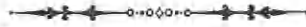


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ATHENS TOWNSHIP.

JOHN N. ALBIN,

farmer, section 31, is a son of Joseph Albin, and a grandson of William Albin. Joseph Albin, a native of Kentucky, emigrated to Indiana in an early day, locating in Lawrence County, where John N. Albin was born, on the 10th day of June, 1826. In 1831 his parents moved to Putnam County, Indiana. He was reared on a farm, and has made farming his occupation during life, except while in Indiana, where for a time he was engaged in teaching. In the spring of 1854 he came to Missouri and located in Gentry County, where he now has a landed estate of about 900 acres. His home farm, containing 423 acres, is one of the best improved farms in the township. During the war he served in the State Militia, and was one of a few who voted for Lincoln in Gentry County at his first election. Mr. Albin married in February, 1855, Miss Rebecca Young, of Tennessee, who died in August, 1859, leaving a family of two children, Joseph F. and Mary R. His second marriage occurred in August, 1860, to Miss Mary J. Rund, of Ohio, by whom he has eight children: Ida M., Charles F., Caroline R., Rosanna F., Delulia A., Lola B., Walter L. and Homer.

W. H. AKES,

blacksmith and wagon maker, section 3, is one of the leading mechanics of this section of country. He is a native of Jefferson County, Indiana, and was born October 5, 1852. He is a son of G. S. Akes, and with him he moved to Missouri when about ten years of age. Two years later he came to Gentry County. He was reared on a farm, but subsequently turned his attention to his present trade, his father having followed the same occupation. Mr. Akes was married May 2, 1880, to Miss Mary E. Earnst, an estimable lady and a daughter of Andrew Earnst. She was born in Gentry County, Missouri.

BAKER & BITHEL,

Evona, merchants, and dealers in grain, wood, posts, etc., constitute the leading business firm in this place. They also have an elevator which is considered equal if not superior to any in the county. The firm is composed of Joseph Baker and John E. Bithel. The former was born in Vinton County, Ohio, January 18, 1849. His father, Joseph Baker, was a native of Ross County, Ohio, as was also his mother, formerly Charlotte Byers. Young Baker grew to manhood on a farm in his native county, and was there educated. In 1867 he removed to Saline County, Missouri, and in 1879 came to Gentry County, engaging in his present business in December of that year, and in which he has been very successful. Mr. Baker was married January 24, 1874, to Miss Maggie Bithel, who was born in Athens County, Ohio, March 3, 1855. They have two children: Flossie M. and Harry C. John E. Bithel, the junior partner of the firm, was born in Guernsey County, Ohio, June 22, 1847. His father, George W. Bithel, was a native of Maryland, and his mother, whose maiden name was Mahala Erwin, was born in Pennsylvania. When John E. Bithel was seven years of age he moved to Athens County, Ohio, where he was reared and educated. In 1865 he went to Vinton County, Ohio, and in 1875 to Morgan County. In 1879 he came to Gentry County. Previous to this, however, he had been engaged in farming. Mr. Bithel was married April 9, 1871, to Miss Nancy J. Norris, who was born in Perry County, Ohio, April 16, 1850. She was a daughter of John R. and Jane (Glenn) Norris, the former of Pennsylvania and the latter of Ohio.

JOHN W. BARKLEY

was born in Clermont, Clermont County, Ohio, April 29, 1839. He is a son of Hugh and Kesiah (Dunham) Barkley, the former of Pennsylvania and the latter of Ohio. John W. lived in his native town till thirteen years of age, when he went to New Richmond, of the same county. There he learned the trade of brick making, which he followed till 1858, then moving to Fairfield, Wayne County, Illinois. There he was engaged in working at the same business till 1859, and in the fall of that year he came to Gentry County, where he has since resided. Since his residence here he has been occupied in teaching school, working at his trade and farming. His farm contains eighty acres, and joins the corporation line of Albany. In March, 1862, Mr. Barkley enlisted in the Federal service, in Company E., First Missouri State Militia of the United States Army, remaining in this capacity till April, 1865, when he was mustered out as

first sergeant. He also served in the militia for six months previous to his enlistment in Company E. He is a member of Athens Lodge, No. 127, A. F. and A. M., also an Ancient Odd Fellow. Mr. Barkley married May 24, 1871, Miss Maggie Brown, by which union they have four children: Laura Bell, born April 27, 1874; Edith Marcella, born August 16, 1875; Anna Dorinne, born August 19, 1877, and Maggie Wilson, born November 10, 1878. Mrs. B. was born in Wayne County, Illinois, October 15, 1852. Her father, Thomas J. Brown, was a native of Tazewell County, Virginia, and her mother, formerly Rebecca G. A. Tucker, of Illinois.

WILLIAM M. BARNETT,

farmer, section 17, was born in Sevier County, Tennessee, January 7, 1823. His father, Thomas Barnett, who was a native of Pennsylvania, was married in North Carolina to Frances Hargas, a native of North Carolina. William M. was the twelfth child in his father's family. He was reared and educated in Monroe County, Tennessee, and in 1842 he came to Clay County, Missouri, and in 1848 to Gentry County. He now has in his possession a farm of 600 acres. During the Mexican war Mr. B. was in the service for six months. He is a member of Gentryville Lodge, No. 225, A. F. and A. M. September 4, 1850, he was married to Miss Sarah Thompson, by whom he has one child, Rebecca F. Mrs. B. was born in Alabama, October 30, 1828, and was reared in Tennessee. Her father, James Thompson, was a native of Tennessee. Her mother's maiden name was Rebecca Newaman.

JONATHAN BRANHAM,

proprietor of Albany Hotel, is the son of William Branham, who was born in Virginia, where he was married to Miss Gracie Owens. After this they emigrated to Kentucky. William Branham was a son of David Branham, who was a native of England. The subject of this sketch was born in Pike County, Kentucky, on the 18th day of March, 1820. In 1830, he moved with his parents to Indiana, and located in Putnam County, where he grew to manhood. He was reared on a farm and followed farming as an occupation in Indiana, and also after he came to Gentry County, Missouri, until 1876, when he located in Albany. Here he has since been engaged in his present business with good success. During the war he served in the state militia for six months. Mr. Branham is a member of Athens Lodge, No. 127, A. F. and A. M. He was married August 4, 1842, to Miss Nancy Baudy, a native of Putnam County, Indiana. She died in the year 1866. They had a family of nine

children, five of whom are now living: Elizabeth, George, Theodore, J. Frank, and Nancy. Mr. B. was married the second time, January 8, 1867, to Mrs. Sarah J. Culp. By this marriage there are three children: Hattie, Seymore and Joseph. Mrs. Branham's maiden name was Manlix. She was a native of Green County, Kentucky, and was born in the year 1838. She had by her former marriage three children: William, John and Emma.

ANDREW JACKSON BULLA,

farmer and stock raiser, section 17. He was born in Randolph County, North Carolina, June 6, 1816. He is a son of John and Margaret (Rouse) Bulla, both natives of North Carolina. When eighteen years of age, Andrew went to Virginia, locating in Wythe County, where he lived four years, and then moved to Tazewell County, of the same state. He was reared on a farm, and upon going to Virginia he learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed till 1854. He then came to Gentry County, Missouri, where he has since been occupied in farming, his landed estate consisting of 600 acres. Mr. Bulla was married January 5, 1843, to Miss Elizabeth Witten, who was born in Tazewell County, Virginia, March 4, 1822. Her father, Hiram Witten, was a native of Virginia, and her mother, whose maiden name was Jane Lard, of Maryland. The family of Mr. B. consists of nine children, six of whom are living: Emily A., John F., James H., William H., Charles D., and Andrew J.

MANLOVE N. BUTTLER,

publisher of the Freeman, was born in Appanoose County, Iowa, December 9, 1854. His father, G. W. Buttler, who was born in Kentucky, was married in Indiana to Miss Asenith Draper, a native of Indiana. When the subject of this sketch was but a child his parents moved to Polk County, Iowa, where they lived seven years, then going to Monroe County, of the same state. In 1870 they moved to Livingston County, Missouri, and in 1879 came to Albany. Manlove was reared on a farm, being educated in the common schools and the Avalon College, of Livingston County. During life he has been engaged in different occupations, but since coming to Albany has been interested in his present business. Mr. Buttler has also, for three years, been lecturing for the State Christian Association and Anti-Masonry and against all other secret societies.

CAPTAIN C. C. BYRNE

was a son of Michael Byrne, who was born and reared in Ireland, and educated at the institute of Dublin, where he was graduated about the

year 1798. In the year 1799 or 1800 he came to America, landing at New York City. Not succeeding in procuring a position in that city, he went to Philadelphia, and commenced teaching a select school, which he continued in the Quaker City for thirty years. He afterward taught several terms in different localities in Eastern Pennsylvania. He was married, while in Philadelphia, to Miss Elizabeth Dutterer, a Quakeress, a native of Philadelphia, and of English and Swedish ancestry. The family of Michael and Elizabeth Byrne consisted of six children—two sons and four daughters, C. C. Byrne, whose name heads this sketch, being the second child. He was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, February 11, 1823. His early education was limited, he having left school, at the early age of fourteen, to enter that most practical of all schools, the printing office. In 1837 he entered the office of the United States Gazette, of Philadelphia, where he remained about a year, or until his father moved with his family to Lewistown, Pennsylvania. He then entered the Republican office, continuing to labor there nearly three years, at the expiration of which time he entered the Gazette office as foreman, being then hardly eighteen years of age. Five months afterwards he moved to Huntingdon County, where he worked about one year on the Journal, and at the end of that period he moved to Venango, where he published the Democrat two years; thence to Alexandria, Huntingdon County, and here, on the 29th day of September, 1846, Mr. Byrne married Miss Anna M. Moore. For the space of one year he pursued the study of medicine, which he subsequently abandoned to take charge of his father's school, and this he conducted successfully for eight years. In 1850 he moved to Nashville, Tennessee, where, in partnership with his brother-in-law, Michael McGee, he engaged in mercantile pursuits. In consequence of the prevalence of cholera he was compelled to leave Nashville, and in December, of the same year, he started for St. Joseph, traveling overland. He arrived in St. Joseph in the following January, and immediately after he started a private school in a little log house on the spot where Third and Messanie Streets intersect. Mr. B. continued to pursue the profession of teaching in different localities of the city, with marked success, till the breaking out of the civil war, when, in February, 1861, he raised a company of Missouri State militia for the Federal service, which was known as Company A, First Infantry. Of this company he was captain, and in May, 1864, he was appointed assistant commissary of subsistence, with the rank of captain, which he held till the close of the war. On his return home to St. Joseph after the close of the war, Captain B. was offered the collectorship of that city. This he thought proper to decline, and therefore moved to Albany, and sold goods with his son-in-law, Logan A. Peery, till 1868,

when he was elected to represent Gentry County in the State Legislature. In 1870 he went to Washington, District of Columbia, after having taken the census of Gentry County, and there for three years served on the capital force. He then visited California, where he remained one year, then returned to Buchanan County, Missouri, where he was engaged in teaching till the spring of 1879, when he moved to Gentryville, Gentry County, teaching at that point one year. In the spring of 1880 he located in Albany, where he has since been engaged in teaching in the public schools during the winter, and in select school in the summer. Of his family of eight children, but two survive—Blanche, wife of L. A. Peery, and Anna M., unmarried. Mrs. Byrne was born in Alexandria, Pennsylvania, December 31, 1826. She is a daughter of Major William Moore, of Pennsylvania, who was for many years engaged in the mercantile business. Her mother, whose maiden name was Rebecca Canan, was also a native of Pennsylvania.

M. M. CAMPBELL, M. D.

Among the physicians and surgeons of Northwest Missouri no one enjoys a better reputation in his profession than Dr. Campbell. He is a son of Duncan Campbell, a native of Scotland, who married Miss Mary Monroe, of the same place. They emigrated to Canada in the year 1820, where their son, Malcolm M., was born, August 19, 1840, in County of Lanark. In 1854 they moved to County Huron, where Duncan and Mary Campbell both died. M. M. Campbell was reared on a farm and educated in the Rockwood Academy, and also attended one term in the normal school of Toronto. When about twenty-two years of age he began teaching school, teaching in the common schools five years and one in Middlesex, near London, Canada. Having studied for his present profession, he subsequently entered the University of Michigan, where he was graduated from the medical department in 1871, and in the same year he came to Albany, Missouri, where he has since been actively occupied in the practice of his profession with marked success. In 1875 he was graduated from the Bellevue Hospital Medical College, of the City of New York. Dr. C. is not only held in high esteem as a physician, but as a social gentleman and private citizen.

CAPTAIN JOHN W. CANADAY,

farmer, section 21, township 63, range 31, was born in Casey County, Kentucky, May 5, 1829. His father, Robert C. Canaday, was a Virginian by birth. His mother's maiden name was Elizabeth Sapp. John W. resided in Illinois till 1844, excepting for four or five years during his

early life, when his parents lived in Kentucky. In 1844, he came to Gentry County, Missouri, where he now has a farm of 160 acres. Mr. Canaday has been twice married. First, December 30, 1840, to Miss Mary Spainhower, who was born in Casey County, Kentucky, July 4, 1814. She died May 22, 1856. By this marriage there are three children Rachel H., Wilson T., and Daniel R. He was again married, May 16, 1858, to Miss P. Shisler, a daughter of Daniel Shisler, who was a native of Germany. She was born in Hocking County, Ohio, January 26, 1824. They have two children: Mary C. and John C. In 1847, Mr. C. enlisted in Company H, Twelfth United States Infantry, for the Mexican War, with which he served till July, 1848, being at this time in Company E, as color sergeant. At the beginning of the late war, he raised a company, and was captain of the company for five months. Captain C. was also in the militia at Jefferson City for eight months. He is a member of Mt. Pleasant Lodge, No. 312, A. F. and A. M.

ADRIAN C. CASE,

postmaster and a member of the firm of Case & Kenyon, dealers in agricultural implements, was born in Jefferson County, New York, December 15, 1842. His father, Joseph Case, was a native of New York, and of English descent. His mother, whose maiden name was Anna Baker, was born in the same state. A. C. Case was reared in his native county, and in 1861 he enlisted in the Union army, Company H, Tenth Heavy Artillery, remaining in service till the close of the war, after which he returned to his native county. There he lived till 1868, soon came to Missouri, and in the spring of 1870 he located in Maryville, where he was for a short time in the insurance business. After this he was engaged in the livery business till 1874. Mr. Case was then occupied as traveling salesman for a wholesale house of St. Joseph till 1877, when he came to Albany and embarked in the hotel business. In 1879 he was appointed postmaster. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and also of the A. O. U. W. He was married September 11, 1872, to Miss Lillie E. Evans, a daughter of Edward Evans. She was born in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, February 13, 1852. They have one child, Edward C.

WILLIAM CHIPS

resides in section 23, where he owns a farm of 220 acres. He also has a small tract of land in Harrison County, all of which is the savings of his own labor and industry. Mr. Chips was born in Sussex County, New Jersey, May 7, 1829. He remained in New Jersey till sixteen years of

age, when he went to Martin County, Indiana, and in 1861 came to Gentry County, Missouri. He was married November 12, 1854, to Miss Martha A. Hayes. She was born in Martin County, Indiana, May 13, 1830. They have four children: John W., Amanda, Dora and Ollie. Mr. C. is not only engaged in farming, but makes a specialty of dealing in stock, in which business he has been very successful.

ELDER ISAIAH J. CLABAUGH

is a minister of the Primitive Baptist Church, and is also engaged in farming, having a farm of 99 acres of land. His residence is located on section 36. Elder Clabaugh was born in Hancock County, Ohio, November 18, 1841. His father, Henry Clabaugh, was a native of Ohio, as was also his mother, formerly Rebecca Hufford. When Isaiah was ten years of age his parents moved to Owen County, Indiana, and three years later to Illinois, living in Warren and Knox Counties of that state till 1866, when they became residents of Nebraska. In 1876 he came to Gentry County, where he has since resided. He has followed farming from boyhood, and has been engaged in the ministry for some twelve years. He was married March 4, 1866, to Miss Nancy E. Beebe. They have five children: David E., Archibald, Charles, Nancy and Lucy. Mrs. C. was born in New York, July 16, 1848. She is a daughter of Archibald and Nancy E. (Clark) Beebe, who were natives of New York.

REV. JASPER H. COFFEY,

minister of the Christian Church, resides on section 13, township 62, range 30, where he is also engaged in farming. His father, Louis Coffey, was born in North Carolina, and was married to Miss Harriett E. Powell, a native of Georgia. They had a family of seven children, Jasper being the sixth child. He was reared in Indiana, and was educated in the University of that state. In 1861 he was ordained as a minister of the Christian Church, and has since devoted most of his time to the spreading of the gospel. In 1861 he came to Gentry County, Missouri, where he has since lived, except for four years, when he was laboring in the ministry in Illinois. In the profession which he now follows he has been very successful, having added largely to the membership of the church. He was at one time county school commissioner of Worth County. December 11, 1862, Mr. Coffey was married to Miss China F. Culp, a daughter of George K. Culp, who was a native of South Carolina. Mrs. Coffey was born in Gentry County, Missouri, January 20, 1846. They have had eight children, seven of whom are now living: Richard K., born February 5, 1846; Hattie E., born August 21, 1865; Inez A.,

born September 29, 1871; John H., born December 7, 1873; Edna E., born July 25, 1876; James, born December 10, 1878, and Homer O., born May 12, 1881.

H. M. CRANOR

is a son of Manlove and Ellen (Lee) Cranor, the former of South Carolina and the latter of Indiana. H. M. Cranor was born in Wayne County, Indiana, September 22, 1834. When he was seven years of age his parents moved to Missouri, and a few months later located in Gentry County, where he has since resided. He was reared on a farm and followed farming till the beginning of the war, when he entered the United States service for six months as first lieutenant. At the expiration of that time he re-enlisted in Company F, Thirty-fifth Missouri Infantry, serving as second lieutenant of Company F. After twelve months he resigned his commission and returned home on account of sickness. In 1865 he was elected treasurer of Gentry County, and, by re-election, held the same position for a term of four years. Since then he has been engaged in no active business, devoting the most of his attention to the interests of his farm. He is a member of Athens Lodge, No. 127, A. F. and A. M., of Bethany Chapter, No. 80, Kadosh Commandery, No. 21, of Cameron, Albany Lodge, No. 175, I. O. O. F., and of Richardson Lodge, No. 100, A. O. U. W. He is district deputy for the A. F. and A. M., I. O. O. F. and A. O. U. W. fraternities. Mr. Cranor was married July 5, 1855, to Miss Mary E. Copeland. They have had eight children, six of whom are now living: James M., Malinda E., Brenjs, Porter M., Benjamin C. and Vincil. Mrs. C. was born in Madison County, Indiana, February 28, 1831. Her father, Wesley Copeland, was a Kentuckian by birth.

JOHN F. CULP,

dealer in groceries, queensware, etc., is a son of George Culp, who was born in South Carolina, and came to Missouri about 1835. He was married in Clay County, of this state, to Miss Rachael Cameron, of that county. John F. Culp was the fourth child in a family of nine children. He was born in Gentry County, Missouri, September 15, 1839. He was engaged in farming in this county till 1879, when he embarked in his present business. Mr. C. is a member of Athens Lodge, No. 127, A. F. and A. M.; also of Richardson Lodge, No. 100, A. O. U. W. He was married in October, 1865, to Miss Maggie Bulla, of Tazewell County, Virginia. She died in the year 1875, leaving a family of four children: Alice, John F., Charles M. and Vodra. Mr. C. was married the second time in May, 1877, to Miss Mollie Rose, a native of Virginia. The father

of the subject of this sketch was numbered among the most prominent pioneers of Northwest Missouri, and among the farmers of Gentry County. - He served as first lieutenant during the Mexican War, in Captain Simons company.

MOSES CUNNINGHAM,

farmer, section 18, was born in McMinn County, Tennessee, April 23, 1836. His father, Marshall Cunningham, was a native of Tennessee, and his mother, Sarah Smith, of Virginia. Moses was the second child in a family of six children. In 1852 the family moved to Gentry County, Missouri, where he has since lived. - He was reared on a farm and has made agricultural pursuits his life occupation, now owning a farm of 140 acres. Mr. Cunningham was married November 11, 1869, to Miss Margaret Sampson. They have three children, Marshall W., Willis C. and Edgar L. Mrs. Cunningham was born in Gentry County, Missouri, October 1, 1851. Her father, Willis Sampson, was a native of Indiana, and her mother, formerly Mary Miller, a Virginian by birth.

J. M. DAVIS,

editor and proprietor of the Sun, is a native of Missouri, having been born at Farmington, St. Francois County, January 4, 1850. His father, James G. Davis, was a Virginian by birth. He was married in Missouri to Miss Mary E. Williams, a daughter of John C. Williams, the first judge of this county. She was also born in Virginia. They had a family of twelve children, Mat., as he is familiarly called being the eldest. When six years of age his parents returned to Gentry County, where they had formerly resided, and there the subject of this sketch was brought up and educated. He was occupied in farming until 1870, when he became engaged in teaching, continuing this profession for several years. In 1874, he commenced the study of law, under Judge Lewis, and after a thorough course of preparation was admitted to the bar, in 1875. Mr. Davis, however, did not actively engage in the practice of his profession. In 1875 he purchased an interest in the Ledger office, and in the early part of the year 1876, he bought the entire office, which he conducted until the spring of 1878. He then removed to Emporia, Kansas, where, until the spring of 1879, he edited a paper called the Sun. At the expiration of this time he sold the office and returned to Albany, and in January, 1880, he started his present journal, which, under his able management, has become recognized as one of the best newspapers in this part of country. Mr. D. publishes a spicy, interesting sheet, and deserves a liberal patronage from the citizens of the place, whose cause he so

ably advocates. March 22, 1877, he was united in marriage to Miss Martha J. McConkey, who was born in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, July 16, 1856. Her father was a native of Kentucky, as was also her mother. Mrs. Davis was brought up in Albany. They have one child, Lucius Clyde. Mr. D. is also interested to some extent in the insurance business, representing some of the best life and fire insurance companies in existence.

H. D. DOUGHERTY,

of the firm of L. G. Wood & Co., druggists, is a son of Hugh Dougherty, a native of Virginia. His mother's maiden name was Delilah Lower, a native of Ohio. H. D. Dougherty was born in Athens County, Ohio, July 28, 1834. When he was eleven years of age, his parents moved to Edgar County, Illinois, where he grew to manhood. He was reared on a farm, and in 1855, he went to St. Louis, where he remained till 1858, then coming to Albany. Here he engaged in the harness and saddlery business, which he continued till 1862, when he embarked in the drug trade, which he has since continued. From 1863 till 1864, he was in Bethany, Missouri, then in Council Bluffs, Iowa, till 1868, afterwards returning to Bethany, and in 1880, to Albany. Mr. Dougherty is a member of the I. O. O. F. and of the A. O. U. W. Lodges. He was married August 10, 1859, to a Miss Wood. His family consists of four children: Thomas A., Joseph G., Maud and Willie. Mrs. Dougherty was a daughter of Ebenezer Wood, Esq., and was born in Ohio, July 10, 1840.

JAMES W. AND JOHN H. DUNCAN

are of Scottish descent, their ancestors three generations back having emigrated from Scotland and located in Virginia, where William Duncan was born. Francis Duncan, the son of William, and the father of James W. and John H. Duncan, was born in Kentucky, and was married in Trumbull County, of that state, to Miss Patience Coleman, a native of Virginia, also of Scotch ancestry. The family of Francis Duncan consisted of three children, James W. and John H. being the only ones now living. They were born in Trumbull County, Kentucky, the former April 21, 1837, and John on October 28, 1840. They moved to Missouri with their parents in the year 1842, locating in Clay County. In the spring of 1844 they went to Harrison County, and in the fall of 1846 came to Gentry, where they grew to manhood and were educated, being reared to habits of industry. They have since been engaged in farming. James H. now resides on section 13, township 63, range 30, where he owns a farm of 100 acres, part of which is in Harrison County. He was married November 14, 1861, to Miss Mary J. Ricketts, who was born in

Clay County, Missouri, March 29, 1844. She is a daughter of Thomas Ricketts, a native of Maryland, who was married in Kentucky to Miss Elizabeth E. Kidwell of that state. The family of James H. Duncan consists of nine children: William O., George T., Mary E., Emma R., Victoria, Francis, Charley, Viola B. and Marvin. John H. Duncan now resides in Harrison County, whither he moved in the spring of 1882. He is occupied in farming and dealing in stock. He was married March 26, 1869, to Miss Cordie F. Wood, and by this union they have six children: Katie S., William C., Frank, Mary V., Clarence and James O. Mrs. John H. Duncan was born in Clay County, Missouri, in 1846, and was married in St. Joseph. Her father, Isaac Wood, was a native of Kentucky, and her mother also of the same state.

SAMUEL H. DYKE, M. D.

The subject of this sketch represents the medical fraternity of New Castle, and is among the most prominent in that respect in Gentry County. He was born in Blunt County, East Tennessee, November 25, 1836. He is a son of John and Sarah (Huston) Dyke, both of whom were natives of East Tennessee. Samuel was reared on a farm in his native county, and was there educated. In 1858 he moved to Ray County, Missouri, where he was engaged in farming till 1865, when he came to Gentry County, here beginning the study of medicine. He attended the St. Louis medical college for one term, and was graduated from the Missouri Medical College, in the spring of 1875. Dr. Dyke is considered to be among the best read physicians of this vicinity. To further prosecute his studies, and for the benefit of those who might afterwards come under his charge, he attended the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia, during the winter of 1881 and 1882.

ANDREW EARNST,

was born in Hanover, Germany, December 11, 1813. He was there reared and educated, living on a farm in that vicinity till 1832, when he came to America, landing at Baltimore. In June of the same year he located in Scioto County, Ohio, where he was employed in the iron works till 1839, when he moved to Boone County, Indiana. He settled in the timber, cleared a farm, and in 1858, he came to Gentry County, Missouri, where he now owns a farm of 245 acres, all of which he has made since coming from his native land. Mr. Earnst was married January 29, 1860, to Miss Elizabeth A. Dorsey, by whom he has six children: Mary E., Nancy J., Andrew E., Martha H., Herbert W. and Sarah E. Mrs. Earnst was born in McMinn County, Tennessee, March 1, 1833. Her father, D.

Dorsey, Esq., was a native of North Carolina, as was also her mother, Elizabeth Dorsey. Previous to his present marriage Mr. E. married Miss Ruth Bowman, in 1842. She was a native of Ohio, and was born February 3, 1822. She died November 1, 1855. They had six children, four of whom are now living: John W., Rachel M., George R. and David C.

WILLIAM M. ELAM,

druggist, is a son of James Elam, a native of Virginia, who emigrated to Kentucky when about sixteen years of age. There he was married to Miss Rebecca McGuire, of Kentucky. They had a family of ten children, five sons and five daughters, all of whom grew to man and womanhood. William M. Elam was born in Morgan County, of the latter named state, June 20, 1833. He was reared in his native county, being educated there and in Virginia. His boyhood days were passed on a farm. In 1854 he began selling goods in West Liberty, of his native state, and continued that occupation until 1859, when he came to Missouri and located in Havana, Gentry County, where he was interested in mercantile pursuits till 1867. He then moved to Gentryville and was engaged in selling drugs, till 1869, after which he moved to Mount Pleasant, where he sold dry goods till 1871. In 1872 he started in the drug business, and continued the same until 1875, when he came to Albany, and has since been occupied in the same business. Mr. Elam is a member of Athens Lodge, No. 127, A. F. and A. M. He was married October 3, 1861, to Miss Malinda F. Baxter. They have six children: Almirinda, Elbridge D., William T., Mascal M., Magnolia F., and Albert G. Mrs. E. was born in Menard County, Illinois, April 7, 1839. She is a daughter of William and Malinda (Pigg) Baxter, both of whom were natives of Kentucky.

M. M. EMBREE,

blacksmith, was born in Harrison County, Ohio, November 2, 1826. His father, John Embree, was a native of New Jersey, and his mother, whose maiden name was Hulda Morlan, of North Carolina. M. M. Embree was reared in the counties of Belmont and Guernsey, Ohio, where he also was educated. He worked with his father, who was engaged in the tanning business, till seventeen years of age, when he began laboring at the blacksmith trade, which he followed in Ohio till 1858, then coming to Albany, where he has successfully followed the same occupation. In 1862 he was elected by the Republican party to be treasurer of Gentry County, and was re-elected in 1868. Mr. Embree was married August 29, 1849, to Miss Elizabeth Scott. They have six

children living: Robert F., James M., Jesse N., Ross B., Elmer G. and Charles. They have one son deceased, Theodore S., who was postmaster at Albany at the time of his death. Mrs. Embree was born in Frederick County, Maryland, August 31, 1826, and died August 17, 1881. Her father, Robert Scott, was a native of Ireland, and her mother whose maiden name was Mary Stanberry, of Maryland.

EDWARD EVANS

is proprietor of the Evans House, which was built in the year 1880, and opened to the public on the 7th day of May. The estimated cost of the building was \$8,000. It is a four-story brick structure, containing in all thirty-three apartments, furnished in the best of style, and is considered to be one of most convenient hotels in Northwest Missouri. The popular landlord, Edward Evans, was born in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, November 22, 1823. For several generations past his ancestors had emigrated from Wales and located in Lancaster County during the sixteenth century. Edward's father, John Evans, and also his mother, were born in Lancaster County. He was the oldest in a family of four children, and was reared on a farm in his native county, and there educated, after which he was engaged in teaching school for ten years. In 1856 he moved to Minnesota and located on a farm in Olmsted County, where he was engaged in farming till 1865. He then came to Gentry County, Missouri, and settled on a farm near King City. In the fall of 1869 he moved to Maryville, Missouri, where he was interested in manufacturing brick and building for six years, since which time he has been engaged in his present business, coming to Albany in January, 1877. After his arrival here he was occupied in conducting a livery stable, in connection with his hotel, till the fall of 1881. Mr. Evans has been twice married: First, May 14, 1846, to Miss Mary P. McKee. She was born in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, November 30, 1823, and died April 3, 1862, leaving a family of two children, John B. and Margaret E. His second marriage occurred February 19, 1863, when Miss Nettie Ginter became his wife. By this union they have one child, Mary R., born in Rochester, Minnesota, November 15, 1864. Mrs. Evans was born in York County, Pennsylvania, November 10, 1836. She was a daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Podea) Ginter, both natives of Pennsylvania. The Ginter family were formerly from Switzerland.

W. H. EWING,

farmer, section 13, was born in Henry County, Kentucky, December 13, 1813. His father, James Ewing, was a native of Scotland, in which

country he was reared. He was married to Miss Robenia Scott. They subsequently emigrated to America, and located in Kentucky, where the subject of this sketch was reared and educated. In 1842 he came to Missouri, locating in Platte County, and in the fall of 1843 he came to Gentry County, when he entered the farm where he now resides. This contains 160 acres, and is well improved. During the war Mr. Ewing was in the militia for a short time. January 21, 1836, he was married to Miss Honora Robbins, who was born in Henry County, Kentucky, June 3, 1817. She died May 30, 1850. Mr. E. was again married in November, 1851, to Miss Paulina Setzer, a native of Hardin County, Kentucky, born in July, 1825. By his first marriage he has three children—Thomas, Benjamin F. and Louisa. Five children are the result of this latter union—Martha, Ruth, Onora, Selburn and Simpson.

JOHN FERGUSON,

(deceased) was born in Monroe County, Tennessee, January 22, 1823, and was a son of Robert Ferguson, a native of Ireland. John Ferguson was reared in his native county, where he was married to Miss Elizabeth C. Cunningham, by whom he had twelve children: Nicholas W., Sarah C., Robert, Hugh, Joseph L., Mary E., John C., Jennie, Nannie, Emma, Samuel, Ollie B. In 1860, the family moved to Gentry County, Missouri, where Mr. F. resided till the time of his death, which occurred August 14, 1876. Mrs. F. was born in Monroe County, Tennessee, September 22, 1830. Her parents were also natives of Tennessee. Mrs. F. resides on the farm left by her husband, which contains 290 acres. This is conducted in an excellent manner, for which much credit is due her.

AARON H. FRAZEE,

wagon maker and repairer, was born in Blanchester, Ohio, March 25, 1834. His father, Isaac Frazee, was a native of New Jersey, and of Scottish descent. His mother, formerly Olive Blansett, was a Virginian by birth. Aaron H. was reared and educated in his native town. When eighteen years of age he learned the trade of carriage making. In December, 1854, he moved to Sangamon County, Illinois, where he resided four years, after which he went to Colorado, where he sojourned during the summer. In that fall (1859) he came to Albany, where he has since been engaged in his present business, and in which he is quite proficient. Mr. Frazee was married February 5, 1857, to Miss Margaret Ross. By this union they have seven children: Sarah, Arthur W., Lyma, Elfa, Hosia, Charlie and Stella. Mrs. F. was born in Clermont, Ohio, December 20, 1837. Her father, John Ross, was a native of Kentucky, and her

mother, formerly Catharine Kizer, of Pennsylvania. Mr. Frazee resides near this city, and has a farm, which contains over 124 acres of land. This is improved and supplied with all varieties of fine fruits. It is well adapted for a dairy farm.

GEORGE M. GIBBONY,

farmer, section 11, was born in Woodford County, Kentucky, March 19, 1837. He is a son of James Gibbony, a Kentuckian by birth, who married Miss Persus Henton, also a native of the same state. They had a family of thirteen children. George M. Gibbony was reared in his native county, and there received his education. During the fall of 1863 he came to Gentry County, Missouri, where he has since resided. He has made farming his occupation during life, and now has a farm of 197 acres. He was married March 19, 1863, to Miss Bettie Crabb, who was born in Henry County, Kentucky, in 1842. Her father, Samuel Crabb, was a native of Kentucky, as was also her mother, whose maiden name was Rheuma Thompson. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Gibbony consists of four children, Edwin S., Percy I., Annette M. and James L.

JAMES H. GILLESPIE,

Sheriff of Gentry County, is a son of Thomas S. Gillespie. His mother's maiden name was Maria Peery, both natives of Virginia. James H. was born in Tazewell County, Virginia, July 16, 1836. He was reared and educated in his native county, and in 1857, he came with his parents to Missouri, locating in Gentry County. He followed farming till the fall of 1872, when he moved to Albany, where he was engaged in the manufacture of brick till 1878. Mr. G. was then elected sheriff of the county, and was the choice of the people again in 1880. He was married March 23, 1858, to Miss Catharine Thompson. They have had five children, four of whom are living: John A., Adeline, Martha A. and James A. Mrs. G. was born in Greene County, Tennessee, April 23, 1838. Her parents, James and Rebecca Thompson, were also natives of the same state. Mr. G. has discharged his official duties with scrupulous care and fidelity, and has won many firm friends by the straight forward course which he has pursued.

WILLIAM W. GILLESPIE,

farmer and stock dealer, section 22, was born in Tazewell County, Virginia, September 14, 1846, and in 1857 he accompanied his parents to Gentry County, Missouri. He now has a farm of eighty acres, of excel-

lent land. Mr. Gillespie was married August 30, 1863, to Miss Mary E. Wood, who was born in Montgomery County, Missouri, December 23, 1845. They have seven children—Polly J., Robert, Theodore, Francis, Hinton, Lenna and Thomas.

JOHN GREEN,

(deceased), was born in Richland County, Ohio, September 5, 1822, and was a son of William Green, a native of Massachusetts. His mother's maiden name was Martha Stanton, of Connecticut. John grew to manhood on a farm in his native county, where he was engaged in farming till 1849, when he came to Gentry County, Missouri. During the same season he went on the plains, and was for some time employed by the government. In the spring of 1850 he visited California, and was for three years occupied in mining, after which time he returned to Gentry County, where he resided till the time of his death, which occurred January 2, 1882. At this period he had a landed estate of 705 acres, which is now cared for by the widow and her sons, who reside on section 1, township 64, range 31. December 8, 1864, Mr. Green was married to Miss Sarah J. Glendenning, by whom he had five children—William H., John F., Edmond P., Clara A. and Effie. Mrs. Green was born in Gentry County, Missouri, January 16, 1843. She is a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Carter) Glendenning, the former of Ohio and the latter of Tennessee.

WILLIAM GREEN,

farmer, section 5, was born in Licking County, Ohio, February 19, 1816. His father, William Green, a native of Massachusetts, was married in Pennsylvania to Miss Martha Stanton, who was born in Connecticut. The subject of this sketch was reared on a farm in the Buckeye state, and there resided till 1838, when he came to Gentry County, Missouri. He has followed farming as an occupation during life, his farm now containing 160 acres, the improvements of which have been obtained by his own labor. Upon this place he located in 1848. Mr. Green has also given liberally to his children. Previous to the war he was a Democrat in politics, but during that conflict he was a member of the Union League, and has since been a strong Republican. He was married October 17, 1839, to Miss Mary A. Rambo. By this union they have had ten children: Martha, Elizabeth, Eliza J., William P., Caroline, Nathaniel, Julia T. and George V. Their oldest child, a son, was killed while in the service of the Union army. Mrs. G. was born January 1, 1818, in Wayne County, Ohio. Her father, Aaron Rambo, was a native of Pennsylvania,

and so also was her mother, formerly Elizabeth Louthen. Mr. Green has taken great interest in educational matters since he came to Gentry County, he having had but limited advantages when a boy.

VALENTINE S. HARDIN,

farmer and stock dealer, section 25, is also a member of the firm of Dorsey & Hardin, dealers in general merchandise, at McFall, this county. The subject of this sketch first saw the light in Greene County, Tennessee, August 15, 1830. His father, John Hardin, and his grandfather of the same name, were both natives of Tennessee. John Hardin, the father of Valentine, was married in Tennessee to Miss Clarissa Newman, a native of that state. They had a family of twelve children, V. S. being the youngest. He was reared on a farm and was educated at his birth-place, and in 1865, he came to Gentry County, Missouri, where he has since lived. He has a farm of 220 acres. In June, 1880, he became a member of the mercantile firm with which he is now connected. In 1862, Mr. Hardin enlisted in the Confederate service, in which he remained nearly two years. For a short time he acted as a captain and the remainder of the time was ward master at Greenville, Tennessee. He was married December 28, 1854, to Miss E. S., a daughter of George Hoyal, a native of Tennessee. Her mother, whose maiden name was Hannah Samples, was also born in Tennessee. Mrs. Hardin was born in Greene County, of that state, on the 7th day of August, 1847. The family consists of five children: Hannah, Melissa, Isabel, Josephine and Elizabeth.

CLINTON B. HASH,

treasurer of Gentry County, was born in Grayson County, Virginia, April 1, 1839. His father, James P. Hash, was a native of Virginia, and his mother, formerly Margaret Stamper, of Virginia or North Carolina. In 1850 they moved to Tazewell County, Virginia, where Clinton was reared on a farm. He followed this occupation until 1867, except during the war, he having, in April, 1861, enlisted in the Confederate service, in the Forty-fifth Virginia Infantry. On January 1, 1862, he joined Company H., Eighth Virginia Cavalry, in which he remained till the close of the war, when he gave up the struggle with General Lee at Appomattox Court House. He then returned to Tazewell County, Virginia, and in 1867 he came to Missouri, locating in Caldwell County. One year later he moved to Andrew County, and two years later located in Gentry County, where he has since lived, engaged in farming, in connection with his other business. He resides on section 19, township

64, range 31, of Bogle Township, his landed estate consisting of 414 acres, his home farm containing 320 acres. In 1874 Mr. Hash was elected county assessor, and was re-elected in 1876, and in 1880 was appointed one of the census enumerators. In the fall of 1880, the people recognizing his ability, elected him to his present office, which he has conducted in a manner far above reproach. He was married December 28, 1864, to Miss Nickettie Claypool. They have had nine children, seven of whom are now living: Texa Minolier, Sarah Margaret, Frank Lee, George G., Jessie Vail, Clinton B., and an infant daughter. Mrs. H. was born in Tazewell County, Virginia, in August, 1841. Her parents, Miles and Sarah (Gosh) Claypool, were both natives of the same state.

GEORGE W. HAMILTON,

(deceased.) the subject of this sketch, was born in Bedford County, Tennessee, September 22, 1817, and was the son of Thomas H. Hamilton, a native of North Carolina, and a farmer by occupation. His mother, formerly Hollie Tucker, was a native of South Carolina. George was reared on a farm in his native county, and made farming his occupation during life. His education in youth was such as the common schools afforded. He remained in Bedford County till about his seventeenth year, when he emigrated with his parents to Missouri, landing in Daviess County, May 22, 1834. Here he was engaged in farming with his father, for about ten years, when in 1844 he moved to Gentry County, where he entered land, and remained an active and upright citizen until his death, which occurred at his home in Gentry County, two and a-half miles south of Albany, April 20, 1873. He was an indulgent father, a kind husband, and an upright, christian gentleman. At the time of his demise he was a member in good standing of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. He left a landed estate of 240 acres of land in Gentry County, with a large amount of personal property. He was married in Gentry County, November 12, 1851, to Clearacy Hardin, a daughter of John and Charity (Thompson) Harden, both natives of Greene County, Tennessee. Mrs. Hamilton resides on the old home farm, which her son Thomas manages. She was born in Greene County, Tennessee, November 21, 1835, and was reared to the age of twelve years in her native county, her education being received there. She has six children living: Mary Jane, John O., Thomas J., Absalom, James T. and Flora B.

JACOB HAWK,

carpenter and contractor, was born in Bucyrus, Crawford County, Ohio, June 3, 1831. His father, George Hawk, was a native of Pennsylvania,

and of German ancestry. His mother, formerly Elizabeth Peterman, was a native of Germany. The subject of this sketch was reared and educated in his native county. When sixteen years of age he began working at his present trade, first laboring for seven months in a cabinet shop. He followed his trade in Ohio till 1860, when he came to Missouri, and located in Mercer County, where he resided till 1878. After living in Decatur County, Iowa, for one year, he came to Albany. As a mechanic, Mr. Hawk is considered one of the most prominent and skilled workman in Albany. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity. He was married April 2, 1853, to Miss Mary A. Campbell. Their family consists of five children—Lizzie, Fred, Frank, Watson and Cantace. Mrs. Hawk was born in Crawford County, Ohio, August 9, 1835. She is a daughter of A. D. and Nancy (Landon) Campbell, both of whom are natives of Pennsylvania.

JACOB HEADINGTON,

farmer, section 13, was born in Knox County, Ohio, August 24, 1841. His father, James Headington, was a native of Virginia. Jacob was the fourth child of a family of thirteen children. He was reared in his native county and Wyandotte County on a farm, and has followed agricultural pursuits during life. In 1858 he moved with his parents to Iowa, where he lived till 1870, since which time he has been a citizen of Gentry County. His landed estate consists of 345 acres, which will compare favorably with any of the county. Mr. Headington is a member of Richardson Lodge, No. 100, A. O. U. W. He was married on November 5, 1868, to Miss Mary Shaffer. She was born in Clinton County, Pennsylvania, July 23, 1849. They have five children: Chauncey A., born July 9, 1870; Eugene A., born January 29, 1872; James A., born March 5, 1876; Minnie E., born October 20, 1877; Claudius E., born December 18, 1879. They also have one child deceased.

F. L. HERMAN,

a member of the firm of Herman & Teenor, druggists, stationers, etc., was born in Boone County, Iowa, April 24, 1857. His father, W. F. Herman, was a native of Vermont, and his mother, whose maiden name was Mariette S. Hartley, of Ohio. In the year 1868 the family moved to Albany, where F. L. began clerking in a drug store. He has been engaged in the drug business since July, 1878, and is thoroughly competent for his calling. Mr. Herman is a member of Richardson Lodge, No. 100, A. O. U. W. He was married, October 29, 1879, to Mrs. Katie

E. Rose, and by this union they have one child, Eddie R. Mrs. Herman is a native of Virginia, where she was born, May 2, 1859. Her father, Dr. William S. Rose, was born in Tennessee, and her mother, Nancy McCartney, was a native of Ireland.

DAVID R. HILL,

farmer, section 12, is a native of Kentucky, and was born in Henry County, July 22, 1809. His father, Robert Hill, was born in England, and came to America when a boy. He was married in Kentucky to Miss Millie Rice, a native of Virginia. The former was by occupation a millwright. He served as a soldier in the war of 1812. David R. Hill is the third child in the family of seven children. He was reared at his birthplace, and was there educated, though having but limited advantages for obtaining an education. In 1854, he came to Gentry County, Missouri, where he has since resided. He has made farming his occupation through life, and now has a landed estate of 120 acres. He was married May 30, 1832, to Miss Jane Tyery, by whom he has had twelve children, nine of whom are living: William W., James, Henry J., Lafayette, Melvina, Martha, Sarah, Benjamin and Oliver P. They have also reared two of their grand children: James D. and John H., whose father died while in the service of the Union army, during the war. Mrs. Hill was born in Henry County, Kentucky, February 20, 1814. Her father John Tyery, was a Virginian by birth, and was married to Catharine Harmin, a native of North Carolina. They had a family of eleven children, Mrs. Hill being the ninth.

NEWTON A. HOLLOWAY

is a prominent farmer in section 29. His grandfather was a native of England, and a soldier in the Revolutionary war. George W. Holloway, the father of the subject of this sketch, was a native of Virginia, and when a boy, emigrated to Kentucky, where he was married to Miss E. Henton, a native of Kentucky. They came to Missouri in 1840. Newton was the third child in a family which consisted of ten children. He was born in Henry County, Kentucky, November 15, 1839. In 1858 he moved to Gentry County, Missouri, where he has since resided. He was reared to habits of industry on a farm, and has followed the same occupation during life, he now having a well improved farm of 160 acres. In August, 1863, he enlisted in the First Cavalry of the Missouri State Militia, and remained in service till July, 1865. Mr. Holloway is a member of Athens Lodge, No. 127, A. F. and A. M. He was married Novem-

ber 27, 1862, to Miss Susan M. Culp, by whom he had six children: George N., Levina P., Martha J., John T., Charles W. and Ida B. Mrs. Holloway was born in Randolph County, Missouri, October 15, 1839, and died March 16, 1882. She was a daughter of Peter and Martha (Bailey) Culp.

WILLIAM B. HOWELL,

dealer in jewelry, watches, clocks, etc., is a native of Virginia, and was born in Loudoun County, February 20, 1818. His father, Butler Howell, was a Virginian by birth, as was also his mother, formerly Elizabeth McCarty. When but a child his parents moved to Kentucky, locating in Clark County for one year, and were settled in Bourbon County for two years, going thence to Fayette County, where he grew to manhood. In 1839 he came to Missouri, and located in Jackson County, where he resided for a number of years. Platte County next became his home, and in 1860 he came to Albany, where he has since lived. He has traveled over different parts of the state, and for some time resided in St. Joseph, previous to his coming to Albany. During this time he has been engaged at various trades, too numerous to mention. Since becoming a citizen of Albany he has followed his present business, except just before the closing of the war, when he was interested in the photograph and gunsmith business. He has considerable mechanical ingenuity, and some of his inventions are deserving of note. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity. Mr. Howell was married June 6, 1846, to Miss Melissa Steele, who was born in Clark County, Kentucky, in 1826. They have had nine children, two of whom are living, George and Alice.

A. W. HUMBER

is a son of Albert Humber, a native of Richmond, Virginia, who emigrated to Kentucky, where he was married to Miss Margaret Ford, a native of Kentucky. A. W. was born in Wayne County, of the latter state, on the 10th day of September, 1841. In the spring of 1850 they moved to Missouri, and one year later located in Nodaway County, where he grew to manhood. He was reared on a farm and was engaged in farming till 1863, when he went to Nevada, where he resided till August, 1867. While there he was interested in mining and had the misfortune to lose his right arm by a premature blast. Returning to Nodaway County, he was occupied in the stock business and teaching school till 1876, when he embarked in the mercantile trade at Barnard. This he continued till 1881, when he came to Albany, since which time he has followed no active business except improving his property, he having an

interest in the Opera Block. Mr. Humber is a member of Albany Lodge, No. 175, I. O. O. F. He was married September 2, 1873, to Miss Mary H. Williams, a daughter of Dr. Williams, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere. She was born in Gentry County, Missouri, May 22, 1854. They have one child, Katie Lloyd.

JAMES B. HUNTER,

farmer, was born in Saratoga County, New York, November 29, 1816. He is a son of William Hunter, a native of Massachusetts. His mother, whose maiden name was Mary Stiles, was born in Rhode Island. The family of William Hunter consisted of fourteen children, James B. being the thirteenth in number. When he was seventeen years of age he emigrated with the family to Richland County, Ohio, where he grew to manhood. In 1838 he came to Missouri and located where he now lives, at that time it being Clinton County; he is therefore known as one of the pioneers of Gentry County. In August, 1844, he went to California, *via* Mexico, and upon arriving at Los Angeles he was engaged in working in a vineyard. After a short residence there he returned to Missouri, and in April, 1847, he enlisted in Company H., Twelfth United States regiment, for the Mexican War, remaining in service till August, 1848. Mr. Hunter now has a landed estate of 257 acres, making one of the finest located farms in the county. He has been twice married: First, March 18, 1849, to Miss Nancy J. Burton, who was born in Clay County, Missouri, October 10, 1831. By this marriage he has four children: Andrew, George, James T. and Mary. Mrs. Hunter's death occurred July 28, 1858. October 3, 1858, Mr. H. was married to Miss Jane B. Gale, by whom he had had four children, three of whom are living: Flora E., Dora A., and Phoebe J. Mrs. H. was born in Saratoga County, New York, September 16, 1834, and died September 23, 1877.

JACOB JONES,

retired, was born in Washington County, Pennsylvania, May 10, 1799. He was left an orphan boy when quite young, after which he was dependent on his own resources. He remained in his native county till sixteen years of age, then went to Jefferson County, Ohio, and three years later to Muskingum County, of the same state. In 1838 he came to Gentry County, Missouri, where he has since resided. Mr. Jones was engaged in farming and dealing in stock till 1865, having driven hogs from Carroll County, this state, to near Des Moines, Iowa. In 1865, he moved to Albany and embarked in the hotel business, which he continued twelve

years, with a good degree of success. During the war he was appointed one of the county judges, which office he held for six years. He was married in Ohio to Miss Phebe Flemming, of Virginia. They had five children, three of whom are now living: Elmira, Lydia and Permelia. Mrs. Jones died while they resided in Ohio. Mr. Jones was again married before leaving Ohio to Miss Deborah Miller, of Pennsylvania. They have had ten children, of whom there are nine living: Ellis, Hannah, Mary, Barney, Lavina, Mahala, Jane E., Engene and Frank.

J. W. KRATZER,

farmer, section 25, post office New Hampton, was born in Rockingham County, Virginia, August 8, 1824. His father, George Kratzer, was a native of the same county, and of German parentage. His mother, formerly Sallie Mason, was also born in Virginia, though her ancestors were of English descent. J. W. grew to manhood in his native county, and was there educated, after which he commenced teaching school. This profession he has followed principally during life, excepting the past five years. He has also followed farming in connection. In 1867, Mr. K. went to Athens County, Ohio, where he lived till the fall of 1871, then coming to Missouri and locating in Harrison County. Three years later he settled in Gentry County, where he has since lived. His farm consists of 100 acres, and its improvements show the energy and industry of the owner. He served two years in the Mexican war, having enlisted in 1846, in the Fourth United States Artillery. In the spring of 1861, he enlisted in the cavalry of the Confederate service, in which he remained until the close of the war, being twelve months a prisoner. At the time of the surrender he held the commission of first lieutenant. He participated in most all the noted battles of Virginia. Mr. Kratzer was married December 4, 1856, to Miss Amanda Swartz. She was born in Shenandoah County, Virginia, October 11, 1826. Her father, Christian Swartz, was a native of Virginia. They have two children: Sallie E., born December 27, 1857, and Laura L., born December 1, 1863.

W. T. LAINHART,

one of the leading grocers of the town of Albany, was born in Casey County, Kentucky, August 2, 1847. His father, James W. Lainhart, was a native of Kentucky, and was there married to Miss Nancy Smith of that state. In 1850 they came to Missouri and located in Gentry County, where W. T. was reared. He followed farming till 1868, when he moved to Albany and started a broom manufactory, which he continued to operate till 1874, when he embarked in the grocery business

He is located in the Opera House block and carries a good stock in his line. He is a member of Richardson Lodge, No. 100, A. O. U. W. Mr. Lainhart was married October 25, 1866, to Miss Ella Gillespie. They have four children: George W., Charles F., Edgar B. and Ethel. Mrs. L. was born in Tazewell County, Virginia, June 28, 1849. Her parents, Henry and Ellen Gillespie, were natives of Virginia.

J. C. LAINHART & BROTHER,

dealers in groceries, are sons of James W. Lainhart, a native of Kentucky, who was married in that state to Miss Nancy Smith, of the same vicinity. J. C. Lainhart, the senior partner of this firm, was born in Casey County, Kentucky, and came with his parents to Gentry County, Missouri, in 1850. Here he has since made his home. About the year 1850 he lost his eyesight, and was educated in the Blind Institute in St. Louis, which place he attended for four years, learning the trade of broom making. He returned from St. Louis in 1867, and in the following year he, with his brother, W. T., engaged in the manufacture of brooms, continuing the same till 1874, when, on June 28, he embarked in the mercantile trade, opening a stock of goods which includes furniture, etc. He has since continued to increase his business, till he is now a member of one of the leading firms in the town. Mr. Lainhart was married, February 5, 1880, to Miss Anna B. Huston, who was born in Monticello, Piatt County, Illinois, June 18, 1857. She is a daughter of Rev. John Huston, a native of Ohio. Robert P. Lainhart, the junior partner of the firm, was born in the county, where he now resides, March 8, 1851. He was here reared and educated, following farming till March, 1879, when he became a partner in the present firm. He was married, December 23, 1875, to Miss Melcina Sampson, by whom he has two children—James E. and Nancy A. Mrs. L. was born in Gentry County, Missouri, April 10, 1858. Her father, Louis P. Sampson, was a native of Missouri, and her mother, whose maiden name was Nancy Stark, a Kentuckian by birth.

CAPTAIN S. P. LARMER,

dentist, is a native of Virginia, and was born in Lee County, July 31, 1837. His father, Thomas J. Larmer, was also a native of the same state, and as an occupation followed farming and stock raising. Thomas J. Larmer married Miss Catherine Allen, of Virginia. Their son, S. P., was reared in Lee County, and was educated in the common schools and the Emery and Henry College, of Washington County, Virginia. In

June, 1861, he enlisted in Company B, Forty-eighth Virginia infantry, of the second brigade, Confederate army, remaining in service till the close of the war. He served nearly three years as captain, and was in Lee County at the time of the surrender. Having studied for the profession of dentistry previous to the beginning of the war, Captain L. soon began the practice of his profession in Lee County, where he continued his labors till 1869. Then he came to Missouri and settled in Albany, since which time he has applied his time to the interest of dentistry, and in this direction has been very successful. He is considered among those prominent in the profession, to be an excellent posted man, and a leader among his brother practitioners. He is a member of Athens Lodge, No. 127, A. F. and A. M., and of Richardson Lodge, No. 100, A. O. U. W. In February, 1865, Dr. L. was married to Miss Elizabeth J. Rose, by which union they have had five children, four of whom are living; Charley V., Cassie R., Ida A. and Curtis L. Nannie is deceased. Mrs. Larmer was born in the town of Taywell, Claibourne County, Tennessee. Her father, Dr. William S. Rose, was a native of Tennessee, and her mother, formerly Nancy McCartney, of Ireland.

C. LINS,

dealer in general merchandise, is a native of Germany, and was born August 8, 1840. He was reared and educated in his native country, and from boyhood was taught the business which now occupies his attention. In 1858 he came to America, landing in New York City, where he clerked one year, then going to New Orleans, where he was also occupied in clerking. In 1861 he enlisted in the Confederate service, remaining therein until 1863, when he went to St. Joseph. From that point he was engaged in freighting across the plains to various places in the different territories, making in all twenty-two trips. He was then for a short time in the grain business at St. Joseph. In July, 1868, Mr. L. came to Albany, since which time he has been following his present business, which he has increased from time to time till he now has a stock of goods not excelled in Gentry County; also making a specialty of handling wool. Mr. Lins was married July 20, 1868, to Miss Kate Lainhart. She was born in Casey County, Kentucky, June 4, 1850. They have four children: Jennie, Emma, Ettie and Maggie.

ROBERT M. McCAMMON

is a member of the firm of Peery & McCammon, dealers in dry goods, boots, shoes, etc. The subject of this sketch is a son of William McCammon, a native of Tennessee. His mother, whose maiden name

was Eliza E. Pickel, was also a native of that state. Robert was born in Knox County, Tennessee, on November 21, 1842. His father died when he was but a small boy, and at the time he was nine years of age his mother and family moved to Monroe County, and in the year 1856 they came to Missouri, locating in Gentry County. He was reared a farmer boy, and when seventeen years of age he began teaching school, which he continued two years. For the next two years he was at various times over the states of Iowa, Nebraska and Colorado, after which he went to St. Joseph, where for one year he was employed in the wholesale house of Tootle, Fairleigh & Co., and then for one year with Lemon, Hosea & Co. After this Mr. McCammon embarked in the mercantile business at Gentryville, which he continued two years. For two years thereafter he was engaged in agricultural pursuits. In 1872 he was elected county collector, filling that office very satisfactorily till 1876, having been re-elected in 1874. He was the first county collector of Gentry after the separation of the sheriff's office, and was the first mayor of the town of Albany and has held many other minor offices. Since 1876 he has been interested in trading, and in August, 1880, he became a member of the present firm. He is also assistant cashier of the Gentry County Bank. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, also of the A. O. U. W. order. Mr. McC. was married to Miss Sarah J. Fitzgerald, October 29, 1868. They have five children: Mary E. R., Bathsheba G., David F., Sarah E. A. and Martha L. Mrs. McCammon was born in Monroe County, Tennessee, July 13, 1845. Her father, John K. Fitzgerald, was a native of the same state, as also was her mother, whose maiden name was May J. Jemmison.

JOHN MCFALL, JR.,

farmer and stock dealer, section 9, is a son of John McFall, Esq., and was born in Gentry County, Missouri, April 4, 1849. He has followed farming during life in his native county, and now has a landed estate of 360 acres. Mr. McFall was married October 22, 1875, to Miss Mary A. Whitton, a daughter of Redmond Whitton. She was born in Gentry County, Missouri, May 17, 1857. They have three children: Mattie, Everett and Bessie G.

WILLIAM T. MADDEN,

farmer and stock dealer, section 8, was born in Blount County, Tennessee, October 7, 1823. His father, George W. Madden, was a native of Virginia, and his mother, Delia Hartson, of Tennessee. William T. is the oldest child of the family, which consisted of nine children. He was

reared in Monroe County, on a farm, and was educated in the old fashioned log cabins, which in those primitive days were used as school houses. In 1847, he came to Missouri and located in Clay County, and five years later settled in Gentry County, where he has since resided. He now has but 170 acres of land, having previously owned a landed estate of seven or eight hundred acres, which he sold, now being engaged in loaning money. In 1863, he enlisted in Company E, First Missouri Cavalry of the United States Army, and remained in service for two years, acting as second lieutenant. Mr. Madden was married April 6, 1847, to Miss Frances Wayman, who was born in Monroe County, Tennessee, September 6, 1826. She was a daughter of M. Wayman, Esq., a native of North Carolina. Her mother, formerly Margaret Barnett, was a native of Tennessee. The family of Mr. and Mrs. M. numbers nine children, five of whom are living: Margaret A., Sarah E., Victoria C., William M. and George M.

