

Chariton Biographies

CAPTAIN OSCAR F. SMITH, or, Judge O. F. Smith, as he is familiarly known, was born in Kentucky, but removed with his parents to Linn county, Mo., in an early day where he was reared.

He is a son of Judge Jacob Smith of Linneous, Mo., who at one time was Judge of the eleventh Judicial circuit of this State, then composed of the counties of Chariton, Grundy, Linn, Sullivan, Mercer and Putnam.

Captain Smith after completing the curriculum of studies taught in the common school received the benefit of courses at old McGee College in Macon county, Mo., and Central College at Fayette, Howard county, Mo., finishing his education at the last named institution in 1859.

On returning home from college he began the study of law in the law office of his father at Linneus, Mo.

When the war broke out he entered the Federal service, and in 1863 recruited a company for the cavalry service and was commissioned captain of company No. 12 cavalry Missouri volunteers, which company he commanded until the close of the war, serving much of the time under the command of Gen. Thomas in the army of the Ten-

nesse. His last active service was under the dashing cavalry Gen. Wilson, in the spring of 1865 in that rapid and victorious march from East Port, Miss. by way of Selma and Montgomery, Ala., ending with the capture of the fleeing President, Jefferson Davis near Macon, Georgia.

He resigned his position as captain and returned home in September 1865. He married Miss Martha L. Stevens of Paris, Monroe county, Mo., whose acquaintance he had first formed before the war, while she was a student attending Howard Payne College at Fayette, Mo. Early in 1866 he located at Paris, Mo., and commenced the practice of law, afterwards in the fall of 1867 he removed to Keytesville, Mo., where he has continued in the general practice of his profession. In the meantime he had been elected by the people of Chariton county to the office of Judge of Probate and ex-officio president of the county court, for a term of four years, and also elected to the office of Prosecuting Attorney for a term of two years.

His residence and law office are conveniently located near the court house at Keytesville where he has a good library and well equipped for law practice. By safe counsel and dilligent attention to business and the interest of his clients he has established a very substantial law practice. He has five children four daughters and one son. Elizabeth the eldest daughter, who married Mr. T. P. Wood a native of Chariton county, and a son of B. F. Wood deceased. Martha F. who married Geo. F. Cox also a resident of Keytesville, Miss Marietta, Oscar E. and Ernestine the youngest, all of whom are residents of Keytesville.

MILLER & LEWIS, two of Keytesville's most prominent and influential merchants caption this sketch. Blair Miller, our first subject, was born in Keytesville, August 14, 1868, and is the fifth of a family of six children, born to John C. and Elmeria Miller, two prominent and worthy citizens of that place. Our subject was married January 29, 1896, to Miss Lucy S. Courtney, daughter of Dr. Courtney, deceased, who was widely known in Chariton county for his most excellent qualities.

James W. Lewis, the second member of the sketch, was born in this county near Glasgow, Mo., May 31, 1867, and was the youngest son of Major J. W. and Virginia V. Lewis, who were among the first settlers of the county. Major Lewis was, when living, one of the most prominent citizens in this section of the state. Mrs. Lewis is



J. W. LEWIS.

BLAIR MILLER.

still living and makes her home with her son, the subject of this sketch, who was married to Miss Berte Kellogg, the accomplished daughter of D. B. Kellogg, deceased, who was familiarly known to nearly every citizens of Chariton county as "Uncle Dan." One child Louise Kellogg Lewis, was born to this union, February 17, 1894, and is the delight of the household. Mr. Lewis is a large land owner, having 50 acres of fine land near Glasgow, in his own name and a half interest in 634 acres near the same place.

These gentlemen established a dry goods, clothing, boot and shoe and furnishing goods house in 1894 in Keytesville and have done a flourishing business ever since. They are both always polite and gentlemanly to their customers and have attained the highest respect of everyone who deals with them. Honest prices and just dealings have increased their business until at present they can claim the honor of keeping the leading mercantile establishment in the city of Keytesville.

JAMES W. ROBERTSON. Among the worthy, intelligent and exemplary young business men of Chariton county, worthy of favorable mention in this connection, is the gentleman who name heads this sketch. He was born October 25, 1869, at Salisbury, Mo., being the eldest member of a family of seven children of J. K. and Grizelle (Dameron) Robertson. The father of our subject was born in Howard county, but was reared and has spent his life in Chariton. Mrs. Robertson was born and reared in this county. James W. was reared upon the farm and received the advantages of a good practical education, which he finished at the North Missouri Institute at Salisbury in 1891-'92. In January of 1893, the father of our subject engaged in the newspaper business at Keytesville, that being the birth of the *Keytesville Signal*, the style of the firm being J. K. Robertson & Son, our subject becoming the junior member. Through their ex-



cellent business judgment and unremitting industry the *Signal* has become a fixture in Chariton county journalism, receiving a liberal patronage from an appreciative public. Socially, James W. has pleasant association with the Knights of Pythias and K. of M. and I. O. O. F. fraternities. Religiously, he affiliates with the Baptist church, while politically he was taught and now loyally supports, with true patriotic fidelity, the principles of the democratic party.

Mr. Robertson is a young man of exemplary character and is well known and thoroughly respected in all portions of the county, having used in all his relations, whether social or financial, the utmost integrity and straightforwardness of purpose and action.

RICHARD S. OLDHAM, the gentleman whose name heads this sketch, was born upon the old homestead of his father, in Muscle Fork township, February 13, 1853. Goodman Oldham, the paternal grandfather of our subject, was a native of Kentucky and a

prominent attorney and agriculturalist of the blue grass state. In 1831 he located in Howard county, Mo., and his murder at Keytesville, April 5, 1833, while prosecuting his profession, was the second committed in the county. Mordicai Lane, the supposed murderer, was arrested for the crime, but at his trial two or three years later was acquitted. Upon his death bed, however, Lane made a confession of having committed the crime. The wife of Goodman Oldham was in her maidenhood a Miss Jackson and her brother, Geo. Jackson, having settled here in 1810, she rode on horseback from Kentucky to visit him, returning in the same manner. Her death occurred in this county in 1885, at the advanced age of ninety years.

Richard G. Oldham, father of our subject, was born in Madison county, Kentucky, February 9, 1820, coming to this state with his parents eleven years later. His first occupation was that of agriculture near Keytesville, but afterwards located in Muscle Fork township, where he operated a very large farm. On March 26, 1876 he was united in marriage to Miss Laura Sportsman, a daughter of John Sportsman, who move to this county from Kentucky when but 19 years of age, engaged in farming and stock raising in Keytesville township for many years. This union resulted in the birth of twelve children, 7 boys and 5 girls, seven now living, our subject being the fourth member. The birth of the mother occurred in Chariton county, June 8, 1814 and her death, November 26, 1888. The father died October 19, 1894.

Richard S. Oldham was reared upon the homestead and brought up to farm duties. In youth he received the advantages of the district schools, and acquired a good practical education. Upon attaining his majority he engaged in agricultural pursuit for himself, which he followed until 1887 when he engaged in the mercantile business at Long's Mill and later at Musselfork. At present he is located at Guthridge Mill, where he enjoy the confidence of the public and a very liberal patronage.

On the 26th of March '76 he was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Ellen Kavanaugh, a daughter of C. W. and E. W. Kavanaugh, early settlers of this state, who emigrated here from Kentucky, in their youth. Their marriage occurred in this state and resulted in the birth of eleven children, only six of whom are now living.

The union of our subject and his most estimable lady has been blessed with six children; namely, Rufro R., 15 years of age; Charlie R., 13; Simmie R., deceased; Archie R., 4; Eldo R., deceased; and

Euna R., now the baby. Politically, Mr. Oldham was reared a democrat and loyally supports the principles of his party. Enterprising and progressive in his ideas and of a social disposition, he enjoys the confidence and respect of all who know him.

JOHAN M. MASON, the present deputy Recorder of Chariton county, was born four miles south of Salisbury, March 28, 1867, to Benjamin F. and Margaret Mason, who were the parents of eight children—seven boys and one girl—five of whom are still living. The father was born in Virginia and removed to Missouri about 1839



or 1840, and settled in this county where he married Margaret Freeman, a native of Chariton county.

Our subject is a sturdy, industrious and intelligent young man who has strived hard to attain the position he now has, and has held since February 1892. He was reared on a farm and attended the public schools of the district for a number of years, but finished his education in the Salisbury Public Schools, under Prof. L. B. Coates, after which he returned to

farm life for a short time before taking a clerkship in the mercantile establishment of J. T. Mason, of Salisbury, where he remained for eighteen months. He then accepted the position of Deputy Recorder as above mentioned.

On July 3, 1892 our subject was united in marriage to Miss Cordie Patterson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Patterson, who now live in Salisbury. The fruits of this union were two children—David B.,

deceased, and Howard M., who is now "a little streak of sunshine" in this most happy household. Socially, our subject is an esteemed member of the following secret societies, viz: Warren Lodge A. F. & A. M., Knights of Pythias, I. O. O. F. and K. O. T. M., of Keytesville, also a member of the Baptist church. He is a staunch free silver democrat and having been raised up according to that doctrine he has never veered from his course of training.

