

Chariton County, Missouri Biographies: 1896

ALONZO G. MASON

Alonzo G. MASON, subject of this sketch, and a gentleman whose entire career has been characterized by energy and sterling integrity, was born in Chester County, PA, June 28, 1850, the son of Lewis G. and Mariah (Randolph) Mason; the 4th of a family of 8 children, 5 of whom are still living. The father of our subject was born in Delaware in 1801 and in youth recieved the advantages of a good education, graduating at West Point. His death occurred Dec. 1888, his wife preceding him one year. Alonzo G. MASON was reared upon a farm and attended the public schools of the district. At an early age he learned the trade of a plasterer, a business he yet follows when not engaged in agricultural pursuits. In June, '71, Mr. M. bade his native state adieu and started west, landing at Huntsville upon the 15th, without means and a stranger in a strange land. A willingness to work, employment was soon found and to quote the language of Mr. Mason, "From that day to this, I have never seen a man who wanted to work couldn't get employment at some price." On March 8, 1883, our subject was united in marriage to Miss Lucy A., a daughter of Wm. H. and Frances (Harris) Lee. Wm H. Lee was born in Northumberland County, Va., Nov. 9, 1803 and came to Missouri in 1836. His death occurred Jan. 20, 1889. The union has been blessed of four children; namely Bessie L., 12, Dovie M., 11, Fannie R. 8, and Wm. L. now 3 years of age. For 8 years past our subject has resided near Pleasant Woods, Chariton County, engaged in farming and stock raising, meeting with gratifying results. Politically Mr. M. is an ardent supporter of the principles of the Democratic party, while religiously he is an active and consistent member of the Methodist Church. A man of energy, self reliance and earnest purpose, ever ready to aid in the local progress and material advancement of the best interests of his home neighborhood and locality, he is esteemed a true American citizen of sterling integrity and character.



CHARLES P. VANDIVER

Charles P. VANDIVER, a gentleman of untiring energy, industry and intelligence, who has made a success in life in a chosen line and contributed not a little to the progress and prosperity of his town and country was born near Fayette, Howard County, December 25, 1858. His parents, A. C. and Julia (HILL) Vandiver are both native Missourians, the father born in Marion and raised in Shelby county and the mother born and reared in Howard County. In 1864 Mr. and Mrs Vandiver moved to Chariton county, settling upon a farm between Salisbury and Keytesville, but soon afterwards located at the latter point. In youth, Charles P. recieved excellent educational training, finishing his education at the public schools of Keytesville in 1878. Five years later selecting newspaper journalism as a life's occupation, he accepted the position of local editor upon the Chariton Courier, then published at Keytesville by his father and brother-in-law, J. M. COLLINS. In 1889 our subject assumed a proprietary interest in the paper, which he held until 1892, when he became sole proprietor. His abilities as a writer and newspaper man are justly recognized and appreciated by a large majority of Chariton County citizens, and testified to by the liberal patronage and excellent standing his paper now enjoys in the county. Fearless, honest and conscientious in the support of those principles he believes right and just, he not only holds the high regard and esteem of his friends of the past but daily forms new associations, who appreciate him for his enterprise, true manhood and personal worth. On February 11, 1891, our subject was united in marriage to Mrs. Sally E. VAUGHN, of Carroll county, and a lady of culture, refinement and moral worth. Their home

in Keytesville is among the prettiest and most conveniently arranged cottage residences of the city. On Bridge Street Mr. Vandiver also owns a substantial brick business house, the front of the ground floor being used as a millinery establishment, and the rear for the mechanical department of his paper, the editorial rooms being located on the second floor. Socially, our subject is an honored member of the K. of P., Modern Woodsmen and I. O. F. Fraternities; while religiously he affiliates with the methodist church. Politically he was born and reared a democrat, and not only at the polls, but through the columns of his paper, ably and intelligently supports the principles of his party.



JEFFERSON D. BRUMMAL, M.D.