J. R. MAGEE,

farmer, section 4, is the owner of a farm containing 160 acres of well improved land in a good state of cultivation. He is a son of John and Elizabeth (Lay) Magee, both natives of Kentucky, and was born in Henry County of that State, September 5, 1833. He was reared on a farm in his native county, there being educated. Mr. Magee has followed farming during life. In 1853 he came to Gentry County, Missouri. May 29, 1855, he was married to Miss Martha A. Young, by whom he had four children: John S., Robert M., Amanda J. and William L. Mrs. Magee was born in Blount County, Tennessee, May 25, 1837, and died February 17, 1877. Her father, J. S. Young, was a native of Tennessee, and also her mother, formerly Ruth Bouring.

W. R. MEEK,

contractor and brick manufacturer, was born in Clay County, Missouri, July 10, 1839. His father, Allen S. Meek, who was a Kentuckian by birth, was married in St. Louis to Miss Mary Childers, a native of Virginia. In 1841 the family moved to Gentry County, Missouri, where they have since lived. In 1857 W. R. Meek entered in the employ of the government on the frontier, remaining eleven years, and being with Wild Bill and other noted frontier men. He visited all the territories west of the Missouri River, and since returning to Albany, has been engaged in his present business, having been the contractor for most of the brick buildings now in this city. Mr. Meek was also for eighteen months engaged in the butchering business. He is a member of the A.

O. U. W. order. He was married May 22, 1864, to Miss Delia Stephenson, of Missouri. She died January, 1870, leaving a family of three children: Ella, Ida and Willie. He was married the second time, May 22, 1871, to Miss Sarah Thompson, of Tennessee. They have one child, Bertie.

B. F. & H. C. MEYER,

editors and proprietors of the Albany Ledger, are sons of William Meyer, who was a native of Pennsylvania, where he was married to Miss Lydia A. Stamm. William Meyer was a mechanic by occupation, and resided in Center Hall, Center County, where B. F. and H. C. were born, the former, on October 27, 1855, and H. C. January 4, 1857. They were reared and educated in their native town, and there learned the printer's trade. In 1874 B. F. Meyer came to Missouri and located in Grant City, Worth County, where he purchased an interest in the Worth County Times, which he sold in February, 1877. He then established the Bethany Broad-Axe, in Bethany, Harrison County, which he continued to edit till July, 1881. H. C. Meyer having decided to make his home in the west he joined his brother in the purchase of their present office. B. F. Meyer is a member of Richardson Lodge, No. 100, A. O. U. W. He was married, July 27, 1878, to Miss Mary P. Hillman, who is socially known as "Pet." They have one child, Anna Vess. Mrs. M. was born in Bethany, Mo., in January, 1860. Her father was a native of Daviess County, Missouri, and her mother, whose maiden name was Tennessee, was a native of the state for which she was named. The Meyer brothers are men of acknowledged ability as journalists, and publish a paper which is a credit to the citizens of Albany and an honor to themselves.

MARION L. MILLEN,

cashier of the Gentry County Bank, was born in Morgan County, Illinois, May 14, 1835. His father, John G. Millen, was a native of South Carolina, but was brought up in Kentucky, being married in the latter state to Miss Ann Garten, a Virginian by birth. The subject of this sketch was reared on a farm in his native county, where he received his education. In 1854 he moved with his parents to Missouri and located on a farm near King City, in Gentry County, where he was engaged in farming till 1858, after which he was for some time occupied in various pursuits and in traveling. In 1862 he moved to Albany, having been appointed to fill the vacancy of an unexpired term in the county clerk's office. He was afterwards deputy clerk for a few years and helped to assess the county at two different times. Mr. M. was also

deputy sheriff for a period of time. In 1870 he accepted a position as clerk in the bank of C. G. Comstock, and in June of the same year he became a partner in that institution, at which time the name was changed to the Exchange Bank of Comstock & Millen. In 1878 it was given the present name, and of this bank he has since been cashier. He is an excellent financier and a man admirably fitted for his position. He is a member of Athens Lodge, No. 127, A. F. and A. M., of Albany Lodge, No. 75, L. O. O. F., and of Richardson Lodge, No. 100, A. O. U. W. Mr. Millen was married March 7, 1861, to Miss Jennie B. Smith. They have two children living: Orion L. and Richard A. Two are deceased.

G. W. NEWMAN,

physician, and a member of the firm of W. H. Hellman & Co., druggists, was born in Spencer County, Kentucky, March 14, 1837. His father, Simeon Newman, was a native of Kentucky, as was also his mother, whose name before her marriage was Paulina P. Carico. The subject of this sketch was reared in his native county, on a farm, receiving his education in the St. Mary's College, located near Lebanon, in Marion County. In 1854 he came to Missouri and settled in Louisiana, Pike County, and in 1856 he located at Carrollton, where he completed the study of medicine, which he had commenced previous to his departure from Kentucky. He attended Pope's Medical College, of St. Louis, and began the practice of his chosen profession in 1858, at Spring Hill, Livingston County. In 1861 Dr. N. moved to Bethany, Harrison County, where he resided till 1877, since which time he has been a citizen of Albany, Gentry County, Missouri. In connection with his profession, he has since been engaged in the drug business. In 1864 he was appointed assistant surgeon of the Twelfth Missouri Cavalry, and remained in service during the war, having prior to this been surgeon in the Missouri State Militia for two years. He is a member of Athens Lodge, No. 127, A. F. and A. M., and of Richardson Lodge, No. 100, A. O. U. W. Dr. Newman was married December 3, 1861, to Miss Louisa J. Allen. They have had seven children, four of whom are living: Hattie G., Stephen A., Earnest S. and Thomas J. Mrs. Newman was born in Harrison County, Missouri, November 22, 1845. She is a daughter of Stephen C. and Mary A. (Masters) Allen, both of whom were natives of Tennessee.

O'MALLEY & BROTHER,

lumber dealers, are natives of Ireland, but were reared in Scotland, where they received their education. Edward, the older brother, came to

America in 1865, and James two years later. They landed at New York and soon after located in St. Louis, where they began working in a wholesale lumber yard. In 1875 they opened a lumber yard in Lexington, where they continued till 1878, then embarking in the same business at Carthage, James remaining in the employ of the firm at St. Louis, until their removal to Carthage. In July, 1879, they came to Albany since which time they have been doing a thriving business. Edward was married in May, 1876, to Miss Mary Lyons, a native of Ohio. They have two children, James and Edward. James O'Malley was married in August, 1872, to Miss Kate Malone, of Ireland. They have four children: Edward, James, John and Margaret.

JAMES W. OWEN,

farmer, section 30, post office Albany, is a grandson of Joseph Owen, and a son of Charles Owen, both natives of Pennsylvania. Charles Owen early emigrated to East Tennessee, where he was married to Miss Louisa Berry, a native of Kentucky. James W. is the second child in the family of Charles and Louisa Owen, which consisted of fourteen children. He was born in Sullivan County, East Tennessee, January 2, 1822. He was reared in Monroe County, of that state, having moved there when but three years of age. His education was limited to the common schools, and he has made farming his occupation during life. In 1850, he came to Missouri, settling in Gentry County, where he now resides. He has a beautiful farm of 280 acres. During the war he was a member of the state militia. In the fall of 1864, he was elected by the Republican party treasurer of Gentry County, and by re-election held the same position for four years. Mr. Owen was married October 4, 1842, to Miss Amelia Kirkpatrick. By this union they have had twelve children, ten of whom are living: Franklin K. (now a practicing physician in Michigan) Margaret L. (now Mrs. Cunningham) Mary S. (now Mrs. Rigney) Nancy F. (now Mrs. Bond) Charles O., Ann A. (now Mrs. Treasure) Adda (now Mrs. Haynes) James M., Sarah (now Mrs. Sternman) and Hosea. Mrs. Owen was born in McMinn County, Tennessee, June 23, 1823. Her father, John Kirkpatrick, was a native of Virginia, as was also her mother, formerly Margaret Patton.

F. T. & J. F. PATTON,

farmers, section 21, are the possessors of a landed estate of 160 acres. Francis A. Patten, the father of F. T. and J. F. Patten, was born in Tennessee in 1799. He was reared in his native state, where he resided

during life. His family consisted of four children : Frank T., Ann E., James F. and Emma J. Mrs. Patton, whose maiden name was Amanda Taylor, was born in Grainger County, Tennessee, December 7, 1818. She now resides with the subjects of this sketch, though having lived in Tennessee till the spring of 1880. Frank T. and James F. Patten were born in Monroe County, Tennessee, the former May 5, 1842, and James F., January 18, 1846. They were reared and educated in their native county. At the beginning of the late war Frank T. Patten enlisted in the Confederate army, and continued to serve during the war, but from 1863 he was held a prisoner. October 14, 1874, he was married to Miss Arelia McGehee, who was born in Houston County, Georgia. She died in 1875, leaving one child, Anna L. Mrs. Arelia Patton was a daughter of E. J. McGehee, who was a native of Georgia, and a Senator of that state. Her mother, Eliza Felder, was a native of South Carolina. From 1869 till 1875 Frank T. Patton was engaged in raising cotton in Georgia, carrying on three plantations, with about seventy-five men employed thereon. In December, 1881, he came to Gentry County, Missouri. James F. Patton came to Gentry County in 1877. He was married February 4, 1869, to Miss Sarah C. Ferguson, a daughter of John Ferguson. She was born in Monroe County, Tennessee, November 21, 1849. They have six children : Mary F., Ann E., Willie E., Presley C., Sarah A. and John F.

L. H. PEERY

was born in Daviess County, Missouri, March 19, 1841. His father, James M. Peery, was a native of Virginia, and so also was his mother, whose maiden name was Nancy Bane. L. H. Peery was reared and educated in Pattonsburg, Daviess County. When fourteen years of age, he began clerking in a store, and has been carrying on mercantile pursuits since he was twenty-one years of age. In June, 1859, he moved to Pleasant Ridge, Harrison County, and in 1862 he moved to Bethany, coming to Albany in 1865. In 1871 he was elected treasurer of Gentry County, and was re-elected in 1873. In 1876 he was elected a member of the county court for two years, and has held other minor offices in the town of Albany. He is now president of the Gentry County Bank, a member of the firm of R. W. Crockett, dealer in groceries ; also of the firm of L. H. Peery & Co., dealers in general merchandise at Union Grove, and a member of the milling firm of Twist, Spainhower & Co. Mr. Peery belongs to Athens Lodge, No. 127, A. F. and A. M., Albany Lodge, No. 175, I. O. O. F. and Richardson Lodge, No. 100, A. O. U. W. October 16, 1867, he was married to Miss Blanche Byrne. They have

one child, James C. Mrs. Peery was born in Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania, August 24, 1848. Her father, Captain Charles C. Byrne, was a native of Pennsylvania, in which state her mother, formerly Anna M. Moore, was also born.

E. L. PEERY,

of the firm of Coulter & Peery, dealers in hardware, tinware and agricultural implements, also of the firm of E. L. Peery & Co., dealers in dry goods, clothing, boots, shoes, etc., was born in Grundy County, Missouri, September 19, 1843. His father, William Peery, was a native of Tazewell County, Virginia, where he was principally reared. He emigrated to Missouri in an early day, locating in Grundy County, where he was married to Miss Lucy A. Folkner, a native of North Carolina. They had a family of eight children. William Peery was engaged in farming, trading and merchandising during his life. E. L. Peery was principally reared in Grundy County, though from 1855 to 1857 he lived in Gaudaloupe County, Texas. He was educated mostly in the Grand River College, of Edinburg, Grundy County, which institution was mainly built by his father. In the fall of 1865 he came to Albany, and in January, 1866, he embarked in the mercantile trade, which he has since continued with good success. He has been largely identified in the building up of the town, having an interest in the Union Block, also the Peery Block. Mr. Peery is a member of Athens Lodge, No. 127, A. F. and A. M., and of the Oriental order of the Palm and Shell.

ANDREW PIERCE,

a leading farmer and stock dealer of the county, was born in Muskingum County, Ohio, February 5, 1820. His father, Jonathan Pierce, who was a native of Pennsylvania, was married in Ohio to Miss Ann Erwin, by whom he had a family of ten children, Andrew being the fourth child. He subsequently came to Gentry County, Missouri, where he has since resided. He has made farming his occupation during life, and now has a landed estate of over 900 acres, most of which is finely improved. He has taken great interest in educational matters, having been prominently identified with the erection of the public school building at Albany, and the conducting of the school. Mr. P. was married November 28, 1855, to Miss Martha Ross, who was born in Holmes County, Ohio, in the year 1830. They have four children: John W., Archibald B., James H. and Mary D.

PETER PRICE,

(deceased), was one of the representative citizens of Gentry County. He was born in Rockingham County, Virginia, April 2, 1794. His father,

also Peter Price, was a native of Virginia, and of German descent. In 1837 Mr. P. came from Illinois to Missouri, locating in Buchanan County, and in 1846 he moved to Gentry County, having previously lived in Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky. He was one of the pioneers of the country where he lived, being there during the Indian troubles, and was also one of the earliest settlers of the Platte Purchase. His occupation during life was that of a farmer. He was a soldier in the war of 1812, for some time. While in Buchanan County he was for many years justice of the peace, and for one term he was a member of the county court of Gentry County. He was married in Vigo County, Indiana, about 1816, to Miss Nancy Rector, who was born in Claiborne County, Tennessee, June 14, 1796. She died October 25, 1872, leaving a family of eight children: John, born November 7, 1821 (now living in California), Sarah J. (Miller), born April 22, 1832 (living in California); Michael, born February 8, 1825; George W., born April 24, 1823; Phebe (Sampson), born September 16, 1826; James M., born September 30, 1830; Nancy (Quigley), born March 29, 1834, and Henry C., born in Morgan County, Illinois, January 13, 1836. He is now one of Gentry County's most prosperous farmers. His farm here consists of seventy-two acres, and he also has eighty acres in Buchanan County. He was educated in Grundy County, and has principally made that county his home during life. In 1859 he went to California, where he was engaged in trading and herding stock in the Coast Mountains, excepting in 1862, when he was occupied in mining in Idaho. In 1865 he returned to Gentry County, where he has since been engaged at his present occupation. Mr. Peter Price died November 5, 1872.

MICHAEL PRICE.

The subject of this sketch is one of the pioneers of Gentry County, where he has a landed estate of 350 acres. He is a son of Peter Price, and was born in Vigo County, Indiana, February 8, 1825. He was educated in the common schools, and resided with his parents during their various moves, and also after coming to Gentry County. In 1846, he enlisted in the Mexican War, in the Second Missouri Mounted Volunteers, in which he served for fourteen months. In 1849, he went to California, where he was engaged in mining till the spring of 1853, when he returned to Gentry County. He also served in the militia during the late war for some time. Mr. Price was married in April, 1854, to Miss Clarinda Buttler. They have six children: Aseph B., Florence, Rector, Mattie, Rosco, Luella. Mrs. Price is a daughter of Aseph Buttler, a native of Vermont, and a pioneer of Harrison County, Missouri. Her

mother, formerly Elizabeth Acre, was a Kentuckian by birth. Mrs. P. was born in Vermillion County, Illinois, April 30, 1833.

WILLIAM QUIGLEY,

farmer, section 9, was born in Morgan County, Indiana, December 26, 1838. His father, John Quigley, was a native of Ireland, and his mother, formerly Mariah Rice, was of French descent. William was reared in his native county, and in 1858 he came to Gentry County, where he has since resided. He has made farming his occupation during life, except for several years, when he was engaged in teaching school. His farm contains 250 acres of excellent land. In 1864 he enlisted in Company I, Twenty-first Missouri Infantry and remained in service for one year, having also served one year in the militia. Mr. Quigley was married October, 1861, to Miss Nancy Price, who was born in Vigo County, Indiana, March 29, 1836. They have six children: Henrietta, John F., Silas, Laura, Nancy M. and William H.

DAVID V. RANNELLS

is a member of the firm of Barton & Rannels, dealers in general merchandise, and is also postmaster of Evona. Besides these occupations he devotes some attention to farming, being the owner of a farm of 160 acres. Mr. R. was born in Muskingum County, Ohio, April 15, 1846. His father, David Rannels, who was a native of Pennsylvania, was married in Ohio, to Miss Harriet Culbertson, also a native of that state. They came to Gentry County, Missouri, in 1854, where David V. has since resided. He was reared on a farm, and has followed the same during life, having began in his present business in 1880. He was principally educated in the schools of Savannah, Andrew County, Missouri. Mr. R. is a man of great energy, successful in his undertakings and a valuable citizen.

CAPTAIN A. B. ROSS.

Representative from the Third District in the Missouri State Legislature, is a native of Ohio, and was born in Holmes County, November 23, 1841. His father, Henry Ross, was a Pennsylvanian by birth, and was married in Ohio to Miss Hannah Bell, of Pennsylvania. A. B. Ross lived in his native county till the spring of 1857, when he came to Gentry County, Missouri. He was reared on a farm, and was educated in the common schools. When sixteen years of age, he began teaching, which profession he followed principally for five years. During the war he was elected a captain in a company of militia for nearly one year. In the fall of

1863, he began selling goods, which he continued till February, 1868, he afterwards being occupied in farming till 1871. In the fall of 1870, he was elected to the office of circuit clerk, and was re-elected in the fall of 1874, serving in all for eight years. Since then he has resumed his farming and trading operations. In the fall of 1880, Captain Ross was elected to represent the ninth district (now the third) in the State Legislature, serving in the thirty-first regular session and the special session, in a manner highly satisfactory to the people. He became connected with the Bank of Albany in January, 1882, and has since been its assistant cashier. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity.

JOHN F. RUND,

farmer, section 11, post office Albany, was born in the county where he now resides, June 15, 1841. His father, Charles F. Rund, who was born in Poland, Russia, was reared in Germany, and came to America about the year 1830. He was married in Ohio to Miss Caroline Green, a native of Ohio. They had five children, John F. being the fourth child. He now has a farm of eighty-seven acres, where he resides, and an interest in his father's estate, which consists of 564 acres. During the war he served in the militia for six months. Mr. Rund was married May 19, 1872, to Miss Nancy J. Parks. They have three children: Charles F., John W. and Dora M. Mrs. Rund was born in Monroe County, Tennessee, July 4, 1854. Her father, David Parks, was a native of Georgia, and her mother, formerly Martha A. Hull, of Tennessee.

WILLIS B. SAMPSON,

farmer, section 6, post office Albany, was born in Ripley County, Indiana, March 14, 1822. His parents were Caleb and Margaret (Yeater) Sampson, natives of Kentucky. Willis B. Sampson came to Gentry County, Missouri, with his parents in the year 1835, and is now the oldest settler in Athens Township. His education was principally obtained in Indiana, though he attended one term of school in the first school in Gentry County, which is mentioned elsewhere in this history. He has made farming his occupation during life and now owns 164 acres of land. He has always taken great interest in educational matters. Mr. Sampson was married April 29, 1849, to Miss Mary Miller, by whom he has seven children: John H., born May 8, 1850; Margaret, born October 1, 1851; Nancy, born April 12, 1854; Thomas, born February 21, 1856; George W., born January 30, 1859; Mattie, born January 30, 1862, and Ona, born May 21, 1865. Mrs. Sampson was born in Greenbrier

County, Virginia, March 3, 1829. She was a daughter of Henry P. and Margaret (George) Miller, both of whom were natives of Tennessee.

F. M. SETZER,

collector of Gentry County, was born in Hardin County, Kentucky, April 14, 1848. His father, Samuel Setzer, a native of Kentucky, was there married to Miss Marjah Wheatley, also of that state. The ancestors of the former came originally from Ireland and England. They had a family of fourteen children, F. M. being the tenth child. In 1851 the family moved to Gentry County, where the subject of this sketch has since made his home, except about six months during the year 1874, which he passed in Colorado. He grew to manhood on a farm, receiving his education in the college of Edinburgh. When twenty-one years of age he commenced working at the carpenter's trade, continuing it for one year, and after three years labor at other branches of business, he began clerking in a store at Gentryville, where he remained one year. Mr. S. then embarked in the drug business at that place, in which he was engaged for four or five years. For nine months he was interested in the dry goods business. After clerking in a store in Colorado for six months, in 1874, he returned to Gentry County and resumed the occupation of selling drugs. In November, 1876, he was elected to the office of county collector, was again the choice of the people for that position in 1878, and was chosen his own successor in 1880. He is a member of the A. F. and A. M., I. O. O. F., and A. O. U. W. fraternities. Mr. Setzer was married June 7, 1871, to Miss Eola Givauden, of Gentryville, Missouri. They have had four children, of whom three are living: Guy L., Edith A., and Cornelia G. Mrs. Setzer's parents, Merritt and Louisa (Smith) Givauden, were both natives of Kentucky.

GEORGE W. SHEPHERD,

agriculturist and stock dealer, is making the raising of fine stock a specialty. He is of Scotch and German ancestry. His grand-father, and also his father, Nimrod Shepherd, were born in Virginia, where the latter was married to Miss Lucy Johnson, a native of North Carolina. They came to Missouri in about the year 1821, and located in Jackson County, where George W. was born on the 16th day of July, 1843. In 1844 they moved to Andrew County, and there George grew to manhood. His father kept a trading post for a number of years at Independence, and also in Andrew County. The subject of this sketch resided in Andrew County till 1860, when he went to Platte County, and

in the spring of 1861 he enlisted in the Confederate service, in which he remained over two years. He was held as a prisoner for sometime, but after escaping he went to Morgan County, Illinois, where he lived until 1866; thence to Doniphan County, Kansas. He was engaged in the butchering business in Illinois, and also in Wathena, Kansas, until 1872, when he came to Albany, where he was interested in the same occupation, and dealing in stock and pork packing. In 1879 Mr. Shepherd moved on his farm in section 29, township 63, range 30, which contains 160 acres—a farm well adapted to the raising of stock. He is a member of Athens Lodge, No. 127, A. F. and A. M., and of Albany Lodge, No. 175, I. O. O. F. He has been twice married—first, October 8, 1860, to Miss Penecia H. Wilhoit. She was born in Andrew County, Missouri, in September, 1843, and died March 12, 1871. They had one child, which is now deceased. Mr. Shepherd took for his second wife Maggie Seinman. Their marriage occurred February 12, 1873. Mrs. Shepherd was born in Hancock County, Ohio, August 15, 1855. They have had three children, two of whom are living, Mary J. and Thomas W.

JOSHUA SHULL

resides on section 29, where he has a farm of 135 acres. He is a son of Thomas Shull, who was a native of Virginia, though of German parentage. The mother of Joshua, whose maiden name was Nancy Hull, was a native of Ohio. Her parents were also Virginians by birth. Joshua was born in Knox County, Ohio, January 4, 1828. He was reared on a farm in his native county, and was educated in the old fashioned log school house, with neither floors or windows; greased paper took the place of windowpanes, and split benches included the scanty furniture of the interior. In 1851 he moved to Sangamon County, Illinois, and in 1857 he came to Gentry County, where he has since lived. Mr. Shull was married January 16, 1863, to Miss Cozbie Gillespie, by whom he has four children: Thomas H., Mary E., Joseph W. and Martha E. Mrs. S. was born in Tazewell County, Virginia, in February, 1841. She was a daughter of Henry and Ellen Gillespie, both natives of Virginia.

JOSEPH SIDDONS,

farmer, section 1, is the owner of a farm containing 180 acres. He was born in Allen County, Kentucky, October 12, 1818. He was reared in his native county on a farm, and in 1840, came to Missouri. During the following spring he located in Gentry County, where he has since resided. Mr. Siddons has been twice married. First, in April, 1841, to Miss Malinda Marrs, of Indiana, who is now deceased. They had eight chil-

dren: William T., James M., John H., Calvin E. and Elizabeth; three died in infancy. Mr. S. was married the second time in August, 1882, to Rebecca Permer.

GEORGE WILLIAM SMITH

is the grandson of George William Smith, who, as far as is known, was a native of England. He came to his death by the burning of the theater in Richmond, Virginia, in 1811. Richard Lee Smith, the father of George, was born and reared in Richmond, Virginia, and in 1814 he emigrated to Kentucky, locating in Casey County, where he was married to Miss Polly Baldock, of Kentucky. She was a daughter of Reuben Baldock, a native of Virginia. Richard Lee and Polly Smith both died in Kentucky. They had a family of eleven children, G. W. being the eldest. He was born in Casey County, Kentucky, May 2, 1815, and was there reared on a farm, receiving his education in the old-fashioned log school house. Mr. Smith was married in Casey County, Kentucky, on the 20th day of April, 1837, to Miss Martha J. Pigg, and in 1841 they moved to Mercer County, Missouri. In the fall of 1843 he came to his present location in Gentry County. He has made farming his occupation during life, and his farm now consists of 133 acres. His first wife was born in Casey County, Kentucky, in the year 1817, and died in Gentry County, Missouri, July 11, 1872, leaving a family of nine children, eight of whom are living: Richard L., Lucretia, William, Mary A., John R. (deceased), Sarah, Reuben P., James G. and George C. Mr. Smith was married the second time on the 5th day of November, 1879, to Mrs. Mary A. Rigney, a sister of his former wife. She was born in the same county, in 1820. They were daughters of William and Polly (Wood) Pigg, both of whom were natives of Virginia.

DR. N. M. SMITH,

cashier of the Bank of Albany, is a son of Captain David Smith, a native of Pennsylvania, who served as captain in the war of 1812. He was married to Miss Margaret Crooks, a native of Kentucky. N. M. Smith, whose name heads this sketch, was born in Franklin County, Indiana, July 26, 1836. He resided on a farm in his native county till seventeen years of age, when he began merchandising, and when twenty-one years old he commenced the study of dentistry. In 1859 he came from Indiana to Missouri and located in Chillicothe, Livingston County, where he was engaged in the practice of his profession till 1866. At this period he removed to Gallatin, Daviess County, and lived there until 1869, when he embarked in the drug business. He was engaged in selling drugs till 1873. In February, 1874, he purchased the

Gallatin Democrat, which paper he edited for nearly one year. He then opened the Farmers' Bank of Jamesport, continuing in that for seventeen months. In the spring of 1877 he came to Albany and organized his present bank on the 19th day of April, 1877, and he has since been its cashier. The bank was first opened as a stock bank and is at the present time a private institution, but is on a very sound basis. Dr. Smith is a member of Athens Lodge, No. 127, A. F. and A. M. and of Gallatin Chapter, No. 11, and was the first high priest of the same.

L. B. SPAINHOWER,

is a member of the firm of Twist, Spainhower & Co., proprietors of the Valley Mills, and was born in Gentry County, Missouri, January 6, 1845. His father, Daniel Spainhower, was a native of Kentucky, and was there married to Miss Polly Canaday, of the same state. They are considered to be among the pioneers of Gentry County. L. B. was engaged in farming till 1868, when he embarked in the grocery business, which he continued for four years. He was then interested in various branches of business till 1876, when he purchased what is now known as the Albany City Mills, which he continued to operate till December, 1880. Mr. Spainhower was married December 8, 1867, to Miss Eliza Cameron. They have two children: Lillie J. and Gustavus M. Mrs. S. was born in Gentry County, Missouri, August 17, 1849. Her father, Elisha Cameron, was a native of Tennessee, and her mother, formerly Jane Maugnet, was born in Ohio.

C. F. SPESSARD,

farmer and stock dealer, section 32, is the owner of a landed estate, consisting of 270 acres, and his place is considered to be one of the best improved farms in Athens Township. Mr. Spessard is a native of Virginia, and was born in Botetourt County, February 20, 1837. He is a son of John and Susan Spessard, both of whom were natives of Virginia. They had a family of eight children, C. F. being the youngest child. He lived in Virginia till thirteen years of age, when he came to Gentry County, Missouri, where he has since resided. He was educated in the common schools of Virginia, and Gentry County, Missouri. His boyhood days were spent on a farm, which business has been his principal occupation during life, yet at times he has been engaged in other pursuits, having several times moved to Albany, where he was interested in a mill, conducting a carding machine, etc. He was for one term deputy collector of Gentry County. During a part of the war he was in the militia. Mr. Spessard is a member of Athens Lodge, No. 127, A.

F. and A. M., and of Richardson Lodge, No. 100, A. O. U. W. He was married February 15, 1855, to Miss Martha Culp, who was born in Randolph County, Missouri, January 19, 1837. Her father, Peter Culp, was a native of North Carolina, and her mother, formerly Martha Bailey, of Tennessee. They have five children: John, Sarah P., Johnson B., Susan M. and Michael R.

GEORGE W. STAPLETON, M. D.,

the subject of this sketch, is the pioneer physician now engaged in practicing in Albany, and is one of the most prominent citizens. He is a native of Tennessee, and was born February 15, 1824. His grandfather, Edward Stapleton, and his father, Joseph Stapleton, were both natives of Virginia. Joseph Stapleton was married in Indiana to Miss Susannah White, a native of South Carolina. When George was three years old his parents and the family moved to Sangamon County, Illinois, where he was reared and educated. In 1838 they came to Missouri, and in 1840 located in Daviess County, and in 1846 settled in Gentry County. He was reared on a farm, but while in Daviess County, Missouri, he learned the tanner's trade, which he followed in Albany till 1850, when he began the practice of medicine under Dr. Williams. Mr. Stapleton afterwards attended the State Medical College of St. Louis, from which institution he was graduated in 1857. Since that time he has been actively and successfully engaged in the practice of his profession in Albany and vicinity. He owns 105 acres of land, where he resides, and this somewhat demands his attention, as he is to a greater or less extent occupied in the stock business. In 1853 he went to California, where he was interested in mining for two years. He is a member of Athens Lodge, No. 127, A. F. and A. M., and was one of its charter members. Dr. S. was married April 29, 1852, to Miss Mary W. Peery. They have four children: Edwin E., Leona S., William P. and Feling P. Mrs. S. was born in Tazewell County, Virginia, July 2, 1834. Her parents, George and Jane C. (Thompson) Peery, were both natives of Virginia.

ANDREW J. STOTTS,

farmer, section 24, postoffice New Hampton, is the owner of a farm consisting of 160 acres in Gentry County and forty acres in Harrison. He has in the present year erected a residence which is a credit to himself and the community in which he resides. Mr. Stotts was born in Morgan County, Indiana, December 27, 1834. He is a son of David and Nancy (Burns) Stotts, the former of Virginia and the latter of North Carolina. Andrew was reared and educated in his native county, on a farm. In

1862 he moved to Andrew County, Missouri, and in the following year came to Gentry County, where he has since resided, excepting for four years, while he was engaged in the drug business, at Hamptonville, which he began in 1874. He was married, January 5, 1855, to Miss Evelyn Chips, by which union they have three children: Margaret, Catharine and Transylvanus. Mrs. S. is a daughter of Morris T. Chips, who was born in Sussex County, New Jersey.

G. SYLVESTER,

farmer, section 13, post office New Castle, was born in Belgrade, Kennebec County, Maine, February 5, 1813. He is a son of John and Sarah (Pollins) Sylvester both of whom were natives of the same county as himself. Ghorum is the third child in a family of nine children. When he was seven years of age, his parents moved to Meigs County, Ohio, where he was brought up and received his education. When seventeen years of age, he learned the blacksmith trade, serving as an apprentice in Gallipolis, Gallia County, Ohio, after which time he followed his trade in Vinton, of the same county, for fifteen years. Later in life he located on a farm in Meigs County, and in the spring of 1865, he came to Missouri, settling in Worth County. In two years after he became a citizen of Gentry County, where he has since continued to reside. He now owns a farm of 80 acres, comfortably improved. In 1838, Mr. Sylvester joined the Ohio Militia of Light Infantry, in which he served as captain for five years, after which time he was appointed brigade inspector, holding this commission till the breaking out of the Mexican War. He then recruited all companies for service in that war which went from Meigs County. Mr. S. was married in September, 1835, to Miss Mary J. Ewing, by whom he has had thirteen children, five of whom are living: Newton J., Sarah, Andrew E., Theodocia and Rosealtha. Mrs. S. was born in Gallia County, Ohio, January 22, 1818. Her father, Andrew Ewing, was a native of Virginia, and her mother, whose maiden name was Jane Glenn, of Ohio.

J. H. TEENOR,

of the firm of Herman & Teenor, dealers in drugs, books, etc., is the son of John T. Teenor, who was born and reared in Tennessee, where he was married to Miss Mary E. Lowe, a native of the same state. They moved to Gentry County, Missouri, in 1844 or 1845, where J. H. Teenor was born, August 10, 1848. When he was about five years of age his parents moved to DeKalb County, Missouri, where he was educated. In 1868 he went to Harrison County, there residing till 1871, when he took a trip to California. Returning in 1873, he located in Martinsville,

Harrison County, and was engaged as a clerk in a dry goods house till 1877. At that time Mr. Teenor came to Albany and embarked in his present business. He is a member of Athens Lodge, No. 127, A. F. and A. M., of Bethany Chapter, No. 80, and of Richardson Lodge, No. 100, A. O. U. W. He was married January 12, 1878, to Miss Mary E. Caughenower. They have two children: Carl and infant daughter. Mrs. Teenor was born in Clayton, Illinois, in 1858. Her father, John L. Caughenower, was a native of Illinois, as was also her mother, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Davis.

J. B. THOMAS,

circuit clerk of Gentry County and *ex-officio* recorder, was born on June 18, 1849, in Casey County, Kentucky. His father, Isaac M. Thomas, was a Kentuckian by birth, and in that state he was married to Nancy Sherman. J. B. Thomas was reared and educated in his native county, spending his boyhood days on a farm and in a saw mill. Also during that time he learned the blacksmith trade, and in 1868 he embarked in that business in Kentucky, continuing to follow it as an occupation until 1874, with the exception of the year 1869, when he was employed in teaching. In February, 1871, Mr. Thomas had removed to Missouri, locating in Gentry County, and in 1874 he settled in Albany, where he accepted the position of deputy county clerk, under John T. Daniel, filling this position until January, 1877. He then served as deputy county collector under F. M. Setzer until January, 1879, when he accepted the position of circuit clerk, to which office he was elected in November, 1878. This office Mr. Thomas has since occupied, discharging his duties in a manner satisfactory to the people and creditable to himself. He is a member of Athens Lodge, No. 127, A. F. and A. M. of Albany, of Bethany Chapter, No. 80, R. A. C. of Bethany, Kadosh Commandery, No. 21, of Cameron, Albany Lodge, No. 175, I. O. O. F., and Richardson Lodge, No. 100, A. O. U. W. of Albany. September 25, 1873, he was married to Miss Joie Montgomery. They have three children; Beatrice, Claud and Lillie M. Mrs. Thomas was born in Henry County, Kentucky, January 29, 1851, and when three years of age was taken to Platte County, where she was brought up. Her father, Jephtha Montgomery, and her mother, formerly Miranda Adams, were natives of Kentucky. Mr. Thomas is now the agent for a prominent eastern loan association.

BENJAMIN F. TWIST

is a member of the firm of Twist, Spainhower & Co., proprietors of the Valley Mills, Albany. The mill was built in the year 1881, by B. F.

Twist and L. B. Spainhower, at a cost of \$12,000. It contains four run of burrs and a fifty-five horse power engine. In structure and quality it will compare favorably with any in Northwest Missouri, and the builders are deserving of much credit for their enterprise. The subject of this sketch was born in Erie County, New York, February 19, 1831. His father, Peter Twist, was a native of New York, and was by occupation, a farmer and lumberman. His mother, formerly Catherine Beardsley, was a native of Connecticut. When he was five or six years old, Benjamin's parents moved to Knox County, Ohio, where he grew to manhood. When eighteen years of age, he learned the carpenter's trade, in Springfield, Ohio, where he worked for three years. He subsequently went to Iowa, working at his trade in Des Moines and its vicinity, till 1854, when he returned to Knox County, Ohio. In February, 1863, Mr. T. enlisted in Company E, Twelfth Ohio infantry, and was mustered out of the Twenty-third Ohio, May 15, 1865, having been held as prisoner during this time for nine months. He participated in many important battles. In the fall of 1866, he came to Albany, Missouri, and was for three years in the grocery business, then in the furniture business for eight years, after which he returned to his trade, making his mill the last work at carpentering. He is a member of Athens Lodge, No. 127, A. F. and A. M., and of Richardson Lodge, No. 100, A. O. U. W. Mr. Twist was married October 6, 1859, to Miss Urana Channell. They have six children: Dora, Lola, Ida, Elmer, Ella and Mamie. Mrs. Twist was born in Licking County, Ohio, January 25, 1840. Her father, Isam Channell, was a native of Virginia, and also her mother, whose maiden name was Eve Harper.

L. F. VANCE,

farmer and carpenter, section 2, postoffice New Castle, was born in Clay County, Missouri, October 10, 1835. His father, William Vance, was a Kentuckian by birth, and his mother, formerly Chloe I. Robbins, a native of Massachusetts. They had a family of ten children, L. F. being the fifth child. In 1844 he came to Gentry County, having for a short time lived in Clinton County. He was reared to his present occupation, which he has ever continued to follow. Mr. Vance has been twice married. First, January 19, 1860, to Miss Rebecca Martin, who was born in Gentry County, Missouri, March 16, 1836. She died October 12, 1874. By this marriage he has two children living, Melissa A. and Claudie J. Mr. V. was married the second time, July 14, 1878, to Miss Elizabeth J. Judd, who was born in Kentucky, in February, 1847. They have one child, Chloe F.

A. NEWTON VANCE,

farmer, section 11, township 62, range 30, was born November 9, 1846, in Gentry County, Missouri, on the farm where he now resides. He is the grandson of William Vance, who was of German parentage, and who emigrated from Virginia to Kentucky, where William, his son, was born, in Henry County, December 11, 1790. He was reared and educated in Kentucky, where he was principally engaged in boat building and boating on the Mississippi. In July, 1826, he was married to Miss Chloe Robbins, a native of Essex County, Massachusetts. She was born March 31, 1802. Her father, Charles Robbins, was a native of Massachusetts, and when she was but seventeen years of age they moved to Kentucky. In 1832 William Vance, the father of our subject, came to Missouri, and located in Clay County, and four years later moved to Clinton County. In 1844 he came to Gentry County, where he was occupied in farming till the time of his death, which occurred December 6, 1872. His widow now resides with the subject of this sketch. They had a family of eleven children, six of whom are living: Henry M., Louis F., Charles W., Martha E., Amanda M. and A. Newton. The latter was reared to manhood and educated in Gentry County. In 1865 he moved to Poweshiek County, Iowa, where he remained one year. In 1872 he moved to Osborne County, Kansas, where he lived four years and for several years was engaged in teaching. His landed estate consists of 42 acres in Gentry County, Missouri, and 160 acres in Kansas. Mr. Vance has served as deputy surveyor in Gentry County, Missouri, under F. N. Henton. He was married April 9, 1872, to Miss Florence Robinson. By this union they have two children: Wilber and Pearl. Mrs. Vance was born in Henry County, Kentucky, May 1, 1858. She was a daughter of Lemuel and Evilee Crabb Robinson, both natives of Kentucky.

CAPTAIN W. H. WALES,

is of the firm of E. A. & W. A. Wales, who are proprietors of the Albany City Mills. This mill consists of four run of burrs, with a capacity of 130 barrels of flour per day. They also have an interest in a valuable mill in Burlingame, Kansas, and have in the present year (1882) erected a mill at Stanberry, at a cost of \$12,000. This is considered to be one of the best in Northwest Missouri. Captain Wales was born in the city of Utica, Oneida County, New York, on the 3d day of June, 1828. His father was born, reared and educated in England, where he was married to Miss Elizabeth Todd. They came to America in 1820. They had a family of five children, W. H. being the fourth child. He

was brought up and educated in his native town. His father having been a practical miller, he has also followed that occupation from boyhood. In the spring of 1853, he moved to Springfield, Illinois, conducting the City Mills of that city till January 1, 1862, when he enlisted in Company A, of the Third Illinois Light Artillery. After remaining in service three years and nine months, he was mustered out as captain, to which position he had been promoted in May, 1864. He participated in many noted battles. After being mustered out, Captain W. lived in Springfield for three months, when he returned to his native home. In November, 1870, he moved to Emporia, Kansas, and was engaged in milling and erecting mills in different parts of Kansas, till the spring of 1881. During this time, or from 1876, he made his residence in Lindon, Osage County, Kansas. Captain Wales was married November 20, 1850, to Miss Mary E. Hawkins. They have five children: Emery A., Mary A., Caroline A., George L. and Willie H. Mrs. Wales was born in Phoenix, Oswego County, New York. Her father, William Hawkins, was a native of England, and her mother, formerly Emma E. Lord, of Oswego County, New York.

MICHAEL WAYMAN,

(deceased), a native of Rowan County, North Carolina, was born April 3, 1803, and was a son of John and Margaret (Elliot) Wayman. He was reared in North Carolina, after which he went to Monroe County, Tennessee, where he was married, April 3, 1824, to Miss Margaret Barnett. In 1842 they came to Missouri, locating in Clay County, and in 1847 settled in Gentry County, where he died, May 25, 1857. He was by trade a wagonmaker, and while in Gentry County was engaged in farming. His family consisted of ten children, eight of whom are now living: Frances, Jonathan, Dennis P., Margaret J., Martha A., Ama E., Rachael C. and Hugh. Mrs. Wayman, the widow of the deceased, now resides on her farm in Gentry County. She was born June 24, 1804, in Tazewell County, North Carolina, but was reared in Tennessee. Hugh M. Wayman, the youngest child of this family, was born in Clay County, Missouri, March 17, 1846. He was educated in Gentry County, where he has been engaged in farming and dealing in stock during life. He resides on section 4, where he owns a farm of 160 acres. Mr. Wayman has also, for a number of years, been interested in teaching school. He is a member of Lone Star Lodge, No. 349, A. F. and A. M. Mr. W. was married December 2, 1875, to Miss Alice M. Peck. They have three children: James B., Charles P., and an infant. Mrs. W. was born in East Tennessee, March 17, 1853. Her father, William F. Peck, was a native of Georgia, and her mother, formerly Julia McGonigal, of Ten-

nessee. Mr. W. is, and has been since its organization, a stockholder in the Bank of Albany.

JONATHAN WAYMAN,

farmer, section 9, is a native of Monroe County, Tennessee, where he was born July 11, 1828. He is a son of Michael and Margaret (Barnett) Wayman, the former a native of North Carolina and the latter of Tennessee. Jonathan Wayman is the second child in a family of nine children. In 1842 he came to Clay County, Missouri, and in 1848 to Gentry County. He was educated in the common schools and was reared on a farm. He has adhered closely to agricultural pursuits during life and attended strictly to his own business. He has yet to take his first ride on a railroad, though he has donated liberally to the building of railroads through Gentry County. His landed estate consists of 137 acres. He has never been an office seeker, his official career only having extended to the office of justice of the peace, which position he held for two years. Mr. Wayman was married August 21, 1849, to Miss Julia A. Williams, and by this union they have six children: Thomas J., Margaret E., James B., Nora H., George W., and Blanch.

D. P. WAYMAN,

farmer, section 9, postoffice Albany, the sixth child in a family of ten children, is a native of Tennessee, and was born in Monroe County, August 15, 1836. In 1842 he came with his father, M. Wayman, Esq., and family to Missouri, locating in Clay County, and five years later they settled in Gentry County, where he has since resided. He owns a farm of over ninety-seven acres, but lives on the farm of his mother at the present time. Mr. Wayman was married, December 30, 1858, to Miss D. Vanhoozer. They have one child, Martha E. Mrs. W. was born in Tennessee, August 14, 1835. Her father, Valentine Vanhoozer, was a native of Tennessee, as was also her mother, whose maiden name was Ann Cooper.

WILLIAM B. WHITELEY,

the present (1882) popular clerk of Gentry County, and a member of the firm of Winningham & Whiteley, dealers in hardware, is a native of Kentucky, and was born in Henry County, July 4, 1838. His father, John Whitely, a Kentuckian by birth, was married in his native state, to Miss Priscilla J. Scisk, of Virginia. When William was but six years of age, he accompanied his parents to Missouri, locating in Lafayette County, from whence, after remaining during one winter, they went to

Ray County. The following spring he came to Gentry County, where he was educated, his youthful days being spent on a farm. When twenty-one years old, he began teaching school, and after having charge of a school for one term, the breaking out of the war occurred. He enlisted in the Confederate service, in which he remained until the close of the war, having served in different regiments and companies. He participated in a number of engagements, and while in the battle of Franklin, Tennessee, had the misfortune to lose his left arm. When the war closed, he was a prisoner. After this Mr. Whiteley returned to his native county in Kentucky, and resumed the profession of teaching, and also attending school. He subsequently went to Millersburg, Bourbon County, and entered the Western University, of which institution he was a student for one collegiate year. From that time until July, 1869, he followed teaching in Kentucky, at which period he returned to Gentry County, where he has since continued to reside. Until 1875, he was interested in teaching, and in that year he was elected county school commissioner. He was re-elected in 1877, and in 1879 he was chosen to occupy his present position. Mr. W. is very energetic in completing the work assigned him, is agreeable to all, and a man who has the esteem and confidence of all county officials, as well as of the people in general. In October, 1881, he became a partner in the firm of which he is still a member. He belongs to Richardson Lodge, No. 100, A. O. U. W. He was married January 1, 1870, to Miss Isabel C. Smith, who was born in Iowa in 1847. They have three children: Priscilla J., William A. and Andrew A.

RUFUS WHITTON,

farmer and stock raiser, section 15, is a native of Gentry County, Missouri, where he has during life been engaged in agricultural pursuits. His landed estate consists of over 800 acres. He and his brother have been for years among the most prominent stock men in the county. Mr. Whitton was married November 5, 1874, to Miss Mary J. Lowe, by whom he has two children: Alvin, born March 4, 1877, and Charles R., born September 2, 1880. Mrs. W. is also a native of Gentry County, Missouri, having been born here September 12, 1853.

J. C. WHITTON,

stock dealer, section 15, was born in Gentry County, Missouri, September 9, 1843, and is a son of Redman Whitton, who now resides at McFall. During life J. C. Whitton has resided in Gentry County, where he has been engaged in farming and dealing in stock, and in this latter industry

is one of the leaders. He has a landed estate of over 600 acres. He was married February 11, 1864, to Miss Lucy M. McFall, who was born July 17, 1847. They have had seven children, six of whom are now living: John R., George A., Frank, Lalah and Rufus. Mr. W. is one of the prominent stockholders in the Bank of Albany.

HON. WILLIAM G. WILLIAMS, M. D.

The subject of this sketch is a native of Virginia, and was born in Tazewell County, April 8, 1813. His parents were also natives of the same state, and of Welsh extraction. His father was William Williams and his mother's maiden name was Sarah Chatten. They had a family of eight children, William G. being the seventh. He was reared on a farm in his native county, where he was educated, and when eighteen years of age he began teaching school, which he continued till twenty-two or twenty-three years of age, when he commenced the study of medicine. After this he attended the Transylvania University, of Lexington, Kentucky, and began the practice of his profession in his native county. In the fall of 1843 he came to Missouri, and located in Grundy County, and in the following year settled in Gentry, and continued the practice of medicine until 1860, in connection with his farming operations. He was for a time interested in mercantile trade. His residence is one-half mile north of Albany. He was the first man to represent Gentry County in the State Legislature, having been elected in 1846. About 1847 he was appointed treasurer of the county, and by reappointments held the same position till 1856. He was also elected to the same office in 1860. In November, 1880, he was elected judge of the probate court, which position he now fills. He has also held other minor offices, and was assessor while in Virginia. Mr. Williams was married in October, 1836, to Miss Elizabeth Rader, who was born in Wythe County, Virginia, in the year 1818. They have had twelve children, seven of whom are now living: Frances, John, George, Mary, Thomas H. B., William W. and Elizabeth. Mrs. Williams was reared in Wythe and Tazewell Counties, Virginia, the state of which her parents were both natives. Her father was John Rader, and her mother's maiden name was Permelia Ganaway.

CORYDON B. WILLIAMS

is a prominent farmer on section 9. Werrin Williams, his grandfather, was a native of Wales, and after emigrating to America he located in North Carolina, where William Williams, the father of C. B. Williams, was born. He was there married to Miss Nancy Burgess, of North

Carolina. C. B. Williams was born in Gates County, North Carolina, January 18, 1819. When nine years of age he moved to Tennessee and located in Lincoln County, where he lived five years, or till 1833, then coming to Callaway County, Missouri. He has resided in Gentry County since 1852. He was educated in Tennessee and Missouri, receiving a fair education, and, being fond of books, he has attained a large fund of information in later years and is well posted in all the leading topics of the day. He has followed agricultural pursuits during life except for two years, during which time he was engaged in the harness business, which consequently proved a detriment financially. Mr. W. is extensively known over Harrison, Worth and Gentry Counties as a singing teacher, he having devoted many years to vocal instruction. His farm consists of sixty acres of fine land, and in value will compare favorably with any in that vicinity. Upon it is plenty of fruit, stock, water, etc. In October, 1861, he enlisted in the Missouri State Militia and remained in service till March, 1862. Politically he was nursed in the Democratic faith, and religiously in the Methodist Church, but after taking a review in the years of the past, he has since been a member of the Christian Church and a strong believer in the Republican party. Mr. Williams was married March 5, 1840, to Miss Mary N. Snedigar, by whom he has had thirteen children, eight of whom are living: Robert N., born January 4, 1841, (now engaged in the drug business at Cameron, Missouri); William, born September 20, 1842, (a minister of the Christian Church, and for three years a missionary in Jamaica); John B., born August 18, 1844, (now in the jewelry business at Gallatin); Hiram W., born September 6, 1854, (farmer and minister, living in Gentry County); Mary F., born October 29, 1858, (married A. H. Garton, and living in Colorado); Thomas A., born January 19, 1860, (jeweler in Bethany, Missouri); Joseph W., born December 26, 1863, and Mattie L., born June 27, 1867. The latter two are at home. Mrs. Williams was born in Lincoln County, Missouri, August 3, 1821. Her father, Robert Snedigar, was a native of Kentucky, as was also her mother, formerly Mary Buttler.

THOMAS J. WILLIAMS,

(deceased), was born in Tazewell County, Virginia, August 9, 1821. His father, John C. Williams, was a native of Virginia, and there he was married to Miss Ellen Peery, a native of the same state. The subject of this sketch was reared and educated in his native county, and came to Missouri in 1841, locating in Daviess County, where, on June 30, 1842, he was married to Sarah E. Peery. In 1844 they came to Gentry County, where he was engaged in farming until the time of his death,

which occurred February 24, 1881. He left a landed estate of 300 acres. Mr. Williams was considered one of the leading citizens of Gentry County. He was a member of Athens Lodge, No. 127, A. F. and A. M., and an active member in the M. E. Church, South, having donated liberally to the church at all times. He was the leading member to aid in building the Pleasant Valley Church, for which he is remembered by all. His family consisted of thirteen children, seven of whom are living: Mary E., Louisa J., Olivia C., William H., Reece T., Lavinia A. and Robert R. Mrs. Williams, who now resides on the farm left by her husband, was born in Tazewell County, Virginia, December 27, 1821. She is a daughter of Thomas and Mary Peery, who were natives of Virginia.

JOHN S. WILLIAMS,

son of William G. Williams, was born in Gentry County, Missouri, December 6, 1846. His educational advantages have been confined to this county, which has always been his home. He was engaged in farming till 1874, when he embarked in the grocery business, as one of the firm of W. G. Williams & Co. This he continued till 1877, when he accepted the position of deputy circuit clerk, under A. B. Williams, and has since filled the same position, although not appointed a deputy. In April, 1880, he was elected mayor of Albany, and was re-elected in 1882, which office he now fills. He was township clerk of township 63, range 30, for four years, and clerk of the town for three years. He is a member of Albany Lodge, No. 175, I. O. O. F., and of Richardson Lodge No. 100, A. O. U. W. He was married December 31, 1868, to Miss Emma Bulla. They have six children: Homer A. and Lorin H., twins; Frank, Arch R., William J. and Lizzie. Mrs. Williams was born in Gentry County, Missouri, September 10, 1846. Her father, Andrew J. Bulla, was a native of Virginia, and her mother, formerly Elizabeth Witton, was of the same state.

JOHN YEATER

farmer, section 3, is one among the earliest settlers and prominent men of this township. The subject of this sketch was born in Pike County, Missouri, August 1, 1825. His father, Joseph B. Yeater, was a native of Virginia, and his mother, Mary Phoenix, of Kentucky. They came to Missouri at an early day, and were pioneers of Pike County. When John was fifteen years of age, they settled in Gentry County in 1839. He was reared principally to the miller's trade. His father, though being a physician, was also engaged in milling. In 1849 Mr. Yeater went to California, where he was for five years occupied in mining. He

has principally followed farming during life, now having a farm of 190 acres. For the past twelve years he has been in the mail contracting business. During the war he served in the Missouri State Militia for two years, acting as sergeant and lieutenant. He is a member of Athens Lodge, No. 127, A. F. and A. M. Mr. Y. was married November 15, 1846, to Miss Martha Sampson, a daughter of Caleb Sampson. She was born in Madison, Indiana, February 17, 1826. They have eight children: William C., Harvey C., Willis, Cornelia, Mary, Joseph, Ella and Homer.

T. EDWIN BROWNE,

of the firm of J. A. Blanchard & Co., dealers in dry goods, notions, clothing, boots and shoes, Albany, was born in Queen Anne County, Maryland, June 20, 1849. He is the son of Thomas C. Browne, a farmer by occupation, and a native of the same county and state, both father and son having been born on the same farm. His mother's maiden name was Mary C. Roberts, of Talbot County, Maryland. Thomas C. Browne died when his son was only six months old. T. E. was reared on a farm in his native county, remaining with his mother until he was nineteen years of age. His education was obtained in the common schools. At the age of nineteen years he left home and went to Cordova, in Talbot County, Maryland, where he was engaged in clerking for A. W. P. Robinson for two or three years. He next moved to Easton, the county seat of Talbot County, and was there employed in a retail store as clerk until 1876, when he came west, to St. Joseph, Missouri, where he was for two years occupied in working in the establishment of Bailey, Townsend & Co. In 1878 he entered the store of Lockwood & Co., St. Joseph Missouri, with whom he remained until July 1, 1880, when he came to Albany, Missouri. Since that time he has been doing business under the firm name of J. A. Blanchard & Co. December 31, 1879, Mr. Browne was married, in St. Joseph, to Mary E. Briggs, daughter of J. C. and Elizabeth (Marlin) Brigg, both natives of Pennsylvania. Mr. Browne and wife are members in good standing of the M. E. Church, South. He is a wide-awake, active merchant, and as a salesman has few superiors.

GEORGE W. DOYLE, M. D.,

was born in Davis County, Iowa, October 20, 1856. He is a son of John and Winford (Noon) Doyle, both natives of Ireland, who after being married in that country emigrated to America in 1847, and settled in Iowa. In 1858, John Doyle died, and his son, George W., was reared on a farm by his mother and stepfather, Dabney Bowen.

In the year 1865, he moved to Platte County, Missouri, where he remained upon a farm with his parents until of age. He received the advantages of a good common school education in Davis County, Iowa, and in Platte County, Missouri. In June, 1877, he was graduated from the Warrensburg State Normal School, after which he taught several terms in Platte County, Missouri. Not being satisfied with teaching as his vocation for life, he chose the medical profession, and read medicine for about a year under the instruction of Dr. E. McD. Coffey, at Platte City, Missouri. He afterwards attended two terms at the Jefferson Medical College, at Philadelphia, from which institution he was graduated in March, 1881. Immediately after this, Dr. Doyle returned to Missouri, and located in Albany, where he has since resided. Few young practitioners have met with such encouraging results as has been the lot of the subject of this sketch for the past eighteen months, and he is thoroughly deserving of his success.



WILSON TOWNSHIP.

JAMES B. BERRY,

merchant, Enyart, is one of the substantial citizens of this township. He was born in Schuyler County, Illinois, September 17, 1826, and was the son of Harvey and Mary Berry, *nee* Swan. The former was a Virginian by birth. James B. grew to manhood as a farmer, enjoying in youth the advantages of the common schools. On September 6, 1848, his marriage to Miss Eleanor Grantham occurred, in Montgomery County, Illinois. Mrs. B. was a native of Illinois. In 1853 Mr. Berry removed from Illinois to Gentry County, Missouri, and was engaged in farming for sometime, near Albany. In 1855 he came to Wilson Township, and in December, 1867, to his present place at Enyart. He has 153 acres of land, 100 acres being fenced, and a good house, barn, orchard, etc.; his residence being in section 7, township 64, range 32. In 1878 Mr. B. embarked in the mercantile business, and in June of that year he was appointed postmaster of Enyart. During the war he served in the militia, enlisting in Colonel Craynor's regiment, in 1861. They have a family of seven children: William Harrison, Mary J., (wife of William O. Craig), James D., Jacob N., Thomas H., George R. and Lowry L. Mr. and Mrs. Berry are members of the M. E. Church,

DAVID P. CAMPBELL,

a pioneer of the northern part of the county and a leading stock raiser of Wilson Township, was born in Monroe County, Missouri, March 31, 1838. William R. Campbell, his father, was born in Kentucky, in 1811, and his mother, formerly Artamissa F. Roundtree, was also a Kentuckian by birth. In 1838 the family moved to Buchanan County, Missouri, and from Buchanan to Nodaway County in 1851, where William R. Campbell died in 1874. D. P. was raised on a farm, receiving very limited opportunities for schooling. He was married January 6, 1861, in this county, to Miss Sarah A. See, who was born in Monroe County, Missouri, September 17, 1838. After his marriage, Mr. Campbell settled in Wilson Township, moving to his present farm in March, 1881. He has 295 acres of land, with 275 acres fenced, fair improvements and a new dwelling, young orchard, etc. He resides on section 25, township 64, range 33. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell have had five children, three of whom are living: James William, born August 31, 1862; Eveline H. (wife of William Temple), born September 25, 1864, and Benjamin F. Campbell, born September 30, 1869. Nelson A. was born July 18, 1867, and died May 4, 1881. Elisha H. was born March 27, 1873, and died November 27, 1875. Mrs. Campbell is a member of the Christian Church, and Mr. C. belongs to the Masonic fraternity.

JEFF C. FARR,

a prominent physician and surgeon of Gentry County, was born in Sangamon County, Illinois, December 9, 1840, and was the son of James and Delilah (Teague) Farr, the former a native of Jefferson County, Kentucky, and the latter of Lincoln County, North Carolina. In 1841 the family removed to Indiana, locating in Morgan County. The earlier days of the subject of this sketch were passed on a farm and in attending the common schools. In April, 1861, he enlisted in the Seventh Indiana Infantry for three months, and subsequently re-enlisted in the Thirty-third Indiana Infantry, serving for four years. He was elected second lieutenant in Company H, and participated in numerous important engagements, among which were the battles of Kingston, Resaca, Kenesaw Mountain, Dallas Woods, Atlanta and others. In November, 1863, Mr. Farr returned home while recruiting for his regiment, and on January 14, 1864, he was married in Owen County, Indiana, to Miss Hattie Eaton, daughter of Elijah Eaton. She was born in Morgan County, Indiana, January 21, 1844. After being discharged from service Mr. F. returned home and soon removed to Illinois, settling in Cumberland County, where he was engaged in farming and other pur-

suits. Upon living there six years he came to Missouri, locating at Alanthus, September 17, 1871, and here he resumed farming during the first season. He began the study of medicine and the next year he was interested in the saw mill and lumber business. The succeeding year he engaged in the mercantile business at Alanthus, continuing it until June, 1876. In February, 1877, he commenced his first course of lectures at Keokuk, Iowa. In October of that year he visited St. Joseph and there attended lectures the winter following, graduating in March, 1878. The doctor at once embarked in the practice of his profession at Alanthus and has built up a lucrative business. In 1878 he was appointed postmaster of this place. Dr. and Mrs. Farr have had six children, five of whom are living: Don L., Daisy L., Dennis L., Emma, Cora and Jeff C. He and his wife are members of the Christian Church.