CHARLES H. TEMPLE, M. D., now located at Rockford, in Missouri township, is a prominent young physician, endowed with sober and industrious habits and good, moral character, and has made for himself a reputation that commands the practice of the entire territory of country surrounding Rockford.

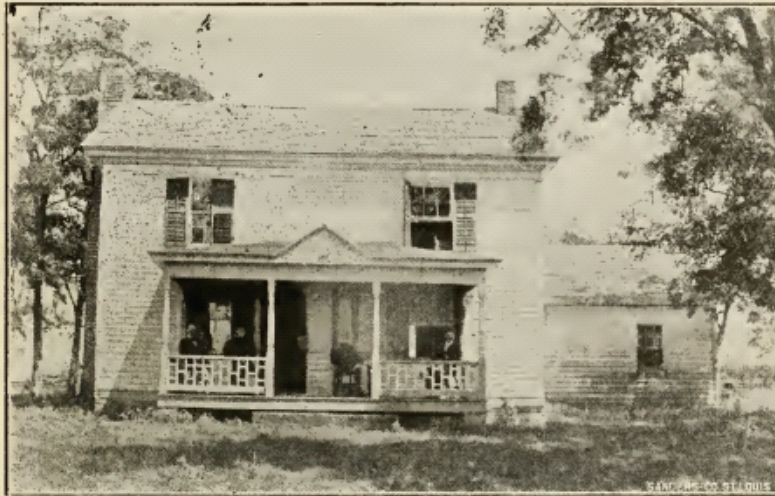
Our subject was born in Renick, Randolph county, Missouri, Aug. 2, 1869, and is the son of I. C. and Ellen Temple, who still reside in Randolph county. The father and mother of this young man were born in Pennsylvania and Missouri, respectively.

The subject of this sketch spent the earlier part of his life in the public schools of Randolph county, and at the age of eighteen took up a literary course at the Kirksville State Normal, where he studied hard for two terms. He afterwards returned to Randolph county and taught two terms in the public schools before entering upon the study of medicine. He attended the St. Louis College of Physicians and Surgeons from which he graduated after a three-years' course.



Soon after finishing his medical course, our subject came to this county to try his fortune, and settled at Rockford, where many of his fondest hopes are being realized in the way of a rich reward for his dilligence during the years of his youth. Our subject is a Master Mason, belonging with the membership of Morality Lodge No. 186, A. F. and A. M., of Renick. He is a member of the M. E. Church and affiliates with the republican party.

ANSELM C. JOHNSON, one of Chariton county's oldest and most highly respected citizens, was born in Lynchburg, Campbell county, Virginia, Dec. 15, 1811, the eldest of two children of Siburn and Mary (Clarkson) Johnson, also natives of the Old Dominion. While our subject was quite young, the mother died and the father afterwards marrying, about 1825, he went to live with his grandfather, a large planter of Breckinridge county, Kentucky. Soon after taking up his residence in Kentucky, he began the saddle and harness maker's trade, afterwards engaging in business for himself. On Sept.



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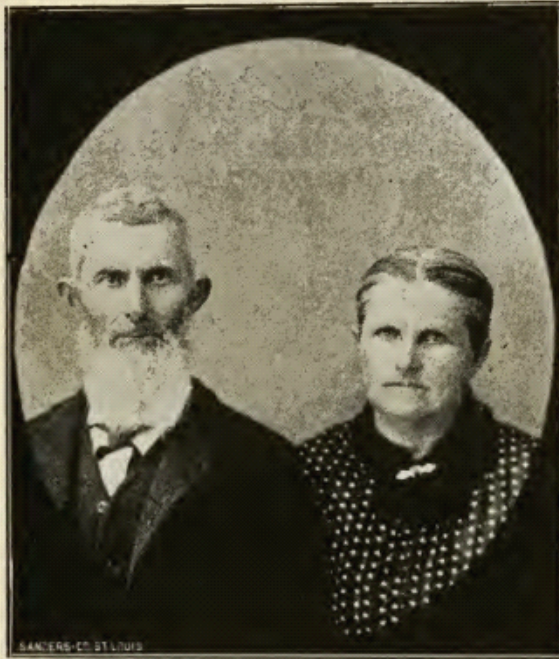
27, 1827 he was married to Miss Ann Elizabeth Clarkson, a daughter of Anselm Clarkson. In 1840 our subject and wife, who had been blessed by the birth of two children, Julius H. and Mary L., concluded to move west, which they did, first stopping at Glasgow, Mo., but soon after located at Keytesville. Here Mr. Johnson engaged in the harness and saddle business, continuing four years when he decided, with his increasing family, to move to the country and engage in farming. At first our subject only secured eighty acres of land, but as he prospered, continued to add to his possessions until he had secured over 500 acres of land. In 1861, at the outbreaking of the civil war, Mr. Johnson was in affluent circumstances and though a Southerner by birth and through sympathy, like many other men of Missouri, he was opposed to secession, believing his people could best succeed under the old flag, and contend for their liberties. June 9, 1864, at midnight, marauder Freeman visited the home of Mr. Johnson and arousing the family, arrested the father and two oldest sons, Julius and Buck, upon the charge of harboring and feeding "bushwhackers." After much abuse, the sons were released but the aged father was taken a prisoner to Keytesville where after a consultation with some prominent Union men he was released, after obtaining, by intimidations of bodily harm, \$300 in money and

the promise of future protection. The depredations committed in this county that week were indeed horrible. On Saturday of that week this gang visited Mr. Johnson's home a second time with avowed intention of hanging him and his sons, but finding them gone they proceeded to plunder the house, afterwards burning the building to the ground. Freeman, who claimed to be a Union detective, but in reality a highway robber, was afterwards arrested at Bucklin by government officials and imprisoned.

Mr. Johnson and his faithful wife, assisted by their children, redoubled their diligence and "Phoenix" like erected another dwelling over the ashes of the one so ruthlessly destroyed. To "Uncle Anselm," as he is best known, and his life companion were given fifteen children, as follows: Julius H., born Sept. 27, 1835; Mary L., Sept. 10, 1837; Calb L., March 8, 1840; Marcellus A., Feb. 3, 1842; Elvira A., Jan. 17, 1844; Tibathat, Dec. 29, 1845; James F., Nov. 11, 1847; infant son, July 26, 1849; Eldridge W., July 14, 1850; Eliza, Jan. 29, 1852; Cornelius, May 8, 1854; infant son, Sept. 26, 1856; Sterling P., May 2, 1857; Elizabeth E., Aug. 29, 1860; and Sydney E., Feb. 8, 1862. Of these, nine are now living, together with thirty grand children and sixteen great grandchildren.

These good old people, honored and respected by all who know them, with two grand-children whom they have raised, are quietly spending the eve of a well spent life at the home of their son, James F. Johnson, at the old family homestead, seven miles northeast of Keytesville, where they have walked hand in hand for over sixty years down the checkered stream of life.

EZRA D. HERSHEY, our present subject, is a resident of Keytesville township, and was born in Washington county, Maryland, September 14, 1827. His parents moved to Missouri in 1841 and settled in Howard county where they resided for four years before coming to Chariton county, settling seven miles southeast of Keytesville. There Ezra D. grew up spending his youth assisting in the farm work and attending the public schools of the community. In 1849, when the gold craze broke out in California, he was a young man twenty-two years of age, and could not be long restrained from trying his fortune in the gold fields of the Pacific slope, and in 1850 he was one of a number who made their way across the trackless western plain, to the land of the setting sun. He followed mining out there for about one year before returning

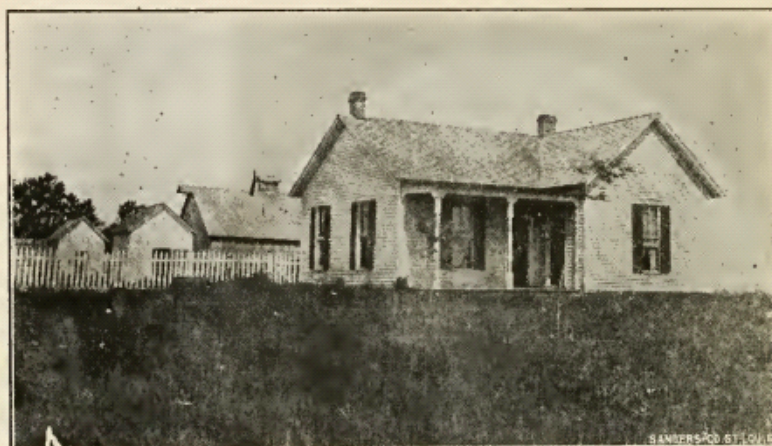


Mrs. Charles Yancey, of near Guthridge Mill; John M.; Walter R. Mollie, now Mrs. Lewis Wheeler, of Keytesville; Olive, now Mrs. Walter Horton, of Randolph Springs; Ezra D. Jr., and Harry. One other, little George, who passed to that bright and happy land of everlasting rest beyond the sky.

