine land, well improved, 160 of which are under cultivation, fifty acres of timber and pasture land. Mr.



H. was married October 23, 1854, to Miss Paulina Carpenter, a native of Kentucky, born March 5, 1832. She was educated at Liberty, Clay County, Missouri. They have had nine children, six of whom are living: Mary L., Annie B., Benjamin A., James T., C. H. and Georgia. Mr. H. is a member of the Masonic fraternity.

### MRS. ANN T. JOHNSON,

section 1, post office Stewartsville, is a native of Mason County, Kentucky, and was born April 22, 1814, near May's Lick. Her maiden name was Ann T. Morris, and her grand parents were among the pioneers of May's Lick. She was raised there, and received excellent educational advantages. February 21, 1838, she was married to Milton Johnson, a native of Fleming County, Kentucky, who was born February 11, 1808. He was raised there, and became one of the largest farmers in that vicinity. They emigrated west in October, 1855, and settled in Clinton County, Missouri, where he purchased a tract of one thousand acres of land, on a part of which she now resides. This place was, at that time, known as the Elkhorn Tavern. The county was then almost a wilderness, and Mr. J. set about improving a home. They subsequently moved to Liberty, Clay County, Missouri, for the purpose of educating their children, and, while there, he died, on the 10th of February, 1873. He stood among the leading citizens of the county, and had the respect and esteem of all who were favored with his acquaintance. He left a family of five children, four of whom are now living: Mary R. (now Mrs. M. R. Mann), Lizzie (now Mrs. J. G. Fitch), William and Ben. They are members of the Baptist Church. Mrs. J.'s sister, Miss M. E. Morris, whom she has brought up since she was five years of age, lives with her. The farm comprises 420 acres of well improved land, well watered, containing a good residence, and is considered one of the best stock farms in the county. The youngest son, Ben, is at present, engaged in conducting it. Ben. Johnson was born June 28, 1851, in Mason County, Kentucky, and was brought to Clinton County, by his parents, in the fall of 1855, and has been, principally, raised here. He received his education, mostly, at William Jewell College, of Liberty, Clay County, where he attended some three years. He is a stirring, energetic young man, possessing the necessary will and energy to succeed in whatever he undertakes. At present (1881) he holds the position of president of the school board. He is an active member of the Missionary Baptist Church.

### CAPTAIN WALDEN KELLY,

druggist and apothecary, Osborn, was born March 16, 1844, in Morrow County, Ohio, and spent his boyhood days on a farm, and received the



benefits of a common school education. He also worked for about eighteen months at the carpenter's trade. On the 5th of June, 1861, when but seventeen years of age, he enlisted as a private in Company E, Twenty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was mustered out October 21, 1865, thus serving over four years. He took part in the battles of Pittsburg Landing, Chickamauga, Chattanooga, and all the important battles in the Atlanta campaign; at Frankfort, Nashville, and numerous others, and was absent from his regiment but three days during his term of service. He rose to the rank of first lieutenant of Company E, and was then transferred to the captaincy of Company F, receiving this position before he became of age. He emigrated west in the spring of 1868, and settled on a farm in Clinton County, and assisted his father in improving 320 acres of land. He gave his attention to agricultural pursuits until the spring of 1881, when he purchased the drug business in which he is at present engaged. His stock is complete and well assorted, and having studied medicine to some extent, Mr. K. is well fitted for the occupation. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and is serving his third term as Master of the Osborn Lodge. He was married in the fall of 1866, to Miss Mary F. Crawford, a native of the same county and state as himself. She was born April 10, 1848. They have had four children, three of whom are living: Ardy C., Minton J. and Lello E. Himself and wife are members of the Baptist Church.

### JOHN B. KILLGORE,

farmer and raiser of thoroughbred cattle, section 1, postoffice Plattsburg, was born April 30, 1845, in Mason County, Kentucky, and was there reared, spending his boyhood days on a farm. He received excellent educational advantages and attended the Franklin Seminary for some time. He came west with his parents, in the fall of 1864, settling where he now resides, at that time open prairie. They commenced the improvement of a home, at which John assisted. He commenced business on his own account, when eighteen years of age, and has since given his attention to farming. He settled near Plattsburg, and resided there until March 1, 1881, when his father died, and John moved to the old homestead. His farm consists of 405 acres of well improved land, and he gives his attention principally to the raising of short horn thoroughbreds. He has at present, about forty-five head of registered, and about one hundred head of high grades of cattle. He filled the position of school director several terms. Mr. K. was married in December, 1874, to Miss Amanda James, a native of Platte County, Missouri, born March 22, 1853. They have a family of three children: Charles, Almira and Mary. Mrs. K. is a member of the Christian Church. They are industrious and energetic citizens, and deserve the esteem in which they are held by a host of friends.







## COLBY LANHAM,

farmer and stock raiser, section 26, post office Stewartsville, was born May 15, 1816, in Madison County, Kentucky, and resided there until about twelve years of age, when he removed to Orange County, Indiana, then came to Platte County, Missouri, in 1841. His boyhood days were spent in tilling the soil, and he received the benefits of a common school education. He has made farming his occupation through life. Coming from Platte to Clinton County, in the spring of 1856, he purchased the place he now occupies, and devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits. During the war, he first enlisted in the Enrolled Missouri Militia, in the fall of 1862, and afterwards enlisted in Company H., Fourth Missouri Cavalry, and served under General Pleasanton. He assisted in driving General Price from Missouri, and took part in the battles on the Blue and at Mine Run, Kansas. Since the war he has given his attention to farming, and now owns 185 acres of well improved land and twenty acres of timber. Mr. L. has been entirely a self made man, and earned the money with which to buy his first piece of land by working out at ten dollars per month.

## A. J. LAWRENCE,

physician and surgeon, was born October 12, 1831, in Clark County, Kentucky, and was there brought up, spending his boyhood days on a farm. He received his education at the Transylvania University, of Lexington, Kentucky, taking his first course of lectures in the winter of 1852 and 1853. He subsequently went to Montgomery City, Kentucky, and commenced the practice of his profession, continuing therein until the war broke out, when he was prohibited from further practicing, for the time being. Coming west in the spring of 1867, Dr. L. settled at Gasney Mills, Clay County, Missouri, where he continued the practice of his profession for about ten years. He then came to Turney, Clinton County, remaining there three years, when he moved to Osborn, February, 1879. The Doctor, although probably one of the heaviest of his class in the state, is agreeable and pleasant in his manners, and has the respect and esteem of many acquaintances. In the practice of his profession, he has met with marked success, and attends to calls with great alacrity. He has met with two reverses in life, and has been twice depressed, financially, but he is not disheartened. He was married on the 29th of August, 1852, to Miss Elizabeth Lott, a native of the same place as himself. They have a family of six children living: Alice, (now Mrs. Willhart), James, Mary and Martha (twins), Oscar and Willie. Lost three. James is now studying medicine with his father.



## W. G. LOGAN,

physician and surgeon, Perrin, was born November 24, 1831, in Lincoln County, Kentucky, at the mouth of Logan Creek. This creek was named after his uncle, General Ben. Logan, who, together with two others, were the first pioneers in that vicinity. William was reared at his birthplace, and received a preparatory education at Stanford, and, in the winter of 1851, entered the medical department of the University of Louisville, Kentucky. He there attended his first course of lectures, and, in the summer of 1851, attended a course at the Transylvania University, of Lexington, Kentucky. He returned to Louisville, in the fall of 1850, and was graduated on the 25th of February, 1852. He then emigrated west, and arrived in Plattsburg, Clinton County, Missouri, in July, and commenced practicing. There he remained two years, and returned to Kentucky, in the fall of 1853, continuing the practice of his profession. Returning to Missouri in 1856, he settled in Andrew County. He commenced farming, also engaged in the practice of his profession, and, soon after the breaking out of the war, he returned to Kentucky, and remained ten years. He again returned to Missouri, in 1871, and settled in Platte County, and then removed to St. Joseph in the spring of 1873, where he engaged in the wholesale drug business. He sold his interest to his partner, that same fall, on credit, and returned to Platte County, but his partner, having broken up in the spring of 1874, the doctor lost all he invested. He came to Clinton County, in July, 1874, and settled at Perrin, and built the handsome residence he now occupies. He owns twelve acres, where he resides, besides two fine farms in the county. He was married, November 9, 1853, to Miss M. T. Arnold, a native of Jessamine County, born May 19, 1834. She inherited the cave in which Daniel Boone wintered in his first winter in Kentucky. They have had three children: Fanny, Lena and James. Himself and wife are active members of the Christian Church. He has been a member of the Sons of Temperance for some seventeen years. His son, James, is a member of the class which will graduate, in June, 1882, from the State University, at Columbia, Missouri. The doctor is well known throughout the county, and a favorite with all.

## THOMAS J. McGLAUFLIN,

farmer and stock raiser, section 21, post office Osborn, was born June 26, 1836, in Washington County, Maine, and was there brought up on a farm and in the lumber business. He received the benefits of a common school education. His father was a blacksmith, and Thomas learned the trade of him. In the spring of 1858 he went west to California, arriving in San Francisco with a \$20 gold piece in his pocket, remained about



seven years, engaged in mining, working on a ranche and lumbering. The last four years he spent in Nevada. He entered the territory before it became a state, and also voted for the first governor afterward. He returned to his native state and county in the fall of 1863, and resided there four months, when he moved to Anoka County, Minnesota, where he visited a brother. From there he came to this county, arriving in June, 1868, when he purchased the land where he now resides. He owns a fine farm of 200 acres, and also 160 acres of pasture land in DeKalb County. The home farm is well improved and watered, and is well stocked with thoroughbreds and graded cattle, besides a drove of sheep, among which are blooded Cotswold. He is no office seeker, but gives his attention to his legitimate business. Mr. McG. was married in May, 1871, to Miss Agnes Blake, a native of Scotland, born February 9, 1848, in Roxburyshire. They have had four children, two of whom are living, Emma and Agnes. Mrs. G. is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

#### HENRY C. MCGASSON,

farmer and stock raiser, section 19, post office Osborn, was born August 13, 1844, in Green County, Kentucky, and there grew to manhood, principally, on a farm, and received a common school education. When sixteen years of age he commenced to learn the carpenter trade, at which he worked for about two years. During the late war, he enlisted in the First Kentucky Cavalry, Company F, second organization, and served three years, taking part in the battles of Murfreesboro, Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, Lookout Mountain, Tunnel Hill, Big Shanty, Snake Creek, Plum Creek and Atlanta. He joined Hood at Franklin, and was with him at Nashville, and afterwards, with Sherman, through Georgia and South Carolina, remaining till the close of the war. He received a slight wound in the hand, and had his left leg broken. Since the war, he has given his attention to farming and following his trade. He emigrated to Texas, in 1878, and engaged in farming. A severe hail storm destroyed an excellent crop, and, becoming disgusted with the country, he returned to Clinton County, Missouri, in the fall of 1878. He has a fine farm of eighty acres, partially improved, and is working it by steady and energetic efforts. Mr. McG. has been twice married. First, October 18, 1867, to Miss Mary E. Rogers, a native of Hardin County, Kentucky. She died May 3, 1872, and left two children, Ida and Betty S. He was married again in November, 1874, to Miss Eugenie Carter, a native of Boone County, Kentucky. By this union they have two children, Mary A. and Katie F. Himself and wife are members of the Baptist Church. Mr. McG. was formerly a member of the grange.







## ANTHONY C. MCKEE.

farmer and stock raiser, section 15, post office Perrin, who ranks among the earlier settlers and worthy representatives of this county, was born in Franklin County, Kentucky, February 3, 1818. He was there reared, spending his boyhood days on a farm and received a preparatory education in the common schools, after which he attended school at South Hanover. He commenced the study of medicine, but, afterward, abandoned it, and turned his attention to farming. He commenced business on his own account when about eighteen years of age, and moved to Clinton County, Missouri, in the fall of 1854, settling in this neighborhood. The residents were then few and far between, and the early comers found many hardships to endure. Mr. McK. located where he now resides in March, 1872. He owns 120 acres of land, well watered, and upon which is a young orchard. He was married November 11, 1852, to Miss Francis E. Hurst, a native of the same place as himself. She was born December 20, 1837. They have been blessed with a family of ten children: Hamilton, George H., John D., Martha E., Robert E. L., Sarah M., Anthony C., James, Mary E., and Katherine. Himself, wife and daughter, Martha, are members of the Smith Fork Baptist Church.

## JOSEPH McQUATE,

stock raiser, section 26, post office Osborn, was born in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, March 14, 1851, and was there reared, spending his boyhood days on a farm, and receiving a common school education. His first start in life on his own account was in 1867, his father having given him \$85, with which to buy some cattle. He was at this time young and inexperienced, and conceived the idea of taking a little excursion. He ran away to Wooster, Ohio, where he remained until his money gave out, when he returned home. His father had bought a piece of timber in Virginia, and was engaged in making railroad ties. Joseph commenced work in earnest, and remained at home for two years. He then removed to Chicago, and found himself in a strange city with but five dollars in his pocket. Having resolved to go to Sterling, Illinois, he bought a ticket, and with fifty cents started for that place. Arriving at Sterling, he formed the acquaintance of a Mr. Shaw, a prominent farmer and stock dealer, living near there, and engaged to work for him. He has been in his employ most of the time since. Mr. Shaw came west in 1872, and Joseph followed in the fall of 1873. He here assisted him in the stock business, and also commenced on his own account. Becoming quite successful, in the fall of 1880, he purchased a farm of 120 acres of improved land, and has it well stocked.



## J. E. MAYSE,

farmer and stock raiser, section 13, post office Perrin, one of the earliest pioneers of Clinton County, is a native of Montgomery County, Virginia, and was born December 16, 1822. He was taken to Kentucky by his parents when about ten years of age, and was principally raised there, and spent his boyhood days on a farm; also attending the common schools. He came west with his parents in 1847, and settled in Platte County, Missouri, where he followed the brickmason's trade, and erected many brick buildings in that vicinity and at Camden Point, among which was the Camden Point Female Academy, the first institution of learning in the county. He came to Clinton County in 1848, when it was almost a wilderness, and constructed the first circular saw mill in this vicinity, operating it about three years. He then commenced improving a farm, and has since been identified with the interest of the county. He settled on his present place in 1872, and now owns a fine farm of 200 acres, where he resides, besides other land. He has a comfortable residence, an excellent orchard, etc. During the late war he enlisted in the Enrolled Missouri Militia, and acted as provost marshal. Mr. M. was married February 8, 1855, to Miss Isabella Everett, a daughter of Mathew Everett, one of the oldest settlers in Northwestern Missouri. She was born September 10, 1836, in Clay County, Missouri. They have had fourteen children, nine of whom are now living: James B., Rebecca P., Henry C., Andrew J., Cora B., Joel W., Galen B., Sally J. and Robert C. Mrs. M. and two of her daughters are members of the Missionary Baptist Church. Mr. M. is a member of the Masonic fraternity. His grandfather, on his mother's side, was a soldier in the revolutionary war, and was killed by the British, and his great grandfather was scalped by the Indians on the Pottawatomie raid; nevertheless he lived to be 100 years of age.

## BENJAMIN MILLER,

farmer and stock raiser, section 30, post office Osborn, was born February 23, 1809, in Kentucky, eighteen miles south of Cincinnati, Ohio, and was taken to Ohio County, Indiana, when quite young, there being principally raised. He spent his boyhood days on a farm and attended the common schools. In the spring of 1829, he made his first trip from Cincinnati to New Orleans by water, and, in 1830, engaged in the milling business, which he followed for two years. He then sold it out and engaged in farming in the summer season and boating on the river in the winter season, having made six or seven trips to New Orleans, the last two during 1868 and 1869. Upon coming west, in the spring of 1869, he settled where he now resides, owning 320 acres of land well



improved and stocked. Mr. Miller is well and favorably known in the county, and his character is irreproachable. Of late, he has partially retired from an active business life. Mr. M. has been twice married: First, in the spring of 1834, to Miss Sarah Powell, a cousin of Nathan Powell, president of the Madison Bank, of Indiana. She was a native of Maryland, and died November 1, 1854, leaving six children: Maria (now Mrs. J. Rodgers), William, Rosette (now Mrs. C. S. Carter), Fannie (now Mrs. J. C. Pate), Benjamin, and Columbus. His second marriage occurred in October, 1855, to Mrs. Mary Richardson, who had two children by her former marriage: Mary B. (now Mrs. B. B. Lowrey), and Joseph A. By the latter union there are two children: Harriet (now Mrs. Robert Chappell), and Charlie C. Himself and wife are active members of the Smith Fork Baptist Church.

### JAMES MILHOLLAND,

farmer and stock raiser, section 35, post office Osborn, was born September 7, 1837, near Zanesville, in Muskingum County, Ohio, and was reared at his birthplace, receiving his education at the Muskingum College, and was graduated from the scientific department in 1859. He was first engaged as assistant civil engineer on the Central Ohio Railroad, and next commenced teaching, which he continued for ten years. He was also occupied in the study of law, and was admitted to the Ohio district courts in 1865, and to the supreme court in 1871. He at once engaged in the practice of his profession at Zanesville, and also edited a paper called the Zanesville Signal, which he established by buying out the Aurora and the Press, and consolidating them. After remaining there about three years, Mr. M. accepted the position of chief engineer and attorney of what is now the Marietta, Pittsburg & Cleveland Railroad, and aided in procuring the right of way and establishing the road. He came west in the spring of 1871, and settled in Clinton County, Missouri, where he has since remained, and has been engaged in farming, teaching and the practice of law. Of late Mr. M. has retired from active business life. He owns a small farm of forty acres, which has upon it one of the best vineyards in the county; also a good orchard. He has been twice married. First, in June, 1857, to Miss Lydia Wycuff, a daughter of one of the pioneers of Muskingum County, Ohio. She died in 1866, and left three children: L. H., Wilbur A. and Anna A. He was married again January 2, 1868, to Miss Caroline Daniels, a native of Carroll County, Ohio. She was born March 24, 1843. By this union they have four children: Asa D., Henry S., Vernia V. and John A. Himself and wife were brought up in the faith of the old school Presbyterians, but are at present members of the M. E. Church, South.







## CAPTAIN F. W. MOORE,

farmer and stock raiser, was born October 24, 1831, in Ogdensburg New York, and was reared there until fifteen years of age, receiving the benefits of a common school education. He left home when fifteen years of age, and went to New York City, where he purchased an interest in a canal and commenced working for the American Transportation Company, of New York. After remaining there three years, and receiving his interest from his father's estate, he came west, and spent one year traveling through Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, and Missouri. He finally settled at Black River Falls, Jackson County, Wisconsin, and purchased an interest in a hotel, livery and stage company, there being occupied in carrying the mails between Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin, and St. Paul, Minnesota. At this time this was one of the largest mail routes in the state. They continued the business there four years, and Captain M. was also privately engaged in the lumber business. He next moved to Eau Claire, and, in partnership with another gentleman, engaged in the wholesale liquor business, which he afterwards disposed of to his partner, and built the first steamboat on the Chippewa River. Since then, he has given his attention to steamboating for some twenty-five years, on the Ohio, Mississippi and Missouri rivers. He became a member of the Idaho Steam Packet Company, and in the spring of 1864, started, with two boats, from Cincinnati, Ohio, for Fort Benton, on the upper Missouri. He finally reached a point near there, with one boat, after sinking and raising her twice. This was the first boat that had reached that place on the river. He wintered there and explored the country. In the winter of 1867, he sold out his interest in the packet business. During his stay in Montana, he was elected a member of the first legislature, and also laid off the town of Ophir, at the head of navigation, on the Missouri River. He came to Osborn in December, 1868, and has made this his home since, having given his time, chiefly, to farming and stock raising. He owns a one-half interest in 320 acres in DeKalb County, and a fine farm of 120 acres, in Clinton County, also, some town property in Osborn. Captain M. was married July 30, 1866, to Miss Eliza J. Hixon, a native of La Crosse, Wisconsin. They have had three children, Carrie, Frankie and Nellie. Mr. M. is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and belongs to Osborn Lodge, and to the Royal Arch Chapter, of Cameron.

## T. T. PHELPS,

farmer and stock raiser, section 33, post office Osborn, was born November 26, 1835, in Madison County, Kentucky, and was raised there, his youth being passed on a farm. He received the benefits of a common



school education, and when twenty-one years of age he commenced farming on his own account. Upon moving west, in 1857, he settled where he now resides. He entered a choice piece of land and commenced improving a farm, which at present (1881) embraces 190 acres; and is one of the finest in the township and mostly under cultivation. Being among the pioneers, Mr. P. is widely and favorably known, also because he has been a prominent actor in the Democratic party. He has always taken a deep interest in the improvement and building up of the county. He holds the position of school director and road overseer. He was married in the year 1861, to Miss Bitty Turner, a native of the same place as himself. She was born August 7, 1842. They have had a family of six children, five of whom are living—James, George, Robert, Carpenter and Brown. Himself and wife are members of the Christian Church of Round Prairie, in which he holds the position of deacon and clerk. James Price Phelps, his eldest son, was born February 13, 1862, in Clinton County, and has been reared and educated here. He is an industrious, energetic young man, and promises to succeed in whatever he undertakes.

#### JOHN T. PICKETT,

farmer and stock raiser, section 26, post office Stewartsville, was born May 29, 1837, in Clay County, Missouri, and was there brought up, spending his boyhood days on a farm. He attended the common schools, and afterwards commenced to learn the wagonmakers' trade when eighteen years of age. This he followed for about eight years. He moved to Clinton County in the spring of 1863, and settled where he now resides. He commenced its improvement in 1860, when it was a prairie, and even then wild game still remained. Mr. P.'s farm now comprises 160 acres of improved land, well watered and stocked. In his manners Mr. P. is kind and courteous. He is very attentive to business, and has held the office of school director for several terms. He was married in March, 1863, to Miss Isabella Grooms. Her parents were among the pioneers of Clay County, Missouri. She was born February 1, 1845, in that county. They have had two children—Cora J. and Arthur J. Himself and wife are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, in which he is one of the trustees.

#### JOSEPH H. PICKETT,

farmer and stock raiser, section 23, post office Stewartsville, was born April 18, 1842, in Clay County, Missouri, and was reared there, spending his boyhood days on a farm, and received the benefits of a good common school education. He first engaged in trading, but has devoted his attention principally to farming. During the late war, he enlisted in the



Confederate army, in the fall of 1861, and served with General Price, taking part in the battle of Pea Ridge, Arkansas. He held the position of corporal, served six months, and received an honorable discharge. He returned home, and has since given his attention to farming. In the spring of 1865, he moved to the place he now occupies, and owns a fine farm of 220 acres, well improved, stocked, etc. Mr. P. gives his whole attention to his business. He is no political aspirant, although he has filled the township office of school director. Mr. P. was married, March 30, 1865, to Miss Miriam Warren, a native of Clay County, Missouri, born February 18, 1848. They have had six children: Dallas, William, Robert A., Edward, Vena and Dora. Mr. P. has in his possession some relics, which are quite a curiosity. He has a copy of the Ulster County Gazette, of New York, under date of January 4, 1800, containing an account of the death of General Washington, and giving the feelings of the people in regard to it.

### JOSEPH QUELL,

farmer and stock raiser, section 35, post office Osborn, one of the hard working and energetic citizens of this county, was born in Germany, January 6, 1831, and was raised there as a millwright, and received the benefits of a common school education; worked at his trade after reaching his majority. He crossed the ocean during the winter of 1850, and landed at Baltimore on the 18th of June, after a stormy voyage of fifty-four days. He soon settled at Pottsville, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, and engaged in working at the carpenter work among the coal works, and being a good workman, he found sufficient employment. He remained there until 1870. During the late war he enlisted in a Pennsylvania regiment, hastened to the relief of Gettysburg and served about three months. Upon coming west in the spring of 1870, he settled where he now resides on the 25th of May. He commenced to improve a farm, which he found to be a difficult task, but he worked industriously and was successful. He now owns 280 acres of well improved land, having two good houses, orchard, etc. Mr. Q. was married in 1853 to Miss Gusta Smith, also a native of Germany, born September 24, 1828. They have five children living: John, George, Josephine (now Mrs. John Preston), Lewis and Joseph; lost three. Himself and family are members of the Catholic Church of Cameron.

### DANIEL T. SHEWEY,

farmer and stock raiser, section 25, post office Stewartsville, was born November 27, 1825, in Roanoke County, Virginia, and was raised there and spent his boyhood days on a farm. He attended the common







schools, and has made agricultural pursuits his occupation through life. Removing west, in the fall of 1849, he settled about four miles south of Plattsburg, which was at that time but a small place. The surrounding country was unsettled, and hunting was the favorite amusement with the settlers. Mr. S., being a crack shot, had his share of the sport. He also commenced to improve a farm, which he sold in 1864, and bought the place he now occupies in 1865. During the late war he enlisted in the Enrolled Missouri Militia, although he was exempt from military duty. The place on which he now resides was in its primitive state when he settled here, and he, alone, has brought it into cultivation. It consists of eighty acres, and is well watered, etc. Mr. S. has filled the position of road overseer several terms. His two sisters are keeping house for him. They are estimable ladies and are both natives of Virginia.

#### MILTON C. SMITH,

farmer and stock raiser, section 23, post office Stewartsville, was born January 21, 1813, in Mason County, Kentucky, and was there brought up, passing his youthful days on a farm. He received excellent educational advantages; attended the Augusta College three terms, and by devoting his leisure moments to study, after leaving college, he obtained a thorough knowledge of the Greek and Latin languages. His father was a stone mason, and Milton learned that trade. He commenced in life for himself in 1836; first engaged in teaching, which profession he followed for four or five years. He then married and engaged in farming. He removed westward, in 1862, and settled in Clinton County, where he now resides, and commenced to make a farm. He now owns a fine tract of 280 acres, and has it partially improved, and upon it is a good orchard of apples, cherries and peaches. He is upright and honest in his dealings, and is much of a gentleman in his manners. Mr. S. was married, in 1843, to Miss Mary E. Killgore, a native of the same place as himself. She was born June 10, 1822. They have had nine children, four of whom are living: Robert, Joseph P., Ella (now Mrs. D. M. Turney, of Perrin), and Mattie (now Mrs. E. H. Lindsay). Mr. and Mrs. S. are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. Mr. S. is probably as well known among the old settlers as any man in the county, and holds the respect of all whom it is his pleasure to know.

#### JOHN K. STITFIELD,

farmer and stock raiser, section 15, post office Osborn, was born June 16, 1838, in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky, and was there reared, and educated in the schools of that place. After reaching his majority, he worked for two years at the house painter's trade. He accompanied



his parents west in the fall of 1856. They settled in Clinton County, Missouri, and, in this neighborhood, John has made his home since. The county was almost a wilderness at that time, and settlers were few in number. He commenced life a poor boy, and first worked out by the day, and, being honest and industrious, he began to accumulate some property. He settled where he now resides in the spring of 1865. He owns a fine farm of 160 acres, 100 acres of which is under cultivation, the remainder being pasture. He has a fine orchard of about thirty acres. His farm is well stocked with high graded cattle. He has been interested in raising fine horses, and some of his stock are in Chicago, and others in St. Joseph. Mr. S. has filled the positions of school director and road overseer several terms. He has been twice married; first, in October, 1859, to Miss M. F. Young, a native of Berkley County, Virginia. She died in January, 1876, leaving five children: Eugene, James H., Nettie, Mattie and Charlie. They lost one. He was married again in 1877, to Mrs. Sarah V. Gray, who had four children by her former marriage: Charles, Henry, Tecumseh and Sidney G. By the latter union there is one child, Hattie. Himself and wife are active members of the Baptist Church of South Fork. He has been a member of the Baptist denomination since he was eighteen years of age.

#### OLIVER TALBOTT,

farmer and stock raiser, section 34, post office Osborn, was born July 5, 1835, in Carroll County, Ohio, and there grew to manhood, spending his boyhood days on a farm and receiving the benefits of a common school education. When twenty-two years of age he commenced railroading on the Pittsburgh, Ft. Wayne & Chicago Railroad, following the business for thirteen years, and then served in various capacities, most of the time in the freight department. During the late war he lent a helping hand in assisting Captain John Morgan on his raid through Ohio. He came west in 1869, and settled near Cameron, Clinton County, Missouri, and engaged in farming and stock raising. In 1873 he settled where he now resides, owning 160 acres of fine land. He gives his attention principally to the raising of high graded cattle. He commenced life on his own account when thirteen years of age, and has worked his own way through life unaided. He has always been among the foremost in educational matters, and has filled the position of school director several terms. Mr. T. was married April 11, 1865, to Miss Laura J. Duncan, a native of Lorain County, Ohio, born in 1839. They had two children, Louisa and Mertie J.

#### D. S. THOMPSON,

carriage maker and blacksmith, Osborn, was born October 6, 1835, in Erie County, New York, and was reared in the western part of the state.



His father was a carpenter, and D. S. learned the trade of him, and also received the benefits of a common school education. When twenty-two years of age he commenced to do universal woodwork at the wagon trade, which, together with carriage making, has been his business through life. He enlisted in Company C., Ninth New York Cavalry, in the fall of 1862, and served for ten months, taking part in the main battle at Chancellorsville and the famous battle at Gettysburg, where his regiment was the first to fire a gun. Since the war he has given his attention entirely to his trade. He emigrated west in the spring of 1872, and settled in Colfax Township, DeKalb County, Mo., and engaged in farming. In the fall of 1879 he moved to Osborn, and engaged at his trade. He has a neat, well arranged shop, and being an excellent workman, is prepared to do good work. His oldest son, Fred E., learned the blacksmith trade, and does the iron work. Besides his town property, he still retains his farm of 100 acres about three miles from this place. Mr. T. was married October 14, 1856, to Miss Harriet N. Davis, a native of New York, born July 8, 1834. They have six children living: Fred E., Ellen J. (now Mrs. L. E. Sampson), John M., Charles H., Silas D., Mary L.; lost one. Mr. T.'s mother is still living, and resides with her son. She is now in her seventy-first year. Her husband and self were among the pioneers of Erie County, New York, having come when it was a wilderness and the city of Buffalo was but a hamlet.

#### CAPTAIN JOSEPH TRUEX,

the fifth in a family of twelve children, was born near Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois, on the 20th of May, 1832. His parents were both natives of Pennsylvania, and Joseph was taken by them to Knox County, Illinois, where he received the advantages of a good English and commercial education. He learned the carpenter trade, and followed it for ten years, and, also, for six years, was engaged in teaching. At the age of twenty, or in April, 1852, he came to Daviess County, Missouri, and the following year, to DeKalb County, settling near Taylor's Mills. After remaining there one year, he removed to where the town of Fairport is now located, making that his home until the breaking out of the war. In 1861, Mr. Truex enlisted in the DeKalb Battalion, Enrolled Missouri Militia, commanded by his father-in-law, and, in 1863, was elected captain of his company, which position he held until the close of the war, in 1865. He afterwards commenced the mercantile business, at Maysville, and, in partnership with Mr. Pritchard, continued one year, when they removed to Osborn, and bought out the firm of Hitt & Duncan. In 1867, Mr. T. bought his partner's interest, and since then he has conducted the business alone. In 1872, he erected the best building in Osborn, to which he is now (1881) making an addition. When com-







pleted, this will give them the use of three rooms, each eighty-four feet in length. The building is three stories in height, with halls on the upper floors, one of which is to be occupied by the Masonic fraternity. He is largely engaged in the purchase and shipment of grain and cattle, the firm in this latter line being Duncan & Truex, the first named being president of the Clinton County Stock Association. Mr. T.'s investments in real estate, have been large. He owns about 1,200 acres of land, including some of the finest farms in Clinton and DeKalb Counties. He is a staunch Democrat, having received this political faith from his father. He held the position of post master here for six years, receiving the appointment from President Johnson. He is the present representative from the county in the state legislature, having been elected by a majority of 346 votes. . On the 22d of February, 1856, he married Nancy J., youngest daughter of Elias Parrott, a prominent citizens of DeKalb County, Missouri. She was born May 14, 1838. They have had ten children: Edward U., Della A., Mary J., Thompson, Clara A., John W. and Daniel A., living, and three are deceased. Mr. T., his wife, and three of the children are members of the Baptist Church, of which he is a deacon. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and belongs to St. Joseph Commandery, No. 4. As a business man, his successes are the result of his own personal exertions. The position he occupies in the church, in the business community, and in the various benevolent orders, of which he is so prominent a member, all testify to the universal respect in which he is held.

#### D. M. TURNEY,

farmer and stock raiser, section 20, post office Perrin, was born June 4, 1833, in Cynthiana, Harrison County, Kentucky, and was taken to Shelbyville, Illinois, when about four years of age. There he was raised and educated. He entered into the mercantile business when fourteen years of age, and followed it while he remained there. Coming west in 1853, he settled in St. Joseph, and entered the store of Donald, Saxton & Co. He removed from there to Plattsburg in the spring of 1855, and was employed for ten months with Thomas E. Birch. He then entered the land and law office with his brother, Thomas E. Turney, and remained there until 1857, at which time he sold some of the finest land in the county for twenty-five cents per acre. They handled about twenty thousand acres in this and adjoining counties, and he is well known among the early pioneers of this section. He married and moved to Ray County in 1857, and engaged in farming and merchandising. During the war he moved to St. Louis, and engaged in buying horses and mules for the government, and purchased the first car load from this vicinity. He returned to Clinton County in 1864, and engaged in farming. From



here he moved to Stewartsville, DeKalb County, and engaged in the practice of law. After making that his home till 1869, he returned to Plattsburg and entered the office with his brother. He purchased the land on which he now resides in 1870, and immediately settled upon it. It contains 160 acres, well improved, and watered by springs. He helped organize the first company of Federal soldiers in the county, and did it under cover of night, as the other party was the strongest, and would not allow the Federals to organize. He has never been an office-seeker, but has always given his attention to his business. Mr. T. has been twice married. First, in 1857, to Miss Euphemia Burgess, a daughter of one of the oldest citizens of Ray County. She died in the fall of 1869, and left four children: Samuel T., Daniel M., Thomas E., Tryphosa I. He was married again in September, 1874, to Miss Ella Smith, a daughter of one of the oldest pioneers of Clinton County. She was born February 20, 1852, in Mason County, Kentucky. By this union they have three children: Milton S., Charles B. and Mattie L. Mrs. T. is a member of the M. E. Church, South.

#### JAMES VAN SANT,

farmer and millwright, section 21, post office Osborn, was born May 12, 1826, in Howard County, Maryland, and was raised at his birthplace. His father died while he was quite young, and his mother moved to Maconsburg, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, in 1838. When James became fourteen years of age, he commenced to learn pattern making for cutlers' machinery. He removed to Cincinnati, in 1846, and, in 1847, took a trip around the lakes to Chicago, thence to St. Louis, and back to Cincinnati, where he resided until 1849, engaged at the millwright business. Returning to St. Louis, in the fall of 1849, he engaged in that business there, and assisted in building several mills near that city, and many in Southern Illinois. He continued at his trade until the fall of 1879, his long experience, aptness and skill having given him a thorough knowledge of the business. He came to Clinton County in the fall of 1879, and purchased an eighty acre tract of improved land, and intends giving his time chiefly to tilling the soil. Mr. Van Sant was married, in the spring of 1869, to Mrs. Melissa Parker, a native of Montgomery County, Missouri, born April 15, 1828. She has four children living, by her former husband: Louisa, Clara, Washington and Francis. Mrs. Van S. is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. They are among the leading and respected citizens of the county.

