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Scott Alexander

Scott Alexander is a son

of J.J. and Mary (Tandy) Alexander, both natives of Kentucky. The father is still living and is engaged in farming in that State. The mother died in 1872. They were the parents of five children: Wayland (deceased), Louis P., Robert L. (cashier of Hickman Bank), Scott, and Ella, (wife of Wallace Bond, of New Liberty, Ky). Scott Alexander was born in New Liberty, Ky., on January 17, 1863. His education, which was begun in his native town, and supplemented by a four-years' course at Georgetown, Ky., was finished at the Commercial College at Lexington, Ky., he having graduated from that institution in December, 1883. He was then engaged in the mercantile business at New Liberty for about three years, after which he went to Hickman and assisted his brother in business. In October 1887, he removed to Charleston, since which time he has been cashier of the Charleston Bank, which he was instrumental in organizing. This bank was chartered by the State on October 28, 1887, and now has a capital of \$15,000, and a continual increase of deposits. Mr. Alexander is highly educated, and well fitted for his position. He is a member of the Baptist Church.

L.H. Allstun

L.H. Allstun was born in

Hardin County, Ky., September 29, 1837. He is a son of John and Loucretia (Brumfield) Allstun, both of German descent, and natives of Kentucky. Jeremiah Allstun, the grandfather, immigrated at an early day, from Virginia to Kentucky and was one of the pioneers of Hardin County. He served in the War of 1812, and was in the battle of New Orleans. He died in Kentucky. The maternal grandfather (Brumfield) also died in that State. John Allstun was a farmer and lived in Hardin County, Ky., most of his life. He, however, died in Jefferson county, Ky., in 1871. His wife lived until 1886. They reared a family of nine children, eight of whom are living. Susan (Mrs. A.A. Harrison), Loyde H., Nancy, Artemus A., Olivie, Frances, Hiram B. and Kitty A., Alexander being deceased. Loyde H. was reared to farm life, and remained with his parents until he was married in 1857, to Frances Boyard, when he began farming for himself, in his native county. His wife died, May 23, 1863, leaving three children: W.R. Allstun, John H. Allstun and Susan H. Allstun (deceased). Next married to Rhoda Cook, January 6, 1869, by whom he has one child, Walter T. Allstun. He remained there until February 1872, when he brought his family to Missouri, and located near where he now lives. He rented land for three years, after which he purchased 120 acres, all of which he now has under cultivation, and upon which he now resides.

George W. Armer

George W. Armer, a prominent farmer of Mississippi County, was born in Benton County, Tenn., August 28, 1849. He is a son of William Armer, who located in Long Prairie Township, Mississippi County, on January 2, 1855. The latter was born in Tennessee, in 1818, and is a son of Oliver and Nancy (Martin) Armer, who settled in Tennessee at a very early day. The former died in 1851, at fifty-nine years of age, and on March 9, 1845, was united in marriage with Sarah A. Rushing, born on July 18, 1827, and is a daughter of William R. and Elizabeth (Ward) Rushing, natives of North Carolina, in which State they were reared and married. In 1827 they went with teams to Tennessee, and settled in Benton County. Mr. Rushing died in 1848 and his wife in 1854. They had six children: Louisa (deceased), Drusilla (deceased), Davis C. (deceased), Sarah A., Jamima and Catherine. Ten children were born to William Armer and wife: James B. (deceased), Nancy J. (deceased), George W., Perry D. (deceased), Thomas J. (deceased), Noah W., Daniel B. (deceased), Marinda (deceased), Louisa B. (deceased), and William T. (deceased). William Armer is a highly respected citizen, and has been a very successful farmer. His wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. George W. remained with his parents, assisting them on the farm, until he was twenty-five years old. In 1874 he wedded Nancy Vowels, born in Kentucky. The fall after his marriage, Mr. Armer located on the farm upon which he now resides, consisting of 180 acres of land, with 150 acres under a good state of cultivation, upon which he has a nice residence and barn. He and wife have had eight children: Mary A. (deceased), Daniel D., William H., Elbert S., Robert B., Thomas J., Nellie J. and one infant unnamed (deceased). Both Mr. and Mrs. Armer are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. He is a member of the A.F. & A.M.

Noah W. Armer

Noah W. Armer was born on his father's farm, in Mississippi county, near where he now resides, in 1857. He is a son of William and Sarah (Rushing) Armer [see sketch of George W. Armer]. Noah W. remained with his parents until the fall of 1886, when he removed to the farm, upon which he now resides. On March 21, 1886, he was united in marriage with Katy Frawley, a native of Grenada, Miss., born in December, 1869. She is a daughter of Edward and Sarah (Buckner) Frawley, the former a native of Dublin, Ireland, and the latter of Scott County, Mo. Mr. Frawley came from New York to Missouri, in which State he was married. He afterward removed to Mississippi, where he resided until his death, in 1881. Mrs. Armer remained with her father until she was about thirteen years of age, when she was sent to the Female Seminary at Woodville, Miss. Upon leaving that institution, she entered the Natchez Institute, and remained nearly three years, after which she came to Mississippi County, Mo. Mr. and Mrs. Armer were intelligent and enterprising, and have a bright future before them. They enjoy the comforts of a good home, and have one child, Eloise, born August 21, 1887. They are both members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

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David Baker

David Baker, one of Mississippi County's prominent men and successful citizens, was born in Charlotte, N.C., but was mostly reared in Lincoln County, of that State. He was born on May 24, 1829 and is a son of Jacob and Elmira (Pelt) Baker, both of whom were also natives of North Carolina. The great-grandfather Baker came from England, and settled in North Carolina. Both great-grandparents, on the mother's side, came from Ireland, and they also settled in that State. The grandparents on both sides lived and died in the "Old North State". Jacob Baker was reared to farm life, and when young, immigrated to Rome, Ga., where he remained about three years, and removed to Carroll County, Tenn. Residing there until 1854, he immigrated, with his family Mississippi County, Mo., making the journey, which required several weeks in wagons, by the way of Nashville. He stopped at Wolf Island and remained about one year, when he removed to within four miles of Charleston, where he purchased a farm in the woods, upon which he resided until his death on October 1, 1886. His wife died in 1879, having borne twelve children, seven of whom are living: David, Abraham, Margaret (Mrs. James Sheppard), Caroline (Mrs. A. Coleman), Josephine (Mrs. Wade Shelby), Frank and William. Those deceased are: Rachel, George, John, Mary and Larcissa. David remained on the farm, with his parents, until he was married, on November 20, 1851, to Margaret, a daughter of John and Sarah (Ansell) Davis, who were natives of North Carolina. After his marriage, Mr. Baker began for himself, and made three crops in Tennessee, when he removed with his father's family to Mississippi County, Mo. He remained for three years at Wolf Island when he removed to the Concord settlement, where he had purchased eighty acres of heavily timbered land, which required several years of industry and economy to clear and prepare for cultivation. At that time he hauled his produce to Price's Landing. Since 1879 he has been a resident of Charleston, in which he owns several town lots and a nice residence. He now has 800 acres of land, of which 600 are under a fine state of cultivation. Mr. and Mrs. Baker have had three children, one of whom is living (Mrs. Dr. A.A. bondurant). Those deceased are George S. and an infant. Mrs. Baker is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Baker is a Royal Arch Mason. He has never held office, except that of public administrator and city councilman.

Frank Baker

Frank Baker was born in North

Carolina, October 2, 1844, and is a son of Jacob and Hannah E. (Pelt) Baker, who were also natives of North Carolina. The paternal grandfather was born in South Carolina. Jacob Baker was a farmer and removed from his native State to Tennessee, and from thence, in 1856, to Mississippi County, Mo., making the entire journey in wagons. He located in the timber, in the Concord settlement, where he erected a rude log cabin with puncheon floor, and clapboard roof and doors, in which he and his family lived for several years. He worked, for a while, almost night and day, to get some land cleared, that he might raise a crop. He improved his land and made a good home, where he lived until his death in 1886. His wife died two years previously. They had twelve children: Rachel (deceased), David, John, Abraham, Margaret (Mrs. James W. Sheppard), Mary (deceased), George (deceased), Caroline (Mrs. A.D. Coleman), Frank, William, Narcissus (deceased) and Josephine (Mrs. Wade Shelby). They also reared two children of their daughter's: Thomas and Lucinda (Mrs. George McGhee). Frank Baker was about eight years of age when his parents brought him to Mississippi County. He remained on the farm with his father until he was married, in 1870, to Mary Elizabeth Small, a daughter of Napoleon and Mary Small. Soon after, he located on a farm in the Concord settlement, and in 1875 moved to the farm on which he now resides, having made all the improvements on the place. He and wife have two children: John G. and Iva May. Mrs. Baker is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is a member of the I.O.O.F., and in politics is a Democrat.

Thomas Beckwith

Thomas Beckwith was born in

Mississippi County, Mo., on January 24, 1840. His father, Quiros Beckwith, was a native of Fairfax Court House, Va., and was the son of Newman Beckwith, who was also born in the "Old Dominion", and remained there until the year of 1812, when he immigrated to Missouri. He came all the way from Wheeling, Va., in a flatboat, bringing his family with him. He settled at Norfolk, Mississippi County, where he remained three years, and removed to what is known as the O'Brien farm, where he resided until his death. While a resident of Virginia he possessed considerable wealth, but lost it by going security. Quiros Beckwith was but eleven years of age, when he came with his parents to Mississippi County. He remained on his father's farm until he reached manhood, when he was married to Susan Johnston, who was born near Nashville, Tenn. After his marriage Mr. Beckwith engaged in tilling the soil, which he continued the most of his life, together with dealing in live-stock. At the time of his death he owned about 100 slaves, some of whom he had bought at considerable cost. He turned his attention entirely to business interests, and took no part whatever in politics. He died in 1862. His wife died on August 17, 1849. They were the parents of five children, four of whom are dead, viz: Quiros, Ellen W., Margaret A. and Matthew J. Thomas, the only living member of the family, was reared on his father's farm, which consisted of about 1,100 acres of land, besides a large wood-yard. He labored on the farm and about the wood-yard and saw-mill until he became of age. In 1862 the overflow of the Mississippi River swept away one of the best farms. In 1861 he enlisted in Price's company, which was organized under the old system. He served about three months, with the rank of third lieutenant, when he was taken down with the measles and resigned. In February 1862, he was captured at Long Prairie, and was confined in prison about five months, during which time he suffered many hardships, as the prison was dirty and filthy, and the chances of life were few, where the prisoners were confined for any length of time. After his release he returned home and resumed farming. On March 11, 1863, he was united in marriage with Laura, daughter of John and Sallie (Lee) Swank, who immigrated to Mississippi County in 1854. Mr. and Mrs. Beckwith have three daughters: Lillie M., Minnie L. and Ollie L. All the members of the family belong to the Methodist Episcopal Church South. Mr. Beckwith is one of the substantial men of Southeast Missouri. He owns over 3,000 acres of land in his own title, and a half interest in 4,000 more. He deals some in stock, horses, etc. and, makes loans. He now has his farms rented, and spends his spare time in exploring the mounds left by the Mound Builders in Southeast Missouri, and has one, of finest collections of stones and pottery in this portion of the State.

Capt. James B. Bibb, a substantial farmer of Mississippi County, Mo., was born in Hickman County, Tenn., March 19, 1842. His parents, John M. and Caroline (Johnston) Bibb, were natives of Dixon County, Tenn. The family emigrated from Virginia to Tennessee in the early settlement of the latter State. John M. Bibb was a farmer and miller. In 1852 he came down the Ohio River on a flat-boat to Norfolk, and settled on what is known as the Badger Mill place. He was employed as foreman of Felix G. Badger's saw-mill for a number of years. He removed to Arkansas in 1859, but returned to Mississippi County, Mo., in 1872, and died in Dixon County, Tenn., that fall. His wife died in Randolph County, Ark., in 1862. They had seven children, three of whom are living: Capt. James B., Robert S. and Sarah I. (Mrs. Andrew Miller), of Arkansas. James B. was about ten years of age when his parents removed to Mississippi County, and he remained with them until 1861, when he enlisted in the Confederate army, joining Company A, Seventh Arkansas Regiment, under Gen. Hardee, serving until the close of the war. He participated in the battles of Shiloh, Pittsburg Landing, Murfreesboro, Perryville, and various skirmishes. He was slightly wounded at both Resaca and Kenesaw Mountain, by gun shots. At the close of the war he returned to his home in Arkansas, and remained a short time. In July 1865, he removed to Mississippi County, and kept the ferry at Greenfield's Landing, Mo., until 1879, being captain of the ferry. In 1872 he purchased the farm that he now owns, to which he removed in 1882. The farm is all under cultivation, with good improvements. In January 1873, he was married to Amanda M. Haines, a daughter of Minor B. and Rachel J. (Brooks) Haines, of Hickman County, Tenn. Mr. and Mrs. Bibb have two children: Callie A. and John O. Mr. and Mrs. Bibb are members of the Christian Church.