Mr. Hershey's parents were both natives of Maryland, our subject being the third of a family of eight children. He is a staunch democrat, who can be relied upon in all cases, he having affiliated with that political party all his life. He is also an honored member of the Masonic fraternity. Mr. Hershey is a gentleman of sterling worth to the community in which he lives, and highly respected by all who know him.

home to Missouri where he could hear the honest watch dog's welcome bark. Here he resumed farming, and on the 9th. of February, 1854 he married Miss Amanda Guthridge, of this county, who was born at the present homestead, Apr. 22, 1832, and was the daughter of John and Elizabeth (Smith) Guthridge, natives of Virginia. Of this union were born seven children, as follows: May, now

EPHRAIM P. MOORE. Our subject is a resident of Bowling Green township, and lives one and one-half miles east of Dalton. He was born in Chariton county, one and one-half miles southwest of Keytesville in 1867, and is the son of J. J. and Eliza Moore,



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both of whom were born in the county. Mr. Moore's grandfather, John G. Moore, was also born in this county and was the first white child born within its limits, and held many prominent positions of trust at the hands of his people.

Our subject was reared on a farm, where he spent the greater portion of his life, except during the four years his father held the office of sheriff of the county, when he acted as deputy sheriff. His great grandfather, also named John G. Moore, came to this county in 1816 and was the first sheriff of the county.

On February 10, 1890, our subject was married to Miss Zettie Patterson, who is also a native of the county and is the daughter of Mrs. W. H. Patterson, who now resides on a farm near Forrest Green. Of this union our subject and wife are the happy parents of little James Harvey, who was born September 30, 1893, and is the joy of the household.

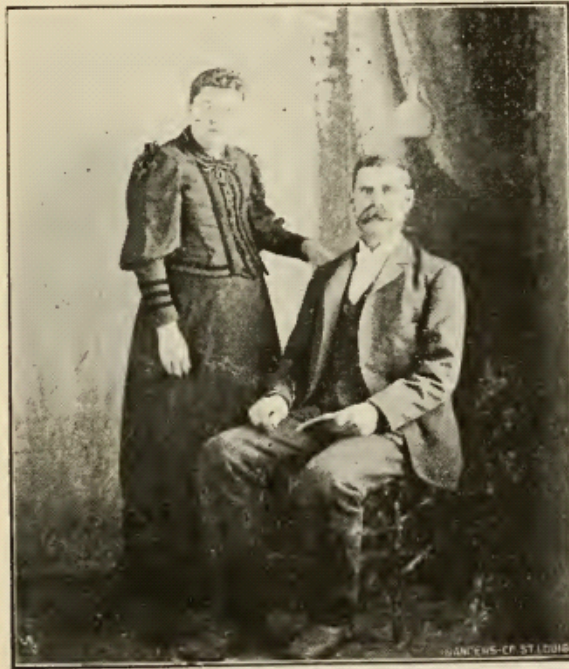
Mr. Moore owns 240 acres of as fine land as can be found in the state, which is well improved in a manner convenient to farming pursuits. He is in a prosperous condition and has everything at hand to carry on his business in a most business like manner.

Our subject bids us state that he is a democrat of the first water, and that he has not a relative on earth that is not of the same political belief. In 1888 he made the race for sheriff on the democratic ticket, but owing to his not becoming of age until a few days before the gen-

eral election in November of that year he was defeated by only a small majority by a man nearly three times his age. But notwithstanding his defeat in early life, he still stands ready to do all in his power for democracy.

ANDREW J. SHUMACHER, the gentleman whose name heads this sketch and one of Chariton county's most successful citizens and farmers now residing upon section 1-54-18, is a native Missourian, his birth having occurred in Pike county, October 14, 1850. Hiel Shumacher, the father, was a native of North Carolina, but located in Pike county, Mo., as early as 1819. His death occurred in January 1894. Annie Corey, the mother, was born in Jefferson county New York, but when five years of age, with her parents moved

to this state. By her union with H. Shumacher, ten children were born, seven now living, our subject being the third.



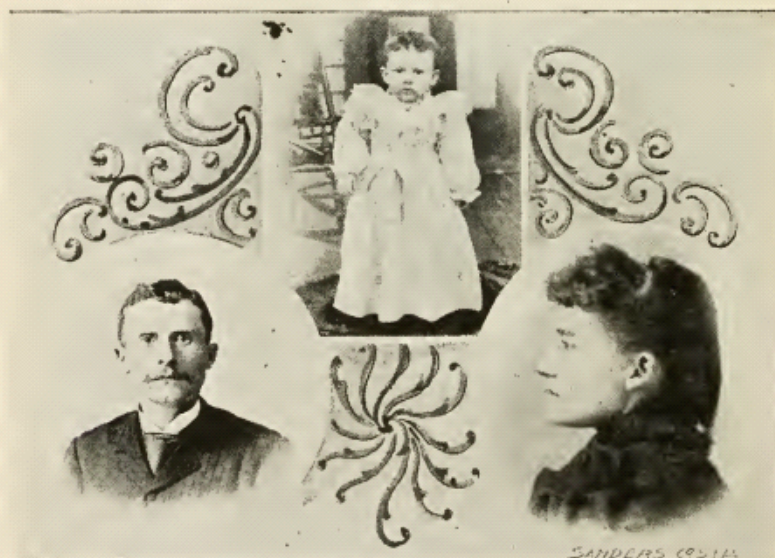
Andrew J. was reared upon the farm and educated in the public schools of his native county. At an early day he adopted farming as an occupation in which he has met with abundant success. His residence in this county began in 1873, when he

located near Prairie Hill, where he remained for seven years. In 1880 he purchased 120 acres of land in Keytesville township, which he has since greatly improved. In addition to a comparatively new and substantial cottage residence, Mr. Shumacher has good out buildings

and a fine orchard. With the exception of about 12 acres of timbered pasture, the land is all in cultivation and well fenced.

On October 14, 1880 our subject was united in marriage to Miss Martha Corey, a most worthy lady and a citizen of this county. Religiously, Mr. and Mrs. Shumacher are earnest and conscientious members of the Primitive Baptist church. Politically, our subject is a democrat and an enthusiastic supporter of the free and unlimited coinage of silver at a ratio of sixteen to one.

GEO. K. ADAMS, an honored and respected citizen and a prominent merchant of Indian Grove, Mo., was born three and one-half miles south of that place, October 19, 1862, the son of W. C. and Nancy (Bewley) Adams, being the second member of a family of eight children, two boys and six girls. Reared upon a farm and educated in the public schools of the district, in 1887 our subject entered the drug business at Indian Grove, Mo., which he continued until 1890



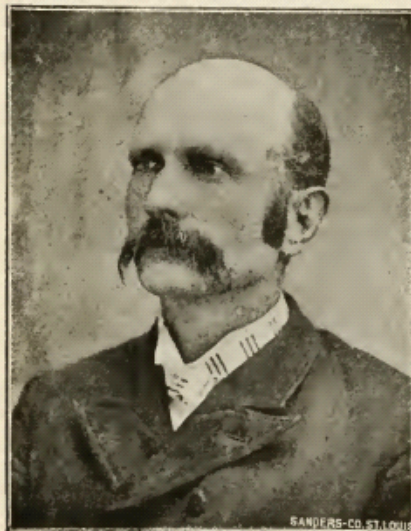
when he disposed of his business to open up a general merchandise establishment, in which business he is still engaged, enjoying a lucrative patronage.

On March 15, 1892, he was married to Miss Matilda Perrin, of

this county, and a daughter of Josephus and Matilda Perrin, former residents of Macon county. The fruits of this union is one child, Ina Ruth Adams, born January 1, 1893, a bright and pretty child, who is the pride of their fireside.

Our subject is one of the most prominent citizens of his locality and is highly respected by all who know him. He has always been upright and square in all his dealings with his fellowman, and is noted for his honor and veracity. He is a true blue democrat and an honored member of the Knights of the Maccabees.

JAMES F. JOHNSON, a resident of Chariton county, was born at the old family homestead, November 11, 1847, being the seventh child of a family of fifteen children of Anselm C. and Ann Eliza Johnson, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere. James F. was reared upon the farm and received the educational advantages of



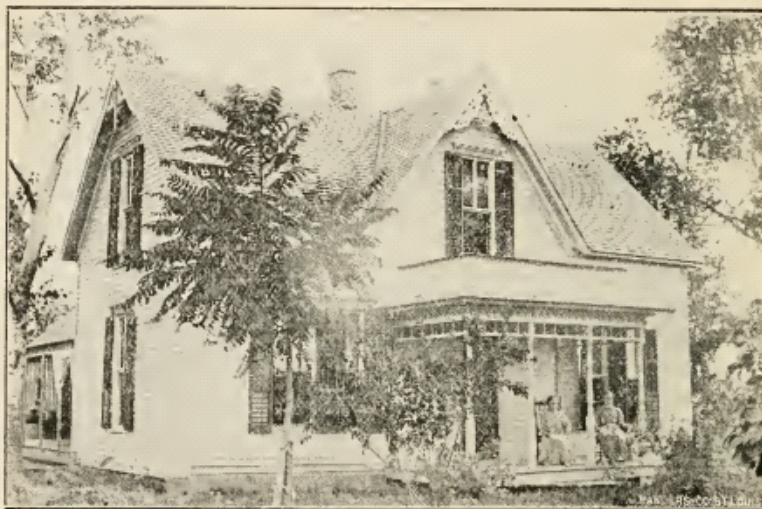
the home district, until 1861 when unfortunately, the breaking out of the war ended his schooling. Being ambitious for an education and undaunted by adversities he continued his studies at home and by close application and constant improvement of his leisure time, succeeded in acquiring a good practical education. Mr. Johnson is one of those men who believe in making every day a school in which we can learn some valuable lesson or problem or perform some kind act. Early in life he acquired a love for tools and being naturally of a mechanical disposition, he devoted the greater portion of his leisure

moments to tools and books, thereby shunning the many bad habits of intemperance and immorality. As he grew older, his love for mechanics continued until he not only mastered the profession, but succeed in building up a large and lucrative business as a contractor, furnishing remunerative employment to quite a number of men. Politically, our subject was an ardent supporter of the democratic party for over twenty-five years, but is now an earnest advocate of the Peoples' Party. He is a gentleman who believes in principle above party, and is just as earnest, sincere an advocate of the latter party as he was a democrat. At present he is chairman of the 6th Sena-

torial district of the Peoples' Party. In the balmy days of the Farmers' and Laborers' Union, our subject was an active and enthusiastic worker in the cause and at one time county organizer. Fraternally, Mr. J. is a member of Keytesville Lodge I. O. O. F., No. 447. In addition to a well improved farm of 100 acres, seven miles northeast of Keytesville, he owns a half interest in the mercantile establishment of Clarkson & Johnson at Eccles, Mo.