#### GEORGE W. WHITE,

carpenter and contractor, Osborn, was born on the 28th day of August, 1834, in Wayne County, New York, and grew to manhood and was edu-



cated there, and, after becoming of age, he was engaged in teaching. This profession he followed for some nine years, in the winter seasons, working at the carpenter trade during the summer months. He came west, in the spring of 1868, and settled at Osborn, where he continued his calling until 1874, then turning his attention to farming, which he followed until 1880. At that time he gave the care of the farm to his son, and again commenced working at his trade. He owns eighty acres of fine land within one mile of town, which is well improved and stocked. He also owns some property in Osborn, on which he resides. Mr. W. has filled the position of justice of the peace for two years, and chairman of the board of directors for about eight years. Being a public spirited man, he has always contributed his full share toward the building up and improving of the town. He was married, in 1858, to Miss Elizabeth VanMarter, a native of the same place as himself. She was born in 1839. They have had three children: Florence A., Frank V. and Nettie M. Himself and wife are active members of the M. E. Church, in which he holds the position of Trustee, and he has also been identified with the interests of the Union Sunday School, of Osborn, for some time, having held the position of superintendent for three years.

#### A. B. WILLIAMS,

farmer and stock raiser, section 23, post office Turney. Among the many foremost stock raisers of this district, the subject of this sketch, is worthy special mention. He is a native of Missouri, and was born September 4, 1837. His father was one of the old pioneers of this county, and was among the first ministers to preach the Gospel here. He was by faith a Baptist. His death occurred in November, 1849. A. B. moved to his present place in 1862. He has 400 acres of land, all of which is under cultivation. He is one of our practical and progressive farmers, and is closely identified with the farming and stock raising interests of this district. He has a splendid residence and good substantial barn, and his farm improvements generally show him to be a successful man. He has been twice married; first to Matilda McBeath, May 5, 1861. After a few years of married life she passed away April 29, 1872. Mr. W. subsequently married Miss Belle Daniels. There are by the first marriage five children: Luke, Oliver P., Moses, Frank P. and Nellie, and by the second union his family consists of Ida, Alice, Cyrus and Hattie. They are members of the Baptist church, and with their liberality help the cause not a little.

#### WALTER WILSON,

farmer and stock raiser, section 22, post office Turney, was born April 23, 1839, in Kane County, Illinois, and was taken to Whiteside County,



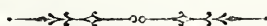




Illinois, by his parents when six months old. He was there reared, passing his youth on a farm, and received the benefits of a good education. He commenced life on his own account when 21 years of age, and has made farming his occupation through life. Coming west in the spring of 1876, he purchased the fine farm he now occupies, consisting of 300 acres of fine land, well improved, and with an orchard of four acres in extent. He also has one thoroughbred, "Louan's Airdrie," and several high graded cattle. He is largely engaged in sheep raising, and has at present about four hundred head. He takes a live interest in educational matters, and has held the position of school director some three years. During the time that the grange was in existence he acted as co-operative agent for the granges in this vicinity. He is an industrious and energetic citizen, and in his dealings with his fellow-men is upright and honorable. He was married in January, 1877, to Miss Harriet McBeath, a native of this county. She was born in 1855. They have had one child, Mary M. Mr. W. is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and his wife worships with the Christian Church.



## JACKSON TOWNSHIP



### JAMES C. BERNARD, M. D.,

was born in Franklin, Howard County, Missouri, October 7, 1821. He received a good common school education, and afterward attended the Georgetown College, of Kentucky. In 1840, having resolved upon the practice of medicine as a profession, he commenced its study with J. H. Ellison, M. D., an able physician in Kentucky, and after a thorough preparation and course in college, he was graduated, in 1843-4, with honors. He commenced practicing in Howard County, Missouri, and then went to Clay County, locating near Liberty, when, after two years, or in 1848, he came to Hainesville. February 1, 1842, Dr. B. was married to Miss Susan F. Major, a daughter of Rev. John S. Major, a distinguished and well known Baptist clergyman. The doctor's father was raised in Richmond, Virginia, and came to Howard County, Missouri, in 1820. He was the first man in the state to start the manufacture of cordage, in old Franklin, where he manufactured it very largely. After



being burned out, he erected a factory in Boonville, Cooper County. The doctor has been an active Royal Arch Mason since 1860. He has been a resident of Hainesville for thirty-three years, and, during this time, has had an extensive and successful practice. He is a man of good judgment, well read, and a gentleman in every sense of the term. In connection with his practice he has a drug store. Dr. B. was one of the leading business men when Hainesville was in her brightest days; but after the railroad passed by, its decline commenced, until he is now the most prominent business man in the place. He will live in the hearts and recollection of the people of Clinton County a long time after he is numbered with the dead.

### JACOB N. BRAWNER

was born in Jessamine County, Kentucky, August 29, 1813, and came to Missouri in 1831, settling in Clay County, where he remained eight years. In 1840, he came to this county and bought from Mr. Ledgwood 260 acres of land, which he improved and there made a fine home. Upon selling out he bought 260 acres in section 24, where the family now live, and which they have occupied for twenty-three years. Here the judge improved the farm, building a fine residence, and enjoyed it until his death, which occurred May 2, 1877, he being 64 years of age. He was a thorough farmer, and was interested in improved stock. He was also an active politician, feeling it his duty as well as pleasure to aid the Democratic party. He was elected county judge, and served so faithfully that he was several times re-elected, and served altogether eight years. He was emphatically a man of the people, never deceiving or disappointing them, but in the discharge of his duties he reflected honor and credit upon his county, as well as upon himself. He was a zealous member of the Christian Church, and did much towards building it up, contributing liberally to its treasury. Judge B. married Miss Eliza Jane Miller, of Clay County, Missouri, in September, 1840. Her parents were from Kentucky. They had as a result of this union twelve children: Susan E. B., Sarah M., Frances C., Clara J., Thomas M., David Oliver, John Henry, Clifton M., Nannie M., Bird Smith, George Neet and Rosalie. Clifton M. lives with his mother and works the farm. Three unmarried daughters, Clara J., Nannie M. and Rosalie, also live at home. Mrs. B. is very energetic in taking care of the estate, in which she has been successful.

### JAMES R. COFFMAN,

was born in Kentucky June 10, 1820, and came to the present site of Hainesville, Clinton County, Missouri, with his mother and grandmother in 1828. The latter was a native of Germany, and lived to be 107 years



old, dying in Hainesville in 1844. His mother lived to the advanced age of 93, and died in the spring of 1877. Mr. C. was married to Mary Richardson, who was born February 22, 1825. She died July 10, 1860, leaving five children: David R. A., James K. P., Mary C., Samuel P. and George W. Judge C. was one of the first children to be brought to this county. He here grew to manhood, and early became a leading and influential member of the Democratic party. He was elected county judge in 1857, and with him were associated Judges Scott and Willis. Their weights were respectively, 240, 360 and 260 pounds, and they were known as the heaviest court ever in the county. The judge's early educational advantages were limited, yet he was possessed of remarkable energy and perseverance. His opinion on all common law questions was eagerly sought after and carefully adhered to among the citizens of Hainesville. He had a large farm adjoining the village, consisting of 366 acres, with one of the best, if not the best, orchard in the county. He also had 109 acres in an adjoining section, 640 acres in Arkansas, and 1,100 acres in Kansas. Successful in his land speculations, he was never fortunate as a farmer, his especial point being in trading, buying and selling, or dealing in stock. This was his principal business for many years. The judge was a friend to the poor, and was spoken of by all as one of the most liberal of men, notably so when circumstances required it. Judge C. came to his death by being thrown from a wagon, living only a few hours. He died August 3, 1881, at the Lathrop House.

#### NEWTON DENNY,

farmer and stock raiser, is the owner of 120 acres of land on sections 2 and 11. He was born in Guilford County, North Carolina, January 21, 1817, and, with his father, George Denny, came to Clay County, Missouri, in October, 1835, locating on section 21, Jackson Township, in 1837. Newton Denny improved a farm in Clay County, which he afterwards sold, and then bought land in Clinton County. He married Miss Patsy Clark, in 1848, in Clay County. She died in 1849. In 1852, he opened a store in Liberty, and sold goods for two years, when he moved his store to Gosneyville. There he continued in trade for two years, and sold out and went to Hainesville, in 1856. He built a steam saw and grist mill, the first of the kind erected in this section of the county, and carried it on until 1862, doing an excellent business. During the war, he moved to Illinois, and remained until the fall of 1865. He then sold out his mill, bought a farm in Clay County, and improved it and exchanged it for the farm on which he now lives, moving upon it in 1873. Mr. D. married, for his second wife, Miss Mary Ella Ellington, of Clay County, in 1866. They have three children, Thomas Jefferson, Charles E. B. and Annie L. Mr. Denny is a member of the Presbyterian





Church, an upright citizen, and is respected by all who know him. His life has been an active one, and, though having met with the usual cares and perplexities of business life, he has been successful, and is possessed of a finely improved farm.

### GEORGE DENNY.

farmer and stock raiser, is the owner of 266 acres, on sections 21 and 22. He was born in North Carolina, in 1826, and came to Missouri, with his father, in 1835, settling in Clay County, where he remained for two years. In 1837, the family moved into Clinton County. In 1850, with Judge Coffman and John Douglass, George Denny went to California, where he remained two years, being successful in his business. He then returned home, bought a drove of cattle, took them to California in 1854, and again remained two years. Returning in 1856, he bought the old homestead, and has lived on it since. He married Miss Virginia Snoddy, of this county, in 1868. They have four children: Rufus A., Ralph K., Nancy Jane and Virginia Susan. Mrs. Denny died January 1, 1875. Mr. Denny is one of the best stock men in the county; has a farm well adapted to raising and feeding stock. He spent two years in Montana and Salt Lake City, and has been successful in all his speculations, making good use of his means. George Denny, Sr., the father of the subject of this sketch, died at the residence of the latter, March 24, 1879, in his ninety-sixth year. Father Denny, as he used to be called, was born February 15, 1784, in Guilford County, North Carolina. His ancestors were originally a part of a Presbyterian colony, which settled in that county in the days of his grandfather, and organized the Buffalo Presbyterian Church, noted as being under the pastoral care of Rev. David Caldwell, D. D., for a period of sixty years. Mr. Denny was married, January 14, 1808, to Jane Kennedy, who died January 10, 1866, in the seventy-seventh year of her age. Shortly after their marriage, they united with the Buffalo Church. Mr. D. emigrated to Missouri, with his family, in 1835. In 1837, he settled on the farm, in Clinton County, where he died, four sons and three daughters surviving him. His funeral service was held in the Old Bethel Church. His remains were tenderly laid away in the church yard, by the side of his beloved wife. His children, and his childrens' children, to the fourth generation, were present at the solemn service. Through nearly a century his quiet, happy and useful life flowed on. Almost to the last he was free from the infirmities of age. His form was erect, he never walked with a cane, and his eyes had but a little of the dimness of years. Always bright, sunny and cheerful, he calmly waited for the change, and then passed away. The children who survive are: Levi, William M., John A., Newton, Nancy, Mary Jane, Nitha and George.



## DEVER &amp; ADKINSON,

farmers, stock raisers and dealers, section 2. This firm is composed of Salem Dever, and R. Adkinson. The former was born in Madison County, Kentucky, in 1835, and came to this county with his father in 1857. He commenced his business career by purchasing a small portion of the farm which he and his brother-in-law, Mr. Adkinson, now occupy. They went to work with a will, and have been fortunate in their business, adding, from time to time, to their farm, so that, now, they own 165 acres of choice land. They have a fine farm, well improved, and upon which is a good house. Mr. R. Adkinson married to Miss L. Dever in 1865. William Dever, the father of Salem, was born in Madison County, Kentucky, March 9, 1808, and came with his family to Clinton County in 1857, settling in Hainesville; as he was a stone mason he did much of the mason work in that vicinity for many years; he married Miss Jane Clark, in Kentucky, 1829; they have had seven children: Nancy Jane, George, John Campbell, Salem, Sarah, and Ludica. He is an excellent workman and citizen, his judgment often being sought and adhered to; his home is with his son and daughter. Mrs. Dever, his aged and faithful companion, died August 19, 1872, leaving besides her aged husband, many relatives and acquaintances to mourn her loss.

## THOMAS J. HUBBARD,

farmer, section 17, was born in Garrard County, Kentucky, November 3, 1821, and came to Clinton County, in 1849, soon buying the farm where he now lives, which now contains 180 acres. He married Miss Elizabeth J. Reynolds, a daughter of David W. Reynolds, of this township, July 12, 1849. She was a native of Madison County, Kentucky. They have two children, Wm. B. and Thomas G. Wm. B. married Lovina E. Tutton, and they have one son, fifteen months old. Mr. Hubbard early conceived the idea of making stock raising his principal business, consequently, was eager to improve his stock. He bought the first blooded male which was brought into the county, and which has proven to be one of the best in the country. He also put in place the first set of farm scales in Clinton County, and was one of the first to feed stock for market. Mr. H. has done much in improving Clinton County, and bringing her into notice as one of the best in the state, and is worthy the esteem in which he is held by many.

## R. T. KELLY,

farmer and dealer and shipper of stock, section 7, was born in Culpeper County, Virginia, April 22, 1820. In 1832 his father came to Highland County, Ohio, where the family grew up and received their education. R.



T. learned the tanner's trade of his father, and worked at it until he came to Clinton County in 1856, when he bought his farm, now containing 566 acres. He early commenced feeding and dealing in stock, and has made it his principal business through life. He has a fine farm, well adapted to his avocation, and has one of the best residences in this part of the county. His long experience in buying stock and his extensive acquaintance and honorable dealing have given him the advantage over many others. Mr. K. has some 1,300 head of cattle, which were bought in Washington Territory and driven to Wyoming Territory, where they are being fattened. He married Miss Mellissa Pavey, of Ohio, December 18, 1843. The result of this union was eight children: Lettie (wife of James Y. Whitsitt), Charles T., Henry H., Thomas C., Fannie, Lizzie, Leroy and Emma. Thomas C. married Miss Eva Dillon, of Ohio. Mr. Kelly has taken great interest in giving his children the best advantages for an education. Fannie has received a thorough course in school, and is now one of the teachers of the Central College, at Lexington, Missouri.

J. T. KIMSEY, M. D.,

was born in Platte County, Missouri, in 1852, and received a good education, chiefly by self application. Resolving on the practice of medicine as his profession, he commenced its study at Walden, Missouri, and subsequently learned the drug business thoroughly. He attended lectures at the American Medical College, of St. Louis, in 1877-8, but practiced two years in Platte County before attending lectures. He then located in Holt, where, by his skill and strict attention to business, he has gained an enviable reputation. Several young men who have studied with him have since graduated with high honors, and are becoming successful in their practice. The doctor is a close student and is ever seeking to further qualify himself, by study and practice, to cope with all the diseases of the human family, and become more perfectly skilled in the departments of surgery.

AUSTIN R. KING,

farmer, was born in Orange County, North Carolina, May 8th, 1800. In 1835, he came to Clinton County, Missouri, and settled in Jackson Township, on section 25, buying eighty acres of land. He located forty acres, and commenced raising hemp, and was successful in that business. After having received a very thorough education, he had four years experience in a large store in Huntsville, Alabama, where he became a leading salesman. He married Miss Susan McRorry, in Orange County, North Carolina, February 27, 1827. She was a schoolmate of his, and they grew up in the company of each other. Mrs. K. was a







devoted christian worker, the church, the poor and sick, being the first objects of her charities. Mr. King served as justice of the peace for many years, and has been an active Democrat through life. He is a noble gentleman, belonging, as did his wife, to the Christian Church. Uncle King, as he is familiarly called, is one of the earliest and oldest settlers of the county, and has made many friends, and always retained them. His beloved companion died June 9, 1875.

### JAMES C. MADDEN,

farmer and stock raiser, sections 21 and 28, was born in Tennessee, June 23, 1828, and came with his father to Clay County, Missouri, in 1847. In 1850, he went to California, remaining two years, working in the mines, at which he was quite successful. Upon returning to Clay County, after looking about for awhile, he bought a farm in Ray County, where he remained until 1861, when he bought the farm on which he has since lived. He has one of the finest in Clinton County, and it contains 235 acres. He has a beautiful residence, and everything about betokens thrift and refinement. The farm was originally owned by William Ledgwood. A. M. Streeter was a squatter on it fifty years ago. Mr. M. is greatly interested in blooded stock, and has a number of excellent animals. He is a prominent member of society, and does much for the advancement of education in the way of erecting school houses, etc. Mr. Madden was married to Miss Nancy Jane Hardwick, of Clay County, January 5, 1854. They have ten children: Fannie, George A., James T., Fleaty J., Nancy Ann, Sophronia Isabella, Minerva, Lela, Myrtle and Orpha. Mr. M. has earned his own way-through life, having commenced with nothing, and now, surrounded by his family, can enjoy the fruits of his own industry. Mr. and Mrs. Madden and part of the family are members of the Christian Union Church. Mr. M. also belongs to the Masonic lodge at Holt, and is one of its active members.

### VINCENT MORROW,

farmer, section 23, was born in Orange County, North Carolina, November 18, 1808. He was raised a farmer, and received but limited educational advantages, although making the best use of what he had. He married Miss Sarah Jane Morrow, of Orange County, North Carolina, in 1835. They have, as the result of this union, six children: Robert S., Joseph M., Wm. V., Annie, Mary Jane, and Susan Emily. Mr. M. came to Ray County, Missouri, in 1842, and remained there until the spring of 1860, when he came to Clinton County, and bought his present farm. He commenced in life with very little means, and has moved quietly along, and has been moderately successful. His finely improved farm



contains 210 acres. His son, William V. Morrow, was married to Miss Jennie Lambeth, August 24, 1881. Having started out under such favorable auspices, it is to be hoped that theirs will be a life of joy.

### CHRISTOPHER PERKINS,

farmer, section 12, is a son of David Perkins, who was born in Virginia and lived in this county for many years, dying March 4, 1854, at the advanced age of ninety-nine years. Christopher was born in Kentucky on the 9th of September 1804, and removed to Missouri in September, 1826, settling in this county in 1838. He bought a farm near Jefferson City, on which he lived for ten years and then came to this place and located 160 acres of land. He has since added to his original purchase until at the present time his landed estate consists of 1,500 acres. He married Miss Elizabeth Fulkerson, a native of Virginia, March 6, 1830. They had a family of eight children, four of whom are now living—Sarah F., Mary Matilda, Martha E. and Celia. Lost four—James M., died in 1861, leaving two children, Christopher and James; Sarah F., married A. Peterman, and died December 4, 1859, leaving two children, Willie B. and Luella M.; Nancy J., died at the age of fourteen, and Rebecca in infancy. His worldly possessions when he settled here consisted of a pony and twenty-five cents in money. By industry and economy he has save a competency for his declining years. In his religious preferences he is a Baptist, and is also a member of the Masonic fraternity. Mrs. Perkins died February 20, 1880, lacking only a few days of their fiftieth marriage anniversary.

### P. M. ROBINETT,

farmer, stock feeder and dealer, is the owner of 280 acres on section 26, and eighty acres in Ray County. He was born in Greene County, Illinois, in 1841, and lived there until 1868, when he came to Clinton County, Missouri, here buying the farm, where he resides. The present extensive improvements, in fences, orchard, etc., and his superior skill in cultivating land, and, also, in feeding stock, show that he is in advance of the average farmer. He is a large feeder of and dealer in stock, and besides owning many cattle and hogs, he has some fine horses. He has been twice married. His first wife was Miss Nancy Witt, whom he married March 17, 1862. They had six children: Inez, Effie, Orson, William, Morris, and Louis. Mrs. R. died April 29, 1874. His second wife was Nancy Claflin, of Greene County, Illinois, to whom he was married January 26, 1875. By this union they have two children: Edgar and Georgia. Mr. R. has been a hard working man, meeting with the usual obstacles in life. These he has overcome and is the possessor of as



fine an estate as there is in the township. He is outspoken, upright in his dealings and is respected by his many acquaintances.

### JESSE B. TUGGLE,

(deceased), was born in Virginia in 1811, and with his father moved to Knox County, Kentucky, and remained until he came to Clinton County, Missouri, in 1843. Here he bought 200 acres of land of a Mr. Potter, and soon had an excellent home. He married Miss Nitha H., daughter of George Denny, in 1846. By this union there were nine children: Nannie, James M., Henry Clay, Mary Lizzie, Virginia Belle, Martha E., Susan Alice, George B., Jesse Pearl. Mr. Tuggle died in 1870, and left the large farm of 1,100 acres, on section 23, to his widow and children. Mrs. Tuggle has since kept the family together, the sons cultivating the farm. Few women could manage so large a farm and family as wisely, and at the same time so judiciously. Mr. Tuggle was a Democrat in politics, but not an office seeker; still he was active at elections in helping to secure honorable and reliable men to hold important positions. He was not a member of any church, yet he contributed liberally for the support of the Gospel and benevolent objects, and did much toward the advancement of education. Mrs. Tuggle is a consistent member of the Presbyterian church. She has a larger circle of warm friends than generally falls to the lot of one to enjoy.

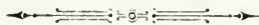
### ALFRED WHITSITT,

farmer, is the possessor of 200 acres of land on section 21. He was born in Orange County, North Carolina, January 9, 1805, and came to Missouri in 1830, settling in Clay County, and in 1839 he came to Clinton County. Here he bought a tannery near Hainesville, operated it for a while, when he sold out and bought a farm, which he subsequently disposed of and repurchased at different times. He finally bought his present farm of his father, who had settled there in 1839, and there he has since continued to live. Mr. Whitsitt was married in June, 1839, to Miss Sarah J. Baxter. They have seven children: Wm. W., Ann, James Y., Margaret, John B. and Sarah Adda. Mr. W. has belonged to the Christian Union Church for many years, and is a devoted member and liberal supporter thereof. He was one of the earliest settlers here, and has seen many hardships and passed through many trials and discouragements incident to pioneer life. These have been overcome, and now he is a man honored and respected by all, and one whose counsel is cherished by many.





## CLINTON TOWNSHIP.



### PATRICK COURTNEY.

farmer and stock raiser, section 5, post office Plattsburg. The subject of this sketch is a native of Ireland, and was born on St. Patrick's day, March 17, 1822, and in honor of the day he was named Patrick. At the age of 28, he emigrated to this country, settling in Kentucky, and after remaining there about three years, he moved to Indiana, where he made his home for five years. In 1839, he again came west, and settled in Kansas, where he remained about six years, and, in 1866, emigrated to this county, settling where he now resides. Mr. C. has had varied changes in life, but this has enabled him to profit by his own, as well as the experience of others. He is one of our successful farmers, and an honest and affable gentleman. He was married in the fall of 1852, to Miss Ellen Burns. The result of this union was six children: John, now deceased; Ellen, now deceased; Bridget, now deceased; Mollie, now deceased; William P. and Mary A. Three died in infancy. They are members of the Catholic Church.

### G. W. DAWSON,

farmer and stock raiser, section 11, post office Plattsburg, although not one of the oldest pioneers, is, nevertheless, a man who has figured conspicuously in the agricultural and stock raising interests of Northwest Missouri. He is a native of Bourbon County, Kentucky, and was born October 7, 1833. He was raised in the occupation he now follows, and received a good public school education. At the age of twenty-three, he emigrated to Missouri, settling in Clay County, in 1863, from whence he removed to this county, and located where he now resides. He has a fine residence on his place, and his farm consists of 1,090 acres of some of the best land that the county contains, most of it being in a high state of cultivation. As a stock raiser, he is widely known. He has a herd of short horns second to none in this district. He has done much towards raising the grade of stock generally. Mr. D. was married June 17, 1856, to Miss Georgia McCoun. They have had seven children: Mary L., Allie O. (deceased), Carrie P., John L., George C., James P.



and Sallie B. Mr. D. is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and also belongs to the Christian Church, and is one of the original members of Fairview Church, of this township.

#### A. S. FRY,

eldest son of Solomon Fry, a distinguished pioneer of the county, and of Susan, his wife, was born in Clay County, Missouri, January 29, 1829. The first school he attended was taught by Colonel Winslow Turner, on Rush Creek, in Clay County, near the town of Liberty. He afterwards attended a school taught in a building erected by his father, for that purpose, in Hardin Township, Clinton County, three miles southeast of the village of Bainbridge, his last scholastic instruction he received from a private teacher in his father's family. Mr. Fry is a man of enlarged views, and has traveled considerably over the continent. Among other excursions he made, with a party of friends, a pleasure trip to the Rocky Mountains, in 1875. His farm of 400 acres, six miles south of Plattsburg, is one of the best conducted in the county. He is a successful breeder of cattle, and was among the first to introduce stall feeding into the county. Mr. Fry has supplied the market with more first class cattle than any other man in the township. His uniform success in this department of enterprise, prompted him to attempt the short horn cattle business, in which he has made a successful start with specimens of the Josephine, Young Mary and Rose of Sharon, families which he imported from Kentucky. For one Rose of Sharon cow and calf he paid \$1,100. Mr. Fry is not a member of any religious organization. He is, however, a Master Mason, and was made such in Plattsburg Lodge, A. F. and A. M., in 1875. He has been three times married; first, in 1856, to Miss Emma Bland, formerly of Clay County. She died in 1858, leaving no children. In 1859, he married Miss Alice Lindsay, originally from Kentucky. He had by this union one child, a son, Perry Fry, now a clerk in a drug store in Plattsburg. Mrs. Fry died in 1860. In 1861, A. S. Fry married his third wife, Miss Emma Simpson, a native of Kentucky. They have four children: Cora, Emma, Albert and Mary.

#### W. M. HAWKINS,

section 6, post office Plattsburg, a prominent farmer and stock raiser of this district, is a native of Clark County, Kentucky, and was born January 11, 1832. He moved from there at an early age to Buchanan County, Missouri, but remained only a few years, when he came to this county and settled where he now resides. W. R., the father of the subject of this sketch, was a pioneer of Virginia, and closely identified with the agricultural interests of that state. He was born April 1, 1791, and



died in 1879, at the advanced age of eighty-eight years. W. M. has over seventy-two acres of good land, all of which is in a high state of cultivation. He was married in 1852 to Rosana Cassity, a very estimable lady. The result of their union is three children: Martin J., Arena S. and Gessella N. They are both members of the Christian Church.

#### G. M. HIETT,

farmer and stock raiser, section 2, post office Plattsburg, is a native of Missouri, and was born March 2, 1837. He was raised and educated in this county, and moved to his present location in 1861. William, the father of the subject of this sketch, was an old pioneer of this county, and a man who was closely identified with its earlier development; his death occurred in 1840. G. M. Hiatt has 163 acres of good land, all of which he cultivates, and upon which is an excellent residence, and his improvements generally, denote the progressive and successful farmer. Mr. H. was married May 17, 1866, to Miss Caroline Shaver, a lady of refined taste and genial habits, and a daughter of an old pioneer of this district. They have, from this happy union, four children: William B., Isaac N., Susan J., and Charlie S. They are members of the Christian Church.

#### P. HANKS,

(deceased) was among the oldest settlers of this district. He was a native of Virginia and was born in 1781. He was there raised to manhood, and at an early day emigrated to Kentucky, where he remained following the occupation of farming for about twenty years. In 1830, he emigrated to this state and settled in Clay County, where he resided about six years, after which time he removed to this county and located on section 2, where his son now resides. He was married January, 1823, to Miss Emma Nash, a lady who is still living at the advanced age of eighty-eight. They had six children—Sallie, George M., Galatin S., John P., William H. and Winston T. Mr. H.'s death occurred April 8, 1861.

#### WINSTON T. HANKS,

is a native of Missouri, and was born November 16, 1840. He was raised in the occupation he now follows, and is a successful and enterprising young farmer. He has 164 acres of good land, most of which he cultivates. He was married January 11, 1881, to Miss Gennetta A Broce.

#### C. C. MILLER,

farmer and stock raiser, section 6, post office Plattsburg. The subject of this sketch was born November 14, 1834, and at an early age emi-





grated with the family to Missouri. His father, Daniel, who was an old pioneer of this state, was a civil engineer, and one of the corps who surveyed the greater part of Missouri and Arkansas. They moved from this county to California in 1850, and he there died, June 9, 1853. In 1869, C. C. Miller again returned to his native state, where he has since resided. He owns 180 acres of good land, most of which is under cultivation. Mr. Miller is a practical farmer and stock raiser, and a man of honest worth in the community in which he resides. He was married April 28, 1872, to Miss Mooney, a lady worthy in every particular of him. They have four children: Floyd E., Lena B., Nellie F. and C. C. They are members of the Christian Church and contribute liberally to its support.

### JUDGE B. SHAVER,

section 26, post office Plattsburg, an old settler, a large and successful farmer and stock raiser of this district, and one who has been closely identified with the interests of the county almost from its organization, is a native of Virginia, and was born December 30, 1822. He was raised and educated in his native state, and in 1847, emigrated to Missouri settling in Clay County, where he remained for one year. After this, he moved to Clinton County, and located where he now resides. He has 1,320 acres of good land, most of which is under cultivation. Judge S. was married in 1845, to Miss Susan Trout. They have, from this union, six children: Carrie, Jacob H., George W., Julia A., John W. and Charles P. Mr. S. was the people's choice for county judge, in 1878, and was elected to that position, the duties of which he continued to faithfully discharge until the expiration of his term. He is at present (1881) school director of his district. Both Judge and Mrs. S. are members of the Christian Church.

### G. W. SHAVER, JR.,

farmer and stock raiser, section 11, post office Plattsburg, although among the younger class of farmers, is, nevertheless, one of the most successful men in the county. He is a native of Missouri, and was born October 11, 1854. He was raised in the occupation he now follows and received the advantages of a good education. He was married March 4, 1880, to Miss Mollie Boydston, an estimable lady of refined taste, and one who makes home happy. He has 120 acres of good land, nearly all of which is under a good state of cultivation. He has, where he lives, a good residence, well located. Mr. S. is a member of the Protective Association, and, also, belongs to the Christian Church, and contributes liberally towards its support.



## U. T. SHIPP,

farmer and stock raiser, sections 17 and 20, post office Plattsburg, is a native of Woodford County, Kentucky. He was born June 25, 1816. He received a limited education in the common schools of that day and learned the trade of bridge building, which he followed for a number of years. In 1836 he emigrated to Jackson County, Missouri, and while there he worked as foreman, and afterward as assistant superintendent, of the Hannibal & St. Joseph Railroad bridge at Kansas City. He was a pioneer of that city, and was prominently identified with the mechanical interests in that place. He was at different times in the employ of the Carter Bridge Company, of St. Louis, and worked upon the Fishing River bridge, Dixie Creek bridge, and many others. In the winter of 1871 he removed to this county, where he has since resided, and has been actively engaged in agricultural pursuits, in which he has been very successful. He was married September 9, 1845, to Miss Rebecca Forbes. The result of this union was: Lycurgus, Henry, Joseph and Richard. Mr. and Mrs. S. are both members of the Christian Church. Mr. S.'s estate consists of eighty acres of good land, all of which he cultivates.

## JOSIAH STOUTIMORE,

farmer and stock raiser, sections 14 and 15, post office Plattsburg, is a native of the state of Virginia, having been born in Roanoke County, on the 22d of April, 1818. He was raised there and received his education and made it his home until 1841, when he removed to Clay County, Missouri. In 1844, he took up his residence in Buchanan County, and in March of the year following (1845) came to Clinton County. Mr. S. is the owner of 450 acres of fine land, most of which is under cultivation. He was a member of Colonel Hughes' regiment of the Confederate army during the late war, in which he did efficient service for about eight months. Mr. Stoutimore has been twice married. First, in 1843, to Miss Amanda Lincoln. The result of this union was five children: Fanny (wife of Captain Baker) David L., Isaac Newton, William H., and John D. His second marriage was in 1866, to Ellen J. Clark. They have had one child: Maggie L. The subject of this sketch served as justice of the peace from about 1850 to 1861. He has been one of the foremost in promoting the interests, educational, financial and otherwise, of this township, and is one who occupies a prominent position in the estimation of all who enjoy his acquaintance.



## HARDIN TOWNSHIP.

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### JOHN M. BABER,

farmer and stock raiser, section 18, post office Bainbridge, is among the old and favorably known farmers of this county. He is a native of Kentucky, born in Boonesboro April 16, 1816. There he received only a limited education, and was reared in the occupation which he now follows. In 1836 he emigrated to this state and settled in Clay County, where he remained two years, then moving to Platte County, where he lived for six years. He removed from there to Holt County, and after a residence of two years in 1850 he came to this county, where he has since continued to dwell. Mr. B. moved to his present farm in 1860. He has 120 acres of fine land, most of which is in cultivation. Upon his place is one of the finest mineral springs in this district, and with proper improvements will be one of the most popular summer resorts. It is located on an elevated plain, and the place as a sight for a town is unsurpassed. He is a breeder of light and heavy draught horses, and as such has attained no slight reputation. Mr. Baber was married February 15, 1839, to Miss Julia A. Aker, also a native of Kentucky. They have from this marriage ten children: Mary E., Isham M., John A., Eliza A., Willis, Susan A., Jacob, Randall A., James P. and Emma F. They are members of the Christian Church, and he has been at different times school director, constable and collector of his district.

### H. B. BAKER,

farmer and stock raiser, section 36, post office Grayson, is a native of Bracken County, Kentucky, and was born July 28, 1830. He is the son of Mr. Isaac Baker, one of Hardin Township's oldest and most respected citizens. The subject of this sketch came to Missouri in 1847, and engaged in merchandising at Union Mills, where he continued one year, when he went to St. Joseph, and embarked in the pork packing business with his uncle. They were among the foremost in this branch in Northwest Missouri, and operated the first set of tanks. After a few years residence in St. Joseph, Mr. B. came to his present location, where he has since continued to be a resident with the exception of a few years spent in Nebraska. His estate consists of 240 acres of choice land, in a high state of cultivation. During his sojourn in Clinton County he has been recognized as a leader in all enterprises for the county's advancement.





To him much credit is due for the live interest he has taken in securing the right of way for the Rock Island Road and the establishing of Grayson Station, in Hardin Township. He is a gentleman, thoroughly familiarized with the current events of the day, and a brilliant conversationalist. Mr. Baker was married, in 1855, to Miss Nancy Grayson, a daughter of George W. Grayson, one of the early settlers of Platte County. By this union they have had ten children: William H., George W., Melvina, Lizzie, John S., Ernst I. and Henry; lost three: Jessie, Clara and Joseph. Grayson Station, which was located on a portion of Mr. Baker's land, was named in honor of his wife. Mr. B. is a Master Mason, and a ruling elder in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

#### A. BRECKENRIDGE:

farmer and raiser of blooded stock, section 10, post office Edgerton. The subject of this sketch, is a native of Bourbon County Kentucky, and was born December 25, 1829. He was there raised and educated, and followed the occupation of cattle dealing, being one of the few men who drove herds of cattle through to New York and the east at an early day. He emigrated to this state and settled near the edge of this county, in Clay, in 1852, and after a long residence in that county he moved across the line into Clinton County, locating on his present place, where he has since resided. He has been closely identified with the farming and blooded stock raising interests of Northwestern Missouri, and has done much toward the advancement of the same. He has at present fifty head of short horns upon his place, which will compare favorably with any in the county. Mr. B. has 321 acres of excellent land, all of which is either in pasture or under cultivation. He has a good residence and barn, which are in fine locations. He has served as justice of the peace for a term of four years, and while in that capacity never had a case appealed. He has been also closely connected with the interests of the Female Orphan School of the Christian Church of Missouri since its incorporation, and has been local director of that institution for a number of years. He is president of the Protective Association of his district, also treasurer of the Masonic Lodge of Edgerton and clerk of this school district. Mr. Breckenridge has been twice married—first to Miss Nancy M. Winn, February 1, 1853. From this union there were two boys, both of whom died while young. Mrs. B.'s death occurred in 1856. His second marriage was to Miss Mary Scott, also a native of Kentucky. They are members of the Christian Church, and contribute liberally toward its support.

