

MERCER COUNTY.

Capt. H. J. Alley was born in Franklin County, Ind., May 29, 1833, and in childhood was taken by his parents to Madison County, Ill., where they resided four years. In 1846 they immigrated to Mercer County, Mo., locating at the present site of Marion. Here H. J. was reared upon the farm until the commencement of the war, when he enlisted in the Fifth Kansas Cavalry, and served about one year as second lieutenant of Company B, at the expiration of which time he resigned on account of poor health, and returned home. He afterward commanded Company I, Fourth Missouri Provisional Regiment, East Missouri Militia, about one year, and January 18, 1865, began to discharge the duties of sheriff of Mercer County, which office he filled four years. His education was principally received at the common schools of the county, but in early manhood he commenced the study of law, and after being admitted to the bar in 1868, he began the practice of his profession in March, 1869, which he has since continued in Princeton. For two years he served his county as prosecuting attorney. Margaret Ellen Brewer, a native of Illinois, became his wife in 1857, and died October 20, 1883. He afterward married Mrs. Lucy Price, *nee* Robertson, of Grundy County, Mo. The Captain is a Free Mason and a member of the G. A. R. The Alley family emigrated from England to Virginia during the early history of that State, and the paternal grandfather, Peter, was born in Russell County, of that State, participated in the War of 1812, and died in Chariton County, Mo. William, the father, was also a native of Russell County, Va., and born in 1809. When three years old he was taken by his parents to Franklin County, Ind., and in 1840 moved to Illinois, and from there to Missouri in 1846. He was a county judge and justice of the peace of Mercer County for many years, and died in 1873. His wife and the mother of our subject, Mary Alley, was a native of Virginia, the mother of five sons and three daughters, of whom the Captain is the eldest, and died in Mercer County in 1882. William H., a brother of our subject, was wounded at Helena during the war, and died from the effects in 1863. One sister is also dead.

James M. Alley, clerk of Mercer County, is a native of Mercer

County, and was born May 17, 1848. He is a son of William and Mary (Jones) Alley [see sketch of Capt. H. J. Alley], and was reared to manhood under the paternal roof. He received a common English education during his youth, and for some time resided upon a farm in Marion Township, and while there served four years as constable. In 1878 he was elected sheriff of Mercer County, and after a term of two years was re-elected, and served until 1882. In that year he was elected county clerk, and after discharging the duties of that office in a highly efficient manner during a term of four years was elected in the fall of 1886 for another term of four years. He has always been a staunch Republican in politics, and as such has been elected to the various positions of public trust he has so faithfully filled. December 19, 1869, he married Miss Margaret Girdner, of Mercer County. To Mr. and Mrs. Alley five children have been born: Gussie A., Lewis V., Joseph A., Charlie O., and an infant son. Mr. Alley is a member of the Encampment of the I. O. O. F., being V. G. of the subordinate lodge, and is also a member of the A. O. U. W., and justly recognized as one of Mercer County's reliable citizens and popular public officials.

William D. Alley was born in Franklin County, Ind., April 4, 1860, and having lost his father when nine months old accompanied his mother, two brothers and one sister to Mercer County, Mo., during his childhood. He lived upon a farm until about fifteen years old, during which time he received but a limited education. At that age he began to learn the carpenter's trade, which he followed five years. He was then employed as a clerk in a general store, and by strict attention to business, honesty, industry and economy he saved and accumulated enough money to enable him, in 1887, to embark in mercantile life for himself. He now carries a stock of goods valued at from \$2,000 to \$5,000, is meeting with well deserved success, and is recognized as one of the promising and energetic young merchants of his township. August 11, 1886, he was united in marriage with Lettie J. Lowrey, and to this union one son was born, August 25, 1887—Clifford William.

James P. Anderson was born May 8, 1835, in De Witt County, Ill. In 1853 he immigrated with his parents to Red Rock, Iowa, where with his father he engaged in the mercantile business, two years later going to Harrison County, Mo., where he again entered the mercantile business in Eagleville. In 1858 he built the Eagleville House, which he ran for seven years; then, in 1866, founded the Eagleville Nursery, which he successfully carried on for eleven years. Buying the

Princeton Mills he moved to Mercer County, in 1884, and built the Princeton Woolen Mills, which he still successfully runs. In 1887 he took out the old buhrs from the flouring-mill, and replaced them with the most modern system of rolls. Mr. Anderson devotes his entire attention at this time to the management of the factory and mills. Politically he is a Democrat, although during the war voted with the Republicans, never wavering in his devotion to the Union. He was captain of Company L, Fifty-seventh East Missouri Militia, and while in this service, in 1863, lost his right arm by accident. He was nominated by the Democratic party in 1886 for representative of Mercer County, but owing to the overwhelming Republican majorities in this county was defeated.

Hon. Joseph P. Bailey was born in Logan County, Va., February 8, 1834, and is a son of James and Delilah (Goare) Bailey, both of Virginia. Joseph P. was reared to manhood in his native State, and lived with his parents upon the farm until sixteen years of age. In 1858 he immigrated to Missouri, and settled in Goshen Prairie, in Mercer County. He removed to Harrison County in 1862, and engaged in mercantile pursuits at Cainesville. In the fall of 1876 he removed to Princeton, and continued engaged in mercantile life until last year, since which time he has devoted his time and attention to his farming interests, in connection with which he is largely interested in grain and stock dealing. He owns 500 acres of well-improved and cultivated land, and is considered one of the substantial and enterprising citizens of the county. In 1857 he married Sallie S. Dowd, a native of Greenbrier County, Va., by whom there are five living children—Edward B., Charles S., Lillian B. (wife of C. W. Fairley, of Colorado Springs), and Rose V. Mr. Bailey is a Democrat, and in 1882 was elected to represent Mercer County in the State Legislature, serving with honor and distinction in the Thirty-second General Assembly, and being chosen a member of several important committees in that body. While in Harrison County he was a member of the county court, and in his native county in Virginia served as county surveyor. He is a Master Mason, and a well-known and respected citizen.

Edward B. Bailey was born in Mercer County, Mo., October 14, 1859, and is a son of Joseph P. Bailey, of Princeton, by his marriage with Sarah S. Doud. Both parents were born in West Virginia. In 1858 the father immigrated to Missouri, and has resided in either Harrison or Mercer Counties ever since, engaged principally in mercantile business. For the last ten years he has lived in Princeton,

and eight years have been spent in business here. Edward B. spent a large portion of his youth in his father's store, and in 1883 engaged in the grocery business in Princeton, in which he has continued successfully up to the present time. At his store, on the northwest corner of the public square, he carries one of the largest and best selected stock of groceries in Princeton, and controls a large town and country trade. He is unmarried. In connection with his mercantile business he owns and manages a large farm of 520 acres in Medicine Township. He is a Democrat in politics, is a member of the Encampment of the I. O. O. F., and is considered one of Princeton's most enterprising and substantial young citizens.

Thomas Ballew is the eldest of thirteen children (five dead) born to William and Sarah (Oney) Ballew, and was born March 17, 1819. His parents were natives of Buckingham and Tazewell Counties, Va., respectively, and were married in the latter county where they afterward lived until 1831. In the fall of that year they immigrated to Morgan County, Ind., where the father entered a tract of land in the wilderness and cleared a farm. In the fall of 1840 he sought a more healthful home in Mercer County, Mo., and located upon some land six miles distant from the present site of Princeton. Here he engaged in farming until his death, in 1844, when he was but forty-seven years of age. The mother died at Princeton in 1884, having made her home with her children since the same had become grown. The father was an early settler of Mercer County, and one of its successful and most respected citizens. Himself and wife were worthy and conscientious members of the Baptist Church. Thomas Ballew received a common-school education while a lad, and at the age of eighteen began to care for himself, although he made his home with his parents until twenty-three years old. He then married Mary Ellis, daughter of William Hartman, and widow of Robert Ellis. She was born in 1820 in Blountville, Tenn., where she was first married, and came with her husband to Mercer County in 1841, where he shortly after died. To her marriage with Mr. Ballew three children were born, two of whom are deceased. Mrs. Ballew died October 5, 1847, and October 25, 1848, Mr. Ballew married Phebe, daughter of Elijah H. and Polly (Sutherlin) Crawford. This lady was born October 10, 1828, in Putnam County, Ind. Her parents were natives of Tennessee and Kentucky, and her father was a schoolmate of Davy Crockett. Her parents were early settlers of Putnam County, Ind., and Mercer County, Mo., having come to the latter State in 1846. The mother died upon their farm, six miles from Princeton, Mo., in 1851, and the father

afterward married and removed to Boone County, Iowa, where he died in 1882. To Mr. and Mrs. Ballew thirteen children were born of whom eleven are living: Dorcas, wife of George Norton; and a child of his first wife; Crawford; Sydney, wife of John Stewart; T. W.; Mildred, wife of Joseph Clodfelter; Webster; Squire; Millard; Lincoln; Sallie, wife of Joseph Branham; Wilmetta and Donia. After his first marriage and until his second Mr. Ballew lived upon a farm adjoining the old homestead. He then moved five miles east of Princeton, and six months later upon the old John Hart farm, five miles west of Princeton. In March, 1852, he moved permanently upon his present farm in Madison Township. He is one of the leading and wealthy farmers of the county, and owns 700 acres of land; 240 in the home place, which is nearly all cleared and under a good state of cultivation. He is an old, well-known and respected citizen of Mercer County, and a good example of a self-made man. He is Independent in politics, but previous to the war was a Whig, and cast his first presidential vote for Harrison in 1840. His wife and two daughters are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and his daughter by his first marriage belongs to the Christian Church. Mrs. Crawford's maternal grandmother, Lydia Franklin, was a first cousin of Dr. Benjamin Franklin, signer of the Declaration of Independence and the electrician, and her grandfather, Joseph Crawford, was his second cousin.

Andervill Booth was born in Cabell County, Va., in 1828, and is a son of Jonathan and Celia (Walker) Booth. His father was also a native of that county and born in 1805. In 1839 he immigrated to Mercer County, Mo., where he entered land and settled in Harrison Township. He afterward bought and sold various tracts in different counties, and at his death, February 9, 1887, resided at Burlington Junction, Nodaway County, Mo. He was of English descent, and an early settler of Northern Missouri. He was the owner of about 300 acres, and during the early history of Missouri served as justice of the peace a few years. He was a Whig during the days of that party, but afterward became a stanch Republican. His wife was of English and German descent, and a native of Virginia. She died March 12, 1865, aged fifty-six years, two months and twelve days. Andervill Booth is the eldest of five children born to his parents, and at the age of eleven came to Missouri, where he lived with his parents until past eighteen years of age. October 22, 1847, he married Mary Ann Robertson, daughter of Carter T. and Polly (Suseberry) Carter. Mrs. Booth was born in Breckinridge County, Ky., in 1831, and is the mother of the

following children: George W.; Lucy, wife of Ambrose Evans; Celia A., wife of Jeremiah Adkins; Thomas J.; David H.; James M.; Nancy J., wife of Samuel McBee; Leander M.; Rhoda L., wife of John W. Newton; Susan Alice, William J., Zerilda and Sallie. Since coming to Missouri Mr. Booth has always been a resident of Mercer County, and in 1853 he settled upon his present place which contains 365 acres, 218 acres being in Harrison County. He is a highly respected citizen of Mercer County, where he is naturally well known, and himself and family are active members of the Christian Church, of which he has been an elder for years. He is conservative in politics, and holds principles above party affiliations, but previous to the war was a Whig.

Rush Bowsher, proprietor of a livery, feed and sale stable, commenced business in 1866 in partnership with his brother, Robert, they being the owners of the first livery stable in Princeton. After being in business a year, from 1867 to 1869 was passed out of business, but they then resumed the same vocation, and the firm was known as Bowsher Bros. until 1879. Rush then bought his brother's interest, and, with the exception of six months during 1885, has since been the sole proprietor of the business. The present stable was erected in 1875 at a cost of \$2,200, and Mr. Bowsher now keeps from twelve to eighteen horses, six buggies, two carriages, one hack and three spring wagons, his stable being first-class in every respect. He strives to meet the wants of the traveling public, and meets all trains in every part of the town with his conveyances. He was born in Wyandot County, Ohio, in 1844, and is a son of George and Rebecca (Van Trump) Bowsher. The father was of German descent, and born in Pickaway County, Ohio, in 1810, where he resided until his death in 1878. The mother was of Holland-Dutch origin, born in Hardin County, Ohio, in 1812, and died in July, 1882, at Princeton, whither she had come in 1879. She was the mother of ten children, of whom Rush is the fifth. He was educated in his native State, and made his home with his parents, employed upon the farm, until twenty-one years of age. He then lived two years in Mercer County, Mo., after which he returned to Ohio. After a short time he again came to Princeton, and in 1886 re-embarked in the above described business. In October, 1872, he married Miss Rebecca A. Evans, who was born in Williams County, Ohio, in 1846. To this union three children were born: Fannie, deceased; Nellie and Carrie. Mrs. Bowsher died on October 15, 1878, and October 20, 1885, Mr. Bowsher was united in marriage with Elizabeth Moore, a native of Cass County, Mich.,

born in 1851. During the war he responded to the last call made for troops, and served six weeks in Company A, One Hundred and Ninety-eighth Ohio Volunteer Regiment. He is a staunch Republican in politics, and his first presidential vote was cast for U. S. Grant in 1868. In 1885 he was elected alderman of Princeton by his party, and served so efficiently that in 1887 he received a re-election.

Henry Clay Bowsher is a son of George and Rebecca (Van Trump) Bowsher, natives of Ohio, and was born in Wyandot County, Ohio, June 11, 1850. His father was an early settler of Ohio, and a successful farmer citizen, whose death occurred in 1882. The mother died in Princeton, Mo., in 1884, and was the mother of the following children: Robert, Emi, Rush, Emanuel, Henry Clay, Mariah (wife of Samuel Straw), Princess (deceased wife of William White). Two died in early childhood. Henry Clay was reared to manhood upon the farm in his native State, and during his youth received a good common-school education. He came to Missouri with his elder brother Robert, in 1869, and clerked nine years for Henry Cadle in the lumber business at Princetown. In 1879 he embarked in the grain business with Mr. Cadle, three years later adding agricultural implements to the business, and still later adding a general line of tinware, hardware, etc. Since 1884 Mr. Bowsher has been the sole proprietor of the above described business, and has met with good and well deserved success. He was united in marriage with Anna J. Collins, a native of Logan County, Ohio, by whom he has three children: Hortense, Angie and Eugenia. In politics Mr. Bowsher is a Republican, and in creed himself and wife are Baptists. He is a member of the A. O. U. W., and one of the respected citizens of the neighborhood in which he lives.

William J. Boyle was born in Linn County, Mo., August 11, 1842, and is a son of Stephen A. and Mary Ann (Wilkerson) Boyle. The father was born in Kentucky, in 1814, and accompanied his parents to Missouri, where they located upon a farm in Linn County. Here he was afterward married, and followed farming until about 1844, when he removed to Washington Township, Mercer Co., Mo., and settled upon a farm there. He is now a resident of Medicine Township, Mercer County. His wife was a native of Virginia, and died in Mercer County, Mo., in 1886. William J. lived with his father until he went to fight for his country in August, 1861. He then enlisted in the Second Missouri Cavalry, under Col. Merrill, and served until the fall of 1865, during which time he participated in several important battles, such as Brownsville, Ark.; Little Rock, Ark.; Independence, Mo., and several skirmishes. At the close of

the war he returned to his home in Mercer County. He was married January 28, 1866, to Nancy E. Hamilton, daughter of Pleasant Hamilton, a native of Illinois, but at present a farmer of Mercer County. This union was blessed with fourteen children, of whom twelve are living: Thomas S., James L., Samuel M., Joseph F., John F., Robert W., Though, William E., Martha F., Tennie, Stephen P. and an infant. Immediately after his marriage Mr. Boyle began life as an independent farmer, and is now the owner of 218 acres of land, all fenced and well improved. His farm is ably managed by his sons while he himself is engaged in the mercantile business at Topsy, where he carries a good stock of general merchandise. He is a Republican, and the postmaster of Topsy, but does not aspire to further political honors. He is a member of the G. A. R., and one of the enterprising and respected citizens of his county.

John W. Boyd was born in Mercer County in 1848, and is a son of James and Julian (Adair) Boyd. The father was of Irish descent, and born in Franklin County, Ohio, in 1819. When a boy he accompanied his parents to Bloomington, Ill., but upon reaching manhood returned to his native State and located in Madison County. In 1841 he married, and in 1845 moved to Iowa. Two years later he came to Mercer County, Mo., and located in Washington Township, but in 1881 moved to Princeton, where he now lives a retired life. His life occupation has been that of farming, and he became the owner of 400 acres of land and is recognized as one of Mercer County's successful citizens. His wife was born in 1819, in Madison County, Ohio, and is also living. John W. is the third of a family of seven children, and during his youth received a common-school education. He made his home with his parents until twenty-five years of age, and April 6, 1873, he married Miss Sarah Jane, daughter of James and Jennie Girdner. Mrs. Boyd was born in Mercer County, in 1853, and is the mother of two children: Ella May and Fred Eugene. After his marriage Mr. Boyd settled near the old home place in Washington Township, and in 1876 located where he now resides. His farm is the old homestead of James Girdner, and one of the first farms settled upon in Mercer County. Mr. Boyd is a successful farmer, owning 460 acres of good land, and is considered one of the well-to-do citizens of the county. In politics he is a Republican, and his first presidential vote was cast for U. S. Grant in 1872. He is highly respected and esteemed in the community in which he lives, and is a member of the A. O. U. W., Lodge No. 83, at Princeton.

Richard Brantley was born in Morgan County, Ind., December 27

1837, and is a son of William and Mahala (Page) Brantley. The father was born in North Carolina, July 2, 1805, and is now a resident of Mercer County, Mo. When a young man he left home in search of his fortune with nothing but the clothes he wore and a little money, and walked to Morgan County, Ind. There he remained and married. In June, 1856, he came to Mercer County, where he has since lived. Farming and stock raising have been his life-long occupations. Mahala (Page) Brantley was born in Virginia, in 1815, and has been a life-long member of the Christian Church. Ten children were born to them, all of whom lived to maturity, although but eight survive. Our subject is the second, and received his education at the primitive log schoolhouses in Indiana. He accompanied his parents when they came to Missouri, and remained with them about three years. He then married Rachel Ann Gunter, daughter of Thomas Gunter, and a native of Putnam County, Ind., born November 20, 1840. This union has been blessed with twelve children, only seven of whom are living: Leander, Evangeline, Mary Ellen, Alice, Dorothy, Lorren and Harley B. Those deceased are Leroy, Eegada, Ruth, Thomas and William. After his marriage Mr. Brantley began to farm and deal in stock, and such has been his success that he is now the owner of 475 acres of land, which, under his care, has been finely improved. Mrs. Brantley is a member of the Christian Church. Mr. Brantley has always voted the Republican ticket, and during the war was called an Abolitionist. He served some time in the State Militia. In 1880 he was elected judge of District No. 2, and served two terms with general satisfaction. He has held several minor offices, and for twenty years was a school director. He is always interested in educational projects, and enjoys the respect of the community in which he lives.

Jordan Brantley is a native of Putnam County, Ind., and was born November 29, 1846, and is a son of William and Mahala (Page) Brantley [see sketch of Richard Brantley]. He remained at home until nearly eighteen years of age, when he enlisted in the Forty-fourth Missouri Infantry, and served until the close of the war, eleven months and twenty-one days in all. He then returned to Mercer County, Mo., and immediately engaged in farming. He is now the owner of a farm containing 400 acres of well cultivated and improved land, upon which he is engaged in farming and stock raising, making a specialty of fine horses. August 23, 1864, previous to his enlistment, he married Elizabeth J. Gregory, of Mercer County, a daughter of Elijah and Alice Gregory. Mrs. Brantley was born in Livingston County, Mo., in 1842, and is the mother of a fine family

of six children: Luther P., Emma F. (wife of James Powell), Addie B., Susan Alta, Cora Alice and Lettie May. Mr. Brantley is identified with the Republican party, of which he is a staunch supporter, although he has never sought nor held office. He is a public spirited citizen, and is always interested in enterprises to promote the general welfare of the county. Himself and wife are connected with the Christian Church, and are well respected residents of Ravanna Township.

John Brantley, treasurer of Mercer County, was born in Morgan County, Ind., January 3, 1852, and at the age of four was brought by his parents to Mercer County, Mo. His father, William, was born in North Carolina, July 2, 1805, and at the age of twenty-eight moved to Indiana, where he married Mahala Page, a native of Virginia, by whom six sons and four daughters were born, all of whom were reared to maturity and one of each now deceased. After coming to Missouri they located in the eastern part of Mercer County, where John Brantley was reared upon a farm. His paternal grandfather, Henry B., was a native of England, and after coming to America located in North Carolina, where he reared his family, and passed the remainder of his days. John Brantley was married in 1870, to Melissa J. (Evans) Brantley, a native of Decatur County, Ind., by whom three children were born: Charlie A., a youth of much promise died in his seventeenth year; Henry C., and Leo M., a bright boy who died when twelve years old. After his marriage Mr. Brantley was engaged in agricultural pursuits until the fall of 1881, at which time he engaged in the dry goods business. He was elected to his present position in the fall of 1884, and took charge of the office January 1, 1885, and served with so much credit and fidelity that the following year he was elected without opposition. Mr. Brantley and family are united with the Christian Church.

George M. Bristow, M. D., was born in Macon County, Mo., February 13, 1855, and is a son of Wesley O. and Sarah E. (Cherry) Bristow, natives of Kentucky and Illinois, respectively. The father came to Missouri in 1836, and located upon a farm in Macon County where he has since resided, and is now living a retired life upon a modest but comfortable competency. The mother died February 13, 1857, and bore her husband five sons and seven daughters. Two of the daughters are deceased; two married daughters reside in Oregon; two, Mrs. E. C. Shane and Mrs. D. H. Cornelius, reside in Kirksville; three brothers, William W. (formerly a prominent citizen of Mercer County), James J. and Henry T., reside in Oregon, and the

remainder of the family live in Macon County, Mo. George M. lived upon his father's farm until fourteen years of age, and then attended the State Normal School at Kirksville two years. He then taught school in order to accumulate means to complete his education, and in 1873-74 attended school at Princeton. In 1875 he taught school in Mercer County, and having read medicine some, with a view to adopting it as a profession, he entered the college of physicians and surgeons at Keokuk, in 1875, and graduated from there in 1877. He then practiced his profession in his native county four years, and again attended college. In 1881 he graduated from the Louisville, Ky., Medical College, and came to Princeton, where he has met with good and merited success in the practice of medicine. He is one of the prominent physicians and surgeons of the county, a member of the Grand River Medical Society, the Mercer County Society, is surgeon for the Rock Island & Pacific Railroad, and a member of the United States Board of Pension Examiners. December, 1886, he married Miss Jessie F. Trapp, a native of Mercer County, Mo. In politics the Doctor is a Republican, and in creed a believer in the doctrines of the Christian Church. He is a member of the Encampment of the I. O. O. F.

James R. Brown, probate judge of Mercer County, was born in Brown County, Ohio, October 20, 1843, and is the son of Anthony and Orpha (Crawford) Brown, natives of Pennsylvania. The father died when James was a small boy, leaving a widow and two sons—Nevel and James—who moved to Hancock County, Ind., in 1852, where the mother afterward married Lemuel Wilkinson. They then resided upon a farm in that county until 1867, when they immigrated to Missouri, and located upon a farm in Putnam County, where the mother still lives. James R. was reared upon a farm, and during his youthful days received a good English education. Upon the breaking out of the war he enlisted, at the age of eighteen, in Company B, Ninety-ninth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, as a private. He was afterward made a non-commissioned officer, and, near the close of the war, became second lieutenant, which office he was filling when mustered out. At Dallas, Ga., May 28, 1864, he was seriously wounded, and for some time classed among the mortally wounded. He accompanied his mother to Missouri in 1867, and engaged in farming and school teaching for about six years. He now owns a farm of cultivated land in the best farming region of Mercer County, and is engaged in agricultural pursuits. In 1886 he was elected by the Republican party to the office of probate judge, and is now discharging the duties of that office

of public trust in a manner creditable to himself and party. August 30, 1866, he married Martha J. Russell, a native of Hamilton County, Ohio, and of this union there are four living children: Laura J., William P., James A. G. and Myrtle A. Judge Brown is a member of the G. A. R., and recognized as one of the prominent and successful citizens of the county.

Wilbur F. Buren, M. D., of Princeton, Mo., was born in Daviess County, Mo., January 22, 1841, and is a son of John J. and Cosby (Peery) Buren, natives of Tennessee and Virginia, respectively. The father came to Missouri as early as 1835, and was for many years a well-known preacher and circuit rider in the Methodist Episcopal Church. In 1840 he removed from Jefferson, Mo., to Daviess County. In 1849 he was appointed to the St. Louis District, and was presiding elder in St. Louis four years. He later moved to Grundy County, where his wife's relations resided, and where he had charge of the Grand River District until his death, which occurred December 21, 1852, in his forty-fifth year. The mother died in Princeton in 1874. The following children were born to them: James P., deceased, who was a Methodist Episcopal minister; Fielding P., of Brookfield, Mo.; Alvin B., of Trenton, Mo.; Wilbur F.; Melville C.; Culling E.; John O.; Sarah M., wife of James Wyrne, of Daviess County, Mo.; Emily L., wife of Thomas Woodard, of Princeton, and Cynthia A., wife of Col. W. B. Rodgers, of Trenton. Wilbur F. spent his early life upon his father's farm, and was educated at the Grand River College, Edinburgh, Mo. In 1863 he began the study of medicine, reading with Dr. John Cullers, of Grundy County, and later attended the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Keokuk, Iowa, from which institution he graduated in 1867. He began his practice in Grundy County, but soon came to Mercer County (1867), and practiced at Goshen until 1874. He then located in Princeton, practiced his profession two years, and then engaged in the drug business, in which he has met with success. He owns the brick block in which his drug store is located, and built the Buren Block, in 1875, which adjoins his store on the east, and is a handsome two-story brick block, and one of the best structures in the town. He is an enterprising business man, a member of the firm of Hill & Buren, dry goods dealers, and a stockholder and director of the Mercer County Bank. November 1, 1867, he married Sarah M., daughter of the late Dr. John Cullers, his former medical preceptor. Dr. and Mrs. Buren have five children: Anna M., Maggie W., Charles R., John Roy and Lela L. The Doctor has always been a staunch Republican, and being a strong Union man

during the war he enlisted and served in the State Militia during 1861-63. He is a Royal Arch Mason, and has passed all the chairs in the local lodge. He belongs to the I. O. O. F., and is a Select Knight of the A. O. U. W.

