

HISTORY
of
BOURBON, SCOTT,
HARRISON, & NICHOLAS
COUNTIES, KENTUCKY

of 230 acres occurred, when the two sons, Anson and Jeff, purchased from the other heirs their interests in the old homestead upon which they lived and did business together until 1877, when they dissolved partnership, our subject becoming the possessor of a new and elegant home, and 270 acres of choice land at Plum Lick, where he now resides in bachelorhood.

B. F. CROUCH, farmer; P. O. Plum Lick. The early Crouch ancestry of our subject were of English-Welsh descent; came to this country at a very early date, and were among the prominent families near Richmond, Va. His great-grandfather, John Crouch, with his son, John, and his wife, Sarah (Nelson), she a daughter of Jacob Nelson of German descent, came to Bryant's Station, in Fayette County, in 1787, soon afterwards moving to Nicholas County, on Hinkston. He raised a family of seven sons and four daughters, Ambrose, the father of B. F. Crouch, being one of that number, and was early in life united in marriage to Linchie (Branch), daughter of Pleasant and Jennie (Hall) Branch. They raised a family of eight children—four sons and four daughters—all of whom are living, the subject of this sketch being the second child and born Nov. 4, 1825; the others are Ambrose D., Thomas Jefferson, Julianna, and Polly, now a Mrs. Isaac Clinkinbeard, residents of Nicholas County; Sallie, a Mrs. John Clinkinbeard, residing at Danville, Ill.; William B.; Jane, a Mrs. Jack Sharp; and B. F., residents of Flat Rock Precinct. Mr. Crouch received limited educational advantages in his youth, but by the aid of an energetic and enterprising disposition, he over-reached others of his companions who had had superior advantages, and has won for himself a place among the substantial agriculturists of Bourbon County. He was married Aug. 1, 1847, to Mary Sharp, daughter of Vincent Sharp. The fruits of this marriage were five children—three sons, and two daughters now deceased; the sons are Thomas D., who married a Miss Sarah J. Booth, and resides in Nicholas County; John William and Robert, residing at home. Mr. Crouch is extensively engaged in stock raising and shipping the latter, aggregating about \$30,000 annually. He and family are members of the Christian Church at Flat Rock.

WILLIAM B. CROUCH, farmer; near Plum Lick P. O.; is a son of John H. Crouch, the second son of William and Mary (Stokes) Crouch, she a daughter of John Stokes and Ann (Logan), natives of Maryland. John H. Crouch was one of the substantial farmers of Flat Rock Precinct, who married a Mrs. Cynthia (Hedges) Kennedy, who had one son, J. N. Kennedy; by this marriage there were seven children, two of whom died in

infancy. Those living are Isaac T., partner in agriculture of the enterprising young man the subject of this sketch; James C.; Mary L., now a Mrs. J. C. Talbott; William B., and Margaret J.

WILLIAM CLARK, farmer; P. O. Plum Lick; was born March 3, 1821; his father was Thompson Clark, born Dec. 2, 1792, in Montgomery County, Ky.; he of William Clark, who was a native of Halifax County, Va., but came to the State of Kentucky when a young man and married in what is now Bourbon County, then Fayette, to a Miss Winifred Nichols; William Clark was accompanied to this State by a brother—Joseph, who died in Montgomery County, and Thompson Clark, who settled in Fayette County, where he lived and died, having served in the Revolutionary war; Thompson Clark was a soldier in the war of 1812, holding the position of orderly-sergeant under Captain Crawford; regimental commander, Colonel Samuel Williams; William Clark's mother was Deborah Wilson, daughter of Nathaniel and Mary (Jacks) Wilson, who were natives of Kentucky; the early Wilsons coming from New Jersey; Thompson Clark had two sons—William, and John eleven years younger, who resides in Montgomery County, Ky.; William Clark received his early education in a log school house, under the instruction of a Mr. Samuel Nicholson, a Pennsylvanian; among his schoolmates, were Colonel Thomas Johnson and Colonel John S. Williams, now United States Senator; he afterward received instructions from various sources until about eighteen years of age; he subsequently engaged in teaching and farm work until his marriage, which occurred Nov. 22, 1849, to Eliza Ann Bradley, of Montgomery County, she a daughter of William and Susan (Mark) Bradley, who were natives of Montgomery County and among the early and prominent families of this county; John Bradley, was the father of William Bradley, and Susan Mark was a daughter of Robert Mark, a prominent character of Montgomery County; the result of the marriage of William Clark, were children as follows: Susan Alice, now Mrs. Calvin Gillispie, Jr.; Annie B., Mollie B., now Mrs. David T. Wilson; James B., Emma, now Mrs. James Gillispie, of Nicholas County; Willa, Frankie, Ida D., Maggie L., Eliza E. and Mattie Clyde. He is of a conservative character, paying but little attention to affairs not pertaining to his business, but living a life of devotion to his family and business; he and family are members of the Christian Church at Flat Rock, and living lives of devotion to their christian faith.

FRANK P. COLCORD, farmer; P. O. Cane Ridge. This interesting and gentlemanly proprietor of Burr Oak