#### GEORGE BUCHANAN.

farmer, section 35, postoffice Grayson, is one of the typical gentlemen of this township, and one who is well known in Clinton County. He is a



native of Bourbon County, Kentucky, and was born November 29, 1816. His father, William, was a native of Virginia, and came to Kentucky when a young man. George was raised to manhood in his native state, receiving an education in the subscription schools. In 1836, he came to Platte County, Missouri, and made this and Clay County his home for three years, after which he returned to Kentucky. In 1858, he again took up his abode for a time in Platte County. He was a resident of Texas for several years, and eventually, in 1870, located in Clinton County, where he now resides. His estate consists of 74 acres, all under cultivation. Mr. B. traces his lineage to English ancestors. His mother was Sally Reed, of Virginia. He was married in 1868, to Miss Minerva Kelly, of Clinton County, Missouri.

### W. T. CLAY,

farmer and raiser of blooded stock, section 31, post office Bainbridge. Although a young man, he is, nevertheless, one of our largest and representative farmers and stock raisers. He is a native of Missouri, and was born in this county October 13, 1854. He was raised upon the place he now occupies, and has 280 acres of land that will compare favorably with any in the county. He and his father, who is his partner in the blooded stock business, have 680 acres of land, making one of the finest stock farms in the state. They have a large herd of short horns on their place. Mr. C. was married December 23, 1875, to Miss Dora Hockaday. They are members of the Christian Church.

### J. C. ELLIOTT,

farmer and stock raiser, section 1, post office Bainbridge, is a son of James Elliott, who was a native of Kentucky, and was born July 3, 1798. There he was raised, in the occupation of farming. He emigrated to this state in 1832, and settled on the place which his son now occupies. He had, at that time, 120 acres of land, all of which he put under cultivation. Such men cannot be spoken of too highly. He was closely identified with the growth and prosperity of this county, and was married January 14, 1833, to Miss Elizabeth Carpenter. They had, from this union, four children: Robert D., J. Carpenter, Lucrecia and Mary E. Mr. E. was one of the original members of the Baptist Church of Hardin Township. His death occurred September 14, 1878. J. C. Elliott, the subject of this sketch, is a native of Clinton County, Missouri, and, with the exception of a few years' sojourn in the west, has always lived on the place on which his father settled. He was born December 13, 1835. He succeeded his father in carrying on the old homestead, and his success may be inferred from the fact that he has increased the original purchase,



since that time, to 173 acres. It is excellent land and all under cultivation. J. C. was married January 24, 1865, to Miss Semantha Knight, an estimable lady and loving wife. They have, from this happy marriage, a family of three children: Jimmie Knight, Clifton C. and Shelby B. They are members of the Baptist Church, and contribute liberally towards its support. Mr. E. is clerk of the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church.

### J. N. FORSEE,

druggist and merchant, Grayson. The subject of this sketch is a native of Kentucky, and was born October 28, 1831. He was there raised to manhood, and educated. At the age of twenty-five years he emigrated to this state, and settled in Plattsburg. He has followed his present occupation for the past twenty-four years, and is the successor of what was known as Clark & Co.'s store, in Grayson. He is well and favorably known in mercantile circles, and a popular man with the public. Mr. F. has been twice married; first, to Miss Orphia Tucker, whose death occurred in 1862. He subsequently married Miss Susan Potect, September 10, 1865. They have, as a result of this union, four children: Charlie E., Addie E., Romie N. and Juliet D. Mr. Forsee is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and an Odd Fellow. He is at present secretary of Plattsburg Masonic Lodge No. 113, A. F. & A. M., and has held that office for the last four years. He has also held all the offices within the gift of the Odd Fellows Lodge.

### E. S. FRY,

a successful farmer and stock raiser on section 15, stands among the foremost of the leading men of Hardin Township. He was born in Clinton County, Missouri, on the first day of May, 1845, and is consequently one of the county's earliest settlers. He is a son of Solomon Fry, who has been an illustrious citizen here for many years. Mr. Fry received his education here, and is a man well informed, and a brilliant conversationalist. He was married on the sixth of February, 1868, to Ann Eliza Deyerle, in Roanoke County, Virginia. The result of this union was three children, one son and two daughters: Julia V., Galen B. and Bessie M. Solomon Fry, the father of the above, was born November 24, 1797, in Frederick County, Virginia. He made that his home until three years of age, and thence removed to Kentucky, where he remained for twenty years, and then going to Clay County, Missouri. About the year 1840, Mr. Fry came to Clinton County, where he thereafter continued to reside. His marriage occurred April 6, 1826, to Susan Snap, of Vincennes, Indiana. They had a family of eight children: Helen B., born February 26, 1827; A. S., born January 29, 1829; Harriet,





(wife of George Hockaday, of Lathrop), born May 4, 1831; Louis S., born July 24, 1833; Amanda, born December 21, 1835; Anna, (married Theodore Todd), born June 24, 1838; Juda, born June 24, 1841; Emanuel S., born May 1, 1845. Mr. Fry's brother, Thomas, lives in Hardin Township, south of the farm of George Hall.

#### P. GENTRY,

section 28, post office Bainbridge. Among the well known and successful farmers of this county, the subject of this sketch deserves special mention. He is a native of Kentucky, and was born December 15, 1820. In 1832, he with his father's family, removed to this state, and settled in Clay County, where he followed the occupation of farming. In 1847, he emigrated to Oregon and California, where he remained three years, after which time he returned to Missouri, and settled in this county, where he has since resided. In 1866, he settled on his present place, which contains 260 acres of land, all of which is under cultivation. Mr. G. was married, March 20, 1850, to Miss Martha West. Their family consists of George W., Virginia L., Ida P., Albert S. J., James M. and Nancy E. Mr. G. is a member of the Protective Association.

#### JOHN M. GRAYSON,

farmer and stock raiser, section 1, post office Grayson, although not an old settler of this county, is, nevertheless, one who has been closely identified with the agricultural interests thereof. He is a native of Missouri, and was born in Platte County, [December 28, 1845. He was there raised in the occupation which he now follows. His father, George W., was an old settler and a highly respected citizen of Platte County, and a man to whom the county owes much for the interest manifested by him in its prosperity and growth. He now resides in Jefferson County, Kansas. The town of Grayson was named in honor of his family. John Grayson has 180 acres of good, average land, most of which is under cultivation. He has been twice married. First, to Miss Anna Belle Conway. They had, from this marriage, two children, one of whom is living, Conway. Mrs. G.'s death occurred May 4, 1876. He was again married, May 1, 1879, to Miss Maggie Williams. They are members of the Christian Church, and contribute liberally towards its support.

#### J. C. HALL,

farmer and stock raiser, section 19, post office Bainbridge, is an old pioneer of this county, and is a man who has been long associated with its farming interests. He was born in Tennessee, and at the age of



seven years, with his father's family, he removed to Missouri, and settled in Boone County. J. S. Hall, his father, was among the first settlers of that county. His death occurred in 1860, at the age of 77 years. The mother of J. C. died in 1867, at the advanced age of 83. The hardships which the subject of this sketch underwent during his boyhood days in Boone, did much toward preparing him for a successful farmer of this district. He has 212 acres of land, the larger portion of which he cultivates. He has been twice married; first, in 1836, to Miss J. Callaway. After living together happily for seventeen years, she passed away in 1853, leaving eight children: Sarah K., Jane C., William J., America A., Elizabeth A., Martha J., Thomas J. and Mary A. E. In 1855, Mr. H. was married to Miss Mary MacColloch. They have from this marriage one child, George. They are members of the Baptist Church, Mr. H. being one of the original members of the church in his township. There is at present but one original member living besides himself.

#### BIRD HIXSON,

proprietor of saw mill, section 17, post office Bainbridge. The subject of this sketch is a native of Missouri, and was born September 18, 1842. When a small boy, his father moved to this county, where Bird was raised and educated. He is proprietor of Hixson's Saw and Corn Mill, a splendid structure, having a capacity of 5,000 feet of lumber and 100 bushels of corn, per day. Mr. H. supplies nearly this entire district with hard wood lumber, besides supplying large firms in Kansas City with walnut. He has forty-three acres of land, fifteen acres of which is under good cultivation. He was married September 1, 1867, to Miss Sarah Helms, a native of Indiana. They have, from this union, six children: Albert W., William T., Joseph F., Annie M., Oliver P. and John F. During the late civil war, Mr. Hixson was a volunteer in the Federal army, in Company F, Sixth Missouri State Militia Cavalry. With that and other companies, he remained till the close of the war, receiving his discharge April 8, 1866.

#### E. H. HORD,

farmer and stock raiser, section 31, post office Plattsburg, is one among the old settlers and prominent farmers of this district. He is a native of Mason County, Kentucky, and was born June 7, 1834. He was there raised to manhood, and it was there he learned the occupation he now follows. He has 170 acres of good land, all of which he cultivates. He was married February 28, 1855, to Miss Amelia Allen. They have, from this union, eleven children: Charles A., Mary S., Adalaide, Florence, Dora M., Annie, Abner, Elias, Sabina, William, and Herndon. Mr. and Mrs. H. are members of the Christian Church.



## JUDGE W. H. LOTT,

section 22, post office Edgerton. The subject of this brief narrative is an old pioneer of this county, and a man who has been closely identified with its interests from an early day. He is a native of Kentucky, having been born August 1, 1816, and was raised and educated in Clark County. He has, from his boyhood, principally followed the occupation of farming. Emigrating to Missouri, in 1839, he settled in Caldwell County, where he remained eighteen months, after which time he removed to Clay County. There he resided four years, and, in 1847, settled where he now resides, owning 500 acres of land. He is one of our most successful farmers; has been school director for his district since 1859, with the exception of three years. He was justice of the peace in his district for a term of three years. Judge Lott has been three times married; first, August 22, 1839, to Miss Sarah Duncan. They had from this union one child, James, now deceased. Mrs. L.'s death occurred in 1842. In 1844, Miss Letitia Duncan became his wife. She died in 1845. Eighteen months afterward, or January 26, 1847, Mr. L. was married to Miss Louisa J. Wilkinson. The result of this marriage was eleven children: Benjamin F., Mary E., Matilda A., Loumira A., Luella (now deceased), John R., Clara K., William, Thomas K., James E. and Nannie D. Mr. Lott is now holding the office of Presiding Judge of Clinton County, having been elected to that responsible position in 1878, the duties of which he has continued to discharge faithfully and to the credit of all concerned.

## WILLIAM R. NEWMAN,

section 27, post office Edgerton, is a native of Kentucky, and was born April 11, 1826. At the age of eleven years, with his father's family, he removed to this state and settled in Platte County, where he followed the occupation of farming. In 1849, he came to this county, and settled where he now resides, in 1869. He has 363 acres of land, the principal part of which he has under cultivation. William, the father of the subject of this sketch, was an old resident of this county and a man of sterling worth in the community in which he resided. He raised a large and interesting family, six of whom are now living; his death occurred in 1865. Mr. William R. Newman is a successful and progressive farmer and stock raiser, and has done much toward raising the grade of stock in this county. He was married January 10, 1851, to Miss Martha A. Woodard. They have, from this union, nine children: Celia A., Pleasant C., Mary E., Theodore L., Sterling P., M. L., William J., Henry, and Alexander R. They are members of the Baptist Church.





## A. W. PALMER,

farmer and stock raiser, section 28, post office Bainbridge, is a native of Ohio, and was born August 19, 1827. In 1836, he, with the family, emigrated to Missouri, settling in this county. Thomas, his father, was an old pioneer of this county, and a man who was identified with the early settlement of this district. His death occurred in 1856, at the age of 72 years. A. W. Palmer moved on his present place in 1864. He has 100 acres of good land, most of which he has cultivated. At the breaking out of the war, he enlisted in the Confederate cause, in Company D, First Regiment North Missouri, and participated in the engagements of Camp Holloway, Carthage, Wilson Creek, Dry Wood and Lexington, where he was taken prisoner and paroled December 10, by General Lane, of a Kansas regiment. Mr. P. has been twice married; first, March 22, 1852, to Miss Martha James; her death occurred in 1859. January 1, 1860, he married his present wife, Miss Maria T. Mayo. They have from this marriage ten children: William H., Louisa I., Martha A., Cora L., James T., Susan J., Fannie M., Mollie B., Anthony W. and Katie T. Mr. P. is an Odd Fellow of some prominence, having held all the offices within the gift of his lodge.

## DANIEL REED,

section 15, post office Edgerton, was born May 18, 1849, and is a native of this county, where he has been raised. John, the father of the subject of this sketch, was an old pioneer of this district, and a man closely connected with its interests from an early day. He was shot and killed by Federals in 1862. Daniel Reed is a successful young farmer, and at present is conducting the home farm, of 540 acres. This is good average land, and the larger share of it is under cultivation. Mr. R. was married September 30, 1876, to Miss Laura Cook, a daughter of an old settler, and a lady in every respect worthy of him.

## WATSON REED,

farmer and stock raiser, section 14, post office Edgerton, although a young man, is one of our representative farmers. He is a native of Missouri, and was born in this county June 16, 1855. He was here raised in the occupation he now follows, and in 1875 he settled on the place where he now resides. He has 296 acres of land that will average with any in the state, most of which is under cultivation. Mr. R. was married September 6, 1874, to Miss Anna Worth. They have two children: Albert and Elmer.



## WILLIAM H. H. SLAYTON

(deceased), the subject of this sketch, was a native of Kentucky, and was born August 7, 1831. He emigrated to this state and settled in Clay County, in 1844, where he resided till 1866, when he removed to Clinton County and settled where his sons now reside, on section 8. He was a man of sterling worth in the community, and at his death the county lost a representative farmer. His death occurred February 4, 1872. J. W., and G. W., sons of the above, have, since their father's demise, successively managed the home place, and are young men of good habits and character. They will, without doubt, one day make their mark in life, no matter in what position they are called to fill. Their father, at his death, left a widow and seven children.

## J. W. SPANN,

farmer and stock raiser, section 24, is a native of South Carolina, and was born July 7, 1829. There he was raised to manhood and educated, and in 1852 emigrated to Florida, where he remained one year. After this he removed from there to North Carolina, where he made his home for about twelve months, and then emigrated to Kansas, in which state he remained three years. During his residence there he participated in what was known as the Kansas war. He afterward came to this state and settled in Platte County. At the breaking out of the war he enlisted in the Confederate service, in which he remained six months. At the close of the war he moved to Illinois, where he remained one year, when he returned to Missouri and settled in Buchanan County. After a short time he came to this county, and, after leasing his present farm for some time, he purchased the place on which he now resides. He has eighty acres of land, most of which is under cultivation. Mr. S. was married January 14, 1860, to Miss Hannah Woodard, and they have from their union a family of Emma A., Mary E., Henry L., Alice, Vidan, James R., Lance, Langdon, Laurel and William. They are member of the Presbyterian Church, and are liberal contributors thereto.

## B. STOUTIMORE,

farmer and stock raiser, section 4, post office Plattsburg. Among the old settlers of this district, and those who have been closely identified with the interests of this county from an early day, may be mentioned the subject of this sketch. He is a native of Virginia, and was born March 4, 1822. There he was raised, and received a common school education. He emigrated to this state in 1852, and located where he now resides, owning 500 acres of land, which will average with any in the county. Most of it is under cultivation. Mr. S. has been twice



married; first, in 1847, to Miss Elizabeth Pittit. By this marriage they had two children, James W. and Mary V. Mrs. S.'s death occurred in 1858. Two years after, or in 1860, he married Miss Eliza Martin, an estimable lady. They have four children: Edward, Lucy A., Jacob B. and Floyd D.

### JACOB WALKER,

farmer and stock raiser, section 34, post office Plattsburg. This popular gentleman is one of Clinton County's most respected citizens, and has contributed an ample share towards its development. He was born in Fayette County, Kentucky, July 31, 1809. His father, Henry, was a native of Maryland, and migrated to Kentucky at an early day. The subject of this sketch spent his early days on the farm, and resided in his native state until 1831, when he came to Missouri, locating in Clay County. There he resided until the spring of 1834, when he came to Clinton County, locating on the tract of land which he now occupies. The county, at that time, was sparsely settled, there being but few residents in his neighborhood. Mr. Walker opened a farm, and has since been a prominent person among the agriculturists of the county. He first entered 120 acres of land, and has been adding, at times, until his estate consists of 250 acres of choice land, conveniently located to Plattsburg. A neat and attractive residence adorns his farm. At an early day he discovered upon his land some springs, which possessed great medicinal properties, and for years was known as Walker's Chalybeate Springs. However, they were never brought prominently before the public until the spring of 1881, when the water was analyzed, and the name changed to that of the Peerless Springs, a sketch of which is given in another part of this history. Mr. Walker has been twice married; first to Miss Cynthia Fisher. By this union they had five children, three of whom are living: Sarah A., Nancy C. and John L.; two died in infancy. Mrs. W. died in 1837. The maiden name of his present wife was Charlotta Jones. By the latter union there were eleven children, ten now living: James H., Susan A., H. C., Permelia J., Brazelton A., Theo. F. (deceased), Alice G., Rebecca I., Thomas W., Edward J. and Fannie. The latter is married, and resides in Kentucky.

### JAMES A. WINN,

farmer and stock raiser, section 11, post office Grayson, stands prominent among the representative agriculturists of this district. He is a native of Kentucky, and was born November 7, 1832. He was there raised and educated, and, in 1850, emigrated to California, settling in Placerville. There he embarked in mining, which he followed two years, and afterward removed to this state, and settled on the place where he now





resides. He has 395 acres of land, most of which is under cultivation, and upon which is a nice residence. His improvements generally, are of the first order. He has been twice married. First, to Miss Virginia A. Dunlap, a native of Virginia. They had, by this union, three children: Emmet G., Charles D., and John. Mrs. Winn's death occurred May 13, 1873. He was again married December 15, 1874, to Miss Carrie C. Tremble. They have, from this marriage, two children: William B., and Annie M. Mr. W. is a member of the Protective Association. He and his wife belong to the Presbyterian Church, and are liberal supporters of the same.



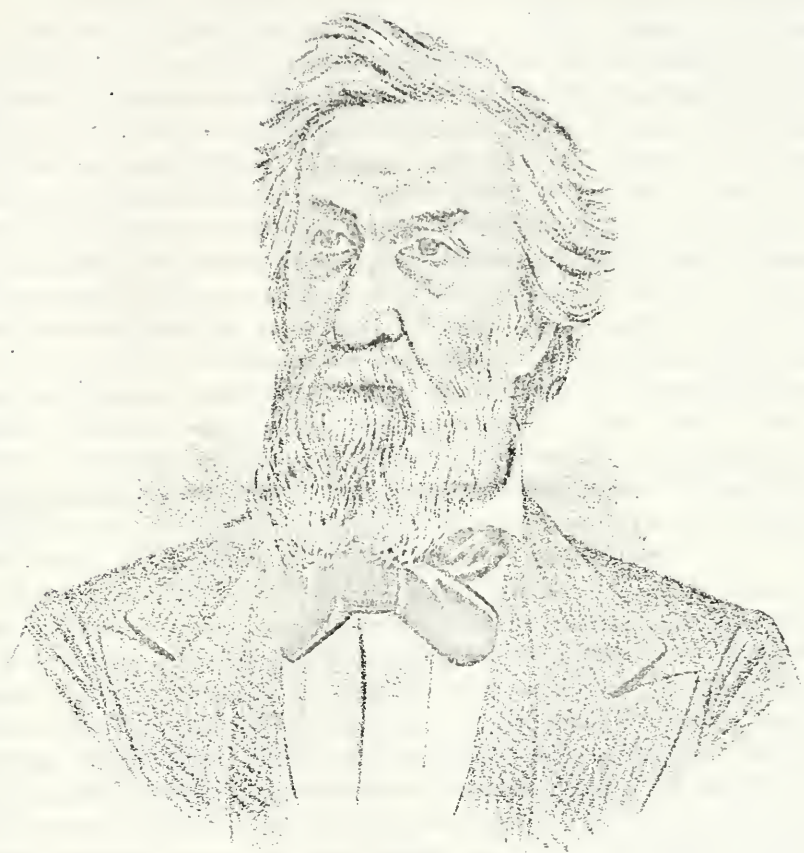
## ATCHISON TOWNSHIP.

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R. G. ANDERSON,

farmer and stock raiser, section 30, post office Plattsburg, is a native of Kentucky, having been born in Monroe County, August 31, 1821. When quite young, his parents removed to Tennessee, where he was raised to manhood and educated, his early life being spent in tilling the soil. In 1851, or 1852, he came to Clinton County, Missouri, locating in Platte Township, where he was identified with its progressive farmers until 1877, when he removed to his present location. His estate consists of eighty acres of land, well cultivated. Mr. A. possesses those traits peculiar to a Kentucky gentleman, and is popular with all who may form his acquaintance. He has been three times married. First, to Miss Angelina McCrowder, who died, leaving three children, two of whom are living, Sallie and Jane; John, deceased. His second wife was Miss Julia Boyd (now deceased). By this union there were five children, four of whom are living: Julia, Mary, William and James; lost one, Susan D. His present wife was Miss Sarah Randolph. They have had five children, four of whom survive: Maggie, Franklin, Robert and George; lost one, Maggie. Himself and family are closely connected with the Christian Church.





HON. DAVID R. ATCHISON.



## GENERAL DAVID R. ATCHISON.

Ex-Senator David R. Atchison, of Missouri, was born at Frogtown, in Fayette County, Kentucky, August 11, 1807. Being the son of a wealthy farmer of that county, he received all the advantages of a liberal education, which developed those powerful intellectual faculties that rendered his name, in after life, conspicuous in the history of the country. His father was William Atchison, the son of a farmer of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, and who moved, with his parents, when six years old, to that garden spot of the west, which now constitutes the rich and magnificently improved County of Fayette, in the State of Kentucky. His mother's maiden name was Catherine Allen. She was a native of the State of Georgia, and a lady of rare natural and acquired endowments. General Atchison was the eldest of six children, four sons and two daughters. His brothers were, B. A. Atchison, generally known as Allen Atchison, who died in 1857, leaving one child, John C., who, with Mary, a daughter of William Atchison, resides with the General; Alexander Atchison, who died insane, since the war; and William Atchison, the father of Dr. J. B. Atchison, at one time a well known physician of St. Joseph. One sister, Mary, was married to Madison Allen, a farmer of Buchanan County. Miss Rebecca Atchison, another sister of the General, died at her residence in Clinton County, in August, 1874. The brothers were all large farmers, and recognized as men of more than ordinary natural and acquired endowments of mind. Largely blessed with the gifts of fortune, intellectual worth seems to have been no less the heritage of this distinguished family. Blessed with ample means and a proper appreciation of the advantages of mental culture, the parents of the subject of this sketch spared no efforts in developing those dawning powers of mind which were, in after life, to render his name prominent in the history of the government. In 1825, he was graduated, with high honor, in Transylvania University, then the leading institution of learning in the state, and since incorporated in the new University of Kentucky. Upon receiving his degree in the arts, Mr. Atchison, with characteristic energy immediately applied himself to the study of law. Among his preceptors in this faculty were the eminent Judge Bledsoe, Charles Humphrey and William T. Barry, afterward Postmaster General of the United States, during the administration of Van Buren. In 1829 Mr. Atchison was admitted to the practice of law in his native state. Notwithstanding the most flattering encouragement and persuasion to remain from those who knew and appreciated his talents, he determined to try his fortune in the West, and a few months after, in 1830, removed to the comparatively wild district of Clay County, Missouri. In April of that year he received, in St. Louis, his license to practice in the Supreme Court of the state, and immediately settled in the village of Liberty,





now the important seat of Clay County. The only lawyer settled in that place at the time of his arrival was Judge William T. Wood, now a resident of Lexington, and a man highly respected for his personal and professional worth. About this period Mr. Atchison was appointed Major General of the Northern Division of Missouri State Militia. General Atchison soon commanded a lucrative practice in his new home, where he continued to reside, in the discharge of the duties of his profession, until February, 1841, when his superior legal attainments, which were known and recognized throughout the state, won for him the appointment by Governor Thomas Reynolds of Judge of the Circuit Court of Platte County on its organization in February of that year, when he moved his residence to Platte City. It appears that in that day judges were appointed to this position by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the senate. The office was not made elective till several years after. General Atchison, though endowed with an inflexible will and unyielding firmness of character, was ever a man of unassuming bearing, large benevolence and convivial and social habits. These, together with his recognized professional ability, rendered him highly popular with all classes among the early settlers of that region, and in August, 1834, as again in 1838, he was elected to the state legislature from Clay County. Upon the death of Dr. Linn, United States Senator, in the autumn of that year, Judge Atchison was appointed by Governor Reynolds to the vacancy thus occasioned in the Senate. It was by many considered that this appointment was merited, and had been recommended by Colonel Benton, and other authorities of the Democratic party; by others, it was said, that the Governor, himself, was ambitious of the senatorship, and had selected Judge Atchison as a person who could be easily beaten at the next election. The death of Governor Reynolds, however, occurred before the meeting of the next Legislature, and Judge Atchison was elected with but slight opposition. He was re-elected for two full terms, in succession, the last of which expired March 4, 1855, during the administration of Franklin Pierce. Two years after this he moved his residence from Platte to his present home in Clinton County. He was elected President of the Senate, to succeed Judge Mangum, a Whig Senator from North Carolina, who is mentioned by Judge Atchison as a man of considerable ability and uncompromising integrity. Two or three years after, Judge Atchison was again elected to that distinguished position, which he continued to hold for some time, till he was relieved, during a temporary absence on private business, by Jesse D. Bright, whose election to fill the vacancy was the result of a suggestion to that effect from his distinguished predecessor. The fourth of March, 1849, occurring on Sunday, General Z. Taylor was not inaugurated till the following Monday, Judge Atchison thus, as presiding officer of the Senate, became



virtually President of the United States during the term of twenty-four hours. In referring to this accidental dignity, on being interrogated as to how he enjoyed his exalted position, the venerable senator good-humoredly replied that he could tell but little about it, as overcome with fatigue, consequent on several consecutive days and nights of official labor, he slept through nearly his whole term of service. To go back, however, in our history: When David R. Atchison entered the senate, he acted cordially with Colonel Benton, and, as late as 1848, claimed that he was the first to frame an act organizing the Territory of Oregon, with a clause prohibiting slavery. The next year he attached himself to the party of Mr. Calhoun, and, elected president *pro tem* of the senate, was received into favor and roused into prominence by his new party, and became the antagonist of Colonel Benton in his own state. The union of a few Democrats, under the lead of Mr. Atchison, with the Whigs, defeated Colonel Benton, in 1850. The former became especially prominent in the legislation for the organization of the territories of Kansas and Nebraska. The first bill, which was introduced into congress, to this end, was in the winter of 1851-2, and had no reference to the subject of slavery. This bill Mr. Atchison advocated by a speech in the senate, but, subsequently, on his return to Missouri, he became an opponent of the bill, and declared, in a public speech, that he would never vote for the measure unless the Missouri Compromise was repealed. The public sentiment at that time was such that his declaration was denounced by the papers of his own party; but, within a month from the opening of the next congress, Mr. Douglas, from the Committee on Territories, reported a bill to organize these territories, containing a clause which, by strong implication, repealed the Missouri Compromise, although the report accompanying the bill expressly deprecated any such intent. This clause was assailed by Messrs. Chase and Sumner, and by others, in a printed circular, which led to vehement and personal debate. There was finally substituted another clause; drawn up by Archibald Dixon, senator from Kentucky, which repealed the Missouri Compromise, outright, and, in this shape, the bill passed. Gen. Atchison subsequently affirmed, in a speech made in the Territory of Kansas, that the clause repealing the Missouri Compromise originated with him, and that he had proposed it to Mr. Douglas, who, at first, declined to insert it in his bill, but, after a period of hesitation, consented to do so. This account tallies with public facts, and though it was published in the newspapers, was not denied by Mr. Douglas. On his retirement from the Senate, of which he was an honored member for the space of over twelve years, during the greater portion of which time he was its presiding officer, he continued to take a lively interest in the politics of the country, and was regarded as a leader and chief adviser of the pro-slavery party in Kansas, during the troubles



which preceded the admission of that state. In 1856, we find him in command of 1,150 men, at a point called Santa Fe. On the 29th of August, of the same year, a detachment from General Atchison's army attacked Osawatimie, which was defended by about 50 men, who made a vigorous resistance, but were defeated with the loss of five wounded and seven prisoners. Five of the assailants were killed, and thirty buildings were burned. The next day, a body of Free State men marched from Lawrence to attack Atchison's army. On their approach the latter retired, and withdrew his forces into Missouri. The admission of Kansas as a free state, soon after, put an end to this much vexed question, and restored tranquility to the country. General Atchison then lived in retirement, on his magnificent estate, in Clinton County, till the breaking out of the civil war, when he left for the South, and was present at the battle of Lexington. Governor Jackson sent him a commission as brigadier general at the commencement of the war. This General Atchison declined accepting, as his residence was in Clinton County, outside of the limits of the division. He, however, remained with the army, and assisted at its organization. He joined temporarily for the purpose of making up the company. Eph. Kelley's artillery command, from St. Joseph, and remained with the army till after the battle of Elkhorn. At the close of the war General Atchison returned to his home in Clinton County, where he has since continued to reside in almost unbroken retirement. He was never married. His residence, a lofty and spacious brick mansion in the midst of a magnificent farm of 1,000 acres, about seven miles west of Plattsburg and about a mile and a half from Gower, was accidentally destroyed by fire on the 2d of February, 1870. The only persons in the house at the time were the general, a sister-in-law, and a little girl, a niece, who were resident with him, and a negro servant. The farm hands were all at work at some distance from the house. The neighbors attracted by the flames soon assembled in considerable number, but without the means of reaching the lofty roof, and too late to render any effective assistance. The entire building was consumed, with most of the contents. The general, in speaking of the loss, seemed less to regret the destruction of the spacious and elegant mansion than the burning of his extensive library and valuable records of his opinions and observations during the long period of his service in the Senate of the United States, in which he predicted the civil war, etc. The interest which a work of that character emanating from the pen of such a man would have been read by people of all parties, can readily be imagined. General Atchison, since the fire in which his mansion was destroyed, erected on its site an elegant frame cottage, but of much smaller area than the old building, shattered columns and other stone debris of which still appear on the ground to speak of the lofty edifice of which they







once formed part. Since the close of the civil war General Athison has lived a life of seclusion on his farm, from which he has never suffered himself to be drawn but once, and that on the memorable occasion of the Old Settlers' meeting at the St. Joseph Exposition in September, 1874. Here at least one hundred of the old gray haired sires and mothers who were among the early settlers of the Platte Purchase and neighboring country were gathered in front of the grand stand. At half past twelve o'clock, the meeting was called to order by James N. Burnes, who spoke as follows: "Ladies and gentlemen: You will not expect of me an extended speech. I am too full to express what I feel. You will allow me to nominate for chairman of this meeting, Hon. David R. Atchison. His name is the balance of my speech." General Atchison then took the floor, and thanked the audience for the honor conferred upon him. He had once presided over the United States Senate, but this was a prouder position than he ever before occupied. He referred in feeling terms to the early settlers of the Platte Purchase, their trials and hardships, and their courage and endurance under difficulties. On this occasion, General A. W. Doniphan spoke. Senator Bogy, of St. Louis, Judge Vories, and Judge Birch, of Clinton County, made eloquent and comparatively long speeches, which were listened to with marked attention; but none were more affecting than the brief and pointed remarks of the venerable ex-President of the United States Senate. As a private citizen, no man was ever more highly esteemed, by all who knew him, than David R. Atchison. The deserving in misfortune was never known to go unrelieved by his generous hand, and the princely hospitality, with which he entertained those who were honored by his friendship, will long be remembered by his cotemporaries and associates of other days, by whom he was ever recognized as one who reflected credited on the exalted positions which he occupied in the service of his country, (positions, it must be observed, which were unsolicited and unexpectedly thrust upon him), a true type of that nobility of nature, which no heraldic blazonry can enhance, and which no hereditary rank or possessions can purchase.

#### DR. W. W. BLAND,

State senator, is a native of Nelson County, Kentucky, and was born August 10, 1819. His father, James Bland, was an agriculturist. His mother's maiden name was Mary Wyatt, of Crab Orchard, Kentucky. In 1825, the father of the subject of this narrative, with his family, removed to Missouri, locating in Warren County, on a farm. Here W. W. spent his early days, and received his education. After becoming of a suitable age, he commenced the study of medicine, under the tutorship of



Dr. Elijah McClain, a prominent physician of Washington, Warren County, applying himself diligently to its consideration two years, after which he continued his studies at the Medical University (known as the McDowell College) in St. Louis. From this institution he was graduated. In later years, he attended medical lectures in St. Louis. After his graduation, he commenced to practice his profession in Warren County, Missouri, continuing one year, when in 1846, he moved to Maryville, Nodaway County, remaining three years. Physicians at that day were few in number in Northwestern Missouri, and Dr. Bland's practice was large, but his patients were scattered. His usual mode of traveling was on horse back, and his rides extended to the Iowa line, and an equal distance either way from Maryville. In the spring of 1850, California attracted his attention, and, for three years, he was engaged in merchandising and mining in that country. After returning, he located temporarily for a time in Clay County, and subsequently came to Clinton, purchasing the farm where he now resides, which is located on section 13. He was one of the first physicians in this part of the county, and his practice has been an extended and successful one. Although continuously prosecuting his profession, while at home, he has found ample time to devote a great amount of exertion to the cultivation of his farm, which embraces 600 acres. In stock raising, which he makes a specialty, he has in his herds graded cattle that will compare with any in the county. As a citizen, Dr. Bland is quiet and unostentatious, cordially indorsing and supporting any measure of real public benefit. Although past the meridian of life, he is a well preserved man. His career has been an active and successful one. He is a great reader, a brilliant conversationalist, and in the domestic circle, and public walks of life, is one of the most companionable of men. In the autumn of 1880, Dr. Bland was the candidate for state senator, from the district embracing the counties of Clay, Platte and Clinton, and received the unanimous support of the people. He was married in 1854, to Miss Annie E. Payne, of Clinton County. Their family consists of seven children: Mary B., Serena E. (wife of J. C. Atchison), James A., Henry F., Luella, Annie Lee and Louis L.