C. E. Buren was born in Daviess County, Mo., in 1847, and is a son of John J. and Cosby (Peery) Buren. The father was of German descent, and born December 31, 1807. He was a minister by profession, and, when married, lived in Virginia. In 1835 he moved to Washington County, and in 1843 to Daviess County, Mo. In 1847 he moved to St. Louis County, and December 21, 1852, died in Grundy County, where he had lived but a short time. He had been in the ministry since seventeen years of age, first officiating as a circuit rider, and at the time of his death was the presiding elder of Grand River District. He preached in St. Louis four years, and devoted his life to his ministerial duties. He was an active anti-slavery man, and upon the division of the Methodist Church became a firm adherent of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The mother was of Welsh and English descent, and was born in Tazewell County, Va., in 1809. She was the mother of ten children (nine of whom are living), and died in 1885. C. E. Buren was educated in Grundy County, at Grand River College, and at the youthful age of fifteen enlisted in Company K, First Missouri State Militia, and after his discharge at the expiration of a year, enlisted in Company D, Forty-fourth Missouri Volunteer Infantry, in which he also served one year. He was in the battles of Gulf Campaign, Franklin, thirteen days in the siege of Mobile, and was discharged at Benton Barracks in 1865. In 1867, when but twenty years old, he began to teach school, which he continued five years, his work being in Daviess, Harrison, Grundy and Mercer Counties. For two terms he was principal of the high school at Princeton. In 1873 he became the editor of the *Princeton Advance*, which he conducted one year, and then engaged in mercantile life in Princeton until 1881. He then sold out his business, and bought 400 acres where he now lives, but has since added to his original purchase, until he now owns 800 acres of land, upon which he is engaged in farming and stock raising. September 28, 1871, he married Miss Sarah E. Cain, daughter of Peter and M. A. (Mullins) Cain. Mrs. Buren was born in Mercer County in 1852, and is the mother of the following children: Elmer, Effie, Frank, Donnie, Blanche and Laura. Mr. Buren is an active Republican, and cast his first presidential vote for Grant.

Joseph H. Burrows, one of the best known and truly representa-

tive citizens of this portion of Missouri, is a native of Manchester, England, where he was born May 15, 1840, the son of Thomas and Mary Burrows, whose maiden name was Pendlington. In 1842 the parents with their family of four sons, James, William, Joseph H. and Charles, decided to immigrate to America, but before leaving England James died, and in coming to this country the mother's death occurred while *en route* up the Mississippi; she was buried near Wellington's Landing, in Louisiana, and with her, the youngest child, Charles. In 1851 the father and William died, and Joseph H. was then left alone in the world, though subsequently being cared for by his uncle, James Burrows, who, in company with Thomas, had become early settlers in Keokuk, Iowa, where they built the first brick house in that now flourishing city. Some time after his father's death Joseph H. made his home in Quincy, Ill., with another uncle by the name of William Presley, and there attended school two years, returning, later, to Keokuk, where his time was divided between attending school during the winter, and working in his uncle's brick yards during the summer seasons, until the fall of 1856; in that year he began his mercantile experience as clerk, a position in which he continued for some three years. In 1858 he went to St. Louis, but remained there only a short time, afterward devoting himself assiduously to the acquirement of a thorough education. Going to Centreville, Iowa, in 1859, he was engaged as salesman in a general mercantile store. January 24, 1860, he was married to Miss Louise A. Wittenmyer, daughter of his employer. She died February 14, 1862, at St. John, Mo., whither he had become engaged in business in 1861, with his brother-in-law, W. H. Young. Six months after the death of his wife Mr. Burrows removed to Cainsville, where he has since made his home—a substantial, respected citizen of the place. November 16, 1862, he took for his second wife Miss Mary A. Shaw, originally from New York, though reared in Wisconsin. In 1860 Mr. Burrows became actively interested in political affairs, the cause of Hon. Stephen A. Douglas for President in that year receiving his hearty and unqualified support. Though not then a voter, he took active part in the canvass, making several political speeches, and engaging in occasional debates during that campaign. At the outbreak of the Civil War he warmly espoused the cause of the Union, and cast his first vote for President for Abraham Lincoln, in 1864. In 1878, however, he cast his suffrages for Greenback congressmen and State officials, and for the People's candidates for county officers. In 1870 he was nominated and elected a representa-

tive to the State Legislature, against two powerful opponents—a high compliment to his popularity and ability, as well as to the judgment and wisdom manifested by those who placed him in the position. In January, 1871, he took his seat in the Twenty-sixth General Assembly, was made a member of several important committees, and the next term was elected his own successor, and also in 1878. At the close of this last session it was his sincere desire to retire from political life that he might better attend to the carrying on of his private business and ministerial work, for in 1867 he had been regularly ordained a minister of the Baptist Church. Notwithstanding his refusal to have his name used as a candidate he was, August 17, 1880, nominated for representative to the XLVII Congress on the Greenback-Labor ticket, upon which he began active canvass in the district. The following election he was elected over a popular opponent, Col. C. H. Mansur. Mr. Burrows is a fluent and ready speaker, and ever ready to maintain the principles which he advocates. He is opposed to monopolies of any kind, acts independently of party, and believes in voting for a measure purely on its merits. He has always been a staunch temperance man, and while in the Legislature, introduced more bills for the restriction of the sale of intoxicants, than all the other members combined. Among other measures which he introduced was a civil damage law; he also introduced the first township organization bill, and was a prominent member of the committee in the Thirtieth General Assembly which remodeled the law, and made it as it now stands. While in Congress his was one of the first bills introduced for a reduction of letter postage to two cents, and for the issuing of a two-cent postal card, with three times the writing space of the present card. Some ten or twelve other bills, equally important, were introduced by him, and he served on three standing committees—a committee on pensions, for Mississippi River improvement, and on the Interior Department. His entire career was marked by an earnest, candid effort to serve his constituents. In temperance work at home Mr. Burrows has been especially prominent. He organized the first lodge of Good Templars in Cainsville, besides seven or eight others in Harrison and Mercer Counties, for which services he has been suitably remembered by the Grand Lodge. He has taken active and liberal part in the building of the Baptist Church, a W. C. T. U. hall, and in securing the Des Moines, Osceola & Southern Railroad. His wife is president of the W. C. T. U. at this place.

C. P. Bushong, M. D., was born January 4, 1844, in Columbiana County, Ohio, and is the second of a family of six children born to

Jacob and Rebecca (Briggs) Bushong. In 1854 the parents moved to Williams County, Ohio, and in 1859 left that county and moved across the line into Noble County, Ind., where the father purchased a farm three miles south of Rome City. In the spring of 1876 they immigrated to Mercer County, Mo., and settled upon a farm in the northern part of Madison Township, where he engaged in farming until his death in February, 1887. The mother is now a resident of the same place. C. P. was educated at the common schools of Ohio and in Kendallville, Ind., and at the age of seventeen began life for himself. He worked upon a farm, clerked in a general store at Kendallville, attended school at intervals until nineteen years of age, and then taught school a number of terms in Noble County, Ind. He then began the study of medicine under Dr. W. H. Franks, at Kendallville, with whom he read for two years, after which he studied with Dr. W. F. Endley at Brimfield in the same county for two years. In the fall of 1867 he attended lectures at Rush Medical College, Chicago, and after the close of the session, commenced to practice his profession at Brimfield. At the expiration of two years he went to Napanee, Elkhart Co., Ind., where he resided until 1877 engaged in the practice of his profession. In the spring of that year he located with his parents in Mercer County, Mo., and made that his home for two years, teaching in connection with his medical practice. During the two terms of 1879-80 and 1880-81 he attended the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Keokuk, from which institution he graduated and received his diploma. He then spent one year at Mount Moriah, Harrison County, and then returned to Mercer County, soon after permanently locating at Modena, where he now enjoys a fine practice. Susia A., daughter of Reuben and Maria (Rhea) Perkins, was born in Mercer County March 4, 1862, and married to Dr. Bushong October 13, 1881. To this union two children have been born: Etna Blanche and Jacob Earle. The Doctor is a successful and well-to-do citizen, and has established a good practice in Mercer, Harrison and Grundy Counties. He lives in a pretty house in Modena, and although he has not long been a resident in Mercer County, is well known and one of the popular physicians of the county. He is a Republican, and cast his first presidential vote for U. S. Grant in 1868. He is a member of Mercer County Lodge, A. F. & A. M. and Princeton Lodge, I. O. O. F.

James E. Callaway, M. D., was born in Caldwell County, Ky., August 1, 1836, and is a son of William D. and Amanda Jane (Wigginton) Callaway. The father was born in Lexington, Ky., June 18,

1801, and when a young man went to Princeton, Ky., from which place he moved to Woodford County, Ill., in November, 1836. He then lived in various places in that State, and in April, 1847, returned to Kentucky for a short time. He then, in August, 1847, returned to Illinois, and lived in Cass and Menard Counties until 1875, when he located in Graham, Nodaway Co., Mo. He remained there until 1882, and then went to Oregon, Holt Co., Mo., where he died May 24, 1884. He was a wagon and carriage maker by trade, and a son of Edmond Callaway. The latter had two brothers, James and Thomas C. Callaway, who emigrated from Kentucky to Missouri with Daniel Boone, when Boone first came to the territory (then Louisiana Territory). James Callaway was killed by the Indians in 1815 on Loutre Creek, Boone County. Edmond Callaway was in the War of the Revolution; entered the United States service as a private soldier when but thirteen years of age; was promoted to a captaincy, and also served the United States Government in the War of 1812, and was commissioned colonel for gallant services in the battle when the noted Indian chief, Tecumseh, was killed. The wife of William D. and the mother of James E. Callaway, was born in Frankfort, Ky., in 1809, and died in Graham, Nodaway County, Mo., in April, 1880. She was a member of the Christian Church, as was also her husband, for many years. After her death Mr. Callaway again married. To his first marriage ten children were born, six of whom were sons, who all served with credit in the Union army during the Rebellion. James E. graduated in the scientific course from Abingdon College in 1857, which institute is situated in Abingdon, Knox County, Ill., and then taught school and studied and practiced medicine until August 1, 1861. He then entered Company F, of the Twenty-eighth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and in November of that year was made regimental hospital steward, and served in that capacity and as assistant surgeon until the expiration of his term of service, three years in all. He then returned home and completed his medical education, graduating from the Eclectic Medical Institute at Cincinnati, Ohio, February 14, 1866. He resumed the practice of his profession at Greenview, Menard Co., Ill., March, 1866, where he remained until March, 1868. He then moved upon a farm eight miles south of Ravanna, Mercer Co., Mo., and for eighteen months practiced his profession in connection with farming. He then took up his abode in Ravanna, where he has a very extensive practice, and is regarded as one of the leading physicians and surgeons of the place. March 21, 1860, he married Mary E. Lytchliter, daughter of George

W. Lytchliter, who was born in Fayette, Howard Co., Mo., September, 15, 1841. This union has been blessed with a large family of children; thirteen in number have been born. Dr. and Mrs. Callaway are members of the Christian Church at Ravanna, Mo., of which the former is an elder. He is a Republican (and never cast any other kind of a ballot), is serving now his fourth year as commander of Rousseau Post, No. 80, G. A. R. Department of Missouri, and is an aid-de-camp on the staff of the Department Commander, Gen. E. E. Kimball; was re-elected Post-Commander, December 3, 1887, for the year 1888.

Thomas I. Carter, farmer and stock raiser, was born on December 25, 1851, in Marion County, Ohio, and is a son of Miller and Mary J. (Mastler) Carter. The father is of German descent, and born in Knox County, Ohio, in 1829. When a lad he went to Marion County, Ohio, with his father, James Carter (whose birth occurred in Washington County, Penn., in 1782), and was there married, after which he located where he now resides. James Carter's wife, formerly Christine Kepler, was born in Frankfort County, Germany, in 1805. Miller Carter's wife is also of German descent, and was born in Marion County, Ohio, in 1831. The maternal grandfather of Thomas (John Mastler) was born in Lancaster County, Penn., in 1797; his wife, Mary Ann (Gessenger) Mastler, was born in Washington County, Penn., in 1803. Thomas I. is the second child of a family of eleven, and was reared and educated in his native State and county, making his home with his parents until of age. December 21, 1875, he was united in marriage with Miss Mary King, a native of the same county, who was born November 9, 1856. This union has been blessed with five children: Fahey T., born July 17, 1878; Jennie P., born December 31, 1879; King M., born November 16, 1881; McClellan, born February 19, 1884; Ernest Cleveland, born February 19, 1887. February 2, 1876, Mr. Carter emigrated from Ohio to Mercer County, Mo., where he bought 120 acres of land in Sections 2 and 11, Township 65, Range 25, where he now resides. He is now the owner of 280 acres of land, which is the result of industry, economy and good management. In politics he is a Democrat, and his first presidential vote was cast for Hancock in 1880. Himself and wife are members of St. Paul Methodist Episcopal Church.

John W. Chambers was born in Mercer County, Mo., July 25, 1845, and is a son of Isaiah and Almira (Kennedy) Chambers. The father was born in Jennings County, Ind., July 4, 1818, and was married and lived in his native State until 1845. He then moved to

Mercer County, Mo., where he entered 160 acres in Section 7, Township 65, Range 25, where he passed the remainder of his days. He was a successful farmer and pioneer settler of Northern Missouri, and at one time owned 200 acres of land. He died in February, 1879. He had been a member of the Missionary Baptist Church, and a treasurer in same many years, and was highly esteemed and honored for his honesty and high principles. His wife was born March 2, 1819, and died in October, 1878. John W. is the fifth of a family of eleven children, and was educated at the district schools of his neighborhood during his youth, making his home with his parents until their death. In the fall of 1864 he enlisted in Company G, Forty-eighth Iowa Volunteer Infantry for three months, and was stationed at Rock Island, Ill., where he was discharged at the expiration of his time of enlistment. March 12, 1865, he married Miss Susan Tarwater, who was born in Daviess County, Mo., in 1846. To this union the following children have been born: Joseph Irving, Audrie Olive, Myrtle Isabelle (deceased) and Edith Pearl. After his marriage Mr. Chambers located in Harrison County, Mo., where he owned 160 acres of land. In 1879 he sold his property, and bought the old home place in Mercer County which consisted of 160 acres, and upon which he now resides. He now owns 240 acres, and is one of the enterprising and respected farmer citizens of the township. In connection with farming he works at his trade, that of carpentering, which he learned when a boy. He is a Republican, and cast his first presidential vote for Gen. U. S. Grant. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., and himself and wife belong to the Baptist Church, of which he is the treasurer.

E. Cleary was born July 17, 1827, in Kings County, Ireland, and is the youngest of a family of twelve children (six now living) born to Joseph and Elizabeth (Egan) Cleary. The parents were born, reared and married in Kings County, where they lived until 1831. In the spring of that year they immigrated to Canada, and settled on a farm about thirty miles from Montreal. The father died in 1832, and the mother in 1864. He was a glazier by trade, but after going to Canada devoted his attention to farming. The subject of this sketch received a common-school education in Canada, and after his father's death engaged in farming with his brothers until 1867. He then engaged in the firewood and grain business at Montreal for three years, after which time he immigrated to Missouri, and located in Mercer County, Madison Township, upon the farm where he has since resided, which he cleared and improved himself. December 7, 1860, he married Emma, daughter of William and Rosanna

(Cleary) Craig. She was born August 8, 1837, and is of Irish parentage. To this marriage eight children have been born: Isalona (wife of I. O. Ewings), Lizzie, Jennie, Helena, Herbert, Russell, Frederick and Annetta. Mr. Cleary is an energetic and careful manager, and with the assistance of his wife has succeeded in becoming the owner of 300 acres of improved land in a good state of cultivation. He is a Republican, and cast his first presidential vote for R. B. Hayes. Himself, wife and four children are worthy members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

William J. Clamands was born in 1836 in Washington County, Va., and is a son of Dr. R. T. and Sarah (Wilson) Clamands. The father was of German descent, and born in Washington County, Va., December 5, 1811. He was married in 1831, and about 1837 immigrated to Ray County, Mo. About 1846 he sought a home in Mercer County, and located where our subject now lives, where he passed the remainder of his life. Having studied under his father, who was a physician, while in Virginia, he commenced the practice of the medical profession about 1840, and continued the same for about thirty-five or forty years. His practice called him from Edinburg or Trenton, in Grundy County to Garden Grove, in Decatur County, Iowa, and he was obliged to travel in all sorts of weather, often having to drive his horse through swollen streams or follow Indian trails, or ride through prairie grass which was as high as his head when on horseback. He was well-known by all the residents within the radius above mentioned, and his name became a household word. While in Virginia he had been converted and joined the Presbyterian Church, but it being convenient, he united with the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1853, and afterward officiated as a local preacher. His death occurred June 19, 1884. He was a physician and surgeon in the Mormon War. He was twice married, and his second wife, Lucy R. (Robertson) Clamands, yet survives and makes her home with her step-son—W. J. The mother of William J. was born in November, 1810, and died in 1841, in the faith of the Presbyterian Church, in which she had been a consistent member. William J. is the only living child of a family of five, and lost his mother when five years old. At the age of ten he came to Mercer County, and October 20, 1869, married Miss Olevia, daughter of Thomas and Dorinda Lemmax. Mrs. Clamands was born in Noble County, Ohio, in 1850, and is the mother of seven children: Robinson T., Cornelia J., Dorinda R., William O., Thomas C., Mary Olevia and Joseph E. When eighteen years of age Mr. Clamands left the parental roof, and made

an overland trip to California and Nevada, the journey occupying four months. There he engaged in mining, teaming and the lumber business, and in 1867 returned home by water via New York. After his marriage he located upon the old homestead, where he has since resided. He now owns 584 acres, and is one of the substantial farmers of Harrison Township. In politics he is a Democrat, and in creed himself and wife are Methodists, in which church he has been steward and trustee for years.

Joseph P. Clodfelter was born October 4, 1850, in Putnam County, Ind., and is the eldest of seven children of John and Millie J. (Smith) Clodfelter, natives, respectively, of Germany and Indiana. The father came to Indiana with his parents when a small boy, and was there reared and married. After his marriage he lived in Putnam County until about 1859, and then immigrated to Mercer County, Mo., and after living upon a farm in Madison Township a short time moved to the farm in Washington Township, where Joseph P. is now residing. In 1861 John Clodfelter enlisted in the Federal army, and that year died at Benton Barracks. His widow subsequently became the wife of John Vanderpool, but was widowed a second time and is now living with her son, John Vanderpool, just north of Mill Grove. Joseph P. Clodfelter received a limited common-school education during his youth in Mercer County, which he has since improved by study and observation. At the age of eighteen he began life for himself upon a farm near Princeton upon which he remained about one year. He then rented a farm, and at the end of a year married and located upon a farm north of Mill Grove, from which he moved upon the old home farm in the spring of 1880, where he has since resided. He is an active and enterprising young farmer, and although comparatively young, owns a good farm of 210 acres of land, well-cleared and cultivated, and is one of the prosperous farmer citizens of the county. August 13, 1871, he was united in marriage with Mildred, daughter of Thomas and Phœbe (Crawford) Ballew. Mrs. Clodfelter was born February 3, 1854, in Mercer County, Mo., and has borne our subject six children, five of whom are living: Lovie May, Charles Winfield, Houston R., Don Wilburn and Scott. Mr. Clodfelter was formerly a Democrat, but cast his first presidential vote for U. S. Grant, and has since that time sympathized with the Republicans. Himself and wife are active members of the Protestant Methodist Church, and liberal donators to religious and educational enterprises.

Isaac Coker was born in Morgan County, Ill., March 20, 1829,

and is a son of Dennis and Sarah (Jones) Coker. The father was born in Georgia about 1792, and died in Morgan County, Ill., in 1875. He was a soldier in the War of 1812, and was also engaged in many skirmishes with the Indians. After the war he settled in Spencer County, Ind., and from there went to Morgan County, Ill. His occupation was that of farming. The mother, it is thought, was a native of Spencer County, Ind., and her death occurred in Morgan County, Ill. Isaac was the fifth of a family of nine children, seven of whom are now living. He was educated in the common schools of Illinois during his youth, and at the age of eighteen left home for a year, and worked for different people. He then returned home and remained until twenty-one years of age, when he was employed by Theodore Stout, a neighbor, for whom he worked three years. He was then married to Hannah Powers, a native of Warrick County, Ind., whose death occurred in Mercer County, Mo., May 21, 1879. She was a daughter of Massum and Jane Powers, and bore Mr. Coker eight children, four now living: Elias, Margaret F., Polly A. and Isaac. Those deceased are Melvina, Clarissa Jane, Massum and Hannah M. After his marriage he farmed upon rented land for two years, and purchased ground and farmed until 1856. After selling that farm he moved to Mercer County, Mo., where he bought 130 acres, to which he has since added until he now owns 210 acres. The land when he bought it was in an uncultivated condition, with but fifteen acres broken, and no improvements save a log cabin, but by labor and industry he has converted it into one of the nicest and best improved farms in the county. In 1861 he returned to Morgan County, Ill., and from there went to Jasper County, Iowa, in 1864, but in the fall of the following year he returned to Mercer County, where he has since resided. Mr. Coker is a staunch Democrat, but has never held office. He is an enterprising citizen, and takes interest in all projects for the advancement of his county.

Rev. Lorenzo D. Collings was born in Putnam County, Ind., April 15, 1835, and is a son of Abram S. and Lydia (Grimes) Collings, natives of Shelby County, Ky. The father was born in 1800, and died in Mercer County, Mo., in 1862. Mrs. Collings died in the same county in 1885. The father engaged in farming a number of years, and for some time kept the only hotel between Terre Haute and Indianapolis, Ind. He received a good education while in Kentucky, and at an early age became a member of the Protestant Methodist Church. He was afterward ordained, and during his lifetime traveled as a circuit preacher in Indiana and Missouri. He was married while in

Shelby County, Ky., to Lydia Grimes, who was also a member of the Protestant Methodist Church; and to this union twelve children were born, of whom Lorenzo is the fourth, and six of whom are still living. Lorenzo was educated in Putnam County, Ind., and Mercer County, Mo., at the primitive school-houses of those early times, and has since, by reading and observation, become a well-informed man. When twenty-two years old he was licensed a local preacher, and two years later ordained a minister by the Northern Missouri Protestant Methodist Church Conference. His circuits have since included the Sheridan, Wyreka, Ravanna and others. In 1862 he enlisted in Company M, Second Missouri Cavalry, under Col. Merrill, and served until May, 1865, participating in many skirmishes. Upon his return home he found his church divided upon the question of slavery, the northern wing having assumed the name of the Methodist Church. Not liking the name Mr. Collings joined the church of the United Brethren in Christ until a delegation of the two wings of the old church met, and assumed the old name and discipline. Mr. Collings then severed his relations with the United Brethren Church and became a member of the new organization. During the seven years he was with the United Brethren Church he traveled as a circuit preacher in Mercer, Grundy and Linn Counties, but after rejoining the Protestant Methodist Church, at his own request, never received an appointment. August 5, 1853, he was united in marriage, by Rev. Lewis Ellis, with Sophia Catherine Weesner, who was born March 3, 1834, and is a daughter of Charles Weesner, of Rowan County, N. C. This union has been blessed with nine children, seven now living: Lydia E., Rhoda A., Sarah C., Abram V., Lorenzo D., Jr., William M. and Halley B. Those deceased are Mary A. and Chestina. Mrs. Collings and the two eldest children are members of the Protestant Methodist Church. Mr. Collings is a well-to-do citizen, and owns a good farm of 170 acres, well located, which he has improved and cultivated. He was poor when starting out in life, and his property is the result of industry and economy. He is a Republican, and a member of the G. A. R. He is always interested in all projects for the educational and religious advancement of the county, and is a highly respected citizen.

Absalom W. C. Collins was born in Morgan County, Ind., in 1839, and being left an orphan in early childhood made his home with an uncle during his youth. He first attended the district schools in the neighborhood, and at the age of thirteen went to the Normandy (Ind.) Academy for two terms. At the age of sixteen he taught a district school, and with his earnings paid for his tuition at school again. In

this way he received a good education which he has utilized by teaching school more or less during his lifetime. In 1856 he immigrated to Mercer County, Mo., and taught about five years. He was there married to Sophia, daughter of Charles Lusk, formerly of Ohio. To this union five sons and five daughters were born: Horace B., Velma E., Bascom E., Emerson R., Althea V., Clifton O., Tennie E., Wilkie C., Belva V. and Vinnie E. Althea died in early childhood, but the remainder of the children are living at home with their parents. During the war Mr. Collins was in full sympathy with the war for the preservation of the Union. After peace was declared he purchased some land which he subsequently sold profitably, and then purchased the 200 acres where he now resides. This land is well cultivated, and fifteen acres are devoted to a fine orchard which is unsurpassed in the township. Mr. Collins has served two terms as township clerk by election, and has also filled the office of deputy assessor two terms. In politics he is a stanch Republican. He is a successful farmer and stock raiser, making a specialty of hogs, and raising more corn than any other man in the township.

George H. Combs was born in Athens County, Ohio, March 20, 1833, and is a son of William R. and Esther S. Combs, natives, respectively, of Pennsylvania and New Jersey. They were married about the year 1817, and their union was blessed with seven sons and two daughters, all of whom were reared to maturity. The father died in 1859 in Mercer County, Mo., and the mother in 1873 in the same county. George H. immigrated to Mercer County, Mo., in 1855, of which he has since been a resident. He was married in Decatur County, Iowa, February 22, 1855, to a daughter of Samuel R. and Martha Lowry, with whom he emigrated west in 1854. To this union five daughters and two sons were born: Sarah A., born January 13, 1856; Samuel L., born March 15, 1858; Eliza A., born December 25, 1859; Martha E., born January 16, 1863, died August 12, 1863; Susan N., born May 25, 1864; Laura A., born April 6, 1867; John W., born February 27, 1871. Mr. Combs lost his wife January 29, 1879, and in 1880 married Luzana Lowry, widow of Andrew Lowry. Mr. Combs is a Freemason of high standing, and in politics is a stanch Republican. He is a leading man in his neighborhood, and served as justice of the peace a number of years. He is now discharging the duties of the office of county assessor in a creditable and worthy manner, and also manages his farm of 222 acres, which yields him a comfortable living. During the Rebellion he fought for the Union cause, and was in the battle of Franklin, Tenn. He was honorably

discharged on account of disability, and has since lived a quiet farmer's life, esteemed by his friends and neighbors. The father of his first wife, Samuel R. Lowry, was a prominent and influential man in Richland County, Ill., who left a large circle of friends and acquaintances to mourn his loss.

Perry Constable was born in Hardy County, Va., in 1836, and is a son of William and Martha (Evans) Constable. The father was of Scotch descent, and was also born in Hardy County, in 1809. In 1838 he moved to Franklin County, Ohio, and in 1840 came to Mercer County, Mo., at first settling in Lindley Township. He soon after located upon the farm now owned by David Vanvactor. He entered 160 acres of land now owned by his son-in-law, Jesse Mulvaney, and in 1851 bought the farm now owned by Isaac Tillotson, upon which place he died in 1853. He was one of the pioneer settlers of the county, and his occupation was that of farming. The mother was of German descent, and born in Hampshire County, Va. She was the mother of six children, of whom our subject is the second, and died in January, 1861. Perry was but four years old when brought to Mercer County, and made his home with his mother until he had reached manhood. In 1856 he married Miss Andocia Banks, *nee* Smothers, daughter of Benjamin and Nancy Smothers. Mrs. Constable was born in Franklin County, Ind., in 1835, and is the mother of eleven living children: Mary Ann (wife of James O'Neal), Martha Jane (wife of Joseph Brown), William B., Francis M., Arizona, Maria, Rebecca, Elmer, Frank and Larkin. By her first marriage, with Aaron Banks, Mrs. Constable had one child—Joseph Jones. In 1857 Mr. Constable decided to make Texas his future home, but when he arrived in Arkansas, while on his journey, abandoned the idea, and returned to Mercer County. He was a strong Union man during the war, and March 15, 1862, enlisted in Company F, Third Missouri State Militia Cavalry. After eleven months' service he was transferred to Company I, Seventh Regiment, Missouri State Militia Cavalry, of which he was elected duty sergeant. He participated in the battles fought at Jefferson City, Marshall, Big Blue and Mine Creek, besides numerous other engagements. He was mustered out at Warrensburg, Mo., April 3, 1865, and discharged at St. Louis. The same year he bought seventy acres of land where he now lives, to which he has added until he now owns 260 acres, and is considered one of the substantial men of the township. He lives in a good frame dwelling the erection of which cost \$800, and is a successful farmer. He is a Republican, a member of the G. A. R., and a Master Mason. His wife belongs to the Christian Church.