ASHBOURN S. TAYLOR, born Aug. 4, 1845, in Mason county, Kentucky, is the subject of this sketch. He came to Chariton county, Missouri, in December, 1860, and settled on the farm he now occupies two miles north of Keytesville. He is the son of J. W. and Elizabeth (Knight) Taylor, the former deceased in 1888, but the latter still lives.

Our subject was educated in Kentucky, before removing to Missouri, after which he was engaged for several years in teaching and



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farming. He was married April 7th, 1870, to Louisa A. Staples, daughter of William and Belinda Staples, natives of Kentucky; of which union five children were born; one of whom, Frank, was thrown from a horse while going to Sunday School, receiving injuries from which he died in a day or two. Those living are J. William, now a teacher in Keytesville public school; Alice, now Mrs. M. Bennett; Bert aged 17 and Lizzie aged 12 who reside at home with their parents.

Our subject was for a number of years a breeder and shipper of Poland China hogs until the fall of 1895 when the cholera struck his herd and destroyed many of them, since which time he has not been engaged in that business on a very extensive scale. He owns 240 acres of fine land two miles north of Keytesville, all in cultivation.

The family of our subject are all members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and he is a staunch Democrat politically. He is a refined and cultured gentleman who commands the respect of all who know him.

JOHN P. BECKER, born in Lansing, Iowa, September 21, 1867, the subject of this sketch is an influential and enterprising citizen of Bee Branch Township, now located at Wein, and is the son of John P. and Francis (Mahrer) Becker. The father a native of Germany and the mother a native of Switzerland, who met and married in Iowa, and were the parents of three children two boys and a girl, the latter of whom is a twin sister to our subject, and is married to a Mr. Klos, of Indiana.

Our subject was reared at Lansing where he followed mercantile

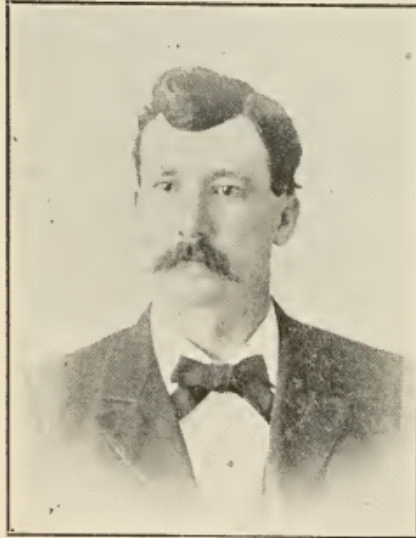


pursuits for twelve years when he came to Chariton County and entered the mercantile business at New Cambria for some time, when he came to Salisbury and remained till 1886, when he removed to Wein where he was elected collector of Bee Branch Township for seven years and has also been actively engaged in the mercantile business at that place.

Our subject was married to Miss Catharine Recker, of Quincy, Ill., and her parents are natives of Germany. Their married life has

been short up to this time but has been a pleasant one owing to the fact that Mr. Becker's wife is a lady of culture and refinement and capable of making him a wife to make a home happy in every respect. Politically our subject is a democrat, and is a commissioned Notary Public. He is a member of St. Mary's Catholic church.

HALVIN C. HURST, M. D., the subject of this sketch is a prominent professional young man in the capacity of a physician at Shannondale and was born in Chariton County three miles south of Salisbury where he was reared and attended the public schools of the district until he had reached the age of eighteen years, after which he attended Pritchett Institute at Glasgow for one term, at the close of which he began teaching as a profession and taught three consecutive sessions. He then attended the State Normal at Kirksville one year and then resumed teaching for a number of years before taking



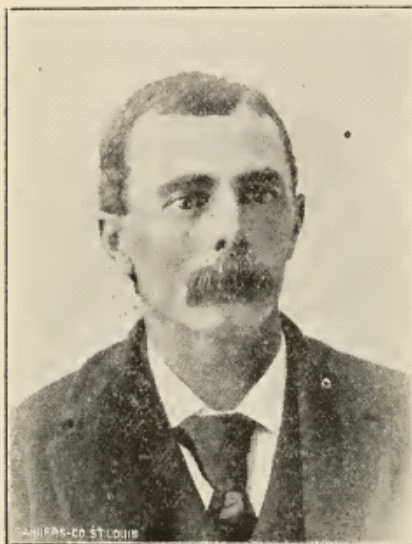
up a course in the State University at Columbia and returned to Chariton county, locating at Salisbury where he taught two years in the public school of that city. He then removed to Roanoke and taught some years in the public school at that place. Prof. Hurst, after his long term of years in the school room, concluded to take up the study of medicine, which he did in Salisbury for one year before attending Marion-Simms College of medicine during the session of 1893-94, after which he attended the Missouri Medical College at St. Louis where he graduated in March, 1896. Shortly after his

graduation Mr. Hurst located at Shannondale where he is now enjoying a good practice.

During his entire term of school-room affiliations he was successful, notwithstanding the many difficulties that attend the duties of a

teacher, and it is the profound wish of his many friends that he may be as successful in the practice of medicine, in which he is taking great interest.

SWALD S. SCROGGIN was born in Chariton county on the farm where he now resides, June 4, 1856. He is the son of Dr. F. M. and Mattie Scroggin, the former of whom was born in Woodford county, Ky., Aug. 8, 1819 and came to Chariton county in 1844. The latter was a native of

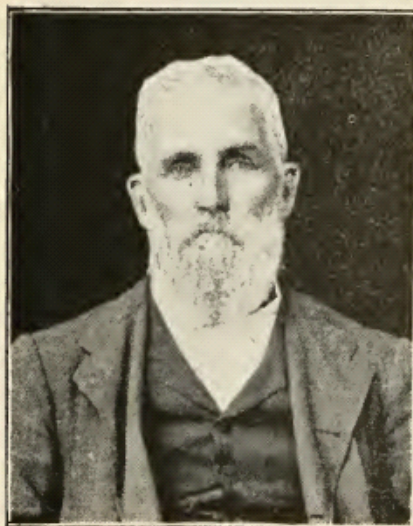


Virginia, having been born in Rockingham county of that state Sept. 10, 1828, and came to this county in 1836. The father of our subject has been dead for a number of years, while the mother still lives and resides in Salisbury. Our subject has spent the greater portion of his life on the farm where he now makes his home, and on Feb. 5, 1880, was married to Miss Rebecca V. Gunn, who was born July 21, 1860, and was the daughter of Thomas and Susan O. Gunn, who were two of the early settlers of the county. The former was a native of North Carolina and was born in Taswell Co.

The latter was born in Owensboro, Ky. They both came to this county in 1829.

Our subject and wife are the parents of four children, viz; Leslie, born Nov. 12, 1881; Rheba, born May 19, 1885; Orin, born July 23, 1890; and Ollie S., born July 12, 1893. Mr. Scroggin is one of Chariton county's most energetic and prosperous farmers and owns 240 acres of as fine land as can be found in this section of the state, half of which is situated in Howard county. He has always been a democrat and is now a staunch supporter of free and unlimited coinage of silver and gold at a ratio of 16 to 1.

WILLIAM C. WRIGHT. The subject of this sketch is one among the oldest, most influential, highly respected and best known citizen of Salisbury township. He was born in Howard county March 17, 1830, and was the son of Wm. C. and Mary



(Burgher) Wright, who were natives of Madison county, Kentucky, and were there married. They came to Howard county, Missouri, where they remained until 1850, when they removed to Chariton county, where they lived until 1855, when the cold finger of death pointed out the husband and claimed him as its own. The mother died August 19, 1876.