#### JAMES L. BRADSHAW,

farmer and stock raiser, section 34, post office Gower. A well known, as well as an early settler of Northwestern Missouri, was Mr. Charles Bradshaw, who was a native of Virginia, and came to Platte County, locating near Weston, in 1839. He was a millwright by trade, but followed farming, principally, and eventually became a resident of Andrew County, where his death occurred, in 1847. His son, James L. Bradshaw, was born in Mercer County, Kentucky, October 1, 1837, and came to Missouri with his father, residing in Platte and Andrew Counties for



some time. After the death of the father, the mother of the subject of this sketch located in St. Joseph, and there J. L. learned the blacksmith trade, and was conducting a shop on Messanie street, when the war broke out. He was among the first to espouse the Union cause, and enlisted, as a private, in the Twenty-fifth Missouri, under Colonel Peabody. Later, the Twenty-fifth was attached to Colonel Fladd's engineer corps, and was under the command of General John A. Logan. Mr. B. was soon promoted to sergeant, and then to lieutenant. He participated at the engagements of Corinth, Shiloh, Raleigh, Chattanooga, and other notable battles, being honorably discharged July 25, 1865, at Louisville, Kentucky. Returning to St. Joseph, he soon after opened a blacksmith shop at Matney's Mills, in Buchanan County, which he conducted for several years, and, subsequently, engaged in blacksmithing at Plattsburg. He has attained a wide and well merited reputation as a horse shoer, and has few equals in this important branch. In 1876, he commenced farming where he now resides, and is the owner of eighty acres of fine land. Mr. B. is a gentleman well posted on the topics of the day, and, in a large degree, commands the respect of his fellow citizens. He has been twice married. First, in 1858, to Miss Mary Bradshaw. Her death occurred eight or nine months later. In 1867, Miss Mary Jordan became his wife. They have had five children, of whom, Jennie, Maud and Ralph are living, and two are deceased, Amy and Ida. Mr. B. is a member of the Protective Association.

#### LUTHER CARTER.

section 33, post office Plattsburg. Prominent among the old settlers is numbered the subject of this sketch, who, by faithful attention to his calling and strict principles of honesty, has, step by step, worked his way to the elevated position he now occupies. He is a native of Virginia and was born January 29, 1829. He was there raised in the occupation he now follows, and is the present owner of 426 acres of good average land, a large portion of which is under cultivation. He has a nice residence on his farm, and his improvements are of the first order. Mr. C. was married, in 1851, to Martha J. Morgan. They have, from this union, four children: John W., Frank, Mary E., and Samuel L. Mr. and Mrs. C. are members of the Baptist Church, and contribute largely toward its support.

#### SAMUEL COX.

was born in Knox County, Kentucky, March 3, 1809. His father, Frederick, was a Virginian, and one of the first settlers in Southern Kentucky. The subject of this sketch was reared to manhood and educated in his native state, his early days being spent in farming. In 1830, he







removed to Indiana, and located in Parke County, where he was engaged in farming, until 1860, when he moved to Iowa, locating in Harrison County. There he continued farming until 1873, at which time he became a resident of Buchanan County, Missouri, taking up his abode in Tremont Township. In 1879, he purchased a pleasant home in Gower, and retired from the active field of labor. Mr. Cox is past the meridian of life, but has been, and is still, an industrious, frugal, and public spirited citizen, always found on the side which tends to the advancement of the religious and moral sentiment. He has been twice married. First, in 1831, to Miss Sally Pruitt. They had ten children, five of whom are living: William, Louisiana, Elizabeth, Jane and James C.; lost five: John, Samuel, Martha, Mary M., and one died in infancy. Mrs. Cox departed this life in 1870. For his second wife, Mr. C. married Mrs. Charity Wright. Her maiden name was Stalker. She was born in Indiana, and is the daughter of George Stalker, a native, of North Carolina. She had been twice married: first, to John B. Van-Cleave, who died in 1852, leaving two children, Mary Elizabeth and John B. In 1857, James Wright became her husband. He died in 1869. Mr. and Mrs. Cox are diligent and prominent workers in the Baptist Church.

#### ROMULUS E. CULVER,

now deceased, was early identified with the public interests of Northwest Missouri, and was a man whose name was a household word in the pioneer days of Clinton County. He was a native of Maryland, and was born in Montgomery County, in 1810. He afterwards moved to Kentucky, where he was married to Mary A. Lawson, a native of Virginia, born in 1812. In the autumn of 1840, Mr. C. came to Clinton County and bought 300 acres of land. The following spring, he took up his abode in this county, having built a log cabin, and commenced the arduous task of opening a farm. His industry was rewarded, and in a few years he was regarded as one of the leading farmers in the county. In 1845, he was elected county judge, and, in the spring of 1846, he tendered his services to suppress the Mexican War, and, in the capacity of assistant quartermaster, served until the spring of 1847, when, with six others, he started for home. They stopped at a town called Moro, New Mexico, and, while at dinner, were captured, taken out and shot. The sympathy manifested by the officers of his regiment, in their letter of condolence to Mrs. Culver, was evidence of his bravery as a soldier. The Clinton County Court passed suitable resolutions in memorial of their departed associate, which displayed the fact, that, in his official capacity, he had been recognized as a substantial advocate of justice, and a man of excellent judgment. Judge Culver, politically, was a Henry Clay Whig. He was a Master Mason.



## WILLIAM L. CULVER,

farmer and stock raiser, section 27, post office Grayson, is a son of Romulus E. Culver, and was born in Greenup County, Kentucky, November 6, 1835. He came to Clinton County with his parents when young, and after his father's death, in 1847, he returned to Kentucky, where he attended school for a time at Lexington; also St. Joseph, Missouri. He has long been recognized as one of the leading stock raisers and feeders in Clinton County, and his landed estate now consists of 1,229 acres, 749 of which comprise the home farm. His residence is attractively situated, and indicates comfort. Mr. Culver is a gentleman of broad and liberal views, and is known as one who endorses every enterprise for the advancement of the county and state. He was married in 1862, to Miss Virginia McMichael, daughter of the veteran citizen, Thomas McMichael. They have five children: Romulus E., Thomas McMichael, Charles Morgan, Paul Middleton and Josephine Augusta. Himself and family are members of the M. E. Church, South. Mrs. Mary A. Culver, mother of the subject of this sketch, an estimable lady, whose graces of mind and heart have endeared her to a large circle of acquaintances, lives with William.

## N. G. CUMMINGS

is one of the most sterling and live business men of Gower, and one who is widely known throughout the adjoining country. He is a native of North Carolina, and was born in Guilford County, March 31, 1839. His father, John, was an agriculturist, and, in 1844, came to Missouri with his family, locating in the southern part of Ray County. N. G. eventually became a resident of Clay County, and for a time was engaged in merchandising at Clayville, and afterwards at Greenville, being closely identified with the prominent business men of that county for a number of years. When Gower was founded he was among its first business men, engaging in mercantile pursuits; afterwards he turned his attention to butchering and the stock trade, in connection with other lines. In 1869, he married Miss Amanda Williams, of Clay County. They have a family of six children by this union: Albert C., Annie V., Claudie E., Charles E., Robert C. and an infant. He is a Master Mason and a charter member of Gower Lodge, No. 397.

## M. V. ELLIOTT.

farmer and stock raiser, section 22, post office Gower. A prominent man among the early settlers of Clinton and Buchanan Counties was Mr. John Elliott. He was a native of Kentucky, and came to the Platte Purchase when it was first opened. He was recognized as a sterling, go-ahead



citizen until the time of his demise, which occurred in February, 1846. His son, M. V. Elliott, was born in Clinton County, Missouri, December 7, 1839. Here he has been raised and educated, since making it his home, with the exception of several years spent in the far northwest in the government employ. His estate consists of 160 acres of choice land, seventy-four acres of which are in Atchison Township, Clinton County, and eighty-six acres in Platte Township, Buchanan County. His residence is one-half in Clinton and one-half in Buchanan. Mr. E. is a thorough agriculturist, combining the practical with the theoretical, and is a gentleman of good conversational powers. His mother, an estimable lady, and one of the pioneers of Clinton and Buchanan Counties, resides with him; she has been three times married; her husbands are all deceased; her first husband, Mr. B. Cary; the second John Elliott, whom she married, in 1832, and who died in 1846; her third husband was James Feget, who died in 1879. The subject of this sketch was married, in 1856, to Miss Alice Knight, of Clay County, Missouri. They have had six children: Wallula, Bertie, Annie and Thersa, twins, and Pearl Irene; lost one, Titus Ellen. Himself and family are members of the Christian Church.

### REV. GEORGE W. EVERETT

is a native of Clinton County, and was born near Stewartsville, November 24, 1838. His father, Mathew, was a native of Virginia, and he became a resident of the Territory of Missouri in 1818. He came to Clinton County in 1838, being among the pioneers, and was here identified with the development of the county, and its general progress for some years. George W. was raised in Clinton County, following the pursuits of farming. His educational advantages were exceedingly limited, but by perseverance, improving all his leisure moments, and being an apt student, he secured a fair share of the world's knowledge. In later years he attended the Pleasant Ridge Seminary, in Platte County. At the breaking out of the war, Mr. Everett tendered his services to the Confederate cause, enlisting in Shelby's Brigade. On account of infirmity, he was unsuited for the infantry, was discharged, and re-enlisted in the cavalry, remaining until the close of the war. After this, he was one year in Texas, and then returned to Clinton County, in 1866, engaging in agricultural pursuits. In 1874, he was ordained minister. Mr. Everett is well disciplined in expounding the scriptures, is an ardent worker, and a convincing speaker. He was married in 1868, to Miss Marietta Busey. By this union they have six children: Thomas, Maurie, Clarence, Elton, Jimmie Lyle and Mary Rebecca.





## JAMES GROOM,

farmer and stock raiser, section 22, post office Gower. There are but few people in Clinton and adjoining counties who have not heard of Uncle Jimmie, as he is usually called, he, who, in the pioneer days of this country, felled the giant oak and assisted in erecting the frontier cabin, and in the bee hunt was found among the foremost, and by whose hand many an agile buck has been slain. Now well advanced in years and past the meridian of life, he is still hale, and bids fair for years to come, to recount his numerous exploits of those halcyon days. He was born in Kentucky, September 3, 1810. His father, with his family, emigrated to Missouri at an early day, locating first in Montgomery County, and then in Clay County. William Groom, his brother, came to Clinton County in 1829, and the subject of this sketch accompanied him, and helped to erect his house, becoming a permanent resident in 1833. He took an active part as an early farm improver, and from that time to the present, has been one of Clinton County's most progressive citizens. He was at the first precinct election in 1833, and helped to carry the polls to Liberty. He was married in 1836, to Miss Rebecca Adams. They have had seventeen children, fourteen of whom are now (1881) living: Ann, Sarah, Archibald, Gabriel, Elizabeth, Larinda, Nancy, Catherine, Rebecca, Littleton, Elijah, Deborah, Mary, Rhoda. Three are deceased: Jacob, James and an infant.

## THOMAS HALL,

well known in Northwestern Missouri, is a native of Kentucky, and was born in Henry County, December 20, 1816. His father, John I. Hall, was a blacksmith, and Thomas adopted and learned that trade, when fifteen years of age. Upon attaining his majority, he opened a shop at Pleasureville, which he operated a number of years. In 1859, he came to Missouri, locating in Tremont Township, Buchanan County, where he engaged in farming, continuing until 1874, when he removed to Gower, and opened a blacksmith shop. Not many men are more widely acquainted or more popularly known in the adjacent county than Mr. Hall. He was married, in 1838, to Miss Edna F. Fallis, of Kentucky. They have had seven children, four of whom are living: John W., David S., George T. and Erasmus C.; lost three: William Henry, Josephine E. and Tillman.

## JOHN W. HALL,

merchant. This well known and popular citizen is a native of Kentucky, and was born in Henry County, August 2, 1839. He came to Missouri when seventeen years of age, locating in Buchanan County with his



parents. When the rebellion broke out he entered the Confederate service, and served six months under General Atchison, after which he went to Montana, locating in Virginia City, where he resided several years. He was a policeman in that city for one year, and deputy marshal two years. In 1867, returning to Buchanan County, Missouri, he engaged in farming until 1878, when he embarked in merchandising in Gower. Mr. H. is an outspoken, frank citizen, with liberal views, and as a business man stands among the foremost. In 1868, Miss Eliza Weakley, of Clinton County, Missouri, became his wife. By this union they have six children: Georgia Belle, Elizabeth, Nellie, Lucy, Willard and Virgil. Lost one—Erasmus. Mr. Hall is a Master Mason and a member of Gower Lodge.

#### DAVID S. HALL,

dealer in hardware and agricultural implements, and insurance, land, claim and collecting agent, was born in Pleasureville, Kentucky, October 15, 1843, and came to Buchanan County, Missouri, with his parents in 1857. He was there raised to manhood, receiving the benefits of a common school and a commercial education in St. Joseph. He commenced his mercantile career at Union Mills, Platte County, and afterwards engaged in trade in Plattsburg, where he continued four years; thence moved to Gower, and has since been one of the representative men of the town. For two years he was deputy sheriff of Clinton County, and filled the position faithfully. He was married in 1868 to Miss Emma L. Asbury, of Plattsburg. They have three children: Annie A., Birda and George R. A. Mr. Hall is a Master Mason and a member of Gower Lodge.

#### GEORGE T. HALL,

merchant and postmaster, Gower, as a citizen and energetic business man, is known over a vast area of country. He is the son of Mr. Thomas Hall, the well known vulcan, and was born in Pleasureville, Kentucky, December 22, 1850. Moving to Missouri with his parents when young, he was principally raised in Buchanan County. In 1870 he embarked in merchandising, and has been postmaster since 1874. He was married in 1881 to Miss Inez Shields, an estimable lady of Warrensburg, Johnson County, Missouri. Mr. Hall is a Master Mason.

#### WILLIAM HAMMETT,

druggist, stationer and assistant postmaster, Gower, is a native of Pennsylvania, and was born in Franklin County, April 4, 1843. His father, D. F. Hammett, was well known in the commercial circles of that country, and died when William was quite young. At an early age the latter



migrated to Maryland, where he was raised and educated, entering the naval academy, at Annapolis, as a cadet, in 1859; also, for a time, he was at Newport, the academy having been removed to that point. In 1863, he was called into active service; and, in the capacity of ensign, was in the Mississippi Squadron until the close of the rebellion, when he was honorably discharged. In 1866, the west attracted his attention, and he came to Missouri, locating in St. Joseph, where he entered the employ of Turner, Frazer & Co., and, for a time, was their representative on the road, being one of the first traveling salesmen out of St. Joseph. He continued in their employ for four years, after which he embarked in merchandising at Frazer, Buchanan County, remaining three years. He next went to Texas, and lived temporarily in different parts, and, afterwards, for four years, was in the employ of C. D. Smith & Co., St. Joseph. In the autumn of 1880, he established himself in trade in Gower. He has been assistant postmaster since that time. He is an efficient druggist, and has built up a trade that will compare favorably with any in the county. Socially, Mr. Hammett is one of the most genial and companionable of men. He is a Master Mason, and a member of Gower Lodge.

### J. T. JAMISON,

of the firm of Poe & Jamison, dealers in general merchandise, Gower. This popular young gentleman is a native of Buchanan County, Missouri, and was born August 6, 1853, his father, Allen, being one of the early settlers of the county. J. T. was raised on the farm, receiving the benefits of the common schools. After attaining his majority, for two years he was an attendant of the State Normal School at Kirksville, the latter portion of the time being employed as a teacher. For several years he pursued the vocation of teaching in Buchanan and Clinton Counties, and engaged in his present business in the spring of 1881.

### J. D. JOHNSON,

farmer and stock raiser, section 31, post office Gower, is a native of Virginia, and was born in Fluvanna County, December 5, 1805. His father, William, was a farmer, and an old resident of that state. The subject of this sketch, when 26 years of age, migrated to Kentucky, where he resided until 1854, when he came to Platte County, Missouri, and after a residence there of eighteen months, came to Clinton County, locating where he now resides. He first bought 200 acres of land, and has been adding to it from time to time, until his present estate embraces 300 acres of choice land, on which is situated a comfortable residence. Mr. J. has been a man of untiring industry, and few citizens of Clinton County are more respected for sterling merit. He has been twice mar-





ried; first, in 1829, to Miss Mary L. Kent, of Virginia. She died in Kentucky, March 19, 1855. Miss Margaret W. Brumley, of Kentucky, afterwards became his wife. Her father, Daniel, was a native of Virginia, and moved to Kentucky when sixteen years of age.

### G. W. JOHNSON,

farmer and stock raiser, section 31, post office Gower, an enterprising young agriculturist, is a son of Mr. J. D. Johnson, and was born in 1848, in Shelby County, Kentucky, between Frankfort and Shelbyville. He came to Platte County with his father in 1854, and to Clinton County in 1856, where he has been raised and educated, and where he has since resided, spending his boyhood days in tilling the soil of his county. Mr. J. in farming and stock raising combines the real with the theoretical. Being thoroughly schooled as an agriculturist, he promises in the near future to be numbered with the substantial farmers of the county. In 1877, Miss Mary Wright, an estimable young lady, became his wife.

### WILLIAM KIRK,

farmer and stock raiser, section 5, post office Plattsburg, is one of the largest real estate owners in Northwestern Missouri, and is known as one of the substantial stock men of Clinton County. His home farm embraces 963 acres, a short distance east of which are 200 acres, 50 acres of timber land and 135 acres in DeKalb County—in all, 1,348 acres, which will average with any in Northwestern Missouri. The greater portion of it is under a high state of cultivation. His residence, which is situated on a moderately inclined elevation, is a fine looking one, and is one of the most attractive and desirable homes in the state. A frame barn, which is visible for miles, is a two story and basement structure, 42x60 feet, and well arranged for stock feeding. The ice house, wood house, carpenter shop and other buildings are well arranged, indicating good judgment in their construction and the supervision of a skilled manager. Mr. Kirk is a native of Jefferson County, Ohio, and was born March 26, 1823. His father, John, was a native of Ireland, and came to America when a boy, settling in Pennsylvania and eventually located in Ohio. He was a soldier in the war of 1812. William was raised and educated in Jefferson County, his boyhood days being spent in tilling the soil. After attaining his majority he lived on a rented farm for fifteen years. In 1866 he came to Missouri, locating on his present farm, three-quarters of a mile from his present home site. In 1857 he commenced the building of his present residence. Mr. K. is the founder and builder of his own competency, which he has secured by untiring industry and husbanding his resources. In 1849 he was married to Miss Eliza A. Taylor, of Ohio, a lady whose graces of mind and heart have



endeared her to all. By this union they have had five children, three of whom are living: Theophilus, William and Eva; Sophia and Mary, deceased. Himself and family are members of the Methodist Church.

### JOHN LEWIS,

farmer and stock raiser, section 25, post office Plattsburg, stands prominent among our progressive and successful farmers. He is a native of Wales, and when seventeen years of age he, with his father, emigrated to America, settling in Ohio, where he remained six years. After this time he removed to Missouri, and settled in this county, where he now resides. He has 390 acres of good land, most of which is under cultivation, and upon it is one of the finest barns in the county, and a nice, comfortable residence. His improvements generally denote him a representative and successful farmer. He was married February 8, 1846, to Miss Mary A. Bumgarner. They have from this marriage twelve children: Sarah A., Mahala, William L., Benjamin F., Mary I., John M., Maggie E., Esther, Rebecca E., Thomas A., Robert J. and Jacob B. They are members of the Baptist Church. Mr. L. was justice of the peace for five years, and during that time faithfully discharged the duties of that office.

### LOYD LEACH,

farmer and stock raiser, section 4, post office Plattsburg, is a native of Kentucky, having been born in Scott County, January 30, 1818. His father, Burton Leach, was an old citizen of that state. Loyd was raised, educated and resided in Kentucky until 1847, when he came to Missouri, locating in Platte County. Then he removed to Clay County, and in the autumn of 1852 located where he now resides. He purchased 560 acres, there then being about thirty acres under cultivation, on which was situated a small log house, in a dilapidated condition. He soon commenced the erection of his commodious residence, and, being a carpenter by trade, did the greater portion of the work. It is now one of the most attractive and desirable residences in the country. His estate consists of about 600 acres, is divided by fences, and well adapted for stock raising, which business he makes a speciality, and in which he deals largely. Mr. L. has been a man of untiring industry, and his judgment is excellent, his success in life being due to his own exertions. In the home circle he is one of the most genial of men. His wife, formerly Miss Mary Haynes, a native of Kentucky, he married in 1848. She is a lady of refined tastes. They have six children: William W., Susan, Loyd, Jr., Dora A., Elizabeth and Viola. Mr. and Mrs. L. are members of the Southern Methodist Church.



## D. P. McKISSICK,

farmer and stock raiser, section 15, post office Gower. A well known pioneer of Clinton County and a man who figured conspicuously in the early days of Northwest Missouri, was Mr. Daniel McKissick, father of the subject of this sketch; he was a native of North Carolina, and came to Clinton County with his family in 1833, locating on the farm which his son now occupies; he was one of the earliest justices of the peace, and, also, a surveyor; he raised a good deal of corn in those early days, and those who were unfortunate, in having short crops, were generally accommodated by Mr. McK. He was a man of excellent judgment, and his counsel was often sought after by the early citizens. His home was always open to the stranger, and his hospitality is well remembered by the few pioneers who still survive. In 1843, he was with the first caravan to cross the mountains to Oregon, returning in 1846; he was a sergeant in the war of 1812, and a personal friend of Colonel Benton. It was he who suggested to the court the name of Clinton for the county and that of Plattsburg for the county seat. He was an admirer of DeWitt Clinton, hence the name, and Plattsburg, as a memorial of the war of 1812, and the battle of Plattsburg, New York. His death, which occurred in Clinton County many years ago, was mourned by a large number of acquaintances. D. P. McKissick was born in Bedford County, Tennessee, February 20, 1820, and came to Clinton County with his parents, in 1833, and was here raised and principally educated. He is closely associated with the county's progress and has always manifested a live interest in educational matters. To him much credit is due for having the township laid off, at an early day, into school districts and the inauguration of the public school system. During his sojourn here, he has been a justice of the peace for sixteen years, and has, also, been honored by the people in holding the office of county judge. Before the war Mr. McK. was a Whig, but since then he has been found in the Democratic ranks. He has an excellent memory and is a close observer. In public and domestic circles, he is one of the most festive of men. He was married, in 1858, to Miss Mary Jane Wedin, of Saline County, Missouri. They have had seven children: Martha A., Joseph E., Mary C., Daniel T., Annie, Jacob H., and Minnie.

## WILLIAM McKOWN,

stock raiser, section 33, post office Plattsburg. Mr. John McKown, an early settler of Clinton County, was a native of Kentucky, and came to Clay County when a boy, where he was raised, married and lived until 1832 or '33. Then he became a resident of Clinton, locating where his son William now resides. He entered 240 acres of land, and was the first





settler in what is now one of the garden spots of Clinton County. From that time to the present he has been closely associated with the growth and progress of the county. William McKown was born in Clay County, December 10, 1828, and came to Clinton County with his parents. Since then he has made this his home. He received the benefits of the early schools of the county, which in his time was in a small log structure, with split poles for seats, and a portion of a log out of the side of the building to admit the light. At the breaking out of the rebellion Mr. McK. was among the first to tender his services to the Confederate cause, enlisting September 12, 1861. He was with General Price, and participated in the battles of Lexington, Pea Ridge, and a number of skirmishes, serving seven months. He was married in 1850, to Miss Martha Sherrer, of Clinton County. They had six children: Thomas E., Will., John, James W., Maggie and Allie. Mrs. McKown's death occurred November 25, 1877. Mr. McK.'s estate embraces 256 acres of the most desirable land in Clinton County. In stock raising and feeding he is one of the most prominent in his section. He is an active member of the Free Will Baptist Church.

#### JAMES B. MATTHEWS.

section 13, post office Plattsburg. The subject of this sketch is a native of Kentucky, and was born January 11, 1833. There he learned the trade of carpenter, and also engaged in farming. In 1860, he emigrated to Missouri, and settled where he now resides. He has 245 acres of good, average land, equal to any in this section, most of which is under cultivation. He was married April 13, 1854, to Miss Martha E. Smith, an estimable lady. They have eleven children: Mary A., Arthur T., William W., Annie K., James B., Mattie S., Edna, Ernest, Harry C., Katie and an infant. They are members of the Missionary Baptist Church.

#### J. W. MOORE,

farmer and stock raiser, section 27, post office Gower, is one of the largest stock feeders in this township. He is a native of Virginia, and was born near Harper's Ferry, August 5th, 1847. His father, Milton Moore, came to Daviess County, Missouri, with his family, in 1847, and, afterwards, to Buchanan County, where the subject of this sketch was a resident for a number of years. Major Milton Moore is among the best known business men and farmers of Northwest Missouri. For many years he has been in the stock business, making his headquarters at Gower. J. W. located where he now resides in the spring of 1881. He is a thoroughly experienced stockman, and in his transactions is peculiarly clear and transparent. In 1869, Miss Fanny McClellan, of Clinton



County, became his wife. They have six children: Milton, Willie, Hattie, Carrie, Neeley and Edward. Mr. M. belongs to the Central Protective Association.

### SAMUEL NASH,

farmer and stock raiser, section 24, post office Gower, is a native of Franklin County, Kentucky, and was born May 25, 1811. His father, Jeremiah, was a native of Virginia, and died when Samuel was in his seventh year. When in his fourteenth year, the subject of this sketch, with his mother and her family, came to Missouri, locating in Clay County, near Liberty, residing there two years, then moved to Fishing River, where they remained some years, eventually locating in Clinton County, on the farm now occupied by them. Mr. Nash has been one of the most industrious and progressive citizens of the county, and has contributed his share towards its development. He came to the county when in meagre circumstances, and has made a handsome competency by his own exertions. On the 12th of January, 1834, Miss Annie Williams became his wife. She is the daughter of John and Catharine Williams, and was born in North Carolina, March 27, 1815. They have had thirteen children, four of whom are living: Wilson, Justina, Mary E. and Samuel Jackson. Lost nine: Beckie, Jerry, George, William J., Melinda, Sarah Catharine, Amanda, E. M., Emma A.

### CORNELIUS O'CONNER,

section 22, post office Plattsburg, is a native of Ireland, and was born in 1833. At the age of eighteen years he emigrated to America, and settled in Kentucky, where he followed the occupation of farming. In 1863, he moved to Illinois, and settled in Coles County. After a residence there of thirteen years, he came to this state and settled where he now resides, being the possessor of 380 acres of average land, most of which is under cultivation. In 1853, Mr. O'Conner married Miss Ellen Murphy. They have six children: John W., Batty, Dennis, Thomas, Patrick, Cornelius, and have adopted one girl, Maggie. They are members of the Catholic Church.

### G. B. POAGE,

farmer and stock raiser, section 7, post office Plattsburg, is as popularly known as any of the early settlers of Clinton County. He is a native of Boone County, Missouri, and was born August 26, 1816. His father, Robert, was a native of Virginia, and came to Missouri in 1807. He was a soldier in the war of 1812, and became a resident of Clay County in 1820. He helped to build the first warehouse at Liberty, and took an



active part in the development of Northwestern Missouri. The grandfather of G. B., Abraham Grooms, was an early settler of Clinton County, having located where the subject of this sketch now resides in 1836, the same time that the Poage family came. The county at that time was in its natural condition, the hand of man having done but little towards its development. To them much credit is due for the present substantial condition of the territory in their immediate vicinity. They passed through the various inconveniences subject to the settlement of a new country, ever persevering and triumphed over all obstacles. The estate of Mr. P. consists of 255 acres. He keeps good grades of cattle, and in stock raising does a business that will compare with any in the community. He was married in 1839, to Miss Hannah Victor, a native of Lewis County, Kentucky. By this union they have ten children living: Mary Ann, Nancy Elizabeth, Robert, Sarah Ellen, William B., John S. Martha M., David S., Alfred R. and Abraham G. Lost one—James Allen.

#### B. F. POE,

farmer and stock raiser, section 34, post office Gower, was born November 25, 1836, in Clinton County, Missouri. His father, William, was a native of Gerrard County, Kentucky, and was a soldier in the war of 1812, and participated in the famous battle of the Thames in Upper Canada October 5, 1813, where General Tecumseh was killed. He served under General Harrison. Mr. Poe came to Clay County, Missouri, at an early day, and to Clinton County in 1836, being among the pioneers. He was also for a time a resident of Buchanan County. He was greatly interested in the general development of the country until his death, which occurred December 31, 1876, in Holt County. B. F. gave himself the benefit of a good education by close application to his books during his limited school days and employing his leisure hours for over twenty years, and has been among the foremost teachers and educators in Clinton and Buchanan Counties. In religious matters he is among the active workers, as well as of affairs pertaining to the advancement of the public generally. Since 1865 he has been an elder in the Christian Church. He was married in 1862 to Miss Percilla Pyle. By this union they have four children: Alice, Emma, Curtiss and Nellie.

#### H. C. POE,

of B. F. & H. C. Poe, agriculturists, and of the firm of Poe & Jamison, merchants, Gower, is a native of Clay County, Missouri, was born January 29, 1840, and is the son of the pioneer William Poe. He has been a resident of Clinton and Buchanan Counties the greater portion of his life, and has contributed amply toward the development of the agri-





cultural interests of this section. The Poe Bros. are among the substantial, practical and successful farmers of Clinton County. In the spring of 1881, Mr. P. embarked in merchandising, and, being well and familiarly known, commands a large patronage.

### WILLIS ROCKWELL,

(deceased). Among the pioneers of Clinton County, the subject of this sketch is worthy of more than a passing notice. He was a native of Kentucky, and was born June 14, 1804. He there married, July 15, 1824, Miss E. B. Brockman. She was born January 21, 1809. They came to Clinton County, in 1853, locating in close proximity to where the town of Grower now stands. Mr. R. and his good wife were recognized as the most industrious and progressive of people in the neighborhood, for many years, and took an active part in working for the welfare of their adopted county. Like a score of other early settlers, they have passed away from this earth, but not from the memory of the people. Mrs. Rockwell's death occurred August 20, 1874, and on the 14th of September, 1878, she was joined, in her heavenly home, by her husband. They had a family of twelve children. A number of the sons are sterling and prominent agriculturists of Clinton County. The names of the children are: Elizabeth F., born February 22, 1826 (wife of Josiah Braly); Clifton T., born in 1828; Francis M., born May 5, 1830, and died in 1869; Louisa C., born May 9, 1832 (married S. Braly November 3, 1853); Wealthy A., born January 13, 1834, and died January 8, 1872 (married Tazwell Parr); Richard H. L., born July 13, 1836 (married Miss L. Saulsbury); Mary A., born May 7, 1839 (wife of Marion Riggs); Stephen W., born December 26, 1841 (married Josephine Davis); Lucy E., born October 30, 1844; John M., born May 6, 1847; William C., born January 30, 1850 (married Octavia Young, April 17, 1876); Isaac N., born July 15, 1852. The Rockwell estate is located on section 3.

### R. L. SCEARCE,

stock raiser and dealer, section 19, post office Plattsburg, is a leader in the stock business of Missouri, and is well known in the northwest. He is a native of Clay County, Missouri, was born October 14, 1843, and is the son of Robert Scarce, deceased, who was one of the early settlers of Missouri. R. L. became a resident of Clinton County in 1851, and has here been raised to manhood and educated. Bob, as he is usually called, has always been a farmer and stock raiser, and, by his good judgment and strict attention to business, has made of it a grand and well deserved success. His landed estate embraces about 600 acres of land, which is well adapted and arranged for stock purposes. An attractive and substantial residence, with out-buildings to conform, adorn his farm



and make it one of the most desirable in Atchison Township. He was married February 1, 1866, to Miss Mary M. Biggerstaff, a daughter of the well known Clinton County pioneer, Samuel G. Biggerstaff. They have six children living: Emmett, Lewis, William, Maud E., Ann Eliza, and an infant.

#### S. A. SCEARCE,

farmer and stock raiser, section 17, post office Plattsburg. The subject of this sketch is a native of Clay County, Missouri, and was born January 7, 1848. While he was of an early age, the family emigrated to this county, where he has since resided. He has 460 acres of land, making in all one of the finest stock farms in the state, and as a stock raiser, he is well and favorably known throughout this district. His wife was, formerly, Miss Laura T. Thompson, an estimable lady. They have as a result of this union a family of four children, Minnie L., Lizzie A., Nancy A. and an infant. Of such men as Mr. Searce the citizens of Clinton County may well be proud, and although yet a comparatively young man, he stands in the front rank of our representative farmers.

#### G. R. SHEPHERD,

section 28, post office Plattsburg, was born in Harrison (now Carroll) County, Ohio, February 10, 1818. His father, James, a native of County Fermanah, Ireland, came to America in 1815. The subject of this sketch was educated and reared to manhood in his native county, following agricultural pursuits until 1861, when he became a resident of Clinton County. His present farm he purchased in 1862, and it now consists of 407 acres of choice land, in a good state of cultivation. His imposing and handsome residence was built in 1876. A fine barn and orchard adorn the farm, and everything indicates a skilled and experienced management. Mr. S. is a great reader, and his mind once made up, it takes strong and convincing arguments to change it. He was married in 1844, to Miss Letitia Atwell, a native of County Fermanah, Ireland. They have had eight children, five of whom are living: Eliza A., John F., Charles W., G. Alexandria, Letitia May; lost three, Mary Jane, Tursey and James M. Himself and family are members of the M. E. Church.

#### DANIEL SMITH,

justice of the peace. This gentleman has long been intimately associated with the interests of the town of Gower, and is also one of Clinton County's early settlers. He is a native of Lincoln County, Kentucky. His father, Elias, who was a native of Virginia, was among the old settlers of Kentucky, and removed to Barren County, of that state, when



Daniel was quite young. He was there raised to manhood, and educated, his early days being spent in tilling the soil. In 1857, he came to Missouri, locating in La Fayette Township, Clinton County, where he engaged in farming, and there resided until 1866, when he removed to his present location. He owned the land on which Gower now stands, laid out the town in company with the St. Joseph Land Company, the plat being made in Mr. Smith's name, and he gave one-half of the lots away, and has done much towards making it the live trading point that it has become. Mr. Smith is a man of clear judgment, and, since 1858, has been justice of the peace, at different periods, holding the office in La Fayette Township for seven years, discharging the duties creditably. He was married in 1841, to Miss Mary E. McDaniel, of Kentucky. They have had nine children: Elias T., Sarah E., John R., Albert, Daniel W., Henry C., Birdella, William B. and Bettie W., deceased. Himself and wife are active members of the Christian Church.