Thompson Bird

Thompson Bird, an enterprising pioneer citizen of Mississippi County, Mo., was born in that count December 26, 1828. He is a descendant of one of the oldest and most prominent families of Southeast Missouri. His parents, John and Ingiebo (Byrd) Bird, were natives of Virginia and Cape Girardeau County, Mo., respectively, and were of English and German descent. Both of his grandparents were born in America, and both immigrated to Cape Girardeau County. The paternal grandfather, Abraham Bird, came from Virginia, and located in Cape Girardeau County about 1798. By purchasing from the government and making entries in both Cape Girardeau County and near Bird's Point, he came into possession of large bodies of land. He removed to Bird's Point about 1805, and erected a little log cabin, in which he lived for several years. Becoming disgusted with the country, on account of the overflow of the Mississippi River in 1814-15, he took a boat and went down the river to Baton Rouge, La., where he located, and remained until his death. His land became the property of his sons, whom he had left in Southeast Missouri. The maternal grandfather, Abraham Byrd, came from North Carolina, and stopped at Cairo a short time, went from thence to Cape Girardeau County, making one of the first settlements in the region. He lived to be quite aged, and died in that county. John Bird was Abraham Bird's youngest son. After his marriage he located at Bird's Point, which he made his home until his death, on September 20, 1868. Besides his land there he also had a large sugar plantation near Baton Rouge which he managed, making in all about 3,000 acres. His wife died in 1864. They were the parents of ten children, five of whom are living: Thompson, Stephen, Nancy, Clara and Andrew. Thompson has always lived on the old homestead, following the vocation of a farmer. He now owns about 1,000 acres of land, a large part of which is under cultivation. He was first married in 1863, to Nancy Emory, who died in 1865, leaving him one child, Julia, deceased. In 1865 he married Martha Emory, by whom he had three children: Rachel, Rosa and Clarissa. His wife died on March 11, 1885, and in October of that year he married Lucy Powell. Mrs. Bird is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. Mr. Bird is an intelligent man, and one of the successful citizens of Mississippi County.

Stephen Bird

Stephen Bird, one of the most prominent farmers and millers of Mississippi County, Mo., was born near Baton Rouge, La., January 27, 1836. He is a son of John and Ingiebo (Byrd) Bird. [See sketch of Thompson Bird.] The subject of this sketch was quite young when he went to Mississippi County, of which he has since been a resident, and is now one of its most successful business men. He was reared at the home of his parents, remaining with them until their deaths. In 1865 he engaged in the milling business, which he has continued, now operating both grist and saw mills. He manufactures lumber of all kinds, which he ships to all parts of the world. His farming interests, also are great, having in his possession over 2,000 acres of land. In 1867 he was united in marriage with Alice Hunter, by whom he had three children, one of whom is living, Abraham T. The second time he married Amanda Hunter. To this union one child has been born, Hunter.

John A. Bird

John A. Bird, one of the most active and prosperous farmers of Mississippi County, Mo., was born in that county on January 23, 1866, and is a son of William and Lucy (Millar) Bird, both of whom were natives of Mississippi County. When the subject of this sketch was about six years old, his father died, and his mother was afterward married to Rev. Powell, who died soon after. John A. lived at Cairo, Ill., and at Charleston, Mo., until he was about sixteen years of age, when he entered school at Caledonia, Mo., and remained twenty months. He then returned to St. James Township, Mississippi County, and lived with John Millar and others until the spring of 1887. On September 28, 1887, he was united in marriage with Miss Iva E. Donnell, who was born June 20, 1868 in Jefferson County, Mo., and is a daughter of Thomas L. and Harriet E. (Byrd) Donnell, both of whom were born and reared in Missouri. Thomas L. Donnell was born on May 19, 1818, and is a son of William Donnell, one of the old and respected settlers of Jefferson County Mo., having gone there from South Carolina when a young man. Harriet E. Byrd was born on June 7, 1833, and died on June 27, 1878. Thomas L. Donnell is a wealthy and influential citizen of Jefferson County. To Mr. Donnell and first wife, Mary (McCormick) Donnell, were born six children, four of whom are living: Sarah, Amandora, Ella and Florence. He had four children by his second marriage: Mildred, Iva E., Edna and Thomas. Mrs. Bird was also educated at the Collegiate Institute of Caledonia. After his marriage Mr. Bird removed to his present farm consisting of 220 acres with about 200 acres under cultivation, upon which he has an elegant residence.

A.C. Bogard

A.C. Bogard was born on January 15, 1837, in Bullitt County, Ky., and is a son of Clifton and Eliza (Webb) Bogard, both of whom were natives of Bullitt County, Ky., and of German descent. Their ancestors emigrated from Germany several generations back. The paternal grandfather, Cornelius Bogard immigrated to Bullitt County, Ky., passing through Louisville, when there were but few houses in that city. The maternal grandfather Webb was a Revolutionary soldier, and fought in the battle of New Orleans. The grandparents on both sides died in Bullitt County, Ky. Clifton Bogard was also born and reared in that county and was a farmer. After his marriage he removed to Hardin County, Ky., where he purchased a farm and remained until his death in May, 1884. His widow is still living on the old homestead. They had eleven children, seven of whom are living, viz: Lafayette, John C., Leroy, Alexander C., Cynthia J., Frances C. and Edna R. Those deceased are Clinton, Clinton, Leuvisa and Loucretia. Alexander C. was about four years of age when his parents removed to Hardin County, in which he received his education in the common schools. He remained with his parents until his marriage with Mary Pearman, on September 17, 1857. She is a daughter of William C. and Sallie (Trent) Pearman, natives of Hardin County, Ky. After his marriage Mr. Bogard cultivated a farm in Hardin County a few years, when he removed to Bullitt County and resided until 1870. He then removed to Mississippi County Mo., and rented land for two years, after which he bought 400 acres, which is now well improved and under cultivation. He has four acres in the city of Charleston, upon which he had his residence. Mr. and Mrs. Bogard have two children: William C. and Sarah E. (the wife of William H. Garwood) a native of Kentucky. In politics, Mr. Bogard is a Democrat. He and wife have been members of the Methodist Episcopal Church for over thirty years.

A.A. Bondurant

Dr. A.A. Bondurant, one of the most prominent physicians and surgeons of Charleston, was born in Fulton County, Ky., December 9, 1850. He is a son of John S. and Julia D. (Edmiston) Bondurant. His paternal great-grandfather came from France and settled in Tennessee or Kentucky. His grandfather, Robert Bondurant, was a farmer, and a resident of Kentucky at the time of his death. John S. Bondurant is also a farmer, and still resides in Fulton County, Ky. He and wife are the parents of ten children, six of whom are living, viz: Alpheus A., Robert A., John C. Custis B., Ella and Susan A. Dr. Alpheus A. was reared on the old homestead in Kentucky, and attended the high school of Fulton until he was twenty-one years of age, when he began the study of medicine under the direction of Dr. C.W. Miles, of Jordan. In 1873 he entered the Louisville Medical University, and afterward attended the Bellevue Hospital Medical College of New York City, graduating from the latter institution in 1875. Soon after his graduation he went to Charleston, Mo., where he has since resided and practiced his profession; meanwhile he has taken one term of lectures in the New York Eye and Ear Infirmary. The Doctor is widely known as a skillful and practical physician and surgeon, and controls a large practice in and around Charleston. He is a member of the Southeast Missouri and of the American Medical Associations. In 1875 he was united in marriage with Mary J. Baker, of Charleston. Their union has been blessed by the birth of six children viz: Levie, Eunice, Earl, Flint, Vela and a son, Afer, deceased. Dr. Bondurant is a Mason and a member of Charleston Blue Lodge, No. 129.

Elijah F. Bradley

Elijah F. Bradley was born on

July 24, 1842 and is a son of Jefferson K. Bradley, a native of Kentucky, who was the only child of Elijah Bradley, also a native of Tennessee, in which State he remained until after his marriage, when he removed to Kentucky and remained until his death. Elijah was the son of George P. Bradley, who was born and married in Middle Tennessee, where he reared a large family. Jefferson K. Bradley first married Louisa Smith, a native of Kentucky. She was the mother of the subject of this sketch. Her death occurred in 1843, after which Mr. Bradley married Parlee Combs. Her death occurred in 1845, after which Mr. Bradley married Mary Walton. To this union two children were born: James and Robert. Her death occurred in 1852, after which Mr. Bradley married Rachel Brown of Kentucky. Subsequently he moved to the State of Arkansas. To this last union there was one child born - Amanda, who after the death of Mr. Bradley, on January 4, 1854, went with her mother to Illinois, where they are supposed to be living at present. Elijah F. remained at home until he was fourteen years of age, when he entered the *Argus* (now *Courier*) office, at Hickman, Ky., and served an apprenticeship at the printer's trade, after which he went to live with his great-uncle, Theophilus Bradley. He lived with him as one of his family for three years, and assisted with the work on the farm. At the commencement of the war he enlisted in the Confederate army, and served until the close, when he went to South Arkansas, where he spent about ten years raising cotton. He subsequently spent four years in Western Texas, after which he returned to Southeast Missouri, having attended school there in 1859. He located in St. James Township, Mississippi County, where he still resides. In 1864 he married Molly Cruce, a native of Kentucky. After his first wife's death, he married a Miss Mudding, of Missouri, and after her death, Mr. Bradley married Correna Cranford, a native of North Carolina. Three children were born to this union, viz: Louisa W., Henry A. and Georgia L. This wife died, and June 4, 1884, he married Mrs. Laura M. Hayden, who was born in Kentucky in 1853, and came to Southeast Missouri in 1871. By two previous marriages she has five children, three by her first marriage with Mr. McClellan, viz: Charles T., Robert J. and Ernest S.; by her second marriage, Rachel M. and Florence Hayden. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Bradley - Samuel W. and Walter E. (deceased). Mr. Bradley and wife are members of the Christian Church.

Nelson D. Brewer

Nelson D. Brewer (deceased)

was born in Mississippi County, near Charleston, in 1839, and was a son of Howell Brewer, who was born Jun 25, 1805, in Kentucky, and removed to Southeast Missouri in 1830. He married Jane West, also a native of Kentucky, born in 1803. After their removal to Missouri, they made that State their home, until their deaths. They had six children, viz: Benjamin F., Rachel, Madelbert J., Nathan L., Nelson D. and Lucy A., all of whom are deceased. Nelson D. remained with his parents until he reached maturity, and his mother lived with him, on the place where his family now resides, when he was married in 1863. He married Mary E. Vowels, a native of Kentucky, born in 1844. She is a daughter of Henry and Eliza (Ice) vowels, who came to Southeast Missouri in 1860, and settled near Bird's Point. The afterward removed to Rush's Ridge, and remained until their deaths. The mother died in 1865, and the father in 1879. To them were born twelve children, viz: Robert, Mary, Jane, George, Thomas, James, Nancy William (deceased), Alexander and three that died in infancy. Mr. Vowels had two children by a second marriage - Lulu and Richard. All of his children reside in Mississippi County. Mr. and Mrs. Brewer's union has been blessed by six children, viz: Robert F., Jennie (deceased at two years of age), Lorenzo P. (deceased at four years of age), James H. (deceased at thirteen years of age), Thomas Benjamin and George D. The last two are attending school, and Robert F. is managing the home farm. Mr. Brewer died February 16, 1872. His family lost a kind father and husband, and the community a good citizen. He was a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. His widow is also a member of that church. She and her boys reside on the farm, and enjoy the comforts of a good country home.

George H. Bridges

George H. Bridges, a prominent farmer and stock raiser, residing at Charleston, was born in Mississippi County, on September 15, 1850 and is a son of James H. and Letitia (Simms) Bridges, of whom the former was born near Louisville, Ky., and the latter in Indiana. James H. Bridges was a farmer by vocation, and removed to Mississippi County about 1830, and settled in Wolf Island Township, where he purchased a tract of land, which he cultivated until 1858. He then removed to Charleston, and resided until his death. His wife is still living. They reared three children: James H. (deceased), George H. and Julia (wife of J.H. Bethune, of St. Louis). George H. remained on his father's farm until he was sixteen years of age, when he entered Christian Brothers' Academy, of St. Louis, where he remained three years. In politics he is a Democrat, and is at present secretary of the central committee. He has filled various official positions. He held the position of deputy county and circuit clerk for six years. In 1876 he was elected mayor of the city of Charleston, which office he held three terms. He also filled the position of the first clerk of the city. He has been a member of the city council for two terms, and in 1887 was elected assessor. In 1873 he was united in marriage with Dora, daughter of Judge James R. and Elizabeth Patterson, citizens of Charleston. One son, James, has blessed their union. Mr. and Mrs. Bridges are members of the Baptist Church. He is a member of the A.O.U.W.