Our subject was the ninth of a family of twelve children, five of whom are now living. He was educated in a log school house in Howard county, where they used split logs hewn smooth for seats, and was reared on a farm where he remained till the gold fever

broke out in California in 1849, when he wended his way across the broad western plains between Missouri and his destination, with a caravan made up of citizens from his section of the country. He remained there until 1851 when he started on his homeward journey to Chariton county. In 1852 he returned to California and remained until 1853. He then came back to this county and on March 8, 1854, was married to Miss Amanda J. Addis, daughter of Geo. and Susan Addis, of Chariton county. The fruits of this marriage was six children—five boys and one girl—three of whom, N. R., C. C. and Wm. L. are still living a few miles southwest of Salisbury, where our subject had purchased 200 acres of land in 1854. Mrs Wright died June 25, 1894, which loss was sadly mourned by a loving family.

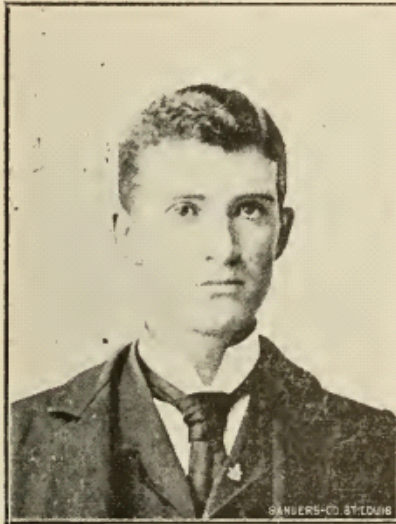
Our subject was elected township collector in 1874, and to the office of assessor, when he took the census. In 1892 he was re-elected to the office of assessor, which he now holds. He is a true-blue democrat and has been a member of the Baptist church since 1855. Our subject has lived long and prosperous, and notwithstanding the many obstacles in the life of a pioneer settler he still enjoys excellent health. His farm, on which he now resides lies in sections 15 and 16, township 53, range 17.

CHARLES M. ALLEGA, one of Chariton county's most extensive and successful farmers and stock raisers, and an energetic, public-spirited citizen, was born July 17, 1849. Though a native Missourian, Mr. Allega has been unable to ascertain whether his birth occurred in Livingston or Carroll county, that event having transpired prior to the survey of the present line separating the two counties, the original homestead now being located in both counties. William P. Allega, the father, was born in Kentucky September 13, 1822, and

moved to Missouri in 1837. On February 29, 1845, he was united in marriage to Miss Missouri Ann Cravens, the result of which union was the birth of ten children, six of whom are now living, our subject being the eldest. The death of the mother occurred in August, 1880.

Since three years of age Charles M. has been a resident of Chariton county, his father having settled in Keytesville township, near Shannondale, in 1852, in which vicinity he has since resided. On October 22, 1872, occurred the marriage of our subject to Miss Hulda E. Kilburn, a native of Grundy county. This union has been blessed by the birth of seven children, namely; Eliza, now Mrs. Ollie Williams; Maggie D., now Mrs. Frank Elmore; William K., Louan, Kittie, Missouri E. S., and Charlie May. By marriage our subject not only secured the companionship of a most excellent lady, but obtained possession of 149 acres of land, five miles south of Salisbury and began housekeeping in the house shown at the top of the accompanying illustration, which is now occupied by his son-in-law and daughter, Mr and Mrs. Williams. Favored with prosperity, Mr. Allega soon added to his landed possessions and a few years later erected the dwelling appearing at the bottom of the page, (now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Elmore.) As time sped by and his family increased our subject soon found his second residence inadequate to his demands, and a few years since erected the large and substantial residence shown in the center of the illustration, which he now occupies, enjoying all the comforts and conveniences of life. Through his excellent business management, unrelenting industry, energy and perseverance Mr. Allega has added to his estate from time to time until now he owns 516 acres of as good soil as is to be found in the state. Aside from profitable farming, Mr. Allega has been especially successful as a stack-raiser, handling some of the best horses and cattle in this part of the state. A resident of the county for almost his entire life, our subject has been intimately connected with its growth and progress, ever exerting his influence in behalf of worthy enterprises and local advancement, he is known as a man of undoubted honor and integrity. Politically, he was born and reared a democrat.

DLIVER P. RAY. The subject of this sketch is a prominent young lawyer of Keytesville, Missouri, who by hard labor and perseverance has attained a high standing in his community, and is well and favorably known throughout Chariton county. He is the eldest son of a family of ten children, all of whom were born and reared on Chariton county soil.

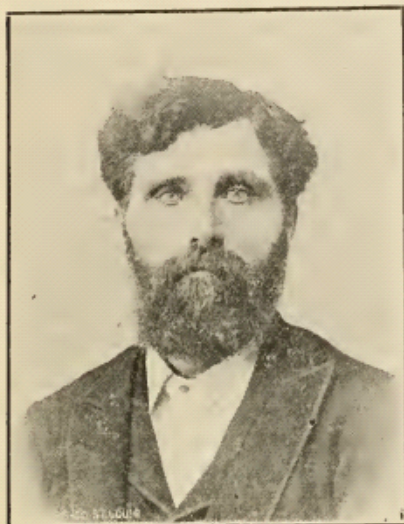


Our subject was born Feb. 27, 1871, on a farm near Salisbury, where he lived with his parents, Lewis F. and Sarilda A. Ray, who were born in Linn and Chariton counties respectively. He received an average public school education while he remained at home. In 1891-92 he attended the Normal school at Stanberry, Missouri, and returned to Chariton county, where his time was occupied in teaching, farming and reading law, at odd times, until 1895, when he removed to Keytesville, and put in his full time reading law until April, 1896, when he was admitted

to the Chariton county bar. He was soon elected and is at present Keytesville's City Attorney. Mr. Ray was married August 23, 1893, to Miss Margaret E. White, who was born March 6, 1871, in the old McLain house at Appomattox, Virginia, where Lee and Grant signed recapitulation papers. She is the daughter of Capt. J. H. White, a prominent farmer and stock grower residing near Hamden who is widely known by Chariton county citizens as a gentleman of true enterprise and personal worth.

The subject of this sketch is a member of Keytesville Lodge No. 477, I. O. O. F., also a Master Mason of Warren Lodge No. 74, A. F. & A. M., of Keytesville, and a "dyed in the wool" Bryan democrat, and is at present engaged in the practice of law.

LARENCE O. HOUSTON, a prominent farmer and stock dealer of Wayland township, widely known as a man of sterling integrity of character, and as an earnest, energetic and upright citizen, highly esteemed by the entire community among whom he has grown



from youth to early manhood and middle age, was born within a few hundred yards of his present residence, April 6, 1854. A. G. Houston, the father of our subject, was born in Kentucky and came to Missouri sometime in the 40's, where he met and married Miss Sarah Stewart, a native of the state of Maine. This union resulted in the birth of nine children, all of whom are now living (our subject the eldest) to cheer and comfort the father and mother in the declining years of their happy and well-spent career.

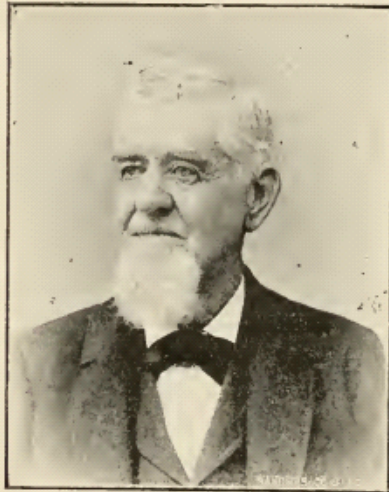
In youth, our subject received the advantages of good educational

training, both at home and in the public schools of the district, which was supplemented by a thorough course in the State Normal at Kirksville from 1871-74. Being reared upon the farm, upon leaving school our subject selected farming as his occupation; one in which he has since most admirably and successfully engaged. His present farm, seven miles northeast of Salisbury, comprises 280 acres of as fine and productive soil as is to be found in the county, all of which is in a high state of cultivation and well improved. On September 12, 1878, Mr. Houston was very happily united in marriage to Miss Alta Elliott, a lady of culture and refinement and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Elliott, for many years prominent and highly respected citizens of this county, though now deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Houston have been given six children, as follows: Bertha, Jessie W., Maud, Edna, Albert, and Earl.

Politically, our subject takes an abiding interest in politics and is well posted upon local and national issues, supporting the principles of the democratic party. Socially, he is honorably connected with the Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, and Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Personally our subject is not only a thrifty, successful man, but a gentleman of a high order of intelligence, and of liberal, advanced ideas with regard to education and every interest calculated to elevate and better the condition of mankind. Possessed

of these excellent traits of character and of a pleasant, jovial, good-natured disposition, he is not only popular among his neighbors and acquaintances, but is recognized as a leader among them in matters of general and public interest.