### T. J. SODOWSKY,

farmer and stock raiser, section 25, post office Gower, a distinguished agriculturist of Clinton County, and a pioneer in Northern Missouri, who is favorably known, is a native of Jessamine County, Kentucky, and was born March 16, 1825. His father, James, was also a native of that state and emigrated, with his family, including T. J., to Missouri, in 1845, locating in Buchanan County, close to the Clinton County line and a short distance from where Gower is now situated. He was engaged in farming until the time of his demise, which occurred October 1, 1851. Having been born May 30, 1801, he was, consequently, in his fiftieth year. His wife was formerly Miss Fannie S. Gatewood; she was born February 2, 1799, and died January 13, 1873. The subject of this sketch taught his first school in the neighborhood of where the family located in Buchanan County, during the winter of 1845-6. The building was a log structure, 16x16 feet. Among his scholars was Thomas Finch, present deputy clerk of Buchanan County, and Eph. Kelly. In 1849, Mr. S. located where he now resides, and has since been identified with the growth and prosperity of the county. He is a successful farmer, and owes his success in life only to his own exertions and business tact, having been supported by untiring attention to his labor. In all commendable enterprises for the advancement of the public good, he is to be found among the foremost. Mr. S. has been twice married. First, in 1848, to Miss Josephine Biggerstaff; she was born February 26, 1833, and died December 30, 1871. The result of this union was ten children, seven of whom are living: Dorcas D., deceased, Larkin E., deceased, Robert M., Rufus A., James S., John Thomas, George L., Joseph Wyatt, and Kelly Woodson, deceased. On the 22d of June, 1873,





Mary Eliza Evans became his wife. Their family consists of Rhoda, Maggie and Birdella, twins, born January 15, 1876, former is deceased; Toliver, born March 9, 1877, and Evans, born May 31, 1880.

#### S. H. THOMPSON,

farmer and stock raiser, section 8, post office Plattsburg, owes his nativity to North Carolina, having been born in Orange County, March 11, 1810. His father, Samuel, moved to that state from Pennsylvania. S. H. spent his early days in tilling the soil of North Carolina, and there resided until 1836, when he became a resident of Clay County, Missouri. In 1843 he came to Clinton County, engaging in agricultural pursuits near Hainesville. He early was an eminent tiller of the soil in that section, and held the office of justice of the peace for several terms. In 1867 he located where he now resides, his estate now consisting of 250 acres, 200 of which are under cultivation. His residence, an attractive one, is pleasantly located, and indicates comfort and taste. He was married in 1843 to Miss Elizabeth Hale, of Kentucky. By this union they have had five children, three of whom are living: James, Laura and John B.; lost two, Monroe and Annie.

#### REV. W. W. TILLERY,

farmer, is a native of Woodford County, Kentucky, and was born near Versailles, October 7, 1814. His father, James, was a native of that state, and in 1821, with his family, including W. W., emigrated to Missouri, and located in Clay County, three miles northwest of Liberty. He was one of the pioneers of that county, and was there engaged in agricultural pursuits. The subject of this sketch was here raised to manhood, receiving the benefits of the schools of that day, which were few in number and inferior in quality. He pursued the vocation of farming until 1856, when he came to Clinton County, locating where he now resides. Since that time, he has been interested in its agricultural developments, and its religious and educational progress. Mr. T. is liberal in his views, a deep thinker, and is possessed of excellent conversational powers. He assisted in suppressing the Mormon difficulties in Caldwell County, with which many of the old and new settlers are familiar. Mr. Tillery has occupied the pulpits of the Baptist Church for several years. He has been three times married. First, in 1838, to Miss Susan H. Poe. They had eight children, four of whom are living: Mary, Thomas, Emily and Jennie. Mrs. Tillery's death occurred January 6, 1856. On the 19th of April, 1857, Miss M. A. Poe became his wife, and by this marriage they had four children: Albert D., William, Annie B., now living, and Leander, deceased. Mrs. Tillery died July 19,



1867. On the 24th of May, 1869, he married Mrs. Maria C. Vermillion. By the latter union he has had five children: Embree D., S. J., Myra Grace, Gold Allen; lost one, Leander J. His father, James Tillery, was a resident of Clinton County, until his death.

### GRANVILLE WEAKLEY,

farmer and stock raiser, section 2, post office Gower, is one who has done his part towards giving the county its present enviable reputation. He is a native of Shelby County, Kentucky, and was born September 17, 1811. His father, Thomas, is supposed to have been a native of Virginia. The Weakleys are of English ancestry. The subject of this sketch spent his early days in tilling the soil, and received a limited education in the old fashioned log school of that period. When a young man, he met with a serious misfortune, whereby one of his limbs was injured. He then forsook farming, and learned the harness making trade, which he followed for five years. In 1852, he came to Illinois, and, in the spring of 1853, came to Clinton County, locating where he now resides. He had many of the difficulties with which early settlers have to contend, but, being a man of sterling merit, and one not afraid of work, soon overcame these perplexities. His success in life is evinced from the fact that 475 acres of choice land now comprise his estate, the greater portion of which is under cultivation. Mr. W. was married, in Kentucky, to Miss Elizabeth Thralka. They have ten children: Mary, Eliza, Leander, Orin, Charlie, John, Willard, Orfie, Lucy and Thomas Jackson. Himself and family are members of the Missionary Baptist Church.

### J. C. WEAKLEY,

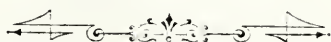
farmer and stock raiser, section 2, post office Gower, was born in Shelby County, Kentucky, November 1, 1830, and is a son of Thomas Weakley, who was a native of Virginia. In 1849, J. C. came to St. Joseph, Missouri, and in the autumn of 1853, located where he now resides. His estate consists of 243 acres of choice land. He has been twice married; first, in 1852, to Mary Thomas, by whom he had four children: Ella and Mary T., now living; two are deceased: Annie and Laura B. Mrs. W. died during the war. His second wife was Mary Lyons, and by this latter marriage there are four children living: Lulu D., Robert E., Ben F. and Ira. Lost one, John. Himself and family are members of the Missionary Baptist Church.

### GEORGE W. WHITSON,

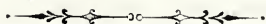
section 3, farmer and stock raiser, post office Gower. One of the earliest settlers of Clinton County, was Mr. Abraham Whitson, who was a



native of Virginia. He was among the first to locate in Clay County, Missouri, and came to Clinton in the spring of 1833, and here he was closely identified with the development of the county, being one of the first to make his home in the vicinity of where Gower now stands, having located one mile south of that point. His death occurred in 1840. He was a public spirited and enterprising citizen, and was admired by all. He had been a soldier in the war of 1812. His son, G. W., was born in Tennessee, July 12, 1811, and came to this state with his father in 1821, living first in St. Louis County, thence to Saline County, and afterwards to Clay and Clinton Counties, where the greater portion of the time he has since been a resident. In 1837-8, he was in the Seminole war in Florida. In 1843, he located in Platte Township, Buchanan County, residing there until 1846, and was one of the first farm openers and residents in that locality. In 1846, he returned to Clinton County, and settled where he now resides. His present estate consists of over 266 acres, the greater portion of which is under cultivation. Mr. W. is a well informed gentleman, and to him we are indebted for many valuable articles pertaining to the earlier settlement of Atchison Township. He was married in 1844 to Miss Nancy Smith. She is the daughter of Hugh Smith, of Mercer County, Kentucky. They have three children, John Madison, James Harvey, and Mary Frances. Mr. W.'s mother, formerly Miss Sarah Jeffries, died in Clinton County, in 1872.



## LA FAYETTE TOWNSHIP.



### JOHN F. ATCHISON,

farmer, section 35, post office Easton, was born in Bath County, Kentucky, January 23, 1823, and in the fall of 1843 he came to Missouri, and located at Lexington, where he was engaged in various business till 1845. In September of the same year he was married to Miss Ephemia A. Clark. They then located on a farm in La Fayette County, where they remained till 1847, then moving to Buchanan County. There Mr. A. resided till 1872, when he moved to his present location. His farm contains 160 acres. Mrs. Atchison was born in La Fayette County,





Missouri, December 17, 1825. Their family consists of seven children: John F., Anna M., Wm. W., Jesse L., A. C., Mattie M. and Laura L.

### JAMES P. ARTERBURN,

farmer and stock raiser, section 22, post office Plattsburg. The subject of this sketch was born in Washington County, Tennessee, but was raised in Sullivan County. He received a common school education. His father, being quite an extensive farmer, James' time was devoted principally in looking after that business. He was married, March 4, 1849, to Miss Nancy Chase, a native of Tennessee. In 1856, Mr. and Mrs. A. came to Clinton County, and settled near their present location. The farm now consists of sixty-two acres of well improved land. Mr. A. has a pleasant residence, with all necessary out buildings, and an orchard about three acres in extent. He is a man of decided character, with strong and enduring convictions of right. He served in the Mexican war, but did not take any active part in the late rebellion, although his sympathies were with the South. Mr. and Mrs. A. have three children living: James M., Mary M. and Sarah M. They are members of the Christian Church.

### B. A. BALL,

farmer and stock raiser, section 31, post office Stewartsville, is a native of Abbeyville District, South Carolina, and was born on the 6th day of September, 1842. He received a common school education, and at the age of fifteen years, with his parents, he moved to Greene County, Arkansas, and assisted his father on a farm until the spring of 1861. He then enlisted in Company E., Fifth Regiment, Arkansas Volunteer Infantry, and did guard duty until the following fall, when he was mustered into the Confederate service. He participated in the battles of Nashville, Tennessee, and Shiloh, and was wounded at the last named place. He was also at the battles of Chickamauga, Mission Ridge, and Kenesaw Mountain, and afterward returned to his home, in 1865. Mr. B. remained at home with his parents until he was married, on the 26th day of December 1866, to Miss Nancy F. Elwood, a native of Grayson County, Virginia. She was born on the 16th day of December, 1855, and, with her parents, moved to Arkansas. Mr. and Mrs. Ball came to this county in the fall of 1868, and for one year resided near Stewartsville. They then moved to DeKalb County, in 1869, and lived there until 1875, at that time returning to Clinton County. The subject of this sketch rented land, and, in 1877, made his first purchase of land, and is now the owner of 200 acres of well improved land, surrounded and subdivided by fine osage hedges. They have been blessed with a



family of six children, all of whom are living: Mary C., Dora I., Lulu V., James E., Laura E., and Bennie.

### JOSEPH H. BREEDEN,

(deceased) was a native of Tennessee, and was born in the month of May, 1820. He was reared to manhood in his native state, and about 1842 he came to Daviess County, Missouri, where he remained till the fall of 1858, and then moved to Texas, with the intention of making that his home. He and his family not being satisfied with the country, the spring following found him a citizen of Clinton County, Missouri. He located on the farm in section 32 now occupied by his widow. While in his native state he learned the cabinet trade, which he followed for a number of years after settling in Daviess County, Missouri. In April, 1845, Mr. B. was married to Miss Elizabeth J. McCulley. After his marriage he followed farming till the time of his demise, which occurred May 18, 1866. He left a farm of 100 acres to his family, which consisted of nine children, eight of whom are now living: John T., Mary J., Alexander L., Mattie A., Charles P., Louis C., Emily E. and Lizzie B. Mrs. Breeden is a native of Missouri, and was born April 5, 1830. Charles P. Breeden, who has taken charge of the farm since the death of his father, was born in Clinton County, Missouri, April 6, 1859, and has adhered closely to agricultural pursuits from boyhood.

### HIRAM BROWN,

farmer, patentee and manufacturer of the Flora Washer, section 8, post office Stewartsville, was born in Canada West, Elgin County, October 4, 1841, and was reared and educated in his native state until sixteen years of age. In 1853, he accompanied his parents to Carroll County, Missouri, where he followed the painting business. In 1861, he enlisted in the Confederate service, and was detailed as pilot. He participated in the engagements at Boonville and Lexington, and in 1862, returned to Carroll County, and was united in marriage with Miss Lizzie Teeter, a native of Missouri, born July 28, 1845. In the autumn of 1863, he removed to Illinois, near Quincy, and engaged in farming for two years, and in 1865, came to this county and settled near Stewartsville, and in 1867, purchased his present property, comprising forty acres of well improved land. In 1877, Mr. Brown invented the Floral Washer, a machine of superior merit, and the trade he has built up is a sufficient guarantee of its usefulness and labor saving qualities. Their family consist of seven children living: George W., Mary E., Anna E., Adda D., Effie M., James O. and Charles H. Lost one son—Willard P. Mr. and Mrs. Brown are members of the Baptist Church.



## GEORGE N. BURCH,

farmer, section 30, post office Stewartsville, is a native of New York, and was born in Columbia County, November 8, 1841. He received a fair education, and was for some time engaged in teaching. He was also employed at various occupations during his younger days. In the fall of 1862, he enlisted in Company D, 150th New York, and remained in service fourteen months. In 1865, he went to Texas, where he was occupied in a mercantile establishment as book-keeper, for two years, then returned to New York, and, in a short time, came to Missouri, and located in Kansas City, where he remained during the winter of 1868-69. He then located where he has since resided, except from 1871 to 1873, during which time he made his home in New York. His farm contains eighty acres. Mr. B. was married, October 28, 1868, to Miss Ann Elizabeth Dexter. She was born at Long Island in January, 1843. They have six children: Bernice L., N. Dexter, Carrie H., Charles E., George B. and H. Berkley.

## O. B. BURGESS,

farmer and stock raiser, is a native of Mason County, Kentucky, and was born on the 15th day of August, 1820. His father was a prominent and wealthy farmer of that county, and young Burgess turned his attention to the breeding of fine stock. He was united in marriage on the 2d day of February, 1842, with Miss Phebe D. Killgore, a native of Kentucky. She was born on the 8th day of February, 1824. Mr. B., after his marriage, continued farming and the breeding of fine stock until 1860, when he moved to Minerva, for the purpose of educating his children. There he remained until 1864, when he closed out his entire business and moved to Platte County, Missouri. He was engaged in farming until 1867, when, with his family, he came to this county and lived at Plattsburg for one year. Mr. B. soon purchased his present farm, which now contains 120 acres of well improved land, situated in section 22, about eight miles northwest of Plattsburg. Mr. Burgess, in common with many others, lost heavily during the late war. He took no active part in that engagement, although his sympathies were with the South. He has been a life long Democrat. Mr. and Mrs. B. have eight children living: Ann D. S., Martha M., R. O., Cora, Harrison G., Abbie, Ella, Mary F., and one deceased—Wm. S.

## CORNELIUS H. CLAWATER,

farmer, section 21, post office Stewartsville. The subject of this sketch is an aged man, whose head has been frosted by many winters. For several months he has been disabled from performing any physical labor.





on account of paralysis. He is a native of Ulster County, New York, and was born January 2, 1810. When an infant, he, with his parents, moved to Lycoming, (now Trenton), County, Pennsylvania, where he was reared to manhood. While a young man he learned the blacksmith trade, which he followed as his occupation for seven years. He was then employed by the Pennsylvania Canal for a period of time, his duty being the sharpening of tools, and blasting. He was afterwards connected with a railroad company as superintendent of bridge work, for four years. In the year 1842, Mr. C. emigrated to Missouri, and located in Clinton County, near Plattsburg, where he resided for ten years, when he moved to his present location. Since coming to Missouri, he has been engaged in agricultural pursuits, and now has a farm of 150 acres. He was married February 10, 1846, to Mrs. Mary E. Smith, (her maiden name was Peck), and she was born in North Carolina in January, 1817, and died in 1875. Their family consists of four children living: William J., Jane E., Sarah S. and Fannie E. Mr. C. is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

#### THOS. J. COOK,

section 7, post office Stewartsville, is a native of Shelby County, Kentucky, and was born on the 17th day of October, 1846, on a farm. At the age of fifteen years, he came to Missouri, accompanied by his elder brother, and settled in Buchanan County, where he remained five years, and then came to Clinton County, in 1865. In 1867, he sold his property, consisting of only a saddle horse, and entered college, where he pursued his studies for one year. He then returned to his home, and devoted his time in herding stock to enable him to procure funds to complete his education. In 1868-9, he taught school, and, in the latter year, entered the William Jewell College, and continued his studies for two years. He was united in marriage, on the 10th day of February, 1870, to Miss Marceline Jones, a native of Georgia, born on the 13th of January, 1856. She moved to Buchanan County, Missouri, in 1867, and to Clinton County in 1871. Mrs. Cook was educated at St. Joseph. Their family consists of Grace, M. Hope, James B., Walter S., and Eugene, deceased.

#### S. H. DANIEL,

section 6, post office Stewartsville. The subject of this sketch, familiarly known as "Sam," was born at Shelbyville, Shelby County, Kentucky, on the 24th of August, 1835, on a farm. His educational advantages were excellent, and in the fall of 1843, he, with his parents, moved to the southeastern part of Buchanan County, Missouri, there locating on a farm. His father died when Sam. was but sixteen years of age, and left his



mother with the care of quite a family. S. H. assumed the responsibility of caring for the family, and carried on farming. When eighteen years of age, he made a trip to New Mexico, as a freighter, and returned and continued farming. In 1859, he again crossed the plains to Salt Lake City, being interested in a merchant's train, and, subsequently, returned by a pack train. He then devoted his time to tilling the soil, and speculating in live stock, and at various times would make shipments east. In the summer of 1865, in connection with J. D. Clasbey, he fitted out a wagon train, loaded it with government corn, and delivered it at Fort Halleck, Dakota Territory, a distance of 850 miles, receiving a competency of \$15.00 per hundred, as freightage. After returning, he resumed his business as a live stock merchant, and, for many years, was one of the heaviest shippers in Northwest Missouri. In June, 1878, he accepted the position of live stock agent for the Wabash Railway Company, his headquarters being at St. Joseph, Missouri. Mr. Daniel is a member in good standing, of the Masonic fraternity, both Blue Lodge and Chapter, at Stewartsville. His home consists of 200 acres of land, well improved in every respect. He was married on the 10th day of September, 1861, to Miss Elizabeth F. McWilliams, a native of Missouri. The family of Mr. and Mrs. D. consists of: Willie, born May 20, 1862, James, born March 19, 1864, Dollie M., born October 8, 1866, Oria A., born February 18, 1869, and died August 31, 1871, Pinkie, born February 10, 1871, Joel, born February 10, 1873, Maude, born November 13, 1876.

#### GEORGE DELANEY.

blacksmith, farmer and stock raiser, is a native of Crab Orchard, Lincoln County, Kentucky, and was born on the 10th day of December, 1840. He received a common school education, and at the age of sixteen years, commenced learning the trade of blacksmith with James Hendricks. He continued in this gentleman's employ for three years, when, having mastered his trade, he went to Lexington and worked two years. Thence to Terre Haute, Indiana, where he worked for two years, and then moved to Elbridge, Illinois, remaining one summer. His next move was to Cainesville, Harrison County, Missouri, where he carried on business for seven years, then selling out. He went to Stewartsville, DeKalb County, Missouri, remained ten months, and then came to this county in 1873. Here he has since resided, and is now the owner of 175 acres of well improved land, situated in section 4. Mr. D. is a charter member of Stewartsville Lodge, I. O. O. F. He was united in marriage to Miss S. M. Dyerle, a native of this state, and by this union they have a family of seven children: Katie, Oda D., Ollie C., Nora W., Ada M., B. B. and Emma W.



## JOHN DUCOING,

farmer and stock raiser, section 8, post office Stewartsville, was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on the 8th day of June, 1833, and lived there until 1845, and then came with his parents to Buchanan County, Missouri. The following year his father enlisted in the Mexican war, and the care of the family devolved on young John. He engaged in agricultural pursuits, and continued the same until eighteen years of age, and then commenced working for a Jacob Bohart, as a farm hand. In 1852 and 1853, he was engaged in breaking prairie. On the 14th of September, 1854, he married Miss Martha Vaughn, of Clinton County, who was born on the 28th day of March, 1835, she being the first white child born in Plattsburg. He settled on a farm near his present residence. In 1863, he accepted a position as purchasing agent for Tilden, Curtis & McBath, of the American Packing Company, Chicago, and at the same time carried on his farming operations. His farm now consists of 220 acres of good land. Mr. Ducoing is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and both himself and wife are consistent church members, the former of the Christian, and the latter of the Baptist Church. Their family consists of nine children: Katie F., William A., Lucy J., Templeton J., John W., Frank B., Anna L., George D. and Martha M.

## HIRAM ELROD,

farmer, section 36, post office Stewartsville, was born in Ashe County, North Carolina, November 18, 1820, and was reared in his native county, and while there acted as deputy sheriff for four years. He was engaged in farming over many different parts of that state, and afterwards resided in Lee County, Virginia, for four years, there being occupied in teaching. In 1858, he moved to Arkansas, where he was engaged in farming and teaching till the breaking out of the war, and in 1862 he enlisted in the Confederate service, remaining till the close of the war. He then came to Clinton County, Missouri, where he has since resided, except during three years, when he lived in DeKalb County. Mr. E. has held the office of justice of the peace since 1876. His farm contains eighty acres of choice land. February 11, 1845, he was married to Miss Caroline Wells. She was born in Grayson County, Virginia, August 25, 1823. They have three children, Nancy F., John W., George A., and have lost seven.

## FRANKLIN FINCH,

farmer and stock raiser, section 20, post office Stewartsville, was born in Monroe County, Ohio, September 6, 1823, and when one year old was taken by his parents to Indiana, where they resided for six years, then





moving to Illinois. In the year 1837, they moved to Buchanan County, Missouri. Franklin was educated in the common schools of his different locations, and, in 1846, he enlisted in the Mexican war, remaining in service for fourteen months, being mustered out as second lieutenant. In 1855, he moved to Jefferson County, Kansas, where he remained till 1861, and then came to Clinton County, Missouri, where he has since resided. He was engaged in the mercantile trade four years, and in the year 1857, while in Jefferson County, Kansas, was elected to the legislature for one term and was a member of the county board for two terms. Mr. Finch's landed estate consists of 580 acres of land. He makes his principal occupation the raising of stock. He is a Mason and a member of Stewartsville Lodge No. 182. He was married March 25, 1849, to Miss Margaret Moore. She was born in Franklin County, Pennsylvania, October 20, 1829. They have had nine children, eight of whom are now living: Emma, Martin L., Edmond L., Florence A., Margaret E., Maud, David R., and Franklin.

#### GAINES GREENE.

section 23, post office Gower, among the most prominent stock men and farmers in Clinton County, is a native of Mason County, Illinois, and was born March 8, 1853. His father, Hon. W. G. Greene, is a well known citizen of that state, and has figured conspicuously in the commercial and political circles there for the past quarter of a century. He was an intimate friend of Abraham Lincoln and War Governor Yates, and partly through his influence the former came before the people for President. For a number of years he has been engaged in the banking business at Tallula. He was instrumental in having a number of the now popular railroads in Illinois, and has been prominently identified with a number of commendable enterprises for the state's advancement. Gaines was raised and educated in his native state, attending for a time the Commercial College at Poughkeepsie, New York. He early manifested an interest in farming and stock raising, and to the latter he has given his attention for a number of years. In the spring of 1880, he came to Missouri, locating on his present farm, which consists of 641 acres of land, unsurpassed in the state. A commodious residence is upon the farm, which indicates comfort and prosperity. Mr. Greene is well informed upon the current events of the day and is an interesting member of society. On the 2d of October, 1878, he was married to Miss Julia Blankenship, an estimable young lady of Menard County, Illinois. They have one daughter: Dasie.

#### JOHN N. GRIMES,

farmer and stock raiser, section 5, post office Stewartsville, is a native of Clintonville, Kentucky, and was born in 1856. At the age of three years



he, with his parents, moved to Clay County, Missouri, locating near Liberty, where he continued to reside until 1830. He then apprenticed himself to the firm of Smithey & McCullough, carpenters and house joiners, and remained in their employ till 1834, when he came to Plattsburg, this county. There he was connected with Love & Leeper until 1859, and assisted in building the first Methodist church in that city. During the following spring Mr. G. crossed the plains to Salt Lake City in the employ of Elias Barber, freighter. Associated with eight others he procured an outfit, consisting of a wagon and five yoke of oxen, and with provisions, they started for California, but unfortunately, having lost the most of their oxen, he was obliged to walk the last 150 miles to Honey Lake Valley. After spending some seven years in California and Oregon he returned to this county by the Pony Express in 1866. He was united in marriage on the 24th day of December, 1867, with Mrs. Sarah Best, the widow of Joseph Best. Mrs. Grimes is a native of North Carolina, born on the 11th day of March, 1843. Mr. Grimes' farm consists of 260 acres. He is a member of the Masonic order, and both he and his wife are members of the Lebanon Baptist Church. Their family circle consists of two children: Fannie and John E.; lost one son, Charles T. Mrs. Grimes has three children by a former marriage: Laura J., Albert and Joseph H. The mother of Mrs. Grimes, who is eighty-four years of age, finds a pleasant home with her children.

#### THOMAS B. HOLT,

farmer and stock raiser, section 32, post office Stewartsville, was born in Clearfield County, Pennsylvania, February 16, 1834, and was reared on a farm in his native county, where he received his primary education. After attaining to the age of twenty-one years, he entered the Pine Grove Academy of Center County, Pennsylvania, which institution he attended for five years, teaching during the vacations. He then taught in Pennsylvania for about five years, when he became engaged in the lumber business, and in 1865 he went to the oil regions of Pennsylvania, where he embarked in oil speculation. In a short time he found himself in Denver City, Colorado, with but five dollars in his possession. Shortly afterward he came to Clinton County, Missouri, and in connection with farming was engaged in teaching for ten years. He now has a farm of 180 acres, all of which is well improved. Mr. Holt was married March 5, 1871, to Miss Nancy J. McCrosky. She was born in Greenup County, Kentucky. They have five children, Wm. B., David W., Hugh, Edward and Charles.

#### J. I. HUDSON,

section 16, post office Stewartsville, is a native of Wilkes County, North Carolina, and was born on the 18th day of October, 1831. He was



reared in Lee County, Virginia, remaining on the farm with his parents until the age of twenty years, having received a common school education. In 1841, he moved to Platte City, Platte County, Missouri, and for four years devoted his time to farming. In 1845, he moved to Richardson County, Nebraska, and gave his entire attention to the ferry business, at St. Stephens, on the Missouri River, in 1857 returning to Platte County, Missouri. For four and one-half years he was in the employ of Stephen Johnson, a merchant at Platte City, and attended to all outside business such as the selling of real estate, stock, etc. After leaving the above named firm, Mr. H. devoted his attention to farming, and in 1862, he came to Clinton County, Missouri. He was united in marriage, on the 9th day of October, 1862, to Miss Sarah Delaney, a native of Lincoln County, Kentucky. She was born on the 30th day of January, 1842. Mr. Hudson is now general agent for the Williams Washer. He and his wife are both members of the Christian Church.

### JOHN W. JONES,

farmer and raiser of thoroughbred stock, section 5, post office Stewartsville. Among the many substantial agriculturists and successful stock raisers, who have contributed much to the reputation of Clinton County, and one deserving of special notice, is the subject of this sketch. He was born in Fauquier County, Virginia, November 23, 1832, and when seven years of age, came with his parents to Platte County, Missouri. He was reared on a farm, and received a common school education. After the death of his parents, he lived with his grand parents until 1852, and then took the management of a plantation belonging to an aunt, and in 1856, he rented a large farm, and devoted his entire attention to raising hemp, grain and stock, and in 1858, he removed to Clinton County, and settled on his present farm, which he had purchased the fall previous. His farm is one of the best stock farms in the county, containing 240 acres, divided by a living hedge into seventeen fields, well watered. His buildings are far above the average. Beside a good dwelling and two barns, he has shelter for 1,000 head of sheep. During the late war his sympathies were with the South, but he took no active part in the contest. He was married January 31, 1860, to Miss Mary E. Wylie, a native of Licking County, Kentucky. She was born in the year 1839. They have five children living: Anna E., born October 3, 1861; Mary Virginia, born February 13, 1865; Leila A., born June 16, 1869; Arthur T., born February 12, 1874; Allen W., born August 6, 1878. Lost three: Scott W., born October 18, 1863, died in November, 1863; Lewis L., born March 18, 1867, died June 20, 1871; Mattie A., born January 8, 1872, died March 8, 1877.







## MRS. MARGARET McDANIEL, .

section 28, post office Stewartsville, was born in Orange County, North Carolina, November 5, 1809, her maiden name being Wilkinson. She was raised to womanhood in her native county, and was there married September 28, 1831, to John R. McDaniel. He was also born in the same county, and there grew up. In 1841, they moved to Missouri and located in Clay County, where they resided for two years, and then settled in Clinton County, where Mr. McD. resided till the time of his demise, May 10, 1860. They had a family of ten children, five of whom are now living: Jane (now Mrs. Saunders,) born March 8, 1840; Nancy E. (now Mrs. Laffoon), born December 28, 1841; Belle (now Mrs. Pickett), born August 31, 1849; William N., born October 8, 1847; and John J., born March 6, 1852. Since the death of Mr. McDaniel his son, William N., has taken charge of the farm, he being the only child now at home. The estate embraces 115 acres of choice land.

## C. C. PERKINS,

farmer and stock raiser, section 21, post office Plattsburg, is a native of Madison County, Kentucky, and was born on the 16th day of March, 1831, on a farm. He received a common school education, and in 1839, with his parents, he moved to Clay County, Missouri, locating near Liberty. He subsequently moved to this county and soon commenced giving his whole attention to farming and the raising of stock. In 1855, he crossed the plains to Denver, occupying the position of bull-whacker, and returned the following fall. He was united in marriage in 1865 to Miss Etha Hickman, a native of Kentucky, born May 18, 1844. They have five children, Pearle, Josephine, J. J., Archibald, and Mary. Mr. and Mrs. Perkins are both members of the Christian Church.

## W. H. PRICE,

farmer and stock raiser, section 22, post office Gower, is a native of North Carolina, having been born in Caswell County on the 4th of October, 1830. With his parents, he moved to Woodville, Platte County, Missouri, in May, 1844, and assisted his parents in opening up the farm. In March, 1846, he moved to Clinton County, and settled near the place where he now resides. He was united in marriage, September 2, 1852, with Miss Francis Simes, a native of Clay County, Missouri, born April 14, 1829. She died on the 13th day of July, 1870. Seven children were the result of this Union: Elizabeth, Florence, Minnie, Richard S., Benjamin, Emmet and Ernest. Mr. Price was again married January 3, 1872, to Miss E. Saunders, a native of Clinton County, Missouri, born on the



16th day of September, 1840. By this union their family consisted of L. T., Henrietta, David M. (deceased), and Ira W. Mr Price's farm consists of 240 acres of well improved land. Both he and his wife are members of the Baptist Church.

### C. S. RAY,

farmer and stock raiser, section 22, post office Gower. This popular fellow citizen, who, for over a quarter of a century, has labored for the best interests of Clinton County, is a native of Randolph County, North Carolina, and was born January 13, 1830. His father, Mark, was also a native of North Carolina, and emigrated, with his family, to Missouri, in 1842, locating on Rock House Prairie, Buchanan County. The subject of this sketch was here raised and educated. In 1850, he went to California, engaged in mining, and returned in 1854. The same year, he bought a farm in Clinton County, and located on the same, which he has since occupied. His landed estate consists of 346 acres in Clinton County, and about 100 acres in Buchanan County. In stock raising and feeding, which he makes a specialty, his business will compare favorably with any in the township. In 1854, Miss P. J. Deer, of Buchanan County, became his wife. They have six children: Albert, Joshua, Edward, Mollie, Claude and Lulu. Himself and family are members of the M. E. Church South.

### JOSHUA RAY,

farmer and stock raiser, post office Gower. This enterprising young gentleman is a son of Mr. C. S. Ray, and was born in Clinton County, in 1858. He was raised and educated in this county. His estate consists of 104 acres, seventy-five in Clinton and the balance in Buchanan County. His residence is in Buchanan County, close to the Clinton County line. In 1879, he married Miss Mary E. Cook, of DeKalb County.

### EMSLEY ROSE,

farmer and stock raiser, section 14, post office Gower, the subject of this sketch, one of the oldest settlers of Clinton County, is a native of Harrison County, Indiana, and was born on the 14th of November, 1815, and with his parents came to Missouri in 1820. He settled in Clay County, some six miles east of what is now Liberty, and received a common school education. He afterward moved to Camden Point, Platte County, in 1837, and remained in that locality till his marriage on the 11th day of January, 1844, to Miss Eliza Price. She was a native of North Carolina, and was born on the 19th of January, 1819, and with her parents came to Missouri in 1843, and settled in Platte County. Mr.



Rose came to Clinton County, and settled at his present residence in 1844. His landed interest now embraces 340 acres of well improved land, which was purchased from the government at \$1.25 per acre. Mr. and Mrs. Rose have nine children: Mary E., Sarah A., Victoria, William P., Mary Cameron, J. C. (deceased), Elvira, Vercena C., Emsley L., Edwin Lee.

#### DR. H. P. SANDERS,

section 33, post office Stewartsville, is one who has been closely associated with the medical fraternity of Clinton and the adjoining counties. He is a native of Monticello, Wayne County, Kentucky, where he was born September 22, 1810. He was raised and educated in that state, and in 1835, commenced the study of medicine in the office of Dr. Jesse Sweeny, of Monticello, a prominent practitioner of that section. With him he continued for three years, and afterwards read medicine with Drs. Fleece and Neisinger, of Danville, Kentucky, commencing to practice at Liberty, Casey County, Kentucky. In 1840, he removed to Crab Orchard, Kentucky, there remaining until 1859, when he emigrated to Missouri, locating in Clinton County, where he has since been a resident. Dr. Sanders has attained more than a local reputation in the medical world. His career in Clinton County has been a successful one, and his judgment is frequently called into requisition in critical cases. He has an excellent library, is a close student, and is a pleasant gentleman and a fluent conversationalist. In 1880, he was the choice of the people of Clinton County for the office of coroner and was elected by a large majority. The Dr. has a fine farm under a high state of cultivation. He was married at Crab Orchard, Kentucky, to Miss Mary E. Burch. She was born September 1, 1821. They have had six children, Sarah E., Julia M., James F., William B., Maggie C., and Charles J. Mrs. Sanders died August 22, 1870. William B. is one of Gower's prominent business men, having been in the drug trade at that place for several years. The doctor is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and belongs to Gower lodge. Himself and family are members of the Baptist Church.

#### REV. D. G. SAUNDERS,

pastor of the Baptist Church, was born in Clinton County, Missouri, March 4, 1843. He received his education in his native county, and at Stewartsville. Being brought up on a farm, he followed that occupation till 1865, when he embarked in the mercantile trade at Starfield, which business he pursued for four years. He returned to his farm, and, in 1872, entered the ministry, in which he has since been actively engaged. He united with the church in the year 1862, and was baptized by the late Rev.





\* James D. Black, of Kentucky. He was married by the same gentleman, July 30, 1861, to Miss Sarah J. McDaniel, of North Carolina. She was born March 4, 1840. They have had ten children, seven of whom are now living: Robert P., Joseph N., Ida, Cora, Berry W., Anna and Dora. Mr. S.'s father, Robert H. Saunders, now deceased, was a native of Virginia, and was born in Bedford County, March 3, 1814. In 1838, he came to Missouri, and soon after located in Clinton County. September 26, 1839, he was married to Miss Sallie E. McGill. He was a member of the Baptist Church, and deacon of the same at the time of his demise, July 22, 1866. He had a family of seven children, six of whom are living: Elvira, Daniel G., Robert P., Martha J., Sultana and Henry W. Mrs. Saunders, who now resides on the farm, was born in Howard County, Missouri, October 6, 1818. When three years of age, she went to Clay County, Missouri, and subsequently to this county.