Francis M. Brown

Francis M. Brown was born in Philadelphia, December 25, 1811 and is a son of Francis M., Sr. and Ellen H. Brown. The former was a native of Philadelphia, and the latter was born near Cork, Ireland. He parents immigrating to America, settled in Philadelphia, where they both died when she was an infant. She was reared by a Mr. Butcher, a dealer in morocco leather. The granfather, Francis Brown, came from France, coming from the island of St. Domingo with Stephen Girard and Farncis Mazaree. He settled in Philadelphia, where he resided until his death. The paternal grandmother was of German parentage, and after the death of her husband, she married another Frenchman. Francis M. Brown, Sr., was a merachant in Philadelphia for several years. About 1811 he went to cincinnati, and was afterward occupied in running a barge from that city to New Orleans, buying up bacon, etc. He was with the first steamer run from the mouth of the ohio River to St. Louis, under Capt. Henry M. Shreeves. In 1839 he visitied his mother in Camden, N.J., where he died. He was the father of three children, only one living Francis M. He remained in his native city until he reached his ninth year, when he went to New orleans with Capt. Hardin on a sailing vessel, "Ship Blaze". Remaining in the latter city about seven months, his father put him in a school at Natachez, where he remained until 1826, when he went to St. Louis with his father, and remained there for some time, serving as clerk for Collier J. Powell. His father afterward bound him out to Jacob Kepper, of Louisville, Ky., to learn the pattern maker's trade. Remaining with him two years, he went to Cincinnati and bound himself out to learn the iron-moulder's trade. After serving an apprenticeship of four years, he worked at the trade eighteen months at New Orleans. In 1832 he went to Mississippi County, Mo., and made a permanent settlement, his father having settled there in 1826. The family's first house was a little log hut, rudely built, in which they lived for several years. From 1850 to 1853 he kept a store and boarding-house in Charleston, after which he removed to his present home. He now owns 700 acres of land, with about 600 under cultivation. Mr. Brown is one of the oldest living residents of Mississippi County, and has witnessed its development from a dense forest to its present wealthy state. He has been four times married; first, on January 1, 1835, to Julia Sweeten, by whom he had six children, two of whom are living: E.L. and Mary E. (Mrs. Jacob Davy, of cincinnati). The second time he married Mary Sheppard. He next married Eliza Smith and his last wife was Emily White, daughter of Thomas White, of Tennessee. Mr. Brown is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Politically he is a Democrat and cast his first vote for Gen. Jackson

James M. Brown

Judge James M. Brown, a prominent citizen of Mississippi County, was born in Switzerland County, Ind., on August 10, 1834, and is one of seven surviving children of ten born to the union of James Brown and Deborah Hatch. The paternal grandfather came from Ireland and the grandmother from Scotland. They immigrated to Belmont County, Ohio, at an early day and remained there a few years. In 1820 they removed to Switzerland County, Ind., where they died, the grandfather at the age of sixty, and his wife at the age of eighty-five years. James Brown, the father of our subject, was born in Ohio in 1803 and was brought by his parents to Indiana, where he was reared to farm life in Switzerland County, where he spent the remainder of his life. He was a successful farmer, and owned considerable property at the time of his death, which occurred in 1876. His wife, who is a native of New York, is still living on the homestead. She had three sons and four daughters living, viz: Cyrus A., Morrison N., James M., Margaret (widow of Joseph Rutherford, deceased), Mary (Mrs. Boyles), Jennie and Emma. Judge James M. was reared on his father's farm and received a good education in the common schools. In 1855 he went to Charleston, Mo., and learned the mechanic's trade, which he followed about three years. In 1858 he was employed in the clerk's office, where he remained until 1866, when he was elected assessor of Mississippi County, which office he held four years. Prior to his election as assessor, he was commissioned by Andrew Johnson, as assistant United States assessor. In 1870 he was elected probate judge, which office he held for sixteen consecutive years, being president, *ex-officio*, of the county court eight years of this time. He was admitted to the bar in 1872, and is now engaged in the practice of law, and is a real estate, collecting and insurance agent. He is also a notary public. He has been successful in business, and now owns 1,000 acres of good land, a part of which is well improved, and some nice city property in Charleston. In 1860 he was united in marriage with Laura A., a daughter of Maj. William and Amy Sayers, who early moved from Kentucky, to Mississippi County. Mr. and Mrs. Brown have two children, Anna L. and Henry Morton. Mrs. Brown is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. Mr. Brown is a Royal Arch Mason.

Morgan W. Bryant

Morgan W. Bryant was born in Christian County, Ky., in 1827. His parents, Lawrence and Mary J. (Morris) Bryant, were born in Virginia, being members of prominent families of that State. Lawrence Bryant served under Gens. St. Clair and Wayne, in the wars against the Indians in the Northwest Territory. He was married in his native State and removed his family to Christian County, Ky., about 1813, soon after which was drafted into Gen. Jackson's army. He was born in 1779, and when a child was bound out, and volunteered in the United States army when sixteen years of age, to get out of bondage. His parents were of English and Irish descent, his mother having been born and reared in Dublin. Mary J. Morris was the daughter of Leonard Morris, who dug the first salt wells in Virginia. The grandmother Morris bought a piece of land ten miles square, including these salt wells, and now includes Brownstown, for a rifle gun and a linen hunting shirt. Leonard Morris built Morris Fort, in Virginia, to protect himself and family from the assaults of the Indians. To Lawrence Bryant and wife were born twelve children, two of whom are living: Morgan W. and Nancy S. (wife of Jacob H. Messamore, of Fort Worth, Tex.). Those dead are Sarah, Margaret, Elizabeth, Joshua, Crockett, Mary, Lawrence, Catherine, Martha M. and William. Morgan W. remained with his parents until he was twenty-three years of age, when he went to Graves County, Ky., and was married to Mary E. Jones, a native of that county. Remaining there until March, 1873, he and family came to Southeast Missouri, and located in James Bayou Township, Mississippi County, removing to his present farm in 1882. His farm consists of 495 acres, of which 275 are under cultivation, upon which he raises 10,000 bushels of grain annually. Mrs. Bryant is the only child born to the union of Henry Jones and Emeline Elliot, natives of Kentucky and Tennessee, respectively. The father died in 1839 or 1840, after which his widow was married to A. Sutton, and to them were born five children, three of whom, Richard, Margaret and Charles are living. Mrs. Sutton died in August, 1855. Mr. and Mrs. Bryant have the following children: Henry L., John R., Joelah, Richard, Katie and Culin.

George A. Bryant

George A. Bryant, an enterprising farmer of Mississippi County, was born in Marshall County, Ala., April 14, 1846. He is a son of Thomas and Irene (Parker) Bryant, both of whom are of English descent and natives of Tennessee. Their forefathers settled in Alabama. Jesse Bryant, the grandfather, lived and died in Tennessee. Thomas Bryant was married in his native State, after which he removed to Alabama, and remained a short time, when he removed to Kentucky. In 1851 he immigrated with his family to Scott County, Mo., coming down the Ohio River to Bird's Point in a flat-boat. He remained in Scott County until about 1854, when he removed to Mississippi County, and settled near Charleston, where he resided until his death in 1864. His widow died about three weeks later. They had five children, only one of whom survives, George A. Those dead are Frank M., Polly A., Almata and Albert. George A. was but an infant when his parents left Alabama, and about six years of age when they immigrated to Missouri. He was reared on his father's farm, and has been a resident of Mississippi County since 1854. Farming has been his chief vocation, at which he has been very successful. On August 22, 1875, he was united in marriage with Mary Alice Smith, a daughter of Abner and Margaret (Cook) Smith, the latter of whom was brought to America from Germany when an infant, her parents locating in Mississippi County. Mr. and Mrs. Bryant are the parents of five children, born as follows: Andrew J., April 1, 1878, died February 3, 1881; Gertie, July 5, 1880; William J., February 27, 1882; Albert F., April 4, 1884, and George R., January 8, 1887. Mr. Bryant is a member of the I.O.O.F. In politics he is a Democrat.

George C. Burns

George C. Burns, a successful farmer of Mississippi County, Mo., was born in St. Lawrence County, N.Y., November 15, 1845. He is a son of Owen and Catherine (Cowley) Burns, both natives of County Galway, Ireland. They were married and had one child, who is now deceased, born in their native country. In 1820 they immigrated to America and settled in St. Lawrence county, N.Y. Mr. Burns purchased a farm and resided there until 1848, when he removed to Waukesha County, Wis., where he purchased 160 acres of land for \$400, which is now worth \$100 per acre. He died in 1850, and his wife died in 1881. They reared nine children, seven of whom are living, viz: Margaret M. (Mrs. Norman Breed), Ann (Mrs. John Reynolds), Jane J. (Mrs. Francis Smith), Catherine (Mrs. William Riley), Thomas M., John J. and George C. The last named remained with his parents in Wisconsin until he was sixteen years of age, receiving his education mostly in the common schools. He attended a high-school one session. In 1861 he went South, and for seven or eight years was engaged in railroading, being employed at different times by the Nashville & Tennessee, Memphis & Charleston and Mississippi Central. In 1869 he came to Missouri, and clerked in a store at Price's Landing for three years, after which he engaged in the mercantile business for himself, at that place, continuing for four years. In 1876 he engaged in farming, renting land until 1880, when he purchased ninety acres of land, to which he removed, and upon which he has since resided. He has cleared more than half of the land since his purchase and now has about seventy acres under cultivation, with good improvements. On February 24, 1876, he wedded Mary E. Mushold, a native of Cincinnati, Ohio. She died on May 22, 1885, leaving four children: William A., Frances E., Clara E. and Edward J. Mr. Burns was again married on October 4, 1887, choosing for his wife Mabel Massey, a native of Tennessee. Mr. Burns is a member of the Catholic Church. He has served as school director for six years, and has done a great deal to advance the cause of district schools, taking a deep interest in educational matters generally. Prior to the organization of public schools in this section, he taught private school. In politics he is a strong advocate of Democracy.

James L. Bush

James L. Bush, a farmer of Mississippi County, Mo., was born on July 11, 1847. His parents, William B. and Ann Maria (Russell) Bush, were natives of Kentucky and Maryland, respectively. The former was born March 29, 1806, and the latter on June 12, 1817. William B. Bush was one of the most prominent pioneer settlers of Southeast Missouri, to which he came in 1813, removed to Mississippi County, residing there the rest of his life. In politics he was a Democrat, and served for several years as judge of the county court. He also served as justice of the peace. His wife, Mrs. Ann Maria (Russell) Humphrey's family removed to Southeast Missouri in 1836. To Judge Bush and the mother of our subject were born nine children, as follows: Palemon C., August 1, 1841, now a resident of Cairo, Ill.; John Logan, February 15, 1843, deceased; Richard B., August 14, 1845, deceased; James L., July 11, 1847; Galena Ann (Mrs. Joshua Bumpass), October 27, 1848, deceased; Joseph R. September 10, 1851, now a resident of Charleston, Mo.; Mary Ellen, September 2, 1853, deceased; Price L., April 8, 1856, and one that died in infancy. Mrs. Bush died July 6, 1885. By three previous marriages Judge Bush had five children, born as follows: George W., May 30, 1822; William H. September 1, 1826; Polly W., June 1, 1829; Robert L., November 14, 1834 and John H., June 14, 1820. Judge William B. Bush died on July 23, 1859. James L. Bush lived with his mother until her death, but began working for himself at the age of twenty-three years. In 1876 he located on his present farm of eighty acres a part of which is under cultivation. This farm has since been his home, but he has rented the land and has been at liberty to go where he desired.

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Willis M. Chapman

Willis M. Chapman, a substantial farmer and stock raiser of Mississippi County, Mo., was born in Ohio County, Ky., in 1822 and is a son of Willis and Nancy (Render) Chapman, natives of South Carolina and Virginia, respectively. The parents were married in Ohio County, KY., having removed there when young people. Mr. Chapman was a very active and industrious man, and after his marriage engaged in farming. In March 1849, he removed with his family to Southeast Missouri, and located near the concord settlement in Mississippi County. His wife died there in 1853, aged seventy-three years, and he died in 1859, at the age of eighty-four years. They were very active members and two of the principal supporters of the Baptist Church. Their children were born as follows: Robert, inl 807, died in 1845; Sarah (widow of Wm. B. Smith) in 1808, now living in Indiana; Judith, in 1810 (widow of E. Dalton); Joshua deceased in his tenth year; Ezekiel, in 1814, died in 1861; Eliza (Mrs. Randal D. Heck), in 1816, died in Texas in 1840; Mary (widow of William L. Chapman, of Indiana) in 1819; Willis M., in 1822; Elijah W., in 1824, died in Southeast Missouri in 1870. The father of the above was married the first time in his native State to Elizabeth Dunlap, who died after their removal to Kentucky. To them were born four children, all deceased: Lavinia, Ellis, Solomon and Nancy. Willis M. Chapman remained at the home of his parents, assisting on the farm, until he was about thirty-two years of age. In 1856 he wedded Ann Mary Martin, a daughter of Andrew J. Martin, a native of Kentucky, who removed to Mississippi County, Mo., in 1855, and located on a farm in Tywappity Township where he and wife both died. Mrs. Chapman was born in 1834, and died in 1866, having borne four children, as follows: Andrew W., January 28, 1866. Mr. Chapman lived on his home farm, which is well improved. His sister Judith resides with him and takes care of his house. He is a member of the Baptist Church at Concord, and a member of the Masonic lodge at Charleston. His son, Dr. Andrew W., while attending school at Charleston, formed the idea of studying medicine, and as soon as his education would admit, in the fall of 1879, he commenced under the direction of Dr. Bondurant, of that place. After about one year he entered a medical college at Louisville, Ky., graduating from the institution on March 1, 1882. Returning to Charleston he formed a partnership with his preceptor, which continued until 1885, when he went to St. Louis and took another course of lectures. In 1886 he located at East Prairie, where he has continued to practice his profession. He is a young man of good moral habits, and is highly respected. He has a good office and applies himself closely to his profession, and is considered one of the leading physicians of the county.

Solomon S. Clayton

Solomon S. Clayton, a substantial farmer of Mississippi County, was born in Person County, N.C., in 1844. When about one year of age he was taken by his parents to Macon County, N.C., in which they resided about nine years, when they removed to Benton County, Tenn. The subject of this sketch remained there until 1874, when he came to Southeast Missouri, where he has since resided. He is a son of William B. and Mary P. (Heggie) Clayton, natives of North Carolina. The former died in Tennessee, and his widow is still living in Benton County, that State. She is eighty years of age, and is in remarkably good health. To them were born five children: Solomon S., Francis (deceased), William T., Mary (Mrs. Ingram Hargis) and Emily C. (Mrs. Charles E. Dickerson). All the children reside in Tennessee, except Solomon S. The parents were highly respected people. The father was a member of the Baptist Church, and the mother is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In 1881 Solomon S. was united in marriage with Susan Combs, a native of Benton County, Tenn., born in 1848. She is a daughter of Orison G. and Missouri (Broaden) Combs, natives of North Carolina, who removed to Tennessee in 1847 and reared six children: William (deceased), James H., Francis, Eliza J., Susan and Artie M. They lost three children in infancy. The father died in 1870 and his widow is still living in Tennessee. They were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. and Mrs. Clayton are also members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is a member of the A.F. & A.M., Lodge No. 330.

