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Walter J. Wyan, of Bell Air, has been residing at that place for a number of years, and once was engaged in the same business in this city. Mr. Wyan is a native of Boonville, having been born here in 1815. Married in 1847, Mr. Wyan is the father of five children. In politics, Mr. Wyan is a Democrat, and, in religion, a Methodist.

Dr. Samuel H. Saunders, of Ottumville, was born in Kentucky in 1818, and is, therefore, seventy-two years old. He graduated in civil engineering at Georgetown, Kentucky, in 1834, but in 1847 commenced the practice of medicine. He is a strong Democrat and a zealous Mason, having been Grand Master of Missouri in 1858 and 1859. Dr. Saunders is the father of six children.

Joseph Meredith, of Pilot Grove, claims the credit of killing the last wild deer ever in Cooper county. Mr. M. is a native of Cooper county, and lived here as a farmer since that time. He was married in 1837 to Miss Rachel Leith, and is the father of five children, now living. Mr. Meredith has one hundred acres of fine farming land near the Grove. In religion, he is a Methodist.

Charles B. Neal, of Ottumville, is a native of Kentucky, where he was born in 1817, and from where he came to Cooper county in 1828. Mr. Neal has resided at his present home ever since that time, with the exception of a few years in California. He is in religion a Methodist, by occupation a farmer, and in politics a Democrat. He is fifty-eight years old and is the father of five children.

George W. Smith is the oldest settler of Ottumville township, having been born in 1792 in Albemarle county, Virginia. His father was a soldier under General Washington. Mr. Smith has been twice married. He came to Cooper county in Febru-

ary, 1820, and located at his present home. He has been a blacksmith and farmer. During the late civil war his home was military headquarters. Politically, Mr. S. is a Democrat.

John H. Stephens, of Bunceston, was born on the nineteenth of June, 1817, in this county, and has resided here since that time. He is known as one of the most prominent and highly respected citizens of the county. He is the father of four children, and owns a large and productive farm near Bunceston. In religion, Mr. Stephens is a Cumberland Presbyterian, and, in politics, a Democrat. He is a member of the Masonic order.

Judge J. M. McCutchen, of Pilot Grove, is one of our oldest and most respected citizens. Born in Logan county, Kentucky, in 1810, he received a common school education in that state and in Missouri. He was married in 1847 to Miss Fannie Tott, and is the father of nine children. Judge McCutchen owns a fine farm near Pilot Grove, well-improved. He has been public administrator, member of the legislature, and county judge, and all these offices he filled creditably. For many years he has been a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church. Judge McCutchen is sixty-nine years old.