Jackson Cook was born in Claiborne County, Tenn., December 27, 1840, and his parents, Wiley and Lucinda (Harper) Cook, were both born in the same State. The father immigrated to Missouri in 1843, locating first near Independence, but removing to Mercer County in 1847, where he has since resided upon a farm in Princeton Township. He is one of the oldest pioneer settlers of the county now living, and is highly respected in the community where he is known. Five of his children are living: Insley, of Washington Territory, Jackson, Sarah (wife of Wesley Clark, of Mercer County), John T. and Alcy (wife of Calvin Curtis). Jackson was reared upon a farm in Mercer County, and during his youth secured a common-school education. He engaged in farming until the close of the Rebellion, when he removed to Princeton, where he has since successfully engaged in the furniture business. He carries at his store on the west side a large and good stock of furniture, carpets, window shades, etc., and has the only undertaking establishment in Princeton. He is also engaged in the sale of pianos and organs, in partnership with T. E. Evans, and is regarded as one of Princeton's well-to-do and enterprising business men. In 1861 Mr. Cook married Elizabeth Hutchison, a native of Lincoln County, Ky., by whom he has had five children: Amanda J., John H., William, Frank and Claude. Mr. Cook is a Republican, and during the late war served six months in the State Militia. He is a Royal Arch Mason, and a member of the I. O. O. F.

Richard Coon was born July 29, 1859, in Washington Township, Mercer Co., Mo., and is the third of a family of six children, three of whom are still living. His parents, Stanley W. and Elizabeth (Wilkerson) Coon, are natives, respectively, of Ohio and Virginia, and during their youth came to Mercer County, Mo., where they were married. They then settled upon the farm now owned by P. Harri-man, and at the expiration of fifteen years moved upon the place now owned by William Vandever. In the fall of 1883 they moved to a farm which the father had purchased in Medicine Township, where they are still living. Richard Coon began life for himself at the age of eighteen, and until September, 1883, farmed upon rented land. He then established his present hardware business at Mill Grove, and although a young man, is one of the enterprising merchants of the town. He owns 120 acres of land in Medicine Township, three lots and two dwellings in Mill Grove, and his store and stock of goods. He is a Democrat in politics, and cast his first presidential vote for Hancock in 1880, but although he is an active and hearty worker for

his party always votes for the best man for local offices, and is no aspirant for political honors himself. May 20, 1877, he was united in marriage with Ella, daughter of Samuel and Martha (Nichols) Ewing, and to this union three children have been born, two of whom are living: Clifford E. and Bonnie Lee. Mrs. Coon was born May 23, 1859, in Mercer County, Mo., and is a worthy member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, as is also Mr. Coon. They are highly respected citizens, and liberal supporters of educational and religious enterprises.

Simon H. Croft was born February 2, 1859, in Oxford County, Canada. His parents, Frederick and Mary (daughter of Simon Heist) Croft, were both natives of Canada, and immigrated to Macon County, Mo., in 1869, where they lived two years and then moved to Daviess County, Mo., where the mother shortly after died. The father remained in that county until July 19, 1887, when he joined his wife beyond. The subject of this sketch was at that time general agent for the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad at Marion, Mercer Co., Mo., and a younger brother then living in Daviess County came and made his home with Simon H. During his youth the educational advantages of Simon H. Croft were very limited, and his school life consisted of but about three months in all. He was, however, of a studious nature, and by close application to books and hard study during his leisure moments he has acquired a fair amount of knowledge and become a well-informed man. He worked upon a farm until eighteen years of age, and in 1877 was employed by the above named railroad company as a section hand, in which capacity he worked about three years. In the meantime he had formed a friendship with a telegraph operator at Winston Station, and began to learn telegraphy. In a year's time he was able to satisfactorily perform the duties of telegrapher at Leavenworth, Kas., where he passed three years. He was then induced to accept the agency of Winston Station, where he remained until the railroad company sent him to Marion Station, Mo. He now holds the position of general agent at that point, and owns a nice little home, where his sister presides as housekeeper, and his brother, Aaron, makes his home. He is an enterprising young man, and esteemed by his acquaintances, and is one of the board of directors of public schools.

James Daly, proprietor of the Princeton House, was born in County Gallaway, Ireland, June 24, 1842, and is a son of John and Mary (Fallon) Daly, also natives of Ireland, where they passed their lives. James was left an orphan early in life, and in 1854 immi-

grated to the United States, locating first in Fayette County, Ohio, upon a farm. In September, 1855, he came west to Mercer County, Mo., where he married Mary O'Reiley in 1865. In 1883 he moved to Trenton, Mo., and conducted the Omahart Hotel there for a year and a half. December 1, 1884, he came to Princeton, and took charge of the Princeton House, which he has since conducted successfully, and as it is the only first-class hotel in Princeton, he enjoys the leading patronage of the traveling public. He is a Republican in politics, and during the Rebellion, in the year 1861, enlisted in the first Missouri Cavalry, United States army. He served until the close of the war, and in 1863 was promoted to be second lieutenant, which position he held until mustered out. While in service he lost his right eye. He is the father of eight living children: William J., Edward P., Lizzie, Cassie, Frank, Mollie, Joseph and Maggie. Mr. Daly is a member of the G. A. R., and himself and family belong to the Roman Catholic Church.

William H. Davis was born November 25, 1837, in Hardy County, Va., and is a son of Jonathan M. and Elizabeth (Constable) Davis. The father was also a native of Hardy County, and born in 1814. His father, Henry M. Davis, was born in Wales, and came to America, where he married, and locating in Virginia embarked in mercantile life; he was a soldier in the War of 1812. Jonathan M. lived in his native State and county until the fall of 1843, when he came to Mercer County, Mo., and settled upon the farm now owned by W. J. Clamands. He resided in Harrison Township until about 1878, when he removed to Lindley Township, at which place he died February 24, 1884. He was a pioneer settler of the county, and for many years ran a saw and grist mill in partnership with his brother-in-law, William Constable, on Grand River, near the mill of James P. Anderson. His wife was born in Hardy County, Va., in 1815, and died January 22, 1884. William H. is the second of a family of eleven children, and when six years old was brought by his parents to Mercer County, with whom he remained, working on his father's farm or in the mill until twenty-five years of age. In September, 1863, he married Delilah A. Wolf, daughter of John and Sarah Wolf, who came to the county in 1840. Mrs. Davis was born in Harrison Township, of this county, October 11, 1841, and has two children: William Sherman and George Davenport. The former works upon his father's farm, and the latter farms in Montana. In 1867 Mr. Davis bought forty acres of land, where he has since resided, but to which he has added until he now owns 300 acres.

His son, Sherman, is the owner of 160 acres, and in partnership with his father keeps on an average 150 head of stock. In the summer of 1885 Mr. Davis erected a handsome dwelling, at a cost of \$1,300. In politics he is a Democrat, and cast his first presidential vote for Douglas in 1860. During the war he served in the Home Militia.

Clark Deshler was born June 7, 1830, in Athens County, Ohio, and is the eighth of fourteen children (six deceased) of Christopher and Nancy (Phillips) Deshler, natives of Virginia. They were married in Ohio, and after their marriage settled on a farm in Athens County, where the father died in 1863. The mother then lived with her daughter, Mrs. Lida Sutherdon, until her death in 1874. The father was an expert brick mason by trade, was the builder of the Athens County University, and the greater number of brick buildings in the town of Athens, which was but a rye field when he first came to the county, but is now a town of about 2,500 inhabitants. In connection with his trade he farmed in the summer and manufactured chairs in the winter. He was prominently identified with the upbuilding of the county, and his loss was mourned by a large circle of friends. Clark remained with his parents until twenty-two years of age, and then in company with his brother, Horace W., and forty-two others, started for California, via New York, Aspinwall and the Isthmus. Just before reaching Kingston, Jamaica, the ship in which they had taken passage, was badly wrecked, but they finally reached their destination in safety, after one of the most perilous and tedious journeys ever made over that route. They landed at San Francisco on the 2d of April, 1852, having been nearly four months upon the journey. They remained in San Francisco but a short time, and then proceeded upon a steamer to Stockton, where Clark met a merchant who knew a brother of his who had preceded him to California two years before. Their new acquaintance offered them money, and any assistance to reach their destination, and they then proceeded seventy-five miles on foot to the mines. Clark spent one month in the mines, six weeks engaged in haying, three months in threshing and then bought a mule team, and until January, 1858, hauled mining tools and provender to the mines. Previous to the close of 1857 he was married (December 30) to Charlotte, daughter of Henry and Frances (Hope) Zieger. In 1858 he started homeward with his wife, and after a pleasant journey arrived in New York, the 27th of January. There Mrs. Deshler remained with her brothers, while Mr. Deshler went to Philadelphia to deposit the gold dust he had accumulated in California, and which he wished converted into money.

From there he went to visit his parents in Athens, and then went back east for his wife and money. He subsequently resided in Athens County, Ohio, two years, and then immigrated to Missouri, where he settled upon a farm in the northern part of the county. A year later he permanently located upon his farm in Madison Township, Mercer County, where he has since resided. On September 2, 1862, he enlisted in Company C, Thirty-fifth Missouri Infantry, and was soon ordered to St. Joseph. From there he went to St. Louis, where the troops were armed, and in the spring of 1863 started for the south. He served three years, part of the time as sergeant, and was at the battles of Helena, Ark.; Shell Mound, Miss., and several important skirmishes. He was honorably discharged June 28, 1865, but not mustered out until July 15. Two days later he arrived home to his farm duties. Mrs. Deshler was born on the St. Lawrence River, March 8, 1838, and is the mother of seven children: W. H., C. L., Carrie F., Estella May, wife of William Fadke; Albert P., E. H. and E. B. Mr. Deshler started for California when but a young man, with no capital, but now owns 202 acres of fine land in Mercer County, and is considered one of the leading and prosperous citizens of the same, and a self-made man. He is a Republican, and was elected judge of the first district of Mercer County by that party in 1886, and is now discharging the duties of that office in connection with his agricultural pursuits. Previous to the war he was a Democrat, and cast his first presidential vote for F. K. Pierce in 1852. Himself and wife are active members of the Presbyterian Church.

John Dodge was born November 16, 1820, in Sullivan County, N. Y., and is a son of Jonathan and Hannah (Brown) Dodge, natives of Long Island and New York, respectively. They were married in the latter State, and lived in Sullivan County until the father's death in 1827. Soon after the mother immigrated with her children to Illinois, where she settled in McHenry County, at which place her death occurred in 1870. John Dodge was educated in the common schools of his native county, and at the tender age of eleven began to care for himself. He worked in a card-board factory in Sullivan County, N. Y., for nine years, and then engaged at carpentering four years. He then farmed for two years, after which he moved to Illinois, and settled in McHenry County. In the spring of 1850 he went to California, and until June, 1854, worked in the mines. He then returned to McHenry County, Ill., and the following spring sold out and moved to Mercer County, Mo. There he purchased a tract of land, upon which

he has since resided, with the exception of the time spent in war. September 30, 1862, he enlisted in Company C, Thirty-fifth Regiment of Infantry, and remained in service until June 12, 1865, when he was discharged on account of disability contracted while in service. After his return home on March 15, 1868, he was united in marriage with Julia C., daughter of Silas and Tabitha (Haven) Hartshorn. Mrs. Dodge was born June 14, 1836, in Washington County, Ohio, and in 1845 went with her parents to Crawford County, Ill., and in 1850 to Grundy County, Mo. She was married at her home in Mercer County. Mr. Dodge is a self-made man. Having been cast upon his own resources when but a boy, by industry and the assistance of his faithful wife is now the owner of 320 acres of good land, most of which is well cleared and cultivated. He owns forty acres of timber land besides his farm, and is considered one of the substantial farmers of the county. Previous to the war he was a Democrat, and his first presidential vote was cast for the Democratic nominee in 1844, but since the war he has become identified with the Republican party.

James P. Drake was born in Richland County, Ohio, December 4, 1839, and is the son of James T. and Catherine (Sneath) Drake, natives of New York and Maryland, respectively. In 1814 the father moved to Ohio, and located in Erie County in 1814, and while in Ohio, was married in 1833, after which he continued to live in that State until 1866. He then moved to Missouri, and settled upon a farm near Princeton, where himself and wife have since resided, and are classed among the old and respected citizens of Mercer County. James P. Drake was reared principally in Erie County, and remained at home with his parents until 1859, after which he resided in Texas eight years. While there he served in the Confederate army, under Gen. Parsons, from May 29, 1862, until the close of the war. Immediately after the cessation of hostilities he was married, and in 1867 came to Mercer County, Mo., and settled upon his present farm in Ravanna Township, upon which he has since lived, with the exception of two years spent in the mercantile business in the town of Ravanna. He now owns one of the nicest farms in the county, consisting of 435 acres, all fenced, and under a fine state of cultivation. The improvements are of the best, and his residence and barn are substantial and comfortable. His marriage occurred in Texas, December 3, 1865, Miss Mary J. Meador becoming his wife. She was born in Alabama, and is a daughter of William and Sarah Meador, natives of North Carolina. This union has been blessed with the following six children: Sarah C., Edie, Matella, James, Charles and Thomas P. Mr. Drake is one of

the substantial and successful farmers of Mercer County, and for the past eight years has been extensively engaged in shipping stock. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and a highly respected citizen. In politics he is Independent, and has served one term as county judge.

John T. Duncan was born in Tennessee May 7, 1831. His father, Alfred G., and his mother, Elinor, daughter of John Duncan, were cousins, and natives of Tennessee. After their marriage they immigrated to Missouri, where John was reared upon a farm, and lived with his parents until his marriage. In 1856 he was united in marriage with Harriet, daughter of Charles Wakefield, by whom four children were born: Mary E., Alfred G. (deceased), Charles A. and Harriet E. (deceased). Mrs. Duncan died on December 22, 1863, and Mr. Duncan then moved from his own farm, and took his children to his mother, with whom he made his home until February 8, 1866, when he married Mary D., daughter of James H. Brown. He then returned to his own place, which now consists of 235 acres in the homestead, all fenced, well improved, and upon which are a good residence and comfortable outbuildings. To his second union the following children have been born: James H., Eliza A., Susan E., Sarah I., William M. (deceased), Edith L., Arthur C. (deceased) and Theodosia. Mr. Duncan is a Democrat in politics, and during the war lent his influence to the Union army. He is an old pioneer settler of Mercer County, and has noted the advancement of the country since its early history. He often compares the manner of his life in the olden times with the present, and longs for the days of "auld lang syne," when he was obliged to beat corn on a stump to make the bread which he cooked upon a board.

James D. Dykes was born in Mercer County, Mo., March 8, 1847, and is a son of James and Jennie (Foster) Dykes. The father is of English descent, and born in Anderson County, Tenn., in 1812, where he was reared upon a farm and married. In 1845 he immigrated to Mercer County, Mo., and settled in Morgan Township, where he has since resided. He lives upon the farm he originally entered, and is the owner of 400 acres. During the Rebellion he served as second lieutenant in Company M, Twelfth Missouri Cavalry. He has been twice married, his second wife, Mary (Wilson) Dykes, still living. His first wife, and the mother of our subject, was born in Tennessee in 1812, and died in 1853. James D. is the youngest of a family of six children, and during his younger days received a common-school education. In 1867 he entered the State University at Columbia,

which he attended fifteen months, and then taught school for about ten terms in Mercer County, beginning that vocation at the age of nineteen. August 15, 1875, he married Miss Alice V. Smith, daughter of George W. and Matilda Ann (Walton) Smith, natives of North Carolina, who came to Mercer County in 1856. Mrs. Dykes was born April 1, 1853, in Rowan County, N. C., and is the mother of the following five children: Annie J., George S. (deceased), Nellie May (deceased), Dollie W., and James W. Mr. Dykes is a Republican, and cast his first presidential vote for Grant in 1868. He was a strong Union man during the war, and in September, 1862, enlisted for three years in Company C, Thirty-fifth Missouri Infantry, in which he served one year. He was present at the battle of Helena, and July 4, 1863, was shot in the right arm, which was amputated on the sixth of the same month. He remained in the hospital at Memphis, Tenn., until September 10, and was then discharged and returned home. He is a leader of his political party in Mercer County, and in the fall of 1872 was elected sheriff, and re-elected to that office in 1874. Two years later he was elected treasurer of the county, and in 1878 re-elected. In 1880 he was elected constable of Morgan Township for two years, and in 1882 received the election as collector of revenue for the county, and in 1884 was re-elected, which forcibly illustrates his efficiency as a public officer. In July, 1886, he bought 140 acres of land, and in the spring of 1887 located where he now resides. He owns 180 acres, and in the summer of 1887 erected a dwelling at a cost of \$800. He is a member of the G. A. R. and A. O. U. W., and his wife is identified with the Methodist Episcopal Church at Princeton.

Josiah S. England was born in Bedford County, Penn., December 22, 1832, and is a son of Peter and Elizabeth England, also natives of that county. Peter England was of German descent, and was a son of William England, being one of the early settlers of Pennsylvania. He was the father of nine sons and two daughters. Peter England's wife was a member of the German Reformed Church. He died February 5, 1887, at the ripe age of eighty years. Elizabeth, his wife, died October 5, 1887, aged seventy-six years, leaving sons and daughters and many friends to mourn their loss. J. S. England united with the church when eighteen years old, and has endeavored to live a consistent Christian life up to this time. He left the paternal roof (1853) when of age, going to Ohio. Thence he returned to Pennsylvania, and, realizing the necessity of an education, he attended Rainsburg Seminary for three consecutive terms, and finished up

the common English branches. Subsequently he taught six terms of school, two in Pennsylvania, two in Illinois, and two in Missouri. In 1858 he embarked for the west, located at Marshfield, Mo., remained there until 1863, and then moved to Illinois, where he engaged in the mercantile trade for ten years, then coming to Mercer County, Mo., where he is still engaged in merchandising, in Somerset. On February 10, 1859, Mr. England was married to Nancy E. Shackelford, daughter of Garland and Mary Shackelford. Mrs. England was born in Greene County, Mo., December 4, 1842, and has raised a nice family of children, of whom three are married. Mr. and Mrs. England have had many trials in life together, especially during the late war in Southwestern Missouri, where so much diversified opinion existed. He cast his lot with the Republican party, and always took that party as a matter of right and safety. When only nine men voted for Abraham Lincoln in the county of Webster, he was one among them, and rendered good service in the Home Guards, and in the militia. He joined the Tenth Illinois Cavalry, but was rejected on account of inability to stand hardships. He has always endeavored to be right and on the right side, having an eye single to the glory of God, and His guidance by day and night in the hours of despondency. They are connected with the Methodist Episcopal Church, and take a prominent part in State, church and Sunday-school work and the cause of prohibition.

J. B. Evans, attorney, real estate, loan and insurance agent, was born in Putnam County, Ind., July 30, 1841, and is the eldest of a family of two sons and three daughters, all of whom were reared to maturity. His paternal ancestors were Welsh, and his father, William H., was born in Kentucky, in 1818, and married in Putnam County, Ind., to Margaret Noslet, a native of Tennessee, whose death occurred in Madison County, Iowa. The father is at present a resident of Meade County, Kas. J. B. Evans was taken to Iowa by his parents when an infant, and was there reared and received his early education. He graduated from the law department of the Columbian College in 1869, and began the practice of his profession the following year at Bedford, Iowa. After residing and practicing in various places in Iowa until September, 1877, he then located at Princeton, where he has since resided. For three years he was connected with the firm of Evans & Reed until 1881, since which date he has practiced alone. In May, 1884, he was elected mayor of Princeton, in which office he served efficiently three terms. He was married at Memphis, Tenn., in 1864, to Theresa Marre, an Italian lady,

by whom he has had two sons (now deceased) and four daughters. In July, 1861, he enlisted in the Fourth Iowa Infantry, in which he remained two years and eight months. He then was transferred to and served as a soldier of Hancock's veteran corps two years, during which he was detailed by the secretary of war for special clerical work in that department, where he remained five years, when he resigned to go west.

Frank M. Evans was born in Washington County, Ind., December 17, 1831, and is a son of Rev. Solomon and Sarah Evans. The father was born in North Carolina, and when fifteen years of age moved with his parents to Putnam County, Ind. When twenty years old he went to Washington County, Ind., where he was married, and lived until Frank M. was a year old. He then moved to Putnam County, Ind., and lived in that county until 1851, at which time they came to Mercer County, Mo., where the father died in 1858, aged forty-seven. Farming was his occupation, and during his later years he engaged in preaching the gospel. He was a hard and earnest worker, and wherever he dwelt was the prime builder of a Protestant Methodist Church, and although principally raised in the South was strongly opposed to slavery. His wife was born in North Carolina, and is now residing in Lincoln County, Kas. Frank M. Evans is the eldest of a family of nine children, six now living, and was educated in the schools of Putnam County, Ind. When of age he married Eliza Ann McReynolds, who was born in the same county in which Frank M. received his education. He then moved to Grundy County, Mo., where he resided two years, and then moved to Mercer County, Mo., where his wife died, leaving four children: Sarah F., Parilee, Dona (deceased) and Tipton G. Mr. Evans entered land in Mercer County, and began to improve a farm which he still owns with some additions. He now owns 648 acres of the finest and best improved land in the county. In 1863 he moved to Ravanna, and engaged in stock business in connection with farming. In June, 1863, he married America, daughter of Thomas Ballew. She died two years later. On December 8, 1867, he married Ruth A. Perse, who has borne him two children—Edward E. and Harry (deceased). He then moved to the farm the next spring. In 1873 he engaged in the mercantile business under the firm name of Rogers, Evans & Co., and a year later purchased Mr. Rogers' share, after which the firm was known as Holmes & Evans. Three years afterward he sold his interest to W. W. Holmes and has since been engaged in farming and stock raising, and is now interested in stock

in partnership with his son, Tipton G., and owns at present 220 head of cattle and thirty-four head of horses. Mr. Evans is a self-made man, a member of the Masonic Lodge No. 258, at Ravanna. Is an active Republican, and during the war served six months as sergeant in the army.

Philip Evoritt (deceased) was born October 13, 1821, in Madison County, Ohio, and was reared upon a farm in that State receiving but a common-school education. His parents were Thomas and Jane Evoritt, and Philip accompanied them to Mercer County, Mo., in 1839, where his father entered a tract of land in the northern part of what is now Washington Township. He assisted his father in clearing the place and improving a farm, and remained at home until twenty-eight years of age. The father died in July, 1869. After leaving home he settled upon a tract of land situated in Section 25, Township 64, and Range 24, west, where he resided until his death. At first he entered but a small tract, but being of an energetic and industrious nature he continually added to his original purchase until he became the owner of 600 acres of land in one body, all of which was productive and well improved, with fences, good outbuildings and a fine residence. He also possessed real estate besides his home place, his property in all amounting to about 1,240 acres, making him one of the wealthiest and most successful citizens of Mercer County. His first marriage, to Harriet McKee, was blessed with two children: Melissa Amelia, wife of Oscar Clark, and Mary Ann, wife of Marcus Adams. Mrs. Evoritt died in April, 1865, and October 16, of the same year, Mr. Evoritt was united in marriage with Minerva, daughter of Archibald and Hannah (Ashcroft) Smith. This lady was born February 24, 1837, in Indiana, and when but two and one-half years old was brought by her parents to Mercer County, Mo., where she was reared, and married at the youthful age of sixteen, to Crawford Edwards. After seven years of happy wedded life Mr. Edwards died, leaving his widow and three children. She afterward became the wife of Elisha Evoritt, who died in July, 1864, leaving one child. Mrs. Evoritt then married Philip Evoritt, her union with him being blessed with six children. She remained a faithful wife and helpmate to him until his death in 1885. He was a loyal and stanch supporter of the Republican party during his life, and one of the prominent and active members of the Christian Church, to which denomination his widow also belongs. He was highly honored in the community in which he lived, as an honest and high principled man, and his death was mourned by a large circle of friends.

William A. Finney, farmer and stock raiser, was born in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, December 25, 1841, and is a son of James and Sarah (Adair) Finney. The father was of Irish descent, born in Belmont County, Ohio, in 1809, and a son of John Finney, a native of Ireland. When sixteen years old James went to Guernsey County, and began working upon National Pike. While there he married Miss Nancy Hughs, in 1833, by whom one child, Nancy, was born. Mrs. Finney died in Columbus, Ohio, in 1834. Mr. Finney then continued his work as a contractor on the National Pike into Madison County, where he became acquainted with and married Sarah Adair, in 1836, a native of that county, and born in 1818. She now lives in Mercer County, Mo., and is the mother of nine children, eight of whom are living. After his second marriage Mr. Finney removed to Tuscarawas County where he bought a farm, and commenced farming, and which occupation he continued until his death in 1866. William A. Finney lived with his parents until he arrived at maturity, and in March, 1863, married Catherine Crider, who was born in Hocking County, Ohio, May 1, 1844, and is the mother of eleven children: James D., Sarah M., John E., Rosa E., Joseph, Nelson, Jennie, Betsey, Naomi, Cora and Frances M. In 1866 Mr. Finney went to Pickaway County, Ohio, and two years later came to Mercer County, Mo., where in 1876 he purchased 160 acres where he now resides. He is one of the successful farmers of the township, and a respected citizen. In politics he is a Democrat, and cast his first presidential vote for G. B. McClellan in 1864. Himself and wife are members of the St. Paul Methodist Episcopal Church.