James Clarkson

James Clarkson was born in Daviess County, Ky., August 22, 1828. He is one of six children born to the union of Jabez Clarkson and Synthia A. Small, the former a native of Mercer County, and the latter of Daviess County, Ky. His paternal grandfather, William Clarkson, came from England and settled in Virginia, but afterward immigrated to Mercer County, Ky., where he died. Jabez Clarkson was a farmer, and in 1833 he immigrated, with his family, to Mississippi County, Mo., coming to Bird's Point on a flat-boat. He located on the prairie near where Charleston now stands, taking up government land. He afterward bought more land, and at the time of his death owned about 1,200 acres. He died in 1858. His first wife died in 1840. Their children are John, James, Mary (deceased), Frances (deceased), Warner (deceased), and Jabez (deceased). Jabez Clarkson was married the second time to Manica Shepherd, of Cape Girardeau County, Mo., in 1842. She died in 1856. The children of this union were Margaret, Henry (deceased), Taylor, Jessie (deceased), Manica (deceased). James was in his fifth year when he was brought by his parents to Mississippi County. He was brought up to farm life, which occupation he has always followed. He is one of the pioneers of his county, and has done a great deal for its improvement. In 1863 he was united in marriage with Fannie daughter of Hansford and Martha (Randolph) Rouse, of Henderson county, Ky. Mr. and Mrs. Clarkson are the parents of three children in life and six dead. Those living are Georgia R., Nora M. and Lota M.

Isaac T. Clarkson

Isaac T. Clarkson, clerk of the circuit court of Mississippi County, Mo., was born in that county November 12, 1848, and is a son of Jabez and Minica (Sheppard) Clarkson. He lived on a farm until he was fifteen years of age, and attended the common schools. He then went to Cairo, Ill., and remained there with a sister four or five years, attending the city schools the most of the time. He thus secured a common education. For some time he served as clerk in the wholesale grocery store of Stratton & Bird, in Cairo, after which he removed to Charleston, and was engaged in the mercantile business for a few years. In 1886 he was elected to his present office. He has served as city clerk for one term, and as city councilman for several terms. Politically he is a Democrat, and is a prominent young citizen of Charleston. On August 27, 1877, he was united in marriage with Jennie Rouse, by whom he has four children, two sons and two daughters, viz: Jabez, Frank, Pearl and Wella. Mr. Clarkson is an Odd Fellow and a member of the Encampment, and also a member of the K. of P. and Masons.

Thomas J. Coleman

Dr. Thomas J. Coleman was born in

February, 1834, in Kentucky, and is a son of Archibald Coleman, who was born in North Carolina in 1790. The latter married Elizabeth Moorman, a native of Virginia, born in 1797. Her people removed to Kentucky, about 1813 or 1814, and located in Hopkins and adjoining counties. She died in 1838, and her husband died in 1860. Their children were John M., Charles H. (deceased), Jane M., Beverly C. (deceased), Archibald C. (deceased), Francis D. (deceased), Andrew J., Dr. George W., (deceased), Thomas J., Benjamin F. (deceased), Mary V. (deceased), and Lewis (deceased). Dr. Thomas J. remained at home until he was fourteen years of age, at which time his father married his second wife. He then attended school and traded until he was seventeen years old, when he entered college at Greenville, Ky., graduating in 1856. Two years later he entered the Medical University at Nashville, Tenn., graduating from that institution in 1859, after which he practiced his profession for six months in Logan County, Ky. During the war he served as a Government agent for the Confederate States, and in 1863 returned to Hopkins County, Ky., and resumed practicing his profession. In the spring of 1847 he came to Southeast Missouri and located in Mississippi County, and continued to practice medicine until 1880, since which time he has only devoted a part of his time to it, and has been engaged in farming. He was first married in September 1867, to Mildred A. Harper, a native of Kentucky. She died in November 1874, having borne five children: Mildred (deceased), Ann E., Inah J., Albert H. and Marion V. (deceased). Dr. Coleman was married in February 1875 to Nancy Davis, also a native of Kentucky. She died that year, and he was married in November to Mary M. Horn, a native of Benton County, Tenn. To this union were born four children: Andrew B. (deceased), Archibald T. (deceased), John V. and George G. Mrs. Coleman died in January 27, 1888. Dr. Coleman was a member of the Baptist Church before coming to Missouri. He is a member of the A.F. & A.M. and of the Southeast Missouri Medical Society.

Archibald D. Coleman

Archibald D. Coleman, a

substantial farmer of Mississippi County, was born on October 28, 1845, in Hopkins County, Ky., and is a son of Charles H. and Marcella (Pennington) Coleman, both of Irish descent, and natives of Kentucky. The grandfather, Archibald Coleman, was a resident of Kentucky. Charles H. Coleman was a farmer and blacksmith, and in 1851 he immigrated to Mississippi County, Mo., making the journey in wagons. He located about one mile east of where his son, Archibald D., now resides, on which farm he removed a few years later, and resided there until his death in 1867. His wife died in 1866. They had six children: Charles H. (deceased), Archibald D., Unissa (deceased), Elizabeth, George W., and Andrew J. The mother of our subject was married twice. By her first husband, P.E. Clark, she had five children: Jonathan C., Polly (Mrs. Jacob Hainley), Alonzo, Franklin and Phineul, of whom the last three are deceased. She came to Mississippi County in 1840, but after the death of her husband she went back to Kentucky (in 1844). She was there married to Charles H. Coleman, and when Archibald D. was about six years of age, they removed to Mississippi County. The subject of this sketch has since resided in that county with the exception of one year that he lived in Illinois. He now owns 100 acres of good land, with modern improvements. In August 1870, he was united in marriage with Caroline Baker, a native of North Carolina, by whom he has six children: Lenorah, James Walter (deceased), Archie, Adelia, Girtrude and Ethel. Mr. and Mrs. Coleman are members of the Baptist Church. He is a member of the I.O.O.F., and of the Wheeler Society. In politics he is a Democrat.

William Collier

William Collier was born in Jackson County, Ill., in 1835, and is a son of Samuel Collier, born in North Carolina in 1808. The latter was the son of William and Nancy Collier, both natives of North Carolina. They were the parents of seven children, and died when Samuel was a small child. The latter remained in his native State until he was sixteen years of age, when he worked his way to Illinois, after which he worked as a laborer on a farm till he saved money enough to buy some land, when he engaged in farming for himself. He proved to be a very successful farmer, owning at one time 400 acres of land. In 1830 he was united in marriage with Sarah Hooker, a native of Tennessee. To this union were born Drusilla (widow of Henry Fraley), William, Eliza (widow of Daniel Reeder), John, Jane (deceased at the age of fourteen), Daniel (deceased at the age of seven years), James (scalded to death at the age of five years), Anna (deceased at the age of two years), and Sarah (Mrs. C. Tucker, died in 1865, leaving an infant son). The parents were very active members of the Free Will Baptist Church. The mother died in September 1854, and the father married Mrs. Sarah Davis. He died in May 1861. William remained at his father's home until he was about twenty years of age, when he began farming for himself. In 1873 he removed to Southeast Missouri, and located on a farm of 200 acres, one mile from Bertrand, upon which he now resides. On September 7, 1856, he wedded Sarah Ann Stacy, born in Tennessee in 1837. She is a daughter of Selatial and Harriet (Fowler) Stacy, natives of Tennessee, who removed to Illinois when Mrs. Collier was about ten years old. Mr. Stacy died in 1854, and Mrs. Stacy married Moses Forby, who died, and she is now living, a widow, in Southeast Missouri. She had eleven children, ten by her first husband, viz: Isaac (deceased), Rebecca (widow of George Peterson), Sarah A., Margaret (Mrs. Lycurgus Slavens, deceased), Hiram (deceased), Mary M. (Mrs. William Forby, deceased), John (deceased), Francis M., Jane (Mrs. Jonathan Rose, deceased), and William (deceased). The other Hannah Forby, died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Stacy were members of the Mormon Church. Politically, Mr. Collier is a Republican. In August 1862, he enlisted in the Federal army, joining the Eighty-First Illinois Volunteer Infantry. After the siege of Vicksburg, he went home on furlough, and while on his way took the sore eyes, which caused him to be transferred in 1864 to the Twentieth Veteran Reserve Corps, after which he was sent to Maryland to guard a prison. In the spring of 1865 he was discharged. In 1861 he was with a company that was guarding a bridge on the Illinois Central Railroad at which place he was taken with the measles, from which he has never fully recovered. He and wife have had two children, Drusilla (who died when thirteen months of age), and John Henry (who was born on November 21, 1859). He is now living on the home place engaged in farming. On January 18, 1881, he was united in marriage with Candies Shelby, a native of Mississippi County. Three children have blessed their union: Mary A., Julia Agnes and LuLu May. Mrs. Collier, is the daughter of Wiley and Ann Shelby, both of whom died when she was a child. They were the parents of nine children: Ivan (deceased). May (deceased), Josephine, Julia, Thomas, Robert, Wiley, Ann and Mrs. Collier. The last named lived with Joseph Russell until his death, after which she lived with Judge Brown, of Charleston, till her marriage.

Joseph Crenshaw

Joseph Crenshaw, miller at Charleston, was born in Bullitt County, Ky., March 15, 1830. He is a son of Richard Crenshaw, who was born in Kentucky in 1804. The paternal grandfather, Cosby Crenshaw, was a Virginian, and immigrated to Kentucky at an early day, where he resided, engaged in farming, until his death. Richard Crenshaw was reared to farm life in his native State where he married Marty J. Moore, a native of Maryland, born in 1803. In the fall of 1832, he removed his family and goods on a steamboat down the river to Norfolk, from whence they came to Mathews' Prairie. He entered 400 acres of land and erected a rude log cabin, in which he lived for some years. He soon had his land under cultivation and improved. He died in February 1836. His widow died in March 1859. They were the parents of four children: Margaret S. (deceased), Catherine E. (deceased), Richard S. (deceased) and Joseph C. The last named, the only survivor of the family, was about two years of age when he came with his parents to Mississippi County. He remained with them until he was grown, when he bought a farm, which he cultivated, and kept bachelor's hall for about two years. In September 1852, he wedded Martha A. Bridwell, a daughter of Coleman and Elizabeth (Gratehouse) Bridwell. After his marriage he lived on his farm, and has made farming his chief vocation through life. However, since 1869, he has run the fouring-mill in Charleston, which mill he equipped with the roller process in 1884. He owns 575 acres of land, 300 of which are adjacent to the town of Charleston. His wife died in 1876 having borne him eight children, six of whom are living: James C., Isaac A., Marty E. (Mrs. E.P. Deal), Henry M., Marvin B. and Joseph M. Mr. Crenshaw was married in February, 1879 to Rachel A. (Lusk) Marbury, by which union he has one child, William C. Mr. and Mrs. Crenshaw are consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. He is a Mason.

I. Albert Crenshaw

I. Albert Crenshaw a very successful farmer and miller of Mississippi Co., Mo., is a native of that county, born on December 11, 1858, and is a son of Joseph C. and Martha A. (Bridwell) Crenshaw, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this volume. Albert was reared on a farm, and his education, which was begun in the common schools, was supplemented by a high school course. He afterward entered the State University, but remained but a short time, on account of sickness. In 1885 he purchased a half interest in the flouring mill from his father. He is now very successfully managing the mill, and cultivating 400 acres of land, upon which he raises annually an average of 3,000 bushels of corn and 2,500 bushels of wheat. Besides that, he owns fifty-four acres of fine land under cultivation, with good improvements, upon which he has a nice residence. He also deals in horses, hogs, cattle, etc. On April 26, 1881, he was united in marriage with Ella Oliver, a native of Callaway County, Mo. Two children have blessed this union, Joseph C. and Archie E. Mr. Crenshaw has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church since he was eleven years of age. His wife is also a member of that church. He is a Wheeler.

Francis M. Crosswhaite

Francis M. Crosswhaite, a farmer and stock raiser of Mississippi County, was born in Adams County, Ohio, in 1858. His parents were George W. and Deborah (Cooper) Crosswhaite, natives of Bourbon County, Ky., and Adams County, Ohio, respectively. The former went to Ohio about 1850, and to Adams County in 1856, where he was married the next year. He was a stone mason, bricklayer and plasterer, which trade he learned in Cincinnati, soon after moving to Ohio. In 1865 he removed his family to Northwest Missouri, where he lived for three years, working at his trade. In the fall of 1869 he came to Southeast Missouri, and located on Shelley's Ridge, in Mississippi County, but in 1874 he bought a farm, and located on what is known as Hoe-Cake Ridge. He improved his farm and lived there until his death on July 20, 1880. His wife died on February 8, 1879. Their children were: Francis M., Cassius, George W., (deceased), Ida May (deceased), Anna (deceased), Olive (deceased), John (deceased) William (now in Adams County, Ohio, attending school) and Robert M. (deceased). Francis M. lived with his parents until 1876, and then from 1878 until their deaths, spending the time between those dates in Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois. In 1880 he was united in marriage with Josephine Jones who was born in Mississippi County in 1864, and is a daughter of Thomas and Parthena (Calhoun) Jones, natives of Kentucky, who came to Southeast Missouri in 1861, and located on a farm near that of our subject's. Mrs. Jones still resides there, her husband having died in 1874. To them were born six children: Laura, Adar, William, Josephine, Frank (deceased) and one that died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Crosswhaite have had four children: Anna (deceased), Bertie, Exa and Estella. Besides Mr. Crosswhaite's farming interests, he is also engaged in rafting logs during the high water.