Jefferson D. BRUMMALL, M. D. Among the many professions worthy of the appreciative consideration of the public, none occupy a higher or more honored position in the estimation of the American people, than that of physician. In Chariton county may be found quite a number of worthy representatives of this profession, among whom none occupy a more exalted position or enjoy a more lucrative practice than the subject of this sketch. Dr. BRUMMALL was born in Chariton county, April 5, 1861. Spending his boyhood upon his father's farm, his opportunities for study were primarily in the district school, but later enjoyed the advantage of a high school course at Salisbury under the tutorship of Prof. O. ROOT, a very able and prominent educator. Having decided to enter the medical profession as a life occupation, in 1880 he entered the Missouri Medical College, of St. Louis, from which he graduated in 1882 with the degree of M. D. Returning home he hung out his shingle in Salisbury, Mo., from which time he has enjoyed a large and increased clientage. Always being enthusiastic in his profession and ambitious to master every branch of the healing art, he has taken a number of special courses in surgery and medicine, among others, being the post graduate course in the New York City Polytechnic Institute in 1892, and the St. Louis Post Graduate School of Medicine in 1896. While he has never failed to give his undivided attention to his profession, our subject has other interests, being the senior partner of the firm of Dr. J. D. BRUMMALL & Bro., proprietors of one of the finest drug establishments of the county, as well as other financial interests. On Dec. 1, 1892, he was united in marriage to Miss Alice. daughter of Judge J. B. HYDE, of Salisbury, an intellectual and cultured lady, who has borne him one child, a bright little son, named Clarence. Fraternally, Dr. Brummall is a worthy and enthusiastic member of Salisbury Lodge A.F. & A. M.; White Stone Royal Arch Chapter No. 57, and Knight Templar; also a member of Salisbury Lodge No 236 I.O.O.F., Cloudine Lodge No. 179, Knights of Pythias, and Knights of the Macabees, in all or most of which orders he has held many offices of honor and trust. Professionally he is a member of the County, No. Mo. District and State Medical Asssociations, also of the Mississippi and American Medical Association and holds a life membership in the State Pharmaceutical Association. Politically, he supports the principles of the democratic party, ever ready to contribute his aid in the advancement of those measures he believes right and just. Socially he is a pleasant and agreeable gentleman, a man of upright character, highly respected and esteemed by a large circle of acquaintances, while religiously he is an earnest and consistant member of the C. P. Church.



LEVI J. HARRIS

Levi J. HARRIS, a School teacher of recognized talent and ability and a gentleman of true worth and sterling integrity, was born October 22, 1870, one half mile south of Salisbury, Mo., His father, Oscar D. HARRIS, was born in Howard County, but moved to Chariton County when quite young. His death occurred January 28, 1895. His mother, whose maiden name was Phoebe C. WARHURST, still resides upon the family homestead, 4 miles southeast of the city of Salisbury, Mo. To the subject

of this sketch belongs the credit for the position he now enjoys in business and social relations, for it was through his own industry and perseverance that he has been able to gain whatever knowledge and influence he may possess. Mr. HARRIS finished his education at the Salisbury Academy under the tutorship of Prof. G. C. BRIGGS. Since then he spent his time in that noblest of professions, school teaching in which he has been eminently successful, having taught a number of schools in the county in which he gave perfect satisfaction.

On May 4, 1893, it was the happy fortune of our subject to be united in Marriage to Miss Arah LEE, a most worthy and industrious young lady and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Og LEE, prominent citizens of Chariton County. This union has proven a happy one and has been blessed by the birth of a bright little daughter, Mayne Edith, whose birth occurred November 28, 1894.

Five miles southeast of Salisbury our subject owns a nice little farm of 40 acres, upon which he resides and the revenue from which materially assists in providing the necessities and some luxuries of life. Mr. HARRIS is a young man of noble purposes and a high aim in life, enterprising and progressive and certainly has a bright future awaiting him. Politically he affiliates with the democratic party.



CHARLES W. SINGLETON

Charles W. SINGLETON, subject of this sketch, and a gentleman well and favorably known in the social and business circles of Chariton county was born in Grand River township, Livingston county, Mo., March 15, 1842, being the eldest of a family of eleven children, the offspring of Daniel and Elizabeth (MCDANIEL) SINGLETON. According to history our subject has the honor of being the first male child born in Grand River township. The birth of the father occurred in Rock Castle County, Kentucky, in 1815, but in 1830, with his parents, he moved to this state. The mother was a daughter of Absalom and Mary MCDANIEL and was born upon the old Wolfscale farm near Switzler's mill, this (Chariton) county. Charles W., our subject was brought up to a farmer's life and at an early age adopted this occupation as his life's employment. At the age of 26 years, he united in marriage to Miss Ann E. ANDERSON, a daughter of John and Elsby (REYBURN) ANDERSON, early settlers of Roanoke, Howard County, Mo. For twelve years following the marriage, our subject resided in the township of his birth, but on the 3d of March, 1880 he moved to this county, locating two and one half miles west of Salisbury, Mo., where he has since resided. To Mr. and Mrs. SINGLETON were born five children, four of whom are now living, as follows: John M., 27; Daniel R. 25; Katie J. now Mrs. J. A. CRAVENS, 23; and Jessie, 15 years of age. The death of Mrs. SINGLETON occurred October 15, 1894. The second marriage of our subject occurred Dec. 18, 1895, when he was united to Miss Louella COOLEY, of near Keytesville, this county. Tow and one half miles west of Salisbury, Mr. SINGLETON owns a neat, comfortable homestead in a good state of improvement and in excellent condition. His farm embraces 275 acres of land, viz: 140 acres in cultivation, northwest quarter 5-53-17 and 135 acres of pasture of northeast quarter 1-53-18.