JUDGE LUCIUS SALISBURY, a gentleman who for nearly 50 years contributed largely of his time, energy and means towards the growth and development of Chariton county, and one well and most favorably known throughout the state, now a resident of Kenton, Ohio, deserves especial mention in this Record of the county in which he spent the best days of his long and useful career. Judge



Salisbury was born in the state of Vermont, June 11, 1824, a son of Belcher and Nancy (Lampson) Salisbury, the latter a descendant of Miles Standish. On both sides, the ancestors of our subject were active participants in the Revolutionary War. William Salisbury, the grandfather, was born in New Jersey and died near Boston while the father of our subject was quite young. In life, Belcher Salisbury was a very prominent personage and held a number of political and official positions; was a Whig and a warm friend and admirer of Webster and Clay. His

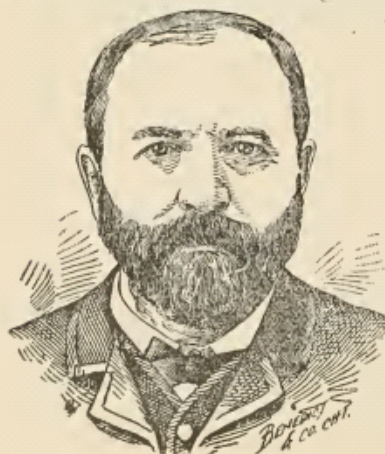
death occurred in 1863, at the age of seventy-two years.

The boyhood days of Judge Lucius Salisbury were spent in his native town, working upon his father's farm in summer and attending the public schools in winter. In 1843 he accepted a position in a boot and shoe establishment of his brothers, at St. Louis, where he remained until '45, when he was sent to Keytesville to open up a branch establishment, of which he afterwards became proprietor, remaining until 1858, when he purchased and moved to a fine farm in the eastern part of the county and upon which Chariton's metropolis now stands as a monument to his unceasing industry, energy and intelligence. [See page twenty-three.] In 1850 our subject was elected Presiding Judge of the Chariton county court. In 1862 he was unanimously

elected to the Legislature and was four times re-elected. In 1868 he was candidate for Speaker, and though he received the full democratic vote, was defeated, the republicans being in the majority. His career in the House was a long and honorable one.

On April 13, 1847, at Braintree, Vermont, Judge Salisbury was married to Miss Harriet Newell Hutchinson, the daughter of Nathaniel Hutchinson, an extensive farmer and business man of that place. This union resulted in the birth of five children, only three of whom reached maturity—two now living—Arthur, now a resident of Kenton, Ohio, and who enjoys the distinction of being the first male white child born in Salisbury, and Hattie H., now Mrs. E. L. Hogan, of Moberly, Mo. In December of '92, our subject traded his property in Cockrell township, a valuable farm of some 1200 acres for a finely improved farm near Kenton, Ohio, where he and his faithful companion, who has assisted and encouraged him in days less propitious, are spending the declining years of their long and useful career, surrounded with all the comforts and conveniences of life. Should no providential hinderance prevent, Mr. and Mrs. Salisbury will celebrate their golden wedding on the 13th of next April.

THOMAS FOSTER. Our subject, who captions this sketch, is one of the most extensive grain dealers in Central Missouri. He is a native of England and was born in Leeds, Yorkshire,

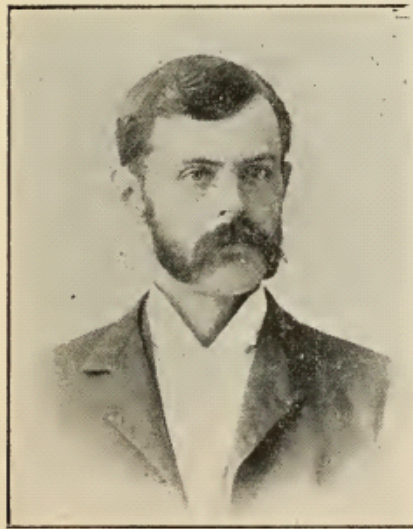


March 22, 1835, where he learned the miller's trade under the stringent regulations governing apprenticeships of all kinds in that country. In 1856 he came to America and located at St. Louis, Mo., where he spent five years in the milling business, where he gained the confidence and high respect of his employer and all who knew him. After this he built and successfully operated a mill at Moscow, Lincoln county, Missouri, for three years, up to 1867, when he removed to Lebanon, Ill. During that year

he came to Missouri for the second time and took charge of a mill in Randolph county which he run until 1870, when it was burned down, entailing a great loss. He then came to Chariton county and took charge of a mill six miles south of Salisbury, known as Switzler's Mill, which he run for ten months before coming to Salisbury and taking charge of the Slaughter, Ward & Co. mill, which was the only one there at that time.

The subject of this sketch was married to Miss Ellenor Leach, also a native of England, October 11, 1857. They were blessed with two children who have departed this life for the unknown kingdom beyond, several years since. Since the removal of this most estimable family to Salisbury, Mr. Foster has made many warm friends and by his gentlemanly and accommodating manner has gained the respect of the entire community in which he lives. He is now running a general grain business and is widely known for his liberality and square dealings throughout this section.

JOSEPH H. OSBORN, D. O. The subject of this sketch was born in East Hampton, Long Island, Sept. 24, 1860, and spent his early life on a farm. In 1880, he migrated to Connecticut where he followed the carpenter's trade. From there he went to

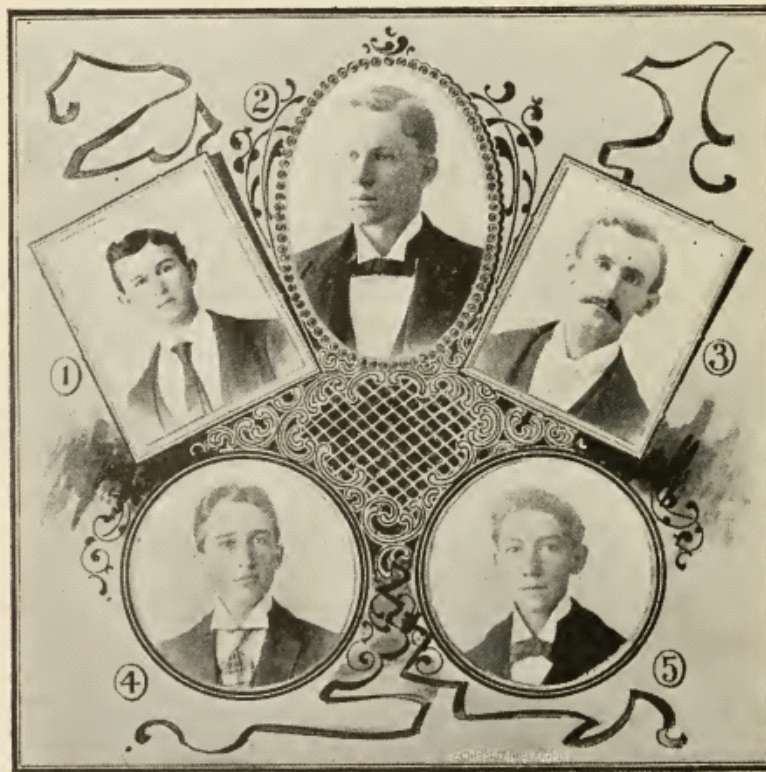


New York state, and between the two states he spent ten years plying his trade. In 1890 he came west to St. Louis, where he remained one year. In 1891 he removed to Kirksville, Mo., and engaged in a partnership laundry business, but in a few months bought his partner's interest in the business, which he run for two years. He then took up the study of Osteopathy under the famous Dr. A. T. Still of that place and has followed that profession ever since, during which time he has been located at St. Louis, Columbia, Centralia, and other towns in Missouri, carrying some

of the best testimonials the writer ever had the opportunity of reading.

Our subject was married December 20, 1894, to Miss Nellie Parks of Salisbury, daughter of George Parks, a prominent Chariton county citizen. Mrs. Osborn was born December 30, 1876, and spent the greater portion of her life in Salisbury.

Our subject is a member of Oustonic Lodge No. 6, I. O. O. F. of Birmingham, Connecticut, and is a Chapter Mason of Caldwell Lodge No. 53, A. F. & A. M. of Kirksville, also a member of the Presbyterian church. He located in Salisbury in July, 1896, where he has since been practicing Osteopathy.



1. LEDRU BARNES. 2. JAMES PARKS. 3. HARDY SEARS.
4. SAMUEL EDWARDS. 5. GEORGE IRELAND.

The above illustration is a faithful likeness of five of Salisbury's most energetic, enterprising and intelligent young gentlemen, who

are meeting with commendable success in their various avocations of life. Being strictly honest, thoroughly industrious, and of a social and courteous disposition, they make friends as they increase their acquaintance, and enjoy the confidence and respect of all who know them. Mr. Barnes is a son of Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Barnes, and is at present engaged in teaching a very successful term of school at Lowery district, north of Keytesville. Mr. Parks is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Parks and is employed upon the typographical force engaged in setting up this PORTRAIT and BIOGRAPHICAL RECORD of Chariton county. Mr. Sears was born near Clifton Hill, but is now employed as pharmacist in the drug establishment of W. R. Sweeney. Mr. Edward, by birth is a native of Pennsylvania, but is now a fixture in Salisbury business circles as the proprietor of a first class tonsorial parlor. Mr. Ireland was reared in this county, and now has a lucrative position as weigh master in the large milling establishment of his brothers, in this city.