NATHAN GRANTHAM,

is a native of Montgomery County, Illinois, where he was born December 29, 1832. He is the son of Ezekial and Eleanor Grantham, by whom he was carefully reared, having been sent to the public schools of his native county until he grew to manhood. Mr. Grantham was married May 5, 1870, to Miss Cynthia Osborne, daughter of James Osborne, of Montgomery County. Three children were born to them: Arthur E., Luella I. and Posey Lincoln, all of whom are living. In the fall of 1870, he came to Gentry County, Missouri, and purchased a farm in Wilson Township, on section 14, where he remained until June, 1880, at which time he bought the stock of goods owned by Perry Jennings, in Alanthus Grove, and has since conducted business there, carrying a general stock of merchandise. Mr. G., with his wife, belongs to the Christian Church, and is respected in this community for his integrity and moral worth. He owns the building in which he is doing business, and is having a fair and successful trade. He also owns a good house and three lots in that town.

THOMAS Y. GRANTHAM,

a leading farmer of Wilson Township, is a native of Montgomery County, Illinois, and was born September 5, 1838. Thomas Grantham, his father, was born in Buncombe County, North Carolina, and his mother, formerly Elizabeth R. Christian, was from Henderson County, Kentucky. The subject of this sketch was raised on a farm, receiving an education in the common schools of his native county. In October, 1855, he removed from Illinois to Missouri, and located in Gentry County. September 27, 1860, Mr. G. married in this county Miss

Nancy G. Templeton, a daughter of Peter C. and Adaline Templeton. She was born in Buchanan County, Missouri. Mr. Grantham is now living on the old home place, in section 12, township 64, range 33, where he has 385 acres, with fair improvements. On the place are 155 bearing apple trees, and varieties of peaches, cherries, etc. Mr. and Mrs. G. have eight children: Thomas C., James L., Clinton B. F., Peter C., Adaline E., Frank W., Wesley U. and Esta K. He and his wife are members of the M. E. Church. Politically, he is a Greenbacker, and was once nominated by his party for county assessor, being elected at the general election of 1878. He served in this capacity very acceptably for two years. Mr. G. is at present extensively engaged in the sheep business.

GEORGE R. GRANTHAM

was born in Illinois, April 5, 1844. M. Grantham, his father, was born in North Carolina. His mother's maiden name was Susan Berry. In 1853 the family moved to Gentry County, Missouri, and located in Wilson Township, being among the first settlers of the northern part of this county. George R. spent his youth on a farm, and received but limited opportunities for attending the common schools. He was married in Gentry County, March 26, 1865, to Miss Elizabeth Osborn, daughter of Riley Osborn. She was born in Kentucky, December 17, 1846. Mr. and Mrs. Grantham have six children: Idella, Junie, Ollie, Hattie, Sadie and Isaac Pearl. Mr. Grantham resides on the old homestead, which he purchased in June, 1875, and which consists of fifty acres. He also has in his possession eighteen acres in another tract. His home place in section 12, township 64, range 33, is all in cultivation, with fair improvements and a bearing orchard of 100 large and 150 small trees; also some peaches and cherries, besides small fruits. Mr. and Mrs. G. are members of the Methodist Church.

JEHU McCLANAHAN,

section 26, township 64, range 33, was born on the 9th of August, 1822, in Cooper County, Missouri. His parents were Lacy and Dicy McClanahan *nee* Davis, the latter of whom was born in Tennessee. In 1816 the family removed to Missouri. Jehu grew to manhood on a farm in Cooper County, receiving a limited education. He was there married, November 28, 1844, to Miss Sarah A. McDaniel, daughter of Joshua McDaniel. She was born in Cooper County, December 15, 1825. In the spring of 1848, Mr. McClanahan moved to Nodaway County, where he resided for twenty years. In August, 1868, he came to Gentry County, settling on his present place, which he improved. He has 165

acres of land, 100 on his home place, and an orchard of 100 apple trees, etc. They have a family of six children: Mary J., Dicy E. (wife of William H. Berry) John L., I. N., Susan A. (wife of Lewis Payton), and George M. One is deceased. Mr. and Mrs. McClanahan are members of the Methodist Church. The former belongs to the Masonic fraternity.

S. JASPER MILLIGAN,

an early settler of this township is a native of Cannon County, Tennessee, and was born February 25, 1838. His parents were David and Anna (Standley) Milligan, the former of North Carolina and the latter of East Tennessee. In 1845 the family removed to Missouri, and located in Clinton County, where they lived for two years, coming to Gentry County in the spring of 1847. They were among the very first to locate here. Jasper was raised here on a farm, having but limited opportunities for receiving an education. He was married in this county, October 8, 1865, to Miss Margaret Watkins, daughter of Lemuel Watkins. She was born in Clinton County, Missouri, February 28, 1843, and died October 24, 1878, leaving three children. Mr. Milligan was again married in May, 1879, to Miss Elizabeth Rotam, daughter of William Rotam. She is also a native of Clinton County, Missouri. Mr. M.'s family consists of: Dulcena Belle, Orilla Ann, Amanda, Lilly L. and Ulysses A. Soon after his first marriage he located on his present farm in section 16, township 64, range 32, where he has 170 acres of land, with 160 fenced, fair improvements, young orchard, etc. The subject of this sketch served in the war of the rebellion, first, for eight months in the militia, and then three years in the regular army. In the spring of 1862 he enlisted in Company D, Fourth Missouri Cavalry, as a private, was promoted to corporal, then to sergeant, and as such participated in numerous engagements, among which were the battles of Springfield, Newtonia and Big Blue, and all the encounters with his regiment. After his discharge he returned home. Mr. and Mrs. Milligan are members of the Christian Church.

C. B. NEEDELS,

a pioneer of Gentry County, was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, November 14, 1823, and was the son of Alexander Needels, who was a native of Kent County, Delaware, as was also his wife. In the spring of 1828, the family removed to Knox County, Ohio, where Cubbage was reared on a farm, receiving a common school education. In 1844, he came to Missouri, and located in what was then Clinton (now Gentry) County,

and in 1857, he moved upon his present farm, on section 3, township 64, range 33. He owns 420 acres of land, lying on the west line of the county, all fenced, with necessary and comfortable buildings, an orchard of 500 excellent bearing apple, peach and cherry trees, forming a prominent feature of the place. December 1, 1846, Mr. N. was married in this county to Miss Susanna Carter, daughter of Elijah and Susanna Carter. She died February 1, 1849. He was married again in Fairfield County, Ohio, June 19, 1849, to Miss Sarah Jane Harris, who departed this life the 24th of December, 1850. Mr. Needels was united in marriage to his present wife, formerly Miss Catharine Needels, May 3, 1851. She was the daughter of George C. and Elizabeth Needels. They have had five sons and eight daughters, but eleven children are now living: Allen B., Christopher D., George H. I., Rosa Belle, Victoria C., Lizzie J., Rebecca E., Leander M., Queene O., Flora O. and Keziah C. Two sons and three daughters are married, and Mr. Needels has five grand children. He, his wife, and the children who are over seven years of age, belong to the M. E. Church, he being one of its most prominent members, and to which he contributes liberally. A church building located on his farm, was erected mainly through his gifts of money.

JOHN P. NEEDELS

was born in Morrow County, Ohio, April 11, 1845. Alexander Needels, his father, and also his mother, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Cubbage, were natives of Kent County, Delaware. John P. spent his youth on a farm and attended the common schools. In 1864 he came to Missouri, locating in Gentry County, and here he was married July 4, 1865, to Miss Elizabeth Grantham, daughter of Malachi Grantham. She was born in Greene County, Missouri, November 23, 1846. After his marriage, Mr. N. located in Harrison County, where he engaged in farming. After living there four years, he retraced his steps to Gentry County, locating at Alanthus, and here he resumed farming, and devoted his time to bee culture. He is extensively interested in this latter mentioned industry, and since his location here has maintained 100 colonies of bees. Mr. and Mrs. N. have three children living: Zella I., Myrtle G. and Birdie V. They have lost two. They are members of the Christian Church.

THOMAS K. RUSS

was born in Genesee County, New York, October 4, 1821. His father was Thomas K. Russ, Sr. His mother, whose maiden name was Hulda Yates, was born in Vermont. In 1834 the family moved from New York

to Ohio, and settled in Portage County. The subject of this sketch passed his youth on a farm, obtaining a common school education. After the time he was fourteen years old he took care of himself and engaged in boating on the canal (also on the lake), and in driving a stage coach. He was married in Portage County, Ohio, in 1852, to Miss Calysta Moulton. In 1854 he moved from Ohio to Iowa, and was occupied in teaming and operating a threshing machine. After residing in Iowa two years he went to Missouri, in 1856, and located at Oxford, Worth County, where he lived one year, then coming to Gentry County. He has since been a resident of this county, and in 1861 he moved to his present farm. He has 180 acres of land, with 120 acres fenced, fair improvements, and a small bearing orchard. He resides on section 12, township 64, range 33. Mrs. Russ died in the fall of 1874. Mr. R. has three children: Ira B., Andrew K. and Oliver Perry. He served in the state militia during the war, in Colonel Craynor's regiment. Mr. Russ is Democratic in politics, and was elected one of the justices of the peace of Wilson Township in 1863, and has served in that capacity most of the time since that date, and in an acceptable manner.

R. JACOB SCHMITZ .

was born in Prussia, August 27, 1828. His father, John Schmitz, and also his mother, whose maiden name was Catherine Mattis, were natives of Prussia, where his father afterward died. His mother died while crossing the Atlantic Ocean. Jacob Schmitz emigrated to the United States in 1849, landing in New York City in May of that year. He came West the same season and located in Cleveland, Ohio, where he engaged in shoemaking, and there resided for five years. He was married at this place October 23, 1853, to Margaret Stubanhaffer, who was born in Bavaria in July 1832. In the spring of 1854 Mr. S. moved to Illinois, settling at Dunleith, where he followed his trade some five years, then going to St. Joseph, Mo., in 1859. After he had worked at the shoe business about one year he came to his farm in Gentry County and engaged in farming. Mr. Schmitz has 135 acres of land in his home place on section 1, and 80 acres in Nodaway County, near Conception. He has 100 acres fenced, with fair improvements, a new dwelling, and an orchard of 130 apple trees and some 200 peach trees, cherries, etc., and a vineyard of 800 or 900 grapevines. He has a family of eight children: John G., Joseph V., Jacob, Maggie, Tracy, Andrew, Mary and Tena. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are members of the Catholic Church.

BARTON H. WATKINS,

a pioneer of this county, was born on May 11, 1833, and is a native of Jessamine County, Kentucky. His parents were Lemuel and Isabella (Hicks) Watkins. The former was born in Virginia in 1806, and the latter was a Kentuckian by birth. In the fall of 1833, the family came to Missouri, and located in Monroe County, where they lived for about two years, then moving to Clinton County, which locality they made their home until 1844. About this time, or in 1845, they settled in Gentry County, being among the first residents of the county. Barton H. passed his earlier days on a farm, his educational advantages being limited, though for a time he attended the common schools. Mr. W. was married in this county, February 19, 1854, to Miss Mahalath Nelson, daughter of Gabriel Nelson. She was born in Tennessee, March 12, 1833. Sometime after this he settled in Wilson Township. He is Republican in politics, and was nominated by his party for the position of county clerk, being elected in 1870. He served for four years. At the expiration of his term of service, Mr. Watkins returned to his present farm in section 31, township 64, range 32, where he has 145 acres of land, 95 acres fenced, with a good house, barn, orchard, etc. They have four children: Lemuel J., Jonathan H., Samuel B. and Lillie L. Mr. and Mrs. W. are members of the Christian Church. He is a minister of the denomination, and was ordained as such in 1872 or 1873.

MARK WHARTON

was born in Harrison County, Ohio, April 5, 1832. Amos Wharton, his father, was born in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, in 1803, and his mother, whose maiden name was Hannah Hutchison, was a native of Chester County of the same state, born in 1810. Mark spent his youth on a farm in Harrison County, and received a common school education. He went from Ohio to Iowa in 1854, and settled in Clinton County, where he was engaged in farming, and also in Cedar County some eight years. Mr. Wharton was married in Johnson County, Iowa, May 15, 1859, to Miss Melissa Townsend, who was born in Indiana, April 3, 1843. They had two children by this marriage; but one is now living. Mrs. W. died in 1864. In 1865 the subject of this sketch moved from Iowa to Illinois, and located in Vermillion County, where he lived some four years. The summer of 1869 he spent in Iowa, and in the fall of that year he came to Missouri and located in Gentry County. He has 240 acres of land and is among the substantial farmers of Wilson Township. His land is all under fence, with fair improvements and a young orchard. He resides

on section 21, township 64 and range 32. Mr. W. was married the second time, January 12, 1871, to Miss Nancy J. Gabriel, daughter of David Gabriel, one of the pioneers of Gentry County. They have seven children, Hannah M., David A., Leonard A., Kate A., Manford E., Martha J. and an infant. Mrs. Wharton is a member of the Church of God.

ROSS M. WHARTON,

section 5, a native of Harrison County, Ohio, was born May 19, 1840. He was the son of Amos and Hannah (Hutchison) Wharton, the former of Bucks County, and the latter of Chester County, Pennsylvania. The earlier days of Ross M. were passed on a farm in his native county, and for a time he attended the common schools. September 1, 1864, he was married, in Ohio, to Miss Sarah F. Yost, who was born in Harrison County, Ohio, July 3, 1844. Her parents were Elias and Kesiah Yost. In the spring of 1865 Mr. Wharton moved westward, settling in Vermillion County, where he was engaged in farming for two years. In 1867 he went to Marshall County, Iowa, and after residing there about two years he came to Missouri in the spring of 1870, locating on his present farm, in this township. He is a leading agriculturist of the county, and now has 417 acres of land, 270 fenced, a comfortable residence, and a large, new barn. Upon the place is a young orchard of 100 apple trees, and other fruit. Mr. W. is quite extensively engaged in the stock business. He and his wife have a family of five children: Edgar Y., Maggie E., John M., Maud L. and Rosetta M. Mrs. Wharton is a member of the Old School Presbyterian Church.

WILSON C. WOOD,

the son of James H. and Martha Wood, was born in Fentress County, Tennessee, April 5, 1844. Here he remained attending the common schools until 1852, when he moved with his parents to Clinton County, Kentucky. He was married January 17, 1867, to Miss Amanda F. Hays, daughter of Dr. L. G. Hays, of Clinton County, Kentucky. Two children were the fruits of this marriage, Martha Lee and James Willie. In September, 1867, Mr. Wood emigrated to Platte County, Missouri, and thence in the following February to Gentry County, Missouri, where he has since resided. He has served as constable, and is at the present time justice of the peace and deputy county surveyor. Mr. W. is a member of the Baptist Church, a popular Democrat and a worthy citizen of Wilson Township.

W. H. ROGERS,

farmer and stock raiser, section 20, township 64, range 33, was born on the seventh of November, 1840, in Claiborne County, Tennessee, his father, Isaac M. Rogers, who was a farmer by occupation, also being a native of that county. His mother, whose maiden name was Jane Todd, originally came from Pulaski County, Ky. In 1843 W. H. was brought by the family to Clinton County, Missouri, where he passed his youth on a farm, there receiving his education. He was married during the war to Miss Virginia W. Allnutt, daughter of Daniel Allnutt, and by this union they have four children: Sallie, aged fourteen years; George, aged eleven years; Corda, nine years of age; and Newton D., two years old. Mr. Rogers is the owner of 159 acres of good land, most of which is under cultivation. He raises stock to some extent. Religiously he is a Methodist, and is National in his political preferences. Mr. R. took a prominent part during the late war, participating in many of its battles, etc. On the breaking out of that conflict he was attending school in his district, where, by studying the constitution closely, he had become a strong advocate of the Union. His views soon brought him into controversy with many of different belief, and occasioned great enmity against him. In the fall of 1860 he purchased goods to make a flag, the first that ever floated in Clinton County on the side of the Union. He belonged to the first company of home guards ever raised in the county, and was thought to have been the cause of bringing the first troops into that vicinity. For this cause he came near losing his life. A short time after his father's house was robbed, and this kindled a new fire of hatred against the Confederate cause. When a little over twenty-one years of age he joined the Fifth Battalion of six months' troops, then stationed at Cameron, Missouri. He entered as a scout and bore some despatches with great speed. The first engagement in which he took part was with Cy. Gordon, at Platte City, and the next at the house of James Gibson, in Buchanan County, where one man, James Grooms from Gentry County, was wounded in the face. The next day Thomas Burnom, a captain of the opposing forces, surrendered to him and was placed in the St. Joseph jail, from which he subsequently escaped. Mr. R. served his time, when he returned home and raised a crop on his father's farm, and in August of the same year, when the State Militia was organized, he joined that company. In the spring of 1862, when the state formed the Provisional Militia, he entered the Fourth Provisional Regiment, Company C., commanded by Captain Turney, who was killed in 1863 by Thrailkill's guerilla forces at Plattsburg. During the summer of 1862, under command of Lieutenants Younger and Culver, he visited the

James farm and witnessed the hanging of the elder Samuels. Before this occurrence Samuels had been pleaded with to give the whereabouts of the guerilla who had robbed Plattsburg the day before, and who had been trailed, partly, to his (Samuels') house. He was ordered to the woods under a strong guard, and the same question having been given him, to which he again answered in the negative, a noose was placed over his head, his hands tied behind him, and the command given by Lieutenant Culver to hold him up. At this time Mr. Rogers was ordered to go to the house and send the boy out, (Jesse James,) which he did. Mr. Samuels was questioned the third time about the guerillas, to which he then replied that Frank James and a man by the name of Taylor had been there the night before. Mr. S. was then taken to the house. During the day the company had a running fight with Jo. Hart, Frank James and others. This was one of the quiet summers in this part of the state. Mr. R. remained at home during the winter, and was subsequently ordered into service under Captain Rogers, but with others, on account of their strong radicalism, they were disbanded in fifteen days. They were now left at the mercy of these cut-throats. The first night after the disbandment eleven men went to the house of Mr. Rogers for the purpose of killing him, but failing in his capture, robbed the house. This compelled him to organize an independent company, which was conducted during the remainder of the war. He took part in another severe fight in the spring of 1864 with the James brothers' gang, and many times was compelled to hide in the woods, when his wife would stay with him. Mr. Rogers has indeed had an eventful life, and one of which he may feel proud.



BOGLE TOWNSHIP.

JOHN BLAYLOCK,

son of William and Elizabeth Blaylock, was born in Butler County, Ohio, September 9, 1821. He spent his youth here and in Preble County until his eighteenth year, and in the fall of 1839 he emigrated to Shelby County, Indiana. Mr. B. was married May 8, 1840, to Miss Sarah A. Shurber, and to them twelve children were born, eight of whom are living: William H., James A., Benjamin D., John J., Joseph R., Nancy E., Mary A. and Sarah J. Those deceased were Maria E., Harvey M., David K. and Lorenzo D. Mr. Blaylock emigrated to Gentry County, Missouri, in the fall of 1862, and is one of her most respected citizens. He owns 125 acres of land in section 5.

SAMUEL S. DALLAS,

section 12. The subject of this sketch is a native of West Virginia, having been born near Wheeling, February 22, 1841. He is the son of William and Elizabeth Dallas, who moved to Vermillion County, Indiana, in the fall of 1846, when Samuel was only five years of age. Here he grew to manhood and was educated, attending the Wabash College at Crawfordsville, in that state, and assisting on the farm until 1863, when he came to Gentry County, Missouri. He was married March 12, of that year, to Miss Fannie Williams, daughter of Dr. W. G. Williams, of Albany, Gentry County.* Returning immediately after his marriage to Indiana, he engaged for four years in farming. Becoming dissatisfied, he again turned his face toward the West, and in the spring of 1867 settled on the farm in Bogle Township, which he still occupies. Mr. Dallas owns 280 acres of good bottom land in section 11, with a comfortable house, plenty of stock and everything needful to comfort. His family consists of one child, William Sterling. Mr. D. and his wife belong to the Methodist Episcopal Church.

JOSEPH DEGGINGER,

a native of Bavaria, born April 15, 1842, and is the son of Isaac and Bertha Degginger. He was principally educated in his native country, and when he reached his sixteenth year he emigrated to America, seeking a home and a fortune among strangers and in a strange land. He

soon settled in Gentry County, Missouri, went to work, and by energy and good management laid the foundation for the fortune which he now enjoys. Mr. Degginger was engaged in the mercantile business at Albany and Gentryville for about twelve years, after which he turned his attention to farming and stock raising, in which he is now extensively interested. He is a member of Athens Lodge, No. 127, A. F. and A. M., and one of the wealthiest and most influential men of Gentry County. Mr. D. is a stockholder in the Gentry County Bank, at Albany. He owns 510 acres of land, with a good house, orchard, etc., and has a large amount of stock, owning at present over 400 head of cattle, besides hogs, horses, etc. He is a prominent Democrat and a shrewd business man. Though self-made, he has not only built himself up financially, but has gained great popularity, having as many friends as any man in Gentry County.

REUBEN S. FLOYD,

the son of William and Francis Floyd, was born March 11, 1849, in Lincoln County, Kentucky. There he was reared and educated. When he became of age he emigrated to Lynn County, Kansas, in the spring of 1870. Returning eastward after one year, he located in Gentry County, Missouri, and on December 3, 1874, he was married to Miss Savannah J. Ross, daughter of John A. Ross, of Gentry County. Mr. Floyd then purchased a farm and began farming where he now lives, in section 30. He has one child, Bertha. He owns 200 acres of land, under a good state of cultivation, besides several lots in Albany. Mr. F. is one of the substantial farmers of Bogle Township, and is a leading Democrat.

THOMAS J. FLOYD,

section 4, was a son of William and Frances Floyd, and was born in Indianapolis, Indiana, June 8, 1852. His parents removed to Macon County, Kentucky, when Thomas was about two years old, and he was reared and educated at Lincoln, the county seat. There he was engaged in farming until the spring of 1871, when he went with his parents to Lyon County, Kansas, and one year later to Buchanan County, Missouri, finally reaching Gentry County in the fall of 1873. Mr. Floyd was married November 9, 1876, to Miss Allie C. Waterman, daughter of William T. Waterman. They have two children: Bessie and Mary R. He is a member of the Church of God, and has held various places of trust in his church and district. Mr. F. owns considerable stock. He is a young man of thrift, and a democrat in politics.

WALTER GLADSTONE,

the son of William and Elizabeth Gladstone, was born in Roxburyshire, Scotland, August 27, 1818. There he lived until he was grown, being educated among the mountains of his birthplace. In the spring of 1840, he sailed for the New World, and soon settled in Waterloo County, Canada, near the town of Hamilton. On the 14th day of January, 1840, he was married to Miss Jane Easton. They have eight children: William, Eliza, Alexander, Jennie, George, Earnie, Walter and Mary. Mr. Gladstone was engaged in farming for about ten years, after which he entered into the mercantile business at Eyr, in the Province of Ontario, for about fifteen years, also carrying on his farm. He has been superintendent of the poor farm of Gentry County since it has had an existence, and still holds that place of trust. Both himself and wife are members of the Presbyterian Church, and are highly esteemed in the community in which they reside. Mr. G. is one of the leading farmers of the county, having a farm of 325 acres in sections 5, 6, and 8, of this township, with good buildings and other improvements. He is Republican in his political views. He has been a citizen of Gentry County since 1869.

DR. CHARLES W. HARDY.

a prominent physician of this vicinity, is a native of New Hampshire, and was born in Cheshire County, on the eleventh day of April, 1852. He is the son of Cyrus E. and Sarah J. Hardy, and from them received a careful training, attending the public schools and assisting his father until 1872, when he entered Dartmouth College; three years later he was graduated from that institution, he being a member of the class of '75, and receiving the degree of B. S. Immediately after graduating, he emigrated to Lawrence County, Missouri, where he engaged in teaching, continuing in that profession for about three years. In March, 1879, he began the study of medicine, with Dr. F. E. Ross, of Springfield, Mo. With means raised by his own efforts he attended the Missouri Medical College at St. Louis, and graduated from that institution with highest honors in March, 1881, there being only two who stood higher than he in a class of 115 students. Soon after this Dr. Hardy came to Gentry County, established himself in practice at Union Grove, and has succeeded in building up a good patronage, which is constantly increasing. The doctor is a man of excellent education, a consistent member of the Congregational Church, and a man of good moral character. He has the energy and enterprise which will lead him on to success in his chosen profession, and is destined to make his mark among the best physicians of the country.

JOHN HINOTE,

the son of Philip and Rachel Hinote, was born in Gentry County, Missouri, September 10, 1858. Here he was educated, engaging in farming in Bogle Township, with his father until he reached his eighteenth year, when he began to work for himself. Since that time he has been extensively occupied in farming and feeding and handling stock. He was married March 30, 1882, to Miss Jennie Gladstone, daughter of Walter Gladstone, of Gentry County. Mr. Hinote owns a fine farm of 200 acres of land, in section 12, with a house, and an orchard of 500 trees. There are on the place fifty head of cattle, five horses, and considerable other stock. He is Democratic in politics, and a man of great energy.

ANDREW KIER,

a native of Indiana County, Pennsylvania, was born March 16, 1822. His parents, Robert and Matilda Kier, removed to Holmes County, Ohio, in the fall of 1831, and there he resided till the fall of 1841, when he came to Gentry County. Since then he has made his home within her boundaries. On May 1, 1845, he was married to Miss Jane Caster, daughter of Sampson Caster, of Gentry County. The fruits of this marriage were two children, Robert and Elizabeth. Robert is still living. Mr. Kier lost his wife September 30, 1851. He was married again, December 9, 1852, to Miss Elizabeth A. Darby, of Gentry County, Missouri, by whom he had eight children: William, Martha, Mary, James, Thomas, Grant, John, and Edward. Mr. Kier served during the war in Company F of the Fifty-first Missouri Volunteer Infantry, and also in the Home Guards. He owns forty acres of land in section 28, of this township, and has probably made more farms than any man in the county, having built nine good houses for himself since he came here. He is a carpenter by trade, and was one of the earliest pioneers in the county. He is a Republican.

CHARLES KORN,

the son of Michael and Nancy Korn, was born in Gentry County, Missouri, February 29, 1852. He grew to maturity and received his education in the county of his birth, and worked at farming until he became of age, when he began teaching school. This profession he followed for about four years. On the 15th day of August, 1875, he married Miss Martha A. Shockley, by whom he has two children, Walter L. and Edna L., both of whom are still living. He owns ninety-five acres of land in section 23, with a young orchard, house, etc. Mr. Korn is a thriving

farmer and business man, and has one of the best farms of its size in the county.

BEVERLY MAHONEY,

the son of Fielding and Rebecca Mahoney, was born September 18, 1819, at New Castle, Henry County, Kentucky. Here he lived until he reached his seventeenth year, when he moved with his parents to Ripley County, Indiana, in the fall of 1836. He was married at the age of twenty-one years on October 25, 1840, to Miss Phœbe O'Neel, of Ripley County, Indiana. The fruits of this marriage were sixteen children, nine of whom are still living, viz.: John H., James R., Nancy B., William T., George F., Christopher C., Elsie S., Lucinda D. and Ezekiel. Those deceased were named Fernando, Delpha, Julia F., Elgiva, Austin, Sterling and one that died in infancy. In the spring of 1849 he emigrated to Clarke County, Missouri, where he was engaged in farming until the fall of 1855, when he came to Gentry County, Missouri. Here he has since made his home, with the exception of one year, spent in California in 1863. Mr. Mahoney buried his first wife January 27, 1865. He was married again December 14, 1865, to Miss Nancy J. Helms, by whom he has four children, all living: Christina E., Clement L. V., Turner B. and Arthur A. He belongs to Ellenorah Grange, and is a member of the Christian Church. He has been justice of the peace, and has held other places of trust. Mr. M. is a leading and straightforward Christian man. He owns 140 acres of land in section 34, with house, orchard, etc.

JOHN B. POWERS,

the son of Harvey and Elizabeth Powers, was born in Washington County, Virginia, September 3, 1842. There he grew to manhood, and was married February 12, 1861, to Miss Rebecca J. Witten, daughter of Harvey Witten, of Tazewell County, Virginia. The fruits of this marriage were six children, all of whom are living: Harvey, Charles, Edward, John, Alexander and Mollie. Mr. Powers emigrated to Gentry County, in the spring of 1862, and engaged in blacksmithing, which trade he continued to follow for about fifteen years. In May, 1881, he purchased a stock of goods and opened a store at Union Grove, where he is still occupied in the mercantile business. He has a good stock of general merchandise, and is very successful, being assisted in the store by his wife. He also conducts a blacksmith shop, and owns eighty acres of good land, with comfortable house and other improvements. Mr. Powers is a leading business man of the township, an influential Democrat, and straightforward in his business transactions.

CHRIS. SELLERS,

the son of Chris. and Susan Sellers, was born in Greene County, Pennsylvania, June 9, 1839, and lived there until he reached his tenth year, when in the spring of 1849, his parents removed to Morrow County, Ohio. Here he was reared and educated, attending the school at Sparta. Enlisting in the Union Army in July, 1862, he served for about three years in Company L, One Hundred and Twenty-First Ohio Volunteer Infantry. His regiment was in some of the hottest engagements of the war, and he was present at the battles of Perryville, Lookout Mountain, Mission Ridge, and others. He also participated in the capture of Atlanta, and was with Sherman in his famous march to the sea. Thence he went northward to Washington, taking part in the grand review, and was discharged at Columbus, Ohio, in the summer of 1865. Returning home, Mr. Sellers remained till the following spring, when he emigrated to Gentry County, Missouri, and engaged in teaching for several years, finally purchasing the farm and settling where he now resides, in section 13. He owns 205 acres of land, with good house, orchard, barn, etc. He is a self made man, having amassed a comfortable little fortune, and at the same time gained an enviable reputation for honesty and integrity.

L. L. L. SHOCKLEY,

section 26, a native of Gasconade County, Missouri, was born December 22, 1822. He is the son of Thomas and Elizabeth Shockley, and remained in the county of his birth until he reached his twentieth year, when he immigrated to Gentry County, Missouri, settling in the fall of 1842, on the farm now owned by Hannah Guynn. Two years later he took the claim which now constitutes his farm. On the 8th of December, 1843, he married Miss Elizabeth Burgess, of Gentry County, Missouri. He had eight children, four of whom are living: Minerva, Martha, Victoria and Nevada. Those deceased were Andrew, Mary E. and two that died in infancy. Mrs. S. died in March, 1863, and Mr. Shockley was again married in 1866, to Mrs. Clarissa Martin, of Iowa. One child was the result of this marriage, Thomas R., who is still living. This wife also died in February, 1877. On the 11th day of May, 1880, he was married to Mrs. Elizabeth Green. Mr. Shockley owns 124 acres of land, with a fine house, orchard, etc. He is a member of the Baptist Church, and is a Democrat in politics.

WILLIAM T. SPAINHOWER,

a native of Gentry County, Missouri, was born April 9, 1847, and is the son of Daniel and Mary Spainhower. He was reared and educated in

the county of his birth. In November, 1867, he was married to Miss Millie Dawson, daughter of Benjamin Dawson, who came from Kentucky in an early day. Mr. Spainhower has four children living: Dell-sena, Mary E., Orphia and Arena. One is deceased, Daniel B. He is a member of Denver Lodge, I. O. O. F., and an elder in the Christian Church, of which he is a consistent member. Mr. S. is extensively engaged in farming and stock raising, owning 132 acres of land, in section 2, in a good state of cultivation, with house, barn and other conveniences. He is a very influential man in the community, where he is respected by all.

JAMES G. TURNER

was born in Gallatin County, Kentucky, September 27, 1847, and is the son of James H. and Victoria Turner. He received his education and early training in Gallatin County, and there he was engaged in farming until December, 1879, when he emigrated to Gentry County, Missouri, settling on the farm in section 36, which he still occupies. On the 24th of November, 1870, he married Miss Susan Farris, daughter of W. C. Farris, of Gallatin County, Kentucky. They have had four children, only two of whom are now living, Robert and Virgie. Willie and an infant are deceased. Mr. Turner has been a member of Annual Branch Grange, having been steward of that organization. He is now conducting a large farm of 520 acres belonging to Robert Turner, of Kentucky, and is an extensive stock raiser and an influential Democrat of Bogle Township. Mr. T. is a member of the Christian Church.



HUGGINS TOWNSHIP.

WILSON T. CANADAY,

section 3, was born in Casey County, Kentucky, February 12, 1825, and was the son of Robert and Elizabeth Canaday, who moved to Morgan County, Illinois, in 1828. Subsequently they returned to Kentucky, and in the spring of 1833, they again came West and located in Montgomery County, Illinois. Here Wilson was reared, and in company with others came to Gentry County, Missouri, in May, 1846. On the 22d day of April, 1847, he married Miss Martha Viney, of Gentry County, whose father, Nathan Viney, came to Missouri from Virginia in 1837. They

have seven children, all living: Sarah J., James L., Louisa and Lucinda, (twins), Alice, Edward and Archibald. Mr. Canaday served in the militia during the war, under Captain Castor. He owns 142 acres of good land between East and Middle Fork of Grand River, and is comfortably fixed, with good house, orchard and other improvements. He is a member of Athens Lodge, No. 127, A. F. and A. M., and a consistent member of the Christian Church, as is also his wife. Mrs. C. states that her people used honey as a substitute for soap during the first year of their stay in Gentry County, that not being at all an uncommon circumstance in those days, as honey was plenty and soap a very scarce article.

WILLIAM W. GILLESPIE,

the son of Thomas S. and Maria J. Gillespie, was born in Tazewell County, Virginia, September 14, 1846, remaining there up to his tenth year, when his parents immigrated to Gentry County, Missouri, in February, 1856. His father, returning to Virginia on some business the year following, died there, and William was left to face the hardships of a pioneer's life alone, at the early age of eleven years. Mr. Gillespie was married August 30, 1863, to Miss Mary E. Ward, daughter of James Ward, of Gentry County, and side by side have they struggled upward until they now own one of the best farms in the county, with stock and everything needful to their comfort. They have seven children living: Polly J., Robert, Theodore, Francis, Hinton, Linnia and Thomas. They have lost one, a babe. Mr. Gillespie has never been a seeker for office, but has been a school director and held other places of trust. He owns 80 acres of good land in section 22, and is one of the substantial farmers and popular men of the county.

ELIJAH HATHAWAY,

section 23, a son of Simeon and Mary Hathaway, was born in Venango County, Pennsylvania, August 18, 1804, and there resided till he was about four years old, when his parents removed to Greene County, Pennsylvania. Here he grew to manhood and received his education. He was married March 30, 1826, to Miss Elizabeth Smith, of that county. Her people were Quakers. Mr. H. was engaged in farming in this locality till December, 1835, when he removed to Monroe County, Ohio. During his stay here he was justice of the peace for over twelve years, and county judge for four years, besides filling many minor positions of trust in his township. Being attacked with the "western fever," he emigrated to Gentry County, Missouri, in 1865, and settled in Huggins Township, near the place on

which he now resides. He has had nine children, only four of whom are living, viz.: Sylvanus, Lydia, Martha and Joseph Still. Those deceased were named William, Samuel, Mary J., John, and one that died in infancy. Mr. Hathaway owns about 700 acres of excellent land in Huggins Township. He is a member in good standing of Buckeye Grange, No. 1043. He is a man of remarkable vigor, being able to do the work of a much younger man, notwithstanding his age. In politics he is a Jefferson Democrat, but takes three Republican papers, and is a man who keeps well posted in the current literature of the day.

ABRAM LEE,

farmer, section 26, is a son of John and Rachel Lee, and was born in Belmont County, Ohio, April 8, 1827. He spent his youth on a farm in that county, and was married April 4, 1852, to Miss Rebecca Lyster, of Belmont County. After this he spent four years working by the month, and at the end of that time he rented a farm and began farming on his own account. He served in the Ohio state militia during the war, being among those who drove Morgan out of the state at the time he made the raid northward. In the fall of 1864 he came with his family to Mason County, Illinois, and the following spring emigrated to Gentry County, Missouri and settled near the place on which he now resides. His family consisted of nine children: William M., James A., Rebecca, Sarah M., Oscar E., Abram E., Melvina, Asa E. and John R. All are living except William M. and James A., who died in Ohio. Mr. Lee is a member of Excelsior Grange. He owns ninety acres of fine land, with good dwelling, plenty of stock, etc. He is a self-made man, having earned everything he has by the sweat of his brow.

JAMES E. MCGUIRE,

farmer, section 24, the son of William and Rebecca McGuire, was born in Floyd County, Kentucky, April 24, 1825. His parents moved to Morgan County, that state, when James E. was quite young, and here he was educated, and remained until he was about seventeen years of age, when his people emigrated to Missouri, he coming with them. After spending twelve months in Saline and DeKalb Counties, he finally settled in Gentry County, Missouri, where he has since resided. On February 19, 1845, he was married to Miss Nancy Sale, whose people came from Michigan to Gentry County in an early day. Ten children were the fruits of this marriage, of whom seven are now living: Lucinda, Sarah, Frances, Samuel W., Rebecca, James P. and George P. Those deceased were named William H., John F. and Charles R. He owns 214 acres of

good land, with fair house, barn, orchard, and other improvements. Mr. McGuire is a member of Mount Pleasant Lodge, No. 312, A. F. and A. M., and Buckeye Grange, No. 1043. He has been school director and road supervisor in his district, and served in Company M, Missouri State Militia, First Regiment, two years during the war. He also took part in the removal of the Fox Indians from this county in February, 1846.

JOSEPH MURPHY,

farmer, son of William and Malinda Murphy was born in Casey County, Kentucky, December 7, 1837. There he spent his boyhood, coming with his parents to Macon County, Illinois, in the spring of 1846, and thence to Gentry County, Missouri, in April, 1854. Here he has since lived with the exception of two years spent in Linn County, Kansas. On the 16th of July, 1856, he married Miss Lydia Osborn, daughter of McDaniel and Rebecca Osborn, who were living at the time of her birth in Henry County, Iowa. During the war Mr. Murphy served in Company M, First Regiment Missouri Cavalry, for one year, and was discharged at Holden, Missouri, in May, 1863, for disability. He has had twelve children, eight of whom are living: William M., Samuel, Joseph A., Minnie M., Florence, Florinda J., Charlie P., and Wyotie H. Uriah C., Marinda, Robert, and an infant, are deceased. Mr. Murphy owns 196 acres of good land on the east side of Grand River, in section 5, and has a good, comfortable home. He, together with Mrs. M. and his two oldest children, are members of the Christian Church.

JEREMIAH PETTITE

was born in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, March 18, 1827. He is the son of John and Malinda Pettite, of that county, and there he lived until the spring of 1831, when he came with his parents to Butler County, Ohio, and thence to Decatur County, Indiana, in 1842. He grew to manhood in that locality, and was married December 25, 1845, to Miss Sarah Garver, of Decatur County. Eleven children have been born to them, six of whom are still alive: Joseph H., Malinda, Sarah, Louisa, Abraham and Andrew J. George W. and four infants are deceased. Mr. Pettite emigrated to Benton County, Iowa, in 1856, and thence in 1865 to Buchanan County, Missouri, and finally to Gentry County, Missouri, where he still resides. Mr. Pettite has acted as constable, has been road supervisor and school director in his district, and is a good citizen. He is democratic in politics, and with his wife, belongs to the United Brethren Church. He owns sixty acres of land in section 14, and upon it is a comfortable house and barn.

LARKIN RUCKER,

the son of Lemuel B. and Lucy Rucker, was born in Monroe County, Ohio, May 24, 1843, and was reared and educated there up to his nineteenth year. He then took a trip west, visiting Livingston County, Illinois, and at the end of twelve months returned to his former home. He planted and tended one crop, when, becoming of age, he entered the Union army, serving in Company I, One Hundred and Sixty-first Ohio Volunteers, and was discharged September 4, 1864. He came to Gentry County, Missouri, and was married October 27, 1870, to Miss Amanda Lilly, daughter of Judge Lilly, of Stanberry, Missouri. They have six bright children: Talbott, Ida, Myrta, George, Walter and an infant. Death once hovered over their home and removed Jessie, a beautiful daughter, from the family circle. Mr. Rucker owns 152 acres of good, bottom land in section 4, with a good, comfortable house, orchard and barn. He is quite extensively engaged in sheep raising, and has been quite successful in the business. He is one of the leading farmers of this township, and a hospitable man.

JOSEPH YATES,

clergyman, the son of Jacob and Lydia Yates, was born in Circleville, Pickaway County, Ohio, August 28, 1816. There he was educated and there he married Miss Eva Halterman, of that county. Nine children were the fruits of this marriage. Mr. Yates was baptized into the Baptist Church in 1836 and was ordained to the work of the ministry the following year. He emigrated to what is known as "Egypt" in Wayne County, Illinois, and there was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife. He then entered into the practice of law with Hon. Silas L. Brian, of Salem, Illinois, with whom he continued following his profession for eleven years until the spring of 1866, when he emigrated to Stewartsville, Missouri. At this place he received an appointment from the General Baptist Association as their agent for Northwest Missouri. Mr. Yates founded the first Baptist Church at Stewartsville and also at Cameron during the years 1866 and 1867. He then labored as pastor of Chillicothe First Baptist Church and others until 1877, when he settled down at Hopkins, Nodaway County, Missouri, and constituted the First Baptist Church of twenty-seven members at that place. For two years he labored as their pastor until failing health compelled him to retire from the pulpit. Mr. Yates then sought health in travel, visiting many cities, and, among other places, the White Sulphur Springs of Virginia. Returning in the spring of 1880 to Stanberry, Missouri, he

married Mrs. Martha Malson on September 5, of that year. He has a farm of fifty-one acres, with good, substantial improvements in section 25. Mr. Y. is a zealous Christian worker and a good citizen.



COOPER TOWNSHIP.

DANIEL ALLEN,

farmer and stock raiser, section 12, post office Stanberry, was born in Cortland County, New York, July 12, 1824. His ancestors, for several generations previous, had lived in that same locality. Young Allen was the recipient of a common school education, and like his forefathers, followed agricultural pursuits. He remained on the home farm until 1856, when he determined to locate further west, and accordingly settled in Dubuque County, Iowa. There he remained until 1860, and in 1867 he became a resident of Harrison County, Missouri. In 1871 he came to his present location, where he has improved a farm of 175 acres. This farm is universally acknowledged to be one of the richest in the county; his barns and various outbuildings are models of convenience, and the surroundings of his place remind the observer of one of the home-like farms of the eastern states. He makes stock raising his principal business, and in this line has been quite successful. Mr. Allen is a consistent member of the Baptist Church, and has been prominently identified with the cause of Christ for twenty years. His actions through life have been consistent with what he professes, he ever doing what he can towards the spread of the gospel. December 6, 1860, he was married to Miss Emily Smith, who was born in Indiana, but reared in Illinois. Their family consists of four children living: Charles S., born September 21, 1865; Frank T., born February 15, 1869; Clark D., born June 19, 1876, and Florence M., born July 21, 1881.

ED. E. ALESHIRE,

attorney, was born near Carthage, Hancock County, Illinois, March 16, 1857, and is the son of William and Sarah Ewing Aleshire, natives of Ohio. He was reared and educated at his birth place, and in early life had recourse to the occupation of all aspiring youth—school teaching. He afterwards was engaged in the grain trade. He selected the

practice of law as a profession, and after a thorough preparation he was admitted to the bar in Keokuk, Iowa, in 1879. He lived for a short time at Red Oak, Iowa, but after the new town of Stanberry was laid out he early identified himself with the embryo city, and was one of the first attorneys to locate here, in December, 1879, and since then he has engaged actively in the duties of his chosen calling. He has held the position of local attorney for the Wabash Railroad for three years, and is the agent for the lands of the Western Improvement Company at this place. In 1882 he was honored by being elected mayor of the city, and has filled that office with credit to himself and his constituents. As a citizen he is public spirited and ever identified with the best interests of the city. As a business man, prompt and energetic, he has secured the esteem of all with whom he has had business relations. He was married September 23, 1880, to Miss Addie Poling, of Hancock County, Illinois:

A. P. AMBROSE,

of the B. G. Kimball Lumber Company, is deserving of more than a passing notice. He was born in Washtenaw County, Michigan, June 20, 1843, and was principally reared and educated at his birth-place. His early life was spent on a farm. In 1865 he went to Hancock County, Illinois, and thence to Missouri, where he was employed by the Hannibal and St. Joseph Railroad as timber, tie and fuel agent, also assistant superintendent of bridges. After remaining with this company for ten years he engaged in the tie and lumber business at Jameson, extending his business as the Wabash road was extended. After the town of Stanberry was located he at once identified himself with the interest of the city, and the firm of Ambrose, Brown & Company did the most extensive business in the town. In March, 1882, the firm of Ambrose, Brown & Company was succeeded by the B. G. Kimball Lumber Company, with A. P. Ambrose as President and General Manager; F. M. Brown, Vice-President; J. J. Enyart, Secretary, and B. G. Kimball, Treasurer. They have at present yards in operation at Gallatin, Jameson, Pattonsburg, McFalls, Stanberry and Conception, on the Wabash road, and at Albany, New Hampton and King City, on the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad. These yards all carry a large stock, and are doing a thriving business. The main offices of the company are located at this point. Being possessed of ample capital, they are one of the solid institutions of the Northwest, and their prosperity reflects great credit on the business ability of the general manager, and no firm enjoys in a higher degree the confidence of the community than the B. G. Kimball Lumber Company. As a citizen, Mr. Ambrose has ever

been identified with any interest calculated to benefit the county. In educational matters he has taken a great interest, and as a member of the normal and public school boards has proved himself an active and efficient worker. He was married, in 1872, to Miss Mollie K. Matthews, a native of Ohio. Their family consists of two children, Olney and an infant. Mr. A. is a member of Island City Lodge, No. 109, A. F. and A. M., and of the A. O. U. W. fraternity.

WILLIAM H. ARMSTRONG,

banker. Among the enterprising and substantial citizens of Stanberry, who have contributed a full share to the reputation of the town, may be mentioned the subject of this brief sketch. Mr. Armstrong was born in Baltimore, Maryland, on the 28th day of March, 1844, and is the son of Andrew and Eliza H. Armstrong. He was reared in his native state until twelve years of age, and then came with his parents to Buchanan County, Missouri, where his father soon after died. Here he was reared to manhood, and commenced his banking experience in Gallatin, Missouri. He was married March 28, 1872, to Miss Jennie Thompson, daughter of Hon. J. S. Thompson, a wealthy banker of Glasgow, Missouri. In connection with his father-in-law, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Armstrong opened a bank in Gallatin, Missouri. March 4, 1873, Mrs. Armstrong died, leaving one daughter, Jennie T. During the year 1873, he sold out his interest in the bank and returned to Glasgow, Missouri, and with his father-in-law, engaged extensively in the tobacco business, which he continued until his removal to Stanberry and engagement in his present business. Since this time he has been prominently identified with the growth and prosperity of the city. He is a wide awake business man, assumes nothing and attends to his duty assiduously. As manager of the Farmers and Mechanics Bank, he has proven himself a safe, conservative and successful financier, and has secured in a high degree the confidence of the community in which he resides. As a citizen, he has manifested an active interest in all that has a tendency to promote the interest of the county, and prominent in all educational matters. He commenced life without means, and may well be termed the architect of his own fortune. Mr. Armstrong's second marriage occurred May 23, 1876, to Miss Clara D. Almond, a lady of refined taste and domestic habits, whose life has been devoted to making home happy and attractive. Mrs. A. is a daughter of the late Judge Almond, who was so closely identified with the early history of Northwest Missouri, and who was one of its most able jurists. Their family consists of four children: Edith H., Bethenie A., William Thompson and Clara Belle.

A. W. BENNETT,

agent of the St. Joseph and Des Moines Railroad, and dealer in grain, at Darlington, is a native of Ohio, and was born in Trumbull County, May 14, 1853. His father, Horace J. Bennett, who was born in New York, was married in Ohio, to Miss Sarah Poole, a native of Virginia. When about three or four years old, the subject of this sketch was taken by the family to Michigan, and after a short residence there, he removed to Hancock County, Indiana. A few months later, he located in Knox County, Illinois, there remaining till 1859, when he immigrated to Gentry County, where he has since resided. At sixteen years of age, Mr. Bennett commenced the occupation of school teaching, which he continued until he was twenty-three years old, at which time he learned the trade of painting. This he followed for six years, and on September 22, 1879, he removed to Darlington, and took charge of the railroad company's business at that point. Since then he has become an expert telegraph operator, and also fills that position. Mr. B. was married October 17, 1877, to Miss Victoria Watts. They have three children: Gordon, Mable, Sarah. Mrs. B. is a native of Gentryville, Missouri, and was born in 1860.

JOHN W. BOWER.

retired, Stanberry, was born in the state of Ohio, on September 12, 1817, and when one year old he was taken by his parents, John and Sarah (Cannon) Bower, to Jennings County, Indiana. He grew to manhood in that state, and learned the trade of cabinet making. August 12, 1838, he was married to Miss Mary Chambers, a native of Jefferson County, Indiana, born in December, 1822. She was reared in Jennings County, of that state. In the spring of 1846 Mr. B. came to Gentry County, Missouri, and purchased a tract of wild land. Since then he has been one of the most prominent men in the county. He was at one time actively engaged in merchandizing, but of late years has retired from active business life. He is a large land owner. During the years 1849, 1852 and 1856 he made trips to California, devoting his time to mining and the live stock business. In 1852 and 1856 he was accompanied by his family. In the late war he took an active part, being a staunch Union man. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Bower is composed of: Sarah, William M., George C., Mary, Orie, Ann, Frank and Calvin A. Three are deceased: Helen, Virginia and Lulu. They are both members of the Christian Church.

W. W. BROOKS, M. D.

Among the medical practitioners of Gentry County and a rising physician, may be mentioned the subject of this sketch. He was born in Randolph County, Missouri, March 31, 1852, and is the son of Benjamin R. and Sally E. Brooks, natives of Kentucky. He was reared on a farm and was educated at Mt. Pleasant College, at Huntsville. He early selected the practice of medicine as a profession and commenced reading with Dr. L. Dysart as preceptor. After a thorough preparation he attended lectures at the American Medical College, of St. Louis, and was graduated in 1878. In 1879 he came to Gentry County and early identified himself with the interests of Standberry. Dr. Brooks at present holds the position of city physician. To his most thorough qualifications as a physician he adds promptness and energy in professional duty, and is ever ready, regardless of distance or weather, to render all relief in his power to the suffering. He was married June 3, 1880, to Miss Maggie Boulware, a native of Monroe County, Missouri.

O. S. BROOKS,

proprietor of billiard hall and ice dealer, was born in Van Buren County, Iowa, December 24, 1841. His father was James Brooks, and his mother's maiden name was Nancy Clark. The early life of O. S. was spent on a farm, and after living at various places in Iowa, he came to Standberry at the first sale of town lots, and purchased property, and since that time has been permanently identified with the interests of the town. During the late war he enlisted in Company K, Fourth Iowa Infantry, and served over three years, and participated in the battles of Arkansas Post, Jackson, Pea Ridge, Vicksburg and Lookout Mountain, besides numberless skirmishes and engagements of less note. In his political preferences he is a staunch Republican. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and is connected with Island City Lodge, No. 109, and Standberry Chapter. Mr. B. married Miss Mary A. Campbell, in 1866. She was born in Iowa. They have two children, Byron P. and Elvader.

ALFONZO BROWN,

section 11, son of John T. and Paula Brown, was born at Troy, Rensselaer County, New York, February 16, 1816. Here he was educated until he reached his fourteenth year, when he removed to Fluvanna, Chautauqua County, New York, where he grew to manhood. There he was married January 20, 1836, to Miss Sophronia Carpenter, daughter of Joel Carpenter, of Chautauqua, New York. Four children were born of

this marriage, two of whom are still living, Charles A. and Helen S. Those deceased were named Joel and Alfred. In March, 1854, Mr. Brown emigrated to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where he engaged in milling, continuing to follow that business in various parts of the state until the fall of 1868, when he came to Denver, Worth County, Missouri, erected a mill there and remained for about six years. Thence in 1874 to Grand River, built the mill and store building at that place and founded the town. The town of Brownville, Iowa, was named after this gentleman. He is a member of the Christian Church and belongs to Denver Lodge of the I. O. O. F. Mr. Brown owns 280 acres of land in Missouri and Iowa, five dwellings, the mill and store building at Grand River, a house and lot in Darlington and another in Denver, Worth County. He also has two houses and eight lots at Shenandoah, Iowa, besides having other interests. He is one of the wealthiest men of the county, a prominent Republican and a wide-awake, shrewd business man. Mr. B. has built eight mills in Missouri and Iowa during his time and has amassed a neat fortune for his old age.

M. F. BROWN,

lumber dealer, is a native of Kane County, Illinois, where he was born April 13, 1843. His father, James Brown, who was a native of Kentucky, removed to Illinois at an early day. The maiden name of his mother was Mary Ross. She was born in Baltimore, Maryland, but was reared in Ohio. From Kane County, Mr. Brown removed to Bloomington, and thence to Macomb. In 1866, he came to Missouri, settling in Brunswick, where he was engaged in railroading, and for six years ran a train. From 1874 to 1877, he was occupied in the hotel business in Moberly. In 1879, he came to Stanberry, and purchased the first four lots at the town sale, and was the first to engage in the lumber business in the town. No man here has manifested a more public spirit in anything calculated to benefit the city or contribute to its good name. As a member of the city council, and in anything pertaining to educational matters, he has always been prompt to act and efficient to work. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and holds the position of W. M. in Island City Lodge, No. 109. He is First Master Workman of the A. O. U. W., and Deputy Grand Chancellor of the Knights of Pythias. He was the first Chancellor Commander of the Knights of Pythias in this city. Besides his lumber business, he has mining interests in Colorado that are very promising. Mr. Brown was married April 23, 1872, to Miss Sallie Rhodes, a native of Kentucky. Their family consists of two children, Lillie Gay and George Walsh.

THOMAS BROWN.

the son of Vincent and Elizabeth Brown, was born in Gentry County, Missouri, September 23, 1858. His mother's maiden name was Elizabeth Foglesong. Thomas was reared and educated in Gentry County, attending the public schools there for some time. He was married October 12, 1879, to Miss Martha S. Felts, daughter of George D. Felts, of Gentry County, who came from Tennessee. They have two children: Hettie M. and Charlie A. Mr. Brown is successfully engaged in farming, in section 9. He is a Jefferson Democrat, and an energetic, industrious man.

BURT & HUNT,

boot and shoe dealers. Although this firm are among the more recent acquisitions to the business interest of Stanberry, they have taken a front rank among the standard business men, and both as a firm and as citizens merit the esteem in which they are held. J. B. Burt, the senior member of the firm, is a native of Chemung County, New York, and was born on the fourth day of June, 1833. He was reared on a farm, and commenced business in the shoe line at Wellsburg, New York. After working in various places, he moved to Missouri in 1868, made his home in Columbia for some years, and in 1882 came to Stanberry and in connection with G. H. Hunt engaged in his present business. Mr. Burt was married April 4, 1861, to Miss Rachel B. Ostrander, also a native of the state of New York. G. H. Hunt was born in St. Louis, Mo., March 12, 1854. His father was Anton Hunt, and the maiden name of his mother was Frances Geiger. G. H. Hunt was reared in St. Louis at his present business, and in 1873 he removed to Columbia, Boone County, where he remained until his removal to this city in 1882. He was married March 7, 1882, to Miss Nettie B. Cato. She was born in Boone County, Missouri.

COLUMBUS J. BURNETT

was born in Jackson County, Missouri, April 24, 1839. Wilson Burnett, his father, was born in Patrick County, Virginia, and his mother, whose maiden name was Mary Liggett, was also a Virginian by birth. In 1843, the family moved to Missouri and located in Platte County, being among the earliest settlers there. The youth of Columbus was spent on a farm, and in attending the common schools of Platte County. He came to Gentry County in June, 1865, settling in Cooper Township. He was married in this county December 21, 1865, to Miss Mahala V. Pope, daughter of Thomas J. Pope. She was born in Hendricks County,

Indiana, July 9, 1845. In 1869, Mr. Burnett settled on his present farm. He has 130 acres of land, with ninety acres in his home place and forty acres in another tract; seventy acres are fenced, with fair improvements, a good house and a fine young bearing orchard. This place is located in section 30, township 63, range 32. Mr. and Mrs. Burnett have four children: Cleo. D., George Winfield, Roscoe C. and James Arthur. Mr. and Mrs. Burnett are members of the Missionary Baptist Church. Mr. B. served in the war of the rebellion for three years and three months. He enlisted January 11, 1862, in Company F, Sixth Missouri Cavalry, and was mostly on the frontier, under General Blunt.

S. CHAMBERLAIN,

of the firm of S. Chamberlain & Son, general merchants, was born in Allegany County, New York, on the 30th day of December, 1818. His father was a farmer, and at this occupation the subject of this sketch was reared until he commenced his mercantile experience. From New York he emigrated west, and settled in Galena, Illinois, where he remained one year, and thence to Dubuque County, Iowa. In 1869 he moved to Gentry County, Missouri, and followed agricultural pursuits. In 1876 he engaged in selling goods at Mount Pleasant, and as soon as the town of Stanberry was located Mr. Chamberlain was one of the first merchants to identify himself with the interests of the embryo city. The firm, by their straightforward business course and fair dealing, have secured a large patronage, and deservedly merit the reputation they have gained in the community. In 1851 Mr. Chamberlain was married to Miss D. Price, a native of Broome County, New York. Their family consists of five children: Jennie, (wife of J. A. Stockton); Henry, associated with his father in business; Clara, Walter and Hattie.

BENJAMIN F. CHAPPELL.

The subject of this sketch was born in DeKalb County, Missouri, December 25, 1848. H. L. Chappell, his father, was born in North Carolina, in January, 1812, and his mother, whose maiden name was Matilda Haynes, was a native of Clinton County, Missouri. In August, 1856, the family moved to Gentry County, and were among the first settlers in Cooper Township. B. F. was raised on a farm, and received a common school education. He was married in this county, December 18, 1868, to Miss Jane Hopkins, daughter of Frederick Hopkins. She was born January 25, 1848, in Gentry County. After his marriage, Mr. Chappell settled on the old home place, where he has since resided. He has

eighty acres of land, with seventy acres under fence and fair improvements, and a young orchard. He resides on section 10, township 62 and range 32. He makes a business of running a threshing machine during the threshing season, and has followed this business for some nine seasons. Mr. and Mrs. C. have a family of six children: Minnie Belle, Oscar P., William H., James A., Edna F. and Eugene F.

DR. L. M. CHILTON,

one of the leading physicians of Gentry County, is a native of Casey County, Kentucky, and was born on the 7th day of September, 1838. His parents were James M. and Rachel Clifton Chilton. L. M.'s early life was spent on a farm, and he received his education at Bradfordsville, Kentucky. Having made choice of the practice of medicine as a life vocation, he commenced reading with Dr. J. W. McGowen, of Mintonville, and afterwards with Dr. Prewet as preceptors. After practicing for some years, he attended lectures and was graduated from the St. Louis Medical College. In 1863 he settled in Morgan County, and afterwards returned to Kentucky, and in 1865 came to Andrew County, Missouri, remaining one year. Subsequently he settled in Island City, Gentry County, and thence in 1866 to Mt. Pleasant, where he remained in the active practice of his profession until the town of Stanberry was laid out in 1879. Dr. Chilton built and finished the first residence in the town. Professionally, he is a man of recognized ability and experience. He is a man of kindly feelings, and his heart as well as his judgment and conscience, prompt him to be very attentive to the sick and afflicted. He was married to Miss Mary Stewart, who was born and reared in Casey County, Kentucky. They have one son, Cleo Madison. The Dr. is interested in the mineral springs in this vicinity, an analysis of which appears in another part of this work.