Andrew J. Finney, farmer and stock raiser of Harrison Township, was born March 3, 1853, in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, and is a son of James and Sarah (Adair) Finney [see sketch of William A. Finney]. He is one of a family of eight living children, the others being Jane (wife of John Hursey), William A., John W., Catherine (wife of Calvin Lakin), Ruth A. (wife of A. J. Norman), Joseph, Sarah M. (wife of Allen Murphey). Andrew J. is the seventh child and lived at home until 1882, receiving a common-school education during his youth. In September, 1881, he left his native State and immigrated to Mercer County, Mo., where he bought 160 acres of land in Section 9, Township 65, Range 25, which he still owns and successfully farms. In the winter of 1882 he returned to his native county, and February 16 of that year was united in marriage with Miss Mahala, daughter of George and Mary Hursey, of Tuscarawas County, Ohio, where Mrs. Finney was born in 1851. To Mr. and Mrs. Finney three children

have been born: Harland, Mary Estell, and one who is dead. In politics, Mr. Finney is a Democrat, and cast his first presidential vote for S. J. Tilden in 1876. Both himself and wife are worthy members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Lyman R. Fuller was born in Syracuse County, N. Y., May 23, 1829, and is a son of J. Lyman and Azuba (Russell) Fuller, natives of Lowell, Mass., and Old Hartford, Conn., respectively. The father located at Syracuse when a young man, and there married and lived, engaged in shoemaking until his death. He was twice married; one daughter, Clarissa (wife of Madison Ches), born by his first marriage, is still living, and three sons born by the second marriage: Lyman R., Amos D. and Harvey R., are also living. Lyman R. was but nine years old at the death of his father, and early in life he learned the blacksmith's trade, which he followed in his native State, and in Ohio until 1855. He then immigrated to Missouri, and conducted a saw and grist mill in connection with blacksmithing at Akron, Harrison Co., Mo., until 1863. He then came to Princeton, where he has since had a blacksmith and repair shop, and engaged in the manufacture of wagons. July 22, 1847, he married Julia E. Pickens, also a native of Syracuse County, N. Y., by whom he has nine living children: Mary (wife of N. W. Pickard), Charles A., William L., Harvey R., Frank E., Nelson J., Lottie A. (wife of Charles Decker), Mattie J. (wife of A. H. Harnly) and Justin E. Mr. Fuller was formerly a Whig, but upon the dissolution of that party became a Republican. While in Harrison County he served as justice of the peace and postmaster, but since coming to Mercer County has held no office. Himself and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

William H. Galiger was born in Maine, October 21, 1842, and is a son of John R. and Ellen (Connell) Galiger. The father was born in Ireland, and was brought to the States by his parents when but six years old. In 1845 he went to Illinois, and located upon a farm in Lake County, where his wife died in 1871, and he in 1876. William H. remained at home until eighteen years of age, and then enlisted in the Thirty-seventh Illinois Infantry, in which he served three years and two months. He participated in a number of well-known battles such as Pea Ridge, Prairie Grove, Siege of Vicksburg, and was also present during a number of skirmishes. After the expiration of his service he returned to Lake County, Ill., and engaged in farming. In the fall of 1866 he was married to Sarah A. Cribb, daughter of Henry Cribb, by whom he had five children, four now living: Henry C., Libbie G., Clarence O. and Joseph E. After his marriage he still

continued to make Lake County his home until 1870 when himself and wife came to Mercer County, Mo., and settled upon his present farm. He now owns 280 acres of land, all improved and under a good state of cultivation. Mr. Galiger is a hearty supporter of the Republican party, but has never desired public office of any kind. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity and of the G. A. R. He is a liberal donator to all enterprises for the welfare of his county, and is well esteemed in his neighborhood.

Abner George, dealer in railroad ties, stone and lumber, was born in Jefferson County, Tenn., in 1829, and is a son of Charles and Susannah (Russell) George. The father was born in East Tennessee, and died when Abner was but fifteen years old. The mother was a native of North Carolina, reared in Tennessee, and died in Princeton, Mo., in 1881. She was the mother of nine children, eight of whom are now living. Abner is the second child, and was reared in Sevier County, Tenn., where he was married in 1847 to Sarah Hickman, also a native of Jefferson County, Tenn., and by whom he had eleven children, seven still surviving. Mrs. George died August 16, 1875, and Mr. George afterward married Rosella J. Hurt, a native of Indiana, who was reared in Missouri. This union has been blessed with three children, two of whom are living. After his first marriage Mr. George followed agricultural pursuits in Sevier County, Tenn., until 1850, and then located two years in Macoupin County, Ill. In 1852 he came to Mercer County, Mo., and located on Government land six miles north of Princeton, where he remained until 1877, then moved to Princeton, where he has since been engaged in his present business. While at Cottonwood in 1871 he engaged in the mercantile business, at which he continued until April, 1877, also holding the position of postmaster at the same time. He is a successful business man, and handles about 400,000 ties per annum, 400 car loads of stone per month and 3,000,000 feet of lumber per annum.

James George was born in Sevier County, Tenn., February 1, 1833, and is a son of Charles and Susannah George. The father was of Irish descent, and born in Tennessee. He was a cooper by trade, in connection with which he engaged in agricultural pursuits. He died in 1844, in the prime of life, having passed all his days in his native State. The mother was of English descent, born in Tennessee in 1805, and died in Mercer County, Mo., in 1881. James is one of a family of nine children, seven of whom are now living: Abner; Rhoda, wife of John Hamilton; James; Thomas W.; Mary Ann, wife of Sylvester Wilson; Moses R., and Margaret, wife of James Mason.

James was only twelve years old when his father died, and subsequently made his home with his mother until twenty-five years of age, working upon the home farm. In 1851 he went to Illinois, and in 1853 came to Mercer County, Mo., where, January 28, 1858, he married Miss Margaret I. Hickman, daughter of John and Sarah Hickman. Mrs. George was born in Sevier County, Tenn., November 24, 1838, and is the mother of seven living children: Abner B., Henry C., Mary (wife of George Pollard), Lucretia E. (wife of Peter Cates), Geneva Alice, Charles and Rhoda E. About 1855 Mr. George entered 120 acres of land in Section 2, Township 65, Range 24, upon which he located after his marriage, and upon which he remained until 1881. He then bought and located upon 240 acres where he now lives. He came to the county with no money but by industry and good management has become the owner of 600 acres, and is one of the well-to-do and successful farmers of the county. In connection with farming he is quite extensively engaged in stock raising. In politics he is a Democrat, and his first presidential vote was cast for Fillmore in 1856. Himself and wife are members of the Baptist Church, to which Mr. George has belonged twenty-seven years, and in which he has been deacon for the past eight months.

King David Girdner was born in Knox County, Ky., December 25, 1830, and is a son of Joseph and Anna (Lauderdale) Girdner. The father was of German descent, born in Pennsylvania in 1790, and when small went to Greene County, Tenn., where he was married. He afterward moved to Knox County, Ky., and in 1839 moved to Mercer County, Mo., where he entered 263 acres of land, where our subject now lives. He was a general mechanic, blacksmith and wagon-maker by trade, and quite successful in his business transactions, at one time owning 480 acres of land. He came to Missouri when the country was inhabited by wild animals and Indians, and was one of the first settlers in the county. He was a soldier in the War of 1812, and died in 1874. His wife was of Irish descent, born in Greene County, Tenn., in 1791, and died in 1865. She was the mother of eleven children, of whom King Girdner was the youngest. He came to Missouri with his parents when nine years old, and after they became old and feeble took charge of the homestead, and cared for them in their declining years. May 28, 1854, he married Miss Mary Ann, daughter of Judge Preston Underwood, and a native of Jefferson County, Tenn., born October 13, 1835. This union has been blessed with eight children: William L.; Albert S.; Nettie, wife of Henry Cisco; Emma, wife of Harvey Boyd; Alice, Maggie, Edward and Harry O. He has

resided upon his present farm since coming to Missouri, and the first circuit court held in the county was held where his present residence is located, the jury holding their conference beneath the forest trees. Mr. Girdner is the owner of 361 acres of land, well improved and cultivated, and in 1882 erected a dwelling at a cost of \$1,000, which is very desirably located. He is a Democrat, and during the war served five months in the Home Militia. His first presidential vote was cast for Pierce in 1852. His wife belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church.

James M. Goodin was born in Knox County, Ky., September 29, 1842. His father, E. B. Goodin, was a native of Kentucky, and married Jane, daughter of John Fuson. They immigrated to Mercer County, Mo., in 1849, when the Indians still lived in the country, and here the father pre-empted eighty acres of land, which he improved, and upon which he lived for some time. He afterward sold his original purchase, and bought a 220-acre tract. James made his home with his parents until the commencement of the war, when he enlisted in Company B, Twenty-seventh Missouri Infantry, and served until the close of the war without receiving a wound. He participated in the battles of Vicksburg, Mission Ridge, Lookout Mountain, and followed Sherman to the coast. October 23, 1865, he was united in marriage with Louinda, daughter of John McIntosh, by whom three sons and four daughters were born: Betsey J., wife of Lafayette Cornett, married in 1886; William T., James F., Rachel (deceased), John, Rosa M. and Martha A. Mr. Goodin dwells in a large frame house, surrounded with good outbuildings, which are built upon his well-cultivated farm of 335 acres. His property is all the result of his unassisted labor, and his farm is well stocked with a high grade of Short-horn cattle and fine Norman horses. He is a successful farmer, and a staunch Republican. From 1876 to 1882 he was engaged in the general mercantile business at Cottonwood, but has now retired to farm life. He is a member of the A. O. U. W., and a liberal donator to all laudable public enterprises of a religious or educational character.

William Henry Harper is a son of Joseph and Nancy (Major) Harper, and was born December 18, 1830. The father was born in County Down, Ireland, in 1794, and in 1818 came to America, first settling in Philadelphia. After a few years he went to Belmont County, Ohio, in 1824, where he married and passed the remainder of his life engaged in farming. He died in 1885. He was twice married, his second wife, Clarinda (Rice) Harper, still living. Before the war Mr. Harper was the captain of a company of the State Volunteer

Militia. Nancy (Major) Harper was born in Harford County, Md., in 1793, and died in 1861. She was the mother of four children, of whom our subject is the third. William H. was educated in Franklin County, New Athens, Harrison Co., Ohio, Edward M. Stanton, John A. Bingham, Louis Luton and Rev. W. M. Grimes having been his schoolmates. He left the college when in the sophomore year, and at the age of twenty-two began to teach, continuing engaged in that vocation two terms. October 27, 1857, he married Miss Margaret Craig, daughter of William and Rosanna Craig. Mrs. Harper was born on Long Point, Canada, in 1833, and is the mother of the following four children: Rosa A., Elmer E., William C. and John S. After commencing life upon his own responsibility he engaged in the mercantile business at Hendrysburg, in Belmont County, Ohio, where he remained eight years. During the war he enlisted in Company A, Second Mononghala Departmental Corps, in November, 1862, and was afterward elected second lieutenant of same, and served until discharged at Wheeling, Va., in May, 1864. In 1867 he sold his store in Hendrysburg and moved to Freedom, Noble Co., Ohio, and sold goods, but subsequently bought a farm, which he afterward disposed of, and in 1870 came to Mercer County, Mo., where he bought 260 acres of land where he now resides, and began life as a farmer. He is a good citizen, and in politics is a Republican. His first presidential vote was cast for Gen. Scott in 1852. While in Ohio he served as postmaster of Hendrysburg five years. He is a Master Mason, a local preacher, and trustee of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to which his wife also belongs.

Franklin B. Hart is a son of William Morgan and Rebecca (Hart) Hart, and was born half a mile from his present residence in Harrison Township, Section 12, Township 65, Range 25. The father was born in Whitley County, Ky., in 1804, and when a young man went to Putnam County, Ill., where he married Elizabeth Hart, who bore him three children: Nancy C. (wife of Joseph Neely, and who died September 7, 1887), Hannah (wife of John Reeves) and John Morgan. Mrs. Hart died, and Mr. Hart afterward married her sister, Rebecca Hart, daughter of Peter and Hannah (Poe) Hart, and born in Ashe County, N. C., December 25, 1816. In 1839 Mr. Hart came to Mercer County, Mo., where he entered 100 acres of land, upon which he settled and passed the remainder of his days. He was a successful farmer, and owned at one time 1,500 acres. To his second marriage the following children were born, James E., Missouri (wife of David Lockridge), Rebecca Kentucky (wife of William P. Moss), Franklin

B., Willard P. H., Eliza Ann (wife of Calvin Moss), Virginia L. (wife of David McClaren), and Hazeltine (wife of Joseph Moss). William Morgan Hart was a soldier in the Black Hawk War, and the captain of his company. He died October 17, 1876. Franklin B. received a common-school education during his youth, and in August, 1884, married Miss Hettie Ann Smith, daughter of Israel F. and Rachel Smith, and born in Mercer County, Mo., in 1867. To this marriage one child has been born—Clelly Cleveland. Mr. Hart is the owner of 296 acres of good land, and is a highly respected citizen. In politics he is a Democrat, and belongs to the Masonic fraternity and the A. O. U. W.

James Hart is a son of William H. and Elizabeth (Hubbard) Hart, and was born in Putnam County, Ill., in February, 1831. The father was born in Ashe County, N. C., in 1801, and after his marriage moved to Whitley County, Ky. About 1830 he went to Putnam County, Ill., and in 1842 came to Mercer County, Mo., where he settled upon the farm now owned by Elisha Wilson. His occupation was that of farming, and he died in 1875. He was a soldier in the Black Hawk War. His wife was also born in Ashe County, N. C., in 1810, and yet survives. She is the mother of twelve children, only three now living: James, America (wife of Charles Craig) and William. James came to Mercer County when eleven years old, and has since been a resident of Harrison Township. He lived with his father until he was twenty-two, and in 1853 made a journey to California overland with a company of twenty. He drove an ox team, and after walking three-fourths of the distance arrived at his destination, where he worked upon a farm. In 1855 he returned home by water, via New Orleans. In December, 1856 he married Miss Nancy Jane, daughter of Thomas and Margaret (Dunlap) Everett. The former was born in Osage County, N. Y., and the latter in Augusta County, Va. Mrs. Hart was born in Ohio, in August, 1836, and is the mother of seven children: Augusta (wife of James Davis), Mary A. (wife of John Mullins), Alexander, Richard, Hettie, Margaret and Lucy. In the winter of 1856 Mr. Hart purchased 160 acres where he now lives, and although he began life a poor man is now the owner of 440 acres of good land, and a highly respected citizen. He is an old resident of the county, which was inhabited by wild animals and Indians when he first came here. He is a Democrat, and cast his first presidential vote for Pierce in 1852. His wife is a member of the Christian Church.

Willard P. Hall Hart, farmer and stock raiser of Harrison Township, Section 13, Township 65, Range 25, was born February 14, 1846,

one-half mile from his present residence. He is the fifth of a family of eight children born to William Morgan and Rebecca (Hart) Hart, [see sketch of Franklin B. Hart] and was educated at the home school in Warren County, Iowa. He remained with his parents until twenty-three years of age. In 1862 he went to Warren County, Iowa, and farmed three years, after which he returned to his native State and county. December 20, 1880 he married Miss Mary Walter, daughter of John and Eliza (Hart) Walter, and a native of Whitley County, Ky., born in 1860. Mrs. Hart was the mother of two children—Edna E. and William R. M.—and died in January, 1880, since which time Mr. Hart has lived with his mother. Mrs. Hart was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Hart is a successful farmer, and the owner of 320 acres of good land. In politics he is a Democrat.

Travis F. Hensley, prominently identified with the business affairs of this portion of the State, is deserving of more than passing mention in any worthy history of the affairs of Mercer County. Still a young man, comparatively, and at present occupied in a calling which necessitates his absence from home the greater part of the time, his career for some years past has been too closely interwoven with the interests of the county to allow omission of a short sketch of his life from this work. Born near Normanda, Tipton Co., Ind., September 21, 1851, he was the son of Charles C. and Eliza A. Hensley, both of American nativity. His boyhood days were passed in attending to the duties of farm life, and during his spare time in attending school, where he acquired a common English education, supplementing the same, however, in later days, by self application and close observation. In 1868 he accompanied his father's family to Missouri, settling in Daviess County, near Bancroft, where the parents still make their home. Leaving the parental roof in 1871 he entered into professional life as a teacher. In September, 1876, he became a student of Grand River College, of Edinburg, Mo., pursuing his studies with such assiduity that he completed a three-years' course of instruction in that institution in two years. He now resumed teaching, for which his scholastic experience had well qualified him, but at the same time turned his attention to the study of law, and entered upon a course of reading under the careful guidance of Hon. D. J. Heaston, of Bethany. These pursuits occupied his time and consideration until January 1, 1880, when he purchased the *Advance* printing office and established the *People's Press*, of Princeton, which paper he continued to edit, at the same time carrying on his legal studies with Capt. H. J. Alley, of Princeton. In March, 1884, he was admitted to the bar,

and licensed to engage actively in the practice of his chosen profession. Mr. Hensley had been known during these years as a staunch Democrat, and in October, 1885, his services in behalf of that party and his eminent qualifications for the position were recognized by his appointment as special examiner of the United States Pension Bureau, the duties of which he is still discharging. On Christmas day, 1873, he married Miss Mary E. Mullen, daughter of James and Permelia Mullen, of Harrison County, Mo. Their married life was begun in a humble, economic manner, and for the first few years they were compelled to husband their resources; as expressed in Mr. Hensley's own words: "When we began business our capital stock consisted of contentment, two pairs of willing hands and a determination to succeed; we have declared substantial dividends, and still have the capital stock unimpaired." Two children have blessed their union: Claudie E., born April 8, 1876, and Frank, born October 3, 1877. Since January 1, 1887, Mr. Hensley's brother, Charles B., has shared with Mrs. Hensley in the responsibilities connected with the publication of the paper. The latter has been associated with the *People's Press* since its organization, first as compositor, then as local writer, and during the first two years of her husband's official life became editor and manager, developing into a writer of no inconsiderable ability. The paper is a warm advocate of the Democratic party, and a faithful exponent of the principles of that body. Mrs. Hensley is a prominent and active member of the Christian Church, and Mr. Hensley is one of its liberal supporters. He is ever ready to uphold and second any and every enterprise tending to the advancement of his county, and has never failed to assist in promoting her material prosperity.

John M. Higgins was born May 31, 1843, in Laurel County, Ky., and is the second of nine children (eight now living) born to William and Sarah P. (Owen) Higgins. The parents lived in their native State, Kentucky, until 1854, and in the spring of that year immigrated to Missouri, and settled upon the farm now owned by Lewis Smith and William Griffith, which is situated in the northwest corner of Washington Township, Mercer County. There the father died in 1858, after which the mother resided there until 1865. Her children then being grown she lived with her father, John Owen, three years, and then moved upon a farm in Morgan Township, where she still resides. The father engaged in farming all his life. John M. received a common-school education in his native county, and in Mercer County. August 12, 1861, he enlisted in Company C, Fifth Kansas Cavalry, at Modena, and immediately proceeded with his regiment to the field of

action. He participated in the battles of Helena, Little Rock, Oakland (Miss.), Pine Bluff, and many skirmishes, and after remaining in service until September 12, 1864, had participated in thirty-six regular engagements. After his discharge he returned home, and about a year later settled upon a farm he had purchased, and where he has since resided. He was married September 24, 1865, to Ann S., daughter of Joseph and Fanny (Prichett) Moss, born March 22, 1845, in Mercer County. This union has been blessed with ten children, the following now living: Ida May and Addie Belle (twins), Joseph, Luther, Douglas, Eddie, Fanny, Mollie and Dick. Although Mr. Higgins began life for himself at the age of eighteen without any money, by the aid of health and a determination to succeed, although still a young man, he is the owner of 400 acres of well-improved and cultivated land, and is a well-to-do and prosperous farmer and stock raiser of Mercer County. He is a Republican, a member of Mercer County Lodge, No. 35, A. F. & A. M., and himself and wife belong to the Christian Church.

James Holt was born in Moniteau County, Mo., April 17, 1842, and is a son of Levi and Minerva (Williams) Holt. The father was born in Kentucky, in 1818, and died in Mercer County, in 1861, during the month of August. He moved from his native State to Moniteau County, Mo., when a young man, and was there married. He moved to Mercer County when our subject was but six years old, and remained there until his death. He was a successful farmer and stock raiser, and died in the prime of life in the midst of his prosperity. The mother was born in Tennessee, in 1816, and now makes her home with her children in Mercer and Sullivan Counties. She is a member of the Baptist Church, and Mr. Holt was identified with the Christian. After his death Mrs. Holt married John Scott (now deceased). To her first marriage seven children were born, of whom five are living. James is the eldest child, and was educated at the common schools of Mercer County during his youth, but since arriving at maturity, by reading and observation, has become a well-informed man. After his father's death he assumed the management of the farm until the second marriage of his mother. In 1861 he was united in marriage to Nancy J. Brantley, daughter of William and Mahala Brantley, and a native of Morgan County, Ind., born June 12, 1844. She was the mother of three children, two now living, W. F. and Permelia (Ellen, deceased), and died in Mercer County, August 22, 1866. The same year Mr. Holt married a sister, Permelia, of his first wife, who is also a native of Morgan County, Ind. This union has been blessed with

two children: Le Roy and Laura J. In 1840 Mr. Holt moved upon the farm he now owns, and, although he began life poor, he is now the owner of 1,000 acres of well-improved and cultivated land. He has just completed a handsome residence, and part of his land includes the old homestead. Himself and wife are members of the Christian Church (as was also his first wife), and are among the highly respected citizens of the county. Mr. Holt is an active and enterprising citizen, and a good farmer and stock raiser, the latter being his specialty, as he deals extensively in stock of all kinds, with the exception of sheep. He is a Mason and a Democrat.

W. F. Holt, grocer, and dealer in glassware, queensware, hardware, etc., formed a partnership with Edward Evans October 1, 1885, and remained in business with him until April 27, 1887, since which time he has been the sole proprietor of the establishment. He was born in Mercer County, January 18, 1864, and has always resided in his native county. He lived upon a farm until the winter of 1884-85, when he engaged in the mercantile business at Newtown, which is situated upon the line of Putnam and Sullivan Counties. He was burned out a few months later, and then the firm of Evans & Holt was formed. In 1885 he was married to Fannie Jones, a native of Sullivan County, by whom one daughter, Esther Cloe, was born. Mr. Holt is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and belongs to the Christian Church. His early ancestors were English, and his paternal great-grandfather was a soldier in the War of 1812, and died in Mercer County, Mo., in 1886, aged one hundred and three years, Mercer and Putnam Counties thereby losing one of their oldest settlers. The paternal grandfather, Levi, was a native of Missouri, and died in Mercer County. James, the father, was born in Moniteau County, Mo., in 1844, and since childhood has been a resident of Mercer County. His wife, and the mother of our subject, Jane (Brantley) Holt, was a native of Indiana, and after her decease Mr. Holt married her sister, Permelia, by whom one son and one daughter have been born. W. F. Holt is one of two sons.

William Houser was born in Wayne County, Ohio, May 14, 1829, and is a son of Philip Houser, who was born in Pennsylvania. He came to Ohio at an early date, and located in Wayne County, from where he moved to Putnam County, Ill., and located in Snatchwine. He remained at the latter place about seven years, and then came to Mercer County, Mo., and settled upon a prairie farm, which is now in possession of his son, and upon which he died in 1867. His wife, and the mother of William, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Losure,

died at the residence of her son in 1883. William remained with his parents until their deaths, and is now the owner of $322\frac{1}{2}$ acres of good land, all fenced but twelve and one-half acres, and under a good state of cultivation. He is one of the well-to-do farmers and stock dealers of the county, and enjoys the confidence and esteem of his neighbors and friends. He was married in Ohio to Elizabeth Rumbaugh, who bore him three children, two now living: Alice M. and John F. Mrs. Houser died in 1861, and he afterward married Oriza Robertson, who is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to which he also belongs. He is a member of the G. A. R. and I. O. O. F., and an enterprising citizen, who is always interested in educational enterprises. He is a Republican, and April 15, 1862, enlisted in the Seventh Missouri Cavalry, in which he served until the close of the war.

Hon. Ira B. Hyde was born in Guilford, Chenango Co., N. Y., January 18, 1838, and is a son of Frederick and Emily (Lewis) Hyde, natives of Connecticut. The father was a farmer, and in 1836 went to the State of New York, where he died in 1854. His ancestors came from England to the United States in 1640. The mother died in Rockport, Ohio, in 1867, and her father was an officer in the Revolutionary War. She was the mother of the following children, all of whom lived to maturity: Oscar R.; Elizur C., late of Guilford, N. Y.; Frances E., wife of Albert Jordan, of Carroll County, Iowa; Belinda, wife of Albert Dunham, of Rockport, Ohio; Frederick (deceased), late of Unionville, Mo.; Mary (deceased), and Hon. Ira B. The last named son resided with his parents in New York until fifteen years of age, and then lived in Cuyahoga County, Ohio, until 1861, during which time he received a good education at Oberlin College, Ohio. Leaving Oberlin College in the fall of 1859 he began the study of law at Cleveland, Ohio, in the spring of 1860. Early in the year 1861 he removed to St. Paul, Minn., and continued the study of law in the office of Daniels & Grant. He was admitted to the bar of the supreme court of Minnesota in July, 1861, and at once began the practice of his profession. In August, 1862, he enlisted in the Union army, and was mustered in as a private of Company F, First Regiment, Minnesota Mounted Rangers. Just at that time occurred the great massacre by the Sioux Indians along the Northwestern frontier, and his regiment was retained for service in the Northwest. He served in the campaign on the Minnesota frontier, and went out under Gens. Sibley and Sully the following years through Dakota and Montana. This Indian uprising of 1862-64 was by far the greatest

Indian war that has ever occurred in the United States, but it attracted little attention at that time beyond the States immediately concerned, because of the far greater struggle which was taking place in the South. At the close of the war in 1865 he went to Washington, D. C., and engaged in the practice of law with his present partner, H. G. Orton. In April, 1866, he immigrated to Missouri, locating at Princeton, where he has since resided, and continued to practice his profession. He has been a Republican since the existence of the party, casting his first vote for Abraham Lincoln in 1860, and has taken an active part in National and State campaigns. He has been a member of many of his State and district conventions, and was a delegate to the Republican National Convention, held at Chicago in 1884. He served as county attorney by appointment. In 1872 he was elected to represent the Tenth District of Missouri in the Congress of the United States. He was appointed by Speaker Blaine a member of the committee on elections, and took an active part in the proceedings of the House. His speeches in the House of Representatives on "National Finances" and "Inter-State Commerce and the Regulation of Railroads," in both of which he advocated measures which have since been enacted into law, made him specially popular among the people of his district. In 1874 he was renominated for re-election to Congress by acclamation, but in the Democratic tidal wave which followed the exposure of the whisky ring and Credit Mobilier he with most other Republicans was defeated. Missouri did not elect a single Republican representative. This result was not caused by change of votes, but by apathy among Republicans which caused them to stay at home. In 1886 in company with H. G. Orton and others, he established the bank of Mercer County, of which he is president. Mr. Hyde has been twice married. His first wife was Miss Sophie Clymer, of Bucks County, Penn., who died in October, 1871, leaving one child—Edward C. By his present wife, formerly Miss Carrie E. Mastick, and who was a native of Rockport, Ohio, there are two children—Benjamin and Arthur. Mrs. Hyde is a daughter of the late Col. Benjamin Mastick, a former prominent citizen of Rockport, Ohio. Mr. Hyde is a member of the I. O. O. F., and of the Grand Army of the Republic.

George Whitney Hyler was born in Steuben County, N. Y., December 10, 1818, and is a son of Hezekiah and Julia (Williams) Hyler, of Welsh-English and Irish descent. The father was born in Pennsylvania. He was a farmer and lumber contractor, and once, while on a journey to Michigan, was shipwrecked near Cunningham Island, in

Lake Erie. He was a soldier in the War of 1812. He moved from Pennsylvania to New York, then lived in Ohio a short time, after which he resided in New York until his death. The mother was born near Elmira, N. Y., and was of French and German descent. Her mother was in Middle Fort, on the Mohawk River, at the time it was attacked by Burgoyne's army and the Indians. After the death of Mr. Hyler his widow married David Gee. Her death occurred in Pennsylvania about 1840. George W. Hyler was the eldest of a family of five children, and was educated at the common schools of Steuben County, N. Y. At an early age he began to learn the wool-carding and cloth-weaver's trade, and after working four years at the same he went into the lumber business in connection with his trade. In 1844 he went to Wisconsin, and engaged in wool-carding, but was burned out in 1846, after which he embarked in the same business at Janesville, Rock Co., Wis. In 1847 he went to Rockford, Ill., where he conducted the same business one year. He then engaged in the same business at Grand Tower one year, when he sold out and farmed in Belvidere, Ill., one year. While there he married Julia A. Loop, daughter of Henry Loop, who was born in Steuben County, N. Y., in 1823. Four of six children born to this union are living: Henry L., George L., Charles L. and Minerva Julia. Those deceased are John L. and Sarah L. Soon after his marriage Mr. Hyler moved to Dyersville, Iowa, and built the first house in that place in 1851. He bought land there, and engaged in farming until 1873, and then exchanged his farm for saw and grist mill property at Hopkinton, which in 1883 he exchanged for land in Mercer County, Mo., which he now owns. To this land he has since added until he is the possessor of 410 acres, and also has a nice farm of 100 acres at Hopkinton, Iowa. He is a Mason, and was a Whig until the organization of the Republican party, when he joined its ranks. He is a well-to-do farmer, and respected citizen.