### JOHN F. SWOPE,

farmer, stock raiser and feeder, section 16, post office Plattsburg. Among the prominent and successful farmers of Clinton County, is the subject of this sketch. He is a native of Boone County, Missouri, and was born on the 8th day of February, 1832. At the age of five years he, with his parents, moved to Platte County, Missouri, remaining there until 1849, when he went to California. In 1853, he returned to his former home in Platte County, and resumed the life of a farmer. On the third day of February, 1853, he was united in marriage to Miss L. A. Mun, a native of Buckingham County, Virginia. She came to Missouri with her parents in 1844. Mr. and Mrs. S. came to this county in 1855, and settled near their present residence, which now consists of 440 acres of improved land, surrounded and subdivided by osage hedge fences. They have a family of seven children: J. L., C. T., William H., Alice G., James A., Annie E., Francis H. They are members of the Missionary Baptist Church.

### BARNARD WARD,

farmer, section 19, post office Stewartsville, is a native of Pennsylvania, and was born in Northampton County, April 21, 1820. He has followed farming from boyhood. In 1839, he moved to Adams County, Illinois, where he remained till 1870, when he came to his present location. He now has a good farm of over 316 acres, well improved, and he is considered to be one of the most successful farmers in the county. His wife, also, has a farm of seventy-seven acres. He was married April 15, 1845, to Miss Ann Limb, a native of England. They have three children: Joseph H., George, and Mary A.



## JAMES W. WATSON,

farmer, section 30, post office Stewartsville, was born in Bond County, Illinois, January 12, 1848. and when two years of age his parents' moved to Missouri and located in Clinton County, where he has since resided, except two seasons, during which time he was engaged in freighting on the plains. He has followed farming from boyhood, and now has a farm of 210 acres of improved land. Mr. W. was married November 13, 1873, to Miss Kansas Hoggatt, who was born in Knox County, Illinois, September 9, 1855. They have two children: Charley E., and Jessie L.

## W. C. WILKINSON,

farmer and stock dealer, section 28, post office Stewartsville, is a native of North Carolina, and was born in Orange County, December 25, 1829. When ten years of age his parents moved to Clay County, Missouri, and in one year located in Clinton County. He has followed farming from boyhood, and now has a farm containing twenty-two acres, all of which is well improved, he having between five and six miles of hedge fence. He also has 400 acres of land in DeKalb County, which he uses as a stock farm. Mr. W. was married August 27, 1857, to Miss Sophia Clause. She was born in Mason County, Kentucky, in the year 1839. They have four children: Netta, William F., Katie B. and Luella.

## JAMES A. WILKINSON,

farmer and stock dealer, section 29, post office Stewartsville. The subject of this sketch was born, reared and has, with the exception of a short time, always lived in Clinton County, Missouri. The date of his birth was April 15, 1842. He has followed farming the principal part of his life. In 1861, he enlisted in the Confederate service, in Company I, of Hughes' regiment, and remained in the service for two years, six months of the time being held as prisoner. In 1865, he went to Montana, where he was engaged in freighting for nearly three years. During 1875-6, Mr. W. was engaged in the mercantile trade at Stewartsville. His landed estate consists of 360 acres. He was married February 9, 1868, to Miss Sue E. Pickett, of DeKalb County, Missouri. She died in the year 1876, leaving three children, one of whom is living—Annie. He was again married March 15, 1877, to Mrs. Mary Eulreken, of Missouri. Her maiden name was Krews. They have one child—Josie.

## NELSON WILLIAMS,

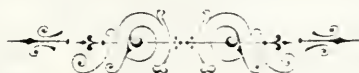
farmer, and patentee and manufacturer of the Williams' Eureka Washing Machine, section 17, post office Stewartsville, is a native of Fleming



County, Kentucky, and was born March 21, 1829, and was reared and educated in his native state. His early life was that of a farmer boy. In 1851, he emigrated to Missouri and settled in Liberty, Clay County, and worked at the trade of carpenter and cabinet maker. He was married June 19, 1851, to Elizabeth DeMoss. In 1857, he removed to Clinton County and settled in Plattsburg, where he lived three years. Mrs. Williams died January 29, 1859, leaving one son, Thomas. In 1860, he removed to Platte County. He was again married April 3, 1861, to Malinda Bailey, a native of Virginia. The same year he changed his residence to Leavenworth, and, after residing there fourteen months, returned to Platte County, where he lived two years, and then, once more, made his home in Clinton County, and settled where he now lives. His farm contains forty acres of good land, well improved. He has, by his second marriage, four children: Anna F., Andrew J., Sarah J., and Charles J. Mr. and Mrs. Williams are members of the Christian Church. During the present year Mr. Williams has invented a washing machine, which, for simplicity, durability, utility and economy, is unequaled by any machine in use, coming as it does within the means of all.

J. T. WOOD.

The subject of this sketch is a man of high moral standing, of an industrious disposition, and one constantly devoting his time to the interest of his business. He is a native of Reynolds County, Missouri, and was born on a farm on the 11th day of May, 1855. He there resided, assisting his parents in tilling the soil, his education being completed under the tutorship of Professor N. G. Jacks. At the age of twenty years he went to Grayson County, Texas, and spent about thirteen months traveling through Texas, the Indian Territory and Kansas, returning to his home in 1875. The following fall he moved to Platte County, locating near Platte City, where he remained some three years pursuing the occupation of a farmer. In 1879 he visited his parents in Reynolds County, and spent the winter in fox and deer hunting. The following spring he returned to his place of business in Platte County, there continuing until September 10, 1880, when he closed out and returned to the old homestead and took charge of his father's farm and stock. He is now doing a thriving business, and bids fair to become one of Reynolds County's most prominent and wealthy citizens.







## CITY OF STEWARTSVILLE.

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### GAINES ADAMS,

constable and revenue collector of Washington Township, DeKalb County is a native of Kentucky, and was born in Pulaski County, January 28, 1836. He was reared in his native county, and came to Missouri in 1856, remaining a citizen of Platte County till 1857, when he came to DeKalb County. In 1852, he enlisted in the Federal service, in the Fourth Missouri Cavalry, with which he remained till the close of the war, serving as sergeant and sergeant major. During the last six months he was dispatch carrier for Governor Fletcher. After the close of the war, Mr. A. returned home, and, in the year 1868, was appointed as deputy sheriff of DeKalb County, holding the position two years. He was then elected constable of Washington Township, which office he has since continued to hold. In the spring of 1881, he was elected revenue collector of the same township. He now has a farm of eighty acres, in DeKalb County, and is to some extent engaged in the stock business. He was married, January 1, 1866, to Miss Rachel McWilliams. She was born in Platte County, Missouri, October 24, 1844, and died October 4, 1877. They had a family of seven children, five boys and two girls: Cynthia, John C., William C., George H., James, W. T. and Rachel.

### J. W. ANDERSON,

of the firm of Anderson & Deppen, grocers and proprietors of meat market, was born in Hardin County, Kentucky, August 19, 1840, and in 1850, with his parents, he moved to DeKalb County, Missouri, where he was raised and educated. In February, 1873, he moved to Stewartsville, and since that time he has been engaged in the grocery business. November 19, 1864, he enlisted in the Federal service, Company I, Twenty-first Missouri Infantry, and remained in service until the close of the war. Mr. A. was married October 1, 1861, to Miss Mary A. Snethen. She was born in Kenton County, Kentucky, March 7, 1842. They have eight children: Malcom P., Emery L., Wm. D., Emma M., Leona A., Charles O., James B., and one infant.



## W. H. BROWN,

one of the firm of McCrosky & Brown, stock dealers, and also of the firm of Brown & Ardery, feeders and dealers, is a native of Kentucky, and was born in Mason County, December 12, 1846. In 1856, his parents moved to Clinton County, Missouri, where he was reared and educated. He supplemented his early schooling by a course at the Platte City Academy. October 14, 1865, Mr. Brown was married to Miss Della Ardery. She was born in Bourbon County, Kentucky, September 23, 1852. After his marriage he moved to DeKalb County, Missouri. He has followed the stock business during life, and is now one of the leading stock dealers and feeders of this vicinity. His landed estate consists of 300 acres, all of which he uses for stock purposes.

## LIEUTENANT COLONEL HARVEY SMITH BUCK.

Among the representative citizens of Clinton County is Colonel, or, as he is familiarly styled, "Captain" Harvey Smith Buck, widely known as a popular banker of the town of Stewartsville, in DeKalb County, just across the line from Clinton County, where most of his landed possessions lie. He was born in Gouverneur, Saint Lawrence County, New York, in 1838. His parents, Roger and Patty Maria Buck, moved from New York to Brown County, Illinois, where, in 1851, his father died, leaving a widow, three sons and four daughters, Harvey, then thirteen years of age, being the oldest son. After his father's death he was sent to Augusta, Illinois, to live with John B. Compton, a merchant, and husband of his oldest sister, Elizabeth, where he remained several years, acquiring a knowledge of mercantile business. He was then sent to Galesburg, Illinois, and matriculated in Knox College, remaining there until he had exhausted the means saved in Augusta. Left to work his own way in life, without any means but the knowledge he had acquired in the store, the partial education obtained in school, a stout hand and a willing spirit, he, at the age of eighteen, began the battle which he has so successfully fought. He first sought a subordinate position in a store, but finding no situation that suited him, he determined to embark in business for himself, though absolutely without means. Securing the endorsements of the leading merchants of Augusta as to his integrity and business habits, he borrowed \$1.50 to pay railroad fare, proceed to Quincy, Illinois, and bought, on credit, a small stock of drugs, books and notions. Assisted by Dr. Ellis, a physician of Augusta, he soon became a competent druggist, and by the correctness of his business habits succeeded in securing a large patronage. At the breaking out of the war, his business in the line of general merchandise was recognized as one of the largest and most prosperous in the place. In





Yours Respectfully  
H. S. Duck





1861, obeying the call of his country, he turned his business over to his head clerk, to whom he gave an interest in the profits, and with fifteen associates proceeded to Quincy, where he enlisted under Captain Sterling P. Delano, a prominent lawyer of that city, who was organizing a company of dragoons, afterward assigned to the Second Illinois Cavalry. This company was detailed as an escort to General B. M. Prentiss, who was soon relieved by General U. S. Grant, and the command proceeded to Cairo, Illinois. Shortly after this he was promoted to the position of clerk at General Grant's headquarters, where he remained until the battle of Shiloh, and, for gallant services rendered to General Grant as bearer of dispatches, etc., at the battles of Fort Donaldson and Shiloh, he was recommended for promotion to Governor Richard Yates. Although personally a stranger to Colonel Thomas J. Kinney, who had just organized the 119th Illinois Infantry Regiment, that officer, on the strength of his reputation for courage and ability, requested Governor Yates to commission Mr. Buck adjutant of his regiment, which was accordingly done. He was thus the first clerk at General Grant's headquarters who received a commission. He was with this regiment through all its campaigns in Kentucky, Tennessee, and Mississippi under General A. J. Smith, who commanded the Sixteenth Army Corps, and with General Banks in his Red River expedition. He served in fourteen engagements, in most of which he commanded the left wing of the regiment, the colonel being frequently in command of the brigade. In two hot engagements he commanded the regiment, the superior officers being absent or wounded. During the last battle at Nashville, December 15th and 16th, 1864, he performed some of the most daring feats of the war. In one instance, at a critical point, when his regiment was wavering before a storm of shot and shell from two six-gun batteries, he voluntarily headed the charge, and by his consummate skill and determined bravery, succeeded in inspiring his men to renewed effort, which resulted, after a desperate hand to hand conflict, in the capture of the guns. For this achievement he was unanimously elected by both officers and men to be major of the regiment, and strongly recommended to Generals A. J. Smith and George H. Thomas for gallant and meritorious conduct on the battlefield. Shortly after this, his regiment being transferred to New Orleans, he was detailed on General Canby's staff. In the spring of 1865, he was commissioned by the war department captain in the subsistence department, and assigned as above stated. He discharged the onerous duties of his position with marked ability until the fall of 1865, when he went to Washington and was mustered out of the service. He then spent considerable time in traveling over the United States, visiting all points of special interest, and observing the habits and customs of the people. In the spring of 1866, he moved to Clinton County, Missouri, where he improved what is known as the Maple Ave-



nue farm, a highly adorned tract of 640 acres. Completing his work, he moved to Stewartsville, DeKalb County, and again engaged in mercantile pursuits. In 1875, in connection with Franklin Finch and William D. Totten, he established a bank in Stewartsville, which enterprise has added largely to the business facilities of the county, and ranks high as a safe and reliable institution. Of this bank he is now sole proprietor. His landed interests are extensive, including three large farms which he owns in Clinton County. One of these includes 640 acres, another 240 acres, and a third of 170 acres. He owns, besides, a fine farm of 320 acres in DeKalb County. These are stocked with about 380 head of cattle, 300 head of hogs, besides sheep, horses and other stock. The chief product of his farms is hay; live stock being the chief yield for market. He is an active worker and has, by his own efforts, accomplished much in promoting the general interests of Northwest Missouri, where he is held in universal esteem. Much of the proverbial prosperity of Stewartsville is due to the active and energetic efforts of "Captain" Buck, as he is still called, while in reality he ranks as lieutenant colonel. Through his management, old fabrics have been torn down, streets widened and new ones located. His residence is among the finest in the place, and through his untiring energy the town has grown from a small village to the proportions of a city of the fourth class, of which he is (1881) the mayor. Called upon to take the lead in all public and private enterprises, he is now at work with a determination of securing to Stewartsville, a point in the Saint Joseph & Eastern Railroad, about to be constructed from Saint Joseph to a point on the Wabash, Saint Louis & Pacific Railway. On the organization of the militia of the state, in 1867, he was appointed lieutenant colonel of the Thirty-eighth Regiment of Missouri State Militia. He united with the Masonic order, in Augusta, Illinois, and is an active member of the Chapter, Council and Commandery. He has served three successive terms as High Priest of Russell Royal Arch Chapter No. 77, of Stewartsville. In politics, he has always been a staunch Republican. He was married January 18, 1866, to Miss Louisa Lewis, daughter of Judge William Lewis, of Brooklyn, Schuyler County, Illinois. They have (1881) four children: Frank, aged ten years, Dell, aged eight years, George, aged five years, and Pearl, aged three years. Colonel Buck's habits have ever been strictly temperate, the only stimulant in which he indulges being tobacco, and that in a moderate degree.

#### DR. J. C. BYNUM,

a prominent and successful physician and surgeon of Stewartsville, is a native of Alabama, having been born in DeKalb County, on the 6th of December, 1847. In 1850, he was brought by his parents to Missouri, they locating near St. Joseph, in Buchanan County, where he remained



until the following October. He then moved to Ripley, Mississippi, made his home there for one year, and soon after returned to St. Joseph. He was educated in the common schools of this district, afterwards supplementing it by a course in the college of Springfield, Missouri. For some time he lived in the country, six miles east of St. Joseph, and in the spring of 1856, went to Texas. Upon his return, he located at Springfield, Missouri, in the spring of 1857, and in 1858, again moved to Buchanan County. In 1866, Dr. Bynum took a trip, the second time, to Texas, returning to Clinton County in 1867. Having made choice of the practice of medicine as his profession, he commenced its study in 1867, under the tutorship of Dr. P. H. Hereford, of Easton. He was an attendant of lectures at the St. Louis Medical College, for one full course and a part of another. In October, 1868, he commenced the practice of his chosen profession in Buchanan county, there continuing until January, 1876, when he moved to Clinton County. Dr. Bynum further fitted himself for his calling, by attending the St. Joseph College of Physicians and Surgeons, during the session of 1879-80, graduating at its close. In the fall of 1880, he located at Stewartsville, where he has since continued to practice, and with no small degree of success. He makes a specialty of the diseases of women. Dr. Bynum found a wife in the person of Miss Bettie Whitson, whom he married June 5, 1873. Mrs. B. is a native of Buchanan County, Missouri, and was born September 14, 1853. They have two children: Ella, born at Matney Mills, June 20, 1875, and John C., born at Starfield, August 17, 1877. In the spring of 1873, Dr. B. joined Agency Lodge No. 10. He was exalted to the Royal Arch degree, in Russell Royal Arch Chapter No. 77, in the fall of 1881.

#### BENJAMIN F. AND WILLIAM T. CLARK,

(twins), are natives of Indiana, and were born in Hancock County, May 7, 1860. March 10, 1865, they moved with their parents to DeKalb County, Missouri, where the latter now resides. Their father's family consists of ten boys and five girls—five of each are now living. The resemblance of the two used as the subject of this sketch was so close that when they were quite young it was necessary to place a different colored string of beads around their necks. Their appearance and actions were very much the same, and rendered it most difficult to tell them apart. They were educated in the schools of DeKalb County, and have never been parted for any great period of time worth mentioning. From May, 1878, till July, 1879, B. F. acted as Deputy County Clerk of DeKalb County, Missouri, and August 27, 1879, he took charge of the store as one of the firm of Clark & Son, druggists, in which he has met with great success. Being an accommodating and a pleasant business man, he finds numerous patrons. March 26, 1878, W. T. came to Stew-







artsville and accepted a position in the drug store of W. A. Clark, his uncle, and which is now the store known as Clark & Son. He continued as clerk in the same till March 26, 1879, when he was given the position of bookkeeper in the Stewartsville Bank, in which institution he has since been employed, and in which he is now cashier.

#### A. J. CULBERTSON, M. D.

dealer in general merchandise, is a native of North Carolina, and was born in Wake County, July 4, 1840. While an infant, his parents moved to Clay County, Missouri, where, in a short time, they died. A. J. was then taken to Gentry County, where he was reared. He was partly educated in that county, and, in 1859, he came to Stewartsville, where he attended Stewartsville College for one year. He followed teaching in Clinton, DeKalb and Gentry Counties for some length of time. In 1862, he enlisted in the enrolled militia, and for one year was hospital steward at St. Joseph. He was then made lieutenant, and in the summer of 1864, he re-enlisted in Company C, Forty-third United States Infantry, and served as lieutenant till the close of the war, when he returned to Stewartsville. Having previously prepared himself for the medical profession, he began in the practice of his profession, and in the drug business. He continued the latter till 1876, when he commenced in his present business. He also continued the practice of medicine till 1879. Being the fortunate possessor of a host of acquaintances, he commands a large and lucrative patronage. Dr. C. was married in the year 1862, to Miss Mary Barnes, of Indiana, who was born in October, 1837. She died May 8, 1868. They had two children, both of whom are now deceased. He was again married October 4, 1869, to Miss N. Valdenear, of Missouri. She was born in the year 1852. Dr. C. is a Mason and a member of Stewartsville Lodge No. 182, and Russell Royal Arch Chapter, No. 77. He also belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and is a member of Stewartsville Lodge, No. 137.

#### P. H. DEPPEN,

of the firm of Anderson & Deppen, grocers and proprietors of a meat market, was born in Stark County, Ohio, February 16, 1838. He was reared on a farm, in his native county, and, in 1862, enlisted in Company B, 104th Ohio Infantry, remaining in service for eight months. He was then discharged on account of disability, and afterwards returned home, and joined the national guards, acting as second lieutenant for one year. In 1864, he moved to Buchanan County, Missouri, and located on a farm, and, in 1870, he moved to Stewartsville, where he has since principally been engaged in the mercantile trade. He was married, in Sep-



tember, 1863, to Miss Catherine Bair. She was born in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, in September, 1843. They have four children: Alice A., Otto E., Campbell and Bertha.

### SAMUEL DEVALL,

merchant tailor. The subject of this sketch is a native of England, and was born June 3, 1844, in the town of Leominster, in County Hereford. He received his literary knowledge in the British schools of his native town, which afforded him the advantage of a classical education. His father established a hat manufactory in the town of Leominster, in the year 1848, which he continues to operate. Samuel, until thirteen years of age, assisted his father in that business. He then was employed as clerk in a drug store for one year, when, having an anxiety to learn a trade, he at once began as an apprentice to the tailor's trade, serving as such for five years. In the year 1863, he went to the town of Burton-on-Trent, where he followed his trade one year, and from that time till 1866 was engaged at the same in Birmingham. In 1866, he established himself in the merchant tailoring business in the town of Rugby, in County Stafford, with his uncle, Thomas DeVall, as a partner, and continued the same till 1869. In 1866, he enlisted in the British Volunteers, and, in 1868, was elected section officer, or special constable, acting in this important position during the Fenian excitement. Resigning in the spring of 1869, he then emigrated to America. Before leaving England, he was married to Miss Sue Harvey, a native of that land, and who was born in County Stafford, December 7, 1851. At the time above mentioned they crossed the ocean, landing at Castle Garden, New York, and at once came to St. Joseph, Missouri, where they remained a short time, there becoming further familiarized with the ways and customs of the American people. After this, they located in Stewartsville, the point chosen as their home before leaving England. At the time of his arrival at Stewartsville, Mr. D. possessed a small amount of means, and has since adhered strictly to his occupation, and is now considered one of the leading citizens of the town. He has recently erected on North Main Street a business house, and dwelling in connection, which adds much to the appearance of that locality. At any time he may be found at his place of business, ready to supply the wants of the people in his line of trade. The family of Mr. and Mrs. DeVall consists of five children: Lella, Samuel, Edward C., James A. and Owen L.

### CHARLES L. FOWLER

was born in Uniontown, Fayette County, Pennsylvania, September 30, 1840, and after an education, finished in Madison College, of that place,



learned the printing trade in the office of the *Genius of Liberty*, a paper still published in that town, in its seventy-seventh year, without missing a number. He came west directly after serving his apprenticeship, and rambled over the country, drinking in its beauties and storing up a fund of knowledge of men and things, only obtained by closest observation. He crossed the plains in "bull-whacking" times, stopping for brief seasons in Colorado, Nevada, Montana, Idaho and Utah, and crossing the mountains to California, traversed the wilds of Oregon and Washington, when "Injun meal" was about the only sign of civilization in that region. When "Sumpter was fired upon" Muscatine, Iowa, claimed him as a citizen, and he left one of its daily newspaper offices for the field as acting drum major of the First Iowa Regiment of Infantry. He served with that regiment during its campaign with General Lyon and elsewhere, and during that time wrote several "soldier songs" that were sung by every camp fire in the West and South. In the month of May, 1877, he brought out the first number of the *Stewartsville Independent*, of which he is still sole owner and editor. This was a somewhat hazardous venture, as Stewartsville had been the scene of a half dozen newspaper failures, in all of which the citizens had been sufferers, as they had advanced the capital for the purchase of the material, etc. Mr. Fowler asked no donations, brought his entire printing outfit with him, and started his paper upon the principles which govern all legitimate business. By its merit alone it has succeeded, and that it has succeeded is evidenced by its exceedingly healthy advertising patronage and substantial subscription list. A writer of unusual force, terse, sharp, pointed, brilliant, and at the same time cultured and refined, Mr. Fowler's editorials are the household treasures of a large number of weekly readers in the best families in Northwest Missouri. In June, 1879, he became a member of Stewartsville Lodge, No. 182, A. F. & A. M., and in December following, was elected its Secretary, which position he still holds. As actor, author, soldier, poet and journalist, his has been an eventful life, and one upon which no spot of dishonor or dishonesty has ever found a resting place. His earnestness of purpose has served him in all countries and among all people, and he hopes to lay down the armor in the end with the knowledge that he did what his conscience admonished was the best in all things.

### THOMAS G. MCCROSKY

was born in Greenup, now Boyd County, Kentucky, October 18, 1849. He is the youngest of a family of three children. The two elder, who were daughters, died before the birth of their brother. The father of the subject of this sketch was James D. McCrosky, and his grandfather, John McCrosky. They both moved from Rockbridge County, Virginia,





and settled in Greenup County, Kentucky, in 1813. The maiden name of his mother was Flora Canterbury. She was a native of Kentucky. The McCrosky family are of Scotch-Irish extraction, and are numbered with the earliest settlers of Virginia. Thomas G. McCrosky was raised on a farm and educated in the public schools of his neighborhood till the spring of 1857, when he left Kentucky with his parents, and moved to Daviess County, Missouri, where he remained engaged in farming three years. In the spring of 1860, he moved with his parents to Stewartsville, where he attended the college presided over by Professor Summers, and now (1881) conducted by Prof. W. O. H. Perry. In 1864, he moved to a farm on which he lived till 1868. He then engaged as a clerk for the mercantile firm of Sanders & Snow, composed of Daniel Sanders and J. H. Snow. Some time after he embarked in business on his own account in the family grocery trade. At the end of eighteen months of successful business, he turned the concern over to his father. He then took an interest in the house of Sanders, Snow & Co. in Stewartsville, dealers in general merchandise. He remained in this connection till 1875, having achieved success in his enterprise. He then purchased 220 acres of land near Stewartsville, and engaged in farming, stock dealing, etc., shipping extensively. He subsequently added 160 acres to this tract. His farm of 380 acres includes some of the most productive soil in this section of country. Eighty acres of this farm lies in Clinton County. In December, 1870, he was made a Mason in Stewartsville lodge, No. 182, A., F. & A. M. In this body of the order he has filled successively every official position up to the rank of worshipful master, to which latter he was elected in 1875. In the same year he was exalted in Russell Royal Arch Chapter in Stewartsville and subsequently filled the office of principal sojourner in the same. In politics Mr. McCrosky has always been a Democrat. He married, October 6, 1874, Miss Belle Wylie, youngest daughter of Rev. C. A. Wylie, a minister of the Presbyterian Church. His family consists of Bertha, born June 16, 1876; Grace, born April 15, 1878, and Flora, born October 10, 1880. Mr. McCrosky is a liberal minded and public-spirited as well as an enterprising citizen, and stands high in the opinion of all who know him.

COL. ORLAND G. McDONALD,

lumber dealer, also real estate agent for the Hannibal & St. Joseph Railroad Company, is a native of Pennsylvania, and was born in Center County, October 23, 1824. When about seven years of age, his parents moved to Philadelphia, where his mother died when he was about eleven years of age. Being almost an orphan boy, he was compelled to work for his own support, and was engaged in various occupations over different parts of Pennsylvania, till 1841, when he went to Guernsey County,



Ohio, where he learned the carpenter trade. This he followed, in that locality, till the spring of 1845, when he went to Tazewell County, Illinois, remaining in Peoria, and vicinity, till the fall of 1847, when he went to Plattsburg, Clinton County, Missouri. He was there engaged in various branches of business, having held nearly all of the offices of the county, in that early day, and being the first public administrator of the county. In 1859, Mr. McD. moved to Stewartsville, and began in the mercantile trade, which he continued for some time. He was then chosen as captain of a company of state militia, and was mustered out as lieutenant colonel. From the year 1863 till 1866, he was station agent for the Hannibal & St. Joseph Railroad, since which time he has held the land agency for the same company. His time has also been occupied in other minor enterprises, and he has, for some time, been in the lumber trade. In 1872, he was elected to the legislature, of which body he was a member for one term. In 1870, he was superintendent of the state registration, and has also held other offices since locating in Stewartsville. Mr. McDonald has been three times married: First, May 1, 1853, to Miss Minerva J. Osborn, of Ohio. She was born July 21, 1837, and died May 8, 1854. June 25, 1857, he married Miss Mary J. Holman, of Missouri. She was born August 25, 1839, and died January 24, 1861. February 25, 1862, Miss Mary P. McGinness, of Missouri, became his wife.

#### MERIAM & HOLMES,

photographers. This firm is composed of J. H. Meriam and Moses Holmes. The former was born in Canada, August 21, 1838. His parents were residents of Brandon, Vermont. When he was a boy they moved to Saginaw City, Michigan, and when fifteen years of age J. H. went to Canada, where he learned his present business, and which he has since continued to follow. Remaining in Canada till 1869, he then located in Southeastern Kansas, and in the fall of 1878 settled in Stewartsville. Mr. M. was married March 4, 1861, to Miss Sarah A. Allen, of Woodstock, Canada. She was born in 1842 and died in 1865. They had one child, Salem. He was again married September 19, 1867, to Mrs. Quilesta Donalson, her maiden name being Wilson. She is a native of Maine. He and wife are members of the church of the Latter Day Saints. The junior partner of the firm, Moses Holmes, was born in Wayne County, North Carolina, December 1, 1846. When two years of age his mother and her family moved to Pontotoc County, Mississippi, where Moses remained till 1870, when he went to California, and there remained till December 26, 1877. At that time he came to Stewartsville and since then has been engaged in his present business.



## PROFESSOR W. O. H. PERRY.

The subject of this sketch is a native of Ohio, and was born in Lake County, February 11, 1838. When but a child, his parents, William C. Perry and Eliza (Brown), moved to Adams County, Illinois, remaining in that and Hancock Counties till he attained the age of eight years, when they moved to Nodaway County, Missouri. There he grew to manhood. His primary education was received at home, with his mother as preceptress. When fifteen years of age, he attended school at Savannah, Andrew County, for only two months. He then taught for a period of six months, and, when eighteen, taught another term of three months, and then entered the McGee College, where he was a student for a four years' course, graduating in June, 1860. In the year 1866, he received a diploma from the same institution as Master of Arts. In the fall of 1859, he was licensed to preach in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and was ordained in the fall of 1864, and has, since this time, been actively engaged in the ministry. In 1863, he came to Stewartsville, and has since conducted his present school, which was known as the Stewartsville Seminary till April 19, 1879, when a charter was given as a college. He has made additional improvements in the building, and has now an institution which is a credit to the town and vicinity. March 2, 1862, Professor Perry was united in marriage to Miss Lizzie Ozenberger, who was born in Holmes County, Ohio, October 11, 1839. Her parents came to Missouri when she was nine years of age. They have had seven children, only two of whom are living, William F. and Arthur E. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., and belongs to Stewartsville Lodge No. 137.

## ED. G. SHELDON

is one of the most successful and prominent merchants and representative men, not only of Stewartsville, or DeKalb County, but of the great and growing west. He is a native of New York, and was born in Willsborough, Essex County, on the ninth of April, 1848. He spent his youthful days in the district around and about that country, receiving his education in the common schools. In the year 1865, he came to Stewartsville, and has since been engaged in business. A large portion of his landed estate is located in Clinton County, just across the line, his residence also being situated there. Immediately after coming to this place, Mr. Sheldon was engaged in clerking for three years. At the end of that time, he accepted a position as salesman with the well-known dry goods firm of Chambers, Marney & Co., of St. Joseph, and with them remained until 1875, when he again became a resident of Stewartsville. Having become thoroughly familiarized with this branch of business, while in the employ of others, it was natural that he should continue it





when commencing for himself, on his own account. Here he has built up a reputation for honesty and fair dealing, that any one might envy. In connection with his general stock of goods, he keeps a full line of agricultural implements, buggies, wind-pumps, etc.; and his trade, which is an immense one in this vicinity, extends into Clay and Ray counties on the south, and on the north to Gentry and Andrew counties. His business is so large that he is obliged to have in his employ about twenty men. His signs and wind-mills are to be viewed by all, within a radius of seventy-five miles, in any direction from Stewartsville. Mr. Sheldon was married on the 30th of July, 1878, to Miss Maggie Saunders, a daughter of the late Daniel Saunders. She was born on the 6th of July, 1853, and is a native of Gentry County, Missouri. Mr. and Mrs. S. have one child, a daughter, Clara, born February 4, 1880. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to Stewartsville Lodge No. 182, and also of Royal Arch Chapter No. 77. He is an Odd Fellow, and has taken great interest in Stewartsville Lodge No. 37, in which he is a prominent member. Mr. Sheldon's success in life is largely due to the care with which he has watched over the minutest details of business, and the constant and close attention he has given to everything connected with his enterprises. His connection with any business transaction is a sure guarantee of its success.

### JAMES SHEARER,

harness maker and speculator, is a native of Missouri, and was born in Clay County, December 18, 1837. When seven years of age, he went to Clinton County, near Plattsburg, where he was reared and educated. When fifteen years of age, he learned the harness maker's trade, in Plattsburg, which he has followed principally during life, working in many towns in the State of Missouri. In 1869, he came to his present location, and, since 1873, has been operating a shop. He also deals extensively in stock, real estate, etc. Mr. Shearer was married, November 23, 1869, to Miss Sarah H. Perry, who was born in Hancock County, Illinois, April 16, 1845. Their family consists of three children: James P., George W. and Charles E. Mr. S. is a Mason, and member of Stewartsville Lodge No. 182.

### R. H. SMITH,

physician and surgeon. The subject of this sketch was born in Shelby County, Kentucky, November 21, 1812. He was reared and educated at Shelbyville, in that county, and, in the year 1832, he began the study of medicine. In the spring of 1836, he was graduated from the medical department of Transylvania University, of Lexington, Kentucky. He



was engaged in the practice of his profession, in his native county, till 1855, when he moved to DeKalb County, Missouri, and, since that time, has resided near or in Stewartsville. Here he has made the practice of medicine a success. Doctor Smith was married, February, 1842, to Miss Lucinda E. Thurston, who was born in Henry County, Kentucky, in the year 1825. She died in 1853. They had six children, two of whom are now living, Annie M. and Lucinda E.; both reside in Kentucky.

#### L. DUPUY SMITH,

druggist, was born in Boonville, Cooper County, Missouri, May 22, 1846. When ten years of age he, with his parents, moved to St. Joseph, where he was reared and educated. The senior Smith being a prominent druggist of that city for many years, L. D., after he attained the age of sixteen, clerked in his father's store till 1867, when he moved to Stewartsville and began in the drug business for himself. Here he has since continued in the same occupation, except in the year 1876. During this time he has built up an enviable and successful reputation. He was married October 14, 1869, to Miss M. A. Craig, of Missouri. They have two children, Frank C., and Guy H. Mr. S. is a Mason and member of Stewartsville Lodge No. 182. He also belongs to the I. O. O. F., and is a member of Stewartsville Lodge No. 137. His grandmother on his mother's side is now living in Brooklyn, New York, and is over ninety years of age.

#### J. H. SNOW,

grain and stock dealer. Among the highly respected and most prominent citizens of Stewartsville is the subject of this brief biography. He was born in Campbell County, Virginia, June 6, 1836. While he was yet an infant his parents moved to Boyd County, Kentucky, where he was reared on a farm. He was there educated and taught school for a short time, and in 1857 he came to Missouri, making Daviess County his destination. He was there employed in teaching for three years, meeting with a considerable degree of success. The spring of 1861 found him a citizen of Clinton County, Missouri, he having located in La Fayette Township, on section 28, where he now has a farm of 200 acres, which will compare favorably with any in the county, both in quality and improvements. He also has another farm of 100 acres in Clinton County, and considerable property in Stewartsville. Mr. S. began in life for himself a poor boy, and what he now possesses is the reward of his own judicious management and labor. In 1867, he moved to Stewartsville and embarked in the mercantile trade, which he continued for seven years, and on account of his failing health was com-



pelled to suspend the business for a period. He subsequently resumed the same for three years. Since locating in Stewartsville, Mr. S. has more or less of the time been dealing in stock and grain, in which business he is at present engaged. He also devotes considerable attention to his farms. He is an active member of the M. E. Church. He was married January 12, 1860, while in Daviess County, Missouri, to Miss America J. Williams, a daughter of the late John D. Williams, a well known and representative man of that county. She was born in Greenup County, Kentucky, July 11, 1836. While a child of about seven years of age her parents moved to Daviess County, Missouri, where she was reared and educated. Their family consists of two children, Laura E., born April 9, 1862, and William D., born May 16, 1864.