JOHN J. CHITTENEN

is master of the wrecking trains of the Omaha Division of the Wabash, St. Louis & Pacific Railway Company, his office being at Stanberry. Mr. Chittenen commenced railroading in 1852, in Michigan, and in 1862 for the Missouri Pacific Railroad, entering the employ of the Wabash, St. Louis and Pacific Railroad, in 1872. He then had charge of the car repairs at Brunswick, and in 1879 he came to Stanberry. He is a native of Weedsport, Cayuga County, New York, and is a son of David and Nancy (Gault) Chittenen. When at the age of sixteen years he went to Michigan. He was married in 1863 to Miss Celinda Kestler, a

native of Illinois. They have one daughter, Laura. Mr. C. has always taken an active part in educational matters, and is a member of the Stanberry School Board.

MRS. LAURA J. CLINE.

The subject of this sketch was born in New Hampshire, December 24, 1836. Samuel Boynton, her father, was born in Franconia, New Hampshire, as was also her mother, whose maiden name was Abigail V. Young. In 1843 the family moved west and located at Chicago, Illinois, where Mr. Boynton was engaged as contractor and builder. The youth of Mrs. Cline was spent in the public schools of Chicago, until thirteen years old, when she attended private schools and St. Mary's Academy. She was married December 24, 1854, on her eighteenth birthday, to John W. Cline, of Chicago, who was born in Montgomery County, New York, November 23, 1832. His parents early moved to Chicago, where he was raised and educated. Mr. Cline located in Chicago after his marriage, and acted as conductor on the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad, and is said to have run the first passenger train over the Chicago and Milwaukee Railroad. They resided in that city some eight years, moving from there to Knox County, Illinois, in the spring of 1863. Here Mr. C. was interested in the grain business, and was one of the heaviest dealers in the county. He resided in Knox County until 1877, when he moved to Missouri and located at Lathrop, Clinton County. In 1874 Mrs. Cline was elected a member of the school board of Knox County, and served as clerk of the board for three years, she being the first woman elected a member of the school board in the county. She filled the position with credit and ability. Mr. C. resumed the grain business at Lathrop for about one year, when, on the night of May 11, 1878, he was shot (not fatally) and robbed. In the spring of 1879 he moved to a farm in Clinton County, where he resided until his death, which occurred December 5, 1881. Mrs. Cline has two children, Charles Edward, born in Chicago, March 7, 1856, and Alice E., (wife of John I. Reece,) born in Chicago, March 20, 1858. She was married at Lathrop, Missouri, January 2, 1881. Mr. and Mrs. Reece have one child, Hiram Cline, born October 11, 1881. Mrs. Cline moved to her present farm, in Gentry County, in March, 1882. She, her son and son-in-law, own a farm of 240 acres of land, with a good house, fair improvements and a fine bearing apple orchard, and a variety of other fruits. This place is located on section 10, township 62 and range 32.

ELISHA COGDILL,

one among the pioneers of the county, was born in Clay County, Missouri, August 2, 1832. His father, W. Cogdill, and also his mother,

whose maiden name was Susan Harrington, was born in Kentucky. When the subject of this sketch was a child they moved to Buchanan County, where he resided until 1846, then coming to Gentry County, and were among the first families to settle in the county. Elisha Cogdill was raised on a farm and had but limited opportunities for acquiring an education. He was married August 31, 1854, in this county to Miss Sarah A. Cranor, daughter of Joshua and Deborah Cranor. She was born in Wayne County, Indiana, January 22, 1838. After his marriage Mr. C. settled on a farm, and in February, 1864, came to his present place, in section 7, township 62, range 32. He has 104 acres of land, with sixty acres fenced and fairly improved. They have ten children living: Mary Elizabeth, (wife of William Boner); Deborah Jane, (wife of Charles Talmedge); William D., Susan E., (wife of W. Williams); Clarissa E., Thomas M., Joshua C., Cora A., Flora M. and Ida L. Mr. C. once took a trip overland to California and spent some two years in the mining regions of that state. He and his wife are members of the Christian Church.

ANTHONY COPPERSMITH

was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, August 5, 1829. His parents, Matthias and Catharine (Ragg) Coppersmith, were born in Germany. The youth of Anthony was spent on a farm and in attending the common schools of his native country. He came to the United States in 1854, landing in New York, in April of that year. After spending some three years in the vicinity of New York City, working on Staten and Long Island, in 1857 he went into Dutchess County, where he labored on a farm for some eighteen months. Coming West in 1858, he located in Warren County, where he lived sixteen years, engaged in farming. He was married in this county June 24, 1861, to Mrs. Electa Kimmens, daughter of Thomas Stockton. She was born in Indiana, August 6, 1825. They had three children, two of whom are living. This wife died May 14, 1871. Mr. C. was married the second time to Miss Catharine Douv, daughter of Henry Douv, November 7, 1871. She was born in Germany, January 3, 1841. They have four children: Emma, Anthony W., Nellie and Charles Otto. Mr. Coppersmith moved to Gentry County, Missouri, in the fall of 1874, and settled on his present farm, near Stanberry. He has 180 acres of land in section 30, township 63, range 32, all fenced, with fair improvements. A good dwelling and barn and a bearing orchard are upon the place. He has 10 acres of timber in another tract. Mr. and Mrs. C. are members of the Baptist Church.

WILLIAM H. CRANOR,

a pioneer of Gentry County, and an old resident of Cooper Township, was born in Wayne County, Indiana, January 10, 1837. Joshua Cranor, his father, a native of the same county, was born October 10, 1813, and his mother, whose maiden name was Deborah Potter, was born in New Jersey in 1812. In 1842 the family moved to Missouri, and located first in Andrew, and then in Atchison County, coming to Gentry in 1847. The subject of this sketch was raised on a farm, receiving a common school education. He served in the war of the rebellion, enlisting in July, 1862, in Company F, Thirty-fifth Missouri Volunteer Infantry, and acting until the close of the war, having participated in all the engagements of his regiment. Mr. Cranor was married in this county February 20, 1870, to Miss Serilda Chappell, daughter of Henry Chappell. She was born in Missouri. Mr. and Mrs. Cranor have one son, George Cooper, born September 5, 1873. They also have one adopted son, William H. Stegall, who was born March 15, 1875. Mr. Cranor came to his present farm in February, 1870. He has 130 acres of land, with some seventy acres fenced, with fair improvements, and a fine bearing orchard of 150 apple trees, and a variety of other fruits. This farm is located in section 10, township 62, range 32. Mr. and Mrs. C. are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

NATHANIEL CROW.

The subject of this biography is a native of Washington County, Maryland, and was born November 7, 1818. His father, Jacob Crow, was born in Maryland, his parents having emigrated there from Germany. Mr. Jacob Crow and his father were soldiers in the Revolutionary War. Nathaniel is the eighth in a family of fourteen children. When young he was taken to Jefferson County, Virginia, where he was reared to manhood and received his education. He was engaged in teaming and boating for some time, and also interested in the construction of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. Locomotives then not having been adopted in that locality, passengers were taken from station to station by the means of horse power. In the spring of 1850, he removed to Defiance County, Ohio, and was occupied in farming till 1856, when he removed to Madison County, Iowa. In the fall of that year he came to Gentry County, Missouri, continuing to reside here till 1860, then going to the Rocky Mountains. After remaining there through the summer, he returned to Gentry County. In 1861, Mr. Crow enlisted in the Federal cause, serving one year. Since that time he has been engaged in farming. He was married August 1, 1839, to Miss Harriet Edwards. They

have ten children: Alexander, Charles W., Elizabeth, Daniel H., Ann M., J. W., Samuel, Eliza, Sarah I. Mrs. C. was born in Antietam, Maryland, December 19, 1820. She was a daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth (Boroff) Edwards, natives of Maryland. Mr. Crow has been a member of the M. E. Church for over forty years. His landed estate consists of 240 acres that will average with any in the county, and he has on the home place a very fine orchard, to which he began giving his attention in 1862.

JOHN DEPRIEST,

a prominent farmer of Cooper Township, was born in Gibson County, Indiana, January 16, 1842. Andrew Depriest, his father, was born in Kentucky, and his mother, whose maiden name was Minerva Barker, was a native of Gibson County, Indiana. Andrew Depriest went to Gibson County, Indiana, when a young man, where he was married, and where he afterwards died, when the subject of this sketch was but a child. In 1852, when he was ten years old, John's mother, with her family, moved to Clay County, Illinois. He was reared on a farm and had no advantages for schooling. He was married in Marion County, Illinois, February 19, 1863, to Miss Mary White, daughter of William White. She was born in Marion County, March 12, 1846. In June, 1866, Mr. Depriest moved to Gentry County, Missouri, and located on his present farm near Mount Pleasant, in section 28, township 63, range 32. He has 160 acres in his home place, all fenced, with good improvements, a new dwelling and a large bearing orchard of 250 apple and 125 peach trees, with a variety of other fruits. Mr. Depriest has a 100 acre farm in another tract and 162 acres elsewhere, constituting in all 422 acres of land. He makes a specialty of buying and handling young mules for the market. Mr. and Mrs. Depriest have had seven children, six of whom are now living: Rosella M., Noah N., Barney J., John W., George C. and Clarence C. He and his wife are members of the Christian Church. The former belongs to the Masonic fraternity and the United Workmen.

E. FISHER,

dealer in agricultural implements, was born in Perry County, Ohio, on the 7th of June, 1825. When eighteen years of age he learned the blacksmith trade. He resided in Fairfield, Ohio, for a number of years, and in 1865 he came to this county and improved a valuable farm. In April, 1880, Mr. Fisher established his present business in Stanberry, and the success which has attended his undertaking in this direction is a fitting result to honest, energetic effort; it affords another testimony

to the fact that a thorough knowledge of business will receive that encouragement to which all enterprising establishments are entitled. He was married, October 4, 1849, to Miss Serena Collona, a native of Fairfield County, Ohio, born January 22, 1829. They have a family of four children: Laura, Charles, Willie and Minnie. One is deceased, Marshall. Mr. Fisher is a Master Mason. His wife is a member of the Baptist Church.

GARDNER BROS.,

dealers in hardware, stoves and tin manufacturers, are deserving of special mention. The firm is composed of H. B. and C. F. Gardner, who early identified themselves with the business interests of the town of Stanberry, having opened their store in January, 1880. Their business enterprise has been successful and attended with very gratifying results. The firm have been prompt and energetic, upright in all their dealings, and have secured the esteem of all with whom they have had business transactions, and thoroughly merit the reputation they enjoy. C. F. Gardner, the junior member of the firm and general manager of the business, is a native of Livingston County, New York, and he was born on the 20th day of June, 1856, being the son of W. H. and Ladema Taylor Gardner, also natives of New York. The early life of C. F. was spent on a farm until sixteen years of age. In 1872, he came to Iowa with his parents, and settled near Corning, in Adams County. In 1874, he commenced his mercantile experience in Corning, living there until his removal to this place in 1880, and since that time he has been recognized as one of Stanberry's most reputable business men. H. B. Gardner, the senior brother, is also a native of Livingston County, New York, and was reared on a farm. He came to Iowa at the same time with his brother, and commenced his mercantile experience at Corning; thence to Burlington, Iowa, and for the past two years he has traveled for the Simmons Hardware Company of St. Louis. As a firm, no blemish mars the purity of their private life.

C. G. GARMAN,

dealer in general merchandise, was born in Highland County, Ohio, December 23, 1843. His father, Daniel Garman, who was born in Germany, came to America when two years old, and was married in Ohio, to Miss Cynthia Smith, a native of that State. The subject of this sketch was reared to manhood and received his education in his native county, following the occupation of farming. Part of the time he was engaged in teaching. In 1866 he emigrated to Gentry County and fol-

lowed farming and merchandising, at different locations, till 1880, in which year he established his present business at Darlington. He has an excellent and complete stock of goods, and is doing a thriving trade, as he richly merits. In 1864 Mr. Garman enlisted in Company B., 175th Ohio regiment, serving for one year, and during a part of the time he was post hospital clerk. He was married February 16, 1868, to Miss Melissa Aleshire, by whom he has had three children, two of whom are now dead: Martin L., Alice and Oren.

ALEXANDER GREENWELL,

section 11. The subject of this sketch was born in Hardin County, Kentucky, November 19, 1826. He is the son of Robert and Dorcas Greenwell, who removed to Schuyler County, Illinois, when Alexander was about six years of age. Here he grew to manhood, receiving his education at the district schools of that county. He emigrated to Gentry County, Missouri, with his father, in the fall of 1843, settling in Cooper Township, where he still resides. On the 14th day of September, 1846, he was married to Miss Bathenia Gossage, daughter of Joseph Gossage, of Gentry County. Four children were born to them, three of whom are still living: Stephen, Mary and Dorcas J. John is deceased. Mrs. Greenwell died in March, 1862. Mr. G. was married again September 1, 1863, to Miss Mary J. Matney, and by this union they have six children: Jasper, Alwilda, Thomas, Alex. S., Charles L. and Nellie. He is a member of Gentryville Lodge, No. 129, A. F. and A. M., and belongs to the Christian Church. Mr. Greenwell has one of the finest farms in Gentry County, containing 500 acres, with excellent buildings, and everything necessary to make a pleasant home. He is one of the most influential farmers and stock feeders in the country, a leading Democrat, and strictly honorable in his transactions. His motto is never to run in debt, and this is the secret of his success, financially, as he has made his "word as good as his bond" all over the county.

JOHN A. GRIBBLE,

the son of James and Rachel Gribble, was born January 18, 1822, in Buncombe County, North Carolina. His parents moved to Hayward County, that state, when he was but six years of age, and here he was raised until having reached the age of eighteen years, when he moved to Cherokee County, there remaining till the fall of 1846, when he emigrated to Clinton County, Missouri. Here he married Miss Lucy A. Wills, April 9, 1849. Three children were born of this marriage; Mary

J., Rachel and Phœbe A. Mrs. Gribble died February 9, 1856. Mr. G. subsequently went from Clinton County to Grayson County, Texas, thence to Harrison County, Missouri, and was married while there to Miss Ann D. Hall, October 9, 1856. She died about one year later, leaving an infant son, James B. Gribble. Mr. Gribble was married the third time January 19, 1860, to Miss Millie Jones. They had eleven children, eight of whom are still living: Robert L., John S. G., Wesley McK., Nancy M., Thomas N., Albert A., Charles E. and Henry M. Before the breaking out of the war Mr. G. was licensed to preach in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and still fills appointments in his own neighborhood. He owns 120 acres of land, with a good house and other improvements. He is an earnest, christian worker, and a man respected by all.

WILLIAM HARKRIDER

was born in Hendricks County, Indiana, May 15, 1847. Henry Harkrider, his father, was born in Virginia, March 9, 1812, and his mother, whose maiden name was Nancy Bush, was born in Kentucky, March 19, 1813. In 1849 the family moved from Indiana to Iowa, and located in Madison County, where they resided some four years, coming from thence to Gentry County, Missouri, in 1853. At that time they located in Cooper Township, where the city of Stanberry is now located, and were among the first settlers of the township. William Harkrider spent his youth on a farm, and as his father died July 28, 1857, when he was but ten years old, he had no opportunities for attending school. He was married in this county, October 15, 1865, to Miss Elizabeth Ann Gant, daughter of George W. Gant. She was born in Tennessee, July 30, 1847. After this marriage Mr. H. located on the old home place, where he resided up to 1879, when he sold out to the Stanberry City Company, moving to his present farm in September, 1879. He has 100 acres of land, with fair improvements, and a bearing orchard of 200 apple trees, and a variety of other fruits. He resides on section 31, township 63 and range 32. They have a family of four children: John H., born September 13, 1866; Cora E., born October 30, 1868; George F., born September 28, 1872, and Jesse E., born February 17, 1880. One child is deceased; Thomas H., born January 4, 1876, and died November 2, 1877. Mr. and Mrs. Harkrider are members of the Missionary Baptist Church. The former belongs to the Odd Fellows' fraternity.

W. HAWKINS,

of the Stanberry Mills, is a native of England, and was born on the 15th day of February, 1814. In 1832, he came to the United States and set-

tled in Oswego, New York, where he learned the trade of miller. After living in New York for twenty-two years, he removed to Sangamon County, Illinois, and remained there fifteen years, going thence in April, 1870, to Kansas. In 1882, he came to Missouri, and soon became associated with M. E. Wales in his present business. They have recently built the most complete and best appointed mill in Northwest Missouri, supplied as it is with improved machinery, and their aim has been to spare no expense where it would be a permanent benefit in the quality of their production. The work has been done under the supervision of Mr. Hawkins, who in addition to being an excellent miller, is also an experienced millwright, and we feel safe in saying there has been no one industry introduced in Stanberry calculated to benefit the county at large as much as these mills. Mr. Hawkins was married in 1834, to Miss Emaliza Lord, of New York. They have a family of four children: Mary E. (now Mrs. Wales) Lucy M. (now Mrs. Dr. Hewitt) Marquis E. and William D.

W. D. HAWKINS,

was born in Madison County, New York, April 12, 1853. He was reared in Sangamon County, Illinois, but subsequently removed to Kansas. He has been literally raised, as it were, in a mill, and understands the business thoroughly. He married Miss Mattie E. Ruth, October 19, 1880. She was born in Indiana. They have one child, Lucy E.

J. S. HAZEN,

master mechanic of the Omaha division of the Wabash, St. Louis and Pacific Railroad at Stanberry, was born in Summit County, Ohio, in 1835, and was a son of G. W. L. and Mary E. (Salesberry) Hazen. The former, a foundryman by occupation, was a native of Massachusetts, and at an early day moved to Ohio. The mother of J. S., who was born in England, came to America when quite young. She was raised in Massachusetts, in which state her marriage occurred. She died when the subject of this sketch was two years old, and subsequently the father was married the second time, after which he removed to Cincinnati, Ohio. J. S. Hazen entered the Niles shop, at Cincinnati, when fifteen years of age, and there he remained for four years, when he was employed by the Ohio and Mississippi Railway Company, as engineer. Some time after he worked for a Terra Haute railway company for six years, when he accepted the position of master mechanic of the Illinois and St. Louis Railroad, with headquarters at Bellvue, Illinois. Quite a while later he returned to his old employ, the Ohio and Mississippi

Railroad, filling the same position. In 1879 Mr. Hazen became connected with the Wabash, St. Louis and Pacific Railroad, with office at Stanberry. The labor attending the oversight of the company's property and shops might be considered sufficient to tax the energies of any man, but Mr. H. is a thorough mechanic, and being ably posted in his business, is trusted to an unlimited extent by his employers, and is respected by all. In 1854 he was married to Miss Annie Carr, a native of Ireland, born in 1834. She emigrated to America when quite young, was raised and educated at New Orleans, where her parents died. Some time after, she moved with an uncle to St. Louis, where she was married. Their family is composed of five children: James W., Minerva A., George C., Silva M. and John Alonzo. Mr. Hazen has ever taken an active part in the educational matters of Stanberry, and is now treasurer of the public schools.

HILL, HERR & CO.,

are dealers in staple and fancy dry goods, boots, shoes, carpets, etc. This firm is composed of William Hill, B. F. Herr and D. F. Hill. They first established their business in Bloomfield, Iowa, in 1870, and started a branch house at Stanberry, in September, 1881, the junior member, Mr. D. F. Hill, having full charge. The store is a brick building, situated on First, near Park Street, tastefully arranged. Mr. Hill is a man of indomitable energy and force of character, allowing no matter of expense or labor to hinder the growth of his business. This is a popular house for the purchasers of excellent goods. They have never been subjected to any diminution of patronage, a proof of the fact that they have not yet reached the zenith of their commercial prosperity. Mr. D. F. Hill is a native of Davis County, Iowa, and was born February 17, 1853, being a son of William and Emma (Jones) Hill. The former was born in New York, December 22d, 1879, and when quite young, went to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he grew up and received an excellent commercial education. For the past twenty years he has been actively engaged in the mercantile business, and of late largely interested in mining property in New Mexico. The mother, a native of Wheeling, Virginia, was born in 1831. They were married in 1849, and now reside at Bloomfield, Iowa. D. F. Hill was principally reared and educated in his native county. During the year of 1871, he was the junior partner of the firm of Mudd & Hill, dry goods merchants, but soon after entered the above establishment at Bloomfield. He was married in September, 1876, to Miss Ada Cobb, a native of Davis County, Iowa, born February 14, 1857. She was the daughter of James H. and Margaret (Newman) Cobb. Her father was a native of Virginia, born in June, 1802, and died in Decem-

ber, 1876. Her mother, who was born in Kentucky in February, 1817, died December 24, 1871. Mr. and Mrs. Hill have but one child, a son Raymond.

SETH B. HINKLEY, M. D.,

was born in Somerset County, Maine, on the 5th day of October, 1844, and is the son of Josiah and Abigail (Bosworth) Hinkley. He was reared on a farm, and was educated at his birthplace. He early formed a preference for the practice of medicine as a profession, and commenced reading with Dr. John Robbins, as preceptor. After a thorough preparation he entered the medical department of Bowdoin College, and was graduated an M. D. in June, 1870. The following August he emigrated to Gentry County, Missouri, and settled at Alanthus, where he remained until he removed to Stanberry. Here he has since been prominently identified with the interests of the new town, and has served as a member of its council. He is an active worker in educational matters, and at the present time is serving as a member of the school board. In his medical relations he has built up his own reputation by skill and energy, and has acquired an extensive practice. He is a genial gentleman, a quick observer, and as prompt in his business as he is generous in his social relations, and he richly merits the esteem in which he is held by his fellow citizens. Dr. Hinkley was married in 1874 to Miss Sarah B. Miller, a native of Gentry County. They have two children, Seth M. and Josiah F.

E. T. HOUSTON,

of the firm of Smith Bros. & Houston, is a native of Andrew County, Missouri, and was born on the 14th day of October, 1848. His father was Silas E. Houston, a native of Indiana, and the maiden name of his mother was Cinderella Simmons. From Andrew County the family removed to DeKalb County and thence to Gentry County. In 1855 he accompanied his parents to Kansas, where he lived five years, and in 1860 he returned to Gentry County. His early life was spent on a farm and his time divided between assisting in the management of the farm in summer and attending school during the winter months. He afterwards worked at the carpenter trade, which he followed for a time previous to commencing his mercantile experience in Mt. Pleasant. He did a large business in general merchandise and dealing in stock, but owing to the decline in prices this enterprise resulted disastrously in a pecuniary point and it left him in debt. He at once entered the employ of Smith Bros., at Maryville, and from the savings of his salary he was able to liquidate the last cent of his indebtedness at one hundred cents

on the dollar. After the town of Stanberry was laid out the firm of Smith Bros. saw the advantage of opening a store there, which they placed under the management of Mr. Houston, with an interest in their business. Their trade has been large and extended and has kept apace with the growth of the town. Their stock is large and replete in all departments, and the enterprise has proved under Mr. Houston's management a profitable and successful one. In his business transactions he has built up his commercial reputation by honor and fair dealing, and no man in Gentry County commands a larger share of public confidence and he thoroughly merits the esteem in which he is held. He is a member of Island City Lodge, No. 109, A. F. and A. M. Politically he is a Democrat and in his religious preferences a Baptist. Mr. Houston was married October 5, 1869, to Miss Ellen D. Stockton, daughter of Judge Thomas J. Stockton. Their family consists of two children: Azelia and Bertha M.

I. S. HOWARD,

farmer and stock raiser, section 1, township 62, range 33, post office Stanberry; was born in Warren County, Kentucky, February 21, 1831, and there he was raised and educated. During life he has been engaged in following the occupation of his ancestors, farming. In 1855 he removed to Knox County, Illinois, where he remained for fifteen years, then coming to his present location in the fall of 1870. Mr. Howard is the owner of a farm, consisting of 120 acres of land, in a good state of cultivation. He has always been prominently identified with educational matters, and has taken an active part in matters which tend to the improvement, development and growth of his township. He was married on the 10th of October, 1855, to Miss Sarah H. Mannen, of Kentucky. They have seven children: Dora (wife of John Karr), William D., John M., Andrew J., Thena, Joseph, and Charles H.

THOMAS C. HUSSEY, M. D.

The subject of this sketch was born in Randolph County, North Carolina, January 19, 1833. His parents, John and Mary Hussey, *nee* Rush, were also natives of the same county, the former having been born July 7, 1803, and his wife in 1812. Thomas C. passed his youthful days on a farm, and attended the common schools and the Science Hill High School, supplementing his education by a course at Trinity College, of Randolph County. After making choice of the practice of medicine as a profession, he studied diligently, and was subsequently graduated from the St. Louis Medical College. In 1854, Dr. Hussey

came to Missouri, locating in Cooper Township, Gentry County, and although he has practiced medicine in other localities, he has ever considered this his home. During the war he served in the medical and surgical department of the Confederate army. After the close of that conflict, the doctor was engaged in practicing medicine in Southern Illinois for about four years. On the 4th of November, 1866, he was united in marriage to Miss Hester E. Waggoner, daughter of G. W. and Mary Waggoner. She was born in Williamson County, Illinois, February 27, 1848. In July, 1869, Dr. H. returned to Mount Pleasant, Missouri, and has since continued the practice of his profession at this place. As a physician he is recognized as a man of ability, keeps well posted, and is one of the most prominent practitioners in the county, his long residence here having made him acquainted with nearly all its citizens. Dr. and Mrs. H. have four children: Valentine Lee, born September 18, 1867; Gertrude, born September 26, 1868; Thomas Dick, born January 27, 1871, and Claudie, born December 26, 1881. Mrs. Hussey is a member of the Missionary Baptist Church. The doctor is a leading member of the Masonic fraternity, and is secretary of his lodge. He has taken a deep interest in educational matters, and is at present serving as clerk of the school board.

HENRY H. HUSSEY,

one of the prominent farmers and stock dealers of Gentry County, was born in Randolph County, North Carolina, May 18, 1839. John Hussey, his father, and also his mother, whose maiden name was Mary Rush, were natives of Randolph County. In 1852 the family moved to Indiana and located in Hendricks County, where they resided some two years, moving to Missouri in the fall of 1854, and settling in Cooper Township, where the town Mount Pleasant was afterward located. The youth of Henry was spent on a farm, he having but limited chances for attending school. He was married January 1, 1863, in this county, to Miss Millie E. Darnall, daughter of Perry V. Darnall. She was born in Hendricks County, Indiana, July, 1840. Some time after this Mr. H. settled on a farm in Cooper Township. He has 660 acres of land, with 640 acres fenced and improved; a good residence and two bearing orchards of apple trees, and a variety of other fruits. He resides on section 34, township 63, range 32. They have five children: John M., Anna F., Edgar L., Elmer D. and Clark H. Mr. and Mrs. Hussey and the two eldest children are members of the Missionary Baptist Church. The former is extensively engaged in the stock business.

JOHN C. HUSSEY,

a leading stock feeder of the township, was born in Randolph County, North Carolina, April 26, 1841. His parents, John and Mary (Rush) Hussey, were born in North Carolina. In the fall of 1852 the family moved to Indiana, where they resided some two years, moving thence to Missouri in 1854, when they settled in Cooper Township, being among the first settlers of this part of the county. J. C. was raised on a farm and received a common school education. He enlisted in 1862 in Company G, Ninety-ninth Indiana Volunteer Infantry and served for three years, participating in all of the engagements of his regiment, among the most important of which were the siege of Vicksburg, battles of Jackson, Mississippi, Mission Ridge, the siege of Atlanta and the march through Georgia. The subject of this sketch was married in Gentry County, August 9, 1866, to Miss Susan F. Ballard, daughter of Harrison Ballard. She was a Kentuckian by birth. After his marriage Mr. H. settled on Island Branch of this township and engaged in farming and stock raising. He lived on this farm some ten years moving to his present place in 1879, and he now has 220 acres of land with 200 under fence, a good house and barn and a bearing orchard. He resides on section 28, township 63, range 32. Mr. and Mrs. Hussey have a family of five children: Mary F., John W., Henry H., Dora Irene and Bertha Alverta. They are members of the Missionary Baptist Church and he belongs to the Masonic fraternity.

JOHN JACOBY

first saw the light in Baden, Germany, May 5, 1827. Martin Jacoby, his father, as also his mother, whose maiden name was Barbary Fry, were born in Germany. John Jacoby spent his youth in attending the public schools of Baden and on a farm. He was married in Germany, May 7, 1849, to Frederica Nusbumer, a native of Germany, born December 13, 1829. After this he lived in Germany some five years, engaged in farming. In 1854 he emigrated to the United States, landing at New York in April following, and the same year he came westward to Hendricks County, Indiana, where he resided some four years, moving to Missouri, in November, 1858, at which time he settled in Cooper Township, Gentry County. Mr. Jacoby moved on his present farm in 1860, and now has 380 acres of land, with 340 fenced, a good house and barn, and a bearing orchard of 100 apple, 600 grape vines, and a variety of other fruits. This place is located in section 1, township 62, range 32. He is extensively engaged in the handling, feeding and shipping of stock, and also in the saw mill and lumber business. Mr. and Mrs. Jacoby have

nine children living: Mary O., (wife of John Roberts), Wilhelmina, (wife of Oliver H. Owings), Reba E., Carolina S., (wife of Elias King), George M., Albert U., William Morris, Ida May, and Clara B. Three are deceased. Mr. J. served in the war of the revolution in Germany in the years of 1848 and 1849, under General Seigel. During the late civil war he served in the Missouri State Militia in Colonel Cranor's regiment. Mr. and Mrs. Jacoby are members of the Missionary Baptist Church, and the former belongs to the Masonic and Odd Fellow fraternities.

REV. E. H. JEWETT.

The subject of this sketch was born in Ripley County, Indiana, November 26, 1838. Samuel Jewett, his father, was born in Massachusetts, and his mother, whose maiden name was Sophrona Huckins, was a native of New Hampshire. In 1842 the family moved to Illinois and located in Will County, near Wilmington. The youth of E. H. was passed on a farm, and he received a common school education, supplemented with a few terms' attendance at Lemont and Kankakee Seminaries. After leaving school he was engaged in farming some seven years. He was married in Kankakee City, November 6, 1861, to Miss Catherine B. Redman, daughter of David and Sallie Redman. She was born in Pennsylvania, in 1840. Mr. Jewett commenced studying for the ministry in 1868, and was later ordained a minister in the Methodist Episcopal Church, in 1875 as deacon, and in 1881 as elder. He moved to Iowa in 1869, and located in Decatur County, where he was engaged in preaching some three years. In February, 1873, he moved to Phillips County, Kansas, and followed his chosen calling here some four years. He is a Republican in politics, and was nominated and elected by his party as representative at the election of 1874, and represented Phillips County in the Legislature in 1875. In 1876 he moved from Kansas to Missouri, and located in Andrew County, where he was occupied in preaching some three years, coming to Gentry County in November, 1879. Mr. Jewett has a farm of eighty acres, all fenced, with fair improvements, and a small apple orchard, also a variety of small fruits. He resides on section 10, township 62 and range 32. He and his wife have seven children: George O., Sallie S., Arthur W., Elmer C., Mella, Emma, and Mary. Mr. Jewett is preaching on the Denver Circuit, comprising part of both Gentry and Worth Counties.

JUDGE SAMUEL JORDAN.

one of the pioneers and most successful agriculturist of Gentry County, was born in Bedford County, Pennsylvania, October 14, 1821. his father,

John Jordan, was a native of the same state, as was also his mother, whose maiden name was Jane McMurrin. The subject of this sketch lived in his birth place until twenty-three years of age, engaged in agricultural pursuits. He then removed to Wisconsin, where he followed the trade of carpenter, remaining three years, after which he returned east and settled in Delaware. There he lived one year, and thence to Pennsylvania. After remaining on the homestead two years, he emigrated to Clermont County, Ohio, where he made his home for six years, then removing to Gentry County, Missouri. Since this time he has been prominently identified with the interests of the county, and is recognized as one of its progressive citizens. Although no political aspirant, he has been selected to fill offices of trust and responsibility in the county, and at present is one of the judges of the county court. In his business transactions he is peculiarly clear and transparent, and any good cause, calculated to be of lasting benefit to the city or county, receives his hearty support. His long residence in the county, his familiarity with its demands and wants have availed much in the administration of county affairs. Judge Jordan was married in 1847 to Miss Nancy Butterbaugh, a native of Pennsylvania. Their family consists of eight children: Lewis, William, James, Samuel, George, Minnie, John and Walter. The Judge owns a good farm of 280 acres, and to him is due the credit of using and making the first shovel plow in the county. Those who at first ridiculed its use, were later led to adopt the same implement, and were rapturous in its praise.

GEORGE KEMP,

retired, is a native of England, and was born January 20, 1824. When seventeen years of age he enlisted in the British army, serving ten years in Asia, Africa, South Europe and British America. He was at the battle of Delhi, Moulton on the Ganges, and at the Cape of Good Hope his regiment succeeded in restoring peace with the natives. He rose from the ranks to a commissioned officer, for meritorious conduct, but afterwards sold his commission, and in 1850, immigrated to the United States. He was for a time deputy warden of the Wisconsin State Penitentiary at Waupun. In 1868, he came to Gentry County, Missouri, and settled in Jackson Township, where he owns a farm of 400 acres of choice land, and his reputation as a skillful and successful agriculturist is unquestioned. Through his instrumentality Douglas post office was established, and he held the position of postmaster until his removal to Stanberry, when one of his family was appointed his successor. He has taken a deep interest in the growth and development of Gentry County,

and held the office of justice of the peace in Jackson Township. In educational matters he has taken a deep interest. Mr. Kemp was married in 1852, to Miss Mary A. Patton, a native of Scotland. They have a family of six children: George, Angelo A., Margaret (now Mrs. Higgins), Mary (now Mrs. Cook), Sophia and Stephen.

O. J. KILE

is master of the freight, ticket and express business of the Wabash, St. Louis and Pacific Railway Company at Stanberry. No city, probably, on this line can boast of better office accommodations or compare more favorably as regards the volume of business transacted, than Stanberry. Mr. Kile took charge of this department June 21, 1882, but prior to this had been connected with the Wabash Railway Company for many years. In 1879 he was sub-contractor under Mr. Blanchard, and superintended the laying out of the yard at Maryville. Mr. K. is a native of Trumbull County, Ohio, where he was born August 16, 1842. He was a son of George L. and Harriett Kile, who were natives of Connecticut. O. J. was raised and educated in his native county, and spent many years as a railroad contractor in Ohio. In October, 1879, he came to Stanberry, Mo. He was married in 1870, to Miss Lucinda Thornberry, a native of Indiana, and a daughter of William and Saloma Thornberry. She was raised and educated in her native state. They have a family of four children: George, Ella, Clyde, Myrtle. Mr. K. is a Master Mason.

O. P. KUTZNER,

a prominent citizen of Stanberry, seems to fully realize and appreciate the intrinsic value of the clay in this vicinity, as applied to the manufacture of brick, and is a thorough master of his business. He located here in March, 1881, and soon embarked in his present calling. He spent his early business life in a dairy enterprise, and afterwards became interested in the grocery trade at Memphis, Missouri, where he still retains an interest. Mr. K. is a native of Van Buren County, Iowa, and was born June 7, 1854. With his parents he moved to Scotland County, Missouri, in 1861, and there they now reside. Mr. K. was married to Miss Lucia Sasseen, a native of Iowa, born in 1853. She was a daughter of John R. and C. A. Sasseen, now residents of Stanberry. Mr. and Mrs. Kuntzer have one daughter, Ann Elizabeth. They are both members of the M. E. Church.

JOSEPH LAW,

farmer and stock raiser, section 12, township 62, range 33, a native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, born April 30, 1830. When at the age of

sixteen years he commenced serving an apprenticeship at the carpenter trade, which he followed in that state until 1853. He then removed to Indianapolis, Indiana, and in 1854 to Platte County, Missouri, going to Kansas in 1855. Mr. Law retraced his steps to Platte County in 1856, then returned to his native state and subsequently to Washington County, Indiana, where he remained for seven years. In 1864 he came to Gentry County, Missouri, and in 1868 settled on his present farm, which consists of 170 acres of choice land, under good improvements. Mr. L.'s marriage to Miss Nancy Ellen Hays occurred on the 14th of December, 1854. She was a native of Indiana, but was raised in Platte County, this state. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Law is composed of nine children: Anna Jane, William Ervin, Joseph Davis, Matthew Lee, Margaret Emma, Mary Nancy, James Wallace, George Washington and Cora Elizabeth.

HON. ENOCH LIGGETT,

one of Gentry County's honored and most successful agriculturists, was born in Howard County, Missouri, August 8, 1823. His father, Thomas Liggett, was a native of Virginia, and his mother, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Allard, was born in Kentucky. The subject of this sketch was taken while young by his parents to Clay County, Missouri, and was reared there on a farm until seventeen years of age. In 1840 he commenced the active battle of life on his own account, and went to Platte County, Missouri. His educational advantages were limited to the inferior schools of the period. His worldly effects consisted of a scanty wardrobe and fifty cents in money, but with the energy and will characteristic of the man, he went to work and for four years the accumulations of his earnings were expended in acquiring an education. There being no graded schools, the studies were confined to the simple rudiments. Being anxious to study surveying, he contracted with an instructor for ten dollars per quarter and the use of his instruments. To liquidate this obligation he cut and split rails at forty cents per hundred. With a natural propensity for learning, an indomitable perseverance and sincere love of books, he soon acquired a good education, and he now possesses a mind well disciplined and stored with learning that has given him a prominent social position. He lived in Platte County until October, 1855, when he came to Gentry County and entered between 700 and 800 acres of land, the north line of which extended to where the Wabash Railroad runs through Stanberry. This land he sold in a few years at a handsome profit, and purchased property where he now resides. His landed estate at the present time consists of about 1,400 acres. His homestead contains over 1,000 acres of choice land, and is

one of the most desirable stock farms in Northwest Missouri. From a boy Mr. Liggett has taken a deep interest in political matters, and is a Democrat of the Jeffersonian school, but never a political aspirant. In 1858 he was elected one of the judges of the county court, and held the office six years. At the outbreak of the civil war he was an unconditional Union man, and never evaded or denied his principles on any occasion. He attended the first Union meeting held in the county, and his influence in this direction was felt until peace was restored. He, with one other county official, were all that remained in office who were elected before the rebellion. In 1872 he was selected, without his knowledge, a candidate for the State Legislature, as the man most available, on account of his intrinsic worth and popularity as a citizen, to carry the Democratic standard through a successful contest. He was ignorant for two days of his nomination. Not being an office seeker, he accepted the nomination with reluctance, but when having fully decided, at the urgent solicitation of his friends, he placed himself squarely on the Democratic platform and exerted his usual energy and obtained success. His conduct in the legislature was that of a conscientious, practical man, gaining the respect and commendation of his associates and the well merited approbation of his constituents. He is essentially a self-made man. Starting in life without education or money, but with willing hands and a hopeful heart, he has, by his own unaided efforts, gained honor and a competency for his declining years, by pursuing a straightforward, true, honest and upright course, and he has been eminently successful in all his undertakings. His private life, his character and public record, are alike untarnished. Mr. Liggett has been twice married. First to Miss Frances Wilson, in Platte County, in 1848. She was born in Indiana. Mrs. L. died July 10, 1867, leaving six children: John T. (who married Miss Finders), Elizabeth (now Mrs. B. Pierce), James H., Robert S., Martha E. (now Mrs. F. Powell), and Mary A. (now Mrs. Miller). His second marriage occurred in 1868, to Miss Sarah E. Osborn, a native of Kentucky. Their family by this union consists of three children: Enoch, Josiah C. and Walter Raleigh. Mr. Liggett, in his religious preferences, is a Baptist and a liberal supporter of the church of his choice.

COLLIN H. McCASLIN, M. D.,

Darlington, was born in Jefferson County, Indiana, August 24, 1852. He is the son of James G. McCaslin, a farmer by occupation and a native of Shelby County, Kentucky. His mother was formerly Sophia Shrewsbury, of Madison County, Kentucky. The subject of this sketch

was reared on a farm in his native county, his education being obtained in the common schools. He also attended for two years, in Indiana, Clear Spring Seminary. In 1877 he commenced the study of medicine in Jefferson County, under Dr. Cochran, with whom he read for about six months, and further prosecuted his studies for eighteen months under T. R. Cave, a noted practitioner in that county. In 1881 he was graduated from the Kentucky School of Medicine. After graduating, he returned to Bethlehem, Clark County, Indiana; and opened an office, where he remained about seven months. In April, 1882, he moved to Gentry County, Missouri, and in May, 1882, he located at Darlington, where he is at present enjoying a good practice. February 14, 1877, Dr. McCaslin was married to Rettie Branaman, in Jackson County, Indiana. The fruit of this union is two children: Frank J. and Strausie. Mrs. McCaslin was born in Jackson County, Indiana, September 29, 1852. She is the daughter of Christian and Mary S. (Wells) Branaman, both natives of Jackson County, Indiana. The doctor and his wife are both members of the Baptist Church.

HON. J. L. McCULLOUGH,

the son of John and Hannah B. McCullough, natives of Tennessee, was born in Blount County, in that state, October 6, 1833. He was reared on a farm, and was educated at Ewing & Jefferson College. In March, 1861, he came to Missouri, and after a short residence here was engaged in freighting to Colorado. From Colorado he went to Montana, where he became interested in public affairs, and being recognized as a man of ability, he was twice elected to the Montana Legislature, serving for two regular and one called session. He was chairman of the committee on corporations, and also connected with the judiciary committee. On account of his legal attainments he was elected judge of the criminal court, but resigned this position to return to Missouri—a state he considered the greatest and richest on the continent, and destined to become one of the greatest in the American Union. Judge McCullough was for a time engaged in the occupation of farming and the practice of his profession, and in 1874 he was called upon to carry the banner of his party as a candidate for the state legislature. He went into the campaign against a formidable opponent, and carried the election by the largest Democratic majority ever polled in the county. He served on the committee on internal improvements, retrenchment and reform, and several others. Being of a decided and independent spirit, he does not allow party fealty to bias his judgment, and condemns wrong wherever found. He also served two years as prosecuting attor-

ney, and filled this, as well as all other offices, with credit to his constituents as well as himself. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and is a Knight Templar. Mr. McCullough was married to Miss Anna L. Crow, November 5, 1872. She is a native of Kentucky. Their family consists of three children: Homer, Stella and Charles H. Slaughter.

DAVID A. McCULLY,

is an extensive dealer in dry goods, drugs and groceries, at McCurry, Missouri. The subject of this sketch is a native of Lincoln County, Tennessee, and was born August 8, 1828. At the age of five years he was taken by the family to Shelby County, Illinois, where he was reared and educated, following the occupation of farming. At the age of twenty-five years he emigrated to Missouri and settled in Gentry County, here residing till 1860, when he returned to Illinois. He remained in Shelby County till 1865, in which year he again removed to Gentry County and engaged in farming. In 1876 he embarked in mercantile pursuits at Eddyville, Missouri, remaining so engaged for four years. In August, 1881, he purchased his present establishment. Mr. McCully carries a complete stock of goods in his line, and is doing an excellent business. Besides attending his store he has a farm of eighty acres in section 18, which he also manages. He has been twice married—first, January 20, 1850, to Miss Jane Ellis. They had five children, all of whom are now dead. His wife's death occurred May 13, 1880. Mr. McCully was again married December 11, 1881, to Miss Eliza Ashlock, a native of Kentucky. In 1847 Mr. McCully enlisted in the Mexican War in Company F, First Illinois Regiment, the first regiment which left Illinois for the west. He served for eighteen months.

WILLIAM McCURRY,

section 6, post office McCurry. The subject of this sketch is a native of Greene County, Tennessee, and was born November 13, 1818. At the age of five years, he was taken by the family to Indiana, there residing for two years, after which time he returned to Greene County Tennessee. In that locality he was reared to manhood and received his education, following farming as an occupation. In 1839, he immigrated to Clay County, Missouri, where he lived one year, and from there removed to Gentry County, Missouri, and in 1854, he settled on his present place. He has a good farm of 450 acres, 300 acres of which are under fence. The town of McCurry, on the Wabash, St. Louis and Pacific railroad, was started on his land, and it was named in honor of himself. Mr.

McCurry was married November 14, 1839, to Therza Jones. They have seven children living: John, James R., Thomas, Benjamin, Caroline, George and Charles. He is a member of the M. E. Church, and for two years he was justice of the peace of this township. Mr. McCurry during our late war in 1861, was commissioned second lieutenant of Company A, Sixth Regiment Missouri State Militia, with which he served till July 30, 1864, at that time being commissioned captain of Company K, Thirty-first Regiment Missouri State Militia. Under this rank he served till the close of the war.

WILLIAM B. MASTIN

was born in Lincolnshire, England, February 17, 1835. His parents, Amos and Sarah (Bagley) Mastin, were natives of England. In 1854, the family emigrated to the United States, landing in Baltimore in June, of that year, after which they moved to Beaver County, Pennsylvania, from whence, after stopping but a short time, they settled in Sciota County, Ohio, being among the first settlers of that part of the state. Here Amos Mastin commenced improving a farm, but died in November of the same year. William B. was raised on farms in Ohio, Illinois and Iowa, and was educated in the common schools. He served three years in the war of the rebellion, enlisting in Company G, Fifty-Sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, as a private, in October, 1861. He was afterwards promoted to orderly sergeant, and participated in all the engagements of his regiment, among the most important of which are the battles of Port Gibson, Champion's Hill, Vicksburg, Jackson and Corinth. At the battle of Champion's Hill, where over half of his company were killed, he was complimented for meritorious service. He was sent in charge of a detachment of his regiment from New Orleans to Columbus, Ohio, to be mustered out. After receiving his discharge he returned to Sciota County, Ohio, and the following winter went to Louisa County, Iowa, where he was engaged in farming until October, 1868, when he came to Gentry County, Missouri. Mr. Mastin was married in this county, July 9, 1871, to Miss Mary E. Steves, daughter of Bardette Steves. She was born in Washington County, Ohio, November 8, 1847. He moved on his present farm in the fall of 1872, and now has 100 acres of land in his home place and over thirteen acres of timber. The home place, in section 29, township 63, range 32, is all in cultivation, with fair improvements and a fine young orchard of 100 apple trees and a variety of other fruits. Mr. Mastin has a family of four children: Dora, Anna B., Loretta J. and Lilly G. Mrs. M. is a member of the Missionary Baptist Church, and her husband belongs to the Masonic order.

DR. I. N. MORRIS,

a leading physician and of the most enterprising and public spirited citizens of Gentry County, is a native of Butler County, Ohio, and was born in Cincinnati, October 18, 1822. His father, Isaac Morris, was a descendant of the celebrated Robert Morris of colonial fame. The maiden name of his mother was Mary Brann, who was born in Virginia. The youth of the subject of this sketch was spent on a farm until sixteen years of age, and he then entered Pleasant Hill Academy, where he was fitted for entering the Miami University at Oxford. After finishing his college course he selected the practice of medicine as a profession and commenced reading with Dr. Ryder, of Hamilton, as preceptor. He attended lectures at the Cincinnati Medical College, from which institution he was graduated in 1846. Dr. Morris soon commenced the practice of medicine in his native county, and in 1848 he removed to Terra Haute, Indiana, where he remained six years. At this time the Kansas movement led him to abandon a successful practice and identify himself with the interests of Kansas. This move proved an unsatisfactory and unprofitable one, and in 1855 he decided to return eastward and seek a new location. In carrying out this design he came as far as Gentry County, intending to remain at first but a short time, but the opening being good and the prospect for the future favorable, the doctor concluded to settle permanently, and since then he has been prominently identified with the growth, interest and prosperity of the county. The county has in Dr. Morris an able and worthy representative. When he first settled here his practice extended over a large extent of country, and no one appealed to him in vain for relief, even when there was no prospect of remuneration. His character as a business man may be inferred from the success that has attended his career. He came here without means and has by industry and good management secured a competency, and has become one of the large taxpayers of the county, and, notwithstanding the large amount of business transacted and extensive collections to be made, it is remarkable, but true, that he has never had a case in court. He was appointed postmaster at Mt. Pleasant and was ordered by the department to transfer it to Stanberry after the town was laid out and thus became the first postmaster of the place. He also built the first business house in the town. Few men have a better record or have achieved more grand results from a discouraging beginning. Commencing life without means he has been the architect of his fortune and thoroughly merits the esteem and position he has in the community in which he resides. He is well known throughout the county and the respect shown him is as wide as his acquaintance. He

was married in 1851 to Miss Amanda A. Witty, a native of Putnam County, Indiana. Their family consists of eight children: Samuel, Mary (wife of G. W. Shoemaker, Esq.), Elizabeth, George, Luella, Ida, Ona and Frank.

PROFESSOR C. H. MORRIS,

principal of the normal school at Stanberry, is a native of Indiana, and was born in Johnson County, September 8, 1856. His father, George W. Morris, and his mother, whose maiden name was Eleanor Jones, were both natives of Indiana. The youth of C. H. was spent on a farm, and he was educated in Valparaiso. He has since devoted his time to teaching, and no one in Northwest Missouri has a better reputation as a successful, thorough and painstaking instructor, and the success that has attended his efforts in the management of the normal school, mention of which is made in another part of this work, is ample evidence of his ability. Professor Morris was married December 31, 1876, to Ella Parkins, a native of Maryland. They have two children, Anna and Gertie.

LEWIS C. NORMAN,

a pioneer of the county, was born in Hendricks County, Indiana, August 23, 1844. Allen Norman, his father, was born in North Carolina, and his mother, whose maiden name was Mary H. Stockton, was a Kentuckian by birth. In 1844 the family moved from Indiana and located in Platte County, Missouri, where they resided some eight years, moving then to Henry County, Iowa, in 1852. After living in Iowa some nine years, they came to Gentry County, Missouri, in the fall of 1862. L. C. spent his youth on a farm, and attended the common schools. He was married in this county November 14, 1866, to Miss Martha F. Hutton, daughter of Charles Hutton. She was born in Henry County, Iowa, September 7, 1844. Mr. Norman subsequently settled on his present farm, and has since been engaged in farming and selling goods at Mount Pleasant. He owns eighty-five acres of land, in section 33, township 63, range 32, all improved, and with a young bearing orchard. Mr. and Mrs. N. have four children: William F., born September 27, 1867; Minnie F., born May 24, 1870; George G., born November 27, 1872, and Effie M., born September 2, 1875. Mr. and Mrs. N. are members of the Missionary Baptist Church. The former belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

OLIVER H. OWINGS,

a prominent farmer of Cooper Township, first saw the light in Davis County, Iowa, January 21, 1849. His father, Christopher Owings, died

in Davis County in 1852, when the subject of this sketch was but three years old. His mother's maiden name was Lydia Ann Grisholm, a native of Indiana. She moved to Missouri in 1861, and located with her family in Worth County. The youth of Oliver H. Owings was spent at school and on a farm. When fifteen years old he engaged in working in a sawmill, and has been engaged in the sawmill and lumber business most of the time since 1865. He located in Gentry County in 1870, and was married here, June 4, 1871, to Miss Wilhelmina Jacoby, daughter of John Jacoby. She was born in Germany, June 20, 1852. They have three children: Alva H., born July 17, 1872; Alexander, born December 14, 1873, and Janetta, born March 26, 1879. Mr. Owings moved on his present farm in June, 1876. He has 170 acres of land, with 160 acres fenced, and a good house, barn and other improvements. There is on the place an orchard of apple and peach trees, and some other fruits. He resides on section 14, township 62, and range 32. Mr. and Mrs. Owings belong to the Missionary Baptist Church, and Mr. Owings is a member of the Masonic fraternity.

VOLNEY O. PATCHIN,

section 10, was born in Warren County, New York, January 9, 1813. His father, Jabez Patchin, was a soldier in the war of 1812. Here on the shore of Lake George, near Fort Ticonderago, Volney was raised. In the spring of 1838 he came West, settling in Platte County, Missouri. He was married to Miss Mahulda Bess in October, 1838. Leaving his wife at home with her parents, he crossed the plains to California and engaged in mining there for about eighteen months, when he returned and purchased a farm in Gentry County, Missouri. His wife died in March, 1840, and also his only son by that marriage. Mr. P. was married again in October, 1840, to Miss Leah St. Johns, of Platte County, Missouri. Soon after this he removed with his family to his land in Gentry County, where he still resides. He has three children living by this union: Lyman, America and Richard. He was again called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who died in July, 1860. Mr. Patchin was married a third time November 1861, to Mrs. Lena Marshall, by whom he has five children: William, Katie, George, Cornelia and Johnnie. He owns 200 acres of land with a fine house, and is one of the leading farmers of Gentry County. Mr. P. is a member of the Christian Church and a prominent Republican.

REYNOLDS & SWEAT,

dealers in agricultural implements, farm machinery, sewing machines, wagons, buggies, etc., are numbered among the leading and successful

firms of Stanberry, and have contributed a full share to the reputation the town enjoys as a business center. The house was established in 1881, by W. H. Reynolds, and in 1882, Mr. L. G. Sweat became a partner in the establishment. Their trade is large and constantly increasing, and in their business transactions they have been very successful, securing a large share of public patronage. The senior member, W. H. Reynolds, is a native of Morgan County, Illinois, and was born July 13, 1849, being a son of James M. and Amelia (Hand) Reynolds, who were natives of Virginia. Young Reynolds was raised and attended school in his native county, and completed his education at the Illinois College at Jacksonville. Coming west, he improved a farm in Harrison County, Missouri, but afterwards sold out and entered into the confectionery business at Jamesport, Daviess County, Missouri. In October, 1879, he came to Stanberry and engaged in the hardware business which he continued till 1881. Mr. Reynolds was married in 1875 to Miss Lizzie Waltz, a native of Jackson County, Ohio, born July 19, 1851. With her parents she came to Harrison County, Missouri, when two years old. Mr. R. is a member of Valley Lodge, No. 397, I. O. O. F. The junior member of this firm, L. G. Sweat, is a native of Perry County, Indiana, where he was born in 1850. He is a son of Russell and Huldah Sweat. L. G. came to Gentry County, Missouri, with his parents, in 1854, and settled near Berlin. In 1874, he began work as a farmer, which he continued till 1879. He then came to Stanberry and purchased a lot and erected a hotel, the first one built in the town. Soon after he exchanged this for a good farm, on which he lived till 1882, when he associated himself with Mr. Reynolds. Mr. Sweat married in February, 1879, Miss Martha Lewis, a native of La Porte County, Indiana, born in November, 1862. They have two children, Lulu and Vertie. They are both members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. S. belongs to Lodge No. 397, I. O. O. F.

JOHN A. ROSS,

the subject of this sketch, was born on Cape Britton Island, June 27, 1830. John J. Ross, his father, and his mother, whose maiden name was Jane Moore, were born on adjoining farms on the same island. In 1840 the family emigrated to the United States, and located in Washington County, Ohio, where they resided some three years. In March, 1843, they moved to Missouri and settled in Bogle Township, Gentry County, being among the first settlers of the county. John A. spent his youth on a farm, and had very limited opportunities for obtaining an education. In 1850 he, his father, uncle and brother, went to California, and were gone some three years, engaged in mining. After returning,

in December, 1853, the subject of this sketch attended the Albany High School for two terms, and then commenced improving his farm in the winter of 1854. He has one of the best improved farms in the county, and is the owner of 756 acres of land, nearly all fenced and in cultivation. He has one of the largest and best farm residences in the county, a good barn, and a bearing orchard of 200 apple trees, and a variety of other fruits. He resides on section 16, township 63, range 32. Mr. Ross was married in Glenwood, Iowa, September 1, 1855, to Miss Margaret Bradford, daughter of A. Bradford. She was born in Ohio, July 6, 1832. He has four children by this union: Savannah J., (wife of Reuben Floyd), John B., Benjamin M., and Mary F., (wife of James Witten.) Mrs. Ross died November 4, 1862. Mr. R. was married in this county to Miss Martha R. Howell, his present wife, May 11, 1865. She is a daughter of Judge James Howell, and was born here November 7, 1847. They have seven children: James H., born January 25, 1867; George A., born September 14, 1868; William F., born September 25, 1870; Eleanor R., born March 22, 1872; Myrtle M., born June 6, 1874; Martha R., born October 28, 1877, and Thomas A., born October 15, 1879. Robert L. Ross was born April 25, 1881, and died February 11, 1882. Mr. and Mrs. Ross belong to the Missionary Baptist Church. Mr. R. is a member of the Masonic fraternity. He is extensively engaged in the stock business.

SAMUEL C. ROSS,

one of the pioneers of Gentry County, Missouri, was born in Washington County, Ohio, April 29, 1841. His parents, John J. and Jane S. (Moore) Ross, were born in Nova Scotia. In 1842, the family moved from Ohio to Missouri, and located in Gentry County, being among its first settlers. S. C. Ross was raised on a farm, and was educated in the common schools. He was married in Gentry County, March 26, 1867, to Miss Sarah E. Boner, daughter of Milton Boner. She was born in Indiana in 1840. After his marriage Mr. R. settled on his present farm, in section 21, township 63, range 32. He has 150 acres of land, 130 of which are fenced, with a fair house and improvements, and a good new barn, a fine orchard of 300 bearing apple, some peach, cherry and other fruits further beautifying the place. He enlisted in August, 1862, in the Thirty-fifth Missouri Volunteer Infantry, and served till the close of the war, participating in the battle of Helena, Arkansas, in July, 1863. After receiving his discharge, he returned to his family in Gentry County, and has since been engaged in farming and stock raising. Mr. and Mrs. Ross have had seven children, six of whom are living: Sarah J., John A.,

Mary E., James A., Samuel C. and Charles T. Mrs. Ross is a member of the Baptist Church.

HENRY RUDOLPH

is a leading manufacturer of saddles, harness, etc., and also keeps a fine stock in that line. He began here in 1879, and has obtained a large trade in all the territory tributary to this city. He is a native of Germany, and was born in 1832. In 1847 he emigrated to America, landing at New Orleans, but soon afterward he came to Missouri. He learned his trade in his native country, and has done business in St. Francois and Livingston counties. Mr. Rudolph was married in 1861 to Miss Alvira Blackburn, a native of Indiana. They have one daughter: Minnie. Mr. R. is a Master Mason. He and his wife are members of the church.

LAWRENCE E. SHATTUCK

was born in Cherry Creek, Chautauqua County, New York, April 11, 1838. His father, L. E. Shattuck, was born in Massachusetts, and his mother, whose maiden name was Amy A. Ames, was a native of Utica, New York. The subject of this sketch spent his youth on a farm, attending the common schools, and when fifteen years old he entered the Ellington Academy, of which he was a student for three years. He was married there, October 20, 1862, to Miss Surtina L. Shepherd, only daughter of the Rev. Washington Shepherd. She was born in Chautauqua County, New York. Mr. S. has one child, Leonard E., born June 22, 1864. This wife died in Cherry Creek, in September, 1868. In May, 1872, the subject of this sketch came west and located in Albany, Gentry County, Missouri. He was married in Albany, to Miss Eugenie Jones, youngest daughter of Jacob Jones. Mr. S. moved to his present farm, in Cooper Township, in the fall of 1878. He owns 260 acres of land, with 220 acres fenced and improved, with a good dwelling and barn, and a fine young orchard of 400 apple and 100 peach trees, also a variety of other fruits. Mr. Shattuck has two children by his last marriage, Anna A. and Minnie R. Shattuck. Mrs. S. is a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. He resides on section 4, township 62 and range 32.