Joseph Jenkins was born in Erie County, N. Y., January 4, 1839. His father, Joseph Jenkins, was born in the State of New York, August 11, 1795, and died in Iowa, June 21, 1856. His mother, Mary (Vannetta) Jenkins, was born in New York State in 1797, and died in Illinois in 1846. Joseph lived with his parents until their deaths, and then lived upon the old home place until 1862. He then took his departure for California, where he arrived in October, 1862, and engaged in various occupations until July 21, 1864. He then enlisted in Company C, Second California Volunteer Regiment, and served until discharged at Sacramento, May 30, 1866. He then

started for his old home in Iowa, where he arrived July 5, 1866, and remained until 1868. He was married there March 7, 1867, to Elizabeth M. Garland, daughter of John and Jennie Garland, and in March of the following year came to Mercer County, Mo., and settled upon a farm three and a half miles from Ravanna, to which place he moved three years later. He engaged in carpentering at Ravanna until 1881, and then embarked in the furniture business, which he has since successfully conducted. Mrs. Jenkins died on February 16, 1877, leaving one child, Mary Jane, wife of Lewis N. Smith. Mr. Jenkins was afterward married August 14, 1878, to Frances E. Lowry, daughter of Albert and Mary (Bruce) Lowry. This union was blessed with three children, of whom two are living: Allie Bruce and Joseph Henry. Mr. Jenkins is an active Democrat, and although he has never aspired to political office, has been the postmaster of Ravanna two years, and, under the township organization, was township clerk. He is an honorable member of the Masonic order, and also of the I. O. O. F., and himself and wife belong to the Methodist Episcopal Church. They are public-spirited citizens, and enjoy the respect of a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

Casper Kauffman, farmer and stock raiser of Morgan Township, is a native of Bavaria, Germany, and was born in 1827. His parents, Michael and Margaret Kauffman, were natives also of Germany. The father was twice married; his first wife died in Germany, and he was there married the second time. He was a wagon-maker by trade, and in 1835 emigrated to the United States, and immediately settled near Springfield, Stark Co., Ohio, where he engaged in farming until his death in 1865. He was the father of eight children, and when he came to America was accompanied by the subject of this sketch, Casper Kauffman, who remained with his father until twenty-five years of age. In 1856 he came to Mercer County, Mo., and bought forty acres of land in Morgan Township. The following year he returned to Stark County, Ohio, and married Miss Eliza Kobbe, a native of Clark County, Ohio, and born in 1836. This union has been blessed with nine children: Caroline (wife of Preston B. Cox), Henry, Alice (wife of Benjamin Evile), Ulysses G., Rosa, Thomas, Edward, William and John. Immediately after his marriage Mr. Kauffman returned to Mercer County, and settled upon the tract he had previously purchased, and where he has since resided. Although he began life a poor man, he is now the owner of fifty acres in his home place, which is well improved and cultivated. His buildings are good and substantial, and he is one of the successful farmers of the township. He

is a supporter of educational enterprises, and anxious that his children should receive the educational advantages of the day. In politics he is a Democrat. His wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which his son, Henry, is a minister. The latter is also a graduate of Howard College, Missouri.

Capt. J. A. Kennedy is of Scotch descent, born in Hardy County, Va., June 9, 1828, and is a son of John and Elizabeth (Arnold) Kennedy, natives of Ireland and Hardy County, Va., respectively. The father came from Ireland to Virginia when a young man, where he engaged in farming. When the subject of this sketch was about six years old his parents moved to Franklin County, Ohio, at which time they were very poor, owning but a horse and wagon when they started to seek a home in the west. After stopping in Franklin County two years they continued the journey, and finally located in La Porte County, Ind., in the fall of 1836, which was then in a wild and unsettled condition, and inhabited by Indians and wild animals. Some time was spent in clearing a home, and at the expiration of two years the father died (January, 1838), leaving his widow and seven children in destitute circumstances. The mother afterward married Myron Phelps, who died in Indiana in 1857. Mrs. Phelps died in Iowa County, Iowa, about 1859. Joseph A. Kennedy was the third child of a family of seven, four of whom are now living. He received a limited education at the common schools of Indiana, but his information has been chiefly gained by hard study and reading when alone. He early imbibed a taste for knowledge, and borrowed all books available which he read with avidity during his spare moments. In 1840 he worked during the summer for \$4 per month, and by hard work and economy accumulated enough money to purchase the needed books and furnish him means to attend school. At the age of twenty he began to teach, and from that time until 1852 taught and attended school alternately. October 19, 1852, he married Rebecca Morrell, daughter of Jacob and Mary (Bowman) Morrell, born in Dearborn County, Ind., February 14, 1828. She was a teacher in St. Joseph County, Ind., and bore Mr. Kennedy five children, of whom three are living: Mary E. (wife of Seely Mapel), William E. (railroader) and Elma J. (wife of E. W. Jewell, furniture dealer and farmer of Mount Hope, Kas.). Those deceased are Martha J. and Eliza. Six years after his marriage Mr. Kennedy moved with his wife and family of two children to Mercer County, Mo., and located near Ravanna, where he resumed teaching during school months until 1872, with the exception of the time spent in the Legislature and while in service. The summer months were

spent in improving his land. In 1870 he engaged in the nursery business with S. M. Wayman, who afterward moved to Georgia, and with whom he was quite successful in business. Since 1882 Mr. Kennedy has been engaged in the nursery business only upon a light scale, his principal occupation being farming. Mr. Kennedy, until ten years ago, was a Republican, since which time he has been independent in politics, voting principally with the Greenback and Prohibition parties, but always for pure principles, and good and competent men, in preference to party. At the age of sixteen he espoused the temperance cause, for the advancement of which he has ever contended and labored, opposing the whisky traffic in any and all forms, unable to see any half-way grounds or compromise with evil. He was always opposed to slavery from principle—cannot sanction it in any form, whether of body or mind, church or State. In 1860 he was elected justice of the peace. His ambition was to become school commissioner, but his desire was never gratified, and his life for the most part has been spent in the school-room and upon the farm. At the commencement of the war he enlisted, and was elected second lieutenant of Company C, of the Seventh Regiment six months' militia. In 1862 he was commissioned captain of Company I, of the Forty-fourth Regiment Enrolled Missouri Militia, until the close of the war, never coming into any active engagements. With him military service was only a necessity and not a choice, for like the poet Burns

He murder hates, by field or flood,
Though glory's name may screen us.

In 1862 he was elected to represent Mercer County in the Legislature, and served during the winters of 1862-63 and 1863-64. He was afterward a candidate for nomination to the same office, but was defeated, and has since filled but minor offices. He has been an active member of the Baptist Church since the age of twenty, and the greater part of the past thirty years has officiated as Sunday-school superintendent. For several years he has been occupying much of his time in the work of the ministry of the Church of God, laboring freely for the glory of God, and the advancement of this cause in the community, and has for a number of years been the clerk and is the present moderator of the North Grand River Association of Baptist Churches. He is a man of positive character, true to his convictions, and a hearty supporter and promoter of the educational and religious welfare of his county. Much of his success he attributes to his good and faithful wife, who has ever proved a true helpmate. He has no higher aspirations for the future than to have a pleasant home,

blessed with books and friends, surrounded by fruits and flowers, and all that tends to make life lovely and pleasant; and to be a useful member of society, striving to promote the best interests of mankind, and to build up the cause of education, temperance and religion until the final call from labor to reward. Mr. Kennedy is secretary of a tomological and horticultural society whose history is as follows: A preliminary meeting to arrange for the organization of a tomological and horticultural society was held at the residence of W. V. King, one and one-half miles north of Princeton, October 6, 1887. Fifteen names were obtained, committee appointed to prepare rules and regulations, and on the first day of November, 1887, the members met in Princeton, adopted a constitution, regulations, etc., and completed the organization by selecting the following officers: R. J. Lewis, president; J. L. Wood, vice-president; W. V. King, treasurer; J. A. Kennedy, secretary.

Lester King was born in Seneca County, Ohio, in 1842, and is a son of Peter T. and Nancy (Rickett) King. The father was of German descent, and born in Butler County, Penn., in 1799. He was a farmer by occupation, and in 1828 immigrated to Seneca County, Ohio, and in 1853 to Mercer County, Mo., where he located in Morgan Township upon 140 acres of land. His death occurred in 1880. He was married three times and was the father of eight children, two by his first wife and six by his second. The latter was the mother of our subject, and was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, in 1803. She died in 1867. Lester was the youngest child, being eleven years of age when he accompanied his parents to Mercer County. He received a district school education when young, and lived with his parents until eighteen years of age. He was a strong Union man, and in August, 1861, enlisted in Company D, Second Missouri Cavalry, known as Merrill's Horse. His principal duty consisted of raiding and skirmishing, but he participated in the battles of Little Rock, Ark., and Bia Metra, and was in both raids made by Sterling Price in Missouri. After serving four years and two months he was discharged in September, 1865, at Nashville, Tenn. December 10, 1865, he married Miss Sarah Curtis, daughter of Laban and Sarah Curtis. Mrs. King was born November 14, 1849, in Mercer County, Mo., and is the mother of six children: Claude, Andrew J., Effie, Maggie, Laban and Joseph. Mr. King located where he now resides the year of his marriage, and is the owner of 172 acres of good land, and is considered a successful and enterprising farmer. He is a Republican, and cast his first presidential vote for A. Lincoln in 1864. He is a member of the G. A. R., and

a charter member of Capt. Stanley Post. His wife has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church sixteen years.

Greenberry B. King, a leading farmer of Mercer County, was born in Illinois, in 1849, and is a son of Greenberry King, a native of Virginia, who moved first to Ohio from his native State and afterward to Illinois. From there he came to Missouri, and settled upon a farm in Medicine Township. He died in Mercer County, in 1883; his wife, (the mother of our subject), died in 1869. Greenberry King, the subject of this sketch, remained at home until nearly twenty-one years of age, at which time his father was married the third time. Greenberry then began life for himself, and by industry and economy is now the owner of the old home place which contains 160 acres well improved and under a good state of cultivation. He was united in marriage in 1870 to Miss Minera J. Sanders, daughter of J. W. Sanders, and to this union seven children have been born, viz.: Henry S., Pernine F., Hester M., Lucinda, Oliver, John E. and Ritta A. Mr. King is a public spirited citizen, takes great interest in the general welfare of his country, and is a stanch supporter of the Republican party, although he has never sought or held political office. Himself and family rank among the respected citizens of the community in which they live, and have a large circle of friends.

G. P. Larimore, postmaster and merchant of Mill Grove, was born March 16, 1845, in Shelby County, Ohio, and is the second of a family of six children (four deceased) of Jeremiah C. and Ann (Malcom) Larimore, natives of Hampshire County, Va., where they lived until about 1844. They then located upon a farm in Shelby County, Ohio, where they lived until G. P. was six years of age. They then moved to Licking County, Ohio, and in the fall of 1855, went to Fremont County, Iowa. Three years later the father purchased eighty acres of land from the Government, which he sold in 1867, and the family then moved to Clinton County, Mo. In the summer of 1872 they made their final move to Mercer County, Mo., locating at Mill Grove, where the father engaged in mercantile pursuits for a short time. From 1875 until his death in 1877 he served as station agent of that place. Mrs. Larimore also died in 1877. G. P. Larimore received a common-school education in Fremont County, Iowa, and made his home with his parents until twenty-five years old, during which period he employed his time upon his father's farm. He was then married to Sarah, daughter of George Elliott, and a native of Darke County, Ohio, where she was born in 1850. She was the mother of four children (all deceased), and her death occurred in

April, 1879, in Mill Grove. After his marriage Mr. Larimore spent a year in Clinton County, Mo., and then was employed at Mill Grove in the general mercantile store of Henry Baker. He remained with him but a short time, and in 1879 established himself in the grocery business at Mill Grove. F. A. Bonner afterward became his partner, but sold his interest after a short time, and then the firm was known as Larimore & Butcher. A few months later Mr. Larimore bought his partner's interest, became the sole proprietor of the business, and is considered one of the prosperous merchants of the town. Previous to starting in mercantile life Mr. Larimore was made postmaster of Mill Grove, which office he still retains. July 11, 1880, he was married in Linn County, Mo., to Virginia, daughter of Duncan R. and Fanny (Wilkinson) Stanley. Mrs. Larimore was born in Mercer County, March 10, 1860, but was principally reared in Linn County. She is the mother of two children: Clarence and Lena, and is a worthy member of the Baptist Church. In politics Mr. Larimore is a Democrat, and his first presidential vote was cast for Seymour in 1868.

Samuel A. Larimore, merchant of Mill Grove, was born in Ohio, in 1850, and is a son of J. C. Larimore, a native of Virginia. Samuel A. went to Iowa in 1855, and during his youth received a common-school education, although he grew up in the wilderness with Indians for associates. He came to Missouri from Iowa, in company with his parents in the year 1867, and settled upon a farm in Clinton County, where he farmed until 1870. He then went into the drug business at Plattsburg, Mo., in which he successfully engaged about three years, after which he sold out, and clerked for his father in a general store at Mill Grove. He married Maggie J., daughter of Samuel Blocker, of Clinton County, Mo., by whom two sons and three daughters were born: Jerry, Mattie, Annie, Bessie and Forest. Jerry and Mattie died in early childhood. Mr. Larimore established his present drug and grocery business at Mill Grove in 1879, and now carries a stock valued at about \$2,000, and does a good business. Himself and wife belong to the Baptist Church, and he is a staunch Democrat.

Thomas W. Lemmax is a native of Pittsburgh, Penn., and was born May 22, 1826. His father, James Lemmax, was born in York, Ireland, in 1784, and when a young man came to the United States, locating in Pittsburgh, where he worked in a brewery. He was married in 1807, and a few years later bought a farm in Noble County, Ohio, where he located and passed the remainder of his life with the exception of five years spent in Pittsburgh. He was quite successful in his business transactions, and became the owner of 640 acres of

land; his death occurred in 1858. His wife, Elizabeth (Franklin) Lemmax, was born in County Down, Ireland, in 1793, and immigrated to America about the time Mr. Lemmax came. Thomas W. is the fifth of a family of five sons and four daughters, and was taken by his father to Noble County, Ohio, when four years old. He received a common-school education in Summerfield, and made his home with his parents until twenty-three, giving the proceeds of his labor to them in the meantime. March 8, 1849, he married Miss Dorinda Osborne, daughter of Samuel and Martha (Horton) Osborne. Mrs. Lemmax was born in Noble County, Ohio, July 30, 1831. Her parents are natives of Ireland, were born in 1799 and 1805, respectively, and are now living in Noble County, Ohio. Her grandparents, Moses and Dorinda (Barker) Horton, were converts of John Wesley, and resided in Dublin, the church meetings being held in their house. The grandfather was a soldier in the Irish Rebellion. Mr. and Mrs. Lemmax have four children: Ann Olivia (wife of William J. Clamands), Charles K., William H. and Mary J. In the fall of 1866 Mr. Lemmax came to Mercer County, and purchased 263 acres in Section 23, Township 65, Range 25, of Harrison Township, upon which he located in 1868 with his family. He is a successful farmer, with a well improved place, and besides his farm owns three town lots in Princeton. He is conservative in politics, and cast his first presidential vote for Fillmore in 1852. In the spring of 1852 he went by water via New Orleans to California, the journey occupying six months and seven days, and after working there in the mines, returned home via New York. Mrs. Lemmax has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church for over thirty-nine years.

John C. W. Lindsey (deceased), a former prominent citizen and merchant of Princeton, was born in Putnam County, Tenn., September 18, 1822, and was a son of Robert and Margaret (Allison) Lindsey, natives of North Carolina. Robert Lindsey and two sons, William Newton and Joseph A., immigrated to Missouri in 1839, and took up claims in what is now Mercer County. Robert returned to Tennessee a year or two later and there died. William Newton and Joseph A. lived in Mercer County until their deaths. Four sons and one daughter of Newton reside in Mercer County and have families, but the descendants of Joseph live in Tennessee. A. M. Lindsey (another son) came to Mercer County about 1847; he reared quite a large family, many of whom still reside in this country; he died in 1873. John C. W. Lindsey came to Mercer County, Mo., in 1849, and in 1850 was employed as a clerk in the mercantile business. After being thus en-

gaged about six years he started in business for himself, and devoted the remainder of his life to mercantile pursuits, meeting with good and deserved success. For over thirty years he was regarded as one of Princeton's most reliable business men and respected citizens, and his death was mourned by a large circle of social and business friends. His death occurred November 7, 1886. His first wife, Elizabeth Jane (Rhea) Lindsey, was born in Tennessee, February 24, 1824, and died in Princeton, March 3, 1859, leaving the following children: Martha A., wife of W. B. Ballew, of Princeton; Robert C. H., Mary M., wife of T. E. Evans, of Princeton; Maggie D., wife of Rev. T. A. Canady, of Kirksville, Mo., and William P. His second wife, Elizabeth (Scott) Lindsey, and three sons are still living: John A. N., Charles F. K. and Emmett A. M. John C. W. Lindsey was an unswerving Democrat in politics, and, although he never sought political honors, served as county judge one term by appointment. He was a public-spirited citizen, and assisted largely in the up-building of Princeton. His son, Robert C. H., was born May 29, 1845, in White County, Tenn., and reared in Mercer County, Mo. He received a practical business education in his father's store, and in 1878, in partnership with his brother, William P., engaged in the hardware business. In 1882 they succeeded their father (who then retired) in business, and the firm now occupies a large two-story brick building, erected by their father in 1876 on the northwest corner of the public square. They carry a complete and well assorted stock of general merchandise, and enjoy a large patronage. Robert C. H. was first married to Sallie E. Rhea, whom he lost by death, and in August, 1884, he married his present wife, who was then Miss Maggie J. Wright. To them two children have been born: Edith and John H. W. Mr. Lindsey is a Democrat, and a member of the I. O. O. F. and A. O. U. W. William P. Lindsey was born February 5, 1854, in Princeton, Mo., and was also educated by his father in business life. September 22, 1872 he married Susan A. Clements, who was also born in Princeton, and who is the mother of four living children: Lula A., William Edward, Freddie Rhea and John C. W. Mr. Lindsey is a Royal Arch Mason, and a member of the A. O. U. W.

Andrew J. Loe was born in Ray County, Mo., November 10, 1837, and is a son of Samuel and Elizabeth Loe. The father is an honored citizen of Mercer County, and was born in Campbell County, Tenn., July 22, 1811. He is the ninth of fourteen children born to Fielden and Mary Loe, and lived with his parents upon their farm until his marriage. His educational advantages were very poor, but in all his

trials and exertions he always found a ready friend and helper in his mother. In 1833 he married Elizabeth, daughter of Reuben Hatfield, and a year later went to Ray County, Mo., where he lived one year. In 1837 he moved within the boundry of Mercer County, before the county organization, and entered eighty acres of land which he proceeded to improve, and to which he has since added. His wife is an active woman of seventy-three years, and has borne him fifteen children, ten of whom are living. He is a Democrat, and cast his first presidential vote for Jackson. During the war he was a Union sympathizer, although he did not serve in the regular army. Mrs. Loe is a worthy member of the Baptist Church. Andrew J. is the third child born to his parents, and passed his youth upon his father's farm. Like him his educational advantages were limited, but being of an industrious and studious nature he has acquired knowledge sufficient to enable him to manage his business successfully. At the age of twenty-three he was united in marriage with Armilda S., daughter of John Owen, by whom six sons and five daughters have been born, all of whom are living: Sarah A. (wife of E. R. Thomas), John E., Eliza J., Samuel E., Robert F., Amanda M., Clifton A., Charles O., Carrie F., Joseph R. and Dollie. During the war Mr. Loe enlisted in company F, Third Missouri State Militia, April 2, 1862. He served about one year in this regiment, and the remainder of the time was in active service in Company I, of the Seventh Missouri State Militia. After peace was declared, he returned home, and has since devoted his attention to farming and stock raising. His farm contains 240 acres of land well fenced, and consisting mostly of timber land. His home, which was not insured, was destroyed by fire, March 17, 1885, his loss being about \$1,500. Until his present comfortable residence was built Mr. Loe was obliged to live in a small box house. Mrs. Loe is a worthy and active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the family rank among the well-to-do citizens of the county.

M. A. Louderback was born June 20, 1828, in Warren County, Ind., and is the fourth of thirteen children (five dead) born to Daniel and Alcy (Powel) Louderback, natives of Virginia and South Carolina, respectively. When young they accompanied their parents to Indiana, where they married and lived in Warren County until the fall of 1828, when they immigrated to Schuyler County, Ill. In February, 1832, they moved to Adams County, Ill., where they entered land and improved a farm, upon which they lived until 1856. They then moved to and settled in Salt River Township, Knox County, Mo., upon the present site of Goodland. There the father engaged in mercantile

business in connection with his farming, until his death in January, 1865, at the age of sixty-four. The mother was born in 1802, and is now a resident of Goodland. M. A. received a limited common-school education during his younger days, and remained at home with his parents until twenty-three years of age. He then began to till the soil in Schuyler County, Ill., where he resided until 1855. He then moved to Mercer County, Mo., where he bought 120 acres of land, where he is now living. He has since added to his original purchase, and now owns one of the finest farms in the county, consisting of 400 acres—140 acres in timber land, but the balance well cultivated and improved. As this property is the result of his own unassisted toil, he is regarded as one of the most successful and enterprising farmers of the county. His land is very productive, and this past year, upon three and one-half acres, he raised 130 bushels of wheat, machine measure. He is a Democrat, and cast his first presidential vote for the Democratic candidate in 1852. He has for some years been a member of the I. O. O. F. He is an old settler of the county, having come here at an early day, and, although at that time contemplating but a temporary residence here, yielding to the urgent entreaties of his wife he remained, and has consequently become identified with the growth of the county.

Charles A. Loveland was born in Ashland County, Ohio, September 11, 1842. His father, R. P. Loveland, is also a native of Ohio, and was born in 1818. He lived in Ashland County until about 1848, when he went to Wisconsin, and settled in Dodge County upon a farm, where he resided until 1857. He then sought a home in Mercer County, Mo., and settled in Washington Township, living there until 1877. He then removed to Illinois, and located upon a farm in Winnebago County, where he is now engaged in general farming and stock raising. Hannah (Austin) Loveland, his wife, and the mother of Charles A. Loveland, was born in Vermont, married in Ohio, and is now living with her husband in Illinois. Charles A. remained at home until twenty-two years of age, when he married and engaged in farming on his own account upon his present farm. He is now in possession of 351 acres of good land, all improved and under a fine state of cultivation, and upon which he is engaged in farming and stock raising. June 8, 1864, Miss Sarah J. Kieth, daughter of William and Nancy Kieth, became his wife. To this marriage the following four children were born: William P., Louis F., Mary A. and Bertha S. Mr. Loveland has always been a staunch supporter of the Republican party, but has never sought office of any kind. During

the war he served in the Missouri State Militia. He is a member of the Masonic order at Princeton. He is greatly interested in the educational progress of the county, and is a liberal donator to laudable public enterprises. His wife is a worthy and active member of the United Brethren Church, and his family is highly respected by the community.

M. W. Lowry, a merchant of Ravanna, was born in Richland County, Ill., July 22, 1853. His father, Judge S. S. Lowry, who is now presiding judge of Mercer County, which office he has filled with efficiency a number of years, was born February 19, 1823, in Spencer County, Ind. He engaged in farming in Richland County, Ill., previous to his removal to Mercer County, Mo., in 1854, at which time he located in Somerset Township where he has since resided. While in Richland County, Ill., he was united in marriage to Sarah A. Combs, by whom he had five sons and one daughter, of whom M. W. Lowry is one. He left home in 1875, after receiving a good common-school education, and came to Ravanna, Mo. There he was employed as a clerk in a dry goods store, and also a drug store until about 1882, when he engaged in partnership with D. W. Lowry in the dry goods business. He has since been successfully engaged in the above named business, the company carrying a large stock of all kinds of goods in their line suitable for a country town. They are careful and anxious to please their customers, and particular in regard to the prices and qualities of their goods. December 1, 1886, he was married to Mary E. Creel, the daughter of William C. Creel, a prominent farmer of Lee County, Iowa. Mrs. Lowry is an active member of the Presbyterian Church, and a worthy and estimable lady. Mr. Lowry is a Republican, but has never sought or held office. He has held most of the elective offices in the I. O. O. F., and is interested in worthy educational and philanthropic enterprises.

Robert A. McCartney was born in Washington County, Penn., February 4, 1835, and is a son of Robert and Barbara (Allen) McCartney, both natives of Scotland, where they were married. They came to the United States in 1833, and first located in Pennsylvania afterward going to Iowa in 1853, where they lived (in Decatur County) until 1858. The father then returned to Pennsylvania, where he now resides, having lost his wife while in Iowa. To their union three sons and three daughters were born: John A., Janet (wife of J. H. Hamilton), Robert A., Thomas H. (deceased), Grace (deceased wife of Turner Swain), and Elizabeth (deceased). Robert A. was reared in his native State and county, and there learned the carder and

spinner's trade, at which he worked until 1853 in Pennsylvania. He then followed his parents to Iowa, and farmed and worked at his trade until coming to Missouri in 1871. Here he worked at a woolen mill in Bethany until 1878, and then came to Princeton and managed the carding and spinning machine of J. P. Anderson until 1884. At that time the woolen mills were built, and Mr. McCartney has since operated them successfully, and become a business partner of Mr. Anderson. While in Iowa he married Catherine Mills, a native of New York, who died in 1878, leaving three children: Frank L., Herbert C. and Roy Clifford. Mr. McCartney is a Republican, and one of the well-to-do and respected citizens of Princeton.

Justin T. McCarty, farmer and stock dealer, was born in Illinois, August 7, 1846. His father, Cornelius McCarty, was born in North Carolina in 1792. He immigrated to Ohio, where he lived until 1830, when he went to Illinois, and settled on a farm in Menard County. He resided there a few years, and then removed to Mason County, where he died in 1873. His wife, Jennie (Bell) McCarty, was born in 1802 in North Carolina, and died in Mason County, Ill., in 1864. Justin T. remained at home until after the death of his mother, when he lived alone with a brother until he married, after which he still remained at home about three years. He then lived at different places until 1876, then came to Mercer County, Mo., and located upon his present farm in Somerset Township. He now owns 680 acres of good land, and buys and sells stock extensively. He was married in 1865 to Miss Lillie, daughter of Robert Rogers, who was born in Pennsylvania in 1816, and was an early settler of Ohio County, Ind., where he married Jane Blue, a native of Ohio. Mrs. Rogers died in Ohio County, Ind., but the circumstances surrounding the death of her husband remain shrouded in mystery. To the union of our subject and his wife nine children have been born, eight now living: Minnie (wife of W. H. Cochell), Robert, Rose, Charles, John, Annie May, Cora and Mary C. Miss Rose is seventeen years of age, well advanced in music, of which she is a teacher, and is endowed with natural artistic talents. Mr. McCarty is a Republican, but has never sought political honors, and is a well respected man in his county.