Socially, our subject is an honored and consistent member of Salisbury Lodge, I.O.O.F., 236, while religiously, he affiliates with the Baptist church. Politically he was reared a democrat and has faithfully supported the principles of his party.



REMINISCENCES OF HON. CHARLES J. CABELL, DECEASED

At a reunion of old settlers of Chariton County, held during the progress of the Keytesville fair in 1877, Hon. Charles J. CABELL, deceased, read an interesting and instructive paper upon the early settlement of the county, from which we glean the following information: In October, 1818, Edward B. CABELL, father of the Hon. Charles J. CABELL, W. W. MONROE, and Daniel DUVALL, accompanied by their families, settled at the town of Chariton and united their destinies with the people of Chariton county. At that time the town of Chariton was the rival of St. Louis, and the home of good society and men of excellent literary attainments. James SAMPLE, who afterwards represented a district of Illinois in Congress for six years, conducted a large tannery on a small creek near by, while Mr. CLEMENTS operated a pottery in the same locality. Half a mile or more above the pottery was a distillery owned by the CAMERONS, while another was operated about a mile below the town. In 1819, Col. Joseph J. MONROE, grandfather of Hon. Charles J. CABELL, and a brother of the then President, located at Chariton. Among some of the most distinguished gentlemen who attended the early courts of Chariton county were Archibald and Hamilton R. GAMBLE, Judges MCGIRK, Wash. TOMPKINS, Ryland, Leonard, Gen. John B. CLARK, John WILSON and others.

In speaking of the people of the day, Mr. CABELL says no one was ever turned from their doors hungry; their doors were always open and they kept no locks. There was no law-breaking, no violence or rush for money-making beyond the wants judiciously indulged. They were a band of brothers having a common interest and home.

To relate here the various incidents in the lives of these pioneer settlers, the hardships and privations they endured and the grand achievements they accomplished under adverse circumstances, in transforming a howling wilderness, abounding with buffalos, bears, deer, panthers, wolves and wild turkeys, into a civilized, intellectual community, would make a work far more voluminous than our purpose to issue, nor would it accomplish the desired end of the publishers in presenting to the world the grand opportunities and possibilities afforded here to-day.



HENRY T. PHELPS

Henry T. PHELPS Apart from the worry and bustle of the city, peacefully pursuing the work of an agriculturist, surrounded by all the comforts and many of the luxuries of life calculated to make pleasant and enjoyable the days as they pass, our subject, who is a young man in the prime of life with bright promises of a successful future, occupies an enviable position in the social and business circles of Chariton County. His birth occurred on the farm where he now resides, four miles south of Salisbury, March 2, 1871, the second child of James R. and Annie L. (Snyder) PHELPS. The birth of his father occurred in this county, January 31, 1829, being a son of Thos. J. and Nancy PHELPS, natives of Madison County, Kentucky. His death occurred March 16, '83. The birth of his mother also occurred in this county, being a daughter of Michael Henry and Minerva SNYDER, the former a Virginian by birth and the latter a native of Howard County. Though reared upon a farm, our subject received good school advantages, finishing his education at the Salisbury Academy. Having attained his majority, he selected farming as his life's calling, which he has since successfully followed, owning 115 acres of the old homestead, section 24-53-17. In addition to looking after his farming and stock raising interests, our subject, has achieved no limited reputation as a breeder of fine bred poultry, his yards embracing many fine representatives of the Brown Leghorn, Plymouth Rock, and Partridge Cochins and Mammoth Bronze Turkeys. On March 16, 1892, Mr. Phelps was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth B., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. R. PATTERSON, of Salisbury, Mo. This union resulted in the birth of one child, Tulsie Laurine, a bright little girl, now

three years of age. Politically, our subject, was reared a democrat, the principles of which party he now loyally supports. Religiously he has pleasant relations with the Methodist Church.