R. SHELLY,

proprietor of billiard parlor, was born in Willisburg, Washington County, Kentucky, September 18, 1848. His father was Nathan Shelly, and the maiden name of his mother was Nancy Faulkner. The family moved to Daviess County, Missouri, in 1852, and there the subject of

this sketch was principally reared, on a farm, until 1869. He was educated at Mount Zion College, and a few months before he would have graduated he was compelled to relinquish his studies, on account of impaired health. He then traveled through the South, and was afterwards engaged as operator on railroads, and for a time was in the employ of the Hannibal & St. Joseph and Wabash railroads. In 1879 he came to Stanberry and erected his present building, which is the best frame building in the city, being 25x60 feet. He was the first marshal of the city. Mr. Shelly was married July 4, 1882, to Miss Ida Slaughter, a native of Plattsmouth, Nebraska.

ISRAEL SHISLER,

was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, March 13, 1828. Daniel Shisler, his father, was born in Germany, but was raised in the United States, and his mother, whose maiden name was Susannah Millisor, was born in Ohio. Israel spent his youth on a farm and had very little chances for schooling. He was married in Fairfield County, Ohio, to Miss Elizabeth Hamilton, in 1850. She was born in Butler County, Pennsylvania, July 26, 1824. After his marriage Mr. S. settled on a farm in Ohio, where he lived some two years. In 1854 he and his father's family moved to Missouri and located in Gentry County, and were among the first settlers of Cooper Township. Daniel Shisler died in this county September 1, 1861. Mr. Shisler has 250 acres of land, with 200 acres fenced, fairly improved, with a good, large dwelling and a bearing orchard of 100 apple trees and a variety of other fruits. He lives on section 3, township 62, range 32, on which he has resided for twenty-seven years. Mr. S. is quite extensively engaged in the stock business. They have raised a family of eight children: Hezekiah, Byron, Obediah, Warren, Amanda, Cordelia, Arvaner and Burdette.

GEORGE W. SHOEMAKER,

attorney, a native of Wilkes County, North Carolina, was born on the 5th day of September, 1846, and is the son of William B. and Susan Shoemaker, both natives of North Carolina. While George was an infant, his parents removed to Green County, Wisconsin, and thence to Illinois, and in 1858 they came to Gentry County. Here his youth was spent on a farm and in acquiring an education. He made choice of the practice of law as a profession, and after a thorough preparation, he was admitted to the bar in Grundy County, in 1871. He followed agricultural pursuits for a time, but has more recently devoted his time exclusively to his chosen calling. His law library is one of the largest and

best selected in the county, and as a lawyer he has attained a well merited success, and stands well with his brother practitioners. He at present holds the position of city attorney. Mr. S. was married September 26, 1872, to Miss Mary Morris, a daughter of Dr. Morris, one of Gentry County's most substantial citizens. They have a family of four children: Mamie I., Naomi C., William M. and Jasper Frank.

JOHN J. STANSBURY,

one of the prominent farmers of Gentry County, and one for whom the town of Stanberry was named, was born in Franklin County, Indiana, October 12, 1825. His father, Henry Stansbury, was a native of Maryland, and his mother, Catharine Stansbury, was born in Virginia. John lived in Indiana till 1842, and then removed to Henry County, Iowa. He was reared on a farm, and has made it his life occupation, in connection with dealing in stock. In 1849, the glowing accounts and reports from the gold discoveries of California so affected him, that he cast his lot with many who were resolved to visit this new Eldorado. After working a year and a-half in the mines, his health became so impaired that he was compelled reluctantly to abandon this occupation. He was one of six who discovered the celebrated Nevada County mines. After his return he was interested extensively in the stock business, and for ten years his shipments were largely to the New York market. Since 1872, he has confined himself more strictly to his farming interest, and his homestead consists of about 360 acres of land adjoining the town. He disposed of 40 acres to the town company, and in consideration of his assistance in promoting the interest of the county and obtaining the right of way in this part of it, he was honored by having his name given to the town. Mr. S. is a man of unblemished reputation, and enjoys in an unusual degree the confidence and respect of the community. He was married in Henry County, Iowa, in 1848, to Miss Frances M. Hutton. She died in 1856, leaving two children, William T. and Franklin P. His second marriage occurred in 1857, to Miss Ellen Donahue. She was born in Baltimore, Maryland. They have two children, Charles F. and Cora E.

STEPHAN & GEHRING.

This firm is composed of Adam Stephan and Fred Gehring, two of the most prominent furniture dealers of Stanberry. The house was established in 1879. Adam Stephan, the senior partner, is a native of Germany, and was born in 1835, being a son of Jacob and Eva Stephan. He came to America in 1854 and settled in Wisconsin, where he remained

until 1862, then going to Maryville, Missouri. He devoted his time in that city to the furniture business. The years 1866 and 1867 were spent in California, after which he returned to Maryville and worked at his trade until locating at Stanberry. Mr. Stephan was married, July 6, 1869, to Miss Elizabeth Wagner, a native of Germany, born in 1842. She came to America with her parents in 1848. Fred. Gehring, the junior member of the firm, is also a native of Germany. He came to America in 1854, and settled in Wayne County, Ohio. In 1859 he went to California, and in 1865 to New York City, where he remained till 1866, next taking up his residence in Rockport, Illinois. Here he stayed one year, and was married, September 31, 1867, to Miss E. Backart, a native of Germany, born June 14, 1846. They have a family of three children: Fred, Louise and Carrie. Lost two, George and Louie.

J. P. STILLWAUGH,

brick manufacturer, was born in Butler County, Ohio, on the sixteenth day of March, 1853. His parents were Jacob and Mary Stillwaugh, natives of Germany, with whom he moved to Randolph County, Illinois, in 1857. There he grew up, but returned to Ohio to finish his education, which he completed at the Hamilton Business College of that State. He was subsequently engaged quite extensively in the manufacture of brick there for quite a while. July 6, 1876, Mr. Stillwaugh was married to Miss Anna Arrent, a native of New York, born October 8, 1855. She was a daughter of M. and Mary E. Arrent, with whom she had moved to Hamilton, Ohio, where she was educated. The family consists of three children: Sidney, Iva and May. In March, 1880, Mr. S. came to Stanberry, Missouri, and established his present business. He has made himself perfectly familiar with the methods and ways of brick making, and to this fact must be awarded his great success.

CAPTAIN JAMES STOCKTON,

who is deserving of more than a passing notice, is one of the oldest residents, in point of years, in Gentry County. He was born in Mason County, Kentucky, October 9, 1797, and resided at his birth place until eighteen years of age, when he removed to Champaign County, Ohio. There he remained a few years, after which he returned to Kentucky, where he was married to Miss Margaret Torbet. In 1824 he settled in Jennings County, Indiana, living there until 1838; then removed to Hendricks County, Indiana, and remained six years. He then emigrated to Missouri, and settled in Platte County in 1844, making it his home eight years, when he changed his residence to Henry County, Iowa, in

1852. This was his home until the spring of 1858, when he came to Gentry County, settling in this township April 4 of that year. Mrs. Stockton died, leaving a family of: Robert, James J., John S., James H., Mary, Hannah, Sophia, Jane, and Margaret. Mr. S. was married a second time to Margaret Wilson, of Jefferson County, Indiana. She died, leaving one son, Jackson. His third wife was Martha Wilson, by whom he has living five children: Alexander R., Elizabeth A., Patrick W., Allen O. and William A. In his political preferences he is a Democrat of the old school. He cast his first presidential vote for General Jackson, and has voted at every presidential election, and at the last, in 1880, cast his vote for General Hancock. During the late war he was a strong Union man and raised a cavalry company, of which he was commissioned captain. He was in a number of skirmishes and proved himself a brave and efficient officer. At one time his horse was shot from under him, and in the fall Captain Stockton was considerably injured. In his religious preferences he is a member of the Missionary Baptist Church, and he has held the position of deacon for fifty years, and in all this period he has not missed attending over three associations to which he belonged. For several years past he has been suffering from what was supposed to be a cancerous affection of his right arm. This had so affected him, by destroying the bone and subjecting him to such intense pain, that he made up his mind to have it amputated. A council of surgeons was called and advised adversely to it, but his mind was made up, that death would follow in a short time, and with a will characteristic of the man, insisted it should be done. They reluctantly acceded to his request, and a day was appointed for the operation. An interview with his sons (gray-headed men) on the evening previous is one long to be remembered, and a touching incident in their lives, as their father spoke of the loss he would suffer the following day in losing the best friend of his life—the strong right arm that had provided for their mother and themselves. When the day came, with unparalleled fortitude he placed himself in position to be operated on, which was skillfully and speedily done, and in a few weeks, to the agreeable disappointment of all his friends, he had entirely recovered and was walking around, feeling better than for years. And now, at over four score years, his step is still firm, his form erect, and his countenance cheerful, and he bids fair to see a mellow, ripe old age.

JUDGE THOMAS J. STOCKTON

was born on the 17th day of February, 1820, in Woodford County, Kentucky. His father is James Stockton, and the maiden name of his mother

was Margaret Torbet. He was taken when young by his parents to Jennings County, Indiana, and thence to Hendricks County, in the same state. He was reared on a farm, and endured the hardships incident to pioneer life. In connection with his farming operations he was engaged in buying and driving stock to Cincinnati and Lawrenceburg, both being important cattle markets. He also cleared and made two or three farms in the heavy timber, and split a large portion of the rails for fences. In 1845 he emigrated to Missouri and settled in Platte County. At the outbreak of the Mexican war, Mr. S. tendered his services to the government, and was placed on duty in Platte County to guard the frontier. He afterwards returned to Indiana, and in 1850 settled in Henry County, Iowa. He again engaged in farming, and owned one of the most desirable farms in the county. He built a store building in Mount Pleasant, Iowa, and for a time was engaged in selling goods. This adventure proved unprofitable, and through a dishonest partner he lost \$6,000. In 1865 he removed to Gentry County, Missouri. During the war he enlisted in a company of which his father was captain, and did valuable service in protecting the county from outlaws that infested the country. It was owing to his enterprise that the town of Mount Pleasant was laid out and built up. He was married in 1838 to Miss Lavina White, a daughter of Samuel White, of Highland County, Ohio. They have a family of nine children, seven of whom are now living: Robert, Thomas J. Jr., John A., Mary E., (now Mrs. Jacob Monger), Ellen D., (now Mrs. E. T. Houston), Alexander and Dillon. Two are deceased, James Howard and Mary Ann. Two sons enlisted in the late war in the defense of their country, James Howard and Robert. The former was killed at Vicksburg, and the latter was taken prisoner, and for a long time was in the hands of the enemy. Mr. S. has probably handled more stock successfully than any other man in his day in Gentry County. He once changed his residence to Maryville, Nodaway County, where he was engaged in business. He also made splendid improvements in the town. After the town of Stanberry was located, he devoted his time to real estate business and the management of his private affairs. Mr. Stockton has cut and split 337 rails in one day. His first purchase of real estate was from his father, who took his note at ten per cent. This note he paid by splitting rails at thirty-seven and a-half cents per hundred, and cradling wheat at thirty-seven and a-half cents per acre and cutting oats at twenty-five cents per acre. After cradling all day he would go home and work until ten o'clock at night, cutting wood and burning brush, his wife either helping him or knitting by the light of the burning brush. He is in all the sense the word implies a self made man. Commencing life without means and with very limited educational facilities, he has by

industry and economy, combined with good judgment, secured a competency for life, and by reading and observation and intercourse with his fellow men, acquired that information that has given him a prominent social and business position. Politically, he is a Democrat of the Jeffersonian school, and though not a political aspirant, he has held offices of responsibility, and at the present time is one of the judges of the county court. In his religious preferences he is a Baptist, and while devoted to the denomination with which he is connected, he is liberal towards those whose convictions lead them with other societies. The society of his connection find in him a staunch supporter and liberal contributor. His private life and public record are alike untarnished.

ALEXANDER R. STOCKTON,

farmer and stock dealer, was born in Jennings County, Indiana, August 31, 1838. James Stockton, his father, was born in Kentucky, August 9, 1797, and his mother, whose maiden name was Martha Wilson, was born in Indiana in 1815. In 1844 the family moved from Indiana to Missouri, and located in Platte County, where they lived some nine or ten years, moving thence to Iowa and settling in Henry County. They resided in Iowa until 1858, when, in April of that year, they came to Gentry County, Missouri. Alexander spent his youth on a farm, and was educated in the common schools. He was married in Gentry County, October 15, 1860, to Miss Rebecca Floyd, daughter of Benjamin Floyd. She was born in Pulaski County, Kentucky, November 3, 1838, and died February 26, 1872, leaving one child, Douglas C., who was born October 2, 1861. The subject of this sketch was again married to Miss Mary Moffitt, daughter of Peter Moffitt, who was born in Nova Scotia, April 13, 1854. There were three children by this marriage, two of whom are living: Truman A., born August 2, 1878, and Irvin Roy, born January 16, 1881. Gertrude was born November 3, 1874, and died February 11, 1876. Mr. Stockton moved on his present farm in section 26, in this township, and just to the east of Mount Pleasant, in the summer of 1878. He has 200 acres of land, 165 acres fenced, with fair house and improvements, a good orchard of 100 bearing apple trees, and a variety of other fruits. He is engaged in the stock business, and is one of the largest feeders and shippers in the county. Mr. and Mrs. Stockton are members of the Missionary Baptist Church.

EDWARD STYLES,

train despatcher of the Omaha Division of the Wabash, St. Louis and Pacific Railroad Company, was born in the year 1856, in Kankakee,

Illinois, and was the son of A. and J. Styles, the former a native of Pennsylvania, and the latter of Georgia. Edward received an excellent education in Illinois, and also learned the art of telegraphy, entering the office at Centralia as assistant despatcher. He was afterwards employed at Bloomington, and later at Maryville, Missouri, coming to Stanberry in February, 1880. Mr. Styles commands in a large degree the confidence of this company, and is a man possessing the business ability so essential to his position. Though a responsible office, it is filled by one to be trusted. June 17, 1880, Miss A. Catherlin became his wife. She was born in Council Bluffs, Iowa, in 1859, and is a daughter of G. W. Catherlin. Mr. and Mrs. Styles have one child, Hannah May. They are members of the Presbyterian Church.

JAMES TAGGART,

section 16, is a native of County Tyrone, Ireland, and was born February 12, 1832, being the son of John and Rachel Taggart. He lived in the country of his birth until he reached his twentieth year, when he emigrated to America in August, 1852, settling in Pike County, Ohio. Mr. Taggart is a stonecutter by trade and he followed this trade there until the war broke out, when he enlisted in the Union army, serving as captain of Company I, Sixty-third Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was present at the two battles of New Madrid in 1862 and at the siege and battle of Corinth. He was discharged in the fall of 1862 at Corinth, Mississippi, on account of disability. Returning home, he was treated for heart disease contracted in the service, by several physicians, and finally by their advice came west and settled in Cooper Township, Gentry County, Missouri, where he still resides. He was married January 1, 1855, to Miss Margaret Newman, of Pike County, Ohio. Nine children were born of this marriage: Benjamin F., Mary A., John B., Hollis S., Delilah, Rachel, Elizabeth, James A. and Garfield. Mr. Taggart owns 120 acres of land with a fine house, and is one of the prominent farmers of Gentry County. He is a Republican in his political preferences.

A. L. TOMBLIN,

president of the Stanberry Bank, is, deserving of more than a passing notice. He was born in Kendall County, Illinois, on the 10th day of August, 1837, and is the son of Sheldon A. Tomblin and Beulah *nee* Fuller, Tomblin, who were natives of New York. They emigrated to Illinois in 1832, and settled in Kendall County, where the subject of this sketch spent his boyhood days. There he was reared to manhood, divid-

ing his time between attending school and assisting in the management of the farm. After the discovery of gold in Colorado, he crossed the plains, and was for some time engaged in prospecting and mining. He spent six years in the mining districts of Colorado, Montana and Dakota, where he had a large experience crowned with satisfactory results. After his return he settled in Emerson, Mills County, Iowa, where he prepared himself for the practice of law, and was admitted to the bar. He engaged extensively and successfully in the real estate and insurance business, and remained in Mills County until 1879, and when the town of Stanberry was laid out, he at once identified himself with the city and opened a banking house. To no one individual is the town more indebted for its reputation and present prosperity. Mr. Tomblin has always shown a worthy public spiritedness, and has contributed to every public improvement. In educational matters he has taken an active interest, and as president of the school board he has shown himself an efficient worker. As a business man, in the management of the Stanberry Bank, he has proved himself a safe, conservative and successful financier, and thus enjoys in a high degree the confidence of the community. Mr. Tomblin was married in 1859, to Miss Lola C. Berry, a native of Pennsylvania. Their family consists of four children: Marion B. connected with his father in business, Lola, Mamie and Mattie. Mr. Tomblin is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and belongs to Island City Lodge, No. 109.

E. A. WALES,

of the firm of Wales & Hawkins, proprietors of the Stanberry Milling Company, was born in Cassville, Oneida County, New York, September 28, 1854. His father, W. H. Wales, is a native of England, as was also his mother, whose maiden name was Mary E. Hawkins. E. A. Wales moved with his parents at an early period of his life to Sangamon County, Illinois, and thence to Kansas. In 1881 he came to Albany and engaged in his present calling, having been thoroughly educated in the milling business from youth. In 1882 the firm were induced to erect their present mill at this point, and no mill in Northwest Missouri, for its size, is more complete in all its appointments, neither has there been any industry introduced more needed or better appreciated. Mr. Wales was married in Burlingame, Kansas, December 24, 1879, to Miss Lollie J. Chambers. She was born in Ottumwa, Wapello County, Iowa. They have one son, James E. Mr. Wales is also connected with the Albany Mills, and represents a large interest there.

H. E. WALKER,

dealer in drugs, groceries, etc. Darlington, was born in Boone County, Indiana, August 28, 1836. His father, George Walker, was a native of Tennessee, and removed to Indiana at an early day. He was married to Sarah Lain, of Kentucky. In 1855 H. E. Walker came with the family to Gentry County, Missouri, where he was reared to manhood and received his education, following the occupation of farming. In 1858 he became apprenticed to learn the trade of blacksmith, and followed that occupation at different times for about fifteen years. In 1861 he enlisted in the Federal service and served till the close of the war, participating in twenty-three battles. Since the close of the war he has been engaged in various pursuits, among which may be mentioned farming, merchandizing, and the drug business, which he has followed for about twelve years. In July, 1880, he opened his present store in Darlington. He has a large and complete stock of drugs, and is doing the principal share of the trade in his line. Mr. Walker was married in March, 1866, to Miss Eliza Setzer, who was born in Hardin County, Kentucky, August 15, 1839. They have two children: Ulyses and Milton A. He is a member of Gentryville Lodge, No. 125, A. F. and A. M.

JAMES S. WEAVER,

proprietor of elevator, was born in Frederick County, Maryland, on the 20th of June, 1836, his parents being Daniel and Sarah Weaver. His father was a native of Pennsylvania, and his mother of Maryland. James was reared to manhood and received his education in his native state, in later years removing to Illinois. He subsequently went to Kansas and in each of these states he was engaged in the grain trade for many years. In 1879 Mr. Weaver came to Stanberry and erected his present elevator, which has a capacity of 5,000 bushels. In connection with it he has an engine of twenty horse power. Located as he is in the midst of a magnificent farming region, with excellent facilities for transportation, he is bound to succeed. Mr. W. was married November 12, 1868, to Miss Mary E. Darne, a native of Madison County, Illinois. She was born in December, 1848, and is the daughter of John and Sarah Darne, natives of Illinois.

F. A. WEIMER,

the popular editor and publisher of the Stanberry Sentinel, is a native of Noble County, Ohio, and was born December 23, 1856. His father's name was John Weimer, and by occupation a farmer. The maiden name

of his mother was Cynthia Sprague. While he was an infant his parents removed to Henry County, Iowa, where he was reared to manhood. His education was received in the common schools and Whittier College. After completing his schooling he engaged in teaching in Iowa, and then went to Wisconsin in 1875; thence to Chicago, and in 1879 he came to Gentry County, and the following spring purchased the Sentinel. Under his able and efficient management the Sentinel has secured a large and constantly increasing circulation. It is the faithful exponent of Democratic doctrine, Mr. Weimer being a Democrat of the old school, which is also the political faith of his father, in whom the party has always found a champion. Mr. Weimer has served the city as a member of its council, and at the present time holds the office of city clerk.

J. S. WERTZ,

proprietor of a wholesale and retail flour establishment, is a native of Bedford County, Pennsylvania, and was born February 20, 1836. He was educated at Mount Pleasant, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, and in 1855 he came west, locating in Burlington, Iowa. He subsequently removed to Mt. Pleasant, of that state, where he erected a large flouring mill at a cost of \$18,000, doing a large business there. Selling out, he moved to Andrew County, Missouri, in 1878, and in one of the large towns of that county built a mill, at a cost of \$12,000, which was afterwards destroyed by fire. But, possessed of an indomitable will and energy, Mr. W. soon rebuilt the mill, this time costing \$15,000, and in 1882 he disposed of it, embarking in his present business at Stanberry. He is a thorough miller, of many years' experience, completely understands his business, and is an acknowledged leader in the occupation which has been his life work. Mr. Wertz was married, December 11, 1867, to Miss Anna Elliott, a native of Henderson County, Illinois, born January 29, 1848. She was educated at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. They have four children: Cora, May, Frank, and Stella. Have lost one, Nellie. Mr. Wertz is an Odd Fellow. His wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

O. WHITNEY,

roadmaster of the Omaha division of the Wabash, St. Louis & Pacific Railroad, was born in Shelby County, Ohio, in 1842, and was raised and educated in his native state. He began life as a farmer, and has also devoted much time to the milling business. Mr. Whitney has been connected with the Wabash Railroad since 1872. In 1879 he came to Stanberry and soon accepted his present position at this point, which he has

filled in other places for many years. He is a gentleman of the highest personal integrity, of progressive ideas, and is well and widely known and respected by all. He possesses more than ordinary executive ability, is a good manager, and in short, "the right man in the right place." In 1863 Mr. Whitney was married to Miss Anna Cecil, a native of Ohio, born in 1844. Their family consists of four children: Respah, John B., Cora and Seth. Mr. W. is a Master Mason.

W. F. WOODS,

editor of the Stanberry News, was born in Texas, March 24, 1858. His father, Leonard H. Woods, was a native of Tennessee, and the maiden name of his mother was Helen M. Fish. She was born in New York state. After the outbreak of the late civil war his parents came north and settled in Oneida County, New York, where the subject of this sketch was reared. His education was received in Syracuse. In 1877 he emigrated west and settled in Mills County, Iowa, and accepted a position as clerk in a store. In 1878 he commenced his journalistic experience and in 1879 he came to Stanberry, and, in company with a Mr. Hall, established the Stanberry News, a paper devoted to the interests of the Republican party. In 1881 he purchased Mr. Hall's interest and has since conducted the paper himself as editor and proprietor. The paper is published with ability and is ever ready to give a reason for the faith it professes and it is the organ of the party in Gentry County. In recognition of Mr. Woods' services and eminent fitness, he was in November, 1880, made postmaster and he has proved himself a competent and accommodating official. His office is one of the best appointed in the West and its patrons are to be congratulated for the enterprise and accommodation manifested in their behalf. Mr. Woods was married November 26, 1879, to Miss Margaret B. Good a native of Mills County, Iowa. They have one son, Leonard.

WILLIAM H. WOOD

is a native of Gentry County, Missouri, and was born February 14, 1844. George Wood, his father, and his mother, whose maiden name was Catherine Ames, were born in Indiana. George Wood was one of the first settlers of Gentry County, and died in that county in 1845, when the subject of this sketch was very young. William H. was raised on a farm, in Gentry County. He served in the war of the rebellion, enlisting in 1862 and remaining in the service till the close of the war. He was a member of Company C, 11th Missouri Cavalry, and participated in all the engagements of his regiment, the most important of which

were the fights at Little Rock, Arkansas, Prairie Grove and Camden. Mr. Wood mostly educated himself after his return from the war. He was married in this county September 1, 1866, to Miss Sarah E. Shisler. She was born in Ohio, March 12, 1846. They have two children, Doran B., born December 9, 1867, and George Warren, born July 8, 1871. Mr. Wood settled on his present farm January 1, 1880. He has 165 acres of land, with 160 acres fenced and improved, a good house and young orchard, located in section 13, township 62, range 32. Mr. Wood is quite extensively engaged in the raising and feeding of stock. He and his wife are members of the Baptist Church.



MILLER TOWNSHIP.

ALLEN ADKISSON

was born in Madison County, Kentucky, July 31, 1817. His parents, Samuel and Mary (Perrin) Adkisson, were both natives of Virginia. At the age of four years he accompanied the family to Breckinridge County, Kentucky, where he was reared on a farm, receiving his education in the common schools. In 1852 he moved to Missouri, settling on a farm in Macon County, where he remained for two years, then coming to Gentry County, Missouri. Here he has since resided, with the exception of about six years, which he spent in Grundy County, in order that his children might attend Grand River College, located at Edinburgh. In 1862 he was commissioned a major of a regiment in the State Militia, and served for one year. His occupation through life has been farming and stock dealing. Mr. A. is a careful but successful business man, and has long been one of the leading stock men in the vicinity. He has a pleasant home near Gentryville, and a landed estate of 750 acres of fine farming land. He was married in Breckinridge County, Kentucky, March 10, 1844 or 1845, to Martha Jane Gannaway. She was born in Hardin County, Kentucky, December 28, 1828. The result of this marriage was eleven children, seven of whom are living: Matilda, Mary S., Hettie, Cornelia, Ella, Lizzie and Celeste. Mr. Adkisson and wife are both members of the Baptist Church. Two more kind and entertaining old settlers are not to be found in this township.

XAVIER ALLENBRAND,

farmer, section 31, post office Berlin, was born in Germany, January 28, 1810. He was reared and educated in Europe. In 1831, he came to America, and since 1869, he has been a citizen of Gentry County. He is the owner of a fine farm of 260 acres. For some time after coming to this continent, Mr. Allenbrand resided in Canada, where he was married in 1833, to Miss Margaret Babeon, of France, a daughter of John P. Babeon, an eminent educator of that country. They have six children, four boys and two girls.

JAMES ARNOLD,

section 27, postoffice McFall, is the owner of 200 acres of good land, 170 acres of which are fenced, and upon it is a fine bearing orchard and a comfortable home. Mr. Arnold was born in Scott County, Virginia, April 29, 1805. He was reared on a farm, and has followed farming for an occupation during life. While he was young, his parents died, and he was deprived of the opportunities for acquiring an education. At the age of twelve or thirteen years, he went with his grandparents to Knox County, Tennessee, where he remained until 1835, then moving to Jackson County, Missouri. He resided in that county for about five years, and in October, 1840, he landed in Gentry County, where he has since made his home. He settled a short distance from his present place, and remarkable to relate, has been on his present farm since 1843. Mr. Arnold has been married three times. First, in Knoxville, Tennessee, to Mary McCall, a native of South Carolina. By this union they had three children, all of whom are living: John G., Thomas and Margaret Arnold. His second marriage occurred in Monroe County, Tennessee, to Lucinda Romines, of North Carolina. His last and third marriage was in Gentry County, Missouri, February 22, 1876, to Mrs. Margaret Barnett, whose maiden name was Ragan. She was born in Blount County, Tennessee, March 25, 1817. She is the daughter of John Ragan, (a native of Abbingdon County, Virginia,) and Jane (Hood) Ragan, of East Tennessee. Mrs. Arnold was first married to Hugh Barnett, a native of East Tennessee. By this union they had two children, Caroline J. and Daniel W. Barnett. Mr. and Mrs. Arnold are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. He is very properly classed as one of the few men who have watched the silent growth of Gentry County from a wilderness, and he has been one to contribute to build the fine homes that now adorn its many fruitful farms.

JAMES Z. BARNETT.

Among the physicians of Northwest Missouri who may be mentioned as being quite prominent in the medical profession, is the subject of this sketch. He is a son of A. F. Barnett, a native of Mercer County, Kentucky. His mother, whose maiden name was Permelia Owings, was from Scott County, Kentucky. James was born in Howard County, Missouri, August 12, 1841. When he was eight years of age his father and the family moved to Daviess County, Missouri, where young Barnett was reared and educated. After he grew to manhood he chose the study of medicine as a profession, subsequently attending the St. Louis Medical College and the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia. Dr. B. is now considered to be one of the best read physicians in Gentry County. He has been engaged in practicing in Gentryville for some fourteen years, and in that vicinity he has not only gained an enviable reputation as a physician, but also as an honorable and upright citizen. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity, and also to the Baptist Church, of both of which he is a staunch member. He was married in 1869, to Miss Sarah A. Mothersead, a daughter of C. D. and S. M. Mothersead, who were natives of Kentucky. The family of Dr. B. has numbered four children, two of whom are living, Odie L. and Garnett F. Those deceased were Marvin Orian and Mary Irma. Dr. Barnett is the owner of a fine farm near Gentryville, and is to some extent dealing in fine blooded cattle. He devotes the most of his time strictly to his profession.

JACOB BLACK.

Among the agriculturists of Gentry County who have gained a reputation of being successful in their occupation is the subject of this sketch. He is a native of Illinois and was born in Macoupin County, January 30, 1822. There he lived till he attained the age of fifteen years, when, in 1837, he went to Wisconsin, where he lived till 1857. He then came to Gentry County, Missouri. In 1859 he returned to Wisconsin, and in 1869 he again removed to Gentry County, where he has since resided. His parents being in limited circumstances, his advantages for acquiring an education in youth were quite limited, but in later years, by hard study, he has become possessed of more than ordinary knowledge. He made his own start in the world as a farmer boy, which occupation he has made his business during life. He now has a farm of 100 acres, which is well improved and in a good state of cultivation. Mr. Black is a member of the Christian Church, to which he has belonged for some ten years. In 1849 he was married in Green County,

Wisconsin, to Mrs. Lucinda Stam, of Washington County, Ohio. By this union there is one child, James O. Mrs. Black was a daughter of Samuel Hedges, a native of Kentucky, and a descendant of the Hedges of England, who are widely known to many. She was formerly married to Christian Stam, of Pennsylvania, by whom she had six children, five sons and one daughter: Susan, George W., William F., John H., Hiram F. and Thomas H. Mr. Black is one of the prominent men of Gentry County, ever ready to lend a helping hand to any good work of charity and enterprise.

CHISE BLAND,

farmer, section 21, post office Darlington, is the owner of a farm consisting of 230 acres, and is numbered among the leading agriculturists of Gentry County. He was born in Union County, Ohio, January 22, 1833, and was reared and educated in his native county. He is a son of Saul Bland, a native of Virginia. His mother was Abigail Phares, of the same state. In 1851 Chise Bland went to Sangamon County, Illinois, where he lived till 1867, since which time he has been a citizen of Gentry County, Missouri. During the war he served in the 70th Ohio Infantry, having enlisted at Worcester, Ohio. He is a member of King City Lodge, No. 377, A. F. and A. M. Mr. B. was married March 24, 1868, to Miss Sallie Long, then of Andrew County, but a native of Monroe County, Missouri. She is a daughter of Edmond and Cynthia J. (Morand) Long, both natives of Kentucky. Their family consists of four children: George D., Willie, James and Earnest C. Mr. Bland has been prominently identified in promoting all interests of this county, and is always found among the foremost in every good cause. He has recently purchased an interest in the Bank of King City, of which Mr. George Ward is cashier.

PRESTON BOWMAN,

who resides on section 35, is the owner of a landed estate of 170 acres of fine farming land in Gentry County and eighty acres in Harrison County, Missouri. He is the son of John and Annie (Hamilton) Bowman (the latter a native of Ireland), and was born in Clay County, Kentucky, March 7, 1831. While in his third year he moved with his parents to Morgan County, Indiana, where he remained for about seven or eight years, when he again accompanied his parents to Putnam County, Indiana. There he resided until he was twenty-three years of age. In the spring of 1854 he came to Gentry County, where he has since been one of its most active business men. His occupation has

been varied, he having followed teaching, merchandizing and farming. Mr. Bowman was educated in Asbury University, Indiana, and though he did not graduate, he laid a broad foundation for a classical education. He was married in Putnam County, Indiana, February 15, 1853, to Susan Albin, a daughter of Henry Albin, a resident of Albany, Missouri. Mrs. Bowman was a native of Putnam County, Indiana. She died in Gentry County, September 4, 1858. Mr. B. was married the second time in Gentry County, October 4, 1860, to Ann Amelia Lowary. By this union he has four children living: James W., Laura B., John M. and Mary C. Bowman. His last wife was born in Morgan County, Ohio, September 28, 1842. She was the daughter of Judge Charles and Mary (Readic) Lowary, natives of Brook County, West Virginia. At the commencement of the late war, Mr. Bowman chose the side of the Union, and enlisted at Gentryville, in Company H, First Missouri Cavalry, as a private, serving during the war. He is a member of the Masonic order, belonging to Gentryville Lodge, No. 125, A. F. and A. M.

MAJOR MATTHEW BUHL,

farmer, section 33, was born in France, October 26, 1821. He was reared and educated in his native country, graduating when eighteen years of age from a well known military school of France. Owing to political troubles in France, and the firm stand which he took, he fled from that country in 1848, coming to America and landing at New Orleans. There he remained one year, when he went to Alabama, and thence, in 1850, to St. Louis, Missouri, where he was employed in a wholesale house as clerk for eighteen months. Warren County, Illinois, then became his home, and three years later he came to Gentry County, Missouri, where he has since resided. He now has a landed estate of over 1,200 acres. In 1861 Mr. Buhl enlisted from Gentry County in Company E., Sixth Missouri Volunteers, first acting as captain of the company. He was afterwards promoted to major, and participated in many noted battles, receiving three wounds while in service. His farm is one of the best improved in the county, having upon it a fine vineyard and orchard. Major Buhl is unmarried.

A. M. S. BUTLER,

farmer, section 23, township 61, range 31, has a landed estate of 185 acres, upon which is a good frame dwelling, a new barn and an orchard of about 250 trees. He was born in Gallia County, Ohio, November 17, 1819. In infancy his parents moved to the city of Louisville, Kentucky, where the father was engaged in the canal and grocery business for

about twelve years. In 1831, young Butler again moved with the family to Cass County, Michigan, where he was occupied in farming for about five years. In the year 1836, he left home to seek his own fortune, and hired himself to a man by the name of Adams, as a farm hand. He worked in Michigan for a time, and then went to Racine County Wisconsin, where he continued to labor as a farmer until 1840, then going to Linn County, Iowa. Here Mr. B. followed farming on his own account until the spring of 1868, when he immigrated to Missouri, Gentry County, and purchased his present farm, where he has since resided. He was reared partly in the city and also on the farm, and his education was obtained in the common schools of Louisville, Kentucky, Cass County, Michigan, and in Racine County, Wisconsin. He was married in Linn County, Iowa, August 8, 1841, to Susan Strattan, daughter of Jacob Strattan, a native of Virginia, and Rebecca (Carroll) Strattan, of Greene County, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Butler was born in Champaign County, Ohio, September 16, 1822. The fruit of this marriage was nine children, four of whom are living: Calvin, Orland, Clemon and Susan Butler. Mr. Butler and wife are both members of the Baptist Church. Mr. B. owing to feeble health, was unable to serve in the late war. His father served in the war of 1812, under General Wayne as a private, and was a captain in the Black Hawk War of 1832.

JUDGE JAMES H. CAMPBELL,

farmer, section 13, postoffice Berlin, a representative citizen of this county, was born in Clay County, Missouri, March 5, 1836. His father, Elijah Campbell, was a native of Knox County, Tennessee, and his mother, formerly Rebecca Pence, was a Kentuckian by birth. When ten years of age James came with his parents to Gentry County, Missouri, where he has since resided. He was reared on a farm, was educated in the common schools, and has made farming his occupation during life. He now has a landed estate of 700 acres. In 1863 he enlisted in the First Missouri Cavalry, remaining in service till the close of the war. In 1880 he was elected one of the judges of the county court, and has filled his position very satisfactory to all. He is a member of the Baptist Church, to which he has belonged for twenty years. Judge Campbell was married December 28, 1857, to Miss Mahala J. Claycomb, of Kentucky, a daughter of Hiram Claycomb, Esq. They have eight children: Malissa Ann, Thomas E., Hiram F., Mary R., Rebecca J., John H., Edward J. and Ollie M.

REV. DEWITT C. CAMPBELL

was born in Clay County, Missouri, September 3, 1844. His parents, Elijah and Rebecca (Pence) Campbell, were both natives of Kentucky. In infancy he was brought by his parents to Gentry County, they settling on a farm near New Castle. He was reared on a farm and was educated in the common schools. Although his educational advantages were limited in youth, he did not fail in later years to carefully read and study the word of God, in order to prepare himself for the ministry. October 4, 1874, he was ordained by the Baptist Church to preach the gospel. He at present has charge of Winslow, Maysville and Hopewell Churches, in DeKalb County, Missouri, and Freeland Church, in Gentry County. He is a member of the Masonic order, belonging to Ryland Lodge, No. 332, at Berlin. Mr. Campbell was married in Gentry County, October 15, 1866, to Mary C. Marsh, daughter of Samuel and Emily (Thompson) Marsh, both natives of Kentucky. By this marriage they have been blessed with six children, all of whom are living: William M., Samuel E., Lena Jane, John Edward, Albert Henry, and Emma R. The Rev. D. C. Campbell has a landed estate of 102 acres, most of which is under fence, a good frame house, a small barn and a fine young orchard. During our late war he espoused the cause of the Union, and served in the First Missouri Cavalry, Company E, for three years and four months. He resides on section 23, township 61, range 31.

JOHN K. CARTER,

was born in Monroe County, Tennessee, October 24, 1833, and is the son of Henderson C. and Matilda (Trim) Carter, both natives of Greene County, Tennessee. He was reared on a farm, and received a limited education in the common schools of McMinn County. At the age of five years he moved with his parents to McMinn County, where he remained until he reached his majority. In November, 1854, he came to Gentry County, settling near his present farm in a log cabin so common in this country at that date. Here he has since resided, making farming his occupation. He resides on section 28, and has a landed estate of 500 acres. Mr. Carter has been married three times. First, in Gentry County, Missouri, February 14, 1850, to Elizabeth Giles, a native of Tennessee. By this union he has three children living: James M., Hugh S. and Mary M. He was married the second time in this county to Helena West, a native of Breckinridge County, Kentucky. By this marriage he has one child living, Helena W. January 31, 1869, he took for his third wife Mrs. McNatt, the widow of John McNatt, a native of Tennessee. The fruit of this marriage is six chil-

dren, four of whom are living: John D. Vincil, Sallie, Charles H. and Kiergan. Mrs. Carter was born in Breckinridge County, Kentucky, December 28, 1837. She is the daughter of Charles and Sallie Robertson, both of whom are natives of Breckinridge County, Kentucky. Mr. Carter has been a member of the M. E. Church, South, for thirty-four years. He is a member of the Masonic order, belonging to Gentryville Lodge, No. 125, A. F. and A. M. He keeps a fine grade of sheep and cattle, and is one of the best citizens in the township.

THOMAS S. CLARK,

farmer, section 2, post office Gentryville, was born in Gentry County, Missouri, April 25, 1854. His father, A. J. Clark, was a native of Tennessee, as was also his mother, formerly Mary J. Low. Thomas S. Clark was reared and educated in his native county. He was brought up on a farm, and has followed farming during life, now owning eighty acres of land. He has for some time been a school director of his district. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Clark was married September 14, 1880, to Miss Emma B. Coskey, of Morgan County, Kentucky. They have one child, William A.

HIRAM CLAYCOMB,

who resides on section 19, township 61, range 30, is the son of Conrad Claycomb, a farmer by occupation and a native of Breckinridge County, Kentucky, and Nancy (All) Claycomb, of Hanover, Germany. Hiram was born in Breckinridge County, Kentucky, September 7, 1818. He was reared on a farm and educated in the common schools, remaining in his native county till 1850, when he came to Gentry County, Missouri. He soon entered land, and at present lives on the farm which he entered when he came here. He has a landed estate of 280 acres, a good house and barn, and a fine orchard of about 250 trees. Mr. Claycomb has followed farming and stone masonry for an occupation during life, but the former has received the most of his attention for the past ten or twelve years. He belongs to the South Methodist Church, of which denomination he has been a member for more than twenty years. In the spring of 1859 he went West, visiting the city of Denver and the Black Hills, where he was engaged in mining until the fall of the same year, when he returned to his home in Gentry County. In 1862 he enlisted in the Home Guards under Colonel Manlove Cranor, and was in service for about two years. The subject of this sketch has been married four times—first in Breckinridge County, Kentucky, in the year 1838 to Alice Bandy, a native of that county. They had three children,

two of whom are living, Mahala and Grason. His second marriage occurred in the spring of 1860, in Gentry County, to Minerva Whitton, a native of Tennessee. Of this marriage there are two children living: Mary J. and Elzara M. October 14, 1866, he married Sarah Ann Collier, of Clay County, Missouri. By this union he has four children living: Richard O., Otis, Turney and Frederick. November 20, 1878, Mrs. Adam Sweat became his wife. Her maiden name was Polly Ann Perry and she was born in Kentucky March 22, 1838, and is the daughter of James and Elizabeth (Riggins) Perry, both natives of Kentucky. Mrs. Claycomb was formerly married to Adam Sweat, a native of Breckinridge County, Kentucky, by whom she had four children, all living: Melissa J., Elizabeth, John R. and Sarah Angeline.

GEORGE W. CRAWFORD,

section 5, township 61, range 30, is the owner of 223 acres of land, about 120 acres of which are under fence and in a fine state of cultivation. He has a comfortable house, a good barn and a fine orchard. Mr. Crawford was born in Bartholomew County, Indiana, February 14, 1823. He is the son of Isaac and Nancy (Miller) Crawford, both Kentuckians by birth. During his infancy his parents died, and he was reared by his grandparents. At the age of two years he was taken to Garrard County, Kentucky, where he remained until ten years of age. In 1833, he moved to Clay County, Missouri, continuing to reside there until about the year 1838, when he came to Gentry County. In 1846, he went to Santa Fe, New Mexico, returning to Gentry County in the spring of 1847. In 1849, he took a trip to California and remained there until June, 1851, when he again came to Gentry County, and here he has since lived. He located on his present farm in 1852, and is a prominent farmer and stock-raiser of this vicinity. Mr. Crawford was married in Gentry County, October 14, 1852, to Elizabeth Wheeler, who was born in Garrard County, Kentucky, September 3, 1833. She is the daughter of Benjamin and Sophia (Bradshaw) Wheeler, both of Garrard County. The result of this union was twelve children, ten of whom are living: Sophia J., James A., Benjamin, Isaac N., Ulysses, Annie, Miriam, Cenie Margaret, Lueva and Elsie. Mr. Crawford and wife are both members of the Baptist Church.

FRANCIS M. CRUME

was born in Breckinridge County, Kentucky, January 17, 1830. His father, John Crume, was a farmer by occupation, and a native of Kentucky, and his mother, whose maiden name was Permelia Bratcher, was

a Virginian by birth. At the age of thirteen years Francis moved with his parents to Buchanan County, Missouri, settling on a farm about four miles north of St. Joseph, where he remained until 1857, then came to Gentry County and entered his present farm, where he has since resided. He has a landed estate of 120 acres, a comfortable house, and a fine orchard of about 100 bearing trees. His education was limited in his youth, being confined to the common schools of his native county. Mr. Crume was married the first time in DeKalb County, Missouri, in the month of August, 1859, to Sallie Jane Wheeler, by whom he has four children living: Simeon J., John A., Jennie S. and Permelia. His second marriage occurred in Gentry County, April 14, 1872, to Mrs. Vianna Hood. They have two children living, Edward and Willie. Mrs. Crume was formerly married to Jesse Hood, a native of Greenup County, Kentucky, on the 11th of January, 1855. She has three children living: Henderson, Alfred, and Ellen Hood. Mrs. C. was born in Greenup County, Kentucky, May 4, 1838. She is the daughter of Richard and Nancy Clark, both natives of Kentucky. He resides on section 28, township 61, range 30.

WILLIAM E. DATOR

was born in Greene County, New York, September 11, 1840. He is the son of John Dator, a native of Columbia County, New York, who was at one time sheriff of that county. His mother was formerly Sallie Barker, of Greene County, New York. She died when William was but four weeks old, and his father died when the son was six years of age. In infancy he was taken by his grandparents to Columbia County, New York, where he remained until his ninth year, when his grandfather died. He then accompanied his uncle and grandmother to Orange County, New York, where he was engaged in farming and clerking until 1861. At the commencement of the war he espoused the side of the Union, and in 1861 he enlisted at Peoria, Illinois, in the Eleventh Illinois Cavalry, as a private. His regiment was commanded by Colonel Robert Ingersoll. Mr. Dator served for four years, and for gallant services was commissioned first lieutenant of Company M, which rank he held at the time of his discharge. At the close of the war he returned to Illinois, and in the fall of 1866 moved to Gentry County, Missouri, where he at present resides. He has a landed estate of 180 acres of good land, a good frame dwelling, a small orchard, and one of the best localities in this section of the county. He was married in Gentry County, November 7, 1867, to Mary J. Lowary, who was born in Morgan County, Ohio, May 1, 1848. She was reared in her native county till nine years of age, when her parents moved to Gentry County, Missouri, where she has

since resided. Mr. and Mrs. D. have five children living: Carrie M., William P., Ella, Sarah Ann and Addie. Mrs. D. is the daughter of Judge Charles and Mary (Redick) Lowary, both natives of Virginia. The education of Mr. Dator was limited in his youth, owing to the death of his parents, and all that he received was acquired in the common schools of Columbia and Orange Counties, New York, before he was twelve years of age.

EDWARD M. DAY,

the son of Valentine and Elizabeth (Adams) Day, natives of Virginia, was born in Lincoln County, Kentucky, November 5, 1825. He was reared on a farm and received a common school education in his native county. In the fall of 1840, he moved to Buchanan County, Missouri, where he remained till 1848, then coming to Gentry County, and settling within three miles of the place he now occupies. In April, 1851, he moved to his present farm, in section 26, where he has since resided, and now has a landed estate of 204 acres, all of which is under fence. Upon the farm is a nice orchard and a good barn. Mr. Day has followed farming and carpentering during portions of the year. He was married in Gentry County January 2, 1851, to Sarah J. Locker. They have had ten children, seven of whom are living: Mary E., Leonetta, John F., Charles L., Alice E., Sarah E. and Effie Day. Mrs. Day was born in Kentucky October 9, 1834, and was the daughter of William and Mary (Groomer) Locker, both natives of Kentucky. Mr. Day is a plain, unassuming farmer, is generous to a fault, and has preferred a retired life to the anxiety and care connected with public turmoil.

GARLEY B. DUKE,

of the firm of Duke & Handy, dealers in dry goods, clothing, staple and fancy groceries, etc., at McFall, was born in Hart County, Kentucky, November 22, 1854. He is a son of Thomas Duke, a native of Hart County, and Elizabeth (Handy) Duke, of Barren County, Kentucky. The subject of this sketch was reared on a farm, and remained in his native county till 1868, when he moved with his parents to Daviess County, Missouri. There he was engaged in farming until the year 1875. In 1876 he came to Gentry County, and was occupied in clerking until the fall of 1878, when he commenced business in McFall. His education was obtained in the common schools of Daviess County, with the exception of eight months, when he attended the Maysville High School, in DeKalb County. December 28, 1878, he was married here to Miss Mattie E. White, a daughter of P. J. and Rebecca (Manning) White,

both natives of Ohio. By this union they have one child, Elza W. Mrs. Duke was born in Daviess County, Missouri, in the year 1862. Mr. D. is a member of the Union Baptist Church. He is a good business man, and is successful in his present undertaking.

REV. EDMOND W. DUNAGAN,

was born in Jefferson County, Kentucky, September 2, 1819. He is the son of Solomon Dunagan, a native of North Carolina, and Eliza (Lacy) Dunagan, of Rappahannock County, Virginia, both of whom emigrated to Kentucky in an early day. At the age of three years the family moved to a farm on the line between Owen and Morgan Counties, Indiana, where Edmond was reared, obtaining his education at Mooresville, Morgan County, Indiana, in the common schools. At the age of nineteen he taught school in Indiana. October 2, 1839, he came to Missouri and stopped the first year near Edgerton, in Platte County. In October, 1840, he landed in Gentry County, locating not far from Gentryville, and since then Gentry County has been his home. He followed farming as an occupation until 1847, when he went to blacksmithing, and this trade received his attention for about five years. In October, 1853, he commenced merchandising in Gentryville. He pursued this business until 1861, and since that time he has been engaged in preaching most of the time. From 1870 to the present he has followed it exclusively. Mr. Dunagan was married in this county May 19, 1842, to Sarah A. Ward. By this union there were eight children, only one of whom is living, Gertrude, who resides with her parents to cheer their declining years. Mrs. D. was born in Estill County, Kentucky, October 16, 1825. She is the daughter of Joseph and Frances (Thomas) Ward, the former of Madison County and the latter of Estill County, Kentucky. He is a member of Gentryville Lodge, No. 125, A. F. and A. M. and was made a Mason in 1850. He has failed to fully keep his ancestors' war record, though his father was a captain in the war of 1812, and his grandfather served as a private soldier in the Revolutionary War.

CONRAD EIERDANZ,

blacksmith, Berlin, is a native of Germany, and was born December 9, 1842. He was reared and educated in his native land, and in 1860 he came to America, first locating in St. Louis. His father's occupation was that of a blacksmith, the trade which Conrad learned in Germany. After coming to America he followed his trade in various localities till 1870, when he settled in Gentry County, where he has successfully fol-

lowed his present occupation. He is one of the leading mechanics of the county. He was joined in marriage to Miss Justine Hain in 1868. Mrs. E. was also a native of Germany. They have six children: David, Justine, Earnst, Rosa, Charley and John H.

JAMES T. ENYART,

farmer, section 34, has a landed estate of 200 acres, most of which is under fence. He has a good two-story frame residence, newly furnished, a fair barn, etc., and a fine orchard, with a variety of small fruit. He is the son of Hezekiah W. and Frances Enyart, *nee* Smith, the former of Kentucky and the latter of Overton County, Tennessee. James was born in Cumberland County, Kentucky, July 15, 1821, and was reared on a farm and educated in common schools. At the age of thirteen years he moved to Clinton County, Missouri, where he remained a little over a year, next going to Daviess County, where he lived until 1865. He then came to his present farm, in Gentry County, where he has since resided. Mr. Enyart has been twice married, first in Gentry County, November 26, 1850, to Manda Locker, of Kentucky. By this union he had five children, four of whom are living: Elmore, Eugenie, Wilford, and Archie. He was married the second time to Mrs. C. C. Fry (whose maiden name was Gist), in DeKalb County, Missouri, November 7, 1880. She was born in Clinton County, Missouri, June 8, 1838, and is the daughter of Joseph and Permelia (Murphy) Gist, natives of Anderson County, Kentucky. Mrs. Enyart is a member of the Baptist Church, and her husband belongs to Gentryville Lodge, No. 125, A. F. and A. M. Mr. Enyart is well known as one of the substantial farmers of Miller Township, having about him all that is necessary to make home what it should be.

OVERTON B. FERGUSON, M. D.,

is the son of William Ferguson, a farmer by occupation, and a native of Virginia, and Nancy Ferguson, *nee* Ross, of Russell County, Virginia. The subject of this sketch was born in Knox County, Kentucky, January 14, 1815. At the age of four years he moved with his father's family to Greene County, Indiana, where he was reared, being educated in the common schools. He remained in Indiana until the spring of 1847, when he moved to Andrew County, Missouri, and after living there for one season he then went to DeKalb County. This was his home for two years. In March, 1850, he landed in Gentry County, and settled on his present place, where he has since resided. Dr. Ferguson is in every respect a self-made man, having acquired his knowledge of medicine by

his own self reliance and persistent attention to books. He has enjoyed an active practice for more than twenty-five years, and at present has a very successful patronage. He owns a farm of 160 acres, and resides on section 29. He has a good orchard, and is comfortably fixed. In May, 1836, in Greene County, Indiana, he was married to Tempy Wilson, of Carter County, Tennessee. By this union he has one child living, Jane F. He was again married in February 5, 1838, in Greene County, to Mary Long. They have had five children, three of whom are living: Thomas, Tempy and John. Mrs. Ferguson was born in Surry County, North Carolina, in the month of January, 1813. Her parents, Tobias and Fannie (Fritz) Long, were both natives of North Carolina. Dr. Ferguson's father served as a private in the war of 1812.

JABEZ FITZGERALD,

(deceased) was born in Jackson County, Tennessee, January 29, 1819. He was the son of John and Sarah (Bullard) Fitzgerald, the former a native of Kentucky, and the latter of Tennessee. Jabez was reared in West Tennessee until eighteen years of age, when he moved to East Tennessee, remaining there till he came to Missouri, landing in Gentry County, December 6, 1851. He settled the old home place, where he remained until July 18, 1882, when his death occurred. He was an honest man, a devoted Christian, a kind husband and loving father, and a neighbor whom none knew but to respect. He was reared on a farm, and followed farming as an occupation during life. At his death he owned 275 acres of land, about 155 acres of which are in a fine state of cultivation. He was married in McMinn County, Tennessee, February 8, 1843, to Caroline Kirkpatrick, who was born in Anderson County, Tennessee, April 2, 1819. She is the daughter of John and Margaret (Patton) Kirkpatrick. Her father was a native of Virginia, and her mother of Pennsylvania. They had three sons and two daughters, all of whom are living: John K., Sarah M., Eliza C., James L. and Joseph B. In the year 1867, Mr. F. united with the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, remaining a member in good standing until his death. Few men in Gentry County have made a more lasting impression upon the hearts of their neighbors than Jabez Fitzgerald. Joseph B., his youngest son, remains at home. He was born in Gentry County, January 28, 1854, and was reared on the old farm. His education was obtained in the common schools of Gentry County, and at McGee College, in Macon County, Missouri. At present he is following farming and teaching for an occupation. He has taught several successful terms in Gentry County, and as an intelligent, industrious young man has few equals.

JOHN FLOOD,

of the firm of Graham & Flood, proprietors of the Gentryville Mills, is also engaged in dealing in agricultural implements. He is a son of Michael Flood, a native of Ireland, who was by occupation a wagon and carriage maker. He married Miss Mary S. Bourret, of Canada. John Flood was born in Mifflin, Wisconsin, April 10, 1850. At the age of 7 years he moved with his parents to Gentryville, Gentry County, Missouri, where he has since resided. His education was obtained in the common schools and in the Grand River College, of Grundy County, Missouri. He was married in the month of January, 1872, to Miss Viroque Givauden, of Gentry County, Missouri, by which union they have three children: Bessie L., Eola May and Daisy. Mr. Flood is an excellent miller, understanding thoroughly all the details necessary to the trade. He is enjoying a good trade in the implement business.

DAVID P. FORE,

was born in Fulton County, Pennsylvania, June 8, 1837. His father, Jacob K. Fore, was a native of Pennsylvania, and by occupation a farmer. His mother was also a native of Pennsylvania, her maiden name being Ann Bradley. At the age of six years David P. moved with his parents to Iowa, where he resided for about twenty years. His education was received in the district schools of that state. About the year 1862 he came to this county, where, in 1864, he was married to Miss Susan Patton, of Gentry County, Missouri. In the year 1873 Mr. Fore was married the second time to Miss Isabelle Scott, of Ohio. By this marriage they have two children living, James Clora and Willard Fore, whose ages are six and four years respectively. By occupation Mr. Fore is a farmer, but at present he is engaged in merchandising and keeping a hotel. He is the owner of 160 acres of land in section 25, and he also owns property in Gentryville, where he resides. He keeps a full stock of goods in his line and is doing a good business. His hotel is one of the best in this vicinity.

HON. DAVID C. GANNAWAY,

the subject of this sketch, is the son of Martin and Matilda G. (Cox) Gannaway, the latter of Nelson County, Kentucky, and the former of Wythe County, Virginia. He was born in Breckinridge County, Kentucky, August 13, 1826. He was reared on a farm in his native county, being educated in the common schools of Hardin and Breckinridge Counties. He followed farming as an occupation during life, until about

eighteen months ago. Mr. G. remained in Kentucky until 1873, when he came to Gentry County, Missouri, stopping near Gentryville. He has been twice married: First, in Breckinridge County, Kentucky, March 28, 1850, to Cornelia Peyton. By this union he has six children, five boys and one girl: Mary A., Frank P., Robert B., Joseph D., William C. and Alfred M. On January 11, 1872, in Henderson County, Kentucky, he married his present wife, then Susan Wathen. The fruit of this marriage is three children: Jennie E., Cornelia and Horace W. Mrs. G. was born in Meade County, Kentucky, March 15, 1838. She is the daughter of Raphael and Malinda (Hagan) Wathen, both natives of Washington County, Kentucky. Mr. Gannaway is at present engaged in merchandising in Gentryville, under the firm name of D. C. Gannaway & Co. In the year 1859 he was elected to represent his native county (Breckinridge) in the Kentucky State Legislature. This office he held for four sessions. From 1860 to 1872 he held the office of chairman of the Democratic county central committee for Breckinridge County, Kentucky. In 1876 he was elected to represent Gentry County in the Missouri Legislature for one session. This position of honor he filled with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of his many admiring constituents.

ANDREW C. GARTIN.

The subject of this sketch resides on section 4, and is by occupation a farmer. He was born in Buchanan County, Missouri, November 20, 1844, and is a son of Nathaniel and Clementina (Steel) Gartin. The former was a native of Virginia. Mr. G. is the owner of 350 acres of land in Gentry County, all of which is under fence, and about 100 acres in an excellent state of cultivation. He was reared on a farm and was educated in the common schools of Gentry County. At the age of eleven years he moved with his parents to Gentry County, where he has since resided. He has a neat frame residence, a good orchard, barn, and in fact, everything necessary to make home happy and attractive. February 19, 1867, he was united in marriage in Buchanan County, Missouri, to Miss Cassandra Ray. By this union they have had four children, three of whom are living: Hattie, Minnie and Mitchell. Mrs. Gartin was born in Buchanan County, June 28, 1847. She was reared and educated in her native county. Her father, Marcus Ray, and her mother, Mary (Jordan) Ray, were both natives of North Carolina. In 1863, Mr. Gartin enlisted in Gentry County, in the Home Guards, and served for about three months. In the fall of 1863, he went west, where he remained until 1865, then returning to Gentry County. He is a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

JOHN R. GARTIN.

is the son of Nathaniel Gartin, now deceased, a farmer by occupation, and a Virginian by birth. The wife of Nathaniel Gartin was formerly Miss Clementina Steel. John R. Gartin was born November 16, 1848, in Buchanan County, Missouri. He was reared on a farm, and his education was such as the common schools afforded. At the early age of seven years, he moved with his father's family to Gentry County, near his present farm, where he has since resided. He lives on section 27, two miles west of Gentryville, and is the owner of 240 acres of land in this county, 170 acres of which are under fence and about 100 acres in an excellent state of cultivation. He has a fine young orchard of more than 100 trees, a good residence, &c. April 7, 1869, Mr. G. was married in Gentry County, to Miss Berlinda Caroline Morgan. She was born in Gentry County, July 15, 1850, and was the daughter of Rev. Timothy and Berlinda (Patton) Morgan. By this union they have one child, David Freeman, aged seven years. He is an active member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

ALFRED GRAHAM,

millers, postoffice McFall, was born in White County, Illinois, February 25, 1837. He is the son of John M. Graham, a native of Pennsylvania, and Rebecca (Phillips) Graham, of Ohio. Alfred remained in White County, Illinois, till he was eight years of age, when he removed with his father's family to Grundy County, Missouri. Here he was engaged in farming until about the year 1867, when he commenced the milling business. In August, 1869, he moved to Gentry County, and in connection with his brother was occupied in milling until June, 1873, when he went to Havana, a small trading point in this county. Here he continued the milling business until the spring of 1881, when he purchased property in the town of McFall. Mr. Graham is at present doing a good trade in the line of his occupation. He was educated in Grundy County, in the common schools, but completed his education by attending one session at Grand River College. He was married in Grundy County, March 20, 1859, to Martha A. Dickey, a native of Illinois. By this union there are three children: Rebecca, James W. and Bashie Graham. November 27, 1870, he married his present wife, then Lucy A. Humason. She was born in Trumbull County, Ohio, January 3, 1836, and is the daughter of Allen and Miranda (Andrews) Humason, both natives of Connecticut. Mr. Graham is a member of the Christian Church, in good standing, and is the owner of a small tract of land near Havana.