William H. McKinley was born in Logan County, Ill., April 1, 1842. His father, William R., was born in Trumbull County, Ohio, January 9, 1804, and resided in his native State until 1840, and then went to Logan County, Ill., where he remained until 1855. He then came to Mercer County, Mo., and located upon a farm which now forms the present site of Ravanna. He laid out the original plat of

Ravanna, and resided in that vicinity until his death, which occurred on December 5, 1876. His wife, and the mother of William H., was born in Pennsylvania in 1802, and accompanied her sister to Ohio, where she was married in 1826. Her death occurred in Ravanna January 19, 1874. William H. made his home with his parents until his marriage. In August, 1862, he enlisted in the Second Missouri, Merrill's Horse, Cavalry Division, Seventh Army Corps, participating in Steele's Little Rock and later Camden campaign, after which he was commissioned first lieutenant of Company F, Fourth Arkansas Cavalry Volunteer, in which he served until the close of the war. Then he returned home, and April 1, 1867, married Emma Drake, daughter of James T. and Catherine (Sneath) Drake. This union has been blessed with the following children: Orin S., William J., Charley, Robert D., Ralph (deceased), Emma, Wade K., Grace. Immediately after his marriage Mr. McKinley moved to and began to improve the farm upon which he now resides. He owns 480 acres of good land, all well improved and cultivated, making one of the best farms in the vicinity. His occupation is that of farming and stock raising. His first presidential vote was cast for Lincoln, and he has since been a hearty supporter of the Republican party, which he served as deputy circuit clerk under W. L. Jerome. He is an F. & A. M., and a member of the G. A. R., of which he was once the secretary. He and his wife belong to the Methodist Episcopal Church.

James H. Malone is a son of Anderson B. and Melissa (Davis) Malone, and was born in Grundy County, Mo., January 1, 1841. His father was of Irish descent, and born in Knox County, Tenn., in 1816. He was a farmer by occupation, and in 1837 left his native State and immigrated to Grundy County, Mo. In 1842 he came to Mercer County, Mo., and settled upon the farm now owned by Samuel Clark, and has made his home in Lindley Township for the past twenty-one years. During the Rebellion he served three years, but was neither captured nor wounded. He is the owner at present of 120 acres of good land, and is a successful farmer. His wife was born in East Tennessee in 1818, and died in 1879. James H. is the second of a family of twelve children, and accompanied his parents to Mercer County, where he received a common-school education, and lived with his parents until he was twenty years of age. In August, 1861, he enlisted in Company B, Fifth Kansas Cavalry, and served until discharged at Leavenworth, Kas., in September, 1864. Among other engagements he was present in the fights at Dry Wood, Helena, Little Rock and Pine Bluff. He was captured, with ten others, near

Ellwood, Kas., and kept a prisoner five days, when he and one other made their escape, although the eleven prisoners were guarded by twelve men. He then traveled 100 miles in four days and nights to rejoin his company. February 18, 1865, he married Miss Ellen Maria Smith, daughter of George and Matilda Ann Smith. Mrs. Malone was born in North Carolina, February 20, 1840, and came to Mercer County in 1856. This union has been blessed with the following children: James A. (deceased), Alice Matilda, Charles W., Cora, Ada, Kane and Lucy. After his marriage Mr. Malone bought 130 acres of land, upon which he still resides, and, although he began life poor, he now owns 795 acres of land, well improved, with substantial buildings, fences, etc. He is a Republican, and cast his first presidential vote for Lincoln in 1864. He is a Royal Arch Mason, and a member of the I. O. O. F. and A. O. U. W. Himself and wife belong to the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he is steward and trustee.

Henry C. Miller, clerk of Mercer County Circuit Court, and *ex officio* recorder of deeds, was born in the county, December 21, 1858, and is a son of Harrison Miller of this county [see sketch]. He was reared to manhood and educated in his native county, and early in life was employed as a clerk in a mercantile establishment. He afterward taught school about two years, and in 1882 came to Princeton, and accepted the position of deputy circuit clerk, under J. A. Thompson. In November, 1886, he was elected to the office which he has since filled in a satisfactory and able manner. He is a staunch Republican, and as such holds his present position. December 29, 1886, he was united in marriage with Clara I. May, daughter of the late Dr. A. H. May, of Princeton. Mr. Miller is a member of the A. O. U. W., and himself and wife are regarded as among the highly respected and enterprising citizens of the county.

C. E. Minter was born April 14, 1844, in Madison County, Ohio, and is the fourth of eight children, seven of whom are living, born to William and Mary (Ewing) Minter. C. E. was brought to Mercer County, Mo., in 1845, when but eighteen months old, and lived with his parents upon his father's farm in Washington Township until seventeen years old. He then enlisted in Company B, Fifth Kansas Cavalry, at Leavenworth, Kas., and remained in service until April 18, 1865, at which time he was honorably discharged at Leavenworth, Kas. He was in many skirmishes and April 25, 1864, while at Marks Mills, Ark., was captured by the Confederates with 1,050 men, and was imprisoned at Camp Ford, Tex. After his release he returned home, and for three months drove a stage from Princeton to

Chillicothe. He then farmed for a while, and in the winter of 1865-66 attended school at Edinburg, Grundy Co., Mo. At the end of his term he began to teach school in Washington Township, Mercer County, continuing engaged at that vocation four terms besides being interested in a saw mill on Muddy Creek, and devoting some time to farming. May 16, 1869, he married Matella, daughter of James T. and Catherine (Sneath) Drake, and a native of Ohio, born July 26, 1852. This union has been blessed with four children, three of whom are living: James William, Frank V. and Mary C. After his marriage Mr. Minter located upon the farm now owned by his brother, J. C., and soon after built the house in which his brother now lives. A year later he traded his property for the farm upon which he now resides, which contains 465 acres in the home place, well improved and cultivated. He is one of the wealthy and prosperous citizens of the county, and owns in all about 800 acres of good land. He is a Republican in politics and as such was elected sheriff of his county, which office he filled in an efficient and satisfactory manner. His first presidential vote was cast for U. S. Grant, in 1868. He belongs to the Mercer County Lodge, No. 35, A. F. & A. M., and himself and wife are active and worthy members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to the support of which they contribute largely.

Silas Mobley was born May 2, 1837, in Belmont County, Ohio. His parents were natives, respectively, of Maryland and Pennsylvania, but were married in Ohio, where they reared a family of three daughters, and one son. When fourteen years of age Silas accompanied his parents to Wood County, Va., where his father shortly after died. The mother then returned to Ohio, where she died the following year. Two of the daughters were then married, one having died March 2, 1848, and Silas, who was the youngest child, was practically left alone on the world. June 14, 1855, he married Rebecca, daughter of Ebenezer Buchanan, by whom two daughters and three sons were born: Sarah, born October 2, 1856; William, born July 6, 1859, and James, born May 31, 1862. In 1865 Mr. Mobley immigrated to Mercer County, Mo., where he has since resided, and now owns 156 acres of good land. Since his residence in this State two more children have been born: Margaret, born June 18, 1866, and John, born August 21, 1869. All his children are at present residents of Missouri. December 18, 1878, Mrs. Mobley died leaving an infant, Ida Rebecca, just born. May 1, 1879, Mr. Mobley married Urah M., daughter of M. B. Finch, by whom one daughter, Amy, was born, November 30, 1882, who died June 20, 1885. Mr. Mobley is a staunch Democrat, and

although prevented from serving in the Union cause, during the war, on account of disability, lent all his influence to the preservation of the Union. He has been a member of the Christian Church for a number of years, and is a liberal supporter of religious and educational enterprises.

Robert H. Moore is a son of Levi and Rachel Moore [see sketch of W. H. Moore] and was born May 10, 1824. He lived with his parents in different parts of Missouri during the pioneer days of that State, until eighteen years of age, and June 13, 1842, was married to Malinda, daughter of William Wasson, by whom the following children were born: Eliza Jane, born February 16, 1843; Samara Ann, born December 11, 1844; Jackson (deceased), born September 5, 1846; Amanda P., born August 12, 1848; Milton, born March 11, 1850, and Sarah Ellen, born October 25, 1851, all but one being reared to maturity. Soon after his marriage Mr. Moore settled upon forty-eight acres of land he had entered in Mercer County, to which he afterward added 160 acres by pre-emption. For ten or twelve years he lived among the Indians. March 9, 1852, Mr. Moore was left a widower with six small children to care for, and his farm duties to attend to. He was obliged to do his own cooking, and oftentimes plowed his land with the baby securely fastened to his back. January 12, 1854, he married Hester A., daughter of David Jewett, and was then more comfortably situated, and able to devote his time to agricultural pursuits with a light heart knowing that his home and children were receiving a woman's care and attention. To his second marriage the following children were born: William M., born October 21, 1854; Senoma E., born April 27, 1856; James B., born September 6, 1857; Thomas B., born August 4, 1859; Cordelia, born August 22, 1861; Robert S., born May 4, 1863; Otto, born September 10, 1868; Douglass, born April 16, 1870; Randolph, born February 29, 1872, and Charlotte B., born December 25, 1873. Two, William M. and Senoma E., are now deceased. During the Rebellion Mr. Moore fought in the Union cause, in Company H, under Gen. John Brown, as second lieutenant. After hostilities had ceased he returned to his farm, and has since devoted his time to the cultivation of same. He now owns 800 acres of land, and is one of the well-to-do old settlers of the county. It is an item of interest that Mr. Moore is an own nephew of the famous hunter, Kit Carson, and like that renowned warrior he has had to fight his own way through life, but has come out conqueror.

William Howard Moore was born March 5, 1826, in Howard

County, Mo., and is a son of Levi and Rachel (Haynes) Moore. The mother was a daughter of Robert Haynes, and with her husband emigrated from Tennessee to Howard County, Mo., in 1826, where William was reared until eleven years of age. The family then lived on a farm in Daviess County one year, and then passed a year in Grundy County upon a farm which is now the present site of Trenton, which afterward became the property of Daniel Duvall. During twenty years of life passed right among the Indians, who then thickly inhabited Missouri, Mr. Moore became fluently conversant in four Indian languages. William H. came to Mercer County, Mo., in 1843, and entered forty acres of land three miles west of Lineville. By his marriage with Eliza, daughter of William Wasson, he has had thirteen children: Anna M., Adolphus L., Luticia J., Miles A., Mary E., Charlotte R., Arabella, John D. (deceased), William H., Jr., Robert D. (deceased), Sarah, Ida A. and Virgil H. At the time of the war Mr. Moore had increased his farm to 366 acres, but then abandoned his agricultural pursuits, and enlisted April 3, 1862, in the Union army, as first lieutenant in Company H, under Gen. John Brown. He was present at the battle of Springfield, Mo., and at Granby, September 29, 1862, was seriously wounded by falling from his horse. August 20 he was injured in his left eye, and afterward lost his sight in that eye. After being mustered out of service he bought mules and horses for the brigade under Capt. Carr, and after the war returned to Mercer County, and devoted his attention to farming and stock raising. He at one time owned 1,446 acres of land in Missouri and 346 acres in Iowa, but from time to time has sold portions of his land. He is interested in fine stock, and has some blooded horses of a high grade and some Shorthorns. He is a Republican, a member of the G. A. R., and one of the influential and successful men of the county.

William P. Moss was born in Daviess County, Mo., in 1839, and is a son of ex-Judge Joseph and Fanny (Prichard) Moss. The father is of Irish descent, and born in York District, S. C., in 1812. His father, Joshua Moss, was born in the same district in 1784 and in 1815 moved to Knox County, Tenn. In 1840 he came to Mercer County, Mo., and entered eighty acres in Harrison Township now owned by William Moss, his son. Joshua Moss was a soldier in the War of 1812 under Gen. Cornwell, and died in 1875. His wife, Jennie (Howser) Moss, was of Dutch origin, and born in York District, S. C. She was the mother of nine children, all of whom are living, the eldest aged seventy-six and the youngest fifty-two, and she died

in 1872. There are thirty-six grandchildren, forty-seven great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren now living. Joseph Moss is the eldest child, and was but a lad when his parents moved to Tennessee. In 1832 he went to Knox County, Ky., and in February, 1833, married Fanny Prichard, who was born in Knox County, Ky., in 1813. To them the following children were born: Mary Jane (wife of Douglas Brown), Henry, William P., Sarah (wife of Eli Mullinax), Calvin, Joseph, Ann S. (wife of John Higgins) and Joshua. In 1840 Judge Moss came to Mercer County, and entered 520 acres of land where he now resides. He lost his first wife in June, 1886, and in the fall of the same year married Jane Johnson, daughter of Joseph Johnson, and a native of Virginia, born in 1847. To this union six children were born: Jennie Lind, Ettie, Fannie, Hulda, Robert and Daisy. When Judge Moss came to Missouri with his parents the country was very sparsely settled, and they were among the first white men to come to the State. He has been successful in his business transactions, and at one time owned 900 acres, a great deal of which he has given to his children. He has fourteen children, thirty-two grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren, all save two living within four miles. In politics he has always been a Democrat, and as such served four years as justice of the peace, and four years as county judge, to which office he was re-elected three times. In 1861 he was appointed sheriff of the county, and served for two years. William P. Moss, our subject, is the third child of his father's first marriage, and when a year old was brought to Mercer County. In September, 1862, he married Miss Rebecca Kentucky, daughter of William and Rebecca Hart, and a native of Mercer County, born in 1842. She is the mother of two children: William E. and Rosa L. In 1863 Mr. Moss went to Madison County, Iowa, but in 1866 returned to Mercer County, and located upon his present place, which contains 600 acres of fine land upon which is a handsome house and large barns. In connection with his farming Mr. Moss keeps on an average 200 head of cattle, and is one of the prosperous farmers and stock raisers of the township. He is a Democrat and a member of the A. F. & A. M. and A. O. U. W. Himself and wife belong to the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he is a trustee.

Jesse Mulvaney is a native of Sevier County, Tenn., was born in 1830, and is a son of William and Martha (George) Mulvaney. The father was of Irish-English descent, and born in Tennessee in 1803. In 1850 he immigrated to Mercer County, and located in Morgan

Township, where our subject now resides. He was a successful farmer, and at one time owned 200 acres of land. He served as corporal of a company in the Mexican War for twelve months, and died in 1884. Martha (George) Mulvaney was born in Sevier County, Tenn., in 1805, and died in 1878. She was the mother of eight children, seven of whom are living: Sarah Ann (wife of Henry Lewis), Jesse, Polly (wife of Joseph Mason), Alexander, John, Patsey (wife of Isaac Overton) and William. Jesse was twenty years old when he came to Mercer County, and he then entered forty acres of land near the old homestead. In 1856 he located upon his present place, where he has since lived, and which contains 290 acres of well cultivated and improved land, making Mr. Mulvaney one of the substantial farmers of the township. In 1854 he married Miss Elizabeth Ann Constable, daughter of William and Martha Constable. Mrs. Mulvaney was born October 2, 1833 and came to Mercer County when seven years old. To her union with our subject four children have been born: William, Amanda (wife of Huston Holmes), Sarah (wife of Calvin Cordle) and Albert. In politics Mr. Mulvaney is a Democrat. Mrs. Mulvaney is a member of the Baptist Church.

James L. Neill was born October 27, 1834, in Marshall County, Tenn., and is the fourth of a family of nine children (two dead) born to Robert and Ann (Ewing) Neill, natives of Tennessee and Pennsylvania, respectively. They were married in the former State whither the mother had accompanied her parents when a little girl, and after the marriage settled upon a farm in Marshall County. There the father died when James L. was a small boy, but the mother still made that place her residence until 1852, when with her family she immigrated to Appanoose County, Iowa. At the expiration of two years the family removed to Mercer County, Mo., where the mother has since lived with her children, but is at the present making her home with her daughter, Mrs. Charity Logan, in Decatur County, Iowa. James L. received a limited education in his native county during his youth, and at the age of twenty-one began life for himself. March 25, 1858, he married Elizabeth, daughter of Archibald and Hannah (Ashcraft) Smith. Mrs. Neill was born in Mercer County, where she married, February 22, 1841, and to her union with Mr. Neill nine children have been born, seven of whom are living: Robert, Martha, Mary Alice, William, Melissa, Eliza Ann, Nettie and Ira. After his marriage Mr. Neill located upon a farm he afterward purchased, and upon which he now resides. Being of an active and energetic nature he has become a successful farmer, and now owns 160 acres of land,

the most of which is cleared and well improved. He is a Republican, and cast his first presidential vote for Stephen A. Douglas in 1860. Mr. and Mrs. Neill are worthy members of the Christian Church.

John B. Neill is a native of Mercer County, Mo., was born February 18, 1857, and is a son of Henry and Hulda F. (Girdner) Neill. The father was born in County Down, Ireland, March 1, 1816, and when quite small was bound out. Before he arrived at manhood his master died, and he then left his native country and immigrated to the United States. He went first to Pittsburgh, Penn., from there to Iowa, and then, the gold fever being at its height, accompanied a company to California in search of a fortune. After two years of California life he returned to Iowa, but soon after came to Mercer County, Mo. There he was married February 20, 1854, to Miss Hulda F. Girdner, daughter of Joseph and Anna (Lauderdale) Girdner. Mrs. Neill was born June 27, 1820, and is the mother of the following children: Lucy Ann (wife of Robert Owens), Harriet Ellen (deceased), John B., Catherine E. (wife of J. A. Arnott), Medora Alice (wife of R. R. Prichard). The year of his marriage Mr. Neill bought 250 acres where his son, John B., now resides, and where Henry Neill died. When he came to America he had but 50 cents, but being of an industrious nature, economical in his habits, and possessing business ability, he afterward became one of the successful farmers of Mercer County, and owned at one time 1,080 acres of land which he divided liberally among his children. The mother still resides upon the old homestead, making her home with her son, John B., who has lived upon the same place since his birth. December 31, 1879, he married Miss M. Inez Gardner, daughter of Jacob Gardner, who was born in Ashland County, Ohio, on May 8, 1858. This union has been blessed with three children: Nellie (deceased), John A. and Jesse V. Mr. Neill is one of the young and enterprising farmers and Shorthorn cattle breeders of Harrison Township, and owns 330 acres of fine land. His wife is a worthy member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, near Goshen City, and in politics he is a Democrat. His first presidential vote was cast for Hancock in 1880.

Sumner A. Newlin was born in Mercer County, Mo., September 19, 1856. His father was a native of Tennessee, and his mother of Franklin County, Ind. They immigrated to Missouri at an early date, and the father died while in the service of his country in 1862. Sumner A. spent his childhood and youth upon the farm in Missouri, and March 7, 1875, was united in marriage with Martha A. Talbott, by whom three daughters have been born, all of whom are living: Jes-

sie, born March 1, 1880; Gussie, born October 21, 1883, and Bessie, born December 21, 1885. In 1878 Mr. Newlin went into partnership with J. P. Alley in the saw mill business, in which he met with moderate success. In 1883 he sold his interest to his partner, and then followed his trade, that of engineering, until September, 1887, when he opened a grocery store at Marion Station, where he carries a stock of about \$5,000 worth of goods, and is meeting with good success.

Hobert G. Orton was born in Richland County, Ohio, March 2, 1838, and is a son of Treat and Rozetta (DuBois) Orton, natives of the State of New York, his father of English and his mother of Holland descent. His father was a pioneer settler of Ohio, having gone there in 1822. He is now a resident of Williams County, Ohio. His mother died in 1880, leaving four children: Angeline C. (wife of Dr. William H. Bunker, of Hamilton County, Ohio), E. Chase (of Williams County, Ohio), Hobert G. and Sarah A. (wife of Dr. Albert Wilber, of Williams County, Ohio). Hobert G. was raised on a farm, and attended the common school of his neighborhood. At the age of seventeen he commenced to teach school. His first school was in the Swail District, in Crawford County, Ohio. As was common then he lived at large, or, as the phrase was, he "boarded round." He received a liberal education at Oberlin College, having secured the means to attend college in part by manual labor while at school, and partly by teaching during the winter terms. While at college, in April, 1861, he enlisted as a private in Company C, Seventh Regiment, Ohio Volunteers, and served until wounded and captured at the battle of Cross Lanes, West Virginia, August 26, 1861. He was held a prisoner about three weeks, when rescued by the Union forces under Gen. Rosecrans, after the battle of Carnifax Ferry—right glad to get once more among the men who wore the blue. As in the accounts of the battle where he was wounded he was reported as "mortally wounded," he quite surprised his friends by turning up alive after the battle of Carnifax Ferry. The wound was a most desperate one, his right thigh bone being broken near the hip joint by a gun shot. He was confined to his bed for nearly a year, over nine months of which he was unable to turn or be turned off his back. During this time he underwent two severe surgical operations. From the effects of this wound he still suffers, and by it he is often confined to his bed for weeks at a time. At this period the question uppermost in his mind was, what, in his disabled condition, could he do to make a living in the world. The solution of this problem was in part

decided by the accidental opportunity he had of trading his army overcoat for two old volumes of "Blackstone's Commentaries." This trade was made, and the long and weary months of hospital life were in part occupied in the study of these books. Afterward he attended the Law University at Ann Arbor, Mich., and was in 1864 admitted to the bar. In January, 1866, he located in Princeton, Mo., and engaged in the practice of his profession in partnership with Mr. Ira B. Hyde, which partnership, with the exception of a few months, has existed ever since 1865. He is a man of good business ability, and has been successful in the practice of his profession. He and his partner were the principal organizers of the Bank of Mercer County, in 1886, under whose management it is conducted. He was married December 6, 1865, to Miss Angeline C. Stewart, a native of Vermont, by whom he has three children living: Helen DuBois, Ira D. and Eldon E. Ever since attaining his majority he has been a zealous Republican; and since his residence in Missouri he has taken an active part in politics in this part of the State. He served eight years as probate judge of Mercer County, and has been three times elected as its prosecuting attorney. He is a member of the G. A. R., and of the A. O. U. W.

Hiram Painter, a substantial merchant of Ravanna, was born in Westmoreland County, Penn., May 20, 1854, and is a son of John and Christena (Smail) Painter. The father is also a native of Westmoreland County, and at present a resident of Ravanna Township, whither he came in the fall of 1866. His life-long occupation has been that of farming. The mother was born in the same county as her husband and is a member of the Lutheran Church. Hiram is the second of a family of six children and received his early education at the public schools of Mercer County. At the age of nineteen he began to teach during the winter months, and to devote his time to farming during the summer months. This he continued until September, 1886, when he came to Ravanna, and established a grocery store, his intention being to keep a first-class stock of fine and staple groceries, crockery, cutlery, etc. He is one of the young and enterprising merchants of the town, and endeavors in every way to please his customers and supply their wants. In 1878 he married Bessie Drake, daughter of James Drake, of Mercer County, and to this union five children have been born: Allie M., Ralph E., John, James T. and Volney F. Mrs. Painter is a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Mr. Painter is a Republican, and takes an active interest in the welfare of his county.

William Erastus Parsons was born in Mercer County, Mo., April 1, 1847, and is a son of James and Mary (Prichard) Parsons. The father was born in Tennessee in 1812, and was of Irish descent. When about seventeen he left his native State and went to Illinois, and in the fall of 1838 came to Mercer County, Mo., where he entered the farm now owned by J. T. Cook. The farm comprised 520 acres, and there Mr. Parsons spent the greater part of his life. He was the first white man that settled in Mercer County, which was at that time a large unbroken prairie inhabited only by wild animals and Indians. He was a soldier in the Black Hawk War, and took an active part in politics before the war, belonging to the Whig party and afterward to the Republican. He was a charter member of the Goshen Christian Church, and also a trustee of the same. He was highly esteemed for his high principles and moral character, and his death which occurred December 15, 1885, was mourned by a large circle of friends. Mary (Prichard) Parsons was of Dutch descent, and a daughter of Joseph and Mary Prichard. She was born in Kentucky in June, 1824, and died in December, 1884. She was the mother of nine children, only two of whom are living: Mary (wife of J. T. Cook), and William E., who was the second child. He was educated at Edinburg, Grundy Co., Mo., and during the war was a strong Union man. In August, 1864, he enlisted in Company D, Forty-fourth Missouri Volunteer Infantry, and served in Tennessee, Kentucky, Louisiana and Mississippi. After a year's service he was discharged at St. Louis, Mo. September 22, 1867, he married Miss Margaret J. Higgins, daughter of William Higgins, and a native of Kentucky, born March 25, 1847. This union has been blessed with five children: James B., Hettie, Wilmoth, Annie and John T. After his marriage Mr. Parsons settled upon "old Perkins' farm," where he has since resided. He is now the owner of 280 acres of land, well improved and cultivated, and is one of the enterprising and successful farmers of Harrison Township. In politics he is a Republican, and has served his township three years as constable. Himself and wife belong to the Christian Church.

Ex-Judge Morris Perry was born in Greene County, Ohio, in 1825, and is a son of Allen and Elizabeth (Griffey) Perry. The father was born in North Carolina, in 1794, and when fifteen immigrated to Greene County Ohio, with his father, Samuel Perry, where he was married, and from there he moved to Wayne County, Ind. A few years later he went to Fayette County, and at the expiration of eight years moved to Madison County, where he died in 1859. He was a soldier in the War of 1812 under Gen. Hull. His wife was born in

Virginia in 1797, and died in 1868. Morris is the sixth of a family of eight boys and two girls, and was only three years old when taken to Indiana. He remained at home with his parents until twenty-four, but at the age of twenty-two began to work at the carpenter's trade, which he followed ten years. In 1853 he came to Mercer County, and in November, 1854, married Miss Mary Ann Girdner, daughter of James and Jennie (Prichard) Girdner. Mrs. Perry was born in Knox County, Ky., in 1836, and is the mother of ten children: Oliver H., Winfield Scott, James B., Jennie V. (wife of J. H. Covey), Mary A. (wife of Charles Coon), Matilda A., Seybert A. (deceased), Cora E., John M. and Jessie M. In 1853 Mr. Perry bought 200 acres in Section 36, Township 25, Range 24, for \$435, upon which he has since resided. He began life a poor man, but he now owns 345 acres of first-class land, which is well improved with good fences, a nice dwelling and large barns. Mr. Perry is one of the old settlers of the county, and a gentleman of literary tastes, owning the finest private library in Mercer County. In politics he is a National and cast his first presidential vote for Cass in 1848. He was township clerk of Morgan Township a number of years, and in 1878 was elected county judge at large on the People's ticket. He served as judge four years, and for twenty years was a school director. He is an Ancient member of the I. O. O. F., and himself and wife belong to the Christian Church, of which he has been an elder many years. During the Rebellion he served in the Enrolled State Militia.