JOHN P. WINN is the name of the distinguished gentleman who is the subject of this sketch. He was born in Buffalo Lick township, which is now Salisbury township, April 2, 1837, and was the son of James and Rebecca (Parks) Winn. The former was born in



North Carolina in 1791 and came to Missouri in 1819. He was a soldier in the War of 1812 and for his services received a landscript for part of the land where the city of Salisbury now stands. He died in 1864 at the ripe old age of 73 years. The latter, Mrs. Rebecca Winn, was a half sister to Mr. and Mrs. Peterson Parks, two of the first settlers of Chariton county, yet Mr. Parks and wife were in no wise related to each other before marriage. Mrs. Winn's marriage was the fifth one now on record in Chariton county. After her husband's death she made her home with her

son, our subject, up to the time of her death, in 1887, at the age of 78 years.

Our subject received his education in the public schools in this county and at Mount Pleasant College of Huntsville. He returned home and continued farming until 1886 on the farm where he was born, six miles south of Salisbury. He served on the Confederate side of the late war from start to finish under the command of Capt. Thos. Walton, who surrendered at Shreveport, Louisiana, March 10, 1865. Our subject was married to Miss Julia Brown Nov. 23, 1863, who was the daughter of Thomas and Amelia (Esther) Brown. Mr. and Mrs. Brown were Kentuckians and settled here about 1860. The subject of this sketch and wife were the parents of twelve children—one dead—as follows: Gertie K., now Mrs. R. B. Crowder, of Salisbury; Bettie, now Mrs. Iglehart, of Macon City; Robert Lee; Omilia; Minnie; Lucy; Jefferson; Bessie; Erma; Russel V.; and Lessie.

In 1886 Mr. Winn came to Salisbury and entered into the real estate business, where he has enjoyed a good trade in his line ever since. He is a first water democrat and has spent much of his time in the cause of his party. Religiously, he has been a member of the Baptist church since he was fifteen years of age.

JOHN M. FOLEY. One among our young men of prominence, is the subject of this sketch, and was born in Hardin county, Kentucky, Oct. 16, 1875. He is the son of Rev. W. H. Foley, a Baptist minister, who was born in Russel county, Kentucky, in 1851 and was married to the mother of our subject, Miss Sarah J. Rexroat, of which union eleven children were born, of which our subject is the fourth child. In 1889 our subject came to Missouri with his parents and settled in Howard county at Armstrong where he remained four years. When our subject left Armstrong he located at Clinton, Mo.,



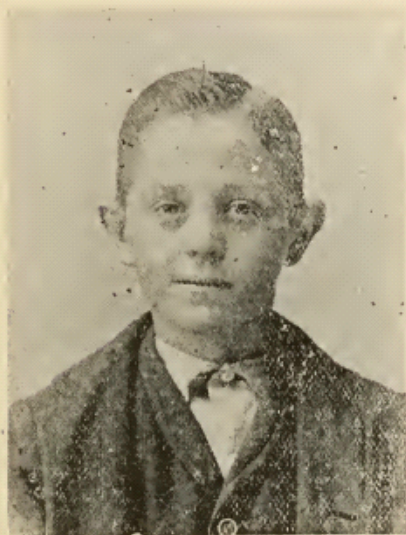
where he conducted a restaurant for one year before removing to Salisbury, where he entered the barber shop of his brother and learned that trade. He worked faithfully for three years and purchased a half interest in the shop where he has remained ever since.

On Oct. 16, 1894, our subject was married to Miss Lutie D. Wilkinson, who was born and reared in Salisbury, and received her education in the public schools and colleges of that city. She was the eldest of three children, two boys and girl, the children of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Wilkinson. The

father was born in 1849 and the mother in 1853, and the wife of our subject was born in 1877.

Mr. Foley and wife are the parents of a fine boy, Verle Vivien, who was born March 11, 1896, and is the pride of a happy household. Our subject is a pleasant and accommodating young man of thorough business qualifications, and as a consequence is enjoying a good trade. Politically, our subject is a democrat and loyally supports the principles of his party. Religiously, he affiliates with the Baptist church.

IRVEN HORTON. The accompanying illustration is an excellent reproduction of a photograph of Master Irvén Horton, a Salisbury youth, who by his unceasing energy, industry and manly conduct, has won for himself the esteem and admiration of a very large circle of friends and acquaintances in Salisbury and vicinity.



His birth occurred December 3, 1881, the son of A. J. and Anler Horton. Upon the death of the father, August 9, 1893, the responsibilities of providing the necessities and comforts of life for the family devolved upon our subject and a brother, a few years his senior, and the manner in which they have met and performed their duties, demand the commendation of all.

In May of 1894 Irvén selected the profession of a "typo" as a suitable field for occupation, and securing a position in the composing rooms of the PRESS-SPECTATOR diligently began the mastery of his profession, in which he has

been eminently successful. Irvén still holds his "cases" and his services are justly appreciated by his employer.

ANDREW BROWN. The subject of this sketch is a native of Ireland and was born April 30, 1827, and was the youngest of a family of six children, five boys and one girl, the children of Alexander Brown and wife, formerly Miss Dorothy Ringland. In 1854, Mr. Brown was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Miss Sarah Hughes, of county of Down, of his own native country. Mr. Brown remained on Erin's Green Isle over two years after his marriage, but prompted by the conviction that he could do better in the New World, he sailed for America, October 23, 1856, but did not bring his family with him until he could provide a suitable place for them on this side of the briney deep. Mr. Brown located near Salisbury, where he engaged in farming and stock raising.

The gold excitement in the west soon influenced him to turn his attention to the mountainous region where he remained only a short time, before returning to Missouri a poorer but wiser man. He had \$5,000 in cash when he left his native country, but that soon vanished when he went west. When he returned to Missouri he went to work with energy and the hope to soon regain the loss he had suffered on his western tour.

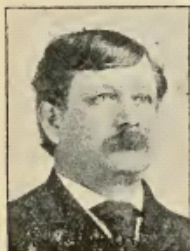
Eight years elapsed from the time of his leaving Ireland before he was able to send for the family he had left behind. In 1864 he sent them the means for transportation, and met them in New York on their arrival and brought them at once to their new home in Chariton, Co. He continued to prosper steadily with a worthy family of children growing up around him. In 1873 his first wife died, which is the heaviest loss that man can have. He was again married to Miss Bessie Skellon, also native of Ireland, who still lives to brighten and comfort his happy home. Of this last union was born one child, Annie, and is the cherished idol of the household. Mr. Brown had never seen his present wife from the time he knew her in Ireland before his departure for this country until he met her at the depot at Salisbury to be married to her. He knew her in early life and after his first wife's death, began corresponding with her, which resulted in her coming to this country to become his wife. Mr. Brown is one of the enterprising and thriving founders of Salisbury township.

ZACK T. LAMKIN, a gentleman of a progressive, energetic mind and untiring industry, held in the highest esteem by his many friends and acquaintances throughout the county, was born in Linn county, Missouri, October 18, 1859. Robert H. Lamkin, the father, was born in Kentucky, and moved to Missouri sometime in the 30's, where his death occurred in 1872. The mother was a native of the state of Virginia and in her maidenhood was a Miss Pennilia A. Phillips. Her death occurred in 1869. Z. T. Lamkin, our subject, was the eldest of three children, all living, and was reared upon a farm, near Bucklin, attending the public school in winter and assisting in the farm duties in the summer. In 1880, Mr. Lamkin accepted a clerical position at Shannondale, this county, in a co-operative store under the management of Mr. F. M. Meyer. After one year our subject was promoted to the management of the business in which capacity he remained until 1886, when he went to Forrest Green and accepted a position with Horton and Fristoe. He remained but a short short time before purchasing the interest of Mr. Horton, the style of the firm changing to Fristoe & Lamkin. These gentleman are still engaged in business at Forrest Green and carry one of the best selected stocks of general merchandise found in the rural districts of Chariton county.

On January 7, 1896, occurred the marriage of our subject to Miss Jennie Binks, formerly a resident of Ohio, but for a number of years past of Chariton county, a daughter of John and Mary Binks, the father now deceased. At Forrest Green, Mrs. Lamkin, with the assistance of her husband, performs the duties of Postmistress, Wabash Agent and Telegraph Operator.

Politically, our subject is a democrat and has always loyally supported the principles of his party. Religiously, he affiliates with the the Baptist church. Socially, he is a prominent and influential member of Salisbury Lodge, White Stone Royal Arch Chapter, No. 57 and of Salisbury Lodge No. 208, A. F. & A. M., having been honored with all the offices. At present he is D. D. G. L. & D. D. G. M.; also, a member of Cloudine Lodge No. 179, Knights of Pythias.

HENRY F. LINCOLN, editor and proprietor of the *Chariton County News*, a republican paper published at Brunswick, Mo., was born in Flushing, L. I., "Greater New York," March 6, 1843. He is a son of the late C. R. Lincoln, publisher to the Greek Mission of the Episcopal church in Syra, Greece, 1838, and founder of the *Flushing Journal*, 1843. Mr. H. F. Lincoln is a descendant of the Lincoln family founded in Hingham, Mass., 1635-36, and is a great grandson of Abiel Lincoln, of Norton, Mass., and an officer of the Revolutionary War, and on account of said service our subject holds a duly authenticated certificate as a member of the Society of Sons of the Revolution.