JOHN GRIMSLEY

was born in Wilkes County, North Carolina, February 5, 1813, and is a son of James Grimsley, a native of Culpeper County, Virginia. The latter was by occupation a farmer, but served as circuit clerk and sheriff of his county for a number of years. His wife was formerly Catherine Bowers, a native of North Carolina. John Grimsley was reared and educated in Ashe County, of his native state, and has adhered closely to habits of industry taught him in youth, having followed farming and dealing in stock as an occupation. His education was limited, owing to the poor school system of the time of his youth. In the year 1841 he came to Wright County, this state, where he remained for a short time, then moving to Gentry County. Here he has since resided, and at present lives on section 22, which place he has occupied for thirty years. He is the owner of 245 acres of good land, well watered and nicely improved. Mr. Grimsley was married February 20, 1834, in Ashe County, North Carolina, to Mary Cox, a daughter of Jesse Cox, who served in the war of 1812. By his first wife Mr. Grimsley had nine children—six girls and three boys. His second wife was Mrs. Elizabeth E. Neville, a daughter of James Ellis, a farmer by occupation and a native of Tennessee. By this union they have had five children, four of whom are living: Halla Jane, Carrie Ann, Maud Estellie, Ambres and McCulley. During the late war Mr. G. espoused the cause of the South, and on the 19th day of August, 1861, enlisted in the Confederate service, serving about two years under General Price. He participated in a number of battles, among which were Blue Mills, Lexington and Pea Ridge. He is a member of the Christian Church, and in politics is the oldest Democrat in Gentry County, having stood by his party from his youth. Miller Township has few better men than the subject of this sketch.

NIMROD HARDWICK

was born in Montgomery County, Kentucky, February 16, 1809. He is the son of Samuel H. and Lucinda (Bunch) Hardwick, both natives of Virginia. While he was quite young his parents moved to Morgan County, Kentucky, where he was reared on a farm and received a common school education. In the year 1857 he moved to Gentry County, Missouri, where he has since resided. Shortly after coming here he purchased a large tract of land and at present has a landed estate of 200 acres. He resides on section 34, township 61, range 30, on the old home place with his son, William P., who oversees the farm. The subject of this sketch was married in Kentucky in the year 1843 to Jane

Pugh, daughter of James Pugh, a native of Virginia. By this union he has six children, all of whom are living: Love Amanda, Eliza A., William P., John R., Emma Jane, and George N. Nimrod Hardwick is a member of the Christian Church. He is a man well known and is beloved by all his neighbors. William P. Hardwick, the son of Nimrod Hardwick, was born in Greenup County, Kentucky, February 7, 1850. In 1857 he moved with his parents to Gentry County, Missouri, where he was reared on a farm and educated in the common schools. By occupation he is a farmer and stock slipper. He has a farm of eighty acres of good land, but now resides with his parents on the old homestead. W. P. Hardwick has been twice married—first in Gentry County, Missouri, October 16, 1870, to Nancy Jane Stout, a native of Illinois, who is now deceased. His second marriage occurred in DeKalb County, Missouri, August 8, 1875, to Mary C. Hargis, daughter of Fountain and Margaret (Gilliland) Hargis, both natives of Kentucky. Mrs. H. was born in Pulaski County, Kentucky, October 30, 1855. She was reared in Missouri, her parents having emigrated to this state when she was only one year old. Mr. and Mrs. Hardwick have had two children, one of whom is living, Leonidas.

VARNUM HADLEY,

farmer, section 6, township 61, range 31, is the owner of 240 acres of land, all under fence, and about 70 acres in a good state of cultivation. He is the son of Niles and Orpha (Lawrence) Hadley, the former of Tunbridge, Vermont, born in 1793, and the latter also of Vermont. Mr. H. was born in Chautauqua County, New York, December 9, 1830. He was reared on a farm, and was educated in the common schools in his native county. In the year 1856 he moved to Olmstead County, Minnesota, where he remained for thirteen years. In the year 1862 he enlisted at Rochester, Minnesota, in Company F, Ninth Minnesota, Infantry, under Colonel Wilkins and Captain Enoch. He served for three years, and was in several noted engagements, among which were the battles of Nashville, Tennessee, and Mobile, Alabama. In 1869 he came to Gentry County, Missouri, where he purchased land and built him a neat story and a-half frame dwelling. He has been an active member of the grand army of bachelors for more than thirty years, and is still a highly esteemed member of that fraternity.

LARKIN F. HADLEY,

section 6, is the owner of 127 acres of land, all of which is under fence. He has a frame residence, a young orchard, and everything about his

place is comfortable and attractive. He has followed stock raising and the dairy business as an occupation, and has taken great pride in fine hogs, of late years, his animals having taken the premiums at several county fairs. Mr. H. is the son of Niles H. and Orpha Hadley, *nee* Lawrence, both natives of Vermont. Larkin F. was born in Chautauqua County, New York, December 7, 1842. He was reared on a farm, and received his education in the common schools of his native county. He was married in Chautauqua County, New York, March 15, 1866, to Lovina Wicks. By this union they have three children: Edith R., Andrew W., and Willie Earl. Mrs. Hadley was born in Chautauqua County, New York, April 4, 1846. She was reared and educated in her native county, and was the daughter of James H. Wicks, a farmer by occupation and a native of New York. Her mother was formerly Sophia Ward, a native of New York. Mr. Hadley remained in his native state until 1869, when he came to Gentry County, where he has since resided on his present farm. He is a member of the M. E. Church.

JOHN HARSEL,

farmer, section 27, postoffice Gentryville, is the owner of eighty acres of land, forty of which are in cultivation, with a good young orchard and small fruit of all kinds. He was born in Clinton County, Missouri, July 8, 1837, and was there reared and educated. In 1860 he went to Daviess County, where he remained for about two years, then returning to Clinton County. Here he made his home until 1868, when he moved to Gentry County, where he has since lived. His father, John Harsel, was a native of Kentucky, and by occupation a farmer and mechanic. His mother's maiden name was Nancy Walker, a Kentuckian by birth. July 18, 1860, he was married, in Clinton County, to Rebecca Jane Snow, daughter of John and Mary Snow, of Kentucky. Mrs. Harsel was born in Clinton County, May 11, 1843. By this marriage he has five children: Charles Lewis, Mary Elizabeth, Josephus, Nancy Ann, and Roseta. Mr. Harsel is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Upon commencing life he had very little money, but by his good management and frugal habits he is to-day one of the comfortable farmers of this township.

DANIEL M. HAVER,

section 32, township 61, range 30, is the son of James and Joanna (Murdock) Haver, both natives of Greene County, Pennsylvania. The subject of this sketch was born in Greene County, Pennsylvania, March 7, 1835. His father was a saddler by trade, but also followed farming. Young

Haver was reared in his native county until 13 years of age, when, in 1848, he moved with his parents to Green County, Wisconsin. Here he was engaged in farming, with his father, for ten years, when, in 1858, the father again moved, this time to Daviess County, Missouri, accompanied by his son, who remained with him until 1860. At this time he left home and went to Colorado, where he was occupied in mining and corraling stock until December 7, 1864, when he returned to his home in Daviess County, where his father at present resides. In February, 1865, he purchased his present farm in Gentry County, where he has made his home ever since. This contains 117 acres, and upon it is a frame dwelling, orchard and other improvements. He was married in Daviess County, Missouri, March 9, 1879, to Mrs. Emily B. Haver, who was formerly married to George M. Haver, by whom she had three children, all of whom are living: Dougal M., James H., and Daniel Jay Haver. Mrs. Haver is a daughter of J. C. Mills, a native of Monroe County, New York. Her mother's maiden name was Eliza B. Hale, also a native of Monroe County, New York. She was born near Rochester, in Monroe County, June 28, 1834. Mr. Haver received his education in the common schools of Greene County, Pennsylvania, and in Green County, Wisconsin. His grandfather, James Haver, served as a private soldier in the war of 1812. Mr. H. keeps a good grade of native stock, and few better farmers are to be found in this section of the country.

JOHN T. HAYNES,

of the firm of Haynes & Spiers, druggists, McFall, was born in Gentry County, Missouri, September 25, 1855. He is the son of B. R. and Mahala (Evans) Haynes, both natives of Casey County, Kentucky. John was reared on a farm and educated in the common schools of Gentry County. Choosing the mercantile business as his occupation during his future life, he attended Smith's Commercial College in Savannah, Missouri, where he was graduated February 7, 1878. In the spring of 1878 he went west, visiting Southern Kansas and the Indian Nation. After a ramble of about four months he returned to Gentry County, and commenced the drug business in New Castle, September 9, 1878. There he remained till September 20, 1881, when he entered the present firm in McFall. February 12, 1879, Mr. H. was married, in Gentry County, to Addie G. Owen, a daughter of James W. and Mary (Patton) Owen, both natives of Monroe County, Tennessee. The fruit of this union is two children, Claudie and Minnie May. Mrs. Haynes was born in Gentry County, near Albany, March 1, 1860, and was here reared and educated. Mr. Haynes is one of the best young druggists in Gentry County, and is doing a good business.

TILMAN H. HUNT, M. D.,

McFall, was born in Parke County, Indiana, July 25, 1842. His father was Dr. Jabez Hunt, a native of Guilford County, North Carolina, and his mother, formerly Dorcas Rawlings, of Kentucky. The subject of this sketch remained in his native county till eight years of age, when he moved with the family to Clay County, Indiana. Here he remained for four years, when he went to Schuyler County, Illinois, living there until about the year 1856, when he moved to Gentry County, Missouri. Dr. Jabez Hunt settled on a farm at Union Grove, and continued the practice of medicine in Gentry County until his death in February, 1882. Before his demise he settled all his business, collected up his accounts and deposited about \$5,000 in the bank at Albany to be divided among his heirs. T. H. Hunt was educated at Rushville, Illinois, in the County Academy, where he attended for four years. After leaving school he read medicine under the direction of his father for about a year, when, in 1873 he went to Mt. Sterling, Illinois, and further prosecuted his studies with Dr. William Shields for about a year. Returning to Gentry County, he practiced medicine with Dr. Taylor, at Gentryville, during the year 1874. In the spring of 1877 he was graduated from the American Medical College, at St. Louis. He at once opened an office in Pattonsburg, Daviess County, where he was engaged in an extensive practice until October, 1881, when he located at McFall. Here he is at present enjoying a liberal patronage. He has a landed estate of eighty acres of fine land in Daviess County and two lots and one of the best residences in McFall. Dr. Hunt was married in Gentry County, November 17, 1868, to Mary E. Bowman, daughter of Woodson Bowman, a native of Kentucky, and Nancy A. (Conley) Bowman, of North Carolina. By this union they have one child, Walter D., aged twelve. Mrs. Hunt was born in Putnam County, Indiana, May 2, 1851. She is a sister of Dr. Newton J. Conley, of Putnam County, Indiana, one of the best physicians in that section of the country, and formerly a member of the State Legislature.

CALVIN H. JONES.

was born in Oneida County, New York, May 8, 1848, and is the son of Edward H. Jones, a native of Oneida County, New York, and Mary (Bryant) Jones, of Massachusetts. His father was a farmer by occupation, and a raiser of fine horses. Calvin H. was reared on a farm near Watertown, Wisconsin, his parents having moved there during his infancy. His education was obtained in the common schools of that state. There he remained until the fall of 1872, when he moved to Gen-

try County, where he has since resided. He is a farmer by occupation, resides on section 5, and to some extent is a raiser of fine hogs. March 14, 1872, he was married to Melissa Prior, a native of Dodge County, Wisconsin. By this union they have had five children, three of whom are living: Ida, Dodge and Standish Jones. Mrs. Jones was born, in Dodge County, Wisconsin, October 2, 1852. She was the daughter of N. B. and Belinda (Wright) Prior, of New York. Mr. Prior was a farmer and stone mason by occupation, and built the first cellar wall in Beaver Dam, Wisconsin. Mr. J. is the owner of 200 acres of land, most of which is fenced. He has made all the improvements upon his farm and has a fine young orchard of apples, peaches, grapes and small fruit.

WILLIAM E. KELLOGG,

of the firm of Kellogg & Jolly, druggists, McFall, was born in Perry County, Illinois, November 8, 1851. His parents were Horace P. Kellogg, a native of Ohio, and Nancy (Bardmass) Kellogg, of Perry County, Illinois. At the age of seven years the subject of this sketch moved with his father's family to Worth County, Missouri, settling on a farm near Allenville. He was reared as an agriculturist, and his education was such as the common schools of Worth County afforded during his minority. He followed farming as an occupation until the fall of 1875, when he commenced the drug business in Allenville. Mr. Kellogg was engaged in a successful drug trade in that place for four years, when, in the fall of 1879 he moved to McFall and continued business alone until August 2, 1882, when he sold an interest in his stock to Mr. Jolly. Since that time the business has been conducted under the firm name of Kellogg & Jolly. Mr. Kellogg has been twice married: First, in Harrison County, Missouri, in the month of October, 1874, to Mary Westcott, a native of Ohio. They had one child, Carl. He was again married, in Leon, Iowa, March 20, 1879, to Belle Wise, a daughter of Jackson and Elvira (Smith) Wise, both Kentuckians by birth. By this union he has one child, Maud. Mr. Kellogg is a member of Agenda Lodge, No. 220, I. O. O. F., at Allenville, Worth County, Missouri.

SAMUEL LEVY,

Berlin, was born in Putlingen, France, March 7, 1833. His father, Samuel Levy, was born in France, and was by occupation a trader in stock. His mother's maiden name was Miss Rosa Marx, a native of France. Samuel Levy was reared and educated in his fatherland. His education was such as the national schools of France afforded at that day. In the year 1857 he sailed for America, and landed in New York, going almost imme-

diately to Daviess County, Missouri, where he remained, occupied in the mercantile business. This was his chosen calling until 1861. He next went to St. Joseph, Missouri, and for about seven years followed merchandising, after which he came to Gentryville, Gentry County, Missouri, and from there to Berlin, in 1874. Here he is to be found at present—one of the leading men of the town. He is a member, in good standing, of the Masonic order, and has held the office of justice of the peace for Miller Township for more than ten years. In 1860, at St. Joseph, Missouri, Mr. Levy was married to Hanche Juda, a native of Prussia. They have six children living: Charles, Matilda, Jacob, Julius, Herman, and Carrie.

ABRAM LEWIS.

section 1, township 61, range 30, has a landed estate of 120 acres, with considerable town property in McFall. He was born in Shelby County, Kentucky, March 14, 1825. He was reared on a farm, and what little education he received was obtained in the common schools. His father, Jesse Lewis, a native of Virginia, died when his son was 7 years old. He was reared by his mother, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Bondurant, a native of Shelby County, Kentucky. In the fall of 1856 Mr. Lewis moved to Gentry County, Missouri, and settled on his present farm, where he has since resided. December 19, 1848, he was married, in Shelby County, Kentucky, to Harriet Neal, a daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Hackett) Neal, both natives of Shelby County, Kentucky. Mrs. Lewis was born in Shelby County, Kentucky, April 13, 1828. The result of this marriage was ten children, nine of whom are living: Lucy Ann, William R., Thomas J., Quinn A., Amanda, Abram, Dudley, George W. and Galen B. Mr. Lewis and wife are both members of the Baptist Church. They have a pleasant home in the suburbs of McFall, and a sufficient amount of this world's goods to comfort the few days allotted to them here on earth.

WILLIAM T. LOWARY.

This young farmer resides on section 29, township 61, range 30, where he has a landed estate of eighty acres, all under fence and well improved. He has made the improvements on this place himself, having resided there since 1872. He has a frame dwelling, a nice young orchard and his farm is in a good state of cultivation. He is the son of Charles Lowary, a native of Virginia, and formerly one of the county court judges for Gentry County. His mother's maiden name was Mary Redick, and she also was a native of Virginia. The subject of this sketch

was born in Morgan County, Ohio, May 23, 1850. His father was a carpenter by trade, but followed farming a portion of his time. Young Lowary was reared on a farm in his native county till he was eight years of age, when his parents moved to Gentry County, Missouri, where he has since resided. His education was received in the common schools of Morgan and Gentry Counties. He was married in DeKalb County, Missouri, October 15, 1871, to Annie Elizabeth Allenbrand, daughter of Xavier and Margaret (Babeon) Allenbrand, both natives of Germany. Mrs. Lowary was born in Porter County, Indiana, March, 29, 1857. The result of this union is four children, all living: Edwin, Margaret, Frances Emily and Ellista. Mr. Lowary is a good farmer and a raiser of fine hogs.

JOHN McFALL, SR.,

the son of John and Nettie (Blankenship) McFall, the former of Virginia, and the latter a Kentuckian by birth, was born in Russell County, Kentucky, February 5, 1818. He was reared on a farm in his native county, receiving his education in the common schools. He has made farming and stock raising his occupation during life, and has a landed estate of 400 acres, and resides on section 1, township 61, range 30. In 1838 he moved with his parents to Platte County, Missouri, settling on a farm several miles east of Platte City, where he was engaged in farming until 1847. Then he came to Gentry County, locating near his present place. In the spring of 1849 he went to California and was occupied in mining, teaming and trading for two years, and in the spring of 1851 he returned to Gentry County. January 30, 1844, he was married in Platte County, Missouri, to Martha Ann Silvey. By this union they have twelve children, all of whom are living: James G., Lucy Galston, John, Sarah J., Lettie E., William E., Benjamin F., D. S., George F., Ellis, Eliza F. and Lura Ella. Mrs. McFall was born in St. Charles County, Missouri, February 6, 1826. She is the daughter of James Silvey, a native of Virginia, and Lucy (Stepp) Silvey, of Russell County, Kentucky. Mrs. McFall and eleven of her children are members of the United Baptist Church. During the late war Mr. McFall served in the Missouri State Militia for three years, under the command of Col. Manlove Cranor. In April, 1865, he moved to his present place of residence, where he has a fine orchard and a comfortable home. The thriving town near his residence bears his name.

KEERAN McKENNY

was born in Ireland June the 26th, 1846, his parents, John and Catharine (Guinan) McKenny; both being natives of that country. At the age of

twelve years he came to America with his father's family, landing at New York. From there he immediately went to Clark County, Ohio, where he received his education in the common schools. In 1862 he enlisted in the One Hundred and Tenth Regiment Ohio Infantry as a private, under the command of Colonel J. Warren Keifer, and served till the close of the war. In 1866 he went to Utah Territory, where he remained for five years, and in 1871 he came to Gentry County, where he has since resided. February 10, 1874, Mr. McKenny was married in Gentry County to Miss Lizzie Flood, of Grant County, Wisconsin. By this marriage they have four children: John F., Kitty, Thomas A. and James M. Mrs. Flood was born in Grant County, Wisconsin, September 12, 1856. She is the daughter of Michael Flood, a native of Ireland, and Mary (Bourett) Flood, of Canada. Mr. McKenny resides on section 31, and is the owner of 680 acres of land in Gentry County. He has a good frame dwelling, a thrifty bearing orchard, a fine farm and plenty of stock water. He keeps a good grade of horses and cattle.

CAPAIN MASCHIL MANNING.

Among the many practical farmers of Gentry County may be mentioned the subject of this sketch. He was born in Gallia County, Ohio, September 5, 1825. His father, Jordan Manning, was a farmer by occupation, and a native of North Carolina, and his mother was a Virginian by birth. Her maiden name was Sarah Knox. Maschil was reared on a farm in his native county, and was educated in the common schools, supplemented by an attendance at Gallia Academy for six months and a ten months' session at Augusta College, in Bracken County, Kentucky. At the age of twenty years he began the manufacture of iron, continuing in that business in Gallia, Lawrence and Hocking Counties, until the 26th day of September, 1861, when he enlisted in Company A, Fifty-sixth Ohio Infantry, as captain. He served until the 27th of October, 1864, when he was mustered out at New Orleans. He was in a number of noted engagements, among which were Fort Donelson, Pittsburg Landing, Corinth, and Vicksburg. At the close of his service, Captain Manning returned to his home in Ohio, and subsequently emigrated to Missouri, landing in Gentry County, April 10, 1865. Here he purchased land and engaged in farming, and since that time Gentry County has been his home. He at present has a landed estate of 710 acres, a good frame dwelling and a fine bearing orchard of about 200 apple trees. Captain Manning was married in Gallia County, Ohio, April 11, 1851, to Ann Love, a daughter of James and Sarah (Coleman) Love, both natives of Ireland. Mrs. Manning was born in Gallia County,

Ohio, April 17, 1831, and was reared and educated in her native state. They had nine children, only four of whom are living: Oakley, Edward D., Maschil, William S. and John F. Captain Manring is a member of the Masonic order, belonging to Havana Lodge, No. 21, at McFall. He keeps a good grade of native stock, and is one of the best farmers in this township.

ISAAC MILLER.

Among the many pioneer settlers of Gentry County, few are better known than Isaac Miller. He was born in Garrard County, Kentucky, seven miles east of Lancaster, January 23, 1813, and is the son of Jacob Miller, a farmer and blacksmith by occupation, and a native of Pennsylvania. His mother, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Whitley, came from South Carolina. Isaac was reared on a farm in his native county, until he was nineteen years of age, when he moved with his mother's family to Missouri, landing in Clay County, in the spring of 1832. His father died when he was but a child, and his education was somewhat limited, owing to the extreme hardships he was forced to undergo in those early days. He was engaged in farming in Clay County, until February, 1834, when he moved to Gentry County, where in 1835, he settled on a farm in Miller Township, and made it his home until last year, when he sold out to his son, William H. Mr. Miller makes his home at present with his son Allen, who resides in this township. He now has a landed estate of 104 acres of timber land, and several houses and lots in Stanberry, and is one of the oldest members of the Masonic order at Gentryville. He also belongs to the Christian Church. November 15, 1838, he was married in Daviess County, Missouri, to Elizabeth Cope. By this union they had seven children, six of whom are living: Nancy Jane (deceased), William H., Allen C., Elizabeth Ann, Jacob W., Zachary Taylor and Lurana Miller. Mrs. Isaac Miller, now deceased, was born in Clay County, Kentucky, in the year 1809. She was the daughter of Wiley and Keziah (Burns) Cope, of Kentucky. Mrs. Miller died in Gentry County, March 1, 1880. Miller Township, the largest and the best improved in the county, bears the name of the subject of this sketch. He has made farming his occupation through life, preferring the rural pursuits to the cares of mercantile life. In the fall of 1838, he was a member of the state militia for about a month, under General Clark, for the suppression of the Mormon troubles in Missouri.

WILLIAM H. MILLER

was born in Gentry County, Missouri, April 26, 1841. He is the son of Isaac and Elizabeth (Cope) Miller, both natives of the state of

Kentucky. He resides on section 23, three miles north of Gentryville, and is the owner of 310 acres of good land, most all of which is under fence and about seventy-five acres in a good state of cultivation. Mr. Miller was reared in this county upon a farm, which occupation he has followed all his life, and few better farmers are to be found in this vicinity than the gentleman whose name heads this sketch. His education was rather limited in his youth, being confined exclusively to the common schools of his native county. Like a great number of others he may properly be styled a self-made man. Within the last few years he has purchased his father's home place, and with the improvements added he is now possessed of one of the best farms in Miller Township. September 10, 1871, he was here married to Mrs. Nancy A. Boaz. By this union they have five children, one boy and four girls: Frances Elizabeth, Annie M., Nancy C., Jacob A. and Rosalie. Mrs. Miller was the daughter of Leonard Roy, of Pulaski County, Kentucky. She was born in Pulaski County, Kentucky, July 6, 1840. By her first husband, Mr. Boaz, she had two children, Richmond A. and Monroe T. In the month of December, 1861, Mr. Miller enlisted at Springfield, Missouri, in the Third Missouri Infantry, under Colonel Reeves. He was under General Price for about three years, and was wounded at the battle of Champion's Hill. He was also engaged in the hard fought battles of Pea Ridge and Corinth, Mississippi. He is a member of the Christian Church and an active man in his community.

JAMES M. MILLER,

section 22, township 61, range 30, is the owner of a landed estate of 117 acres, a comfortable home, and a fine young orchard. He has followed farming as an occupation the greater portion of his life. Mr. M. was born in Hawkins County, Tennessee, August 17, 1832. His father, Obadiah Miller, was born in Virginia, and his mother's maiden name was Susan Ann Breeden, a native of Tennessee. The subject of this sketch was reared on a farm in his native county until his twelfth or fifteenth year, when he moved with his parents to Grainger County, Tennessee. Here he remained until the spring of 1850, when he went to Jackson County, Missouri, where he farmed for one year, and in 1851 he came to Daviess County, this state. This was his home until 1856, when he settled in Gentry County, where he has since resided. His education was obtained in the common schools of his native county, and in Jackson and Daviess Counties, Missouri. Mr. Miller and wife are both members of the Baptist Church. They were married in Gentry County, Missouri, July 3, 1856, Mrs. Miller's maiden name being Delphia S.

Wheeler. She was born in Garrard County, Kentucky, March 24, 1839. The result of this marriage was fourteen children, nine of whom are living: George W., Benjamin O., Sarah E., Mary Jane, Sophia A., Judie A., Allen B., Louisa and Charles Everett. Mr. Miller keeps a good grade of native stock, and is one of the thrifty farmers of his township.

ALLEN C. MILLER,

who resides on section 23, is the owner of 182 acres of well improved land. He has a good orchard and small fruit of all kinds. He was born in Gentry County, November 13, 1842, and was here reared, being educated in the common schools. Although unable to obtain as thorough an education as he desired, yet by diligent reading and study he has become a well posted young man. Mr. Isaac Miller, the father of Allen, was born in Garrett County, Kentucky, in 1810. He is one of the pioneers of Gentry County, and an honored citizen of Miller Township. His wife was formerly Elizabeth Cope, who was born in Kentucky in 1813. In 1861, Allen C. Miller took the field in defense of the Southern cause, and enlisted at Gentryville in the Second Missouri, Company B, under Colonel Jeff. Patton. He was engaged in a number of battles, the most noted of which were Pea Ridge and Lexington. He was taken prisoner, and after his release he returned home, having served some sixteen or eighteen months. March 1, 1866, he was married in Gentry County, to Miss Sarah A. Robertson, of Gentry County, and a daughter of Charles Robertson, a native of Breckinridge County, Kentucky. By this union they have five children, three boys and two girls: Sarah Elizabeth, Albert Oren, Charles B., Allen H. and Effie Lee. Mr. Miller is not connected with any church, yet by his manly bearing, acts of kindness and punctual business habits, he ranks with the best men in the township.

JOAB H. MITCHELL,

a thrifty, enterprising farmer, on section 3, township 61, range 30, has a landed estate of 158 acres, all under fence, and about 100 acres in an excellent state of cultivation. He has a fine location, a comfortable house, and a good orchard. Mr. Mitchell is the son of Gideon M. and Mildred (Baskett) Mitchell, natives of Kentucky, and was born in Shelby County, Kentucky, August 20, 1829. He was reared on a farm, and was educated in his native county, in the common schools. In the fall of 1850 he moved to Marion County, Missouri, locating on a farm near Hannibal, where he remained till 1860, when he removed to Audrain County, near Mexico. Here he lived until 1868, when he returned to

Marion County, near his first locality. In the fall of 1880 he came to his present farm, in Gentry County. He has followed farming as an occupation during his life. Mr. Mitchell was married in Marion County, Missouri, May 10, 1855, to Virginia Robinett, who was born in Marion County, Missouri, June 2, 1837. She is the daughter of Samuel F. and Mary Ann (Ritchie) Robinett, natives of Marion County, Missouri. They have a family of ten children living: Mary M., Julia F., Virginia C., Charles R., Annie L., Lucy M., Vassie R., Sarah B., Ruberta and Edna E. Mr. and Mrs. M. are members of the Baptist Church.

JOSEPH A. MORGAN

is the son of Rev. Timothy Morgan (now deceased), who was born April 18, 1809, in Rochester, Vermont. His mother, formerly Belinda J. Patton, was a native of Monroe County, Tennessee. Joseph was born in Gentry County, August 22, 1855. He was reared on a farm and obtained a common school education, with the exception of one term attendance at the Gallatin High School, in Daviess County. He has a landed estate of 200 acres of fine land, which he has improved by building upon it a nice residence, a good barn and putting out an orchard. J. A. Morgan was married in Harrison County, Missouri, November 21, 1877, to Lizzie Young. By this marriage they have had two children, one of whom is living, Bessie D. Mrs. Morgan was born in Harrison County, Missouri, December 14, 1858. She was the daughter of Rufus Young, a native of Blount County, Tennessee, and Lydia (Jones) Young, of Ohio, and granddaughter of Jacob Jones, now a resident of Albany, Missouri. Mr. Morgan has a good grade of stock and keeps abreast with the times in the use of farm machinery. He moved to his present place in March, 1875, and now resides on section 28. He has made farming his occupation during life.

CHARLES W. MYRCK.

farmer, section 10, postoffice Gentryville, is a native of North Carolina, and was born in Randolph County, June 15, 1838. He is a son of Kirk Myrck, and his mother's maiden name was Mary Wilkins, a native of North Carolina. In 1848 the family moved to Indiana, where Charles W. grew to manhood. He was reared on a farm, and was educated in the common schools. In 1856 he came to Missouri and located in Gentry County, where he has since resided. He now has a farm of 132 acres. He was married in the year 1859 to Miss Rebecca J. Ward, of Tazewell County, Virginia, a daughter of Alexander Ward. They have

ten children: Martha E., Elizabeth, Mary J., Texane, Verdie, Elsie, Lulu, James W., Charles and Thomas.

ALEXANDER NEWMAN,

The subject of this sketch was born in Jackson County, Alabama, July 9, 1822. His father, James Newman, was a native of Campbell County, Tennessee, and his mother formerly Sarah Smith, of Botetourt County, Virginia. In his infancy his parents moved to Marion County, Tennessee, where he remained until he was twenty-four years of age. His education was confined to the common schools of Marion County, Tennessee. January 28, 1847, he came to Gentry County, stopping in and near Albany for several years. He has resided here ever since, never living out of Athens and Miller Townships. He was reared on a farm by his mother, his father being killed when the son was but seven years of age. Mr. Newman resides on section 20, and is the owner of 500 acres of good farming land. He came to his present farm in 1857, which he has well improved, and can boast of one of the best orchards in his neighborhood. He was married in Gentry County, January 28, 1853, to Jane Thompson. By this marriage he has seven children living: John, Mitchell, James, Robert, Jacob, Mary F. and Elizabeth Ann. Mrs. Newman was born in Bledsoe County, Tennessee, November 27, 1834. She is the daughter of James Thompson, of Greene County, Tennessee, and Rebecca (Newman) Thompson, of Campbell County, Tennessee. November 30, 1864, Mr. N. enlisted, at St. Joseph, in the Eighteenth Missouri, Company G, under Captain William Hemstreet, to serve for one year or during the war. At the close of the rebellion he was honorably discharged at Louisville, Kentucky. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge at Gentryville, and is well known in Gentry County.

CHATHAM L. OLDS,

The subject of this sketch is the owner of 110 acres of well improved farming land, ninety acres under fence and in a good state of cultivation. By occupation he is a farmer and resides on section 28. He was born in Mercer County, Pennsylvania, May 2, 1831, and was reared in his native county upon the farm, his education being confined to the common schools. Ancil Olds, his father, was a native of Vermont, and followed lumbering and farming as an occupation. He served in the war of 1812 as a private soldier and was engaged in a number of battles, among the most noted of which were the battles of New Orleans. The mother of the subject of our sketch was formerly Miss Maria Morford, of Mercer County, Pennsylvania. There were

thirteen children in his father's family, Chatham being the second. After arriving at maturity and moving about for a number of years, he went to Jackson County, Iowa, in the fall of 1855. Here he remained until the spring of 1865, when he came to Gentry County, Missouri, where he has since resided. He is a member of the Christian Church and a law abiding citizen. In September, 1858, he was married in Jackson County, Iowa, to Lydia Brooks, daughter of William S. Brooks, a native of New York. She was a native of Mercer County, Pennsylvania. By this marriage they have five children, all of whom are living: William C., Sarah E., John Calvin, Maria Melvina, and Lydia Ann. Few men in this neighborhood have more friends than Chatham L. Olds.

CHARLES L. OWEN, SR.,

the son of Charles and Louisa (Berry) Owen, was born in Monroe County, Tennessee, July 5, 1829. He was reared on a farm and his education was such as the common schools of his native county afforded. In 1859, he moved to Tarrant County, Texas, where he was engaged in farming and tanning until 1868, when he moved to Baxter City, Kansas. Here he purchased land, but becoming dissatisfied he sold out and in June, 1868, landed in Gentry County. He at present resides on section 33, and is the owner of 160 acres of land, all of which is under fence except about thirty acres. He has a comfortable house, a good young orchard and a well improved farm. The subject of this sketch was married the first time in McMinn County, Tennessee, February 24, 1853, to Mary A. Patton, by whom he had eight children. All of these children are living: Rosanah B., Horace F., Ida Viola, Louisa H., Charles B., James P., Eliza May and Mary H. Owen. In 1873, June 5, he was again married in this county, to Mrs. Charlotte Mitchell, a native of Indiana. Mr. Owen is a member of the Presbyterian Church and an upright citizen. His father, Charles Owen, served as a private soldier in the war of 1812.

CHARLES L. OWEN, JR.,

of the firm of C. L. Owen & Co., merchants, Gentryville, was born in Gentry County, Missouri, July 20, 1850. His father, Marshall F. Owen, was by occupation a farmer, and a native of Tennessee. His mother's maiden name was Mary Hill, also of Tennessee. In his infancy Charles was taken to Tennessee, where he was reared and educated in the common schools. In 1871 he returned to Gentry County, Missouri, and feeling the importance of a better education he attended several terms at Grand River College, in Grundy County, this state. During

the year 1876 he was married to Miss Clara Fore, of Gentry County, Missouri, and a daughter of J. K. Fore, of Fulton County, Pennsylvania. By this marriage they have two children, Jessie and Carrie. Mr. Owen is well fitted for any business, but most of his active young life has been spent in farming, trading and mercantile pursuits. He is the owner of 135 acres of good land in Gentry County, is energetic, honest, prompt in all business affairs, and is bound to be successful.

WILLIAM A. PATTON.

The subject of this sketch, the son of James C. Patton, resides on section 32, and has followed farming for an occupation during life. He was born in Monroe County, Tennessee, December 1, 1819. He was reared on a farm, receiving his education in the common schools of his native county. During the year 1841 he emigrated to Missouri, stopping for a short time in Daviess County, and in October he came to Gentry County, where he has since resided. His mother, formerly Isabella Patton, a native of Morgan County, Virginia, is still living, and is ninety-two years old. February 25, 1845, Mr. Patton was married in Monroe County, Tennessee, to Eliza Owen. By this union they have had ten children, eight of whom are living: John M., Louisa, Charles O., Harriet, Sarah A., Fannie, William A. and Hugh J. Mrs. Patton was born in Monroe County, Tennessee, August 5, 1827. She is the daughter of Charles and Louisa (Berry) Owen, natives of Tennessee. Mr. Patton took no part as a soldier in the late rebellion, but his grandfather served as a private soldier in the Revolutionary War. Mr. P. is the owner of 300 acres of fine farming land near Gentryville, all of which is under fence. He has a fine house, orchard and a good barn. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

WILLIAM F. PECK

was born in Jefferson County, Tennessee, August 12, 1821. He is the son of Elliott and Nancy (Campbell) Peck, both natives of Virginia. William was reared on a farm, and attended the district schools of his native state. At the age of fifteen years he moved with his parents to McMinn County, Tennessee, where he resided until he became of age. After arriving at maturity he resided for a time in Bradley County, Tennessee, and Floyd County, Georgia. In 1849 he returned from Georgia to McMinn County, Tenn., where he remained until the fall of 1855, when he came to Gentry County, Missouri, stopping near his present farm, upon which he located in the spring of 1856. Stock raising and farming have been his occupations during life. He owns 340 acres of

land, and resides on section 5, township 61, range 30. He has a good house, a commodious barn, and a good apple orchard. He was married in McMinn County, Tennessee, during the year 1844, to Sarah Workman, a native of McMinn County. By this marriage he had two children, one of whom is living: California. On the 8th day of February, 1849, he was married, in Bradley County, Tennessee, to Julia A. McGonigal. They have eight children living: James C., Nancy Jane, Alice M., William W. Julia E., Martha W., Henry F. and Ida Cornelia. Mrs. Peck was born in Monroe County, Tennessee, May 3, 1824. She is the daughter of Floyd and Nancy (Mills) McGonigal, both natives of Tennessee. He is a member of the Methodist Church, South, and belongs to Gentryville Lodge, No. 125, A. F. and A. M.

CAPTAIN GEORGE POMEROY,

farmer, section 14, postoffice Berlin, was born in Holmes County, Ohio, December 29, 1829. When but an infant he was left an orphan by the death of his parents, George P. and Elizabeth (Sturgeon) Pomeroy, and was reared by his grand parents, in Wayne County, Ohio. His father was a native of Pennsylvania, and by occupation was a wool manufacturer. George was educated at the Ohio Wesleyan University, located at Delaware, and was graduated with honor in 1856. Leaving college, he went South and remained about two years. In the spring of 1858 he arrived in St. Louis, Missouri, and there read law under the instruction of Sloss & Ballard. In 1859 he again went South, stopping in Texas until 1861, when he removed to Illinois. There he enlisted as a private soldier in the 54th Illinois Cavalry. He served three years and nine months, and was promoted to second and first lieutenant, and when mustered out of the service he held the commission of captain. For two years he held the position of county commissioner of public schools for Gentry County. May 16, 1880, Mr. P. was married to Mrs. Elizabeth C. Robinson, a native of Iowa. He is an energetic farmer, and a gentleman of good social qualities.

S. A. POSEY

was born in Russell County, Kentucky, June 12, 1821. His father, Harrison Posey, was a native of Charles County, Maryland, and his mother, formerly Lavina Vandike, of South Carolina. S. A. was the sixth child in the family of seven children. He was reared on a farm in his native county, where he received a limited education. In the fall of 1863 he came to Missouri, locating in Macon County, and here lived until the winter of 1874, when he came to Gentry County. While in Kentucky

he learned the trade of blacksmithing, which he has followed more or less during life. He is now engaged in farming, and owns a farm of 120 acres, his residence being on section 27. Mr. Posey has been twice married: First, April 2, 1840, to Miss Sarah E. Bradshaw, of Russell County, Kentucky, by which union they had fourteen children, eight of whom are living. His second marriage occurred November 6, 1866, in Macon County, Missouri, to Mrs. Mary Hill, a daughter of Jessie Canaday, of Indiana. By this union they have had seven children, five of whom are living: Columbus L., Granville Y., Marion S., George A. L. and Nellie L. Mrs. Posey was born in Macon County, Missouri, February 4, 1838.

THOMAS B. POTTER,

farmer, section 25, is the son of John and Clarissa (Beatty) Potter, both of whom were natives of Tennessee. He was born in Gentry County, Missouri, July 17, 1848, and was reared on a farm, his education being received in the common schools of this county. He has a landed estate of 143 acres, all of which is under fence, with a good orchard, and he keeps a good grade of native stock. Mr. Potter was married in Gentry County, February 12, 1871, to Rachel C. Allen. The result of this union is six children, five of whom are living: Clarissa, James W., Nora L., Sarah E. and Laura J. Potter. Mrs. Potter was born in Warren County, Iowa, May 18, 1853. She is the daughter of William Allen, a native of Kentucky, and Sarah (Johnson) Allen, of Daviess County, Missouri. Mrs. P. is a member in good standing of the Christian Church.

NERO PULSIFER,

an industrious farmer on section 4, is the owner of 240 acres of good land. He came to his present place in October, 1881, and now has a good frame house and a young orchard of about 130 trees. He keeps an excellent grade of stock, and has been quite successful in his occupation—farming. He is the son of Joseph Pulsifer, a native of New York, and Mahaly (Rhea) Pulsifer, of Illinois, and was born in Sangamon County, Illinois, in January, 1842. His father having died early, he was reared by his stepfather, George May. At the age of four years, his parents moved to Macon County, in his native state, where he remained for about ten years. About the year 1856, he moved to Gentry County, Missouri, where he has since resided. His education was limited in youth, being confined to the common schools of Macon County, Illinois, and Gentry County, Missouri. April 12, 1863, he was here married to Sarah A. Potter, who was born in Gentry County, July 30, 1845. She is the daughter of John Potter, a native of Kentucky, and Clarissa (Beatty)

Potter, of Tennessee. By this union they have eight children, all living: Clarissa, Mahala B., Robert Lee, John T., Louisa J., Virginia C., Joseph R. and Minnie G. During the late war Mr. Potter served in the Home Guards, under Colonel Jeff. Patton, for about eighteen months. Mr. Potter and wife are both members of the Baptist Church.

JOSEPH RAINEY.

farmer, section 34, post office Berlin, is the owner of 390 acres of good farming land, about 120 acres of which are in an excellent state of cultivation. He was born in Andrew County, Missouri, October 26, 1844, and is a son of John S. and Elizabeth Rainey, *nee* Sweeney, the former of North Carolina and the latter a native of Carroll County, Tennessee. At the age of six years Joseph moved to Gentry County, where he was reared on a farm, being educated in the common schools. April 2, 1867, he was married in this county to Miss Mary L. Jolly. By this union they have had seven children, five of whom are living: James S., John R., Allie I., Melinda Jane and Franklin S. Rainey. Mrs. Rainey was born in Breckinridge County, Kentucky, November 28, 1847. Her parents, Samuel J. and Melinda (Robertson) Jolly, were both natives of Breckinridge County, Kentucky. In 1862 Mr. R. enlisted at Maysville, Missouri, in Company H, First Missouri State Militia, as a private and served for three years. He is a member of the Masonic order. He moved to his present place last spring and here he intends to make his future home.

ROBERT RICHARDSON.

section 3, postoffice Gentryville, was born in McMinn County, Tennessee, June 23, 1829. His father was Robert Richardson, a native of South Carolina. Young Robert was reared on a farm by an uncle, his father being accidentally killed when the son was about one year old. He remained on the farm, dividing his time between McMinn and Polk Counties, until he was fourteen years of age. His education was obtained in the common schools of Tennessee and Missouri. In the year 1844 he emigrated to Missouri, stopping in Phelps County, near Rolla, where he remained for four years, when he went to Warren County, Illinois. About eighteen months later he returned to Phelps County, Missouri, where he resided until the spring of 1854. At this time he took a trip to California, and for two years was engaged in farming and mining. In September, 1856, he returned to Cedar County, Missouri, and remained for six years, in the meantime visiting Texas once or twice. April 20, 1863, he landed in Gentry County, settling within four miles of Gentry-

ville. The subject of this sketch has resided in this county since 1863. March 4, 1861, he was married, in Barton County, Missouri, to Mrs. Sarah Baker, whose maiden name was Hood. She was born in Cocke County, Tennessee, during the year 1835, and is the daughter of John and Sarah (Allen) Hood, both natives of North Carolina. Mr. Richardson is a member of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to Gentryville Lodge, No. 125, A. F. and A. M. He is the owner of 212 acres of land, has a finely finished house and well improved farm.

EDWARD J. ROWE, M. D.,

was born in the Province of Ontario, Canada, May 8, 1846. He is the son of John Rowe, a native of New York, and Sarah (Vail) Rowe, of Nova Scotia. The former was a farmer by occupation, and the subject of this sketch was reared upon a farm until nineteen years of age. After receiving a good education he began the study of medicine in Canada, Dr. Samuel A. Harvey being his preceptor. He subsequently entered the Michigan University, at Ann Arbor, where he was graduated in June, 1875, under Silas H. Douglass as Dean, and James B. Angell as President of the University. During the year 1874 he was married at Plainwell, Michigan, to Mrs. Elizabeth Hering. By this union they have had one child, Jennie. Mrs. Rowe, whose maiden name was Christman, was formerly married to Jonathan Hering, by whom she had three children: George D., Willie M. and Katie. Mrs. Rowe was born in Berks County, Pennsylvania, March 25, 1844. She is the daughter of George and Mary (Grim) Christman, both natives of Pennsylvania. After graduating at Ann Arbor Dr. Rowe opened an office at Plainwell, Michigan, a thriving town of about 1,400 inhabitants, where he remained until 1879, when he came to Missouri, and in March, 1880, opened an office in Gentryville. Here he is to be found at the present time (1882) enjoying an excellent practice, and fast gaining the esteem and confidence of all who know him.

LEONARD ROY

was born in Pulaski County, Kentucky, December 20, 1814. His occupation through life has been milling and farming. His father, Zachariah Roy was a native of Virginia, but was reared in Kentucky. By occupation he was a farmer. His mother's maiden name was Polly Vanhook, of West Virginia. Leonard Roy was reared on a farm in his native county, his education being confined to the common schools. He is a member of the Masonic order and has belonged to the Christian Church for more than fourteen years. He is the owner of 380 acres of good

farming land in Gentry County, and resides on section 21. In the year 1842, he left Kentucky and emigrated to Missouri, landing at Weston, Platte County, where he was engaged in farming and milling until 1855. Then he came to Gentry County and settled on his present farm. December 21, 1837, he was married to Frances Allen of Pulaski County, Kentucky. She was the daughter of Samuel Allen, a native of South Carolina, who was reared in Kentucky, and was a farmer by occupation. Her mother was formerly Nancy Speers, of Pulaski County. The family of Mr. Roy consists of ten children: Achilles, Nancy, May Emerine, Rebecca, Allen, Ally Ann, Thomas D., Virginia Frances, Martha Josephine and Lucy Alice.

JAMES B. SCOTT,

an enterprising farmer, was born near Fredericksburgh, Maryland, February 6, 1831, his parents being Robert and Mary (Stansberry) Scott, the former of Ireland, and the latter of Maryland. When at the age of two years, he moved with the family to Belmont County, Ohio, where he was reared on a farm, being educated in the common schools. After arriving at the age of nineteen years he left home and went to Muscatine, Iowa, where he remained for several years. In 1857 he went west and was in California and the adjoining territories for about three years. In 1860 he came to Gentry County, and in the spring of 1861 enlisted in Company E, First Missouri State Militia, as a private and served during the war. At the close of the conflict he returned to his home, since which time he has been engaged in farming. He is the owner of 560 acres of fine land and resides on section 7. He has been honored by the citizens of Gentry County with the office of assessor for four years and the office of sheriff for one term. Mr. Scott takes a great pride in fine stock and has some of the best horses in the county. September 11, 1877, he was married in this county to Matilda J. Scott, of Athens County, Ohio. By this union they have one child, Mabel. Mrs. Scott was born in Athens County, Ohio, March 12, 1850. She is the daughter of John and Mary (Montieth) Scott both natives of Ireland.

WILLIAM M. SCOTT.

The subject of this sketch was born in Belmont County, Ohio, April 26, 1833. His father, Robert Scott, was a native of Ireland, and his mother, Mary Scott, *nee* Stansberry, was born in Frederick County, Maryland. William was reared and educated in his native county, in the common schools. As an occupation he has followed blacksmithing and farming. He learned his trade in Ohio, receiving \$20 for the first

year's work, \$40 for the second, and \$60 for the third. In the spring of 1855 he went to Muscatine, Iowa, where he remained for about a year. In 1856 he came to Missouri, landing at Weston, Platte County, and there worked a short time at his trade. In May, 1856, he first visited Gentry County, and stopped until the spring of 1859, when he went West, and was absent for about seven years, in California and Nevada. In 1866 he returned to this county, and worked for one year at his trade. He then located on his present farm, where he has since resided. July 3, 1866, Mr. S. was married in Belmont County, Ohio, to Catherine N. Combs, a native of that county and state. She is the daughter of Elijah Combs, a native of Fleming County, Kentucky, and Deborah (Muncy) Combs, of Harrison County, Ohio. By this union they have had four children: Mary L., James W., Frank L., and Lina. Mr. Scott is the owner of 450 acres of land, has a fine residence, a good barn and an orchard of about 300 trees. He resides on section 6. His farm is well stocked, and he deals to some extent in fine cattle and horses.

MICHAEL SHULTZ

was born in York County, Pennsylvania, October 6, 1806. His parents, Peter and Margaret (Kreps) Shultz, were both natives of York County, Pennsylvania. The father was a carpenter by calling, and Michael learned his trade under the instruction of his father. The subject of this sketch was reared in his native county, receiving his education in the common schools. In 1828 he left home and went to Stark County, Ohio, where he was engaged in working for two years. In 1830 he moved to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and here worked at his trade for about six months. Thence he went to Natchez, Mississippi, and New Orleans, and other points, until the spring of 1832, when he located in Greenup County, Kentucky. Here he followed his trade until 1835. In that year he went to Campbell County, Virginia, where he was married, February 23, 1836, to Sarah Wright, daughter of William and Hannah (Collins) Wright, both natives of England. Mr. Shultz remained in Campbell County, Virginia, until 1842, then coming with his family to Daviess County, Missouri, where he was engaged in farming and following his chosen avocation until 1845, when he returned to Campbell County, Virginia. Here he made his home until 1853, when he again came to Missouri, and since then he has made Gentry County his home. He at present has a landed estate of 240 acres. His wife has been dead for some years, and he makes his home with his son William and other relatives. Mr. Shultz has had eleven children, seven of whom are living: George E., Eugene L., William W., Henry P., Reuben C., Alfred

A. and Peter D.. William W. Shultz, the third child of the family now living, was born in Campbell County, Virginia, September 21, 1847. He moved to Missouri with his parents, and was reared on a farm and educated in the common schools of Gentry County. Farming is his occupation, and he has a landed estate of eighty acres in section 27, township 61, range 30. He was married in Gentry County, February 26, 1871, to Margaret Standley, daughter of William and Matilda (Ausmus) Standley, both natives of Illinois. The fruit of this marriage is four children, three of whom are living: Orrillis E., Eugenia, and John W. Mr. William Shultz is a member of Havana Lodge, No. 22, A. F. and A. M., at McFall. He is a good farmer, and deals to some extent in fine sheep, having at present a drove of over 200.

HON. REUBEN SHULTZ,

farmer, section 35, postoffice McFall, was born in York County, Pennsylvania, May 24, 1813. He is a son of Peter and Margaret (Krebs) Shultz, both natives of Pennsylvania. Reuben was reared in his native county, and there being educated in select schools. He came to Missouri in 1841, locating in Platte County, and shortly afterwards went to Daviess County, Missouri. In 1850 he came to Gentry County, where he has since resided. He now owns a farm in Gentry County of 240 acres, and 213 acres in DeKalb County. In 1860 he was elected to represent Gentry County in the legislature, attending the regular and the special sessions. In politics he is one of the staunch Democrats in the county. Mr. S. was married in the year 1846, to Miss Sarah A. Lockwood. Six children were the result of this union, four of whom are living: John M., Frank P., Maggie J. and David L. Mrs. S. is a daughter of David Lockwood, of Kentucky. The Democratic party has always found in Mr. Shultz an earnest and able advocate, and in all positions in which he has been placed he has shown himself to be possessed of more than ordinary good judgment, filling the positions to the entire satisfaction of all.

JAMES A. SISLER, M. D.,

resides on section 14, township 61, range 30. He has a landed estate of eighty acres of land near Havana. He was born in Buffalo, New York, December 8, 1834. His parents, Louis and Margaret (Marsh) Sisler, were both natives of Germany, immigrating to America about the year 1814. Louis Sisler was a dairyman and farmer by occupation. His son James was reared on a farm in his native county until his fifteenth year, when the father dying, the mother moved to Summit County Ohio,

where he was engaged in farming until 1856. His education up to this time was received in the city schools of Buffalo, New York, and Akron, Ohio. He also attended one term at Oberlin College, in Lorain County, Ohio. Leaving college he decided upon the profession of medicine as his calling in life, and on February 1, 1857, he entered the office of Doctor William Ball, at Brookston, White County, Indiana, with whom he read until September, 1860, when he entered Michigan University, at Ann Arbor. He was graduated in the spring of 1862, after which he at once opened an office at Kentland, the county seat of Newton County, Indiana, where he was engaged in the practice of his profession for two years. In 1864, he moved to Covington, Indiana, here continuing his practice until the spring of 1870, when he came to Greene County, Missouri. This was his home until August 25, 1876, at which time he moved to Gentry County and settled upon his present farm, where he has since resided. Dr. S. was married in White County, Indiana, February 12, 1860, to Elizabeth Stewart, a daughter of Russell Stewart, a native of Henry County, Kentucky. Mrs. Sisler was born in Henry County, Kentucky, August 31, 1838. They have four children: Russell A., Ida Belle, Josephine and Charles Sisler. Dr. Sisler is a member of the Masonic order, belonging to Havana Lodge, No. 22, at McFall. He is a leading citizen in his section of the county, and is enjoying an excellent practice.

AARON VANSANDT

was born in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, September 11, 1843. His father was a native of Pennsylvania, and by occupation a farmer. His mother was formerly Miss Rachel Stone, a native of the Key Stone state. Aaron was reared in his native state, his education being such as the common schools of the country afforded. At the age of eighteen years he went to Talbot County, Maryland, where he remained four years. Thence he removed to Kansas, where he was engaged in clerking for seven or eight months. On leaving Kansas he moved to Vernon County, Missouri. After remaining there ten years, occupied in the mercantile business, he came to Gentryville, Missouri, where he is now to be found—one of the best business men of the town. He is postmaster at Gentryville, and is having an excellent patronage in his business. In the year 1873 Mr. V. was married to Miss Mary Francis Baxter, of Gentry County, Missouri, by whom he has had four children, two boys and two girls: Ethel, Noah A., Mertie and Garnett Porter. Few men in this vicinity enjoy the confidence of the trading community as a whole more fully than Mr. Vansandt.

JAMES M. WAGGONER.

section 22, was born in Williamson County, Illinois, February 16, 1842, and is the son of George W. and Mary P. (Moore) Waggoner, both natives of Davidson County, Tennessee. He was reared and educated in his native county in the common schools, and there resided until the year 1872, when he came to Gentry County, Missouri, locating near Mt. Pleasant. Mr. Waggoner has since resided in this county and has been upon his present place for seven years. He has been a member of the Masonic order for more than twelve years. In religion he worships with the Free Will Baptists, of which denomination he has been an active member for about fifteen years. The 10th day of January, 1867, he was married in Williamson County, Illinois, to Miss Celia Jane Chamness, who was born July 14, 1850. She was the daughter of Joseph Chamness, a native of Williamson County, Illinois, and by occupation a cooper and farmer. By this union they have five children: Druah, Samuel K., Minnie May, Effie Ann and Robert Shannon. Mr. Waggoner is well fixed for farming, few men owning better stock and machinery. He has adopted one grand aim in life—to owe no man anything and love one another.

GEORGE WALKER.

farmer, section 21, postoffice Darlington, is the owner of a farm consisting of 170 acres, most of which is improved. He is a native of Tennessee, and was born in Knox County January 15, 1802. At the age of seventeen years, he went with his parents, George and Jane (Welch) Walker, who were natives of Pennsylvania, to Wayne County, Indiana, where he lived till 1854. Then he moved to Iowa, and the following year came to Gentry County, where he has since lived. His father served as a soldier in the war of 1812. Mr. Walker was married in Hendricks County, Indiana, in the year 1829, to Miss Sarah Lane. They have had eleven children, seven of whom are living: James B., Henry E., Sarah M., William N., Addison A., Wesley S. and Newton J. William N. Walker, the fourth child in the family, and who resides on section 21, was born in Boone County, Indiana, October 9, 1842. He lived with his parents during their various moves, until December 9, 1866, when he was married to Miss Nancy J. Campbell, of Adams County, Ohio. She is a daughter of Lewis Campbell of the same county. They have six children: Sarah L., Nora I., Mary L., George W., Lillie J. and James Q. William N. Walker has made farming his occupation during life, and now has a farm of 230 acres. In 1861 he enlisted in the Missouri State

Militia, of the United States service, in which he served one year. He then enlisted in the Twenty-Fifth Missouri, and February 14, 1864, that regiment was consolidated with the First Missouri Engineers. Mr. W. was mustered out of the veteran service at the close of the war, in Louisville, Kentucky, having participated in many noted battles. He was always ready for duty as a Union soldier, and is now one of the representative agriculturists of Gentry County.

COLONEL WILLIAM B. WATTS,

attorney and counselor at law, Gentryville, is a son of John and Mary (Stubbins) Watts, who were both natives of Kentucky. The subject of this sketch was born in New Castle, Henry County, Kentucky, November 5, 1838. When he was but an infant, in the year 1834, his parents and the family moved to Missouri and located in Boone County, where he was principally reared. He received the advantages of a common school education, and at an early age was graduated at Henry College, Kentucky. He subsequently attended for one term the military institute in Kentucky of which Hon. James G. Blaine was professor of mathematics. He began the study of law at LaGrange, Texas, in the office of L. F. and W. B. Price, and completed his course in the office of J. R. Burns, a member of the New Orleans bar. He was admitted to the bar at LaGrange, Texas, in the year 1852. During the war his books and papers were destroyed, and he was readmitted to the bar at St. Joseph, in Judge Heren's court, about the year 1867. At the opening of the late war he raised an independent company in Pettis County Missouri, of which he was captain. He served during the war under the command of General Price, and for gallant services was commissioned colonel of the 51st Kentucky Cavalry. Colonel W. took part in several noted battles, among which was that of Corinth, Mississippi, where he was severely wounded. During the year 1860 he was married to Mary Ward, a native of Pettis County, Missouri. By this marriage he had two children: Emmett and Florence. In the year 1870 Colonel Watts was married to Retta Mitchell, near Weston, Platte County, Missouri. By this union they have had two children, one of whom, Ogie, is now living, and one, Imogen, is deceased. In the year 1868 he edited the St. Joseph Vindicator. From 1870 to 1875 he was engaged in the practice of law at Weston, Missouri. In September, 1875, he moved to Albany, Missouri, where for about a year he was editor of the Albany Ledger. He at present resides at Gentryville. He is mayor of the town, and is one of the foremost men of the place. He has followed the practice of his profession since 1852, and is at present enjoying a lucrative patronage.

He is the owner of a small farm four miles east of Gentryville, and is to some extent a raiser of fine hogs and cattle.

SYLVESTER G. WELLER, M. D.