William E. Peters, M. D., was born in Berkshire County, Mass., July 2, 1838, and is a son of Reuben and Sylvia (Edson) Peters, also natives of Massachusetts. He graduated in medicine from the Rush Medical College, Chicago, at the age of twenty-one, and then began the practice of his profession at Millidgeville, Ill. In 1859 he emigrated to Pleasant Plains, Iowa, now the site of Pleasanton, Iowa, where he continued the practice of medicine. In 1864 he embarked in the drug and grocery business at Pleasanton, and the profits of that business together with the money earned by his profession enabled him in 1878 to buy a farm of 720 acres of land one mile south of Pleasanton over the State line in Missouri. He then entirely devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits. He makes a specialty of fine stock, and always has a fine bull and about 100 head of cattle upon the place. He was married in 1872 to Mary A. Smith, by whom one son and three daughters have been born: Earl, Leota, Essie and Zora, all of whom are living with their parents. Dr. Peters is a staunch Republican and a cheerful giver to all laudable public enterprises for the advancement of his county.

Jackson Prichard was born in Knox County, Ky., May 5, 1819, and is a son of Joseph and Mary (Tye) Prichard, the former of Welsh and the latter of Irish descent. The father was born in Virginia, December 9, in 1783, and after living a few years in Knox County, Ky., during his youth, spent two years near Huntsville, Ala., after which he returned to Knox County, where he was married in 1811. He then lived three years in Alabama, but again returned to Kentucky which he left in 1837, for Daviess County, Mo. In 1839 he came to Mercer County, Mo., and located where his son Jackson now resides. His death occurred January 8, 1865. The mother was a native of Tennessee, and born March 22, 1787, and when thirteen years old went to Knox County, Ky. She was the mother of nine children, of whom Jackson is the only survivor, and her death occurred in 1872. Jackson received his education in a primitive log schoolhouse in Kentucky, and when eighteen came to Missouri. In the fall of 1838 he came to Mercer County, and took up a Government claim of 160 acres in Section 34, Township 65, Range 25, which he proceeded to improve, and to which his parents came in 1839. The Prichard family were among the early settlers of Mercer County, which at that time was an unbroken prairie, sparsely settled. February 21, 1850, Mr. Prichard married Miss Louisa J. Rockhold, daughter of Robert W. and Caroline (Wells) Rockhold, who came to Missouri, in 1839, from Whitley County, Ky. Mrs. Prichard was born in Whitley County, December 14, 1832, and is the mother of the following children: Mary C. (deceased) March 19, 1875, aged twenty-two, and wife of William F. Granlee; Maria E., wife of W. E. Cockrell; Joseph G., Louann, wife of Charles W. Scott, of Hennepin County, Minn.; Robert R., Mattie J., wife of W. W. White, of Jefferson County, Neb.; Sarah E., wife of James R. Bowsher, and Frank J. Mr. Prichard came to the county a poor man but possessed energy and business ability, and at present is the wealthiest man in Mercer County. He at one time owned 3,300 acres of land of which he has liberally given to his children, so that at present he owns but 1,500 acres. For a number of years he was extensively engaged in farming and raising stock, but having become advanced in years is now living a more retired life upon his homestead, where he in 1881 erected a commodious frame dwelling, which in April of that year was burned, and many of its valuable contents lost. Mr. Prichard is a Democrat, but cast his first presidential vote for Gen. Harrison, in 1840, as at that time he was a Whig. During the Rebellion he served as captain of the Enrolled Militia. He is one of the prominent citizens of the

county, and was once elected judge of the county court to fill the vacancy of Peter Cain. He has been a director of the Bank of Princeton since its organization, and vice-president of the same a number of years. Himself and wife have been members of the Christian Church for about eight years, and Mr. Prichard is a member of the Blue Lodge in Masonry.

James H. Reger was born April 4, 1844, in Madison County, Ind., and is a son of Saul and Mariah Reger, both natives of Virginia, where the mother died when James was an infant. The father was afterward married to Mary M. Busby, and resided in Indiana until 1855. He then sold out, and with five sons and one daughter moved to Missouri, whither two daughters had gone previously. Three older sons remained in Indiana, of which State they are still residents. James H. was the youngest child by his first marriage, and lived with his father in Sullivan County, Mo., until his marriage, November 3, 1861, to Charlotte, daughter of Jonathan Tipton. He shortly after enlisted in the Union Army, in which he served until March 20, 1865. He was then discharged on account of disability, and has since been a sufferer from the effects of the exposure of camp life. After his discharge he returned to his wife in Sullivan County, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits until 1877, when he moved to Lineville, Iowa, and ran a confectionery store successfully about four years. During these years while prospecting for coal he discovered what are now known as the "Reger Mineral Springs," which are famous in that country for their health restoring properties. Mr. Reger sold half of his interest in these springs to Mr. William H. Alden, in partnership with whom he has built a large and commodious hotel at a cost of \$6,000, which is finely furnished, and to which people suffering from dyspepsia, skin diseases or general debility resort, and where they almost invariably find relief in the health-giving waters. A large number of people are accommodated at this hotel, and the place is fast becoming a quiet and pleasant summer resort for which the county is greatly indebted to Mr. Reger.

M. F. Robinson, mayor of Princeton, attorney and real estate agent, was born in Laurel County, Ky., August 10, 1854. He remained in his native State until about seventeen years old, when he came to Princeton, and engaged in school teaching about four years in Mercer County. He was made deputy recorder, and while serving in that capacity commenced to study law, and in 1879 was admitted to the bar, and afterward practiced his chosen profession under the firm name of Wright & Robinson until the decease of the former in

August, 1884. Since April, 1887, Mr. Robinson has been efficiently discharging the duties of the office of mayor. In 1879 he was united in marriage to Lulu Wright, a native of Mercer County, by whom two sons have been born: Walter, born June 2, 1880, and Bertrand, born November 9, 1881; the latter died September 8, 1884. The Robinson family came from England about 1760, located in Virginia, and from there moved to Kentucky, where M. L. Robinson, the father of our subject, was born in May, 1824. He was reared in Kentucky, and afterward married Calista Casteel, by whom he had six sons and four daughters, all living with the exception of one son and one daughter. The parents are now residents of Mercer County.

Joshua Rock was born December 31, 1835, in Barren County, Ky., and is the sixth of thirteen children (five dead) of Joshua and Mary (Forbes) Rock, natives of Kentucky, where they were reared and married. Joshua accompanied his parents from Kentucky to Linn County, Mo., when six years old, and two years later went to Macon County, where they located upon a farm, where they lived ten years. In the spring of 1852 they moved to Grundy County, where the father died in 1858. The mother then made her home with her children until of late years when she moved to Modena, where she died in 1887, aged about eighty. Joshua received a common-school education in Macon and Grundy Counties, and at the age of twenty-one began life for himself as a farm hand on his father's farm. Upon the death of the latter he assumed the control of the estate of which he was appointed administrator; he filled that position with efficiency, and remained upon the old homestead until the spring of 1862, when he came to Mercer County. He soon enlisted in Company C, Thirty-fifth Missouri Infantry, and besides several skirmishes was present at the battles of Helena, Ark., and Shell Mound, Mo. He was mustered out July 15, 1865, and in September, of that year, returned to his farm near Modena which he had bought previous to the war. In the fall of 1867 he bought the mercantile stock of George W. Stewart at Modena, and engaged in that business at Modena seventeen months. He then moved upon a farm he had purchased in Madison Township, where, until November, 1881, he engaged in loaning money, farming and merchandising. Since that time his attention has been devoted to the two first named occupations. He was married February 6, 1868, in Mercer County, to Amanda, daughter of Charles and Margaret (Bradley) Thompson. Mrs. Rock was born in Mercer County, June 13, 1849, and is the mother of three children: Walter F., Hattie B. and Stella May. Mr. Rock is a worthy member of the Chris-

tian Church. He is one of the wealthy citizens of the county owning about 1,000 acres of good land, and having money out at interest which amounts to more than the value of his real estate. Previous to the war he was a Democrat, and cast his first presidential vote for Douglas in 1860, but since the war has been a staunch Republican. He is a member of the G. A. R., Andrew J. Norton Post.

Volney F. Rowley was born in Tioga County, Penn., February 10, 1832, and is a son of Ichabod and Celia (Harkness) Rowley. The father was born in Vermont, April 21, 1795, and when but a lad was taken by his parents to Tioga County, Penn. When about twenty-five years of age he was married, and with his family immigrated to Illinois in 1835, where he resided until his death. He was an earnest and conscientious member of the Christian Church, and left a widow and a large circle of friends to mourn his loss. Volney F. entered a college in Illinois in 1852, which he attended until the last quarter of his junior year, when he went to Washington County, Ill., and began to teach school, and study law under Col. Hicks. In 1857 he went to Dade County, Mo., but shortly after went to California, where he taught school three terms, and remained until 1861. He then returned to his father's home in Illinois, and lived upon the farm until 1867, after which he came to Mercer County, Mo. He is now the owner of 210 acres of good land, under a fine state of cultivation, and well equipped for farming. He was admitted to the Mercer County bar in 1871, and practiced law in the circuit court a number of years. For ten years he has been the justice of the peace where he resides, to the duties of which position and his general office work he devotes his time and attention. April 9, 1862, he married Caroline Millison, a native of Illinois, and daughter of John Millison, a native of Virginia. Mr. Rowley joined the I. O. O. F. in 1869, of which he has since been a member. He was a Democrat until Fort Sumter was fired upon, at which time he changed his views, and has since been a hearty supporter of the Republican party. He is still interested in educational projects, and a hearty supporter of enterprises for the general welfare of his county.

Thomas E. Sallee, farmer and stock raiser, was born in Mercer County, Mo., in 1841, on March 20, and is a son of Joseph M. and Matilda A. (Dunkeson) Sallee. The father was of French descent, and born in Rockingham County, Va., in 1815. His father, Moses Sallee, was a native of that State, and a cooper by trade, who died in Tennessee. Joseph M., when six years old, went to Ringgold County, Tenn., where he lived until his marriage in 1838. The following year

he immigrated to Northern Missouri, and located near Edinburg (now Grundy County), where he took up a claim. About a year later he sold out, and came to Mercer County, where he settled upon the farm now owned by Israel Smith, and which is situated in Harrison Township. About two years later he moved to Lindley Township, where he resided until 1876, at which time he removed to Mount Moriah, Harrison County, where he now lives, and for the past few years has served as postmaster. He also held that position in Burr Oak, Mercer County. He is one of the oldest living settlers of Northern Missouri, which, when he came to it, abounded in Indians and wild animals, and was a vast unbroken prairie. He is a Democrat, and for one year was the assessor of half of Mercer County. His wife was born in Kentucky in 1813, and died in 1856. She was the mother of nine children, of whom our subject is the second. He received a common-school education during his youth, and made his home with his parents until of age. In 1861 he married Miss Elizabeth Woodward, daughter of Elder John Woodward. Mrs. Sallee was born in Decatur County, Ind., in 1845, and died in 1862. In 1867 Mr. Sallee married Miss Adelia Putnam, daughter of Luther and Lucy Putnam, and a native of Huron County, Ohio, born October 5, 1846. She came to Mercer County when eighteen years of age, and is the mother of the following children: Henrietta, Arthur C., Olive, Carrie M., Ethel, Annie and Orville. Mr. Sallee was a strong Union man during the war, and in March, 1862, enlisted in Company E, Third Missouri Cavalry, for three years, participating in the battles at Springfield and numerous severe skirmishes. In June, 1864, he veteranized, and enlisted in Company M, Thirteenth Veteran Volunteer Cavalry, and was afterward promoted to Company C, of the same regiment. In August, 1865, he was made second lieutenant, which position he held until discharged in May, 1866, at Fort Leavenworth, Kas. About 1857 he entered 100 acres of land in Section 3, Township 65, Range 25, where he located after his marriage, and where he has since resided. He now owns 200 acres of land, and is one of Harrison Township's respected and enterprising farmer citizens. He has always been a Democrat, and cast his first presidential vote for McClellan in 1864. In 1877 he was elected county assessor, and in 1879 re-elected to the office, thus serving four years. He received a majority of 209 in a Republican county of 400 majority, which forcibly illustrates his popularity among the people. In 1873 he served as township assessor. He has been a member of the Missionary Baptist Church twenty-six years, and his wife has been a member of the same church twenty years.

Charles Scott (deceased), was a successful farmer and stock raiser of Harrison Township, Section 35, Township 65, Range 25, born in Ireland in 1815, and a son of Charles and Elizabeth (Scott) Scott. His parents were born in Ireland in 1790 and 1791, respectively, and in 1818 immigrated to the United States, locating first in Schuyler County, Ohio. After several years had elapsed, they went to Stark County, Ill., but passed the last year of their lives in Mercer County, Mo. The father died in 1862, and the mother in 1872. Charles was but three years old when brought to America by his parents, and was married in this country in 1839 to Miss Rachel Baxter, who was born in Ohio in 1815. After his marriage Mr. Scott moved to Stark County, Ill., but in 1841 came to Mercer County, Mo., locating upon the above described property. He lost his first wife in 1878, and June 5, 1879, married Miss Sarah Oiler, a native of Cumberland County, Penn., and born February 8, 1851. When two years old she was taken by her parents, James and Rosanna Oiler, to Noble County, Ind., and in 1868 moved to Harrison County, Mo. Mr. and Mrs. Oiler are natives of Cumberland County, Penn., were born in 1820, and 1825, respectively, and are now residents of Harrison County, Mo. Mrs. Scott is the mother of four children: Rosa, Minnie Jane, Charles James and Mary Elizabeth. Mr. Scott was a poor man when he first came to Mercer County, but by industry, close attention to business, and with the aid of his wife, became the owner of 500 acres of land, and was considered one of the substantial farmer citizens of the country. He was highly esteemed by those who knew him, and in politics was a Democrat, and during the war was second lieutenant of a company of Home Militia. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and died December 2, 1882, since which time his widow has lived upon the home place caring for her children, and looking after the property.

William T. Scott, notary public and justice of the peace, of Mill Grove, Washington Township, was born in Marion County, Ill., March 24, 1847. His father, Henry, was a prominent farmer of that State, and his mother, Edna S., daughter of Peter Wilburn, was born there and married in June, 1845. William T. is the eldest of a family of five sons and three daughters, and accompanied his parents to Missouri in 1857, but returned to Illinois in 1861. He enlisted in Company I, Seventh Illinois Cavalry, after his return to Illinois, and participated in several important engagements. While in service he participated in twenty-two battles, besides a great number of skirmishes, and was on one sixty-five days' raid without rest or receiving any mail. He was frequently detailed for special scout, and had many narrow escapes from

capture. Three times he was struck by balls from the enemy's guns, but only once disabled. He frequently went through the lines on his own hook, and thereby gained valuable information in regard to the enemy's whereabouts and intentions. He was wounded in the left hip at the battle of Nashville, and, although disabled for active service, remained with his command until the close of the war. Mr. Scott then returned to Missouri, and December 24, 1872, married Hattie A., daughter of David Butcher. This union was blessed with seven daughters, two of whom died in infancy. Those living are Mary E., Mertie M., Clara A., Alice A. and Carrie L. After his marriage he bought a small farm of 140 acres, and engaged in farming in connection with house carpentering until 1880. He then sold his farm, and bought his present residence in Mill Grove, where he raises bees and discharges the duties of collecting agent and notary public. He is a staunch Republican in politics, and is an active member of the Christian Church. He is also connected with Capt. Stanley Post, No. 79, Grand Army of the Republic, of which he was a charter member.

Peter J. Scott, farmer and school teacher, was born in Marion County, Ill., August 3, 1849, and was reared by his father, Henry Scott, upon a farm. During his youth he received a high school education, which he has since improved by study and teaching, and at the age of nineteen began to teach school himself. He has been very successful in his vocation, and is now teaching his twelfth term in Mercer County and his sixth term at Mill Grove. That he is a popular and highly esteemed teacher is shown by the fact that his is the largest district school in Mercer County, and that his services are in demand so often in the same place. December 22, 1878, he married Melissa M., daughter of Mrs. K. M. Butcher, widow of Judge David Butcher. This union has been blessed with one daughter—Della M., who is an attendant of her father's school. Mr. Scott came to Mill Grove in 1875, and in connection with his teaching has farmed upon seventy-five acres of good land adjoining Mill Grove, although he resides in one of the best houses in the town. Mr. Scott is a staunch Republican, and himself and wife are active and worthy members of the Christian Church.

Andrew H. Sexton, of Marion Township, Mercer Co., Mo., is the son of Isaac F. and Polly A. Sexton, who came from Kentucky to Indiana in the year 1818, where Andrew H. was born, in Sullivan County, November 1, 1831. He accompanied his parents to Mercer County, Mo., in the year 1854, where he bought Government land,

worked out by the month much of the time till the spring of 1859, and was then carried west by the Pike's Peak gold excitement, walking from Leavenworth to Denver City and far up in the Rockies in search of gold, but found it not. He then returned, and began farming, continuing until the war began, when he enlisted August 12, 1861, in Company B, Fifth Kansas Cavalry. He served his country three years and four days, being mustered out August 15, 1864, broken down with disease and hardships. On October 16, 1864, Mr. Sexton was married to Samanthe E. Snyder, a native of Kentucky, by whom five sons and three daughters were born, of which number six are still living: Almira E. (deceased), Emily J., Mary A., John M., Ira F., Hunter E. (deceased), Cassius A. and Bird. Mrs. Sexton died December 2, 1885, leaving him a farm and his children to care for. He still follows farming and stock raising on the land he bought from the Government. He is a member of the G. A. R., and attends the meetings of the same when his health permits, though now very feeble.

Capt. Joel H. Shelly was born in Luzerne County, Penn., December 19, 1838, and is a son of John and Mary (Shook) Shelly, also natives of Pennsylvania, where they lived and died. Joel H. arrived at manhood in his native State, and was educated at Wyoming Seminary in his native county. In 1857 he went to Iowa, and two years later left that State and came to Princeton. He served as deputy county and circuit clerk here until September, 1861, and then served as adjutant of Col. Clark's battalion of Missouri Militia until April, 1862; he then enlisted in Company H, Sixth Missouri State Militia Cavalry, in which he served as second and first lieutenant over two years. In June, 1864, he was commissioned as captain of Company B, Thirteenth Regiment Missouri Veteran Volunteer Cavalry, in which he remained until mustered out in May, 1866. After the war Mr. Shelly returned to Princeton, where he has since resided. He is one of the active and enterprising business men of Princeton, where he has been engaged in the mercantile business over twenty years. In August, 1885, he was appointed postmaster of the town, which position he is filling in a satisfactory manner. Capt. Shelly has been twice married, but death claimed both his wives. He has one living child—Frank P.—a son by his first wife, whose maiden name was Margaret E. Prichard. Capt. Shelly is a Democrat, and has served two terms as treasurer of Mercer County by election, and one term as collector by appointment of the Governor, on account of the change in law at that time. He is a Knight Templar in Masonry, and a member of the I. O. O. F., A. O. U. W. and G. A. R.

John L. Shipley, M. D., a leading physician and surgeon residing at Ravanna, was born in Kentucky, July 22, 1842, and is a son of William P. and Louisa (Lowry) Shipley, natives of East Tennessee, who died in Clark County, Iowa, in February, 1881, and the State of Kentucky in 1848, respectively. John L. attended an academy when fourteen years old, which was taught by Prof. George T. Carpenter, now president of Drake University, Iowa. Here he studied four years, during which time he began the study of medicine. In July, 1862, his studies were interrupted by his enlistment in the Twenty-third Iowa, in which he served three years. After 364 days' service as a private, on account of courage and valiant conduct at Black River Bridge, Miss., he was promoted to the first lieutenantcy, June 17, 1863, which position he filled with fidelity until the close of the war. He participated in every battle in which his regiment was engaged. After his return home he resumed the study of his chosen profession at Rush Medical College, Chicago, and after completing his professional education he located in Trenton, Grundy Co., Mo. Here he enjoyed a large practice for ten years, although during the last two years of his residence he was unable to attend to his business on account of rheumatism. In 1876 he moved with his family to Mercer County, Mo., and has since resided in the town of Ravanna. Although he has had many worthy competitors, Dr. Shipley has had good success, and is now one of the leading physicians and surgeons of the county, enjoying a large and lucrative practice. September 25, 1865, he was united in marriage to Bertha E. Richey, a daughter of John D. Richey, a pioneer settler of Iowa. To this union eight children were born, seven now living: Edgar P., Cora M., Bessie, Glen D., Flora E., Claude Jay and Bert C. Dr. Shipley is a member of the A. F. & A. M., and his wife is a member of the Christian Church. While in Grundy County Dr. Shipley was quite prominent in politics, and frequently takes an active interest in the same in Mercer County.

Israel Smith is a son of Nathaniel and Nancy (Hill) Smith, and was born in Greene County, Penn., October 17, 1812. His father was of German descent, and born in Tyler County, Va., in 1785. His occupation was that of farming, and at the age of twenty-five he went to Greene County, Penn., where he was married to Nancy Hill, and in the fall of 1816 immigrated to Knox County, Ohio, where he died October 17, 1830. The mother was of English descent, born in Pennsylvania in 1795, and died October 2, 1867, in Mercer County, Mo. She was the mother of eleven children of whom Israel is the

second. He was four years old when the family moved to Ohio, and lived at home until the age of twenty. In May, 1831, he married Miss Rebecca Arbuckle, a native of Pennsylvania, born September 2, 1807. To Mr. and Mrs. Smith eleven children have been born, eight of whom are living: Israel F., John L., Nancy, Margaret (wife of E. J. Abrahams), Rebecca (wife of Berry Rose), Mary M. (wife of Noah Carter), William J. and Julia B. Mr. Smith lived in Knox and Franklin Counties, Ohio, until 1840, and then settled below Princeton, Mercer Co., Mo. In 1846 he entered eighty acres of his present farm, which at one time contained 770 acres, but now consists of 490. He is an old settler of the county, and when he first came here was obliged to go to Chillicothe for his mail and to Trenton to mill. In 1850 he made a five months' trip to California driving an ox team. He remained there about nine months, and then returned by land on muleback, ninety days being consumed in the journey. In 1862 he again went to California, and in 1853 made the return trip in sixty-six days, which made the third time he traveled the distance upon the same mule. In August, 1861, he enlisted in Company B, Fifth Kansas Cavalry, for three years. He was in the battles at Drywood, Morristown and numerous skirmishes, and was finally discharged at Helena, after a year's service. Before the war he was a Democrat, and cast his presidential vote for Jackson in 1832, but since the war has been a Republican. Mr. Smith lost his wife March 24, 1885, and his descendants consist of eleven children, forty-nine grandchildren and twenty great-grandchildren.

Isaac K. Smith was born in Davie County, N. C., in the year 1821, and is a son of Arthur and Mary (Ellis) Smith. The father was of English and German descent, and born in North Carolina about 1790, where he was married in 1815 and died in 1828. He was a farmer by occupation, and a soldier in the War of 1812. His wife was also a native of North Carolina, born in 1792 and died in 1861. Isaac K. Smith is one of a family of five children, three of whom are living. He was but seven years of age at the time of his father's death, and in 1830 accompanied his mother to Wayne County, Ind. In 1883 his mother became the wife of Jesse Ellis, who died in Madison County, Ind., whither he had moved in 1835. Isaac remained with his mother until his marriage May 16, 1847, to Miss Clarinda Murphy, who was born in Ohio in 1830, and was the mother of the following six children: Leroy (deceased); Monroe, Alonzo (deceased), John, Mary (wife of Jacob Coon) and William. Mr. Smith lost his wife July 22, 1862, and December 14, 1862, married Miss Catherine

Schwinn, who was born in Hesse Darmstadt, Germany, in 1841, and came to America in 1860. To this union nine children have been born: Effie (deceased), Sarah Ann (wife of Gilbert Pittman), Charles, Ida, Isaac (deceased), Amos, Minnie, Drue and Bessie. In 1868 Mr. Smith immigrated to Mercer County, Mo., where he bought 240 acres of land in Section 1, Township 64, Range 14, upon which he moved, and where he has since resided engaged in farming and stock raising and keeping on an average of forty head of stock. He is a Democrat, and cast his first presidential vote for Polk in 1844.

Aaron Smith is a son of Jonathan and Catherine (Stafford) Smith, and was born in Franklin County, Ind., in 1828. The father was of Irish and Dutch descent, born in Tennessee in 1805, and when three years old was taken to Kentucky. In his youth he went to Franklin County, Ind., where he was married, and from which place he emigrated to Daviess County, Mo., in the fall of 1840, where he now resides. He has been a Baptist minister since 1844; for a few years had charge of three churches, and for many years had charge of two. Owing to ill health he has not been actively engaged in his ministerial duties of late years. For four years he served his township as justice of the peace. His wife is of English descent, was born in Kentucky in 1804, and died in 1876. Aaron is the second of a family of eleven children, all of whom lived to maturity. When twelve years old he was taken by his parents to Daviess County, Mo., with whom he continued to live until of age. In November, 1849, he married Miss Eliza Jane Mitchell, who was born in Indiana in 1829, and by whom he has had five children: John W., Sarah L. (wife of Henry Davis), William F., Jonathan D. and Mary C. In 1852 he went overland to California, the trip occupying three months, and when there worked in mines and upon a ranch for \$110 per month. In 1853 he returned to Missouri, and purchased 164 acres in Harrison County. In 1863 he went to Marion County, Iowa, and in 1865 came to Mercer County, Mo., where he settled in Morgan Township, and in 1865 bought 197 acres of land where he now resides. He is a Democrat, and cast his first presidential vote for Pierce in 1852. Mr. Smith lost his first wife on July 18, 1860, and August 29, 1861, married Miss Clarinda Agnes McG— Mrs. Smith was born in Callaway County, Mo., in 1834, and to her and Mr. Smith the following children have been born: Frances Jane, David Madison, Benjamin Lockhart and George W. Mrs. Smith and two sons are members of the Christian Church, and Mr. Smith belongs to the Masonic fraternity, of which he is a member of the Blue Lodge.

John Snyder was born February 3, 1815, in Whitley County, Ky., and is a son of Jacob and Anna Snyder, both natives of Virginia, who, a short time after their marriage, settled in Whitley County, Ky. At that time they had two sons and one daughter, having lost one daughter while on their journey, whom they buried near Cumberland Gap. They entered 113 acres of land upon the banks of the Cumberland River, out of which they proceeded to make a home. One of the earliest memories of John Snyder is the drowning of his father in the Cumberland River, while in bathing with his sons. Although John was but three years old at the time, the sad sight was vividly stamped upon his mind. The family was left in but poor circumstances, but the mother managed to keep the family together, and rear her children on the farm. John received but a meager education during his youth, as his services were required upon the farm, and he remembers often working for neighbors all day for a half-bushel of corn. He remained with his mother until his marriage to Diana M., daughter of William Brown, of Whitley County, Ky., October 29, 1839. This union was blessed with three sons: William H., born November 15, 1840; James M., born September 4, 1843, and Zachariah T., born February 15, 1848. In 1850 Mr. Snyder sold his property in Kentucky, and with a wagon drawn by three yoke of oxen started westward. In forty-four days he arrived in Mercer County, Mo., October 24, 1850. He found the country sparsely settled, but untroubled by the Indians, who had but a short time previous been driven away. Here he purchased eighty acres of land, upon which was a log cabin, and into this moved his family. He entered 240 acres adjoining his purchase, which he improved, and then turned his entire attention to farming, in which he was successful. Here three more children were born: Emily E., born February 26, 1853; George M., born August 26, 1857, and Doctor F., born August 1, 1862. The eldest son afterward died in the service of the Union army. Mr. Snyder did not serve in the army, as he was exempt on account of poor health, but he aided the Union cause all he could at home. He has always been interested in the progress and welfare of his county, and after the war was elected to the presidency of the board of the county court, over which he presided about fifteen years, during which time there was always money enough in the treasury to pay all just claims. In 1875 he was admitted to the bar, and has since followed the legal profession. In politics he is a Republican in principle, but holds principles higher than party triumphs, and votes for the man he thinks best for the position. He is regarded as one of the leading men in the promotion

of the welfare of the county, and was the means of having the railroad built through same. He is an enterprising and highly respected citizen, and himself and wife are blessed with a large circle of admiring friends.