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Frances M. Daley

Mrs. Frances M. Daley was born in Mississippi County, Mo., in 1849, and is a daughter of Benjamin and Sarah (Holman) Hall, natives of Union County, Ky. They were reared and married in their native county, and in 1843 came to Southeast Missouri, and located in Mississippi County, where they afterward resided. Mr. Hall died on November 15, 1868, and Mrs. Hall February 8, 1872. He was a Mason. The last named was first married to Albert Caldwell, by whom she had four children: Julia A., of Texas; Maria, of Tennessee; Amanda, of Mississippi County, Mo., and Jane, deceased, aged thirty-eight years. To Mr. and Mrs. Hall's marriage were born six children: Elizabeth (deceased), Frances M., William G., Benjamin C. (deceased) and two (twins) that died in infancy. Frances M. remained with her parents until her marriage on July 23, 1867 with Andrew Ramsey. Three children were born to their marriage: William A., born on November 15, 1868; Minnie, born on October 19, 1872, and an infant, deceased. Mr. Ramsey died on March 10, 1872. The subject of this sketch afterward married Marshal Daley, who was born in Virginia, but removed with his parents to Kentucky when a child. When fifteen years of age, he came to Southeast Missouri, which was afterward his home. He was a member of the Baptist church, and of the Masonic order. He died, respected by all who knew him, on June 4, 1877. He had two children by his first wife, and one by his last wife, Marshal, born on February 4, 1877. Some time after Mr. Daley's death his widow married, May 20, 1881, M.M. Word. One child was born of this union, Richard, born February 13, 1882. Mr. Daley's first wife was Martha Ramsey, a sister of Mrs. Daley's first husband. Martha died on December 14, 1872, having borne three children, one of whom is living, Francis, of Columbus, Ky. Those deceased are Cornelia Ann (Hall), who died at the age of twenty-six years, and Martin L., who died in childhood. Mrs. Daley is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. She and her family own 400 acres of good land with 365 under cultivation, of which 240 acres are cultivated by her and her children.

Thomas J. Dalton

Thomas J. Dalton was born in Mississippi County, Mo., on May 6, 1843. His is a son of John and Louisiana (Mathews) Dalton. The former was born in Henry County, Tenn., in 1809 He was a farmer, and removed to Mississippi County, and located on the farm now owned by Frank M. Howlett, adjoining Thomas J. Dalton's farm. The most of his life was spent on that farm, and he died there in 1850. The mother was born on October 7, 1812, on "Mathews' Prairie", Mississippi Co., Mo. She was a daughter of Edward Mathews, who settled on Mathews' Prairie about 1803. Two years later, in 1805, he was united in marriage with Elizabeth Smith. He received a concession of 640 acres of land, embracing the present side of Charleston. This land was nearly all timbered, and wild animals of every description were plentiful. His was the only settlement in that region, with the exception of a few Indians, with whom he had to deal for a few years. He erected a little log cabin with the usual puncheon floor and clapboard door and roof, in which he lived for several years, but by industry and economy, he had at the time of the death a comfortable home and was a good circumstances. His death occurred on August 16, 1832. His wife died on February 2, 1831. They were the parents of six children, all of whom are dead: Charles, Louisiana, Jackson, Edward, Caleb and Patsy. Edward Mathews was a very prominent man in his day. The mother of our subject, Louisiana, died in 1873. She and her husband were the parents of six children, one of whom survives, Thomas J. The ones deceased are James H. William S., John, Elizabeth and Enos. Thomas J. was born and reared within a few hundred yards of where he now lives. He remained with his step-father until he was twenty-two years of age, when he was united in marriage in 1866 with Laura J. Grigsby, and settled on the F.M. Howlett farm, on which he resided for several years. In 1872 he purchased the farm where he now resides. His wife died in January 1869, leaving two children: Laura (living) and Lieuro (deceased). On November 4, 1860, he wedded Mary J., a daughter of Ezekiel and Kitty A. (Mason) Chapman, both of whom are dead. Mr. and Mrs. Dalton have had six children: Edward N., Guy R., Thomas O., Walter, Elbert and an infant. The last three are deceased. Mr. Dalton is a Mason and a member of the I.O.O.F. He and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

L.W. Danforth

L.W. Danforth was born in Henderson, Ky., on June 10, 1837, and is a son of Leander F. and Jane W. (Jones) Danforth, the former a native of Long Island, N.Y., and the latter of Virginia. The Danforth ancestors came from England. The grandfather was born in the Eastern States, and immigrated to Warrick County, Ind., where he died. Leander F. was reared in his native State but removed with his parents to Indiana at an early day. He removed from thence to Kentucky, where he was married. He was engaged in the marble business at Henderson, Ky., and was a prominent citizen. Remaining there until 1859, he removed to Missouri, and located on a farm in Mississippi County, where he resided until his death in 1876. His widow is still living. They were the parents of seven children, viz: L.W., A.H., L.V., Eliza, C.W., R.C. and Mollie. L.W. Danforth was reared in his native town, and received a liberal education in the common schools. He was connected with his father in the marble business until the latter came West. In 1862 our subject removed to Mississippi County, Mo., and was engaged in the mercantile business at Charleston, in partnership with his brother, A.H. Danforth, until 1885, since which time he has been alone in business. In 1882 he was elected to the General Assembly, and re-elected in 1884. He has held the offices of collector of the county, deputy sheriff and coroner, and has served in the city council several terms. He has been school director for nine or ten years, and regent of the Southeast Missouri Normal at Cape Girardeau for twelve years. In 1860 he wedded Mary J. Yates, of St. Louis, by whom he has seven children living, viz: Nettie B., George W. (a student in the Naval School at Annapolis, since 1883, and formerly a page in the House of Representatives, at Jefferson City), Gracie D., Augusta N., Henry A. (a page in the House of Representatives, at Washington), Emma and Florence. Mrs. Danforth is a member of the Baptist Church. Mr. Danforth owns quite a number of residences and store buildings in Charleston, and is one of the prominent citizens of the town, and of Southeast Missouri. He is a Mason, a member of the Blue Lodge, Chapter and Council. In politics he is a Democrat.

A.H. Danforth

A.H. Danforth was born in Henderson County, Ky., on September 12, 1842, and is a son of L.F. and Jane W. (Jones) Danforth [see sketch of L.W. Danforth]. The subject of this sketch was reared in his native State and his education, which was begun there, was finished at Notre Dame College, Indiana, he having attended that institution during 1863 and 1864, taking a classical course. He had, however, removed with his parents to Mississippi County, Mo., when he was eighteen years of age, and after finishing his education entered into the mercantile business at Bertrand. Remaining there eighteen months he removed to Charleston, and began merchandising in partnership with his brother, L.W. Danforth, continuing until 1885, when they were burned out the whole block being consumed in flames. Mr. Danforth has since rebuilt the block with large brick buildings, but since his loss by fire, has turned his attention to the grain business, and has a large warehouse on the Iron Mountain Railroad. He is also president of the Charleston Bank, which was established in November, 1887. In 1869 he was united in marriage with Rebecca H. Lyon, a native of Kentucky. They have had five children, three of whom died in infancy. Those living are William H. and Albert L. Mr. Danforth is a prominent citizen of Charleston, and has held several of the city offices. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, United Workmen, K. of P., and of the St. Louis Commandery. He was Master of the Masonic lodge of Charleston for a number of years. Politically he is a Democrat.

Robert N. Davis

Robert N. Davis, an intelligent and enterprising farmer of Mississippi County is a son of Tandy J. and Susan (Froman) Davis, of Welsh descent. Mr. Davis' forefathers immigrated to America from Wales, and one of his great grandfathers was killed in the wilderness of Virginia, by the Indians. Thomas Davis, the grandfather, was one of the pioneer settlers of Lincoln County, Ky., and fought against the Indians with Daniel Boone. He reared a family of eight children, and after they were grown, he removed to Hardin County, Ky., where he died. The maternal grandfather, Isaac Froman, was born in Bullitt County, Ky., in which he lived and died. He raised twelve children - seven daughters and five sons. Tandy J. Davis was born in Lincoln County, Ky., March 22, 1789 and was reared to farm life. He enlisted in the War of 1812, but was not received on account of disability. His wife was born in Bullitt County on August 31, 1812. In March 1846, he had a flat-boat built at his wood-yard, and launched it on Salt River, and brought his family, stock and goods down the Ohio River to Cairo, where he sold his boat, after unloading on the Missouri side of the river. He had, in 1845, purchased 160 acres of government land in Mississippi County, to which he brought his family; however, he lived with William Goodin, until his first crop was laid by, when he built him a little log cabin. He then commenced clearing the dense forest on his land, which required many years of hard labor to accomplish, but at the time of his death, his farm of 440 acres was nearly all under cultivation. He died in September 1869, from the effects of a fall, and his wife died in 1855, of consumption. They had twelve children, two of whom are living: Elizabeth (Mrs. Lewis Martin) and Robert N. Those dead are Thomas F., Jane, John C., Eliza, Eugene, Tandy, Naoma, and three infants. Four children died of wounds received, one of meningitis, and two of pneumonia. Both parents were members of the Baptist Church. Robert N. was born in Bullitt County, Ky., May 3, 1845, and was therefore about one year old, when his parents removed to Mississippi County. He remained with them until their deaths, when he bought the homestead, upon which he resided until 1881, when he removed to his present farm of 240 acres, having built his residence in 1880. In 1871 he married Melissa Slack, who died in 1882, having borne him five children, two of whom are living, Laura and Frederick. Those dead are Arminta V., Arthur and Luvella. In 1884 Mr. Davis married Eunice Goldena English, a daughter of Robert S. and Mary (Eggen) English. They have had one child, deceased. Mr. Davis is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mrs. Davis is a Presbyterian.

John T. Davis

John T. Davis, farmer and stock raiser of Mississippi County, Mo., was born in 1852, on the ridge where he has since lived, and is the son of Caleb and Sarah E. (Utley) Davis, both of whom were born and reared in Hopkins County, Ky., coming to Southeast Missouri soon after their marriage, about 1840. They located in Wolf Island Township, Mississippi County, where Mr. Davis died in 1855. Mrs. Davis lived until January 1887. All the children born to them died while young, except the subject of the sketch. After Mr. Davis' death, Mrs. Davis married J.L. Summers, a native of Bullitt County, Ky., who died about 1885. To this union was born Susan, now the wife of George Calhoun, who resides near John T. Davis. The last named was married on February 20, 1876 to Sarah E. Barnhill, a native of Kentucky, who came to Southeast Missouri when young with her parents, James H. and Lovinia (Redden) Barnhill both deceased. Mr. Davis cultivates about eighty acres of his farm, consisting of 160 acres, and also deals largely in buying and selling stock. To him and wife were born three children: William, Clinton and LeRoy. William was born June 11, 1879 and died December 30, 1879. Mrs. Davis has one brother and one sister living: B.F. Barnhill (of Arkansas) and Mollie (Mrs. Charles Virgin, of Mississippi County). She also has four half-sisters: Rosa (Mrs. Charles C. Calhoun), Alice (Mrs. James Adams), Lizzie and Lucy Barnhill, of whom the last two reside with Mr. and Mrs. Davis.

John T. Dawson

John T. Dawson, miller, blacksmith and wagon-maker, on the Mississippi River, seven miles below Belmont, Mississippi Co., Mo., was born in Bullitt County, Ky., November 7, 1848 and is a son of Thomas Dawson, a native of Kentucky. Thomas Dawson was a farmer, and married Elizabeth Cook, also a native of Kentucky, of Irish descent. To them were born eleven children, eight of whom are living, viz: George W., Leander, Charles C., Sylvester, Benjamin H., John T., Melcena and Alice. Mr. Dawson died in 1865, aged fifty-five years. John T. left his parents' home when he was sixteen years of age. In beginning his life work, he learned his trade by serving an apprenticeship under Samuel Romines, of German descent. In 1880 he came to Southeast Missouri, and located where he now resides. He has a good home, which is nicely situated, a wagon and blacksmith shop, and a mill for grinding corn. He manufactures the Dawson wagon, well known throughout Southeast Missouri, and deals in agricultural implements, steel and iron. In fact everything to be found in a hardware establishment is in the house of Mr. Dawson; iron and steel nails, bolts, pipes, pumps, hubs, spokes, felloes, etc., besides other things too numerous to mention. He is also agent for the Cairo Pump Company. Anyone in need of even the smallest article in this line can be accommodated in this store, and thus saved much annoyance, which follows purchasing away from home. In 1875 he was united in marriage with Rebecca Munfort, who was also born and reared in Bullitt County, Ky. Four children have blessed their union: Sophronia, Shirley, William B. and John W.

Robert W. Duncan

Robert W. Duncan, a prosperous young citizen of Bertrand, Mississippi County, was born in Pike county, Mo., in 1856. He is a son of Robert W., Sr., and Elizabeth Duncan, natives of Tennessee and Kentucky, respectively. The former is the son of Thomas Duncan, a native of Scotland, who came to America when about eighteen years of age and settled in Pennsylvania. He was married there to a German lady, and reared a family. Robert W., Sr., removed to Kentucky, about 1846, where he resided until 1852, when he went with an ox team to California. Remaining there about one year, he returned to Kentucky and in 1854 or 1855 came to Missouri, and settled in Pike County, in which he now resides, aged seventy-five years. His wife died in 1870, having borne him eleven children: Mary Ann (deceased), Sarah (deceased), Margaret (deceased), Thomas (deceased), Susan, Lizzie B., Robert W., Emeline, John W., Benjamin and William (deceased). The subject of this sketch came to Southeast Missouri in 1884 and located in Bertrand. He is now engaged in blacksmithing, milling and farming. In 1878 he was united in marriage with Lovinia Tabor, who was born in St. Francois County, Mo., in 1856. She is the daughter of John and Sarah Tabor, natives of Tennessee and Kentucky, respectively. They are both dead, and were the parents of ten children: John (who died in infancy), Margaret (deceased), Lizzie, Lovinia, Angeline, Ella, Fannie, John, William H. and Emma (deceased). Mr. and Mrs. Duncan are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. They have three children: Maude, John W. and Elsie. Mr. Duncan is a member of the I.O.O.F., Lodge No. 114, and the A.O.U.W. Lodge No. 144. Politically he is a Republican.