The subject of this sketch is the son of Janathan and Sarah (Lutz) Weller, both natives of Nelson County, Kentucky. He was born in Nelson County, Kentucky, July 10, 1842. His father was a farmer by occupation, and S. G. was reared as such in his native county till seventeen years of age. When Sylvester was at the age of thirteen years his father died, and four years thereafter his mother also departed this life. Bereft of his parents, and his guardian's failure in a short time thereafter, made for him hard times, but he went to work as a common laborer, and by frugal habits and constant labor he earned sufficient money to begin the study of his chosen profession. In November, 1862, he commenced reading medicine under Dr. O. N. Cox, in his native county, with whom he remained for over two years. He then attended a session of the Medical University in Kentucky, in 1863-4; then a summer session of the Kentucky School of Medicine, where he was graduated June 24, 1864. He afterwards formed a partnership with Dr. Cox, his old preceptor, for the practice of medicine, continuing with him until June, 1865. In the latter part of June, 1865, he located at Clifton Mills, Breckinridge County, Kentucky, where he resided for eight years, during which time he had a large and paying practice. In February, 1873, he moved to Gentry County, Missouri, settling on a farm near Berlin. Since his residence in Missouri he has made farming his principal occupation, having, in fact, left Kentucky in order to discontinue the practice of medicine. He at present has a landed estate of 221 acres, and has lately purchased from Hon. A. B. Ross a fine farm in this county of 600 acres. October 24, 1866, Dr. Weller was married at Clifton Mills, Breckinridge County, Kentucky, to Willie Board, a daughter of Willison and Hettie (Reynolds) Board, both natives of Virginia. Mrs. Weller was born in Breckinridge County, Kentucky, December 9, 1846. They have had four children, all of whom are living: Willison Oliver, Willie Adaline, George R. and Sarah Francis. Dr. Weller and wife are both members of the M. E. Church, South. He belongs to Ryland Lodge No. 332, A. F. and A. M., at Berlin. The doctor is a good farmer and a raiser of fine cattle and hogs.

REV. BENJAMIN WHEELER,

a highly respected old citizen of Gentry County, was born in Garrard County, Kentucky, December 28, 1807, and is the son of William and

Sallie (Shrewsberry) Wheeler, both natives of Culpeper County, Virginia. He was reared on a farm in his native county, receiving no education, having learned to read since he married. In March, 1848, he was ordained by the Baptist Church to preach the gospel, since which time he has farmed and assisted to preach the truth at every opportunity offered. In 1850, he immigrated to Missouri, landing in St. Joseph on May 15, of the same year. After spending one year in Buchanan County, he moved to Gentry County, in 1851, settling in the woods where his house now stands. He entered a large tract of land, for a portion of which he holds the patent from the United States Government. He was married in Breckinridge County, Kentucky, July 11, 1827, to Sophia Bratcher, daughter of John and Nancy (Shrewsberry) Bratcher, both natives of Culpeper County, Virginia. The result of this marriage was fourteen children, ten of whom grew up. Those now living are Nancy, Polly, N. S., Elizabeth, Delphey, Judie, Harriet D., S. B. and John B. Mr. Wheeler's first wife was born in Culpeper County, Virginia, March 16, 1801. She departed this life in Gentry County, Missouri, February 24, 1877. Mr. W. was married the second time in this county, December 1, 1878, to Miss Rebecca Campbell, the mother of Judge J. H. Campbell and Rev. D. C. Campbell, of Gentry County, Missouri. When Mr. Wheeler came here there were but twenty-eight members of the Baptist Church in the county. He belongs to Havana Lodge No. 22, A. F. and A. M., at McFall. Well may he be called the pioneer preacher and farmer of Gentry County.

RICHARD H. WHITE

is a prominent dealer in groceries and provisions at McFall. The subject of this sketch was born in Gallia County, Ohio, February 7, 1856. His father, Phillip J. White, was a native of Virginia, and his mother, Rebecca (Manring) White, was from Gallia County, Ohio. At the age of nine years Richard moved with the family to Gentry County, Missouri, where he was reared on a farm, being educated in the common schools. During the years 1866-7 he spent his time in DeKalb County, Missouri, farming. Mr. White followed farming as an occupation until he was twenty-two years of age, when he engaged in clerking. February 1, 1882, he commenced business for himself in McFall and has since been successful. March 16, 1876, he was married in Daviess County to Jennie Savage, a daughter of James and Mary Ann (Bressman) Savage, both natives of Kentucky. Mrs. White was born in Kentucky, March 14, 1858. By this marriage they have three children, all living: Lettie Agnes, Lena Alice, Floyd Alina. Mr. White is a member of the Baptist Church, and his wife is a member of the Methodist denomination.

REDMOND WHITTON,

an industrious pioneer of Gentry County, was born in Campbell County, Tennessee, October 16, 1820. He was reared in Campbell and Hudson Counties until the age of fourteen years. On the 9th of November, 1834, he emigrated with his father, Elijah Whitton and family, to Ray County, Missouri, coming overland in two horse wagons. He was engaged in farming in Ray County, for about three years, when in 1837, he moved to Platte County, settling on a farm near the little town of New Market. Here he remained until 1841, when he came to Gentry County, and here he has since made his home. His education was limited in youth, he being compelled to labor for his support. He has worked hard all his life, never purchasing anything until he had the money to pay for it. He at present has a landed estate of 1,000 acres of good land in Gentry County, and plenty of personal property, yet no man in this section of the county does more manual labor than this stirring old citizen. The subject of this sketch was married in Gentry County, August 2, 1842, to Margaret J. Patton, a native of Knox County, Tennessee. The result of this union is five children living: Isaac C., Rufus, Amanda J., Mary A. and Mitchell M. Mr. Whitton is a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and his grandfathers on his father's and mother's sides served in the war of 1812.



JACKSON TOWNSHIP.

W. H. ALEXANDER, M. D.,

was born in Thompsonville, Hartford County, Connecticut, March 14, 1839, and was of Scotch ancestry. His father was an excellent mechanic. Mr. Alexander and his wife left their native country and came to America about the year 1828, settling in Thompsonville. The former erected the first power loom in Connecticut, and in 1846 removed with his family to Taunton, Massachusetts, where he died the same year. His widow and children then returned to Thompsonville, where Mrs. A. died August 12, 1850, thus leaving the subject of this sketch an orphan at the early age of eleven years. He was then adopted in the family of G. W. Martin, who afterwards took up his location in Boston, Massachusetts, where W. H. remained until 1854. At that time he went

to Cleveland, Ohio. During this period he enjoyed the advantages of a common school education, and while a resident of Cleveland was engaged in clerking until the breaking out of the war, when in August, 1861, he enlisted at Akron, Ohio, in the Twenty-ninth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, known as "Giddings' Regiment"—James R. Giddings. He remained with this regiment until the fall of 1862, having participated in several engagements, among which was the battle of Winchester, Mr. A. was then appointed hospital steward, in which capacity he continued to serve until the expiration of his term of service in September, 1864, when he was honorably discharged. He was immediately appointed military steward of the military railroad, being thus employed until the close of the war. He returned to Ohio and from there he came westward in the same year, 1865, and settled in Gentry County, six miles east of King City, where he followed agricultural pursuits. This occupation not being congenial to his taste, he soon commenced the study of medicine, attending lectures at Cleveland, Ohio. In 1872 he began the practice of his profession, and in 1875 he located in King City, where he has since been engaged in the active pursuit of his calling with a good degree of success. In connection with his practice he is conducting one of the leading drug stores of the county, and also has an assortment of jewelry, watches, etc. When this city was incorporated in May, 1881, Dr. Alexander was made a member of the board, and in 1882 was chosen as its president, which position he still continues to fill with eminent satisfaction to the inhabitants of the place. He is a man of strict integrity, practical and accomplished, decisive as to what should be done and prompt to execute. February 25, 1864, the doctor was married to Miss Mary E. Bradley, of Mogadore, Ohio. Her grandfather, Areal Bradley, was the first settler of that place, and while a boy carried despatches in the Revolutionary War. Her father, James L. Bradley, was in the war of 1812. Her mother, formerly Eleanor Monroe, is living with her son-in-law, and is a lady remarkably well preserved in years. The family of Dr. and Mrs. A. consists of four children: James Nelson, born June 22, 1867; William H., born July 20, 1869; Frank R., born August 24, 1871, and George R., born May 30, 1875.

JOHN T. BEDFORD

was born in Andrew County, Missouri, June 4, 1856. A. M. Bedford, his father, was born March 30, 1828, in Kentucky, and his mother, formerly (Mary E. Selecman), was born in Virginia, August 26, 1831. John T. was raised on a farm in Andrew County, and was educated at the common schools, supplemented with one year's attendance at Columbia Col-

lege. He was married February 12, 1879, in Andrew County, to Miss Maggie Carson, daughter of Joseph and Maggie Carson. She was born in Andrew County, Missouri, October 11, 1855. After his marriage, Mr. B. moved to his present farm in Gentry County. He has 230 acres of land, all fenced, with fair house and improvements and a young orchard. This place is located in section 36, township 61, range 33. They have one child, Charles A., born July 10, 1881. Mr. B. is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church (South), and his wife of the Christian Church.

G. P. BIGELOW,

builder, is a native of Livingston County, New York, where he was born November 5, 1833. His paternal ancestors were of Scotch descent, and on his mother's side of English extraction, they having immigrated to America at an early day. His father, John Bigelow, served with distinction in the war of 1812, and by his ability and bravery became captain of a company of light dragoons. The subject of this sketch was reared and educated in his native state, working at the carpenter's trade in summer and attending school during the winter months, thus acquiring a good business education. In 1855, he went to Indiana, and one year later to Illinois, removing to Clayton County, Iowa, in 1857, where he followed his trade until 1870. DeKalb County, Missouri, next became his home, and there he was engaged in farming, improving one of the finest farms in that county. This he disposed of in 1876, in order to afford his children educational advantages, and accordingly came to where King City is now located, this district having an excellent school at that time. Since then Mr. B. has been identified with the growth and development of his adopted home, and is now having the managing of C. G. Comstock's extensive real estate interests in this part of the county. November 6, 1859, Mr. Bigelow was married to Miss Mary A. Smith, of Belleville, Canada West. Their family contains three children: Frank S., Harmon G. and Mina. They have lost one child, Perry D.

D. M. BLACK,

of the firm of D. M. Black & Co., general merchants, was born October 22, 1822, in Fairfield County, Ohio. There he was raised and educated, residing on a farm until August 22, 1861, when he enlisted in the Seventeenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, being mustered out with the regiment July 24, 1865. He participated in the following engagements: Battles of Chickamauga, Stone River, Mission Ridge, and with Sherman on his march to the sea. The same year, 1865, Mr. B. came to Gentry County.

Missouri, and was extensively engaged in farming until 1869, when he embarked in the mercantile business at Island City. There he remained until 1880, when he removed to this fast growing place and purchased a half interest in business with Mr. J. K. Wheeler. Since then he has had the principal part of the management of the concern, and is now a member of one of the principal firms in the city. A branch of this store is at Empire Prairie. Mr. B. has built a fine residence in King City, and one that would be a credit to a more pretentious town. October 14, 1866, he was married to Miss Alice Richards, who was born and raised in Kentucky. Their family is composed of three children: Daisy, Dora and Willie.

RUFUS FAYETTE BROWN,

one of the pioneers of Jackson Township, was born in Tolland County, Connecticut, December 20, 1824, the year that General LaFayette made his last visit to the United States. He was named in part after this great defender of American liberty in the war of the Revolution. Rufus Brown, his father, and also his grandfather, were born in the same county and state. His mother's maiden name was Tryphena Fuller. The subject of this sketch was raised on a farm, and was educated in the common schools of Tolland County. He also attended for one or two terms a high school. He was married in Coventry, Connecticut, August 20, 1848, to Nancy A. Hopkins, daughter of Moses B. Hopkins. She was born in Willimantic, Connecticut, April 30, 1827. After his marriage he lived in Connecticut some two years, moving to Illinois in the fall of 1850, and locating in the Rock River country, in Ogle County. He was engaged in farming and stock raising here for five years, moving from there to Missouri in the fall of 1855, when he settled on his present farm, in Jackson Township. Mr. Brown has 280 acres of land in his home place, with 240 improved, a good dwelling and an orchard of 200 bearing trees. He also has 200 acres of land in another tract, with 120 improved. He resides on section 23, township 61, range 33. Mr. B. served in the state militia in Captain Kenyon's company, and Colonel Cranor's regiment, during the war. He has five children living. The oldest, Francis L. Brown, died at the age of fifteen years in 1865; Lydia Alice (now Mrs. C. P. Lewis), Mary E. (wife of Thomas McAleer), Carlos H., George M. and Hattie E. Mrs. Brown died November 28, 1869. She was a member of the Baptist Church. Mr. B. was married to his present wife, Miss Dorothea Bennett, October 5, 1871. She is a daughter of Andrew Bennett, and was born in Canada. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity.

MARCUS M. BROWN

was born in Tolland County, Connecticut, December 3, 1842. Rufus Brown, his father, was born in Connecticut, and his mother, whose maiden name was Sarah C. Clark, was a native of Rhode Island. In the spring of 1855 the family moved from Connecticut and settled in Gentry County, Missouri, locating on the place where the subject of this sketch now resides. They were among the first settlers of Jackson Township. Rufus Brown died here in April, 1877. M. M. Brown was raised on a farm, and received a common school education. He enlisted in the 25th Missouri Volunteer Infantry, and served three years during the war of the rebellion. He participated in the battle of Shiloh, where his regiment went into the engagement with 1075 men and officers, and came out with only 350 men. He was in numerous other important battles in which his regiment took part. After being discharged, he returned home and engaged in farming and stock raising. He was married in this county January 5, 1867, to Miss E. A. Billmire, daughter of John W. and Nancy A. Billmire. She was born in Ogle County, Illinois. Mr. Brown moved on the old home place in May, 1877. He has 300 acres of land, all fenced, a good house and improvements, and a large orchard of 1000 bearing apple trees, 300 peach trees, and a variety of other fruits. He resides on section 13, township 61, range 33.

M. E. BROWN,

of the firm of Brown and Vanderveer, dealers in general merchandise, was born on the 5th of June, 1851, and is a native of East Tennessee. There he was reared and educated, and in 1871 he removed to Springfield, Missouri, engaging in the nursery business. In 1873 he took a trip to Texas, in the interest of his business. Returning to this state, he located at Savannah, Andrew County, where he was employed as salesman in a general store. In 1878, Mr. Brown came to King City and established a business, which was conducted under the firm name of McCarty & Brown. In 1880 he disposed of his interests in the same and embarked in his present business. In January, 1882, Mr. M. H. Vanderveer became a partner. Their salesroom is the largest in the city, and this is well filled with as complete a general stock as can be found in any store in this locality. Mr. Brown is a man of good business ability, and has been quite successful in his undertakings. On the 4th of November, 1880, he was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Wassmer, who was born and raised in Savannah.

GEORGE D BURTON,

nurseryman, King City, was born in Knox County, Illinois, January 6, 1839. Ansel Burton, his father, and also his mother, whose maiden name was Sarah McKeever, were born in the State of New York. In 1846, the family moved to Moline, and here the parents of the subject of this sketch died in 1848, when he was in his ninth year. George D. was raised on a farm and was educated in the common schools, attending for two terms the Mount Morris High School, in Ogle County. He enlisted in June, 1861, in Company A, Thirteenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and served three years in the war of the rebellion, participating in the battles of Snider's Bluff, siege of Vicksburg, Jackson and Paducah. After being discharged he returned to Illinois. Mr. Burton was married in Ogle County, Illinois, November 2, 1864, to Miss Margaret Ann Harleman, daughter of Reuben Harleman. She was born near Dayton, Ohio. After his marriage he lived in Illinois two years, moving to Missouri in March, 1867, when he located in Jackson Township, Gentry County. He settled on his present place, just south of King City, and started in the nursery business in the spring of 1880. He has quite an extensive stock, is devoting his entire time to this business, and is prepared to furnish his customers with anything needed in his line. Mr. and Mrs. Burton have one adopted child, Joseph H. Morris, who was born January 5, 1879. Mr. B. is a member of the Masonic fraternity.

W. S. CARTER,

dealer in stock, was born in Canterbury, New Hampshire, October 7, 1841. His ancestors came from England about the year 1710, and were among the first settlers of the region around New Hampshire. The Carters were engaged in the Revolutionary War. W. S. was educated and reared in his native state. He attended for some time a Shaker school, and supplemented this course by two years' attendance at the Baptist Seminary of New Hampton. After this he was interested in farming. In 1860 he went to Cleveland, Ohio, where he was engaged in mercantile pursuits. In 1861 he enlisted in Company G, First Ohio Light Artillery, with which he served until being mustered out on August 30, 1865. He participated in the battles of Fort Donelson, Corinth, Pittsburg Landing, siege of Nashville, Stone River, Chickamaugua and Mission Ridge, at which time he veteranized. After this he took part in the battles of Atlanta, Franklin, Nashville, and the fall of Richmond. He was twice slightly wounded, but was not off of duty one day, though a gunner all the time—a military record of which any true soldier would be

proud. In 1865 Mr. Carter came to St. Joseph, Missouri, where he followed merchandising with the firm of Curtiss, Hall & Co. In 1869 this concern was dissolved, and in 1870 he came to his present location and established the first general store in King City, under the firm name of Carter & Curtiss. This was also dissolved, in March, 1875. He built the first hotel in the place, and erected the first Masonic Hall. Since 1875 he has been almost exclusively engaged in trading in live stock. Perhaps no one man has done more for King City than has Mr. Carter, and no one more richly merits his success, and the respect shown him is as wide as his acquaintance. August 12, 1866, he was married to Miss Kate Haver, a native of Zanesville, Ohio. They have four children: Willis G., Anson C., Mary Kate, and Samuel.

JACOB R. COMPTON,

an early settler of Jackson Township, was born in Russell County, Kentucky, October 18, 1827. Micager Compton, his father, was born in Georgia, but was raised in Kentucky, and his mother, whose maiden name was Margaret Ruxroat, was born near Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. In 1842 the family moved to Pulaski, an adjoining county. The youth of Jacob R. was spent on a farm, and he was educated in the common subscription schools. He was married in Kentucky, March 23, 1853, to Miss Mary Dick, daughter of John Dick. She was born in Kentucky, February 13, 1831. After his marriage, Mr. C. lived some two years on a farm in Kentucky, and moved to Missouri in June, 1855, settling in Jackson Township, Gentry County, and being one of the first settlers of this part of the country. Mr. Compton entered into military service in November, 1864, and was discharged in May, 1865, having lost his eyesight from the effects of smallpox while in the service. After he was discharged he returned to his home in Gentry County. He has 840 acres of land, with 440 in his home farm improved, with a good house and barn, and a good orchard of 275 apple trees and some other fruits. He resides on section 2, township 6t, range 33. Mrs. Compton died March 11, 1882. Mr. C. has five children living: Evan S., John L., Sarah F. (wife of John S. Adams), Arisona, and Martha A. One is deceased.

WILLIAM DICKENS,

agent of the St. Joseph & DesMoines Railroad Company, and United States Express Agent at King City, was born in Manchester, England, October 29, 1846. There he received his education, and in 1860 emigrated with his parents to Montreal, Canada, where he remained until 1862. At that time, although only sixteen years of age, he enlisted in

the Seventh Regiment Vermont Volunteer Infantry for one year, and at the expiration of his term of service, he re-enlisted in the Seventeenth Regiment Vermont Volunteers, with which regiment he was mustered out as orderly sergeant. Returning to Montreal, Mr. Dickens was engaged in railroading, working first on the Grand Trunk Railway, and later on the Detroit & Milwaukee Railroad. He subsequently went to Southwest Missouri and was in the employ of the Atlantic & Pacific Railroad, and in 1879, entered the employ of the St. Joseph & Des Moines, as agent at Helena, and afterwards at Union Star. In 1879, he came to his present location, and in connection with the railroad and express matters, he is engaged in the lumber, agricultural implement, coal and grain business, in which he has succeeded in establishing a large and flourishing trade. Energetic, industrious and honorable, and believing in the growth and prosperity of his chosen home, Mr. Dickens has contributed with a free hand toward all public improvements. February 15, 1871, Miss Alice M. Patee, of St. Joseph, became his wife. Their family consists of four children living: Willie F., Alice M., Lucy and Charles.

PETER HAMMER

was born in Bearn, Germany, August 15, 1815. His parents, Valentine and Gertrude (Front) Hammer, were also born in Germany. The youth of Peter was spent on a farm and in attending the common schools. When 18 years of age he commenced learning the blacksmith trade, at which he worked some three years. In May, 1837, he emigrated to the United States, and landed in New York City, afterwards moving West to Ohio, and locating at Pomeroy, Meigs County, where he was engaged working in an axe and shovel factory the greater part of a year. In the spring of 1838 he went to Knox County, Illinois, where he followed farming some eleven years. The subject of this sketch came to Missouri and located in St. Joseph in 1849, and was interested in draying for seven or eight years. He was married in Cincinnati, Ohio, June 28, 1853, to Mrs. Mary Ann Christana, a daughter of Best Conly. She was born in Germany. After his marriage Mr. Hammer lived in St. Joseph until the spring of 1861, when he moved to Andrew County, where he was occupied in farming seven years. He then moved to his present farm in Gentry County, in the spring of 1868. He has 590 acres of land, 560 acres under fence, with a good house and barn, and an orchard of seventy-five bearing and 100 small trees, with 350 grapevines and a nice variety of other fruits. He resides on section 13, township 61, range 33. Mr. Hammer makes a business of raising and feeding stock. He and his wife have nine children living: Rosetta, George L.,

Allen Henry, Charles Edmond, Frank Benjamin, Mary Amelia, Elizabeth, Peter and Barbary ; they have one deceased. Mrs. Hammer had three children by her first husband, of whom two are living: Jacob and John D. Christana. Mr. and Mrs. H. are members of the M. E. Church.

ABIEL HILL

was born in Tioga County, New York, October 22, 1830. His father, T. W. Hill, was born in Orange County, New York, and his mother, formerly Hester Smith, was born in the same county. The family moved to Athens, Pennsylvania, in the spring of 1834, where they resided some eight years, then returning to New York, in 1842. In the spring of 1852 they went to Illinois, and located in Ogle County. The subject of this sketch was raised on a farm, and attended school until fourteen years old, when he commenced learning the shoemaker's trade. At this he worked with his father some eight years. He was married in Ogle County, Illinois, November 17, 1852, to Miss Eliza Hopkins, daughter of Moses B. Hopkins. She was born in Connecticut, September 10, 1831. Mr. Hill moved to Missouri in October, 1855, and located in Gentry County, engaging in farming on his present farm, in Jackson Township. He resided here some two years, and then went to St. Joseph, where he was occupied in teaming some four years, returning to Ogle County, Illinois, in 1860. Here he resumed farming and stock raising for some ten years. In January, 1870, he again came to his farm in Missouri. Mr. Hill has 160 acres of land under fence, with fair improvements, and a bearing apple and peach orchard, and some variety of other fruits. He resides on section 8, township 61, range 32. Mrs. Hill died January 17, 1880, leaving two children: Lewis E., born August 29, 1853, died September 15, 1880, and Mary Edith, born April 28, 1863. Mr. H. is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

GILLESPIE HINDMAN,

a leading farmer and stock raiser and dealer of Jackson Township, was born in Montgomery County, Ohio, April 1, 1829. William Hindman, his father, was born in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, and his mother, whose maiden name was Martha Gillespie, was a native of Butler County, Ohio. In 1841 the family moved to Wayne County, Indiana, where the mother of the subject of this sketch died in 1843 and his father in 1845. Gillespie spent his youth on a farm and attending the common schools. In the year 1846, when seventeen years old, he became engaged in working in a flouring mill and thoroughly learned this business, which he followed some eight years. He was married in

Hagerstown, Indiana, May 20, 1853, to Miss Sally A. Brown, daughter of Samuel and Molly Brown. She was born in Washington County, Maryland, February 4, 1830. After his marriage Mr. Hindman settled on a farm in Indiana and was interested in farming and stock raising for some thirteen years. In November, 1866, he moved to Missouri and located in Gentry County on his present farm. He has 490 acres of land with 420 under fence, a good dwelling, barn and a good bearing orchard. Mr. H. is occupied quite largely in the fine stock business. He resides on section 25, township 62, and range 33. He and his wife have six children living: Alice M., Lizzie J. (wife of M. H. Vanderveer, of King City), Jessie F., Harry Clay, Gertrude N. and George G. Charles D. Hindman was drowned at Beloit, Kansas, May 29, 1879. The three oldest girls are members of the M. E. Church.

HENRY C. HUDSON

was born in Clinton County, Missouri, October 19, 1854. His father, Philip Hudson, was born in Virginia, and his mother, whose maiden name was Caroline Smith, was born in Platte County, Missouri. Henry C. was raised on a farm and received his education in the common schools. He came from Clinton to Gentry County, in February, 1880, and located in Jackson Township. Mr. Hudson is engaged in farming with his brother, James F. Hudson, but has been giving his attention mostly to the stock business, raising, feeding and shipping. He has recently bought an interest in the firm of Brown & Vanderveer, general merchants at King City, and intends to soon be engaged in mercantile business.

JAMES H. JOHNSTON,

was born in Chautauqua County, New York, October 2, 1847. James Johnston, his father, was born in Scotland, and his mother, formerly Caroline Herrick, was born in Massachusetts. James H. spent his youth on a farm and attended the common schools. He was married in Chautauqua County, New York, March 18, 1870, to Miss Mary Hadley, daughter of Noah Hadley. She was born in the same county, March 18, 1853. Mr. Johnston has one son by this wife, George H., who was born March 16, 1875. He moved to Missouri in March, 1876, and located on his present farm in Jackson Township, where he has 125 acres of land, 120 fenced, with fair improvements and a young bearing orchard. He resides on section 23, township 61, range 32. He has been engaged some four years in buying and shipping stock. His first wife died May 22, 1880. Mr. Johnston was married to Miss Josephine Wolford, his present wife,

December 2, 1880, in Gentry County. She is a daughter of Abraham Wolford, and was born in Gentry County, December 17, 1861. They have one child, Collin, born December 18, 1881. Mr. J. is a member of the Masonic order. He is Republican in politics, and was nominated and elected by his party as constable of Jackson Township, at the general election of 1880.

ANGELO A. KEMP,

farmer and stock raiser, was born in Dodge County, Wisconsin, July 6, 1854. George S. Kemp, his father, was born in England, and his mother, whose maiden name was Margaret Patton, was a native of Scotland. The family moved to Missouri and settled in Gentry County in August, 1868. The youth of the subject of this sketch was spent on a farm, and he was educated in the common schools. He was married in this county, May 25, 1875, to Miss Sarah Johnson, daughter of E. Johnson. She was born in Dodge County, Wisconsin, December 27, 1854. After his marriage he settled on a farm in Jackson Township, where he now resides. He has 160 acres of land, all fenced, with a good house and improvements, and an orchard of two hundred apple trees, 100 of which are bearing, and a nice variety of small fruits. He resides on section 14, township 61, range 33. Mr. and Mrs. Kemp have two children: Arthur A., born November 12, 1876, and Myrtie A., born March 9, 1879. Mr. and Mrs. K. are members of the Old School Presbyterian Church.

GEORGE T. KENYON

was born in Cayuga, New York, October 17, 1833. His father, Benjamin Kenyon, was born in Dutchess County, New York, and his mother, whose maiden name was Mary Bishop, was also born in that state. George T. spent his youth on a farm and in attending the common schools. He came West in 1859, and located in Jackson Township, Gentry County, Missouri. He has 165 acres of land, with 120 acres fenced, a good house and improvements and a bearing orchard, with some variety of small fruits. He resides on section 21, township 62, range 32. He was married December 9, 1862, in Gentry County, to Miss Helen Boner, daughter of John and Mary Boner. Mr. K. has one daughter by this union, Laura H. This wife died February 20, 1864. Mr. Kenyon was again married in this county in December, 1866, to Miss Mary M. Boner, a sister of his first wife. They have three children: Andrew J., John W. and William Arthur. Mr. Kenyon is Democratic in politics, and was nominated by his party as county surveyor, and elected in the fall of 1862, and again at the general election of 1880, he was re-elected to the same position,

which he now holds. He served in the war of the rebellion, first in Colonel Cranor's regiment, in which he was captain of Company K. In December, 1864, he enlisted in the Thirty-Ninth Missouri Volunteer Infantry, and served until the close of the war.

HON. JACOB KESSLER,

who for twenty-six years has been a resident of Gentry County, is a native of the Old Dominion, and was born in Botetourt County, March 21, 1821. His father, John Kessler, was a native of Virginia, and his mother, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Houseman, was born in Pennsylvania. The youth of the subject of this sketch was spent on a farm. He was married in Craig County, Virginia, December 7, 1840, to Miss Sarah Coldwell, daughter of John Coldwell. She was a native of Craig County, and was born in 1824. She died October 7, 1846. There is by this marriage one daughter, Mary W., (wife of Charles Oxie.) His second marriage occurred June 3, 1847, to Jemima Bowen, of Montgomery County, Virginia. In 1853 Mr. K. moved to Jefferson County, Iowa, where he lived three years, and in the spring of 1856 came to Gentry County, Missouri, and is numbered among the early settlers. During the first ten years of his residence in this county he made Albany his home, where he was engaged in the sawmill and lumber business, and in 1867 he moved on his farm in Jackson Township, which consists of over 600 acres of choice land, with excellent improvements. His apple and peach orchard contains choice varieties of fruits. Upon this place is a new dwelling, a credit to the township. Judge Kessler is extensively interested in the stock business, in which enterprise he has been very successful. His early education was limited, but being a close observer, and in his business intercourse with men he has acquired a large fund of information that gives him a prominent social position. In his political preferences he is a Democrat of the old school, and in 1876 he was selected by his party as a candidate for county judge, and elected by a large majority, and Gentry County never had a representative on the bench who reflected more credit for sterling honesty and good practical judgment in the administration of its affairs. His private life and public record are alike untarnished. His family by his second marriage consists of five children: Lewis M., who is extensively engaged in mining in Colorado, Amanda (now Mrs. Warren), George W. and Benjamin, in Colorado, and Jacob E., at home. One son, William H., was accidentally killed in Albany, October 22, 1863, when in his eleventh year.

J. E. KESSLER,

a son of Judge Jacob Kessler, was born in Albany, Missouri, October 10, 1857. He was raised in this county, and attended the common schools until fifteen years of age, when he went to Maysville, Missouri. He afterward entered the Stewartsville college, and in 1881-2 was a student at the Chapman & Moss Normal and Business College, of St. Joseph, Missouri. Mr. Kessler is a young man of studious habits, industrious and persevering, and having resided in this county all his life, is well acquainted with its citizens.

DAVID McALLASTER

was born in Tompkins County, New York, February 8, 1840 Benjamin R. McAllaster, his father, was born in the same county, and his mother, whose maiden name was Prudence Barger, was a native of Cayuga County, New York. David R. was raised a farmer, and was educated in the common schools of Tompkins County. He was there married, September 4, 1866, to Miss Ellen Birbeck, daughter of Robert and Susan Birbeck. She was born in Dutchess County, New York, April 29, 1847. After his marriage, Mr. McAllaster resided in New York one year, moving to Missouri in the spring of 1868, when he located in Jackson Township. He came upon his present farm, section 15, township 61, range 33, in the fall of 1869, and now has eighty acres of land, all improved, with a good house and a bearing orchard of 150 trees, and a variety of small fruits. In August, 1864, Mr. McAllaster enlisted in Company I, One Hundred and Seventy-ninth New York Infantry, and served until the close of the war. He participated in the capture of Petersburg and Richmond, and was in all the engagements of his regiment. Mr. and Mrs. McAllaster have five children: Benjamin R., born December 21, 1867; Jane E., born January 18, 1870; Harriet L., born October 12, 1872; Stephen B., born November 25, 1876, and Anna E., born February 18, 1881.

J. W. McCARTY,

of the firm of McCarty & Millan, general merchants, is a native of Ohio, and was born April 6, 1844. While an infant his parents removed to Missouri, in 1846, locating in Nodaway County. Here the father died three years later, and young McCarty was raised and educated with a Mr. E. A. Phillips, of Andrew County. At the age of twenty-one years he was employed as a salesman in Savannah, where he remained for six years, but afterwards purchased and improved a farm.

Concluding to embark in the mercantile business, Mr. McCarty located in this city in 1879. He is now doing a thriving trade, and the firm by their straightforward course have built up a good reputation. January 13, 1878, Mr. McC. was united in marriage to Miss Amanda Langford, a native of Andrew County, Missouri. They have one child, Amanda, born March 13, 1879.

ARCHIBALD R. MILLEN,

a pioneer of Gentry County, was born in Morgan County, Illinois, August 28, 1837. His father's name is John G. Millen, and his mother was formerly Ann Garton. He came with his parents to Missouri in 1854, and settled in Jackson Township, Gentry County, being among the first to settle here. John G. Millen lived for a number of years on the St. Joseph and Albany Stage Route, and kept what was known for some time as the Millen Station, and where the first post office of Jackson Township was located, with John G. Millen as postmaster. Archibald R. was raised on a farm, receiving a common school education. He was married in this county, September 22, 1864, to Miss Mary M. Cranor, daughter of Colonel Manlove Cranor. She was born in Indiana, April 2, 1841, but was raised in Gentry County. He has 640 acres of land, with some 600 acres fenced, fair improvements and a young orchard, his residence being in section 11, township 61, range 32. Mr. and Mrs. Millen have had four children, of whom there are three living: William Manlove, born November 17, 1865; John Holt, born February 25, 1868, and Ernest R., born March 7, 1880. Ellen A. was born April 8, 1871, and died August 2, 1880. Mr. and Mrs. M. are members of the Christian Church, and the former belongs to the United Workmen order.

S. P. ODENWELLER

was born in McDonough County, Illinois, August 22, 1852. Leonard Odenweller, his father, was born in Germany, and his mother, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Danley, was from Ohio. S. P. Odenweller spent his youth on a farm and in the blacksmith shop of his father. He was educated in the common schools. He was married in McDonough County, Illinois, to Miss V. L. Creel, daughter of Dr. D. M. and Mary E. Creel. She was a native of McDonough County. After his marriage Mr. O. was engaged in farming and stock raising some four years. In 1880 he sold out his farm and moved to Industry, in the same county. He came to Missouri in April of 1881, and purchased his present farm, his family following in the fall. He has eighty acres of land, with fair improvements, a good house and a young apple orchard, some

peaches and a variety of other fruits. Mr. and Mrs. O. have two children: Roy M., born August 14, 1878, and Leslie C., born April 7, 1881. Mr. Odenweller is a member of the Christian Church, and his wife of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. He resides on section 14, township 61, range 32.

HENRY PETERS,

a prominent farmer and stock raiser of Jackson Township, was born in Ripley County, Indiana, February 13, 1824. John Peters, his father, was born in Virginia, and his mother, whose maiden name was Sarah Cline, was a native of North Carolina. In 1831, the family moved from Ripley County, Indiana, to Illinois, and settled in Morgan County, which county was afterward divided, leaving them in Scott County. Henry Peters was raised on a farm, and is mostly self educated. He was married in Scott County, Illinois, September 27, 1846, to Miss Margaret Ann Shanklin, daughter of Richard Shanklin. She was born in Kentucky, November 28, 1827. After his marriage, he settled on a farm in Cass County, and was engaged in farming and stock raising for four years, when he moved to Scott County. In the fall of 1867 he came to Jackson Township, Gentry County, Missouri, and located on his present farm, where he has 280 acres of land, all fenced, with a fair house and improvements and a bearing orchard. He resides on section 24, township 61, range 33. He makes a specialty of handling and feeding stock. Mr. and Mrs. Peters have six children: Oliver C., Barbara A. (wife of G. L. Anderson), Sara J. (wife of H. F. Follett), John H., Clark S. and George F. In August, 1862, Mr. Peters enlisted in Company F., One Hundred and Twenty-Ninth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and served until he was discharged, January 19, 1865.

F. M. PITTSBARGAR,

proprietor of the Oakland House at King City, was born in Clinton County, Indiana, August 27, 1842. There his parents resided until 1856, when they removed to Gentry County, Missouri, and settled on the prairie where now is located the flourishing town of King City, they being the first to build a residence in the place. The father of F. M., Mr. John Pittsbargar, who was an excellent blacksmith, built a blacksmith shop and followed his trade in connection with farming. The subject of this sketch was engaged in agricultural pursuits until March, 1862, when he enlisted in the First Missouri Cavalry, with which regiment he served for three years, being honorably discharged at Warrensburg in 1865. He participated in the battle of Blue River, Mis-

southern, and several battles with General Price. The regiment was mostly employed during the war in fighting bushwhackers. After his discharge Mr. P. resumed farming, which he followed until 1881, then embarking in his present business. He keeps a good house and is receiving a liberal patronage. January 8, 1866, Mr. Pittsenbargar was married to Miss Sarah F. Scoville, a native of this county. They have had six children, two of whom survive: John A. and Charles A. Four are deceased: Charlotte, Mary, Burr N. and Rosa.

C. S. PURVIANCE,

post master and dealer in books and stationery, was born in Jefferson County, Ohio, August 27, 1851. In 1858 he accompanied his parents to Sangamon County, Illinois, and, in 1865, to this county, where his father, Mr. George W. Purviance, became engaged in agricultural pursuits. The subject of this sketch was brought up on a farm, and received a good common school education. He followed agricultural pursuits until 1874, when he embarked in the general merchandise business, in partnership with J. K. Wheeler, now of the firm of D. M. Black & Co. In 1876 he was appointed post master of King City, and in July, 1880, he withdrew from the mercantile trade for the purpose of devoting his attention to the discharge of his official duties and the conducting of a stationery store. Mr. Purviance is a cautious business man, prompt and energetic, but very reliable. August 20, 1870, he was united in marriage with Miss Margaret E. Wood, daughter of C. K. Wood, of this place. They have had a family of five children; three of whom survive: Ira M., George B. and J. Melville. Two are deceased, Cora Alice and Arthur F.

C. L. RARDIN,

of the firm of C. L. Rardin & Son, manufacturers of, and dealers in harness and saddles, is a native of Fountain County, Indiana, where he was born October 13, 1833. He was there raised and educated, attending for a time the private schools. In 1856, he removed to Knox County, Illinois, where he followed agricultural pursuits until 1872, at which time he came to this county. He was engaged in improving a farm, three and a-half miles northwest of King City, until January, 1880, when he embarked in his present business, which since that time has gradually increased, until he is now having a trade second to none in this vicinity. He thoroughly understands his calling, and richly merits the success which has crowned his labors. September 29, 1854, Mr. Rardin was married to Miss Mary E. Milam, a native of Indiana. Their family consists of nine children: Zachariah, William D., John N., Henry L., Milo

M., Alice, Clara May, Viola and Charles. Mr. Rardin owns two fine farms in this county, one about three miles from King City, containing 200 acres, and another of 80 acres, adjoining the town. He also has 20 acres of timber.

WILLIAM L. RARDIN

was born in Knox County, Illinois, December 9, 1857. His parents, C. L. and Mary E. (Milam) Rardin, were natives of Indiana. In the spring of 1872 the family moved to Missouri and located in Jackson Township, Gentry County. The youth of William L. was passed on a farm, he receiving a common school education; he also attended the Stewartsville high school for two terms. Mr. Rardin was married in Gentry County, in September, 1879, to Miss Mary Belle Taylor, daughter of J. N. Taylor, of King City. She was born in Gentry County, Missouri, November 16, 1859. After his marriage Mr. R. settled on the old home place and engaged in farming and stock raising. This farm consists of 200 acres of land, all fenced and fairly improved, with a young bearing orchard of 400 apple trees, and a variety of other fruits. He resides on section 18, township 61, range 32.

O. A. RUSK,

real estate dealer, is one of the representative business men of King City. He was born in Knox County, Ohio, on the 10th day of January, 1839. In 1846 he was taken by his parents to Warren County, Illinois, where he was reared and educated, his time being divided between attending school and working on a farm and for several years he made agricultural pursuits his chosen occupation. In 1866 he removed to Fulton County, Illinois, and thence to Montgomery County, Iowa, where he owned a farm of 240 acres. In August, 1880, he identified himself with the interests of King City and engaged in his present business, and no one has contributed more to the reputation and good name of the town. He has manifested a commendable public spiritedness in his efforts to stimulate building enterprises, and his private residence is an ornament to the town as well as a model of taste and comfort. The Methodist Church, of which he is an active and consistent member, is largely indebted to him for their neat and commodious house of worship. He is intensely interested in educational matters and the temperance cause finds in him a sincere and able advocate of its principles. In fact, anything calculated to be of permanent benefit to the city as well as of interest to the county, receives his hearty support. Mr. Rusk was married on the 5th day of July, 1871, to Miss

Melissa M. Spencer, of Fulton County, Illinois. The family of Mr. R. consists of four children: James A., Charles E., Amy and an infant daughter.

EPHRAIM W. SALISBURY,

farmer and stock dealer, was born in Delaware (now Morrow) County, Ohio, March 2, 1836. Ira Salisbury, his father, was born in Rhode Island, but was raised in Ohio, and his mother, whose maiden name was Hannah James, was also from Ohio. The subject of this sketch was raised on a farm in Morrow County, and was educated in the common schools. He was there married, November 22, 1857, to Miss Elizabeth S. Fellows, daughter of Christian Fellows. She was born in Greene County, Pennsylvania, August 23, 1835. After his marriage he settled on a farm in Morrow County, where he resided until the spring of 1873, when he moved to Missouri. He located on his present farm in the spring of 1874, and is the owner of 314 acres of land, with 300 acres fenced, a good house and improvements, and a fine orchard of 400 bearing apple trees, and a nice variety of other fruits. He resides on section 21, township 61, range 32. Mr. and Mrs. Salisbury have six children: Elzy B., born February 13, 1859; Hannah E. (wife of John Vanderveer), born June 23, 1860; William S., born March 19, 1862; Sarah M., born November 4, 1863; Dina M., born September 28, 1865, and Mary M., born May 8, 1872.

JAMES S. SCOTT,

general merchant and manufacturer of boots and shoes, is a native of Union County, Ohio, and was born May 24, 1832. His father was born on the Atlantic, and his mother in Old Fort Hamilton, Ohio. She was a full cousin of Robert Fulton. Her maiden name was Hayes, and she was of the same family as ex-President R. B. Hayes. James passed his youth and was educated in Union County, Ohio. After his school days were passed, he learned the carpenter's trade, and followed building principally for twenty-eight years. In 1855, he came westward, spending a part of his time in Illinois, Indiana and Minnesota, and in 1859, he went to Lawrence, Kansas. After witnessing the exciting events of that period, in the fall of 1861, he returned to Illinois, where he was married. He then again went to Kansas, and in 1865, to Kansas City, where he was extensively engaged in building until 1871, at which time he settled in DeKalb County. Mr. Scott was here interested in farming and stock raising, and in 1880, he removed to King City, where he established his present business. On the 29th of March, 1861, he was united

in marriage to Miss Charlotte Hammer, a native of Illinois. She died January 13, 1882, leaving but one daughter living, Mary, who remains with her father, and whose brave efforts to lighten his irreparable loss are most commendable. Mr. Scott has lost two children, George and Louie. He was among the first to ally himself with the Republican party, and has ever been one of its staunch supporters. He was an intimate friend of the lamented Abraham Lincoln.

NORMAN C. SHULTZ

was born in Somerset County, Pennsylvania, January 26, 1846. Michael L. Shultz his father, and his mother, whose maiden name was Anna A. Knable, were also natives of Pennsylvania. In 1846 the family moved to Indiana, and settled in Clinton County. The subject of this sketch was raised on a farm, and was educated at the public schools, supplemented with twelve months attendance at the Kokomo Normal School and Hartsville University. In the spring of 1866 he commenced learning the carpenter trade, which he followed during the summer for three years, teaching during fall and winter months. He was married in Howard County, Indiana, August 13, 1868, to Miss Nancy E. Bishop, daughter of Ira Bishop. She was born in Rush County, Indiana, January 11, 1848. In the fall of 1869, Mr. Shultz moved to Missouri, and located on his present farm in Gentry County. He has ninety-four acres of land all fenced, with a good house, barn and bearing orchard, and resides on section 29, township 61, range 32. In February, 1865, he enlisted and served seven months during the war of the rebellion, in Company H, One Hundred and Sixty-Third Indiana Infantry. He is Republican in politics and was appointed justice of the peace to fill a vacancy, in May, 1876, and was nominated by his party and elected to the same position at the two successive general elections. Since coming to Missouri, Mr. Shultz has devoted his time during the fall and winter months with the exception of the last four winters, to teaching. He and his wife have five children: Henry Otis, born May 28, 1869; William E., born August 24, 1871; Charles L., born October 21, 1873; John L., born March 29, 1876, and Laura B., born May 17, 1878.

C. L. SMITH, M. D.,

a prominent physician of King City, was born in Northampton County, Pennsylvania, September 27, 1857. His parents were natives of Pennsylvania, his father being of English descent, and his mother of German ancestry. The subject of this memoir grew to manhood and received

his education in the state of his birth. In 1877 he went to Union County, Ohio, there remaining for one year. He subsequently traveled through Kansas, and in 1879 went to St. Joseph, Missouri, where he commenced the study of medicine, which he had resolved upon as his future profession, under Drs. Craig and Christopher of that city. He attended lectures at the St. Joseph Hospital Medical College, from which institution he was graduated on February 27, 1882. He immediately thereafter came to King City, where he has since been engaged in the practice of his profession. Dr. Smith is a young man of great energy, a close student and is now laying the foundation for a brilliant future.

G. G. STROCK,

the popular editor and proprietor of the King City Chronicle, is a native of Rochester, Andrew County, Missouri, where he was born in 1853. His father, James F. Strock, was originally from Ohio, and in 1845 immigrated to the Platte Purchase. He purchased and located on a farm nine miles northeast of St. Joseph, when the subject of this sketch was quite young, and there the son was taught habits of industry which have adhered to him closely through life. During the winter seasons he was a student at the district schools. At the age of nineteen years he taught school for two terms, thereby securing means to enable him to attend a course of study in the high school, and also at a normal school. In 1875 Mr. Strock located in Savannah, where he spent two years in the study of law, at the end of that time receiving a license to practice in the courts of the state, from Judge Henry S. Kelley, one of the ablest jurists and closest examiners in the state. In 1877 he was offered a position on the editorial staff of the St. Joseph Gazette, which he accepted. He commenced without experience, but shrewdness and talent supplied the deficiency. He remained on the staff of the Gazette or Herald until he located in King City, in April, 1881, when he established the Chronicle. This paper now ranks high with the country press, and its growth has been something remarkable. The general appearance of the Chronicle, typographically, is a model of neatness and accuracy. The readable character of its contributions, its enterprise and efforts to keep supplied with the latest and most reliable news, are qualities that make it deservedly popular, and enable its proprietor to demonstrate that a journal worthy of support will be maintained by an appreciative constituency. Mr. Strock's editorials are plain, direct and candid, dealing in no glittering generalities, and hence carry weight and are influential with the readers, who are never left in

doubt as to what is meant. In politics he has always been liberal in his views, caring more for men than parties.

J. N. TAYLOR,

stock dealer, and proprietor of the livery stable, was born in Harrison County, Kentucky, May 21, 1830, and when four years old he was taken by his parents to Scott County, Illinois, where he was raised. His father and grandfather were natives of Maryland. The subject of this sketch was reared as a farmer, which occupation he followed in Illinois until 1856, when he came to Missouri, locating in Andrew County. Two years later he settled in Gentry County, and upon entering his 320 acres here there were but two houses between Grand River and Union Star, a distance of about thirty miles. He resumed the occupation of farming until 1879, when he entered into his present business, and in which he has since been extensively engaged. For fourteen years he suffered much from sickness. Mr. Taylor was married January 27, 1859, to Miss Ellender Sullens, a native of Illinois. They have four children: Mary B. (wife of William Rardin, of this county), William R., Lue Elma and Gertrude.

EPHRAIM TIMMONS

was born in Ross County, Ohio, May 16, 1837. Robert Timmons, his father, and also his mother (whose maiden name was Amelia Dennis), were born in Delaware. In 1854 the family moved to Illinois and located in Macon County, near Decatur, being among the early settlers of the county. The subject of this sketch was raised on a farm and educated in the common schools. He enlisted in the fall of 1862, in Company C, One Hundred and Sixteenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and served seven months during the war of the rebellion. He was discharged in 1863 for disability, after which he returned to Macon County. He was married, September 24, 1868, to Miss Sarah E. Mayers, daughter of William C. Mayers. She was born in Macon County, Illinois, June 11, 1847. Mr. and Mrs. Timmons have five children: Elsie, born December 3, 1871; Juliettie, born January 29, 1874; Florence, born August 13, 1876; William Lambert, born February 24, 1879, and an infant, born May 15, 1882. In 1876 Mr. Timmons moved to Missouri, and came on his present farm in 1878. He has 440 acres of land, with 400 acres fenced, a good new house, and a young orchard of 150 apple trees and a nice variety of other fruits. This place is located in section 25, township 51, range 32. Mr. Timmons is extensively engaged in the sheep business, and has 1,600 head of good graded sheep. He is probably the largest sheep raiser in the township, if not in the county.

J. T. TIMMONS.

stock dealer, was born in Ross County, Ohio, May 24, 1841. His ancestors had removed from Delaware to Ohio in an early day, being among the first settlers of the latter state. Young Timmons was reared and educated principally in his native state. In 1854, he removed with his parents to Macon County, Illinois, where he became extensively engaged in raising and dealing in stock until March, 1878. At that time Mr. Timmons came to King City, and becoming pleased with the prospect, invested quite largely in some of the choicest land of this justly celebrated prairie. In connection with his brother, E. Timmons, he owns 850 acres, besides considerable land in Kansas, on which is kept their extensive stock of cattle and sheep. Mr. T. ships a great amount of stock, being one of the heaviest in this vicinity, and in this occupation he has become quite successful. He has been twice married: First, February 3, 1870, to Cynthia A. Rose, a native of Pickaway County, Ohio. She died July 21, 1870. His second marriage occurred October 6, 1874, to Miss Jennie Blackstone, a native of Ohio. She was reared in Shelby County, Illinois, where her father is very extensively engaged in farming and stock raising. Their family consists of three children: Lena L., Kate E. and Joseph H. Mr. Timmons is at present town trustee and school director. He is highly respected where he resided, and has done much for his adopted home.

GEORGE B. TOMLINSON,

was born in Noble County, Indiana, November 8, 1853. There he was reared until fourteen years of age, when he accompanied his parents westward by wagon. Upon reaching the beautiful prairie where King City is now located they decided to make it their future home, and accordingly opened a farm just west of and adjoining this city. The subject of this sketch labored on the farm until 1875, when he took a trip to Utah, there remaining until the fall of 1876, at which time he returned and became engaged in his present calling—that of contracting and building. Mr. Tomlinson's father was an expert wheelwright, and the son early had most excellent advantages in acquiring mechanical skill. The best buildings in this place bear evidence of his ability. Among these is the public school building, erected in 1881, and he is now engaged in working on the finest residence in King City. June 21, 1881, Miss Dora A. Bellmire, a native of this state, became his wife. Her father was born in Ohio, but in 1862 settled in Andrew County, Missouri, where he died in 1879.

W. S. TROTTER,

of the firm of Trotter & Miller, dealer in harness, saddles, etc., was born April 13, 1831, in Hendricks County, Indiana, where he spent his youth as a farmer boy, attending school during the winter months. In 1849 he went to Winnebago County, Wisconsin, where he made his home until 1856, then coming to DeKalb County, Missouri. In that locality he improved a farm of eighty acres, which he still owns. In the fall of 1880 Mr. Trotter removed to King City, where he has built a beautiful residence, his grounds including eighteen acres. In the fall of 1881 he established his present business, which, under his good management and strict attention, has slowly but surely increased. May 3, 1859, he was married to Miss Louisa Emeline Pittsenbargar, a daughter of John Pittsenbargar, one of the early settlers of this county. Their family consists of seven children: Laura B., Lavina C., John F., William A. J., Carl T., James H. and Maggie V.

GEORGE WARD,

cashier of the King City Bank, and notary public, is one of the most enterprising men in this city, and one foremost to engage in any work which would tend towards its improvement and growth. Mr. Ward was born on the 19th day of January, 1856, in the town of Liberty, Adams County, Illinois. He there passed his childhood days and early manhood, enjoying the privileges of a common school education. During his residence in that vicinity, he followed farming, until 1870, when he removed to Stewartsville, Missouri, where he engaged in farming, stock raising and stock shipping. In September, 1880, he took up his residence in King City, and soon after organized the bank of which he is now cashier, and in which he now owns a controlling interest, at that time the firm being J. H. and George Ward. On the 1st of April, 1882, Mr. J. H. Ward withdrew from the firm and established a bank at Bolckow. Since then, Mr. Chise Bland, of Darlington, Missouri, has purchased an interest in the bank. Mr. Ward was appointed treasurer of the city, when the city was first organized, and holds that position to the present time. He is also treasurer of the school board, and enjoys the confidence of the public generally. On August 17, 1882, he was married to Miss Luella J. Millen, of King City, Missouri, a most estimable lady. Perhaps no one person is more respected in any community than is Mr. W. Honest, above reproach, generous to a fault, he enjoys the esteem of all with whom he has business relations.

J. K. WHEELER,

of the firm of D. M. Black & Co., dealers in general merchandise, was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, December 21, 1851, and there was reared and received his education. Having a decided taste for mercantile pursuits, he early became engaged in that business. In 1868 he went to Atchison, Kansas, where he remained for about three years, then returning to Philadelphia. After living there until 1874 he made a trip to Colorado to see a sick brother, and then retraced his steps to his native home. The same year, 1874, he came to King City, Gentry County, Missouri, and entered into business under the firm name of Wheeler & Purviance. This was continued until 1880, when he purchased the interest of Mr. Purviance, and the same year sold a half interest in his establishment to D. M. Black. December 14, 1880, Mr. W. was married to Miss Katie Taylor, a lady of rare personal attractions. She was the daughter of G. P. Taylor, a prominent farmer and an early settler of this county. Mrs. Wheeler departed this life September 14, 1881.

EDWIN G. WINCHESTER,

another pioneer of Jackson Township, was born in Tolland County, Connecticut, April 1, 1827. John Winchester, his father, and also his mother, whose maiden name was Sophia Gurley, were born in that state. Edwin G. was raised on a farm and received a common school education. He was married in Tolland County, March 8, 1850, to Miss Laura P. Davis, daughter of E. D. and Mary Davis. She was born in Genessee County, New York, September 8, 1827. In 1855 Mr. Winchester moved to Missouri and settled in Jackson Township, Gentry County. He has a farm of 240 acres, all fenced, with a good house, barn and improvements, and 200 bearing apple trees and a variety of other fruits. He resides on section 8, township 61 and range 32. In January, 1862, the subject of this sketch enlisted in Company D, Fourth Missouri Cavalry, and served three years in the war. He participated in all the engagements of his regiment, which was employed in scouting and skirmishing, most of the time in the state. Mr. and Mrs. Winchester have four children: Henry D., Hattie A. (now Mrs. Phil. Adams), Ralph, and Frank. Mr. and Mrs. Winchester are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

C. K. WOOD,

retired farmer, was born in Knox County, East Tennessee, March 15, 1823. At the early age of eight years he was left to depend principally

upon his own resources, and live as best he might in working for a living. When fourteen years old he went to Carroll County, Indiana, following the work of a farm hand until he was seventeen years of age, when he learned the trade of blacksmith. This he continued in Camden until 1854, when he was obliged to go to Texas with his family, in order to regain if possible the shattered healths of himself and wife. Fortunately they were restored to perfect health, and lived prosperously in that country until 1862. Mr. Wood had been brought up to believe that the Democrat party was the only one to sustain, and was of this impression until 1861, but being a strong Union man, he would not join the Confederate army, and in consequence was imprisoned in Tyler, Texas, in 1862. After a time he succeeded in being released, and through the advice of friends, and also deeming discretion the better part of valor, he left with his family for the north February 22, 1863, and reached this county April 11, after enduring many hardships and privations. He then settled on the prairie adjoining this now prosperous little city, and was engaged in farming until 1880, when he retired from active labor. In 1864, Mr. Wood enlisted in Captain Kenyon's Company of the Missouri Militia, and contributed his full share towards restoring the county to its present peace and prosperity. April 18, 1849, he was married to Miss J. E. West, a native of Virginia. Their family consists of two children: Margaret E., wife of C. S. Purviance, present postmaster of King City, and Clement Franklin, now living at the homestead.

CLEMENT F. WOOD,

was born in Camden, Carroll County, Indiana, September 9, 1851. C. K. Wood, his father, was born in Knoxville, East Tennessee, and his mother, whose maiden name was Jane E. West, was a Virginian by birth. In 1854 the family moved from Carroll County to Texas and located in Grayson County, where C. K. was engaged in the woolen mill business. They lived here some nine years and then in the spring of 1863 came to Missouri, settling in Jackson Township, Gentry County. C. F. Wood spent his youth on a farm and was also a student of the common schools. In 1871 he commenced a course of study at the Lincoln University, in Logan County, Illinois, attending this institution for four years. He returned to Gentry County in April, 1875, and was married in King City, November 12, 1876, to Miss A. V. Weaver, daughter of Solomon and Lucy Weaver. She was born in Knox County, Ohio, June 10, 1856. After this he again settled on the home farm and engaged in farming and stock raising and is at present giving his attention to the dairy business. His farm consists of 344 acres of

land, with a good dwelling and barn and an excellent orchard of 350 bearing trees and a nice variety of other fruits. He resides on section 26, township 61, and range 33. Mr. and Mrs. Wood have one child, Orvill Vincent, born September 1, 1877. Mr. Wood is a member of the Masonic order.

W. J. WOODSIDE

is a native of Randolph County, Illinois, where he was born February 28, 1843. He was brought up and educated in the common schools of the county of his birth, and there followed agricultural pursuits until 1870, when he removed to Clay County, Kansas, where he entered a homestead. This he improved, and upon this farm, which he still owns, is a crop of 1000 bushels of fine peaches, as well as other fruits, including sixty cherry trees. In 1881 he leased his farm and moved to King City. Mr. Woodside is city marshal, street commissioner and collector. He owns six city lots, and is one of the representative men of the town. He was married December 24, 1863, to Miss Jennie Miller. The result of this union is two children living: John B. and Lillie B. The eldest son, William A., is deceased.



HOWARD TOWNSHIP.

HERMAN ALLEMAN,

farmer, carpenter and builder, section 29, was born in Wayne County, Ohio, in October, 1833. In 1850 his father moved to Marshall County, Indiana. Herman came to Owen County, Iowa, in 1855, and took a claim of 160 acres of land, on which he made some improvements, afterwards trading it. He learned the carpenter's trade when young, and has worked at it more or less through life, having built many first-class buildings. He received an excellent education, and has taught school several years, with great success. In 1865 he moved to this state and settled where Elenorah now is, and bought a third interest in the large sawmill and eighty acres of land. He helped to lay out the village, and Mr. A. named it Elenorah, after his partner's wife—Mrs. Daniel Lipe. The firm and owners were Mattill, Alleman & Schilds, they purchasing the mill and land of Daniel Lipe & Brother. During the year he owned it he built himself a house, and put up several other buildings. He sold

out his interest and bought a farm in Bogle Township, and in 1875 he exchanged it for the farm he now owns, consisting of 105 acres. With his fine improvements, no one has a more beautiful home. He married Miss Rachel Johnson, of Howard County, Iowa, in 1868. They have ten children: Wilber Homer, (married Martha Caroline Monger, daughter of James E. Monger, December 4, 1881), Royal Ernest, Oliver Eugene and Olive Eugenia (twins), Leonard Herman, Addie Belle, Nellie May, David Lorenzo, and John Florian. Upon his place Mr. Alleman has erected a beautiful residence, and now has as good a small farm as there is in the county. He is a Greenbacker in his political faith, and is one of those enterprising men who help to build up the country. He has the contract and is now (1882) building the new Cumberland Presbyterian Church, near Mr. Wayman's. As a mechanic, farmer and a valuable citizen, we find few superiors to Mr. Alleman.