JOHN M. MASON

John M. MASON, The present deputy Recorder of Chariton County was born four miles south of Salisbury, March 28, 1867, to Benjamin F. and Margaret Mason, who were the parents of eight children--seven boys and one girl--five of whom are still living. The father was born in Virginia and removed to Missouri about 1839 or 1840, and settled in this county where he married Margaret FREEMAN, a native of Chariton County. Our subject is a sturdy, industrious and intelligent young man who has strived to attain the position he now has, and has held since February 1892. He was reared on a farm and attended the public schools of the district for a number of years, but finished his education in the Salisbury Public Schools under Prof. L. B. COATES, after which he returned to farm life for a short time before taking up clerkship in the mercantile establishment of J. T. MASON, of Salisbury, where he remained for eighteen months. He then accepted the position of Deputy Recorder as above mentioned. On July 3, 1892 our subject was united in marriage to Miss Cordie PATTERSON, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. R. PATTERSON, who now live in Salisbury. The fruits of this union were two children--David B., deceased, and Howard M., who is now "a little streak of sunshine" in this most happy household. Socially, our subject is an esteemed member of the following secret societies, viz: Warren Lodge A. F. & A. M., Knights of Pythias, I.O.O.F., and K.O.T.M. of Keytesville, also a member of the Baptist Church. He is a staunch free silver democrat and having been raised up according to that doctrine he has never veered from his course of training.



FRED REPPENHAGEN

Fred REPPENHAGEN, a representative of that large class of citizens of German birth with whom Chariton county has been so richly favored and whose industry, enterprise, and frugality has proven so valuable in the building up and development of the county, was born in Schwerin, Mecklinburg, Germany, July 10, 1847. In 1856, accompanied by his parents, John and Anna REPPENHAGEN, our subject came to the United States, location in St. Clair County, Illinois, where he resided until the fall of 1870. John REPPENHAGEN, the father, was a farmer by occupation. In boyhood, Fred was given the advantage of a good school and at an early age learned the harness maker's trade. In August of 1868 he was united in marriage to Mary EMMERICH, daughter of C. L. and Annie EMMERICH, for many years prominent citizens of St. Clair County, Illinois. To Mr. and Mrs. REPPENHAGEN have been born seven children, six boys and one girl, all living, as follows: Charlie L; Fred J., Albert, Martin H., Ida L., Gus, and William W. It was two years after the marriage that our subject moved to this county, settling upon 160 acres of land, section 36-54-17, three and one half miles northwest of Salisbury, Mo., at that time a raw prairie, where he has since resided. At the present Mr. REPPENHAGEN owns 210 acres of land well worth \$75 an acre, also 80 acres of fine pasture land in the Chariton river bottom. Politically, our subject, has never taken a prominent and active part in political affairs as some others, yet by his influence he has contributed no small part to the work of the republican party, of which he has been a true and loyal supporter. During the late unpleasantness, our subject was an active participant, and in 1865 enlisted in the 149th volunteer, company D., of St. Clair county, Illinois. Socially, Mr. REPPENHAGEN is a member of the Knights of the Maccabees. Faithful and energetic in the discharge of his duty, honest in his conviction and just in his dealings, he is numbered among the leading and substantial citizens of the county.



WILLIAM L. ALLIN

William L. ALLIN. Numbered among the most energetic, self-reliant and enterprising young business men of Salisbury, Mo., in the prime of life and with a bright future awaiting him is the gentleman whose name heads this sketch. He was born near Renick, Randolph county, Mo., May 1, 1859 and is the son of Joseph ALLIN, now a prominent citizen of this city. The mother of our subject, who in her maidenhood was a Miss Cassie DAMERON, died when her son was a youth but seven years of age. The boyhood days of our subject, prior to attaining maturity, was more or less uneventful, being spent in securing an education and assisting his father in a grocery establishment at Huntsville, Mo. In 1880 he assumed the responsibilities of life for himself, engaging in the cattle business in Montana. Ten years later, (1890), growing weary of frontier life, our subject returned to Missouri and accepted a clerical position with his father, who in the meantime had engaged in the lumber business in Salisbury. A year later Mr. ALLIN engaged in the furniture business in this city and the success with which he has met and the patronage he has since enjoyed are his best recommendations for his excellent business ability and his personal adaptation to the occupation in which he is engaged. On the 27th day of Sept., 1893, it was the happy fortune of our subject to be united in marriage to Miss Don CRESON, one of Salisbury's fair and most worthy young ladies and the daughter of Mrs. Fannie CRESON, for many years a resident of this city. This union has been a happy one and has been blessed by the birth of a bright little daughter, now 21 months old. Socially Mr. ALLIN is a worthy member of the I.O.O.F., Knights of Pythias, Knights of the Maccabees and Knights of Equity, while politically he affiliates with the democratic party.



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