Hezekiah Snyder was born in Westmoreland County, Penn., March 25, 1825, and is a son of Peter and Lydia (Row) Snyder, also natives of Westmoreland County, Penn., and born in 1794 and 1805, respectively. The father was a carpenter by trade, but owned a farm in Pennsylvania which he had cultivated, and which he sold in 1868, and while upon a visit to Missouri, in 1866, he determined to end his days in this State. His death occurred at the residence of his son in 1869. His father, Mathias Snyder, was a native of Pennsylvania, and a soldier in the War of 1812. Lydia (Row) Snyder returned to Westmoreland County, Penn., after the death of her husband, and although advanced in years still retains her faculties and enjoys good health. For some time she has been visiting her son in Mercer County. She is a member of the German Reformed Church, as was also her husband. Hezekiah is the eldest of a family of nine children, seven of whom are living. His early education was received at the common schools of Pennsylvania, and he lived with his parents until twenty-one years of age. He then engaged in the stable business until his removal to Green County, Wis., where he lived two years. Since his residence in Mercer County, where he came in 1857, he has been engaged in farming and stock raising, and makes a specialty of horses. He owns 220 acres of good land, which, under his care, has been greatly improved. When he left Wisconsin his intention was to locate in Kansas, but on account of the trouble there at that time he stopped in Missouri, at which time his earthly possessions consisted of a team and wagon. In 1847 he married Lucy Painter, a native of Westmoreland County, Penn., born in 1825. Her father was also a native of that county, and died in Mercer County, Mo., in May, 1886, aged eighty-four. To Mr. and Mrs. Snyder ten children have been born, all living and all married save one: Elijah, Alexander H., Diana, Eliza J., John B., Lida A., Lydia E., Agnes M., George W. (unmarried) and Mary V. Mr. and Mrs. Snyder are members of the Presbyterian Church, although formerly they belonged to the German Reformed. He is a stanch Republican, and himself and wife are highly respected and esteemed citizens.

James M. Snyder was born in Whitley County, Ky., September 4, 1843, and is a son of John and Diana Snyder, natives of Kentucky, who immigrated to Mercer County, Mo., in 1850, bringing with them

three sons: William H. H., Zacharias I. and James M. The latter remained at home with his parents and engaged in agricultural pursuits until his marriage with Mrs. Sarah J. Graham, widow of John Graham, and a daughter of William Alley, of Mercer County. This marriage occurred December 6, 1868, and Mr. Snyder immediately moved upon his own farm. Mr. Snyder is the owner of eighty acres of land, well improved and cultivated, considerable town property, and also has a hotel and a blacksmith shop. He has never had any children of his own, but adopted a little girl, who is known by the name of Birdie M. Snyder, who is being educated and well cared for by her adopted parents. She is a daughter of George Persons, and was born October 31, 1874. While her parents were making an overland journey in a wagon her mother was thrown from the wagon and killed. Mr. Snyder is an enterprising citizen, and a Republican in politics. He is a public-spirited man, and a liberal supporter of laudable public enterprises.

William and David Speer, president and cashier, respectively, of the Bank of Princeton, and dealers in hardware, farm implements, stoves, sewing machines, etc., founded their present extensive business in Princeton in the spring of 1871. Their father, John Speer, was born in South Carolina in 1810, and was married in Ohio to Nancy Stanfield, who afterward died in that State. The father afterward married Jane Stevens in Ohio, of which union there is one surviving daughter. To his first marriage three sons were born, of whom two are now living. John Speer died in Lee County, Iowa, in 1856. His paternal grandfather emigrated from Ireland to South Carolina, in which State the family lived for many years. William and David Speer were born to their father's first marriage, and are natives of Greene County, Ohio, where they were born August 19, 1834, and January 3, 1840, respectively. They were principally reared in their native county, but in 1856 accompanied their parents to Lee County, Iowa. William, who was the eldest son of the family, soon after engaged in the mercantile business at Centreville, Iowa, a few years, and in 1862 located at Ravanna, Mercer Co., Mo., where he engaged in the mercantile and live stock trade until 1868. He was then elected sheriff of the county, which office he filled two terms of two years each with efficiency and credit, and after the expiration of same he became identified with the banking interests of Princeton, and also a partner in the hardware firm of Speer Bros. since 1871. In 1858 he married Phoebe A. Lantz, a native of Wayne County, Ind., by whom two sons and two daughters were born: John C. (deceased),

Clifford E., Maggie and Jessie. Mrs. Speer died July 10, 1885. Mr. Speer is a member of the A. F. & A. M., the I. O. O. F. and A. O. U. W. David Speer, the second subject of this sketch, returned to Ohio to complete his education, and two years later embarked in the mercantile business at Corydon, Iowa, where he remained until 1864. He then came to Princeton, and engaged in business two years, after which he resided in Ottumwa, Iowa, until 1871. He then returned to Princeton, and has since had control of the business interests of Speer Bros. In 1862 he married Julia F. Graves, a native of Iowa, by whom three sons and two daughters have been born. One son is now deceased. Mr. David Speer was a member of the county court in 1885 and 1886, and is a member of the I. O. O. F. and A. O. U. W.

John J. Stanley was born in Chariton County, Mo., August 30, 1842, and is a son of Duncan R. and Elizabeth Frances (Wilkerson) Stanley, natives of Cooper County, Mo., and Virginia, respectively. Jonathan R. Stanley, the grandfather of John J., was one of the pioneer settlers of Missouri, and located in Boone County, about 1815. Duncan R. moved to Mercer County in 1844, and settled seven miles southeast of Princeton upon a claim where he resided, successfully engaging in farming until 1865. He then removed to Linn County, where he died in July, 1887, in his sixty-seventh year, leaving a widow and the following children: John J.; Eva, wife of Enslow Gose, of Linn County, Mo.; Virginia Frances, wife of G. P. Larrimore of Mill Grove; Louisa P., Colman C. and Louis R. John J. spent his youth upon his father's farm, and received a good common-school education. Upon the breaking out of the war he enlisted in Company D, Second Missouri Volunteer Cavalry known as Merrill's Horse, and served four years and three months, during which time he was first a private and then a non-commissioned officer. After the cessation of hostilities he engaged in farming in Mercer County until 1874, and then engaged in the mercantile business at Mill Grove successfully, until 1876. He then served as constable until 1880, during which time he was interested in stock trading, which business he afterward continued in connection with his farming until November, 1886. In 1880 he was also census enumerator. In 1886 he was elected sheriff by the Republicans, of which party he is a staunch member, and is now discharging the duties of that office with general satisfaction. He is Junior Vice-Commander of the G. A. R., Capt. Stanley Post, No. 79, and is one of the most enterprising and respected citizens of the county. Himself and wife are members of the Christian Union Church.

R. W. Steckman, attorney of Princeton, was admitted to the Mer-

cer County bar in 1880, but being elected probate judge, January, 1879, he did not practice his profession until the expiration of his term of office, January 1, 1887. He was born in Bedford County, Penn., November 30, 1849, and educated and principally reared in Brown County, Ill. In the spring of 1872 he came to Mercer County, Mo., whither his parents had preceded him in the fall of 1871. In 1874 he returned to Brown County, Ill., and there married Melvina Harris, a native of that county. He subsequently taught school in Mercer and Grundy Counties during the winter seasons, and devoted his time to agricultural pursuits during the summer seasons, until he was elected probate judge. To Mr. and Mrs. Steckman two sons and three daughters have been born. Mr. Steckman is a worthy member of the Masonic fraternity, and belongs to the I. O. O. F. He is the eldest child of a family of four sons and three daughters (two now deceased) born to Philip and Mary (Kerr) Steckman, natives of Bedford County, Penn., and born in 1813 and 1820, respectively, where they were married. The father died in Grundy County, Mo., in 1880, and the mother is at present a resident of Trenton, Mo. The paternal grandfather of the subject of this sketch, Henry Steckman, immigrated to America from Germany, and died in Pennsylvania.

John W. Stockman was born in Bourbon County, Ky., January 7, 1831, and reared in Putnam County, Ind. His father, Francis Stockman was born in England in March, 1788, and about 1820 immigrated to the United States, and permanently located in Bourbon County, Ky., although he was married in Montgomery County, Ky., to Sallie A. Kelly. After his marriage he lived in Bourbon County, Ky., about twelve years. Mr. and Mrs. Stockman then moved to Putnam County, Ind., upon a farm, where they lived until 1837, when they removed to Mercer County, Mo., where their deaths occurred December 15, 1859, and March 6, 1872, respectively. John W. lived with his parents until his marriage in Putnam County, Ind., in March, 1857, to Rebecca Lewis, daughter of Absalom Lewis, and a native of Decatur County, Ind. To Mr. and Mrs. Stockman eight children have been born, of whom all save one are now living: Frances Lewis, Edward E., Mary J., Martha A., Horace G., Harriet E. and John W. After his marriage Mr. Stockman immediately went to Kansas in search of a home, leaving his wife with his father and mother. After three months' absence he returned to Putnam County, Ind., and a short time afterward his parents and himself and wife removed to Mercer County, Mo. He then settled upon his present farm, which contains 460 acres of well improved land, upon which he is successfully engaged in farm-

ing and stock raising. He is a Republican, and has been a member of the Masonic fraternity since twenty-one years of age. His wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

William M. Summers was born July 18, 1833, in Jefferson County, Tenn. His father, Manering Summers, and his mother, Mahala, were natives of North Carolina and Tennessee, respectively, and married in Tennessee, afterward making their home in Jefferson County. When William M. was fifteen years old he accompanied his parents to Burlington, Iowa, living in that State about five years. He then moved to Mercer County, Mo., where he married Catherine C. Bryan, daughter of Allen A. Bryan, by whom seven children were born, five now living, and two married and residents of Missouri. When he first came to Mercer County Mr. Summers entered 120 acres of land one mile west of the present site of Lineville, but has since added to his possession until now he is the owner of 410 acres of good land, and also owns nine town lots in Somerset, Mercer County. He is engaged in the drug business in Lineville just over the Missouri line, and is one of the enterprising and energetic business men of the place, carrying a stock of goods valued at about \$3,000. He is a member of Somerset Lodge, No. 206, in Masonry, and in politics is a Republican.

J. W. Thompson was born March 29, 1839, in that portion of Livingston territory which is now Grundy County, Mo. He is the eldest of a family of three children born to Patrick Henry and Letitia (Thompson) Thompson. His parents were cousins, and natives of Tazewell County, Va. They accompanied their respective parents to Ray County, Mo., when children, and in 1833 moved with them to the northwestern part of what is now Grundy County. Dr. William P. Thompson, our subject's grandfather, was the first physician in that region, and built the first cabin in Grundy County. There the parents of J. W. were married. The father died in 1844, and the mother afterward became the wife of Thomas Holman, by whom she had five children, none now living. Her death occurred October 10, 1859. J. W. Thompson attended school about three months during his youth at the primitive log schoolhouse of the neighborhood, and at the age of seventeen was apprenticed to learn the blacksmith's trade of O. G. Newton, at Edinburg, Mo. After two and a half years' apprenticeship he began to travel, covering a good deal of land in the west and east. He served some time as a boat hand upon a steamer which ran on the Lower Mississippi and Ohio Rivers, and then became overseer of the farm of John Martin at Hawesville,

Ky. His next move was to Missouri, where he resided in La Fayette County some time. He then made his home in Ray County with Barney Cravens until the commencement of the war, when he entered the militia under Capt. Sacrey. In the spring of 1862 he enlisted in Company K, Twenty-eighth Missouri Infantry, United States Army, from which he was transferred to Company F, Tenth Missouri Cavalry. He was discharged in December, 1862, on account of disability, and in August of that year returned to Grundy County. He farmed in Grundy County until 1874, and then bought a farm in the southwest portion of Mercer County, upon which he moved and lived four years. He then moved upon his present farm in Madison Township, which he had purchased, and upon which he has since resided. This farm contains 172 acres of good land, which is the result of industry and good management on the part of Mr. Thompson. August 9, 1863, Mr. Thompson married Julia, daughter of Thomas Jefferson and Sarah Bryan. Mrs. Thompson was born February 6, 1841, in Illinois, and from there moved with her parents to Du Bois County, Ind., where she was afterward married. Mr. Thompson is a successful and respected citizen, and in politics is a Democrat. At one time he was nominated by acclamation by his party for the county judgeship, and although he ran ahead of his ticket, the county is so largely Republican that he was defeated. He cast his first presidential vote for Stephen A. Douglas, and has always been a hearty and active supporter of his party.

James A. Thompson was born March 7, 1852, in Mercer County, Mo., and is a son of Isaac D. and Mary J. (Sorrell) Thompson. After coming to Mercer County, Mo., the father resided upon a farm in the southwestern part of the county near Modena, and in connection with his farming was a successful practicing physician and surgeon until his death. The mother and the following children survive him: Ann E. (wife of George K. Cox of Albia, Iowa), Martha F. (widow of Dr. A. H. May, late of Princeton), Nancy M., James A. and George R., physician of Princeton. James A. was reared and educated in his native county, and being fitted to teach engaged in that vocation during four years of his early life in the schools of Mercer County. He then engaged in the mercantile business at Modena for two years or until he was elected, in 1878, clerk of the circuit court, and *ex officio* recorder of Mercer County. For two terms of four years each he officiated in that capacity in a faithful and efficient manner, and in November, 1886, was elected collector of the county, the duties of which office he is discharging in an able manner. He is

identified with the Republican party. February 19, 1882, he was united in marriage with Sarah E. Morrow, a native of Caldwell County, Mo., by whom one son, William, has been born. Mr. Thompson is the present Chief Patriarch of the I. O. O. F., a member of the A. O. U. W., and one of the enterprising citizens of Mercer County.

George Richard Thompson, M. D., is a native of Mercer County, Mo., and was born November 27, 1854. He is a son of Isaac D. Thompson [see sketch of James A. Thompson], and was reared to manhood in his native county. He was educated at the State University of Columbia, Mo., and at the age of twenty-four began the study of medicine with his brother, the late Dr. John T. Thompson, of Modena. Later he attended the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Keokuk, Iowa, from which institution he graduated in 1882. He began the practice of his profession at Modena, and in March, 1884, removed to Princeton, where he has met with well-deserved success, and controls a large and lucrative practice. During a fire which occurred at Princeton February 4, 1885, he sustained some severe injuries which compelled him to abandon his practice for about a year, and he consequently engaged in the drug business, in which he has also been successful. He is now in partnership with J. L. Wyman, and the firm is acknowledged as among the leading druggists of Mercer County. He is a Royal Arch Mason, a Democrat in politics, and one of the well-to-do and respected citizens of Mercer County.

Amos Twadell was born October 4, 1818, in Jefferson County, Ind., and is a son of James and Anna (Risley) Twadell. The father was born in County Londonderry, Ireland, in 1774, and when a year old was brought by his father, Daniel Twadell, to America. The latter was in the Revolutionary War for six years in Gen. Gates' division, and when Gates was relieved he served under Gen. Green till the close of the war. James Twadell lived in Massachusetts until twenty-three years old, and then went to Genesee County, N. Y. In 1801 he married, and in 1817 moved to Jefferson County, Ind. In 1835 he moved to Jennings County in the same State, where he died in 1856, aged eighty-four. He served one year and three months in the War of 1812, and was in the battles of Queenstown and Bridgewater; his occupation was that of farming. The mother was of Welsh descent, born in New Hampshire in 1788, and died November 8, 1882. Amos Twadell was the second of a family of eight children, and lived with his parents until twenty-two years old, receiving a common-school education during his youth. In 1835 he accompanied his parents to

Jennings County, and was there married September 3, 1843, to Miss Tina Kennedy, who was born in Delaware County, N. Y., August 11, 1822. To this union thirteen children were born, only five of whom are living: Isaiah; Alfonso, a farmer of Harrison County; Almira, wife of John W. Moore; John, a lumberman of Colorado, and Lyda, wife of Monroe Milliner, of Lyon County, Kas. In 1851 Mr. Twadell immigrated to Mercer County, Mo., and the same year entered 120 acres of land, where he has since made his residence. He now owns 125 acres, and has a good and comfortable home. He is an old citizen of the county and highly respected. He possesses a wonderful memory, and remembers dates and occurrences with accuracy. In politics he is a Republican, and cast his first presidential vote for Van Buren in 1840. He served his township as school director of his home district for twenty-four years, and during the war served two years in the State Militia. Himself and wife have been members of the Methodist Episcopal Church over forty years.

H. R. Wayman, owner and proprietor of Grand River Nursery and Fruit Farm, situated three miles north of Princeton, and Edinburg Nursery, located at Edinburg, Grundy Co., Mo., four miles west of Trenton, is a native of Seneca County, Ohio, and was born October 1, 1848. His parents, John and Mary (Smith) Wayman, were born in Woods County, Ohio, in 1881, and in Maryland, in 1813, respectively. In 1854 they moved to Keokuk County, Iowa, where the mother died in 1856. In 1865 the father moved to Yam Hill County, Oreg., and in 1870 he died in Washington County, Oreg. H. R. Wayman is the seventh of a family of ten children, and was six years old when taken to Iowa. He received a common-school education, and began business for himself at the age of fifteen years by hiring to work on a farm at \$12 per month. In the spring of 1867 he worked his passage across the plains to the "Rockies" on an ox-train, by driving one of the teams and walking all the way. He spent two years in Colorado, Wyoming and New Mexico, teaming and mining. In 1869 he returned to Mercer County, and began work in his nursery, which he and his brother, S. M., established in 1868. The firm was known as Wayman Bros. In 1883 he bought a farm in Grundy County near Edinburg, and established a nursery there. About 60,000 trees are kept growing in this nursery to supply the trade. In April, 1886, he bought his brother's interest in both land and nursery stock, and up to this date has been the sole owner and proprietor. He has been very successful in his enterprise, and is well acquainted with the best methods of fruit growing and tree planting. The Grand River Nursery

and Fruit Farm contains 346 acres. The nursery is the only one in the county. The stock in both nurseries comprises about 125,000 apple trees, with a porportionate amount of general nursery stock. April 24, 1870, he married Miss Josephine, Johnson, who was born in Rushville, Ill., in 1852. The names of their children are Lula, Herbert, Estelle, Olave and Inez. Mr. and Mrs. Wayman are Seventh-day Baptists, and in politics the former is Independent.

Lafayette G. Wells was born in McMinn County, Tenn., August 25, 1832, and immigrated to Illinois with his parents in early childhood, locating in Adams County in 1834. He remained with his father until 1858, when he was married to Caroline Cunningham, by whom three sons and one daughter were born, all of whom lived to maturity. After his marriage Mr. Wells moved upon a farm in Adams County, Ill., upon which he lived about sixteen years, subsequently moving to Hancock County, Ill. He was a hearty and loyal Union man during the war, but did not participate in any engagements of importance. He lost his wife in 1869, and in 1871 was united in marriage with Nancy A. Hart, by whom one daughter and one son were born, now aged seventeen and twelve, respectively. In 1876 he immigrated to Mercer County, Mo., and now owns 200 acres of land upon which he resides, engaged in agricultural pursuits. Two daughters and one son are married and living near him, and two of his children make their home with him. The family ranks among the well-to-do and respected citizens of the township.

William Whitestine was born April 13, 1828, in the State of Ohio. He is the youngest of a family of five children, and his father, Edward Whitestine, a native of Ohio, died before William was born. He lost his mother also when but two years old, and then made his home with his maternal grandfather until seven years old. He was then bound out to John Husman in Hawkins County, with whom he lived until of age, although he was never allowed to attend school to any extent. He then worked as a farm hand until 1852, and in the spring of that year in company with six men started with some oxen and wagons for the distant California. After a journey of five months, he arrived at a place in that State called Seventy-six, and from there went to Pine Grove City. He then worked in the mines in California and Nevada four years, at the expiration of which time he returned east, and located in Huntington County, Ind. October 26, 1856, he was united in marriage with Hannah, daughter of John and Hannah (Washy) Beaver, at the residence of her brother, Henry Beaver. Mrs. Whites-tine was born in Preble County, Ohio, and moved with her parents to

Fayette County, Ind., when a child, later living in Huntington County, Ind. She is the mother of seven children, five of whom are living: Louisa (wife of Jesse Norton), Simon, Edith Jane (wife of Filmore Thompson), Sarah Elizabeth and Mary Emeline. For three years after his marriage Mr. Whitestine lived with his brother-in-law, John Beaver, and then located upon a small tract of his own in Union Township, Huntington Co., Ind. In March, 1867, he moved to Chillicothe, Mo., but very shortly continued his journey, and settled upon a farm in Mercer County, Mo., where he has since resided. While in California Mr. Whitestine accumulated a considerable amount of money, but, as he loaned it without security, when he returned to Indiana he had nothing to show for his toil of several years. He, however, possessed a courageous spirit and a determination to surmount his troubles, and upon coming to Missouri entered a forty-acre tract in Mercer County, which he at once proceeded to clear and improve. His industry has been rewarded, and he is now the owner of a fine farm of 200 acres, which is under a good state of cultivation. He is a Democrat in politics, and cast his first presidential vote for Franklin Pierce in 1852. Himself, wife and daughters, Louisa (wife of Jerre Norton) and Edith, are worthy members of the German Baptist Church.

Green Wilson, an old settler of Mercer County, was born in Rockingham County, N. C., in 1821, and is a son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Mackey) Wilson. The father was of French descent, and born in the same county and State in 1795, where he was married, and lived until 1821. He then immigrated to Franklin County, Ind., and in 1843 came to Mercer County, Mo., locating upon the place his son, Green, now occupies, and where he died in 1872. During the Rebellion he served in the State Militia. His wife was of Irish descent, born in North Carolina in 1796, and died in 1870. Green Wilson is the fourth of a family of ten children, and was but eight weeks old when taken to Indiana. At the age of fourteen he left the parental roof, and was bound out until nineteen years of age, his earnings of those years going to his parents. May 10, 1848, he went to Leavenworth, Kas., in search of work, and while there was stricken with cholera, and for eighteen days his life hung, as it were, on a thread. Upon his recovery he was employed by the Government to drive five yoke of oxen across the plains to Sante Fe, N. M., with supplies, the entire trip being made on foot. Upon his return he had about \$100, with which he purchased land where he now resides, upon which he has since lived, and to which he had added through industry and economy

until he now owns 160 acres of good land, although when he came to Mercer County he had but 75 cents after purchasing his farm. In that day he took great pleasure in hunting. He is now a successful farmer and stock raiser, and enjoys the respect of the community. In September, 1852, he married Miss Lucy Rogers, daughter of Allen P. and Eliza Rogers, and a native of Bartholomew County, Ind., born in 1829. This marriage has been blessed with eight children: Gilbert, Isabelle (wife of Lyman Wilson), Samuel, Adolphus, Edward, Sherman, Alsworth and Vernecie. Mr. Wilson is a Republican in politics, and cast his first presidential vote for Polk in 1844. During the Rebellion he served one year in the State Militia.

Elijah Woods, farmer and stock raiser, was born in Lincoln County, Ky., in 1840, and is a son of John and Henrietta (Dunn) Woods. The father was of German descent, and born in Virginia in 1791. He was left an orphan when a lad, and at the age of fourteen went to Claiborne County, Tenn., and was bound out to a blacksmith until of age, after which he followed his trade until his death. After obtaining his liberty he went to Pulaski County, Ky., where he was afterward married. He next removed to Lincoln County, and in 1864 went to Decatur County, Iowa. In 1866 he came to Mercer County, Mo., where he died in 1867. His wife was born in Virginia, and survived him twelve years. She was the mother of three children: Nicholas, Martha and Elijah, all of whom came to Missouri in 1866. In March, 1878, Elijah married Miss Medora Copelan, daughter of Charles C. and Eliza (Huff) Copelan. Mrs. Woods was born in Saline County, Mo., December 5, 1849, and to her union with Mr. Woods two children, Oattie and Oscar, have been born. Upon coming to Missouri Mr. Woods purchased fifty-seven acres of land, to which he has added until he owns 125 acres of good land, and is one of the well-to-do farmers of the township. He is rather conservative in politics, but favors the Democratic party, and for five years served as constable of Harrison Township, of which he is considered a prominent citizen.

C. B. Wyatt was born January 22, 1836, in Greene County, Ill., and is a son of John and Mary A. (Disbury) Wyatt. The father was born in Kentucky in 1807, and when about fourteen years old accompanied his father to Madison County, Ill. He afterward removed to Greene County, Ill., where, in 1826, he was married. His death occurred in Calhoun County, Ill., July 30, 1849. The mother was born in Delaware County, Ohio, in 1810, on July 13, and is now in her seventy-eighth year, and living with C. B. Wyatt. He lost his

father when but two and a half years old, and since the age of ten has been the help and main dependence of his mother. He accompanied her to Grundy County, Mo., in 1838, and settled upon a farm where he remained until July, 1846. He then came to Mercer County, and located upon a farm one and one-half miles distant from his present place. He now owns 291 acres of land all except ten acres finely improved and cultivated, and upon which he is engaged in farming and stock raising. He was married in Mercer County, November 22, 1859, to Sarah L. Kieth, daughter of A. E. and Caroline Kieth, pioneer settlers of Mercer County. To Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt nine children have been born: Julius L., Mary F. (wife of George Beck), Henry F., William D., Wade H., Laura, James M., Eliza and Alonzo. Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt are members of the Christian Church, and rank among the old respected citizens of the county. Mr. Wyatt has never held public office, although until twelve years ago he was a stanch Democrat; since that time he has remained neutral. He is greatly opposed to the use of intoxicating liquors, and is interested in educational and philanthropic enterprises.

J. L. Wynne was born in Grundy County, Mo., April 24, 1857, and is a son of Thomas P. and Lucinda (Ford) Wynne, natives, respectively, of Virginia and Howard County, Mo. The father immigrated to Missouri in the fall of 1839, and engaged in farming in Grundy County until 1865. He then manufactured and sold shoes at Gallatin, Mo., until his death in 1877. The mother died April 7, 1868, and was the mother of nine children, six of whom are now living: William A., Kate M. (wife of F. H. McDougal), J. L., Robert R., John D. and Frank P. J. L. Wynne began his business career as a clerk in a drug store in 1868, and afterward went into the same business upon his own account in Lorraine, Harrison Co., Mo., in 1877. He next removed to Edinburg, Grundy County, and in 1879 came to Princeton and clerked for Dr. Buren until 1865. He then went into the drug business with Dr. G. R. Thompson, with whom he has succeeded in establishing a good and profitable business. May 16, 1882, he married Miss May B. Cochran, a native of Indiana, but a resident of Princeton. Mr. Wynne is a Democrat in politics. He is a member of the Encampment of the I. O. O. F., and Princeton Canton No. 2, and has filled all offices in the lodge, except in the latter. His paternal grandfather (with whom his father came to Missouri), Minor Wynne, was a successful and well-known citizen of Grundy County, Mo., and died in 1880, aged seventy-eight.