SHELTON SMITH AUSTIN,

farmer, is the owner of 100 acres of land, his residence being on section 15. He was born in Kentucky, November 14, 1826. His father was Jonas Austin, and his mother was formerly Mary Loyd, both of Virginia. The former died in 1845, and the mother in 1832. In 1847, Shelton came to Missouri, and settled in Albany. In 1848 he moved to St. Joseph, remaining there until the spring of 1849, when he went with a company to California, being among the first who left the county. There he was engaged in mining until 1854, when he returned to Gentry County with a few hundred dollars. He rented land and worked for four or five years, and in 1862, he bought the farm where he now resides, and the most of which he has improved. He married Margaret Elizabeth Hill, November 5, 1854. She was the daughter of Harris Hill. Her mother before marriage was Miss Piety Burckett, born in North Carolina. They have ten children living: Mary Elizabeth, Amanda Jane, Martha Piety, Harris Slack, William Lee, John Calvin, McKinzy Burton, Rhoda Ellen, Cordelia Angeline and Cora Ann. Sarah Emeline died in 1874. Mr. A. is a Democrat in his political views, and religiously, a Baptist. He is a member of both the Masonic and Odd Fellow fraternities. He held the office of constable for six years, and was elected justice of the peace in 1878, which position he has since continued to fill. He has made a very capable justice, and whatever position he has filled he has discharged his duties in a manner above reproach. Mr. Austin has in every particular been the architect of his own fortune. On commencing life he was obliged to work his own way, and whatever of success has overtaken him, has been more than earned. He is one of the leading

men of his party, and his advice and counsel are sought for by all. He has taken a great interest in giving his children good chances for obtaining an education, and is prominent in all good works.

ALFRED BAXTER CAMPBELL,

son of Alfred Campbell, was born in Shelby County, Indiana, in April 1844, and with his father came to this state in 1845. After the death of his father, he and his brother, William Henry, grew up together, attending school and helping their mother. Upon reaching their majority they taught school and worked the farm, and have never divided their interests, having always been together in their enterprises. They bought their sister's interest in the old homestead, and now own a valuable farm. W. H. Campbell is now circuit clerk of Worth County, and owns a farm six miles from Grant City. They have accumulated a fine property, are well known in these counties, and are among the rising young men of this vicinity. Alfred B. married Miss Matilda Peery, September 15, 1867. She was a daughter of Robert Peery, of Tazewell County, Virginia, who was born in 1817, and came to this county in 1838. Mrs. C. was born July 8, 1848, in Harrison County. Her mother was formerly Sarah Jane Williams, of Virginia. They have six children living: Charles, Mary Louisa, Virginia E., Logan, Robert Lee and Porter. Politically, Mr. C. is a Democrat, and religiously a Baptist. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity. Alfred Campbell, the father of A. B., was a farmer by occupation. He was born in Bartholomew County, Indiana, November 11, 1818. His father was James Campbell, born in North Carolina, and his mother was formerly Martha Adams, of the same state. He was brought up on a farm, received a good common school education, and was there possessed of a well improved farm, which he sold and emigrated to Missouri in 1845. He settled on a farm entered from the government, and was married in March, 1839, to Mariah Blades, born August 3, 1821. She was the daughter of John Blades, of North Carolina, who was born on February 22, 1775, and died August 10, 1842. Her mother's maiden name was Elender Stucking, of South Carolina, born August 20, 1779, and died April, 1844. They have four children living: Charlotte (Mrs. Harmon Colvin), William H., who has been circuit clerk of Worth County for eight years; Albert Baxter and Virginia (Mrs. W. W. Wiley). One died in infancy. Mr. C. was a Democrat in politics, and his parents were Presbyterians. After living on his farm of 160 acres, in section 20, for four years, in 1849, when the gold fever was raging, he, in company with Samuel Colvin, John and Robert Patten, started for the gold fields of California.

being among the first to leave the county. After they had been on the plains for a month, Mr. Campbell and Robert Patten were taken sick with the cholera and died at nearly the same time. They were buried near Fort Laramie. Mrs. Campbell is a resolute woman, and she and the boys have managed to improve the farm left them. Mr. C. was one of the leading and best informed men of the times. He was justice of the peace during nearly all the time of his residence here. He usually taught school during the winter, and was among the first to teach in the township. He had formed a large acquaintance in the town and county, and his death was lamented by all.

JAMES LOGAN CANADAY,

farmer and proprietor of hotel, Freewater, was born in Casey County, Kentucky, June 29, 1823. In 1829 his father emigrated to Montgomery County, Illinois, and bought and improved a good farm near the county seat. James L. here grew up, having very limited educational advantages. In 1844 he came to this state and settled in Athens Township, where he made a claim. In 1849 he sold out and returned to his old home in Illinois, purchased property and was very successful. In 1864 he disposed of his interests there and again came to this county, buying a farm of 440 acres, which he improved and on which he remained for fourteen years. Selling it for quite an advance on the original sum, he purchased the farm he now owns, of 265 acres, in Huggins Township. He moved upon this place in 1878, and has built a fine dwelling, has good barns, two tenant houses, an orchard of choice fruit of fourteen acres, and excellent improvements. In February, 1882, he came to the city of Freewater, bought the new hotel, and is catering to the wants of the public in a very satisfactory manner. He rents his farm while living in Freewater. Mr. C. was married in Illinois, in 1841, to Miss Mary Huddleston. They have nine children living: Caleb Warren, James Riley, Edward, Hampton, Martha Jane (now Mrs. N. B. Snider), Sarah Elizabeth (now Mrs. Peter Summy), Mary T., Hattie H. and Kittie Clyde. They have lost five. John Warren, when two years old, fell over a fence and a rail falling upon him broke his neck; Viletta died at the age of nine years; William G. died when three years old; Robert Thomas was drowned when twenty-two years old. Mrs. Canaday died January 12, 1880. His second wife was Sarah Ann Canaday, whom he married June 20, 1880. Mr. C. has had a varied history. He started in life without a cent, and was married without the consent of his or his wife's parents, whose opposition was only on account of their age. Mrs. C. proved to be a remarkable woman, and succeed they did beyond their

most sanguine hopes. He professed religion when 17 years old, and joined the Baptist Church. He received a license to preach or exhort, and has been a faithful servant of his master since that time. Politically he is a Democrat, and he is a member of the Masonic fraternity. His grandfather, John Canaday, was born in Virginia, and was for seven years a soldier in the Revolution. His father was born in Virginia, in 1791, and served in the war of 1812. He died in 1847. His mother, formerly Elizabeth Sapp, was born in 1796. She died in January, 1880. Edward H., his son, carries the mail and owns the hack line to Albany. He is the proprietor of a livery stable, and is a worthy young man.

VINSON CARTER,

farmer, is the owner of 199 acres of land, his residence being on section 23. He was born in Tennessee, January 4, 1814, and in 1826, he removed with his father to Brown County, Indiana. He rented a farm for awhile and then entered eighty acres, which he improved. After becoming of age, he married Miss Patience Glendenning, February 28, 1839. She was born March 13, 1821. Her father was William Glendenning, who was born in Scotland, and her mother was formerly Martha Askins. They have nine children living: Elizabeth, (now Mrs. Wesley W. Mock); William G., Susannah, (now Mrs. Jackson Dye); Elijah, Albert, John Lewis, Martha, (now Mrs. William Clelland); Hiram Franklin, and Jane, who married Fillmore Needels. She died October 11, 1881, leaving two children, James Clelland and Carrie Bell. After disposing of his interests, Mr. Carter came to this county in October, 1841, and settled on the farm he now occupies. He took a claim and lived on it until it came into market, when he entered it, and to this he has added from time to time, until he has a choice farm. He commenced with very little means, and has so managed his business that his is one of the best farms in the township. He is possessed of those qualities of mind and heart which have made him everybody's friend, and is respected by all. He is a staunch Republican, and an active member of the M. E. Church. William G., his son, was in the army for three years, making a record of which he and his friends, as well as himself, may well feel proud. Elijah Carter, father of Vinson, came here in 1841, and settled on a farm adjoining Mr. Marr's, which he improved, and on it spent his days. He was married in Tennessee to Susannet Castle. They had fifteen children: Elizabeth, Vinson, Saletha, Jane, Nancy, Joseph, Katie, John, Sarah, Hiram, Susannah, Nathan, Martha, Lewis and Mary. Mr. C. died in 1858, and his wife in 1859. They were members of the M. E. Church.

ISAAC NEWTON CARSON, SR.,

a pioneer of Gentryville, was born in Virginia, October 11, 1800. In 1803 his father, Isaac Carson, moved to Scott County, Kentucky, and there engaged in farming and teaching school. He was sheriff of the county, constable, collector, etc. Isaac Newton went to school first to Alex Bradford at the "stamping ground," so called. In 1814 his father moved to Henry County, Kentucky, and in the fall of 1817 Isaac commenced to learn the tailors' trade at New Castle, of L. N. Ackers. After learning the trade, in the fall of 1818, he went to Woodford County with his employer and opened a shop, and in 1819 they went to Hopkinsville, also establishing a shop there. In the summer of 1820 he joined the Baptist Church. On October 10, 1821, he was taken sick 250 miles from home and remained ill all winter. In the spring of 1822 he regained his health and returned to the stamping ground and opened a shop for himself, this being his first start in life, and his future career, although varied, has been principally very successful. In that same fall he went to Henry County to work and on January 23, 1823, he married Netta L. Elston, who was born in 1801. She lived thirteen months, dying February 29, 1824. December 23, 1824, he married Nancy W. Force, who was born January 20, 1803. She died October 3, 1845, leaving four children: Martha A. M., born July 1, 1827. (She was married July 18, 1846, to Ellis Crouch. She died October 7, 1881, leaving twelve children.) William F., born September 19, 1829, was married September 8, 1853, to Miss N. Duncan. (He died January 11, 1863, leaving three children. Phineas H., born May 25, 1832. (He married Caroline Howell, November 13, 1856, and died October 17, 1880, in Colorado, leaving four children,) and Mary Jane, born February 22, 1836. (She married a Mr. Redmer in 1859 and died February 2, 1875, leaving four children.) Elizabeth was born October 30, 1825, and died February 20, 1834. In the fall of 1827 Mr. Carson went to Indianapolis, Indiana, working there for some months and in the spring he returned to Kentucky. In the spring of 1832 he moved to Westport and in the seasons of 1834-5 he followed boating on the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers. In 1836 he kept the Parkers Springs, near Bedford, Kentucky. In the fall of 1836 he moved to Sligo, Kentucky, and opened a general store and also a tailoring establishment. In October, 1843, he settled in Clinton County, Missouri, near Gay's Mills, now Gentryville, this county, and in 1849 started a store and hotel. December 25, 1847, he married Mrs. Mahala Howell, of Clinton County. She died July 3, 1881, and left one child, Isaac N. Carson, Jr. He was born May 27, 1850, was married May 26, 1870, to Lucy Duncan and has two sons and two daughters,

now in New Hampton. Mrs. Carson had two children by her former husband, John C. Howell, now the circuit judge of this district, and Caroline, who married P. H. Carson, who died in Colorado in October, 1881, and left four children, now living in Gentryville: Tipton, John, May and Lida. Isaac N. Carson, Jr., is his only child now living. He is a very successful merchant and keeps a hotel in New Hampton, Harrison County, Missouri, a few miles from Gentryville. He has fine property there and is a thorough business man and his father's home is with him. Thus we have traced the ups and downs of Mr. Carson's eventful life, which has been full of changes, trouble and disappointments, yet through all these he has been patient and faithful. He is now eighty-two years old and very active for one of his years. He has been the owner of several good farms and has saved a competency for his old age. He has assisted in building up eight towns and many churches, schools, etc., and has been for many years a popular hotel keeper. He was an Old Line Whig, but is now a Democrat. In his young days he was promoted in the militia of Kentucky from lieutenant to colonel of the regiment. In 1853 he moved from Gentryville, and in 1856 he returned and opened a hotel. In 1865 he went to New Castle, Gentry County, and bought a store and goods and in two days this was burned, causing a loss of \$3,000. In 1873 he again came to Gentryville, where he remained until 1877, when he went to live with his son. Mr. Carson has always been an exemplary citizen, has hosts of friends and is one of the very active working members of his church.

WILLIAM B. CASTER.

farmer and breeder of fine Short Horn cattle, Merino sheep and Berkshire and Poland China hogs, section 30, was born in Holmes County, Ohio, August 5, 1837, and in 1839 emigrated from there with his father, Sampson Caster, coming to Missouri in the spring of 1843, and settling in this county in 1844. The senior Caster entered 160 acres of land and improved it. He lived until February, 1882, when he died. William worked with his father until he was twenty-three years old, doing much to make their extensive improvements. In 1867 he bought the adjoining farm on the west, of 240 acres, and has placed it in excellent condition. He has built good and commodious barns, sheds, fine fences, planted orchards and fruit of all kinds, and erecting one of the most commodious dwellings in the county. His farm is among the best in Gentry County. He married Miss Minerva A. Stevens, daughter of W. H. and Louisa G. Stevens, October 23, 1862. She died November 30, 1870, leaving one child, James Alfred, who died January 6, 1876. His

second wife was Jennie E. Jones, whom he married September 27, 1871. Her father was Jacob Jones and her mother formerly Debora Miller. They have four children: Anna Lora, Eugene Ellsworth, Bessie D. and Charles S. In 1861, Mr. C. joined the Sixth Missouri State Militia, and served one year as lieutenant, then being promoted to captain. In February, 1863, he was elected county clerk to fill the vacancy of J. R. Cunningham. He served the term, and in the fall of 1864, he was elected to the same position for two years. He discharged the duties of the office to the satisfaction of all, and as a reward of his faithfulness was appointed his own successor three times, serving until 1870. In politics he is a Republican. He belongs to the Baptist Church, and is a prominent Odd Fellow. In 1870 he returned to his farm, built his beautiful residence, and in 1872 he moved again to Albany and rented the Missouri House, which he kept for six years. In 1878 he located on his old farm of 240 acres, where he is extensively engaged in agricultural pursuits. He is giving much attention to improving his stock, and has some of the finest Vermont Merino sheep to be found, and is constantly enlarging his flock. He keeps good Berkshire and Poland China hogs, and also deals in Short Horn Durham stock. Those who know him best know that whatever he sells can be relied on as recommended. Mr. Caster commenced life poor, and has managed his affairs so that few men stand higher in the estimation of the people of the county, and few have done better in business matters. He has served the county faithfully, and as a landlord he pleased all. He is full of enterprise, and has judgment to dictate. Sampson Caster, the father of James and William B. Caster, was born in Pennsylvania in April, 1805. Mrs. Caster was formerly Elizabeth Knowl, of Pennsylvania. They were married in Holmes County, Ohio, in 1827, and came to Missouri in 1842, stopping in Daviess County, and in the spring of 1844, came to this county and took a claim of 160 acres. This he entered from government, and perhaps his improvements were among the best in the county at that early day. His residence was noted for being a costly, elegant house, and is now a fine old fashioned mansion. Their family consisted of eight children: Jennie, James, Susannah, Mary Jane, William B., Delilia, George and Elizabeth. Mrs. Caster died in 1844, and he was again married to Miss Martha J. Ross. By this happy union they had two children, Amanda and John. Mr. Caster died February, 1882. He was a Republican in politics, and religiously a Baptist. He had very little means when he settled here, but few men worked to a better advantage in a new country. He was a great favorite in the community, and was always trying to do good. His large family of children have become some of the best citizens in the county. James, while one of our largest farmers and dealers in fine

stock, is an able preacher in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. The widow lives with her son John, on the old homestead, where she is enjoying the declining years of life, with her family about her.

REV. JAMES CASTER,

farmer, and dealer and breeder of Durham stock and Spanish Merino sheep, is the owner of 400 acres of land, and resides on section 27. He was born in Holmes County, Ohio, May 13, 1831. In 1842 the family moved to Daviess County, Missouri, and in the spring of 1844 they came to this county, settling on the old homestead in section 29, where they made a large farm. He married Miss Fannie Jane Wayman, daughter of Rev. John Wayman, in 1853. They had a family consisting of: William P., Sampson, George, Elizabeth, Amanda, Grant and Emma Jane. John N. died November 8, 1881, aged twenty-five years. He was one of the most promising young men in the community, a fine scholar and teacher, and one who was beloved by all for his manly character and many virtues. His death was mourned by the community generally. Mrs. Caster died June 24, 1868. His second wife was Mrs. Eliza Jane (Hine) Bigelow, whom he married April 26, 1869. They have two children, Elmer H. and Rachel. Mrs. Caster had one child by her first husband, Elizabeth L. (now Mrs. Benjamin Ray). Mr. Caster acquired an excellent education, and devoted several years in early life to study and teaching. In 1854 he joined the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and took a thorough theological course of study, and in 1860 was licensed to preach, being duly ordained in 1867. He has since devoted a portion of the time to the ministry, his large farm occupying much of his attention. He is an earnest worker in the cause of Christ, and an impressive speaker. In the fall of 1864 he bought fifty pure Spanish ewes from the Hammond stock, of Vermont, and has been increasing the flock with the purest blood, until now he has one of the finest herds of 900 sheep that can be found. He has sold 700 to many of our best farmers. In the spring of 1874 he bought a male and three heifers, all of the best record. He sold the male and bought his present one, a most costly animal, recorded in Vol. 17, A. H. B., Excell, No. 29,526. Afterwards he purchased two cows, also recorded in the American Herd Book. He has sold several yearlings—males—for from \$150 to \$175. Excell has taken several premiums, and is no doubt one of the finest animals in the state. Mr. C. was a very active and faithful Union man during the war. He organized a company for the state service, and was its captain, and did effective work to save the defenseless Union families from harm. He was appointed captain and adjutant

in the State Militia, and served in several capacities during the war. His house was burned, his property destroyed, his horses were stolen, and his loss was great. He discharged every duty honorably and in the spirit of true love for the Union. Mr. Caster has one of the finest fruit farms in the county, and is one of the best farmers and breeders. His land is remarkably well adapted for stock raising. He has a fine residence, good barns, and everything has an air of prosperity. He has an industrious family of children, all striving to make him happy. Mr. C. is a prominent Republican, and on account of his learning is qualified for any high position. His life has certainly been a success.

JAMES MADISON CHITTIM,

farmer and proprietor of the Siloam Springs, has 149 acres of land, and lives on section 10. He was born in Randolph County, North Carolina, January 20, 1826. He was brought up as a farmer, and in 1835, he came with his father to Hendricks County, Indiana, where they improved a farm from the heavy timber. In 1843, they sold out, came to Missouri, and settled in Greene County, bought and improved a farm, and in 1846, moved to Clinton County. Here they rented a farm, and in March, 1847, the father died. In October, 1856, James M. came to this place and bought 240 acres of land, where he now lives. He was married in January, 1847, to Miss Arminta Mahuldin Rogers, daughter of Lewis J. Rogers. There are nine children living by this union: Lewis Calvin, Mary E., George William, James M., Jr., Arminta M., Sarah Susan, Martha Ann, Missouri Jane and Eliza Alice. Mrs. Chittim died January 27, 1874. His second wife was Nancy Elizabeth McGill, whom he married April 26, 1876. She is the daughter of Francis McGill. They have one child Ida May. One died in infancy. His family are nearly all married, and he has helped them to farms. His farm, when all together, was called one of the best in the township, and was well improved. Mr. C. has been a hard working man, and has made his property by honest industry and economy. In 1860, he dug a well for stock and also used the water for the house. After using it for some time it was discovered that it colored dishes, tea and everything with which it came in contact. Consequently the well was abandoned and others dug. In 1874, all other wells dried up except the old one. It was cleaned out and was used for stock over the country. For fifteen years Mr. C. had been sorely afflicted with the rheumatism in his limbs. In the meantime some of the neighbors had visited the Excelsior Springs, and told him the water in his well had the same appearance, and as he was still a sufferer he was induced to try this water. One application at night drove the pain from

him, and he has since been perfectly free from pain. News of the cure spread rapidly and as he was so well known, no one doubted the truth of his assertion. The afflicted soon commenced visiting the well, and some most remarkable cures have been performed. Accommodations were necessary for the guests, and in May, 1881, a large hotel was completed, and a town has grown up which contains several stores, dwellings, &c. There has been a village platted out, and in it is a park of twenty acres. Hundreds of sick and afflicted attest the curable qualities of this water. Mr. C. is a Democrat and a very zealous member of the Baptist Church. He is a worthy man, the architect of his own fortune, and is well respected wherever known. The analysis of the Siloam Springs, as made by Wright & Merrill, of St. Louis, is as follows:

Specific gravity.....	100.23
Reaction neutral.....	Cubic inches per gallon.
Carbonic acid gas.....	26.
Carbonate calcium.....	37.921
Carbonate magnesia.....	7.041
Carbonate iron.....	32.86
Sulphate magnesia.....	9.179
Sulphate calcium.....	1.446
Chloride sodium.....	7.260
Silica.....	1.566
Alumina.....	0.016
Organic and volatile matter and loss.....	1.459
Total solids per gallon.....	67.174

WILLIAM PATTERSON CHILDERS,

proprietor of the Areola Springs, Freewater, was born in Jacksonville, Illinois, September 1, 1837. His father, Matthew Childers, was born in Knoxville, Tennessee. They came to Grundy County, Missouri, in 1841, and after two years to this county, settling in Lone Star, and being among the first settlers. W. P. Childers located on his present farm in 1881, being the forty acres on which Freewater is built. Previous to this he had lived in Nodaway County for several years. In February, 1871, he discovered his mineral spring, and upon sending the water to Wright & Merrill, of St. Louis, for analysis, it was found to contain the following ingredients: Specific gravity, 1.0021; carbolic acid, reaction alkaline, bicarbonate lime, carbonate magnesia, iron, chloride, silica, sodium, and organic matter. A second one, called the South Spring, afterwards found, and which was analyzed by W. & M., contains carbon-

ate lime, chloride magnesia, lime, sodium, silica, albuminia, and organic matter. These waters becoming so potent in the cure of diseases, many have flocked to them, and also to the Siloam Springs, which are situated in the same vicinity. Two fine towns have sprung up, with hotels, stores, etc. Mr. C. soon built a bath house, and prepared for the guests who have visited the spring, and numbers of very bad cases have been benefitted. He has sold lots and laid out a village, calling it Freewater. This contains a postoffice, hotel, livery stable, school, blacksmith shop, etc., and quite a number of residences, all built within a year. Mr. Childers was married to Miss Sarah E. Fitzhugh, daughter of Robert Fitzhugh, of this township, March 25, 1858. They have ten children living, Martha L. (now Mrs. James Ayres), William J., Anna, Robert, James, Mary, Addie, Commodore, Rhoda, and Lillie Roberta. Pruda Jane died in 1863. Mr. C. commenced here with barely enough money to buy his forty acres of land, and worked hard to improve it. Now the spring, the bath house, and the rise in property have given him a start and a constant business in attending to the numerous visitors. With good care and management he will establish the reputation of the spring and build up a fine town. Mr. C. is very energetic, endeavoring to do everything he can for the comfort of those with whom he comes in contact.

JUDGE RICHARD HAMMOND DAVIDSON,

farmer and ex-county judge, is the owner of 235 acres of land, and lives on section 9. He was born in Washington County, Pennsylvania, April 12, 1827. When two years old he moved with his father, John Davidson, to Richland County, Ohio, where he was raised on a farm, obtaining his education at home by his own efforts. He learned the carpenter's trade, at which he worked for fifteen years, and in 1852 he went to California, laboring in the mines, and also at his trade. He was gone about twenty-seven months, when he returned, having enough to give him a good start. In 1854 he moved into Eaton County, Michigan, bought a farm, improved it, and run a stage and mail route from Charlotte to Marshall. This was then an important route. After remaining there for ten years he sold out and moved to Iowa, entering a store. After buying and selling a farm, he finally embarked in freighting for a large company in Burlington, Iowa. In 1868 he came to Missouri and settled on the farm he now occupies. He has made fine improvements, and very few better farms can be found. In 1878 he was elected county judge, and served one term, to the great satisfaction of all. He married Miss Sophia Smalley, in the fall of 1848. She was the daughter of John and Elizabeth Smalley, of Ashland County, Ohio. They had five children: Reason,

Isaac, William Henry, Laura, (now Mrs. Harvey Williams), and Anna, (wife of John Souards). His son-in-law, Mr. Harvey Williams, was the contractor of the new Mud Creek bridge, near Judge Davidson's house, and in adjusting some timbers his foot slipped, letting the timber fall, killing him instantly. This was in 1880. He left a wife and two children to mourn his untimely death. The children are Walter Herbert and Lydia Jane, who, with their mother, are living with her father Judge D. Mrs. Davidson died in March, 1861. His second wife was Miss Lydia Louisa Buell, of Eaton County, Michigan, to whom he was married in 1863, in Mahaska County, Iowa. In politics the Judge is a Greenbacker. He belongs to the Methodist Church. He began life a poor boy, acquired a fair education himself, and now is a good business man. He has been engaged in different branches of business during life, but farming and building have been his life work. He is one of the solid, influential men of the County. Relying entirely upon his own judgment in his political opinions, independent in thought, he is a man of strict integrity, having the best wishes of all who know him. The Judge, morally and intellectually, is a man whom it would be well to pattern after.

WILLIAM B. ELLIOTT,

dealer in general merchandise, Siloam, was the son of Jesse D. and Sarah (Wilson) Elliott, the latter of Virginia. He was born in Bedford, Virginia, November 30, 1852. In 1855 he came to Missouri with his father, settling in Gentry County. William was brought up a farmer, and at the age of fifteen years he commenced clerking in Ellenorah, with L. C. Wilson, in whose employ he continued three years. He was with Whit Dawson one year, and also with his uncle, in Lone Star, for a year. At the age of twenty years he bought a store in Lone Star and did business for himself six years, when he sold out and rented a farm for three years. This enterprise proved a success, and in March, 1881, he came to what is now Siloam, being the first man to engage in business there. He has kept pace with the growth of the town, and is now having an excellent trade. August 6, 1875, he married Miss Cordelia C. Ralph, daughter of George S. Ralph, of Lone Star. They have two children; Robert Jesse, born in 1877, and Mary Addie, born in 1881. Mr. E. commenced life a poor boy, and has shown what energy and good management will do for those who are determined to succeed. He is full of enterprise and industry, and is a good business man, having in a large degree the confidence of the community. His influence has aided largely in building up the town.

CROCKETT P. GILLESPIE,

farmer and merchant, Ellenorah, the son of Thomas J. and Mariah Gillespie *nee* Perry, was born in Tazewell County, Virginia, April 19, 1830. He remained in that state until April, 1859, when he came to Missouri and settled in Gentry County, buying a farm near Lone Star, which he improved. There he resided until 1872, when he moved to this place and bought land, but previous to coming here he bought a one-half interest in the large saw mill in the place. This mill was built in 1858, and has sawed and supplied the lumber for building up Grant City and the country about here generally. Mr. G. is now doing a good business in the dry goods line, he having the only store in the place. He learned the blacksmith trade in youth, is a natural mechanic, runs a shop and has been the village blacksmith for many years. He married Miss Sarah Ann Crabtree, of Virginia, October 16, 1850. She was born April 18, 1830, and was the daughter of Thomas B. and Jane (Wynn) Crabtree. They have three children living: George Washington (who married Miss Charlotte M. Shaw), Oliver Columbus and Eliza Jane (now Mrs. George C. Smith). John Thomas died September 22, 1854, aged two years. In politics Mr. G. is a Democrat. He is now acting as justice of the peace, and has been for eight years. He is a member of the Masonic order. Mr. G. landed in Missouri with but \$1.25. He found himself almost shoeless and was so for some time. After much trouble he bought a set of tools and started the first blacksmith shop in Philander, where he worked for nine years, adding to his business a grocery store. This, on commencing, was very small, but increased to a good business. These were Philander's brightest days, and now the original town is a part of James Caster's farm. Mr. S. is well adapted for pioneer life, is resolute, ingenious, a man of mature judgment, and one whose opinion is valued by all about him. He is a good carpenter, and has built many good buildings—is a wagonmaker and shoemaker, and has supplied the wants of many early settlers in all branches. He is now carrying on his farm of seventy-seven acres, running a mill, shop and store, and is a valued citizen. He has a good house, surrounded with all the comforts of life. Mr. Gillespie is the brother of the present sheriff of the county. He is a popular man, and has many friends. His amiable wife still possesses that pride of character natural to all true Virginians, and by her kind and frank way, has called around many acquaintances.

JOHN GLENDENNING,

deceased, was the owner of 332 acres of land and lived on section 35. He was born in Brown County, Ohio, December 23, 1818. His father

was John Glendenning, of Virginia, and his mother was formerly Martha Askins, a native of Ohio. John came with his father to Rush County, Indiana, in 1825. He worked at home helping to clear up the farm until March 7, 1839, when he married Miss Nancy Carter, daughter of Elijah and Susannah (Castle) Carter. She was born in Campbell County, Tennessee, October 8, 1818. After his marriage Mr. G. bought forty acres of land and worked out until he paid for it. He also purchased two heifer calves, and paying for them with money obtained in catching furs. Upon starting for Missouri in 1841, he sold his forty acres, took an old wagon, a yoke of oxen and a horse. By this time the two calves had grown quite large. After a number of adventures incident to such a life he arrived here September 15, having twenty-five cents left, which he paid to get a letter from his father in the post office at Trenton, Gentry County, fifty miles from where he settled. He at once made a claim of forty acres, a part of the land where the homestead now stands, erected a rude shanty and commenced improving the place. When the land came into market he had sold stock enough to pay for it except five dollars, which was borrowed of a friend. As fast as he could gather up fifty dollars by work and little trades, selling stock, etc., he would enter an adjoining forty acres. This was continued until he became a large land owner. He soon had one of the best farms in the county and also became one of the best known citizens. Mr. and Mrs. G. had a family of nine children, but seven of whom grew up: Milton, (who married Julia Ann Crane); Daniel, (who married Hannah Crane; he died in November, 1866); William Henry, (married Lizzie Hollinsworth); Emily, (now Mrs. Alfred Stewart); Martha, (now Mrs. Zilia A. Dunlap); Elijah Joseph, (who married Eliza Leach); Minerva Catherine, (who married Arthur Stewart). She died October 7, 1874, leaving two children: Eddie May and Mary Jane. The grandmother, Mrs. Glendenning, has had the care of them since that time. Mr. Glendenning died June 7, 1876. The loss of no man in any community could be more deeply felt. His long and useful life, his kind disposition and exemplary morality in the neighborhood won for him the lasting friendship of all. His death was lamented and mourned by many. Mr. S. professed religion in 1839, and joined the M. E. Church. His zeal for the cause of religion was great, and his gift for proclaiming it to others made him a favorite in the church. Accordingly he was licensed to preach, in which calling his services became very acceptable. His children are nearly all members of the church. He was an active soldier in the Missouri Militia during the war. In politics he was a Republican.

THEODORE WELLINGTON GULICK,

publisher of the Mineral Avalanche, at Siloam Springs, is the son of Amos Gulick, of Virginia. His mother's maiden name was Mary Ann Pring, of Ohio. Theodore was born in Van Wert County, Ohio, March 5, 1852. He received a common school education, supplemented by an academic course of study. In 1871 he learned the printer's trade, in Versailles, Ohio, where he published the Versailles Independent. He has worked on the editorial staff of the Dayton Daily Democrat, and was once a reporter on the Washington Critic. In 1877 he came to this county and settled in Albany, first working on the papers of that city. He also worked on the Times, in Barnard, Nodaway County, which was the first paper published there. Coming to this place, he started the Avalanche August 25, 1881. Mr. Gulick has made it an interesting, spicy sheet, full of news, and is doing much to bring the Springs into notoriety. He is an able writer, his editorials being brief and to the point. He married Miss Allie Elam, daughter of William Elam, of Albany, October 17, 1878. They have one child, which was born July 26, 1879. Mr. G. is a Democrat in politics; religiously, he was brought up a Methodist.

CHRISTIAN HOOVER,

farmer, is the owner of 200 acres of land, on section 8. He was born in Baden, Germany, December 25, 1818, and in 1826 came to this country with his father, settling in Marion County, Ohio. The father entered eighty acres of land, and worked hard, and with the assistance of his oldest boys soon had a good home in the New World. In 1842 they came to Macon County, Illinois. The two sons, Christopher and Jacob, bought 240 acres of land and made valuable improvements, and also took care of their aged parents. In 1850 the senior Hoover died, and in 1879 his wife also departed this life at the residence of her son Jacob. In 1858, Mr. H. sold out in Macon County and moved to Clinton County, Iowa, where he remained until 1871. Then he came to Missouri and settled on the place where he now lives. He bought this land when it had but very few improvements, and has since made a valuable farm. He has built a fine dwelling, has a good orchard of apple and peach trees, and everything indicates the successful agriculturist. He married Mary Brennan, in Marion County, Ohio, in 1841. She was born in Canada. Her father was Barna Brennan, of Ohio. Her mother was formerly Sarah Slider. From this union there are seven children living: Deantha Jane (now Mrs. Edward Polley), William Seymour (who married Frances Polley), Sarah Ellie (now Mrs. Calvin Comer), James Nelson, Jacob

Chester, Eudora Alzina, and Edward Orvall. Mrs. Hoover died November 29, 1881. By her sudden and untimely death an affectionate husband and an intelligent and dutiful family of children have lost a kind and noble wife and mother. Mr. Hoover has been the architect of his own fortune, having risen to his present position by his own efforts. In politics his preferences are with the Greenbackers. He belongs to the Christian Church.

BARTLEY H. JONES,

farmer and stock raiser, section 7, the son of Matthew and Rachel G. Jones, the former of South Carolina, was born in Bedford County, East Tennessee, November 12, 1819. In 1829, he came to Perry County, Illinois, with his father, and made a claim of some land, improving a part of it. He married Betsy Ann Raymond, of Kentucky, in 1841. She died in 1861, leaving seven children: Pendleton Worthy, Martha Jane, Harriet Catharine, Elijah F., Aramatia, (who died in 1872,) Candis Delila, Rachel Elzina and Bentley Hopwood. In 1862, Mr. J. married for his second wife Miss Sarah P. Ford, of Kentucky. They have two children, James Chriswell and Sarah Rebecca. Mrs. Jones' father was John Ford, of South Carolina, and her mother was formerly Rebecca Enterkin, also of that state. They have eighteen grandchildren. Mr. J. purchased land in Perry County, Illinois, and improved it, but sold out in 1868, and came to Missouri, buying a tract of land where he now lives. This he cleared and made a farm, with fine buildings and good improvements. He owns 205 acres. Politically he is a Democrat. He is a member of the Masonic order. Few men in this community have struggled harder to obtain a start and make a home than Mr. Jones. He has raised a large family and settled them well in life. He has a wide acquaintance, has always been honorable in his dealings, and ever looks on the bright side of life. In his dealings and intercourse with the world he has endeavored to follow the golden rule.

LABAN MANCIL JONES,

farmer, section 15, was born in Perry County, Illinois, March 2, 1847, and with his grandfather, Laban Jones, came to Missouri, and settled near Denver, then in Gentry, but now Worth County, in 1859. In 1863 they all returned to Illinois. He married Mary Angeline Lemons, of Perry County, a daughter of Isaac A. Lemons, February 9, 1865. They have six children: Lydia Jane, Della Stacey, Ida May, William Isaac, Sarah Albatine and Mary Ethel. After his marriage, Mr. J. returned to Missouri and settled on the farm where he now lives, in 1869. He bought his first eighty acres of land from what he received from his

father's estate, and has made excellent improvements, adding more land to his original purchase, until now he has a fine farm of 190 acres, a good house and barn, orchard, and everything about to make home attractive and happy. His father went into the Mexican war, and was killed at the battle of Buena Vista. He had been a faithful and fearless soldier, had gone through with General Taylor, and nobly lost his life for his country. Mrs. Jones died in 1850, leaving Laban the only child. Mr. Jones is a Democrat in politics, and a member of the Baptist Church. In 1870 he joined the Masonic Lodge at Lone Star, and has become one of its most active and useful members. He has served as its master for seven years. His grandfather, Laban Jones, was a Royal Arch Mason in Illinois, and was obliged to go fifty miles to meet with his lodge in those pioneer days. Mr. L. M. Jones is a man who helps to build up and introduce good enterprises, and develop the resources of the community. He is a kind neighbor, and universally respected.

JAMES JUDSON KELLY, M. D.,

physician and surgeon at Siloam, was born in Knox County, Ohio, in 1838. He received a good education, and studied medicine with Dr. Russell, a celebrated physician of Mount Vernon, and a professor of surgery in Starling College of Columbus, Ohio. Dr. Russell, although an alopathic physician, advised Dr. Kelley to attend an eclectic school, and accordingly he entered the American Eclectic College, of Cincinnati, where he graduated with the highest honors of the class of 1861. In 1863 he attended a course of lectures and graduated from Starling College, at Columbus, Ohio, an alopathic school. He entered the Forty-Third Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry as contract surgeon, where he remained until November, 1865, when he received an honorable discharge at the close of the war. On his return, he commenced practicing in Union County, and after a few years of successful practice he moved to Allen County, Indiana, where he resided until he came to this county in 1875. Dr. K. was soon located for a few months at Lone Star, and then he went to Kansas and remained until his return to this place in the spring of 1882. The Dr.'s experience has been a checkered one. His study was thorough and his practice varied. His army experience, studying diseases in different states and under different forms, have given him advantages rarely attained otherwise. His reputation as a successful physician stands very high, and the citizens of this town are to be congratulated upon having him in the place. He married Miss Mary Catherine Pursell, February 21, 1859. She was the daughter of Thomas Pursell, of Mount Gilead, Morrow County, Ohio.

She died August 17, 1863, leaving two children, Charles E. and Lorena. His second wife was Julia Ann Cravens, whom he married July 29, 1875. She is the daughter of Dr. Cravens, of Ray County. They have two children, Elmer and Arthur H. The doctor is a Democrat in politics, and religiously favors the Baptist Church. He is an Odd Fellow.

CHARLES McNEESE,

the son of Gravenor and Mary (Bailes) McNeese, was born in Jefferson County, East Tennessee, August 8, 1818. At the age of sixteen years he and a younger brother left home and went to Kentucky, where, after two years the brother died. Three years later Charles returned home, but his father treating him so cruelly, after a few days spent in the neighborhood, he again went to Kentucky. He visited his father a third time and then concluded to leave home for good. In 1840 he came to Missouri and stopped in Clay and Clinton Counties for seven years, when he came to this county, in 1847, settling on the place where he has since remained. He located eighty acres of land, and worked out for several seasons at \$8 per month. After making some improvements on his land he sold out and bought forty acres adjoining the village. He married Jane Barnett, of Clay County, in 1843. She died in 1871, leaving one son, William M., who has since lived with his father. He was married when nineteen years old to Rhoda Colvin, who died in 1873. They had six children, all of whom died in infancy. In May, 1872, Charles McNeese was married in Greene County, Tennessee, to Miss Sarah McNeese. She died in May, 1873. Inside of eight years Mr. M. buried two wives, his son's wife, and five grandchildren, all in the McGee Cemetery. Both of his wives belonged to the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. For his present and third wife he married Mrs. Nancy Elizabeth (Stevens) Keyes, daughter of James Stevens, of Casey County, Kentucky, January 1, 1875. Her mother was formerly Nancy Dawson. Mr. McNeese has been one of the most prosperous men of the times. Being obliged from a boy to work for himself, he has made a good farm of 358 acres, and is fixed very independently. He is possessed of many peculiarities, but nevertheless is a good calculator, and a positive man, and his word is his obligation. Many stories are told of him and his eccentricities, and it is a pleasure to hear him talk, as he is a good conversationalist. In all the troubles and disappointments through which he has passed, he has felt that the supporting hand of Him who does all things well, has been with him and cared for him. In his business relations Mr. McNeese has the confidence of the entire community. He has added property to his original purchase from time to time until he has

become a large land owner; also owning some town property. He has long been a temperate man. His son married Julia Stewart Finley, in July, 1880. They have one child, Rhoda Jane. His father has given him a farm of 136 acres, and he is doing well.

JAMES MADISON MARRS.

farmer and stock feeder, is the owner of 230 acres of land, his home being on section 33. He was born in Clarke County, Indiana, June 10, 1816. His father, James Marrs, was a native of Tazewell County, Virginia, and his mother was formerly Nancy Cart, of Pennsylvania. James came to Missouri in October, 1839, and settled on the farm where he now lives, there making a claim of 160 acres and improving it. He was the first settler in this township, and his wife was the only white woman as far north as this then unbroken wilderness. When he arrived here he had \$400 in money, and his team. The balance of his now large possessions he has earned and saved. He married Miss Elizabeth Cammery, daughter of Lewis Cammery, of Edgar County, Illinois, April 12, 1838. Of this union there are five children living: Willis, a physician of Denver, Mary Jane, Sarah Ellen (now Mrs. David Jemison), Catharine (now Mrs. Frank Winn), and Octavia (wife of Levi Deaton). Mr. Marrs is a Democrat, and a zealous member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Mrs. Marrs died June 1, 1874. He lost four children: Lewis Milton, who died in 1868, aged twenty years; Simon B., who died in 1860, aged fifteen years, and two who died in infancy. Mr. M. has for many years been trustee of his school district. Having felt so much interest in the education of his own family, he has done much for the school from the first in selecting the best of teachers, and encouraging the cause in every honorable way. He has given his children excellent opportunities, which have been well improved. His son, Dr. Marrs, of Denver, became an excellent scholar, and seemed naturally inclined for the medical science, in which he has so soon gained an enviable reputation. Mr. M. is the only one now living of the settlers of 1839. As a citizen, a neighbor, an honest man, too much cannot be said of him. He is one of the real solid men of the county, and has seen the county grow from a few rude cabins, scattered here and there in the wilderness, to its present grandeur and beauty. Instead of the beautiful fields and meadows now roamed over by so many herds of cattle, horses, and sheep, and dotted with beautiful homes, he has seen the deer, the elk and the wolf, and the meager cabin, and Indian habitation. In the place of obtaining a letter from a neighboring postoffice, without means, he has traveled fifty miles and paid twenty-five cents

postage. Major James Marrs, father of the subject of this sketch, came here in April, 1840, and settled on a claim four miles west, on Grand River. His family came in the fall following. He was born in 1798, in Tazewell County, Virginia, and was married to Nancy Carr, of Pennsylvania, who was born February 12, 1790. They had seven children. Three only are now living: James M., William H. and Elijah C. Major Marrs was a great military man, being a fine drill master, and has commanded a regiment for many years, and also has been engaged to drill troops for different wars. He died August 24, 1859, and Mrs. M. died February 12, 1871, her birthday.

JOHN MONGER,

farmer and stock dealer, section 32, was born in Greene County, East Tennessee, April 10, 1816. He learned the blacksmith trade in youth, and has worked at it for the greater part of his life. In 1842, he came to Missouri and settled where he now lives. He borrowed the money to move of an uncle, thereby commencing in debt. He married Elizabeth Bond, daughter of John and Martha Bond, July 28, 1842. Her mother was Martha Odear, who died at her daughter's at the age of eighty-eight years. After being married Mr. and Mrs. M. started immediately for their new home in the west. They have six children living: Joseph Alexander, James Erastus, David Atchison, Albert Henry, Martha Elizabeth, Caroline, who married H. Davidson; he died December 11, 1881, and left one child, Anna L., both living at home with her father. The sons are all married and settled near home and doing well, all having been helped more or less to land by the father. Rinda died at the age of thirteen years, and Charles when one year old. Mr. M. early bought a claim and in due time had it improved, with a comfortable home. His improvements and additions have never ceased. He now has 500 acres of land, and has built a good residence where he lives. By hard and constant work he has saved a competency, raised a family of industrious children and assisted them to start in life. He is a staunch Republican and a member of the A. F. and A. M. During the war he was lieutenant in a company of Missouri State Militia, and was one of the most determined men for the right of the Union. He has the confidence of all who know him as a reliable, noble citizen, and is of unimpeachable character. He supposes that he is the first blacksmith who had a shop in the county, and his business was from all parts of the country. This was then Clinton County, and Plattsburg was the county seat, seventy miles away. He purchased with John Ross a hand mill for grinding their corn. His clothing was of buckskin, and for years skins of different kinds were used for clothing, caps, etc.

GEORGE W. NEEDELS,

farmer, and editor of the American Freeman, Albany, is the owner of 640 acres of land, and lives on section 28. His father, Alexander Needels, was born in Maryland in 1797, and died in 1878. His mother, formerly Elizabeth Cabbage, was a native of Kent County, Delaware, born in 1802. George was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, in October, 1825. He was brought up on a farm until nineteen years of age, when, in the spring of 1845, he came to Missouri and settled in Howard Township, then locating 200 acres of land, which is now a part of his large and valuable farm. He was very ambitious in his earlier years, and by laboring hard he soon had a farm which yielded him rich returns. He built good buildings, has a commanding residence, large barns and three fine orchards. On the place is sixteen miles of good rail fence, and altogether he has one of the most valuable farms of the county. He was married in Ohio, in 1847, to Miss Rebecca Throckmorton. Her father was Archibald Throckmorton, of New Jersey, and her mother was formerly Ruth Simpson. This wife died in March 1878, aged forty-nine years. She was the mother of eleven children, eight of whom are living: John W., Alexander B., Ruth E., William F., Elizabeth J., Wurtz S., George W., Jr., and Elmer C. Two died in infancy, and also William A. Ruth E., is now Mrs. George Caster, and Elizabeth J. is Mrs. N. Green. In 1859 he married his second wife, Miss Susan Jane Nicholson, of Bartholomew County, Indiana. Mr. N. took an active part in the rebellion, in raising militia and spending his time in many useful ways. He had great courage and decision of character, which he displayed under many trying circumstances. He was originally a Republican, but is now a leader in the American Reform party, and is a Free Methodist. In 1864 he was commissioned county judge, and served two years. His decisions always denoted good judgment and a sound knowledge of law. He was once quartermaster in the state service. He is now interested in the drug business with Mr. West, in Albany, and also owns considerable property in Albany. He is one of the editors and publishers of the American Freeman, of that city. The paper is for reform in all parts of the government; anti-Masonic, anti-secret society, anti-monopoly, etc., etc. Mr. Needels has been a very successful man in his business, has been a great reader, and a zealous Christian worker. He is outspoken, and what he believes to be right, he will advocate in the face of all opposition. He is conscientious in his opinions, and is one of the best of neighbors, obliging to all.

CLARK NOBLE,

farmer, etc., section 26, was born in Anderson County, Kentucky, in 1825. He moved with his father, William Noble, to Indiana, in 1830, and settled in Parke County, where he improved a farm, remaining upon it until eighteen years old. In 1842 he came to Missouri with his mother, formerly Hannah Miner, and settled in what is now Harrison County, living there until 1846, when he came to this county. His mother died in 1843. He located on his present farm in 1851, and made additions to it until his farm is among the best of the county, containing 161 acres. He married Miss Sarah Ann Morris, daughter of Robert Morris, of Pennsylvania, in 1849. Her mother was Isabel Crea, of Ohio. They have five children: Hannah Jane (now Mrs. D. H. Mount), John Franklin (who married Margaret Josephine Hatcher), Isabel Mary, Elizabeth Sarah and Lydia. Mr. Noble's grandfather was from England. His religious preferences are with the Methodist Episcopal Church. Politically he is a Republican. His children belong to the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. His father died in 1840, in Indiana, at eighty-nine years of age. Mr. Noble by perseverance and good management, has made an excellent competency: He is one of the reliable men of the county, has hosts of friends, attends to his own business and is successful. As a pioneer, he has passed through all the troubles and trials incident to such a life, and still loves a new country for the reason that the poor can make homes therein. He was in the state militia during the war, and was faithful to his trust.

ARCHIBALD ROSS,

farmer, etc., is the owner of 160 acres of land on section 28. He was born in Holmes County, Ohio, October 4, 1821. He received a good education for those early times and taught school for many terms. In 1843 he came to Missouri with his father, James Ross, who settled the farm where William Caster now lives. When the son commenced he entered land in Athens Township and improved it, subsequently sold it, and then in 1857 bought the farm where he now lives. He married Miss Pardine Rice, daughter of William Rice, of Kentucky, in 1845. They had six children: Angeline, (now Mrs. Charles H. Kent); James M., (who married Margaret Nobles); Sarah Ann, (now Mrs. Edmond D. Wayman); Mary Elizabeth, William Rice, Eva Alice, (now Mrs. James F. Moberly.) The children have all received a good education and have all been successful teachers except Alice. William Rice is a teacher by profession and is one of the fine scholarly young men of the county. As a teacher he is very thorough and successful. Mr. Ross has a good farm,

his residence is new, and everything about shows thrift and culture. His son, James M., works the farm, and is an intelligent, progressive young farmer. Mr. Ross is a real pioneer, has fought his way up from extreme poverty to an honorable position in society, and, with his noble companions, after suffering so many inconveniences and denying themselves of many comforts, are now living to enjoy what they worked so hard to save. Mr. R. served as justice of the peace in Athens and Howard Townships for fifteen years and was the first constable of the township. In whatever position he has been placed he has proved capable, and has discharged the duties understandingly. He is a Republican and an elder in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and enjoys the entire confidence of all who know him. The stepfather of Mrs. Ross was William Rice, her own father having died when she was a child. Her mother's maiden name was Sarah Pittsford, of Kentucky. She died in 1873, in Athens. Mr. Rice is now one of the pioneers of Athens Township. James Ross, father of the subject of this sketch, came here and improved his farm, and died in August, 1846, aged fifty-two years. He married Mary Darby, of Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, in 1816, and in 1817, they emigrated to Holmes County, Ohio. They had twelve children, and brought up ten: Martha (now Mrs. S. Caster); Hugh, Arch, Mary Ann, William, John F., Margaret, James J., Robert M. and Matilda. Mrs. James Ross died in June, 1882.

WILLIAM STEPHENSON,

(deceased) was the owner of 540 acres of land and lived on section 3. He was born in Kentucky, April 19, 1813. He came to Missouri with his father, John Stephenson, and settled in Clay County, in 1827, where he made a large farm, living there until his death. John Stephenson was born in Pennsylvania, in 1781. He was a local preacher of the M. E. faith, and his father was educated for a minister in England, but never preached. His desire was that John should preach, as he was his only son. He married Lina Bogan, May 13, 1802, and died November 19, 1864. Mrs. S. was born September 3, 1783. William Stephenson went to Buchanan County, Missouri, in 1835. That year he married Miss Mary Whitson, who died in February, 1841, leaving one child, Mary, who has always lived with an uncle, Terry Stephenson, of Clay County. She is unmarried. His second wife was Miss Lucinda Smith, whom he married September 12, 1844. Her father was John M. Smith, of Indiana, but a Kentuckian by birth. There are ten children now living of this marriage: Almira, Lina Ellen, Terry, James Howard, Alley Euphrates, George Harvey, Rachel Frances, William Lafayette, Margaret Lucinda

and Eveline Seralda. John, the second child, was born in 1847, and died in 1872. After living so many years in Buchanan County, and clearing a large farm, making extensive improvements, Mr. S. sold out and came to Gentry County in 1855, entering 320 acres of land. He made changes in buildings, fruit, &c., fixing an attractive old home, which will average with any in the county. He died March 10, 1882. James and George are living with their mother and working the farm. Margaret and Emeline also are with their mother. Mr. S. was a Democrat in politics and a member of the M. E. Church. A. E. Stephenson is receiving a good education, and has been for many years occupied in teaching. He is now at the Pea Ridge College of Arkansas, pursuing a regular collegiate course. Mr. S. was a man having his heart full of love and religion, and his head filled with kindness, wit and humor. He was honest in all his transactions, a friend to the needy, and one whom it was a delight to honor. In his death the county lost one of its best citizens, the family a kind husband and parent, and the vicinity one of their best neighbors.

SAMUEL STEWART,

farmer, has 200 acres of land in section 25. He was the fourth child in a family of eleven children, whose parents were natives of Kentucky, and was born in Highland County, Ohio, July 4, 1819. In 1827 his father moved to Scott County, Indiana. After living at home until of age, Samuel came to Missouri in 1854, and settled in Harrison County, entering 160 acres of land, which he improved. In 1861 he sold out and came to this county and bought the farm he now owns, which is in one of the most beautiful locations to be found, with a fine forest surrounding it, and a beautiful residence, and barns of the most substantial kind, fruit and every thing well arranged upon the place. As a farmer he is a success. He married Miss Mary Cummings, daughter of James Cummings, of Virginia, February 18, 1840. They have six children living: Alfred (who married Miss Emily Glendenning, Arthur (who married for his second wife Miss Belle Graft), Allen (who married Miss Hannah Crane), Martha (now Mrs. Albert Carter), Mary Alice and Ada Viola. They have lost five, who died in infancy. Albert enlisted in the First Missouri Cavalry at the age of twenty-one years, and died in the hospital in Warrensburg, Missouri. Andrew died in 1877, when twenty-two years old. Mr. Stewart enlisted in the First Missouri Cavalry in 1862, and served some two years, when he received a discharge for disability, and for which he has since received a pension. He is a stirring Republican and belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Stewart is a quiet, unassuming man, and takes greater pride in having a good farm

well improved, with home comforts and a happy family than in anything else. He commenced life very poor and has shown, what can be done by honest dealings, hard work and economy. He is, indeed, a representative citizen.

ALEXANDER CORNELIUS TOWNSEND,

merchant and postmaster at Lone Star, was born in Campbell County, Virginia, in 1841, and in 1855 he came with his stepfather, Peter H. Willson, to this state, settling in Howard Township, Gentry County. He received a common school education, and worked hard on the farm with his father until he was twenty-one years old, when he commenced clerking for C. R. Dawson, in Denver. After remaining in his employ for a year he went into business with Mr. Dawson at Smithton, Worth County, continuing therein for two years, when, in 1864, he came to this place, then Mount Vernon, and started the store under the same firm name. He built up a large trade, which he followed for ten years. Mr. T. then closed up with Mr. Dawson, and Dr. Stapleton bought an interest, and has since remained with him, doing a very satisfactory and profitable business. Mr. Townsend was in charge of the postoffice as deputy from the time he commenced business at Denver, and in 1876 he was appointed postmaster at Lone Star. He married Miss Sarah C. Mann, daughter of William Mann, of Indiana, January 3, 1863. They have three sons: Charles Manring, William Wesley and Georgia. Mr. T. worked hard when a boy, and started out with nothing at the age of twenty-one years, having only an honest heart and a determination to learn merchandising. He has gained the confidence of all, and has succeeded in building up a fine trade, and what is better, a reputation for business integrity and a high moral and christian character. His eldest son, Charles M., is an intelligent, capable young business man, and has been literally educated in the store. Mr. T. has met with some heavy losses through the dishonesty of evil men, but taking all together, he has made his life a grand success. Politically he is a Democrat, and a Baptist in his religious views. He is a very active member of the Lone Star Lodge of Masons.

HON. ROBERT WALKER,

farmer, merchant and proprietor of hotel at Siloam, is the owner of a farm of 260 acres in Allen Township, Worth County, where he lived for many years. He was born in Meade County, Kentucky, September 4, 1830, and was raised a farmer, obtaining his education by his own efforts. October 2, 1854, he came to Missouri and settled in Worth County,

bought some land, which he paid for by teaching school in Platte County one year. He subsequently went to work on the land, and after many hardships, incident to setting up in a new country with little or no means, by rigid economy, he found himself possessed of an excellent farm and a good home. December 31, 1854, he married Miss Leah Murphy, daughter of Paten Murphy, of Platte County. She died December 23, 1856. They had one child, who died in infancy. His second wife was Miss Mary Ann Smith, whom he married April 8, 1858. She was the daughter of Andrew J. Smith, of Harrison County. They have two sons; Charles Roberts and Lewis Emanuel. A third child died in infancy. Mr. Walker, in politics, is a Democrat; he is a member of the Baptist Church, and also belongs to the Masonic order. In 1874 he was elected a member of the Legislature, and served as such with distinction. Like most successful Western men, he commenced life poor, and fought his way from poverty and obscurity to influence and distinction. In his boyhood days he was troubled with a sciatic pain in his hip which disabled him for several years, but during that time he studied hard, and became a good scholar. He has nearly recovered from this trouble, and has done much hard work. He once started a store in Denver, Worth County, where he was in trade for several years, also having an interest in two other stores. After being elected to the legislature, in 1874, he sold his stores, and had nothing but his farm to attend to. In March, 1881, he became interested in property at Siloam Springs, built a large hotel, bath house, and store building. His sons are now conducting the store and doing a good business. In the spring of 1882 he left his farm in Worth County and moved to Siloam, where he is keeping the hotel, and also has the management of the bath house and springs. From the reputation these springs have already gained, he hopes to build up a still greater notoriety, and consequently increase the population of the town. Throughout his whole life Mr. W. has depended upon his own resources; has been honest and straightforward in his dealings, and at this time enjoys the esteem of all. He is no intriguing politician, but believes in the office seeking the man, and since his legislative days has become very conservative.

EVAN D. WILLIAMS,

deceased, was born in Tazewell County, Virginia, November 2, 1826, and in 1842 came to Missouri with his father, John C. Williams, settling on section 27, of this township, where he improved a good farm, and where his children were reared to habits of industry. Evan D. married Miss Sarah J. Dean, March, 1851. He immediately entered forty acres of the

land where his family now lives, went to work with a will, (he having scarcely anything to start with), made a small cabin and began in a very primitive way to keep house. Soon after they had a small farm and plenty of meat—venison and turkey. A bright future stimulated them to work and toil, and before long Mr. W. was able to add another forty acres, and so on until he had 200 acres of land. This constituted one of the finest places in the county, well improved, good buildings, etc. From this marriage there are six children living: John Powell (who married Miss Emma Peck), Harvey Peery (who married Miss Laura Davidson), Charles Wesley (who became a fine scholar, studied medicine first at home and then obtained books of Dr. Peery, of Albany, and finally took a regular course of study. He attended a course of lectures at the Hospital Medical College, St. Joseph, and in 1881 graduated at the St. Louis Medical College with the highest honors of the class), Marshall Samuel, Mary Varina and Benjamin Riley. Harvey Peery was killed while building the Mud Creek bridge, by the falling of a heavy stick of timber from a wagon, crushing his head instantly. Mr. Williams, the father, had been fitting the same stick of timber for the bridge, when his adz slipped and cut his knee; inflammation set in and pyæmia caused his death February 8, 1881. His suffering was great, yet he bore it with Christian fortitude. He was a zealous member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was a justice of the peace for many years and school commissioner. In his sudden and untimely death the community lost a valuable citizen, the church an honored and zealous member, and his widow and children a beloved husband and father. Marshall S. has for several years been a successful teacher. At the time of his father's sickness, he was called away from the State University, when he had nearly completed his first year, with the most flattering examination and encouragement, as his certificate so meritoriously shows. He intends to complete his course, which requires three years more. Miss Mary V. is a young lady of culture, and has been teaching with excellent success. The family now lives on section 21.