H.J. Deal

Col. H.J. Deal, one of the pioneers and prominent citizens of Mississippi County, was born in Oxford, Adams Co., Penn., December 1, 1829, and is a son of Peter and Mary (Smyser) Deal, both of whom were of German descent, and natives of York county, Penn. The grandparents came from Buchelbaugh, Germany, and settled in York County, Penn., in the days of William Penn. There they lived and died. The grandfather, Daniel Deal was born in York County, Penn., as was also Jacob Smyser. Peter Deal was raised to the tanner's trade in his native county, in which he was married, after which he removed to Oxford, Adams County, where he lived until his death in May 1887, aged eighty-seven years. His widow is still living at the age of eighty-six years. They were the parents of eleven children, who grew to maturity, and three that died in infancy: Martin, Israel, Jeremiah, Henry J., Andrew, Edwin, Charles, Sarah (wife of Emanuel Hull), Louisa (wife of Amos Louck), Anna M. (wife of David Peters) and Elvira (wife of Henry Snell), all of whom are living except Israel, who was a minister under Lincoln, to Batavia. He married Mrs. Anna Randall, the great elocutionist. The subject of this sketch was reared to the tanner's trade, which he learned under the direction of his father, remaining with him until he was nineteen years of age, when he (in 1849) came west. Stopping at Farmington, Iowa, he was employed as clerk in a grocery store about six months, when he went to St. Louis, where he worked at his trade about two years, as foreman for Mayor John Howe, for whom he also worked during 1853 and 1854 at Paducah, Ky., where he met his wife, whom he married March 4, 1854. She is the daughter of Hardin B. and Mary R. (Locke) Walters. In 1856 they removed to Charleston, which they have since made their home. He had purchased land at the land sale in 1854 in Mississippi County. He came to Charleston as a levee and ditch contractor, but in 1857 he took the contract for building the Cairo & Fulton, now the iron Mountain Railroad, which was the fourth contract let for building railroads west of the Mississippi River, viz: Hannibal, St. Joe, Missouri Pacific and Iron Mountain. He had completed twenty-seven miles of the road, and had trains running upon it, when the war broke out, and he was elected from his district to fill the vacancy of Hon. R.A. Hatcher, who, with the Governor of the State, seceded and went south. He served in this capacity one year, after which (in 1862) he was elected to the Senate from this district, and served until 1868, after which he represented Mississippi County in the Legislature for two terms. In 1862 he was appointed, by the Governor, colonel of the enrolled Militia of seven counties, viz: Scott, Mississippi, New Madrid, Pemiscot, Dunklin, Stoddard and Bollinger. He served in that capacity until the close of the war. In 1866 he took the contract for building fifty miles of the St. Louis and Iron Mountain Railroad, which he completed in 1867. In 1867 he finished the old contract on the Cairo & Fulton Railroad to Poplar bluff. In 1881 he took the contract for building 110 miles of the St. Louis, Arkansas & Texas Railroad, which he completed in 1882. The last few years he has turned his attention entirely to farming and stock raising, in which he has been quite successful. He has now in cultivation sixty acres of osier willow, used for basket making, from which the first basket was made February 4, 1888, and two hundred acres of catalpa trees, for posts. He has under cultivation about 2,500 acres of good land, which he mostly rents, and also has about 10,000 acres of land in forest. He was brought up in the Lutheran faith, and joined that church in 1847. Mrs. Deal is a member of the Baptist Church, and he is now also a member of the same church. They are the parents of six sons, two of whom are living. They were born as follows: Edwin P. in 1859, and John D. in 1870. The latter is now at the State University at Columbia. Col. Deal's life has been one of considerable note, and many incidents and anecdotes of his early life are often related by him, which to the growing generation are amusing, as well as startling. He has done as much as any one man in the way of improvements, both privately and publicly, and his liberality to public affairs is well known. He has been a valuable citizen of Mississippi County. Col. Deal has made several county roads, using his won means to pay the expense, receiving from the county as part pay some swamp lands. He has also made several canals through this section of Missouri, and a great many ditches have been put through under his supervision. May he live long as one of Mississippi County's most honored citizens.

Edwin P. Deal

Edwin P. Deal, of the firm of H.J. Deal & Son, dealers in fine stock and real estate, was born in Charleston, Mo., on April 19, 1859. He is a son of H.J. and Melvina (Walters) Deal [see sketch]. Edwin P. was reared in his native city, receiving a good education in the common schools. In 1874 he entered the Pennsylvania College at Gettysburg, remaining one year. In 1876 he received the appointment of cadet midshipman of the Naval School at Annapolis, which position he held about three years, when his eyesight began to fail him, and he came home on sick-leave, after which he resigned. Since 1880 he has been engaged in farming, and has dealt extensively in the fine stock and real estate. He owns now about 1,800 acres of good land. In September, 1879 he was united in marriage with Mary Crenshaw, a daughter of Joseph and Martha (Bridwell) Crenshaw. Three children have been born to them: Henry, Nellie and Alma. Mr. Deal has held the office of city councilman for two years. He is an energetic, active young man, possessing such qualities as predict for him a successful future. Politically he is a Democrat.

Edwin J. Deal

Edwin J. Deal was born in Adams County, Penn., January 24, 1863. He is one of nine children born to the marriage of Jeremiah Diehl and Isabel Albright the former a native of Adams County, and the latter of York County, Penn. Both parents are of German descent, but their ancestors immigrated to Pennsylvania at an early day. The parents are still residing on a beautiful farm in Adams County, Penn., about two miles west from Gettysburg. Their children are Worthington (deceased), William A., M.S., (a resident of Charleston, Mo.), Ida (Mrs. James Ross), Anna M., Edwin J., May S. (Mrs. Frank Blocher), Laura and Amber. Edwin J. remained on the old homestead until he reached his twenty-first year, and received his education at Pennsylvania College at Gettysburg. In March, 1884, he went to Charleston, Mo., and read law under Joseph J. Russell, and soon after entered the law department of the Missouri State University, graduating from that institution in 1886. He was admitted to the bar the same year, and has since practiced his profession at Charleston, and is now, in connection with his practice, preparing an abstract of land titles of Mississippi County. In July 1886 he was appointed city attorney to fill the vacancy of Harry J. Cantwell, and was re-appointed in March 1887. He was appointed notary public by the Governor in February, 1887. Mr. Deal is a bright energetic young man, and is well suited to the duties of his profession.

John P. Dever

John P. Dever was born in Lincoln County, Tenn., January 9, 1833, and is a son of Amos and Mary (Dillender) Dever, of Franch descent. The grandfather Dever was a Kentuckian, and the maternal grandparents were old Virginians. Amos Dever was a farmer by vocation, and lived and died in Lincoln County, Tenn.; however, he was born in Kentucky, in which State he remained until after his marriage. He and wife were the parents of seven children: Nathan, Joseph, Elijah, Henry, Mary, Abijah and John L. The last named was reared on a farm in his native State, and partially learned his trade there. His father died when he was but seven years of age, and at the age of seventeen years he went to Adams County, Ill., where he worked on a farm for four years, after which he went to Hopkins County, Ky., and remained several years, engaged in various occupations, working on a farm, at his trade and saw-milling. In 1876 he removed to Batesville, Ark., in which place he was engaged in blacksmithing and wagon work until April 1884, when he came to Charleston. Since removing to the latter city he has been engaged in blacksmithing and wagon manufacturing under the firm name of J.P. Dever & Sons. The two sons who are his partners are John L. and Linn M. In 1887 Mr. Dever erected a planing mill, which he has since successfully conducted. In 1857 he wedded Charlotte W. Parent, a native of Kentucky, by whom he had nine children, three of whom are living: John L., Linn M. and May E. This wife died in 1875, and in 1876 he married Louisa Wright, a native of Arkansas. One child has been born to this union, Roy L. Mrs. Dever is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is a Mason.

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John C. Farris

John C. Farris, a farmer of Wolf Island Township, Mississippi Co., was born in Obion County, Tenn., in 1830, and is a son of Benjamin S. and Bettie (Crockett) Farris, natives of South Carolina, who removed to Middle Tennessee about 1820. They removed later to Obion County, Tenn., and remained there ten years, when they came to Mississippi County, Mo., where they resided until their deaths. Mr. Farris was a farmer by vocation, and died in the fall of 1860. His wife died in 1863. They were both consistent members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. To them were born six children: Agnes S., Isaiah A., Adaline, John C., James W. and Margaret C. Isaiah and James reside in Pemiscot County, Mo. John C. remained with his parents until he was twenty-three years old, and commenced farming in James Bayou Township, Mississippi County. He removed to Wolf Island Township in 1863, and to his present location in 1880. He was married in 1853 to Miss Martha E. Kerr, a native of Hickman County, Ky., and a daughter of Nicholas M. and Ann E. (Ednington) Kerr, natives of Virginia and Kentucky respectively. Mr. Kerr died in 1876, and his wife died in 1862. To them were born nine children: Lucy C. (deceased), Martha E., Cecelia N., Elizabeth, Price (deceased), Emma J., Nicholas (deceased), Mariah B. and Nannie. After Mr. Kerr's first wife died he married Adaline Burgess, by whom he had one daughter, Edna V., who is living with her mother near the subject of this sketch. Mr. and Mrs. Farris have eight children: Benjamin P., Bettie A. (Mrs. James B. Ringoe, of Kentucky), Katie (Mrs. Oscar Tinsley, of Pemiscot County, Mo.), James N., John C., Jr., David W., Isaiah A. and Henry H. They are also rearing a niece, whose parents are dead, Emma P. Mr. Farris is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and his wife is a member of the Baptist Church. Mr. Farris has a good farm, of which he and boys cultivate about 250 acres of land. He served as deputy sheriff under Jackson, and as deputy collector under Louis Danforth.

Thomas B. Forbs

Thomas B. Forbs was born in Rutherford County, Middle Tenn., on June 23, 1836, and is a son of Robert C. and Frances E. (Spinks) Forbs, the former a native of North Carolina and the latter of Middle Tennessee. The grandfather, Benjamin Forbs, was a native of North Carolina, who immigrated to Tennessee. The other grandfather, John B. Spinks, was a resident of Tennessee. He served during the War of 1812, and participated in the last battle, in which he was wounded by a gun-shot which disabled him for life. He died in Tennessee. Robert C. Forbs was born in 1808, and was brought to Tennessee when but seven years of age, and has since made that State his home. He is a farmer by vocation. During the late war he served under Gen. Sherman as a member of the Eighty-ninth Indiana Artillery. He was in the service three years, and was wounded while at home by a shot from a gun in the hands of a Federal, who had taken him for a Confederate soldier. The ball passed into the shoulder blade and lodged, remaining there still. He is the father of eight children, two of whom are living, Thomas B. and Francis M. Those dead are George W., Seneca C., John B., William H., Mary V. and an infant. The mother died on October 5, 1881. Thomas B. was taken to Fayette County, Tenn., when an infant by his parents, and remained with them until he was sixteen years of age, when he went to Crittenden County, Ark., where he lived for eleven years engaged in farming. He then removed to Memphis, Tenn., and remained till the fall of 1863, when he came up the Mississippi River to Wolf Island. Ten years later he purchased the farm on which he now resides. At the time of the purchase the land was covered with timber, but he located on it the next year (in 1874), and by untiring energy and industry has it now all under cultivation, with fair improvements. He has been four times married; first, to Eliza J. Butler, by whom he had two children, both deceased. She died in 1862, and he was married in 1864 to Virginia Robinson, who died in 1881. On January 5, 1882, he was united in marriage with Rebecca Broomfield, who died on July 2, 1887. On December 25, 1887, he wedded Mary J. Choate. Mr. Forbs is a member of the Wheeler society.

James G. Forgey

James G. Forgey, an industrious farmer and enterprising citizen of Mississippi County, Mo., was born in that county, August 9, 1858. His parents, Robert B. and Comfort (Eleazer) Forgey, were natives of Middle Tennessee. His paternal grandparents immigrated from Ireland, and settled in Tennessee, where they spent the rest of their lives. Robert B. Forgey was a farmer. In 1846 he, with his family, came down the Ohio River to Norfolk, Mo., on a flatboat. He purchased a farm and located below Norfolk, and also started a wood-yard, which he managed for several years, when he sold out and bought a farm near Bird's Point, to which he removed, and upon which he resided for several years. In 1859 he sold out and went to Randolph County, Ark. Purchasing a farm there he cultivated it until 1861, when he sold it and returned to Mississippi County, Mo., purchasing 160 acres of land, upon which his widow now lives. He died in 1883. They had three children: James G., George W. and Robert L. James G. was reared to farm life, remaining at home until he was eighteen years of age, when he began working for himself. He has been a resident of Mississippi County all his life, with the exception of a few years spent in Arkansas. He now owns 110 acres of land, with good improvements, and a substantial residence which he built himself. On March 17, 1881, he wedded Susie Bougard, a native of Kentucky. Two children have blessed their marriage, Comfort and Lizzie. Mrs. Forgey is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Politically Mr. Forgey is a Democrat.

Andrew J. French

Andrew J. French, a farmer of Mississippi County, was born in Floyd County, Ind., February 15, 1830. He is a son of Henry and Eleanor (Smith) French, of German and French descent, respectively, the former a native of Tennessee and the latter of Pennsylvania. Henry French immigrated to Indiana at an early day, and remained until his death, about 1834. His wife lived until 1878. They were the parents of five children, two of whom are living Eleanor J. and Andrew J. The last named received his education in the common schools of his native county, and when about eighteen years of age, he went to Louisville, Ky., to learn the shipwright's trade, at which he worked three years, when he went to Arkansas, and located at Sterling. He remained there twelve years, engaged in the wood yard business and farming. In 1863 he immigrated to Mississippi County, and located where he now lives. He had previously purchased 380 acres of land, the most of which was in the woods. He is energetic, and has been a very successful farmer owning at present about 1,000 acres of land, which is well improved. In 1864 he was united in marriage with Katie Campbell, a native of Maryland. They have two children in life, Ella and Charles, and two dead, Andrew J. and Thomas M. Mrs. French is a member of the Catholic Church.