As a newspaper man Mr. Lincoln was literally bred to the business. After receiving a common school education, he entered his father's office and learned the printing trade, and has served in all capacities in a newspaper office, from "roller boy" to that of city editor of a daily paper and publisher of a weekly journal. On the 9th of May, 1871, Mr. Lincoln married Miss Ella Virginia Roach, of Wabash, Indiana, and daughter of Joseph and Angeline Roach, of Virginia, who settled in Indiana, and are now deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln have been given five children, namely: Mary S., Ella J., Henry F., William H. and Edith A. Politically, Mr. Lincoln is a life long republican and during the war served in volunteer organization of the 47th Infantry Regiment, N. G. S. N. Y., and was honorably discharged at the expiration of his two terms of service in Maryland and Virginia, that were in response to the call for volunteers made by President Lincoln in 1862 and 1863.

Socially, Mr. Lincoln is an Odd Fellow of thirty-two years standing, having joined Pacific Lodge, No. 88, I. O. O. F., of Flushing, N. Y., in October, 1864; is a Past Grand of that Lodge, and now member of Shawnee Lodge, No. 1, of Topeka, Kansas. He is also a member of Brunswick Camp, No. 2265 and of the Modern Woodmen of America. Mr. Lincoln is a member of the Episcopal church, while Mrs. Lincoln affiliates with the Presbyterians.

PERRY S. RADER, one of Chariton county's most prominent citizens and successful attorneys, who is quite as conspicuous for his modest and retiring nature, as for his intelligence and ability, was born at Carthage, Missouri, November 24, 1859, the son of Rev. and Mrs. A. M. Rader. The Rader family is of German descent, the ancestors of our subject having been among those who early emigrated to this country and took part in the struggle for independence. Wm. Rader, paternal grandfather of our subject, was an early settler of Missouri, in which state his son, Andrew M., the father of Perry S., grew to manhood, achieving considerable reputation as a pioneer Methodist preacher of the southwest.

Isabella A. (McFarland) Rader, mother of our subject, was a great granddaughter of Sir Robert McFarland, of Scotland, whose immediate descendants, emigrating to this country, located in Tennessee, where they were the recipients of distinguished honors, occupying various responsible positions of trust. Alexander McFarland, the maternal grandfather of our subject, located in Johnson county, Mo., about 1833, soon after which time his daughter, Isabella, was united in marriage to the young minister, Andrew Rader. This union result



ed in the birth of thirteen children, eleven of whom are now living, our subject being the eighth.

Perry S. Rader was reared in Saline county, receiving the limited advantages of the district school in the winter months and following agricultural pursuits in summer. Arriving at the proper age and encouraged by his parents, our subject, in 1879 matriculated at Central College at Fayette, spending twelve months within its walls, after which owing to his limited means, he began teaching near Marshall. Two years later

Mr. Rader again entered Central College and four years later realized the bright anticipations of his boyhood, finishing a full classical course, graduating in 1886 with the degree of A. B.

Choosing the profession of law as suitable employment, on leaving school, he began its study in the office of Judge J. P. Strother, of Marshall, Mo.; elected to the vice-Principalship of the Brunswick public schools, he accepted the position serving one year, when he purchased an interest and became editor of the *Howard County Advertiser*, of Fayette, Mo., where he remained one year and disposed of his interest and devoted his entire time to the study of law. He was admitted to the bar in 1888 and remained at Fayette until 1889, then locating at Brunswick, securing an interest and becoming editor of the *Weekly Brunswick*; also, continuing the practice of his profession and to which he now devotes his entire time.

In 1891, Mr. Rader published a small volume, "Rader's School History of Missouri," which is extremely valuable for the reliable statistics and correct data therein contained, arranged in an attractive style and well adapted to the needs of the public and preparatory schools.

In December of 1889, Mr. Rader was united in marriage to Miss Bennie Younger, a lady of high accomplishments, culture and refinement and the daughter of Mrs. Idress E. Ashby, of Brunswick. This union has been blessed by the birth of two bright and interesting children, one son and a daughter, John Wallace and Asabel Adelaide.

Progressive and public-spirited, our subject is ever ready to do his full share in the extension of local improvements; a gentleman of earnest purpose, gives ready aid to the establishment of worthy enterprises. A kind friend and neighbor, he dwells among his acquaintances, respected and honored for his true worth and sterling integrity of character.

LOUIS BENECKE, attorney-at-law at Brunswick, Mo., and a gentleman well and favorably known throughout North Missouri, was born in Germany in 1843, and emigrated to the United States in 1856, settling at the above named town. At the breaking



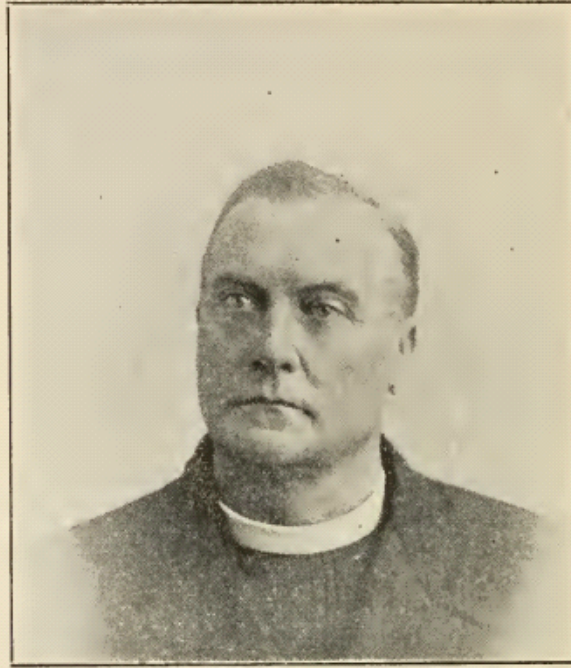
out of the late unpleasantness, Mr. Benecke entered the U. S. service as a private in Company H. 18 Mo. Volunteers, and was promoted to Sergeant and Lieutenant, and from which company he was honorably discharged; re-entered service as Captain of Company I. 49 Missouri volunteers and was honorably mustered out August 2, 1865. During

the last year of the war, Captain Benecke was for four months in command of the Military Int. District of Chariton and Randolph counties. At the close of the war he returned to Brunswick and in the following year was elected mayor of his city, also a director of the public school—the first in the county—being re-elected to the latter position each term, until 1870, when he resigned on account of his election to state senate. While a member of the Legislature, Mr. Benecke was the author of the Chariton county local bill, which met with such favor that the legislature some years afterwards, incorporated the main provision verbatim into the general law. This measure saved the taxpayers large sums of money in reducing fees and limiting salaries of county officers. Since 1875, Mr. Benecke has been re-elected to various county offices, among others that of mayor, president and member of the school board. He has been active in the advancement of all local enterprises, and is one of the original incorporators of the First National Bank, of Brunswick, Mo., and of which he is a director; also, of the Brunswick Brick and Tile Company; the Elliott Grove Cemetery, the first in the county; is President of the Brunswick Library Association and a member of several other business and social associations. For four years, Mr. Benecke held the highest office, in the state, of the Knights of Honor and during the years 1895-96 was Department Commander of the Grand Army Republic.

Captain Benecke was never defeated for any elective office, having been honored by his neighbors and friends to various offices over thirty times, however he now asserts that hereafter he would decline to accept any office that may be tendered him, except to devote his entire time to his profession, the practice of law. Mr. Benecke's family consists of his wife and five children, two daughters and three sons.

Personally, Captain Benecke is a gentleman with a host of friends, but, not unlike others, he also has some enemies, of whom he is as fond of the one as of the other, believing that a man who has no enemies, is not worth having as a friend. To him no charitable appeal has ever been made in vain, responding to all without ostentation. He is a member of the Evangelist Protestant Church, and a staunch republican, politically.

REV. J. HENNES, pastor of St. Joseph Parish, is the subject of this sketch, and now has charge of St. Joseph Church and school, vice Rev. J. L. Gadell. Rev. Hennes was born in Alfter near Borne near the river Rhine, Rhenish Prussia, Germany, November 21,



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1849, and was the youngest of a family of Mathias and Catherine (Kuhl) Hennes both natives of Germany, now deceased.

Our subject came to America with his parents, when he was only six years of age, who settled upon a farm, near Milwaukee, Wis. where he grew up under the restrictions of good religious parents. Rev. Hennes graduated from St. Francis Seminary, near Milwaukee, Wisconsin, having spent eleven years in the studie of classical and theological courses of that institution. He completed his theological studies or Cape Girardeau, Missouri, in 1872, and in November of the same year was ordained as minister of the gospel. The following two years he served as assistant at Holy Trinity Church, St. Louis, Mo., when he was removed to St. Charles, where he acted in the same capacity in St. Peter's Church; here he remained until the spring of 1875, when transferred to Deep Water, Mo., where he labored until the spring of 1876. He then took charge of the St. John's Church, at Pierce City from 1876 to 1879. October, 1879, he removed to Richwood, Mo., where he served as pastor of St. Stephen's Church. In

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July, 1884, he assumed the duties of pastor of St. Bridget's Church, in Pacific, Mo., from which point he was transferred to Perryville, Mo., where he remained until May, 1896, when he went to Salisbury, to take charge of St. Joseph's Church and the school.

Since his arrival in Salisbury, Rev. Hennes has done a great deal towards the upbuilding of the Catholic church at that place, and has freed the parish of a large debt that hung over their house of worship and school.