### W. C. STAGG.

The subject of this sketch has attained the age which but few reach in the present century, and is now more active than an ordinary man at sixty-five. He was born in Mercer County, Kentucky, September 13, 1801. He was reared on a farm in his native county, and received his education in the days when the saw mills were scarce in the land, and when the mallet and wedge took the place of the saw; consequently, hewed logs, split slabs for seats, and greased paper for windows, constituted the school buildings. When seventeen years of age, Mr. S. went to Harrisburg, of his native county, where he learned the cabinet-making trade, serving an apprenticeship of three years. After completing his trade, he worked as a journeyman in different parts of Kentucky for several years; afterwards he was engaged in the cabinet business in Harrisburg, Kentucky. In 1834, he moved to Putnam County, Indiana, and located on a farm, and was there occupied in farming till June, 1840, when he drifted westward, and located near Weston, Platte County, Missouri, in what was at that time known as the Platte Purchase. There he improved a farm, and resided upon it till 1855, when he moved to Jefferson County, Kansas, where his time was spent in tilling the soil till 1865. He then returned to Clinton County, Missouri. During his stay in Kansas, he met with great loss on account of the Kansas trouble in 1856. In 1867, he located in Stewartsville, and for the first year was engaged in the grocery business, since which time he has been retired from active business life. In October, 1876, he went to Texas, where he remained three years. Mr. S. was married in the year 1826, to Miss Sarah Keller, a native of Kentucky. She was born in 1803, and died in 1846. Their family consisted of eight children, six of whom are living: Squire, Kate, William, Mary, Ann and Frank H. He was again married in August, 1850, to Mrs. Margaret Finch, who died in January, 1880.





while on a visit in Texas. Mr. Stagg has been a member of the Presbyterian Church for over fifty years, and has always donated liberally to his church.

#### W. M. STIGALL,

proprietor of the Palace Drug Store, was born in Randolph County, Missouri, January 18, 1850. He was reared in his native county, and was educated in the Mount Pleasant schools. He then began teaching, and, in the year 1872, moved to DeKalb County, where he was considered one of that county's most successful educators, being, for some time, professor of the Osborn and Stewartsville public schools. May 6, 1879, he began in the drug business, and, in 1881, he erected a new business building, as a result of which he now has a fine store. He is an Odd Fellow, and member of Stewartsville Lodge No. 137. He was married, April 24, 1873, to Miss Nannie Riggs, the only daughter of A. H. and Caroline Riggs. She was born in Boone County, Missouri, April 17, 1854, and died November 15, 1876. They had one child, born in DeKalb County, January 25, 1874. Mr. Stigall was again married September 6, 1881, to Miss Amanda C. Litzenberg, a daughter of William and Nancy Litzenberg, who now reside in Chillicothe. She was born in Adams County, Illinois, July 6, 1855.

#### J. H. WHEAT,

postmaster and express agent was born in Morgan County, West Virginia, February 19, 1846, and was there reared and educated. January, 1864, he enlisted in Company E, Fifteenth West Virginia Infantry, and remained in service till the close of the war, receiving some severe wounds and losing the sight of one eye. After the close of the war he learned telegraphing, which he followed for eleven years, being three years on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, and eight years with the Hannibal and St. Joseph Company. In 1875 he was stationed at Stewartsville, and in 1878, by the wish of the people of Stewartsville, was appointed to his present position. He was married September 24, 1869, to Miss Anna Stafford. She was born in England September 21, 1852. They have had three children, only one now living, Minnie, born in Clay County, Missouri, August 24, 1873.

#### H. M. WHITE

was born in Cattaraugus County, New York, August 12, 1833. When seven or eight years of age his parents moved to Berrien County, Michigan, where he was reared and educated. In the spring of 1871, he moved to Stewartsville, and shortly located on his farm, on section 24,



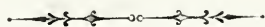
La Fayette Township, Clinton County, and was there engaged in agricultural pursuits till 1877. At that time he removed to Stewartsville, but is still engaged in looking after the interests of his farm and stock. During the year 1880 he was engaged in the grocery business. He has also worked some at the carpenter's trade. Mr. W. was married, in December, 1861, to Miss Lydia M. Spaulding. She was born March 17, 1839, and is a native of Bingham, Somerset County, Maine. They have five children: George E., Lavina V., Hollis C., Mertie B. and Owen M.

### B. F. WHITE,

of the firm of B. F. White & Son, dealers in hardware, stoves, tinware, groceries, etc., is a native of Illinois, and was born in Fulton County, December 10, 1838. He was reared in the town of Canton, of that county, and was there educated, learning the tinner's trade in Abington, Knox County, where he worked until February, 1860, when he came to Stewartsville. He is now one of the oldest citizens of the town. Financially, he was below par on his arrival in Stewartsville, but now has the most extensive hardware and grocery store in DeKalb County. He has figured conspicuously in the official positions of the town. He was married, January 24, 1861, to Miss A. M. Laffoon. She was born in Clay County, Missouri, July 18, 1839. She was reared in her native county, and came to Stewartsville in the year 1860. They have one child, R. M., born March 3, 1863. Mr. and Mrs. White are members of the M. E. Church. He was the first male member of the church in the town.



## LATHROP TOWNSHIP.



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### JACOB BOHART,

retired merchant, was born in Frederick County, Maryland, June 6, 1816, and in 1824, removed to Virginia, and afterwards to Kentucky, where he remained a short time. In 1837, he came to Buchanan County, Missouri, then attached to Clinton County, and located a claim near the head of Bee Creek, where he improved a farm. He married Miss Catharine Cogdill, daughter of Jacob Cogdill, August 26, 1838. Their family consisted of eight children: James M., Jacob C., Willard H., William A.,



Sarah, Emeline, Elizabeth and Christa Ann, and he has taken great pains in their education. He has been a large farmer, merchant and stock dealer, and was extensively engaged in hemp raising. In 1865, he sold his farm, and moved to Nebraska City, where he engaged in merchandising. He erected several large stores, and took a live interest in other enterprises of the city. In 1867, he sold out, and returned to Worth County, Missouri, and there he was engaged in farming and dealing in stock until 1875. In 1879, after closing up his large business, he moved to Lathrop, Clinton County, where he settled, purchasing a good home, and assisting his boys in their enterprises. He built a fine brick store building, one of the first erected. Mrs. Bohart died November 15, 1876, in Worth County, Missouri. She was a woman of strong mind and great will power, and did much to aid her husband in accumulating his fine property. In June, 1881, Mr. B. was again married to Mrs. Sally Laughlin, daughter of Edward Lindsay, of Clinton County, Missouri.

#### JAMES M. BOHART,

banker, was born in Buchanan County, Missouri, in 1841. He was raised on a farm and received a good education in the schools of Andrew County, and for several years was engaged in teaching. When the war broke out, he entered the Confederate service, and commanded a company. He was with Price, Bragg and Johnson for four years, participating in the battles, and sharing all the hardships and deprivations incident to a soldier's life. In 1866, he engaged in the hardware business in Clay County, and continued in it for some years, with satisfactory success. In 1875, he was elected to the State Legislature, and made a diligent and worthy representative, securing a high reputation for his fidelity to his constituents, for his liberality, and for the courtesy extended to all who approached him. In 1879, he became a resident of Lathrop, and engaged in the banking business with his brother, W. H. The firm has also a bank at Kingston, Caldwell County. As a business man, prompt and energetic, upright in all his dealings, he has secured the esteem of all with whom he has had to do. As a citizen, he has taken an active interest in whatever promises to be of permanent benefit to the city, and in educational matters, he has been prompt to act, and efficient to work. He has been twice married: first, to Miss Maggie E. Elliott, of Woodford County, Kentucky. She died in 1870, leaving one daughter, Sallie A. He married for his second wife, Miss Ada Field, in 1871. Their family by this union is composed of four children: Jacob Field, Nellie, Shannon Clay and Susie. Mrs. Bohart is a daughter of Jacob Field, Esq., of Liberty, Clay County, and is a lady whose graces of mind and person have endeared her to all who enjoy her acquaintance. She was educated at the female seminary of her native place, and at the St. Theresa Seminary, Kansas City.





## 2 WILLARD H. BOHART,

of the banking firm of W. H. & Jas. M. Bohart, of this city, was born in Buchanan County, Mo., May 6, 1850. He was raised a farmer until fifteen years old, receiving his primary education in a common school. He afterward attended the William Jewell College for three years, after which he was engaged in teaching eleven years at the Clay Female Seminary at Liberty, the Female Orphan School at Camden Point and other places, where he gained an enviable reputation as a successful instructor. Forming a preference for a business life, in August, 1879, he formed a partnership with his brother James in the banking business in Lathrop, and at the same time started a similar institution at Kingston, Missouri. The firm have the entire confidence of the community as correct, honest and straightforward business men. He married Miss Margaret E. Pixler, eldest daughter of Major P. E. Pixler, of Clay County, in October, 1869. They have two children, James Edwin and Birdie Pixler. Mr. Bohart is an active member of the Christian Church, and takes a deep interest in the educational matters of the city.

## AARON CHARLES,

carpenter and builder, was born in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, June 28, 1818. His educational advantages were limited, yet by his own exertions he has become a good business man. He learned the carpenter's trade in Philadelphia, serving an apprenticeship of four years, and afterwards became a competent builder. He erected many buildings in Pennsylvania, and, in 1856, moved to Illinois, and there he engaged in building. In 1868, came to Lathrop, Missouri, at the time that the town was started. Here he has built many of its best structures, among which is the M. E. Church, of which he is an active member. Mr. C. has a fine residence, and ten acres, just outside of the city corporation. His first wife was Miss Catharine Layman, whom he married in Philadelphia. By this marriage they had two children, Lewis and Emma. He was again married, to Miss Ann Perrigo, in Iriquois County, Illinois, June 24, 1863. They have by this marriage two daughters, Minnie L. and Susan Louisa. He is a member of the Lathrop Masonic Lodge, and loves to live by the precepts the order teaches.

## ROBERT E. CHONSTANT,

editor and publisher of the Lathrop Herald, was born in Roanoke, Howard County, Missouri, August 31, 1854. He received a good education in his native town, and also at the schools of Kingston. When quite young he entered his father's store as a clerk, in which he remained for some time, and then, at the age of seventeen, he entered the office of the



Kingston Sentinel, where he learned the printers' trade. He has worked at that business in St. Joseph, Davenport (Iowa), New York, Philadelphia, and St. Louis, and has become a proficient workman. In 1874, he bought the Caldwell Citizen of Kingston and published it for three years. In 1877, after selling out, he took charge of a drug store for eighteen months. During all these years he had been reading law at his leisure hours, and in the fall of 1878 he entered the law office of Chapman & Hoskinson, when he studied hard for two years and in 1880 was admitted to practice by Judge Broudders, of the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit. In April, 1880, after being admitted, he went to Lathrop, Clinton County, and started the Lathrop Herald, in the publication of which he has done a successful business, and secured a large circulation. In June, 1880, he was appointed one of the census enumerators for this county, and received the diploma offered for the most correct, systematic, and neatly executed returns of the seventh supervisor's district of the state, consisting of 304 enumeration districts.

### 7 H. H. CLEPPER,

farmer and stock feeder, section 31, post office Lathrop. The subject of this sketch is a native of Michigan, and was born on a farm on the 2d day of August, 1832. He received a good common school education, and, at the age of eighteen, went to California, where he spent two years, and then returned to his home and made his parents a visit of several months. He next removed to Minnesota, and farmed for ten years. Closing out business, he located at Rockford, near Grand Rapids, Michigan, devoting his time to the grocery business, in connection with farming. This he continued for twelve years, when he closed out and went to Sherman, Texas, entering into the hotel and grocery business. After some two years, he unfortunately lost by fire property to the amount of \$6,000, including all household and personal effects. Removing to Emporia, Kansas, he remained two years, and there gave his children a good education. He then moved to Clinton County in 1880, where he now resides, owning a fine farm of 100 acres, well improved. Mr. C. was united in marriage, on the 18th day of August, 1857, with Miss Laura Scorell, a native of Schuyler County, New York. The family consists of five children: Fred, Mary J., John L., Eva G. and Nellie.

### 7 E. W. COOPER,

farmer, section 36, is a native of North Carolina, and was born May 17, 1820, and came to Missouri in 1844. His farm consists of 230 acres of land in a good state of cultivation, and he has proved himself a successful agriculturist. Politically, he is a staunch Republican, and during the



late war was a member of Capt. Rogers' company of militia. As a citizen he has been upright, reliable, and honorable, and has secured in an eminent degree the respect of his fellow-men. In his religious preferences he is a Presbyterian, and he is an active member and liberal contributor to that society. He married Miss Ann Pincy, a native of North Carolina, in July, 1847. They have a family of nine children, Mary M. (now Mrs. H. Hick), Martha (now Mrs. Wm. Lankford), John W., Susan E. (now Mrs. J. W. Douglass), Celia A., Jeanette (now Mrs. James Douglass), Wm. S., and Dora J. Mr. C. has taken great interest in the improvement of his stock, and his herds will equal any in this district.

## 2 J. O. DANIELS.

proprietor of the Lathrop House, was born in Grafton County, New Hampshire, May 17, 1829. When he was twenty-one years old he went to Boston, Massachusetts, and obtained the position of baggage master on the Boston and Fitchburg Railroad, where he remained three years, discharging the duties in a satisfactory manner. He then came to Indianapolis, Indiana, and accepted the position of conductor on the Indianapolis and Lafayette Railroad, and remained with them for five years, when he accepted a similar position on the Illinois Central, and remained eight years. In 1863, he started a livery yard at Odin, Illinois, and lived there three years. After the completion of the Hannibal and St. Joseph Railroad, in November, 1867, he came to Lathrop and opened a lumber yard, and was the first settler in the town. (See History of Lathrop.) He has been engaged in many enterprises here, all having an influence to build up Lathrop. He purchased several lots and improved them with good substantial residences. He had the contract for building the brick school building, which is an ornament to the city. He published the Lathrop Monitor, which did much to bring the eastern part of Clinton County into the notice of actual settlers. In 1877, he purchased the Lathrop House, which he has since kept, and it is not saying too much to state that no hotel in the county is more favorably known or more deserving of popular favor, it being the cheerful home of the weary traveler. In 1880, he was appointed land agent of the Hannibal and St. Joseph Railroad, having charge of their lands and lots. He represents several of the best insurance companies, and does a large amount of the insurance business. He has always taken a deep interest in educational enterprises, and has been and is now one of the school board. Has been liberal in contributing to every enterprise which goes to build up the city. He married Miss Julia H. Nowland, in St. Louis, Missouri, in March, 1866. They have six children: Frank Nowland, Ann May, Kate Raymond, Hattie Bell, Charles B. and John Newton.





## 6 JOHN DOUGLASS,

extensive farmer, stock raiser and dealer, was born in Clinton County, Ohio, August 23, 1823, and, in 1837, came to Clinton County, Missouri, settling where he now lives. He received no education to speak of, and worked for a brother five years, but received no compensation, and, at the age of nineteen years, he bought 120 acres of land on credit. He then commenced life's struggles alone, first engaging in the raising of hemp and tobacco. Having been blessed with good crops, and receiving good prices for them, he was soon able to pay for his land. In 1850, he went to California, and remained two years, when he returned home and continued his farming. He bought land as opportunity presented itself, near him, until he now has one of the largest, and among the best, farms in the county. His estate embraces 1,000 acres of land, which is contained in sections 27, 28, 33, 34 and 35. In 1866, he made a kiln of bricks, and built a fine residence in the center of his farm. He has about 300 head of horses, mules and cattle, the raising of which he makes a specialty. He is a leading and active member of the Christian Church, and has contributed largely towards building a fine house of worship, on the corner of his farm, called the Bethel Church. This was erected in 1878. The society had previously made use of the Brooking school house, for twenty years. Mr. D.'s great success in life is due to his untiring energy, economy and honesty in his dealings, and the care with which he has watched over his transactions. He married Mary Ann Brown, of this county, October, 1846. They have had ten children: Jessie B., John William, Jemima Ellen, James A., Thomson McGee, Stephen A., George B. and Doc. Sherman; Anna and Mollie died while young.

## JOHN W. DOUGLASS,

farmer, stock feeder and dealer, is the owner of 320 acres of land in section 35. He was born in Lathrop Township, Clinton County, Missouri, December, 1849, and there received a good common school education. He then attended the State University at Columbia, Missouri, where he prepared himself for a useful business life. He was married to Miss Susan Cooper in June, 1874. She was the daughter of E. W. Cooper, Esq., a pioneer and a respected citizen of Lathrop. They have three children, Dorsey, Elgi, and William. The subject of this sketch is a son of John Douglass, among the earliest and now one of the most prosperous farmers in the county. The early training which he received at home has greatly enabled him to conduct his large farm and stock business in a profitable and economical manner. His land is stocked with good herds, he having from fifty to 150 head of cattle, besides a large number of hogs. He bought his farm of the railroad company, it



then being a part of the company's addition to the city of Lathrop. Mr. Douglass first settled on eighty acres just south of the city, where he set out one of the most beautiful orchards in the county. Both of the railroads ran through the farm, and on that account he sold it.

## 2 EDWARD DUDLEY,

grain dealer, was born in Burlington County, New Jersey, in 1834, and came to Missouri in 1853. He obtained an excellent education, and was engaged in teaching school for several years. He commenced the study of medicine and continued it for a time, but never practiced it with the idea of making it a profession. Having a great desire for commercial pursuits, he learned telegraphy in 1859, and was soon engaged by the Hannibal & St. Joseph Railroad Company. He was the first telegraph operator and agent at Hamilton station east of Cameron, and was connected with that road in various positions for eighteen years. He built a store and elevator, and was the first man to start business at Turney, and for several years did a very large business. In 1879, Mr. D. moved to Lathrop, transferred his grain business and built a large elevator there. Since that time he has been doing an extended business, having handled during the past year 120,000 bushels of grain for himself, besides 50,000 bushels for other parties. Dr. Dudley was married to Miss Clementine Langdon, of Caldwell County, Missouri, in 1859. By this union they have eight children, Charles E., Wm. C., Walter H., Daniel Drew, Tolman, Flora, Ada, and Birta. Among the enterprising and leading business men of Lathrop Mr. D. ranks as one of the first. He is thoroughly posted upon all the leading topics of the day, is a fluent conversationalist and an honored member of society.

## HON. JACOB ESTEP,

section 26, post office Cameron, a farmer by calling, a blacksmith by trade, and, although without political aspiration, he has nevertheless been frequently honored with preferment to places of public trust. Mr. Estep is a native of Maryland, and was born in Frederick (now Carroll) County, November 23, 1823. In 1834, his parents moved to Seneca County, Ohio, where the youth of the subject of this notice was spent, his time being divided between attending school, in winter, and assisting his father, in the summer, in clearing and making a farm. At the age of nineteen, he apprenticed himself to a blacksmith, with whom he remained for nine years. In 1850, he commenced business for himself, in the same county, as a carriage and wagon manufacturer, conducting the same successfully for seven years. July 25, 1850, Miss M. J. Culver became his wife. She was born in Seneca County, Ohio, June 14, 1829. In 1857,



Mr. E. left Ohio, came to Missouri, and settled where he now lives, having purchased the land the year previous, through Governor Smith. He now owns 950 acres of land. After his coming here, he opened a shop, and, at the same time, carried on his farming operations. During the late war his sympathies were with the Federal cause, and he was commissioned by Governor Hall a lieutenant, participating in many of the engagements connected with the campaign in Missouri. In 1864, he was honored by Governor Fletcher with the appointment of county judge, serving with Judges Estes and Cooper. In 1865, he was selected by the Republicans as their standard bearer for the State Legislature. Resigning his position as judge, he made a thorough canvass of his district, and was elected by a large majority. His course at the capital fully sustained the expectation of his friends, and as a representative he has, aside from his active participation in matters of general legislation, been a watchful and conscientious guardian of the interests of his immediate constituency, whose claim to consideration he has never failed to present. Through his labors and instrumentality largely, was the change made in the school bill, whereby six months of school instead of three, were held, although Mr. E. was an advocate of seven months. His family consists of six children: Emmet H., born May 18, 1851; Ida E., born January 31, 1855; Clara B., born April 29, 1858; Minnie E., born February 16, 1863; Nettie M., born October 12, 1868; Charles S., born April 18, 1874.

#### JAMES T. ESTILL, M. D.,

was born in Clinton County, Missouri, October 12, 1849. He early manifested a desire for a profession, and with this end in view, went to the common school of his district for a while, after which he entered Westminster College, at Fulton, Callaway County, Missouri. He spent six years of hard study, and was graduated with honor from that institution in 1875. Dr. E. afterwards taught two years, but was obliged to give up that profession on account of failing health. On this account he took a trip to Colorado, spending some time in that vicinity, and after regaining his health, he returned home and entered the office of Dr. June, of Lawson, where he took a thorough course of study in medicine. He then took the prescribed course at the Missouri Medical College, of St. Louis, graduating in the spring of 1879. He immediately located at Turney, Clinton County, where he erected a house and settled down permanently. He married Miss Maggie Green, a daughter of Cyrus Green, of Jackson, in September, 1879. The result of this marriage was Forest Leon, born July 8, 1880. The Doctor is a great scholar, deeply investigating things of importance which come under his observation, and endeavors to the best of his ability to discover and understand cause





and effect. He is well aware that he represents an ancient and honorable profession, and his ambition is to make himself a proficient follower thereof and to give dignity to his position. He has devoted much of his time and thought to surgery, and in his practice is very successful. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church. William H. Estill, father of Dr. Estill, came from Kentucky at a very early day, and settled in Jackson Township, near Barnesville. His first wife was Elizabeth Hubbard, daughter of Colonel Hubbard, of Clay County, whom he married in 1838. They had seven children: John, Mary, Moses, James T., Erasmus, Alice and Lucy. Mrs. E. died in 1856. His second wife was Miss Mary Jane Denny, and to her he was married in 1858. By this union there were two children: Willie and Rufus. Mr. E. is one of the founders of the Presbyterian Church in Barnesville, in which he is very active. Having been among the first settlers here, he has always taken an interest in enterprises which were calculated to advance its growth.

### 5 JAMES W. EVANS,

farmer, section 20, was born September 7, 1814, in Dorchester County, Maryland. After receiving a limited education he learned the carriage trimmers' trade, and worked at it in several different States. In 1837 he was located at Charleston, South Carolina, when the city was nearly destroyed by fire. In the fall of 1844, he came to Clinton County, Missouri, where he bought a farm near Hainesville, and worked it for five years. Then sold out and lived for a time in the states of Maryland and North Carolina. Upon coming again to Hainesville Mr. E. hired out at seventy-five cents a day for a year. He also worked at his trade for several years, and then opened a boot and shoe store. Subsequently he acted as a clerk for a dry goods house. In 1855, he resumed his trade, and was engaged in operating a saddle and harness shop until 1875, having been very successful. In 1869, he bought 270 acres of land, where his son now lives. He also has 480 acres in Arkansas, near the Capital. In September, 1880, Mr. E. moved to his beautiful farm near Lathrop, where he had previously built and made substantial improvements. He owns 480 acres of choice land in his home farm. He has set out ten miles of hedge on the farm, and this divides his three-quarters of a section into forty acre lots. Mr. Evans, married Mary Eliza Hoggard, of North Carolina, February 8, 1844. They have three children: Mary Frances, (who married Mr. Frank Collins, a son of J. W. Collins, Register of Clay County, Missouri, and they live with Mr. Evans on the farm); John Henry, (was married August 11, 1877, at Hainesville); and William James, (who was born August 29, 1848, and married Caroline Gow, a daughter of Arthur Gow, of Clay County, in November, 1875). Mr. Evans was among the first settlers of



Hainesville, and was one of its most substantial business men. He operated a carding machine, bought stock, and was a general dealer for a long time. He is one of the respected citizens of Clinton County; is an honored member of the Christian Church, and is fully alive to its spiritual and temporal interests.

/ OSCAR D. FITZGERALD, M. D.,

the subject of this sketch, was born in Scott County, Kentucky, September 15, 1839, and in 1844 he came to Clay County, Missouri, where he received a good education. Having long cherished a desire to become a physician, with that end in view, he entered the office of Dr. Bernard, of Hainesville, one of the most able physicians of the county, and pursued a thorough course of study, and in 1872 he graduated at the St. Louis Medical College. He at once commenced the practice of his profession in Lathrop, where he has gained an enviable reputation, not only as a successful practitioner, but as one of the most enterprising and intelligent citizens of the city. He married Miss Sarah Belle Baker, of Clay County, in April, 1859, and by this union they have one daughter, Lizzie M., a cultured and refined young lady, who graduated at the Central Female College, at Lexington, Missouri, in the spring of 1881. The doctor is a leading and exemplary member of the M. E. Church, south. He is the president of the school board, and is foremost in promoting the interests of education and in the general improvements of the city. He has a fine residence, and has erected a good brick store building, in which he has his office and a well selected library. He is the counseling physician for miles around, is an eminent and successful surgeon, and his natural instinct and love for his profession render him an able practitioner. In 1881, he was elected president of the District Medical Society at Kansas City.

6 HERMAN HECK,

farmer and dealer in stock, was born in Baden, Germany, November 8, 1829, and came to this country in 1848, settling in New York, where he remained until 1851. He then started for California, but abandoned that idea upon reaching St. Joseph, Missouri, and there went to work at the carpenter's trade. After following this trade for awhile, he came to Hainesville, and there helped to build a house, continuing his chosen calling, buying and selling stock and land, until the war broke out. Mr. H. then enlisted in the Sixth Missouri Infantry, and remained in the service one year and a half, when he was wounded, and in consequence thereof was discharged, and returned to Leavenworth, Kansas. After the war closed, he came to Clinton County, and again resumed his former business, which he has followed principally all his life, and in which he



has been very successful. Mr. Heck has, by his own energy and perseverance, made a good competency, having a splendid farm, large herds of fine cattle and hogs, and is building a fine brick store in Lathrop. His great success is due to his fair dealing, economy and good judgment. He married Miss Molly M. Cooper, daughter of E. W. Cooper, of this township, May 1, 1870. They have five children: William Henry and Herman B., twins, born January 14, 1872; Orland O., born in 1874; Elmer C., born January, 1876, and Adrienne A. His landed interests embrace 455 acres of land in sections 35 and 36, in this township, and 160 acres in section 9, of Jackson Township.

### JOHN C. HOLLAND,

farmer and stock-raiser, section 33, post office Turney, is a native of Sevier County, Tennessee, and was born near Sevierville on the 28th day of June, 1820, is the son and fifth child of Benjamin Holland, a native of Tennessee, who was born in Cocke County, in the year 1794. He emigrated to Clay County, Missouri, in 1832, and, with his family, in 1835, moved to Platte County. He was a resident of Andrew County at the time of his death, having been murdered on account of his religious principles, on the 8th day of June, 1856. John C. began business for himself when twenty-one years of age. In 1841, he entered eighty acres of land in Platte County, which he improved, and, in 1846, enlisted in Company F., Second Regiment Missouri Volunteers, under Sterling Price. He served for fifteen months, then returned, commenced farming, and, in 1850, came to Clinton County, settling where he now resides. He owns a farm of 120 acres, well improved. Mr. Holland is a kind and generous citizen, and has always been actuated by the best and purest of motives. He is an active church member, and his heart and hand are in all good works, and his name is greatly revered by all. He has reared his family about a family altar, and made a pleasant and happy home amid the companionship of others, and is known by old and young, throughout the county, as "Uncle John." As a business man, beginning without capital, other than his own native abilities, and prompted by the ambition to become known as an upright, honorable and influential man, he has gradually risen to his present position. Mr. H. was married, August 4, 1848, to Miss Jane St. John. Their family consists of Mary C., Margaret L., Ben F., William T., Andrew J., John H., Minnie A., living, and Lyda J. and Tyafena B., deceased. They worship with the M. E. denomination.

### A. W. HOLLAND,

farmer, section 14, was born in East Tennessee, in 1833. His father, Benjamin Holland, moved to Clay County, Missouri, in 1835, and in





1837 located a claim of 200 acres in Platte County, and thus became one of the original settlers of the Platte Purchase. He was a Methodist in his religious preferences, and his home was often the abode of the early ministers; the first preaching in the Platte Purchase was held in his house, and also the first quarterly meeting. He was a leader in religious matters, always outspoken and honest, and loved the old flag of his forefathers. After the M. E. Church South was formed, he still continued his connection and love for the old church, and on that account was persecuted on every hand; in like manner was his pastor, the Rev. Wm. Sellers, now of the Missouri conference of the M. E. Church, treated. In March, 1856, in the village of Rochester, near his home, the latter was tarred by a mob and insulted in various ways, and Mr. Holland was shot and killed while sitting on the counter of a store. From these circumstances his son, the subject of this sketch, received his early impressions of right and wrong. The treatment and death of his sainted father will be something never to be forgotten by him. So he has grown to be a man positive in his conviction, doing what he knows to be right with all his might, and opposing wrong with the same earnest zeal. Mr. Holland received a good common school education in his youth, has always been a great reader, and now is among the best informed men of the county. His mother was the daughter of Colonel Warner, of Tennessee, who fought so nobly in the Revolutionary war. Mr. H. taught school one year in Andrew County, and in 1855 he settled in Nebraska City, where he engaged in trade. In 1859, he returned to Rock Port, Atchison County, Missouri, there buying a home. He remained there for two years, and in the fall of 1860 came to this county and located in Shoal Township. He bought a good farm, paying \$3,000 for it, commenced work, and at once took a front rank among our best farmers. In 1861, the Union men of his community formed a company of home guards in Mirabile, Caldwell County, remaining organized for six months. He then enlisted in the Sixth Missouri State Cavalry of the United States service, of which he was a member for over three years. On the 7th of April, 1864, on account of sickness he was mustered out, receiving an honorable discharge. He sold his farm and moved to Plattsburg, where he was engaged in trade until 1867, when he bought the farm on which he has since resided, and which embraces 160 acres of land. He has made many valuable improvements, and now has one of the most desirable homes in the vicinity. Mr. Holland is a leading Republican, and in 1869 was one of the eleven voters in the county for Lincoln—Mr. H. and his brother, Judge Estep, N. Potter, John R. Stevens and others. He has never been an office seeker, but has frequently been a delegate to conventions, and is a member of the county central committee. He was active in organizing the Garfield Club, which did so much for the Republican cause in the campaign. He mar-



ried Miss Sarah Hendix, of Iowa, in March, 1859. They have eight children, Florence, Winn, George F., Willis Z., Eddie J., Albert Kingsley, Rosa Mary, and Burk. Four are deceased.

### JESSE LONGFIELD, M. D.

The subject of this sketch was born in Pennsylvania, in September, 1838, and came to Missouri, with his father, in 1846. Upon resolving on the practice of medicine as his profession, he commenced reading in Jaynesville, and, at the same time, taught school to pay his way. He graduated from Milton College in 1861, and, after becoming a thorough student, he attended the Bennett Medical College, of Chicago, from which institution he was graduated in 1867. After practicing three years, in Illinois, he came to Turney, Clinton County, Missouri, in 1870, and here has built up an excellent practice. He is of the eclectic school, a good student, and keeps pace with the progress of the eclectic world, and is a liberal subscriber to the leading journals. He is constantly making himself familiar with new and progressive ideas. He is the oldest physician of the town, and has gained the confidence of a large circle of acquaintances. Dr. L. married Miss Mary Eliza Alloway, of Clinton County, May 18, 1871. They have had three children: Jim Forscutt, John Fred and Alice Lenor. The doctor is a member of the Church of the Latter Day Saints, and a gentleman whom one meets only to wish for a more extended acquaintance.

### 7 NIMROD LORD,

farmer, section 24, was born in South Carolina, September 15, 1814, and came to this county in 1866. He married Miss Nancy McCuller, in South Carolina, October 13, 1835. Ten children, the result of this marriage, are now living: Celia, Anne Elizabeth, John T., Benjamin B., Mary Eliza, William J., Nimrod S., Samuel A., Nancy J. and Mattie. Mr. Lord located on his farm when it was almost a prairie. He has worked hard to make the good improvements which it now contains, and now has a beautiful home, his estate embracing 160 acres adjoining the city corporation. Upon it is a fine old orchard of 200 trees, and two living springs. Mrs. Lord, his loving Christian companion, died February 16, 1880. Mr. L., now at an advanced age in life, is an active and industrious man, and has long been a faithful and efficient overseer of highways. He is a leading and consistent member of the M. E. Church, and takes an active interest in its meetings, contributing liberally to its support.

### WILLIAM McK. LOWE

was born in York County, Pennsylvania, November 15, 1833. He was reared a farmer, and received his education at the Allegheny College, in



Meadville, Pennsylvania. At the age of twenty-two he came west, and spent two years in teaching and traveling. His first school was at Breckenridge, Caldwell County, Missouri. He bought the first lot in that town after it was surveyed, and in 1861, entered the Twelfth Pennsylvania Reserves, under Colonel Taggart. They were assigned to the Army of the Potomac, and participated in many of its battles. Mr. L. received a commission, which he honored, always discharging his duties promptly and to the great satisfaction of his superior officers. At the close of the war he returned home, bought a farm and worked it until 1869, when, having business in California, he went there and remained for six months. He then returned to Pennsylvania, sold his farm, and came to Lathrop, January 1, 1870, here purchasing a drug store, which he continued to conduct until February, 1871. He then received an offer of a position in the railway postal service, which he accepted, and by his faithfulness, honesty and strict attention to its requirements and duties, has performed since. He has had many escapes, having been wrecked, turned over, and smashed up, but has always come out unharmed. Mr. L. is the owner of a fine farm of 200 acres, one mile from town. He also has some excellent city property, a good residence, and business houses. His resources were limited when he came here, but having been judicious in his transactions and economical, has now laid the foundation of a competency. He married Miss Hattie E. Lowe, of Baltimore, Maryland, in 1858. They have five children: Clyde B. and Guy B., (who are mining in Colorado, and doing well), Roy E., Blanche E. and Fred. Mc.

#### THOMAS MCROREY.

farmer, section 11, was born in Orange County, North Carolina, in June, 1808, and came to Clay County, Missouri, in the fall of 1840, here buying a farm. He remained upon it for twenty-eight years, and in the fall of 1868, he came to Clinton County, and bought the place where he now resides, containing eighty acres of good land. He married Miss Sally Prather (who was a sister of Mrs. Austin R. King), in North Carolina, in August, 1837. They have ten children living: John, Thomas, Austin T., Marticia Esteline, Elosia Madeline, Mary A., Susan M., Emery Francis, Nannie Kate and Joseph V. Mr. and Mrs. McR. are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and are universally respected by all who know them. They have raised a large family of children, who are nearly all married and settled in every part of the country. Mr. and Mrs. McR., in their declining years, can look back over their hardships, and trials, and successes, with pleasure, and are made to rejoice that their lives have not been failures.





## 3 ZACHARY T. MARTIN, M. D.,

was born in Winchester, Kentucky, October 4, 1847, and came to this city in December, 1880. He received a good education in Kentucky, and studied medicine under the tutorship of A. S. Allen, M. D., of Winchester, Kentucky, in 1864. Subsequently, he attended lectures at Jefferson College, in Philadelphia, from which institution he was graduated in March, 1867. He practiced in Louisville, Kentucky, for two years, but on account of the poor health of his wife, he moved to Beattyville, Kentucky, and there resumed the practice of his profession until 1875. Dr. M. again attended a course of lectures at his old Alma Mater, and in the summer of 1876, he returned to his home in Winchester, and entered into active practice with Dr. Sympton. There they were very successful for some four years. After stopping in Hamilton, Ohio, for a few months, Dr. Martin having a desire for the western country, came to this city and opened an office, and is now receiving a very liberal and satisfactory patronage. He is a physician of undoubted skill, and occupies a prominent place in the estimation of his brother practitioners. He married Miss Mattie Hampton, of Winchester, Kentucky, in 1867. He is fast gaining the confidence and respect of the people.