James Fugate

James Fugate, a substantial farmer of Mississippi County, was born on New River, W. Va., in 1831. His parents, Randolph and Elizabeth (Ode) Fugate, were natives of the same State, where they lived until 1844 or 1845, when they removed to Kentucky. Remaining there until 1855, they came to Southeast Missouri and located on Sandy Ridge. Mr. Fugate was a farmer, and cultivated between eighty and 100 acres of land. He died in his seventy-eighth year, and his wife in her seventy-sixth year. To them were born twelve children: Crockett (deceased), Harmon (deceased), Emily (deceased), Bird (deceased), John (a resident of Dallas county, Tex.), James, Reuben (a resident of St. Francois County, Mo.), William (a resident of Van Zandt County, Tex.), Mary (deceased), Rachel (Mrs. W.T. Morgan, living on the old home place at Sandy Ridge) and Harrison (of Colorado). James remained with his parents until he was eighteen years of age, after which he served an apprenticeship at buggy and wagon manufacturing in Calloway County, Ky. On July 7, 1853, he married Susan Washam, of Graves County, Ky. After his marriage he ran a factory for twelve years. At the commencement of the Civil War he enlisted and served four years, after which he bought machinery and was engaged in sawing lumber, until July 1887. His first wife died in 1861, having borne four children: Elizabeth, Nancy, Randolph and Rachel, all of whom are deceased. On January 22, 1865, Mr. Fugate married Virginia Conyers. To this union have been born nine children: John C., Eudora, Minnie, James, Theodore, Elbert, two not named (deceased) and Narcissus (deceased). Mr. Fugate owns 1,000 or more acres of land. He has a policy of \$5,000 on his life in the Hartford Insurance Company.

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Jacob S. Goodin

Jacob S. Goodin, presiding

judge of the Mississippi County Court, was born in Hardin County, Ky., March 23, 1828. His parents, Girard and Lettie (Swank) Goodin, were both natives of Hardin County, Ky., of German descent. The great-grandparents on both sides came from Germany, and located in Hardin County, where they died. The grandfather Goodin was killed by the Indians in Kentucky. The grandfather Swank removed to Mississippi County, Mo. in 1837, and settled near Charleston, on the place now owned by Robert Langsdale, it being a wild, dense forest at that time, abounding in wild animals and game of all kinds found in the Mississippi Valley. Deer went in droves from twenty-five to seventy head. He died in Charleston, having built the first brick house in that vicinity. The place is now owned by James Smith. Girard Goodin immigrated with his family to Mississippi County in 1835, coming down the Ohio River on a flatboat. They landed at Bird's Point, from whence they went to some land near Charleston, upon which they made a settlement, it being the same farm upon which William T. Roberts now lives. A hewed log house had been erected previous to Mr. Goodin's purchase. He lived there until his death in 1849. His widow lived until 1852. To them were born nine children, three of whom are living: Jacob S., Louisa and Oliver M. The subject of this sketch has been a resident of Mississippi County nearly all his life, he being but eight years of age when his parents removed thither. He remained with them until their deaths, when he went to work for himself, choosing farming as his vocation. In 1887 he removed to his present farm, consisting of 160 acres of good land. In 1880 he was elected county judge, taking his seat the next year. He is now serving his fourth term in that office. He is a successful business man, and is one of the prominent citizens of his county. On September 23, 1857, he married Eliza E. Swank, a daughter of John Swank. They have two children living, Arthur S. and William O. Mr. and Mrs. Goodin are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is a Mason and a member of the Agricultural Wheel.

Franklin S. Goodin

Franklin S. Goodin was born

in Hardin County, Ky., September 8, 1829. He is a son of John and Catherine A. (Swank) Goodin, both of whom were natives of Hardin County, Ky., and were of Scotch and German descent, respectively. The grandfather, Samuel Goodin, was a native of Virginia, and immigrated to Kentucky at a very early day, in which State he and wife both died. The maternal great-grandparents came from Germany and located in Hardin County, Ky. They had several serious encounters with the Indians. At one time they were riding horseback when both their horses were shot from under them. Mr. Swank ran to a cave, but was followed by the Indians and shot. His wife ran to a mill near by, where she was protected and saved. Their son, Jacob Swank, the grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was born in Kentucky, and was in the Indian War in that State. He afterward removed his family to Mississippi County, Mo. (in the spring of 1836), at which time that county was very wild and unimproved. He entered a large tract of land, which he added to by purchase, and at the time of his death was a large land owner. He and wife both died in Mississippi County. The father, John Goodin, was born on March 9, 1803. He was a farmer, and in 1836 he built a flatboat and brought his family and all his goods and stock down the Ohio River to Cairo, when that place had but one hotel and a few old buildings. He removed his family to Big Lake, Tywappity Township, where he made a settlement, there being but three others in that section. The country was very wild and full of game. He owned about 600 acres of land, upon which he built a log cabin with calpboard doors and roof. He afterward purchased a farm in Mathews Prairie, where he resided a few years, and went back to his old place. By many days of hard labor he made a valuable farm, upon which he spent the remainder of his life. His death occurred in 1850, and his wife's in 1868. They had six sons, two of whom are living; Franklin S., and Albert V., a resident of Nashville, Tenn. The ones deceased are Jacob V., Samuel G., John W. and William W. Franklin S. was but nine years of age when his parents came to Mississippi County. He remained on the farm with his father until he was nineteen years of age, when he entered the Arcadia (Mo.) High School, and was just beginning the second session, when he was called away by the death of his father, after which he remained with his mother, helping to educate his younger brothers, until he was married in February, 1857, to Sallie Harned, when he began farming for himself. His wife died in 1860, having borne him one child who is now deceased. He was married again in 1865, choosing for his second wife Jennie E., daughter of Euriel and Catherine A. (Logan) Haw, the former being one of the First Methodist ministers in this section of country. Mr. and Mrs. Goodin have had six children: Mary (deceased), John H., Frank S., Jr., Alice S., Lindsay V. and Alfred W. (deceased). In 1871 Mr. Goodin removed to Charleston, where he still resides. Mr. Goodin is one of the pioneers of Mississippi County, and has witnessed its development from a wild wilderness to a wealthy, thickly settled country. He and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

Oliver M. Goodin

Oliver M. Goodin, a

successful farmer and enterprising citizen of Mississippi County, was born in that county on January 6, 1838, and is a son of Girard and Lettie (Swank) Goodin, both natives of Kentucky. Thomas Goodin, the grandfather, immigrated to Kentucky from Virginia, dying in the former State. Jacob Swank, the maternal grandfather, was a Pennsylvanian, who immigrated to Mississippi County in 1836, and located near Charleston where he died. Girard Goodin was reared and married in his native State, and was a farmer by vocation. In 1836 he, with his wife and nine children, came on a flat-boat down the Ohio River to Bird's Point, where they unloaded, and taking their teams and wagons went to near Charleston and located. Mr. Goodin lived there until his death in 1840. He and wife had ten children, three of whom are living: Jacob, Louisa and Oliver M. Those deceased are William, Ellen, John, Nathaniel, and three that died in infancy. Oliver M. was reared on a farm. He was but two years of age when his father died, and after the death of his mother in 1850, he lived with his older brother, William, until he was of age, when he began working for himself. In 1878 he purchased 160 acres of land, which is now under cultivation with good improvements. In 1868 he was united in marriage with Ruth Fowkles. She died in September 1874, having borne him three children, two of whom are living, Lizzie and Ollie. The one deceased is Ruth.

James O. Gray

James O. Gray, proprietor of

Gray's Mill, located in Wolf Island Township, Mississippi County, Mo., was born in Marshall County, Ky., October 9, 1837. He is the only one living of five children, born to Harrison and Mary Gray, natives of Kentucky. In the fall of 1859 the family emigrated from their native State to Southeast Missouri, and located in Wolf Island Township, Mississippi County. Harrison Gray was a miller, and followed his trade until his death in 1864. His wife died at the home of J.O. Gray, 1879. Their children who are dead are James B., William H., Bedford and Mary. James O. came with his parents to Southeast Missouri, and engaged in the milling business with George Keiser, of Mississippi County. After a year he began working with his father in the same business at the mouth of James Bayou and continued for six or seven years. In the meantime his father died, and he returned to Wolf Island and purchased his present mill, which he has since managed. He is also engaged in farming. Mr. Gray was first married to Emily Harvell, who died about eleven months after. He next married Anna Eligood, by whom he had four children: William, Mary (the wife of Walter Parker), Naomi (wife of Lewis Husk) and Laura. The mother of these children died in 1869. Mr. Gray afterward married Miss Sidney Roach. Two children have blessed this union, Bettie and Maud.

James S. Green

James S. Green, station-agent

at Charleston, for the St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern Railroad, was born in Benton, Scott County, Mo., on February 7, 1860. He is a son of Levi S. and Jennie E. (Myers) Green, the former a native of New York State and the latter of Sikeston, Scott Co., Mo., her parents settling in that county at an early day. James was reared in his native village, where his education was begun, and afterward attended Cape Girardeau College. At the age of eighteen years he began the study of telegraphy, which he mastered about 1878. His first appointment as station-agent and operator was at Corning, Ark., where he remained about six months. He was then successively at Poplar Bluffs, Allenville, Jefferson Barracks, Cabot, Ark., Charleston for three years, Helena, Ark., and thence back to Charleston in the latter part of 1885, in which place he has since been a resident. In September 1884, he was united in marriage with Miss Bettie Calendar, a native of Louisville, Ky., and a daughter of Moses and Nellie Calendar. Their union has been blessed by two bright little daughters, Florence L. and Mildred J.

James A. Greer

James A. Greer, a prominent farmer residing near Bertrand, Mississippi County, was born in 1825, in Henry County, Tenn., and is a son of Hezekiah. The latter, when but eleven years of age, came with her parents from South Carolina to Tennessee. Her parents located in Central Tennessee, but after the Jackson Purchase went to Benton County, where they died and were buried. Hezekiah Greer lived with his parents until he was married, when he engaged in farming in Henry County, Tenn. Remaining there several years, he removed to Carroll County and remained four or five years, when he went to Humphrey County. When that county was divided in 1836 he was placed in Benton County, in which he lived until his death in 1862, being about fifty-five years of age. His wife was born in 1805 and died in 1864. Both parents' deaths were caused by the war. They had eleven children, four of whom died in infancy: James A., William H. (deceased), John Riley (deceased), Rebecca Ann (Mrs. Harvey Madden), Greenbury, Cynthia J. (Mrs. Dr. J.B. Florence) and Francis Marion. At the time of the father's death, he owned 1,137 acres of land, which was divided equally among the seven children. James A. remained with his parents until he was married in August 1847, to Jemina Rushing, daughter of William Rushing, a native of North Carolina, of English descent. After his marriage Mr. Greer went to work for himself, clearing the woods to make a home for himself and family. He afterward traded farms with his brother, residing on the latter place from the fall of 1859 until 1871, when he sold the farm and removed to Mississippi County, locating where he now resides on December 16, 1871. He now has 240 acres under good cultivation, upon which he has a nice residence. He and wife have had ten children, five of whom died in infancy. Mary Catherine (Mrs. J.T. Childress) died in May 24, 1887, leaving five children. Those living are Sally Ann (Mrs. W.W. Gaty), Martin L., Cynthia E. (Mrs. Thomas Strickland) and Hezekiah D. Mr. and Mrs. Greer have been active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South since 1842. He is a Mason, to which order his father also belonged.

Martin Luther Greer

Martin Luther Greer, a substantial farmer residing near Bertrand, was born in Benton County, Tenn., on December 9, 1858. He is a son of James A. and Jemima (Rushing) Greer, both of whom are natives of Tennessee, who immigrated to Mississippi County, Mo., in 1871. Martin L. lived at home with his parent until he was twenty-three years of age, assisting on the farm and attending school during the winters, securing most of his education after removing to Missouri. On December 20, 1881, he was united in marriage with Emma J. Jordon, who was born in North Carolina, and is a daughter of Henry Jordon. Her mother died when she was but a child, and her father went to the war, and was never heard from again. It is supposed that he was killed. She was educated by J.C. Yarbrough, of Camden, Tenn., with whom she lived until her marriage. After his marriage Mr. Greer located on the farm upon which he now resides. Three children have blessed their union: Stella, Walker and Jemima. Mr. and Mrs. Greer are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. He is a member of the A.F. & A.M. Lodge No. 330. Although Mr. Greer is a young man, he takes considerable interest in everything that tends to promote the welfare of his community. In politics he is a Democrat.

John L. Greer

John L. Greer, a farmer of Mississippi County, residing near East Prairie, was born in Ohio County, Ky. He is a son of William and Sarah P. (Cox) Greer, also natives of Ohio County, Ky. They reared their family in their native county, and in the spring of 1859 came to Southeast Missouri, and located upon the land where the subject of this sketch now lives. They spent the remainder of their lives on this farm. Mr. Greer dying in 1865, and Mrs. Greer in the fall of 1887. To them were born six children, three of whom are living: James L., William I. and John L. The two gentlemen last named reside together on the old homestead, and James L. resides on a farm near them. Mr. John L. Greer has 120 acres of land, which has been greatly improved since the spring of 1860. Politically he is a Democrat.

Nathan M. Griggs

Nathan M. Griggs, of

Mississippi County, Mo., was born in Meade County, Ky., in February 1842. He is one of three surviving children of a family of nine, born to the union of David Griggs and Martha J. Staples. The father was born in New York, and immigrated to Kentucky when young. His wife was a native of Virginia, and they were both of English lineage. Mr. Griggs was a physician, and practiced his profession in Kentucky until his death in 1855. His wife died three years later, in 1858. Their three living children are Nathan M., Clarence e. and Levantha J. (Mrs. Stephen Smith of New York). Although Mr. Griggs was a physician, his family was reared on a farm. Nathan M. received a good education in the common schools, and remained with his parents until their deaths, when he began working for himself. He followed boating for several years on the Ohio and Mississippi rivers, running from Concordia, Ky., to New Orleans. In 1875 he removed to Mississippi County, Mo., locating where he now resides. The farm consists of 160 acres, nearly all of which is under cultivation, with good improvements. He was married in March 1875 to Lydia A., a daughter of John and Jane (Peak) Smith. Mr. Griggs and wife are members of the Baptist Church. They have three children: John D., Alonzo E. and Martha J. Mr. Griggs takes considerable interest in educational matters, and has served as school director. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and of the Agricultural Wheel.