## 4 DANIEL MILLER,

lumber merchant, was born in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, March 13, 1852, and was brought up with a mercantile experience, receiving a good business education. He embarked in business in Green Springs, Pennsylvania, where he continued until 1861, when he sold out and entered the One Hundred and Fifty-eighth Pennsylvania Infantry Regiment, commanded by Colonel Foster. He was quartermaster and commissary of the regiment, and, after serving for two and a half years, he received an honorable discharge. He then returned to Pennsylvania, and in 1870, came to this county, buying a farm near this city, upon which he remained until 1873, when he came to Lathrop. In 1879, he took charge of the lumber business of Harriman & Waples. The old yard of O. M. Comfort & Co. was purchased by the present firm in 1878. From a small beginning, this yard has increased with the growth of the city, until now it is selling over \$30,000 worth of lumber annually. They keep a full stock of sash, doors, blinds, etc. Mr. Miller is well known, and his manner of doing business calls forth the admiration of all. He married Miss Salina C. Wagoner, in Pennsylvania, in 1858. They have two children, Alfred and Mervin. Alfred is a carpenter by trade, and Mervin is clerking in a store. Mr. Miller is one of the leading business men here, full of enterprise and energy. He has been a member of the school board for some time.



## ABRAHAM NEELY,

a son of Abraham Neely and Hannah, *nee* Dill, was born on the 31st day of March, 1809, on a farm, near Little Flats, Herkimer County, New York, and, with his parents, moved to the western part of the state, in 1825. After acquiring a common school education, in 1831, he entered Lawn Seminary, at Walnut Hill, Cincinnati, Ohio, in which he remained for two years. In 1833, he and sixty others left the institution on account of the anti-slavery question. He then entered Oberlin College, in Lorain County, remaining as a student till 1834. He then spent some two years at the Utica Institute, New York, and afterwards returned to Oberlin College, and continued therein for one year. Going to Galesburg, Illinois, Mr. N. engaged in the door and sash business, and, in 1870, came to Clinton County, Missouri, and purchased his present farm, consisting of eighty acres of finely improved land, surrounded by an osage hedge. He was married, on the 15th day of June, 1836, to Miss Charlotte Johnson, a native of New York, born October 4, 1815. She died October 3, 1842, leaving three children: Edwin, Charlotte and Ann M. Mr. N.'s second marriage occurred the 23d day of April, 1843, to Miss Eliza Pratt, a native of Massachusetts, who was born February 11, 1809. She died on the 7th day of March, 1881, leaving two children, Sarah P. and Eliza Julia. All of the family are church members.

## ALBERT J. OREM,

druggist and Mayor of Lathrop. Among the many worthy citizens of this city, none are entitled to more respect than the subject of this sketch. He was born in Porter County, Indiana, March 2, 1851, and received his early training on a farm. He acquired a good education, mainly by his own exertions, and when only fifteen years old commenced teaching. He afterwards took a regular course at the State Normal School, which further qualified him for a successful instructor. He was afterward employed in teaching for ten years, always commanding the best schools and the largest compensation. His father, Joshua Orem, moved with his family to Caldwell County, Missouri, in 1858, and is now one of the old and respected citizens of that locality, where he is engaged in general merchandising. In 1875, Albert J. came to this place, then a small town, and in 1876, embarked in the drug business. He now carries a complete stock, and is in possession of a liberal patronage, which he justly merits. When the city was organized, in April, 1881, he was unanimously elected the first mayor. In politics he is a staunch Republican. As mayor he endeavors to do his whole duty, carefully noticing that just ordinances are enacted and that they are respected. Mr. O. married



Miss Martha A. Lealer, of Ray County, Missouri, in July, 1872. By this union they have three sons: Walter C., Frank M. and Archie C. He is an active member of the Baptist Church.

### RUFUS PATCH,

is a native of Groton, Massachusetts. His early home was in the neighborhood of the battlefields of Lexington and Concord, and in the same county as Bunker Hill and the city of Lowell. Wachusett and Monadnock Mountains were in the distant horizon, and Lawrence Academy was a source of culture within easy reach. At the age of seven years, he was left an orphan, and found a home for the next eight years in the families of neighboring farmers. At Randolph Academy, Orange County, Vermont, he began his course of instruction in the Latin and Greek languages, and entered Western Reserve College, near Cleveland, Ohio, at the age of eighteen years. After graduation, in 1841, he taught a year in the institution, and soon after found his way to Marshall, Michigan, where he had charge of the preparatory department of Marshall College for nearly two years. In 1844, he was called to the principalship of La Grange Collegiate Institute, in La Grange County, Indiana, a situation which he held during nearly twenty-eight years, not including absences at different times, aggregating six years. In 1857-8, he spent a year at Lane Theological Seminary, near Cincinnati, Ohio, and subsequently was pastor of churches at Centralia and Concord, Illinois. His connection with La Grange Collegiate Institute was finally closed in April, 1878. For a third of a century the institution had been to the neighboring counties a nursery of teachers for the public schools—the first teachers' institute in the state having been held in its school room in 1846, and conducted by its principal. Under its influence the public school system came to the front, established its own institutes and Normal schools, and in process of time, it closed all the private institutions within a radius of forty miles, recognizing this to the last, as an illustration of "the survival of the fittest." It survived the business prosperity of the village, on the borders of which it was located, and closed its work only when its mission was manifestly completed. Removing to Lathrop in May, 1878, Mr. Patch purchased the Monitor in the following November, and has been its proprietor and editor for over three years. In February, 1880, he became pastor of the Plymouth Church, in Lathrop, and for the last nine months has held a similar relation to the Congregational Church, at Kingston, Caldwell County. For a term of six years, he was a member of the board of visitors of the Congregational Theological Seminary, at Chicago. In November last, by special appointment, he preached the annual sermon before the State Association of Congregational Churches, at their meeting in Brookfield. He has one of the





largest miscellaneous libraries in the county. Mrs. Mary D. Patch is a native of Newburyport, Massachusetts, and a graduate of Worcester Female College. After teaching at Almira College, at Alton, and at Champaign, Illinois, nearly five years, she was, during two years, principal of the ladies' department of the Baptist State Institution, at New London, New Hampshire, and subsequently held a similar position at Lawrence Academy, and La Grange Collegiate Institute. Mrs. Julia B. McKinlay, wife of Rev. George A. McKinlay, of Gallatin, Missouri, is a daughter of Mr. Patch, by a previous marriage. Mary Lydia Patch is a daughter of Rufus and Mrs. Mary D. Patch.

#### WILLIAM M. PLEAS,

farmer and stock dealer, section 26, was born in Columbus, Ohio, June 15, 1830. He received a good common education, and, with the family, came to Illinois in 1842, and in 1858, he settled in Leavenworth Kansas. He first engaged in the livery business, which he carried on for several years, in the mean time, building a store. He next embarked in merchandising. Full of enterprise, and anxious for government work, he purchased teams and outfits, and engaged in government transportation to Denver, Fort Laramie and Salt Lake City, continuing this until 1861, when he took a contract, from the government, to supply horses and mules to Fort Leavenworth. He thus continued through the war, after which he at once commenced freighting on a large scale. In 1866, he started, with a train of supplies, for Salt Lake. Arriving at Fort Casper, on the North Platte, his whole train was pressed into government service, his wagons were used for lumber, and he also lost 100 head of cattle of his train, and was left in this crippled condition in that far off region. For this loss, Mr. P. has a just claim now before congress. In 1862, he bought a steamboat and commenced in the cotton trade, from Memphis, down the river. After making several successful trips, his boat was taken by the United States officers, and sunk. Previous to this, in 1859, he had taken the first train load of goods to Denver City, then a small town of three or four houses, which he sold out in two weeks, to the miners, and returned home. In 1867, with two other gentlemen, he bought the Planters Hotel, in Leavenworth, Kansas, paying for it, \$100,000. In 1868, he bid off the government contract to deliver 25,000 head of beef cattle for the northern supply. The contract was declared his, yet, by some technicality, was not allowed. His hotel proved to be a serious loss, financially, as the town grew away from it, and other hotels were erected. Mr. P. became convinced, by this time, that a good farm in Clinton County was better, to depend upon, than any speculation. Consequently, he settled on the old Tillery farm, the second farm opened on the prairie, and one of the best located, as it



adjoins Lathrop on the west, along the Pleasant Ridge. He has now 240 acres under fence and well cultivated, and is an extensive dealer in stock, making it a specialty. He also feeds 100 head of cattle a year, and in this important branch has been very fortunate. Mr. Pleas' life has been an eventful one, and, although having met with many losses, he has, during later years, prospered, and is now one of the solid men of the county. He married Miss A. Gordon, of Clay County, in 1862. They have eight children: Carrie Mary, Willie, Walter, Lela, Freddie, Darzey, Sally and Eddie. Mrs. Pleas' father, the Hon. Thomas Gordon, of Clay County, Missouri, was born in Kentucky, and came to Clay County in an early day. He was a large dealer and raiser of stock. He took an active part in politics, was a member of the legislature for three years, and manifested great interest in its deliberations. He was one of Clay County's most wealthy and honored men, and died during the session of the legislature, in 1870. Mrs. Pleas received her education at Camden Point, where she was graduated.

### LEWIS JACKSON ROGERS,

farmer, section 26, was born in Clay County, East Tennessee, October 24, 1803, and came to this state in 1841. Uncle Lew., as he is familiarly called, is one of those genial old gentlemen who are appreciated in every locality. Honest, high minded and noble, disdaining a mean act, he lives, in his extreme age, enjoying the result of the principles he has ever lived to maintain. His father was a preacher, and presiding elder of the M. E. Church and a warm friend of General Jackson, and was his chaplain and spiritual adviser all through his campaigns. He died in 1836. Lewis J. bought his father's farm, on which he remained until he came west. He settled first in Platte County, and five years later on account of sickness in his family, he located in Lathrop Township, where he improved a fine farm and reared his family. His estate embraces 240 acres of good land. Mr. Rogers married Elizabeth Carr, of Claiborne County, Tennessee, November 6, 1824. Twelve children were the result of this marriage, six of whom are living: William, David, Rueben, Sarah, John C., and Mary. Sarah was married to James Strickland August 23, 1861, and they have five children, Molly, James, Ida, Emma, and Andrew J. Mrs. L. J. Rogers died February 8, 1868, aged sixty-two years. His son, John C. Rogers, was born June 19, 1841, in Tennessee, and received a good education at the William Jewell College. He settled in Beaver Head County, Montana, where is one of the leading men of the territory. He was elected senator in the legislature, and has ever taken a deep interest in the improvements of the territory. Mr. Lewis Rogers is a lineal descendant of John Rogers, who was



burned at the stake. Like him, he has always been a positive Christian, and a member of the M. E. Church. He has taken a great interest in promoting the advancement of religion, and now his main comfort is living after the principle inherited from his father.

### R. B. ROGERS,

farmer and cattle feeder, section 14, post office Lathrop, is a native of Knoxville, Claiborne County, Tennessee, and was born on the 29th day of October, 1832. When ten years of age he, with his parents, moved to Platte County, Missouri, in 1842, and remained there till 1848, when he came to Clinton County, settling in section 25. Here he assisted on the farm till about 1868. When sixteen years of age he had begun speculating on his own account, and before becoming of age had done much business in this line, principally in the northern counties of Missouri. In 1861, he became a member of an independent cavalry company. In 1862, engaged in the cattle trade quite extensively. During the rebellion he was an active politician, being a staunch Republican. He is a good illustration of what economy and perseverance can accomplish; having began in life with small means, and having been prudent in his expenditures, he richly merits the success which has attended his career. He found a wife in the person of Miss Nanna Allnut, whom he married in October, 1872. Their family consists of six children: Minnie, Daisy, Maggie, Richard, Ellen and Willard.

### DR. J. V. SCRUGGS.

section 13, post office Lathrop, was born in Scott County, Kentucky, and was raised at Warsaw, Gallatin County, some seven miles from Georgetown. He received an excellent education, and is a master of the Latin and German languages. Having long had a taste for the medical profession, he commenced reading in 1848 with Drs. Chambers and Baldwin, of Georgetown, Kentucky, with whom he continued until 1851. In the winter of 1851-2 he attended lectures at Jefferson College, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and there continued reading, in 1858, moving to Greenville, Clay County, Missouri. He was there engaged in the practice of his profession till the summer of 1860, when he returned to Kentucky and graduated from the Kentucky State Medical University in 1861. Upon coming to Missouri, he located at Hainesville, Clinton County, and devoted his time to his chosen profession, and in 1870 moved to Kearney, Clay County, where he practiced till 1880. At that time Dr. Scruggs moved to his present place of abode. He was united in marriage in February, 1852, to Miss H. S. Frank, a native of Ken-





tucky, born on the 25th of March, 1832. They have two children, C. D., and Jennie V. The family are members of the Christian Church. Their estate consists of 100 acres of well improved land, situated within one-half mile of the city of Lathrop.

### WILLIAM A. SEATON,

farmer and stock raiser, section 18, post office Lathrop, is one among the leading farmers of Clinton County. He is a native of Tennessee, and was born on the 15th day of November, 1833. He resided in his native state until the age of nine years, when, with his parents, he moved to Daviess County, Missouri, in 1842, and there remained till 1843. He then settled in Platte County, and in 1851, moved to Clinton County, where he assisted his parents in cultivating the farm till 1855, when he apprenticed himself to Thomas Palmer, for the purpose of learning the carpenter's trade. After working some six months under that gentleman, he entered into partnership with him, they continuing as a firm for three years. Into whatever Mr. Seaton undertakes, he throws his whole energy, and to this end his success may be largely attributed. On the 11th day of April, 1858, he was married to Miss Tabitha Ann St. John. After his marriage, Mr. Seaton purchased a farm, and has devoted his time to improving it. His estate comprises 250 acres of land, the result of his own industry and good management. Mr. and Mrs. S. have a family of eight children: Thomas I., Nancy J., Francis M., William H., Solomon I., Adelia M., Lulu B. and Charles G. They are members of the M. E. Church.

### MONROE I. SIMPSON,

farmer and stock raiser, section 4, post office Lathrop, is a native of Warren County, Kentucky, and was born on the 3d day of January, 1844. He lived in that county until the age of sixteen years. His father having died, when Monroe was two years old, in 1859, with his mother, he came to Clinton County, Missouri, and settled where he now resides, purchasing a farm, which he improved. Mrs. Simpson here reared her family, and deserves great credit for the manner in which she brought them up, giving them the benefits of a good education. Mr. Monroe Simpson is a man of good moral principles, industrious and an excellent manager. He is very positive in character and possesses indomitable will and energy, which never yields even to the most adverse circumstances. He was married on the 4th day of January, 1872, to Miss Telitha J. Walker, who was born on the 6th day of March, 1848. She is a native of Clinton County, Missouri. Their family consists of two children: Albert D., born March 2, 1874; and Williard M., born March 17, 1878. Mr. and Mrs. Simpson are both church members.



## A. C. SMITH,

farmer and stock raiser, the oldest son of ex-Governor George Smith, is a native of Columbiana, Ohio, and was born in 1836, on a farm. At the age of nine years, he, with his parents, moved to Caldwell County, Missouri, in 1845, settling on a farm. A. C. attended school during the winters, and assisted his father on the farm in the summer months. At the age of twenty-two he entered the Eclectic College, at Hiram, Portage County, Ohio, in which institution he remained, diligently pursuing his studies, for one year. Returning to Missouri, he was engaged in farming until 1861, when he enlisted in Company A, Sixth Missouri Volunteer Infantry, and served for thirteen months. He was also a member of the Thirteenth Missouri Volunteer Infantry, with which regiment he served one year. In 1866, he was united in marriage with Miss Jennie J. Smaly, a native of Cincinnati, Ohio. They have seven children: William C., Edwin M., Blanch I., Llewellyn, George L., Clara B. and Roy. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are both church members.

## A. T. STAPLES,

farmer, stock raiser and dealer, section 1, was born in Champaign County, Ohio, June 30, 1836. His father moved to Michigan, where he lived for several years, and then took up his abode with his family, in Indiana, where he died, in 1844. In 1854, the subject of this sketch went to California, remaining until 1861, when he returned to Indiana. In 1868, he came to Clinton County, Missouri. Here he bought a portion of the farm he now owns, and has been adding to it, from time to time, until it now embraces 367 acres. He has been a hard working man, has dealt largely in stock, and in feeding the same has succeeded beyond his most sanguine hopes. Mr. S. is one of the thorough, substantial farmers in the township, and has done much towards its improvement. His farm land is stocked with the best of blooded cattle and hogs. He married Miss V. A. Foodray, of Fulton County, Indiana, in 1866. They have three children, Willie C., Eda O., Malta Laverna. Mr. S. and his brother-in-law, Simon Bickle, who died some time since, both settled on section 1, of this township, at one time owning nearly all of that section. The latter was one of the most enterprising men in this vicinity.

## EBENEZER STEEL,

farmer, section 2, was born in Green County, Ohio, April 6, 1821. He received a good education and was brought up as a farmer, after which he bought the old homestead, there living for fifty years. In 1876, he exchanged the old farm for his home in Clinton County, Missouri, upon which he immediately moved. This he has greatly improved, and



now owns 280 acres of land. As a stock farm it is unsurpassed by any in the county. Mr. Steel, although not an old settler in the county, has made many friends here by his steady habits and obliging nature. He married Miss Catharine Shirey in Warren County, Ohio, May 19, 1842. They have five children living, Henry E., Joseph Granville, Warren Butler, Ebenezer C., and Oliver P. Morton. Five died while in infancy. John W., his eldest son, was a member of Company E, Ninety-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He passed through nine hard fought battles, and during the last one, which was at Buzzard's Roost, he fell bravely defending the old flag. Melvin D., aged twenty-four, died in this county in August, 1876. Mr. Steel has belonged to the German Reformed Church for forty years. He is a consistent Christian and a liberal supporter to its treasury. In politics he has always been a republican.

### 3 MASON SUMMERS

was born in Montgomery County, Kentucky, February 6, 1801. His paternal grandfather and parents moved from Virginia to Kentucky in 1791. His father, John Summers, volunteered in the patriot army at the age of sixteen, and was present at the surrender of Cornwallis. His grandfather died, in Kentucky, at the advanced age of one hundred and nineteen years. At the age of one hundred and ten years, he voted at an election in Mount Sterling, Montgomery County, Kentucky. Mason was the eighth of a family of twelve children, seven sons and five daughters. The two eldest were born in Virginia; the others in Kentucky. He left May's Lick, Mason County, his home in Kentucky, on the 8th of September, 1836, and reached Clay County, Missouri, October 15, following. He continued to reside there till the spring of 1849, when he moved to a locality in Clinton County, within two and a half miles of what is now the town of Lathrop, where he owned a farm of 1,120 acres. He continued to farm there, on a large scale, for the period of seven years. In 1856, he moved to Hainesville, in Jackson Township, where, in partnership with James P. Gee, he opened the largest stock of goods ever offered for sale in the place. They continued to operate till the civil war compelled them to suspend and wrecked their fortunes. In the spring of 1875, he moved to Lathrop, where he has since continued to reside. December 4, 1823, he was married to Miss Maria Bell, a daughter of Daniel Bell, of Virginia. They had ten children, four sons and six daughters. Of these (in 1881) two sons, James Mason and John T., and two daughters, Mrs. Matilda Peters and Laura Summers, survive. One son, Aaron M. Summers, a youth of rare gifts of intellect, was graduated in Bethany College with high honors in the class of 1857, and died shortly after from the effects of intense mental applica-





tion. In 1828, Mr. Summers united with the Baptist Church at May's Lick, Kentucky. He was among the earliest to unite with the Christian Church, of which he has ever since continued to be an active and zealous member, and a prominent and liberal supporter. In his generation one of the wealthiest men in this section of country, in the closing days of his advanced age he bears the reverses of fortune with a cheerful resignation.

### JOHN THOMAS SUMMERS

was born in Clay County, Missouri, November 24, 1842. At the age of eight years he came to Clinton County, Missouri, with his father, Mason Summers. He obtained a good business education, chiefly by his own exertions, and at the age of seventeen he enlisted in the Confederate army, serving until the close of the war. He participated in several hard fought battles; was promoted to lieutenant for meritorious conduct; afterwards commanded a company, and was a general favorite with all the men of his regiment. He received a wound at the battle of Blakely. Mr. S. is entitled to great credit for the care with which he has watched over his aged parents, his father now being in his eighty-first year. John remains unmarried.

### 4 OLIVER B. SWEAT,

saddle and harness maker, was born in Ray County, Missouri, June 19, 1849, and when four years of age his father moved to Hainesville, Clinton County. At the age of fourteen, he was apprenticed to James W. Evans, of Hainesville, to learn the saddle and harness trade, with whom he remained for six years, learning the business thoroughly. In 1871 and 1872, he worked for Israel Landis, proprietor of the oldest establishment of that kind in St. Joseph, and in 1879, started his shop in Lathrop, where he has founded his business on a firm basis. His great success in life is due to his industry, integrity and economy. His is a good illustration for young men to study, who are just starting out in life with limited means. He has accumulated a good house, and recently purchased a fine business lot. Mr. S. is an exemplary member of the Christian Church, and also belongs to the Masonic Lodge. He married Miss Lizzie Reed, January 28, 1875. She was from Pike County, Missouri. They have two children, Allie and Fred.

### HARLAN P. THOMPSON

was born in Chenango County, New York, September 29, 1841. He was brought up on a farm, receiving a good education, and in 1861, at the breaking out of the rebellion, he enlisted as a private, in September, in



Company A, Tenth New York Cavalry, and served under Sheridan; he was promoted to lieutenant, and for meritorious conduct was brevetted captain. In a terrible engagement on the 24th of June, 1864, he received a severe wound in his hip, which has since troubled him more or less. He received an honorable discharge, after which, in 1869, he came to Kidder, Caldwell County, Missouri, where he settled and engaged in farming and the nursery business. In the spring of 1877, Mr. T. came to Lathrop and engaged in working with George Patch, who was station agent at this city. After being employed in the depot for three years, he commenced business with Messrs. Muat & Benton, livery and sale stable, as their superintendent, having full charge of their livery business. His well known business qualities and his familiarity with this calling renders him a desirable man for the position he occupies.

### JAMES TILLERY,

farmer and stock grower, section 26, was born in Woodford County, Kentucky, July 3d, 1818, and came to Clay County, Missouri, in 1821, with his father, James Tillery, they settling in that locality. In 1844, young James came to Clinton County, and bought his claim on which he has since resided, and which contains 180 acres of land. He married Miss Julia Ann Carter, of this county, but formerly of Kentucky, in 1846. They have three children living: Mary, John P. and William. When Mr. T. commenced business his property consisted of nothing but a pony. Possessed of a determination and will that knew no failing, he worked hard, made needed improvements, and soon was blessed with the necessary comforts of life. He now has a good farm, raises considerable grain and some stock. He was brought up in the faith of a Baptist, and now has two brothers Baptist preachers, and one a Methodist preacher. Mr. T. is universally respected, and has always endeavored to make himself useful and set before the young a good example. The years 1842 and 1843 he spent in the Rocky Mountains, for his health, hunting most of the time. Having regained his health, he returned, and is as active as most young men. His daughter is married, and his two sons are living on the home farm.

### 5 THOMAS H. BENTON TURNER,

attorney at law, was born in Sumner County, Tennessee, October 14, 1833. His father, Samuel R. Turner, was a native of Virginia, and moved to Clay County, Missouri, in 1833, settling near Liberty, where he bought a large farm, and also 700 acres in Jackson County. Young Thomas was there raised and received a common education, after which he took a regular course at the William Jewell College. This he com-



pleted in 1855 and then came to Clinton County, opening the first school taught in the Dale school house. He has followed teaching in this county for eighteen years, and has had experience for about eight years in the mercantile trade in Missouri, Illinois and Kentucky. In 1869, he returned to this locality and resumed teaching. He studied law while at college and was admitted to practice in 1867 at Owenton, Kentucky. He was there engaged in the practice of his profession for two years. Since 1872, he has taught school, practiced law, etc., in Lathrop, and is now (1881) agent for the Racine School Furniture Company, of Chicago. Mr. T. has been twice married. His first wife died in 1858, leaving two sons, Samuel R. and Thomas J. His second wife was Laura B. Brook- ing, to whom he was married in July, 1859. They had three daughters, Lizzie, Gertrude, and Rosie. Mrs. Turner died July 15, 1879. Mr. T. is an active member of the Christian Church. In his law practice he has an enviable record. His arguments are sharp and to the point, and he occupies a prominent position among his fellow practitioners.

### 5 SHERMAN J. WAFUL.

farmer, stock raiser and dealer, is the owner of 500 acres of land, a portion of which, together with his residence, is on section 26. He was born in Jefferson County, New York, August 25, 1830, and came west in 1852, stopping at Kansas City and Westport for two years. He then removed to Kansas, being one of the early settlers of that state, and was a resident at Coon Point in 1854, and of Lecompton in 1855. During this time he was in various branches of business, his health not permitting him to engage actively in any one calling. In 1858, he came to Plattsburg, although he had previously been there in 1855, with the intention of making it his home. In 1861, he started in the livery business on a large scale, which he continued until 1868, when he sold out. Mr. Waful was the first one to run a hack, and to carry the mail and express from Plattsburg to Lathrop. This business he followed until the railroad was finished in 1861. In 1860, he went to Colorado for his health, roughing it for six months, when he returned. He was county assessor of Clinton County for the years 1871-2, discharging the duties of that office with ability, and to the satisfaction of all. In 1868, he bought his present farm of Jack Summers, of Clay County, which he immediately commenced cultivating, making needed improvements, such as buying stock, farming implements, etc. He has farmed on an extensive scale, has fed large herds of cattle and hogs, and in all his undertakings he has been very fortunate. His residence is one of the best in the county. He is a democrat in politics, but has never been an office seeker. He has been a Mason and Odd Fellow for many years. Mr. W. married Miss Emeline Powell, January 18, 1866. They have eight children:





Charles C., James H., Elizabeth E., Sherman J., Jr., Mary B., Mordecai Oliver, John and Josie E.

#### A. WATSON,

farmer and stock raiser, section 25, post office Mirabile. The subject of this sketch, was born on the 5th day of July, 1835, on a farm. After completing his common school studies, he received the advantages of a good academical education, at Republic. He afterwards taught for a number of years, and, during that time, earned an excellent reputation as a thorough and competent instructor. In 1878, he purchased his present farm of 220 acres of land, which is well improved. He was married on the 20th day of November, 1862, to Miss Mary E. Wilhite, a daughter of Samuel Whillhite, an old pioneer of Clinton County. Their family consists of Mamie E., Mary B., Carrie D., William O., Clinton E., Evellyn S., Blanche and Christina L.

#### 4 BRYANT WELSH,

farmer and cattle feeder, section 29, post office Lathrop, is a native of Crawford County, Ohio, and was born on a farm, on the 15th day of March, 1834. He received a good education, and spent his early life in assisting his father to drive cattle over the mountains to Philadelphia markets. At the age of twenty-one years he began business for himself by engaging in farming and stock speculations. In 1858, he closed out his affairs in Ohio, and moved to Knox County, Illinois, locating near Galesburg, where he purchased 160 acres of unimproved land. This he continued to cultivate, in connection with the stock business, until 1868, when he disposed of his property, and came to Clinton County, Missouri. He settled where he now resides, and is the owner of about 400 acres of well improved land. He is popular and agreeable with all; is quiet and unostentatious, and in business matters he stands prominent for his unswerving integrity and stability. Mr. Welsh was married on the 1st day of March, 1853, to Miss Margaret Stuckey, a native of Bedford County, Pennsylvania. Their family consists of Anna, George S., Harry M., Albert and Margaret, living, and Alice E., Jane and Emma, deceased.

#### 3 J. S. WILSON,

lumber merchant, was born in Logan County, Illinois, in 1833. The elder Wilson came to Grundy County, Missouri, while his family were young, and bought a farm on which they were reared and educated. After receiving an excellent education, J. S. Wilson entered a store, as clerk, where he received a good business experience. He opened an establishment at Spring Hill, Livingston County, where he remained for

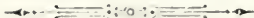


six years. In the spring of 1869, he came to this city, engaging in the lumber business, and has built up a trade which, though constantly increasing, has kept pace with the growth of the town, and the demands of the people. Mr. W. has been a member of the school board for two years, and has been greatly interested in building up the schools of the city. To him much credit is due for the erection of the beautiful school building, which is the pride of the city. Having been an early settler, he has done much to shape the enterprises of the city. His business has grown till it is one of the largest and most important in Lathrop. By his straightforward dealing, he has gained the confidence of the community, and has become one of its honored citizens. He married Miss Mary E. Miller, in Livingston County, in 1858. They have five children: Walter Scott, Lizzie, Leon, Mollie and Lena.





# ADDENDA.



## CONCORD TOWNSHIP.



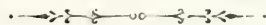
### THOMAS G. BARTON.

Thomas G. Barton, the fourth son of Dennis and Catherine Barton, was born in Listowel, Ireland, on the 2d day of December, 1843. His father emigrated to America, in 1848, and located in Bourbon County, Kentucky. He resided there till November, 1854, when he moved to La Salle County, Illinois. Thomas attended the public school at La Salle until the age of eighteen years, when he entered St. Vincent's College, at Cape Girardeau, Missouri, where he remained three years. Upon leaving college, his intention was to go to Kansas and follow agricultural pursuits, but, visiting Clinton County, in the spring of 1868, he concluded to sojourn, for a time, with friends. He was finally persuaded to become a resident of the county, and, soon after his arrival, taught one of the public schools for a period of nine months. In 1870, he became a candidate for circuit clerk, which position he filled for four years in a creditable manner to himself, and with great acceptance to the people. In October, 1874, he married Miss Clara A., daughter of David Holladay, of Weston, Platte County, Missouri. By this union they have had three children, two of whom, Maud Anna and Benjamin, are now living. David Dennis dying when about eighteen months old. After his marriage, Mr. Barton turned his attention to speculating in real estate. In October, 1878, he opened a grocery store in Plattsburg, and continued in that business until April, 1880. In January, 1880, he began the publication of the Purifier, a weekly newspaper, at Plattsburg, with C. J. Nesbitt, withdrawing from the firm about August following. In May, 1881, he accepted a position as traveling salesman for James Walsh & Co., wholesale liquor dealers, at St. Joseph, Missouri. He is at this time (1881) still in their employ. Mr. Barton is a genial, liberal-hearted man, his unsuspecting and confiding nature sometimes causing him to lose sight of his own interest, in his desire to assist friends.





## SHOAL TOWNSHIP.



### JAMES H. FRAME,

third of a family of seven children, is a son of James and Mary Frame. He was born near Paisley, Scotland, January 17, 1856. When less than a year old he came with his parents to the United States, settling first near Burlington, Iowa. After a year's residence there, he moved with his parents to Hannibal, Missouri, where he resided till 1867, when he moved to Cameron, Missouri, where he received his education chiefly. At the age of twelve years he entered the printing office of the Cameron Observer, then edited by J. S. Hake, and here acquired a knowledge of the art of printing. He continued to pursue this calling, working on different papers in Missouri, Iowa, and Illinois. In 1876, he returned to Cameron and started the Vindicator, which he now (1881) publishes as a daily and weekly. He married in St. Louis, Missouri, June 2, 1879, Miss Emma C. Caldwell, of Vermillion County, Illinois. Her parents are George L. and Matilda Caldwell. Mr. Frame has displayed unusual enterprise in his business, and is now the successful publisher of the first and only daily newspaper ever started in Cameron.

### JUDGE ELIJAH THOMAS WALKER,

a representative citizen of the town of Cameron, was born in Clinton County, Ohio, January 1, 1844. He is the only child of Elijah Walker, and was born after the death of his father. His mother's maiden name was Nancy J. Rannels. She died in New Antioch, Ohio, in 1860. The early opportunities enjoyed by her only son were such as were afforded in the common schools of his neighborhood. He soon, however, displayed that spirit of enterprise and power of application which has resulted in ranking him with the successful business-men of his county. At the early age of thirteen years, he took his first step in the active battle of life, and engaged as a clerk in a country store, at a salary of eight and one-third dollars per month. He then attended the high school of Martinsville, Ohio, and, subsequently, took a course in Barlett's Commercial College, Cincinnati. During the following winter he taught a district school in his own state. Teaching, however, was not destined to be the business of his life. The taste for mercantile pursuits, fostered in early youth, soon developed a success which determined his future



course. Tempted by the voice of rumor, which early proclaimed in his hearing the vast and varied resources of the distant west, and more especially the growing importance of Western Missouri, he determined to try his fortune in the great land of promise and on the 12th day of April, 1865, landed in Cameron, Missouri. Soon after his arrival, he entered the service of the Hannibal and St. Joseph Railroad Company, in the capacity of telegraph operator, agent, etc. Here he remained three years. During that period he held an interest in the lumber and agricultural implement business as a member of the firm of C. E. Packard & Co. The business of this firm soon increased to such an extent that Mr. Walker was forced to relinquish his railroad agency, and devote his entire attention to his mercantile business. Shortly after, the firm changed, becoming Walker & Shaw, dealers in lumber, building material and agricultural implements, and doing the largest business of the kind in the city. His accuracy as a business man, coupled with his ever sustained reputation for integrity, no less than his frank address and unassuming demeanor, have secured Mr. Walker friends among men of all classes, and achieved for him a success which few, with his otherwise unaided opportunities, have succeeded in accomplishing. In the summer of 1869, he visited Danville, Illinois, where, on the 15th of June of the same year, he married Miss Cornelia A. Caldwell, daughter of George L. Caldwell, Esq., of that city. He soon after returned with his bride to Cameron. June 14, 1871, their only child, Jennie R. Walker, was born. On the resignation of Judge Cooper, Mr. Walker was, unsolicited by himself, appointed April 5, 1870, by Governor McClurg, to the vacancy thus occasioned on the county bench. The same popularity which marked his private life characterized his official career. In April, 1875, Judge Walker was elected a member of the town board of trustees. He was re-elected to the same position four times, serving uninterruptedly a period of five years. He also filled the position of city treasurer. January 1, 1875, Judge Walker purchased of his present partner, Captain J. S. Rogers, a half interest in the Park Bank, of Cameron, one of the reliable institutions of this county, and has since devoted his attention to this interest. He is a prominent and active member of the Masonic order in Cameron, and has filled successively the positions of Worshipful Master of Cameron Lodge No. 296, A. F. and A. M., High Priest of Cameron Royal Arch Chapter No. 67, and Thrice Illustrious Master of a Council of Royal and Select Masters. He has also been Junior Warden of Kadosh Commandery of Knights Templar, which was originally established in Hamilton, Caldwell County, and moved thence to Cameron. Judge Walker is also a member of the convention of Anointed High Priests of the state.

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