W.F. Grinstead

Dr. W.F. Grinstead, a

prominent physician and surgeon of Charleston, was born near that place on October 8, 1853. He is a son of Andrew J. and Rachel A. (Brewer) Grinstead, the former born in Scott County, Mo., and the latter in Christian County, Ky. The grandfather, Edward Grinstead, emigrated from Warren County, Ky., to Southeast Missouri in the thirties, and settled in Scott County. Edward's father was David Grinstead, who was raised in Virginia, thence with his family to Virginia. John had a son Richard, who was a general in Washington's army at the close of the Revolutionary War. He was a farmer by occupation, which he followed until his death in 1848. The father was also a farmer and trader in live stock, in which business he was engaged the most of his life. He removed to Mississippi County about 1850, and remained there until his death in 1861. His wife died in 1875. They were the parents of four children, two of whom are living. Those dead are George D. and Lorenzo M. The two in life are Thomas M. and Dr. William F. The latter was reared on his father's farm until he was nineteen years of age when he entered the Charleston Academy, remaining for two years. In 1876 he began the study of medicine under Dr. J.L. Haw, then of Charleston, but now of Farmington, Mo. In the fall of 1876 he entered the Missouri Medical College at St. Louis, and after remaining there one term, he entered the Vanderbilt Medical College at Nashville, Tenn., graduating in the summer of 1877. During the winter of 1880-81 he held the position of *interne* or house surgeon in the City Hospital of Nashville, and in the meantime took lectures in the University of Nashville, medical department, receiving his second diploma in 1881. He immediately began the practice of his profession at Charleston, which he has successfully continued. Upon locating in Charleston he was appointed local surgeon for the Missouri Pacific Railroad, which position he still holds. He also held the office of county physician for three years. He was elected president of the Southeast Missouri Medical Association in 1885, and held the office one term. He had previously served as vice president of the association for two terms. He has written a number of essays which have been published in the *St. Louis Medical Courier*, viz: "Abscess of the Liver" read in May 1882; "Mother's Marks" read in November of that year, and "A Bad Cold" read in May 1884. The Doctor is a man of enterprise and public spirit, who seeks to promote the welfare of his people and community.

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Henry Hainesworth

Rev. Henry Hainesworth, presiding elder of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, was born in Hull, England, November 18, 1847. He is the youngest of six children born to the union of Henry Hainesworth and Anna Tomlinson, both of whom were natives of England. The father was a wholesale and retail merchant, which business he followed until his death in 1861. The mother died in 1872. Four of their children are living: Anna, Richmond, Thomas and Rev. Henry. The last was reared at his father's home, and was engaged in the mercantile business until he was twenty-three years of age. The early part of his education was received at the Army-Naval Academy, of Portsmouth, England, and was completed at the grammar school of Dudley, England. When twenty-three years of age he began to study for the ministry, and was licensed to preach the gospel at Newbury, England. In June, 1871, he took passage at Liverpool, on the steamer "Moravian" and landed at Norfolk, Va., after a fourteen-day's voyage. He then proceeded to Nashville, Tenn., where he remained about two months, administering the gospel, after which he was sent by the Bishop to Fayetteville, Tenn., where he joined the Tennessee Conference, and was transferred to St. James, Mo. He was ordained at Charleston, in November 1872, since which time he has been preaching the gospel in Southeast Missouri. He has been presiding elder for eleven years. In the fall of 1885 he removed to Charleston, where he has since resided, presiding over the Charleston District. He was married in August 1873, to Mary J. Scott, a daughter of Hon. J.T. Scott. His wife died in 1883, having borne him five children, of whom three are living: Anna M., Harry R. and Mary L. He was again married on March 30, 1886, choosing for his second wife, Bula E. Staats, a native of Mobile Ala.

Jacob Hainley

Jacob Hainley, a prominent farmer and highly respected citizen of Mississippi County, was born on January 2, 1822, in Logan County, Ky. He is a son of Jacob and Bethia (Jenkins) Hainley, both of German descent, and natives of North Carolina. The paternal great-grandfather, Jacob Hainley, was a farmer in North Carolina, where he died. The grandfather, Jacob Hainley, was a farmer by vocation. He also died in the Old North State. Jacob Hainley, the father, immigrated from his native State to Tennessee, thence to Calloway County, Ky., he with his family, removed in wagons to Missouri. He started with the intention of going to the Ozark Mountains, but settled on the edge of Mathews' Prairie, where he entered forty acres of land, and purchased forty acres. On this he built a log cabin, with puncheon floor and clapboard roof and door, in which cabin they lived for several years. He afterward made a good home for himself and family, where he resided until his death in 1842. His wife died in 1863. They had eleven children, of whom three are living: George (now in his eighty-fourth year, and a resident of Kentucky), Jeannette and Jacob. Those dead are Thomas, Henderson, Amberline, Ellen, Elizabeth, Eliza and two that died in infancy. Jacob was sixteen years old when he came with his parents to Mississippi County, and he remained with his father, helping to improve the farm, until the death of the latter, when he purchased a farm, upon which he resided until 1859. He then bought the farm on which he now lives, and has since built his large dwelling, and made all the other improvements. He now owns 900 acres of good land, which is well improved. In 1865 he was united in marriage with Polly A. Clark, a native of Missouri, and daughter of Nathaniel and Marselle (Pennington) Clark. Mr. and Mrs. Hainley have had seven children; Jacob and Charles are the only ones living. The ones deceased are Masieth, Bettie, Orrie, George and Willie. Mrs. Hainley is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. Mr. Hainley is a member of the I.O.O.F. Politically he is a Democrat, but he has never sought or held a political office. He has preferred the life of an independent farmer, in which he has been very successful. Nathaniel Clark (deceased), Mrs. Hainley's father, was born in Christian County, Ky., on May 4, 1804, being a son of Jonathan and Jane (Rogers) Clark, the former a native of Ireland, and the latter of Scotland. They immigrated to America just before the Revolutionary War, and settled in North Carolina, where they remained a few years. Mr. Clark being a soldier in the Revolutionary War. He died in 1850, in Christian County, Ky., whither he had immigrated several years previous. Nathaniel was married in that county, and had five children - four sons and one daughter: Alonzo, Franklin, Jonathan, Phine (deceased) and Polly A. Alonzo and Franklin both died in the Confederate army. Mr. and Mrs. Clark landed in Mississippi County on March 12, 1832, and located in the southern part of Tywappity Township, where he entered about 400 acres of government land. He died in 1839. Mrs. Clark died on July 29, 1866. She was a consistent member of the Baptist Church.

Alfred L. Hall

Alfred L. Hall was born in Virginia in 1841, and is the youngest of eight children born to Andrew and Permelia Hall, natives of Tennessee and Virginia respectively. Andrew Hall went to Virginia in his youthful days, and was afterward married there. After the birth of all his children he, with his family removed to Illinois, the subject of this sketch being then but two years of age. They located in Massac County, which was the parents' home until their deaths. Alfred L. is the only surviving member of the family. He came to Scott County Mo., where he resided until 1864, when he removed to Mississippi County and located on his present farm in James Bayou Township. In 1865 he married Harriet Waters, a native of Scott County, Mo. She died in 1870, leaving three children: Hannibal C., Calvin M. and Alfred W. (twins). She was also a mother of one child that died in infancy. Mr. Hall afterward married Sarah Burgess, who was born in Pike County, Ohio, and is the daughter of Nathaniel and Mary Burgess, natives of Virginia, who went to Ohio with their respective parents when young. They were married in Ohio, and became the parents of four children, Mrs. Hall being the only one living. Mr. and Mrs. Hall enjoyed the comforts of a good home, and have six children: Alice, Elmer, John W., Nancy S., Ella E., Della F. and Guy I. Mr. Hall manifests considerable interest in educational matters, and has served as president of the school board for fifteen years. Mrs. Hall is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

James W. Harper

James W. Harper, a successful

farmer of Mississippi County, Mo., was born in Caldwell County, Ky., in 1852 and is a son of Henry H. and Cynthia A. (Castlebury) Harper, both of whom were born and reared in Kentucky. They were married in their native State and about 1860 removed to Southeast Missouri, and located in Mississippi County, on the farm upon which the subject of this sketch now lives (in St. James Township). The father died there in 1874 and his widow is now living with her son, James W. She is sixty-eight years of age, and enjoys fair health. She is the eldest of the family of twelve children, viz: Martha C. (Hunter), James and Washington (twins), Noah, William (deceased), Nathan, Althea, John, Perneesa, Benjamin and Mary. To Henry H. and Cynthia A. Harper were born twelve children: Hellen L. (Mrs. W.M. Wilson, of Kentucky), Althea E. (Mrs. P. Bishop, of Point Pleasant, Mo.), Martha J. (deceased), William W. (deceased), Mildred Ann (deceased), Louisa K. (deceased), James W., Cynthia S. (deceased), John D. (deceased), Mary P. (Mrs. Marshall Clark), and two that died in infancy. James W. engaged in farming for himself on his present place in 1874. His farm consisted of 295 acres with about 100 acres under cultivation with good improvements.

William L. Harper

William L. Harper, a

prominent farmer and stock raiser of Mississippi County, Mo., was born in Henry County, Tenn., in 1853 and is a son of Robert and Nancy (Smith) Harper, both natives of Middle Tennessee. The former was born in 1805 and is of English descent, his ancestors having settled first in the United States near Harper's Ferry, Va. Some of the family emigrated from thence to Middle Tennessee. In 1851 Robert Harper removed, with his family to Western Tennessee, where he was engaged in farming until 1873 when he removed to Mississippi County, Mo., and settled on the place where the subject of this sketch now lives. Both parents died at their home in 1881. The mother was born in 1812. They were universally respected, and were the parents of thirteen children, three of whom died in infancy. James Harper was taken prisoner at the battle of Atlanta, and died soon after, leaving a wife and two children: John H. and James B., both residents of Benton County, Tenn. Robert Harper was killed in Tennessee during the Rebellion and was buried in his father's orchard in Benton County. He also left a wife and two children: Maria F. (Mrs. Samuel Walters) John B., Josiah, Thomas J., David H., William L. and Green H. William L. Lived with his parents until their deaths, when he purchased the home farm of the heirs. In 1888 he sold that farm and purchased 800 acres of good land one mile north of Bertrand; with about 350 acres under cultivation, upon which is a good residence called Wood Lawn. Mr. Harper married Fannie Ostner, daughter of Ferdinand and Elizabeth (Espinasse) Ostner, natives of Germany and France, respectively. Mrs. Ostner is the daughter of a French army officer, and niece of Gen. Espinasse, who fell at Sebastopol, in October 1854. Mr. Ostner removed to St. Louis in 1850 and in 1868 or 1869 to Scott County, Mo., where he owns about 2,000 acres of land and is now extensively engaged in farming and stock raising. He and wife are the parents of four children: Fannie (Mrs. Harper), Katie (Mrs. Welch), Clara (Mrs. Daniel) and Max. Mr. and Mrs. Harper have two children: Robert Ferdinand and Eunice Blanch.

William M. Harris

William M. Harris, of the firm of W.M. & A.C. Harris, farmers and dealers in stock, was born in Mississippi County, Mo., February 8, 1845. He is a son of Alfred E. and Barbara (Martin) Harris, of whom the former was a native of Charleston, S.C. He immigrated to Daviess County, Ky., at an early day, and remained until 1835, when in November of that year he, with his family, immigrated to Mississippi County, Mo., coming down the Ohio River in a flat-boat. Unloading his goods at Bird's Point, he went to Long Prairie, and made a settlement on what is now known as the Sherman farm. He purchased 600 acres of unimproved land, the most of which was heavy timbered, consequently it required several years of hard labor to make his start in life. Neighbors were scarce, and the wild animals were frequent callers at his cabin door. He made that his home till 1855, when he purchased and located upon 600 acres of land near Greenfield's landing. Remaining there until 1860, he purchased and removed to the farm upon which the Harris brothers now reside. He remained there until his death in 1866. His widow still survives, in her seventy-fifth years, and makes her home with her sons W.M. and A.C. She and husband were the parents of ten children, six of whom are living: Mary Edens, Martha V. (Mrs. William Rodney), Phoebe C. (Mrs. Frederick Duvall), Richard B., William M. and Alvin C. The two gentlemen last named have never married. They are indeed wide-awake and successful business men, and own one of the finest farms in Southeast Missouri. They have 2,000 acres of fine land, mostly used for corn, wheat and watermelons. It is all, with the exception of 160 acres under cultivation; 800 acres are in one tract, of which 660 are sown in wheat this season. They are extensive dealers in stock of all kinds, handling annually between \$40,000 and \$50,000 worth, and feed from 200 to 300 head of cattle each year. They also keep a great many hogs. In 1885 they had 600 acres of watermelons under cultivation, and each year they pay considerable attention to raising melons, having about 200 acres for that purpose. They ship an average of 150 car-loads annually. Their homestead is beautifully situated about a mile northwest of Charleston.

John T. Heggie

John T. Heggie was born in Caswell County, N.C., September 24, 1837, and is a son of Archibald and Nancy (Love) Heggie. The paternal great-grandparents came from Scotland and settled in Virginia, and removed from thence to North Carolina. The grandfather, James Heggie, was a tailor by trade, which he followed during his life. The maternal great-grandparents came from Ireland, and located in North Carolina. The grandfather, John Love, was born about 1792, and was a farmer by vocation. He die din 1840. The maternal grandmother, Love, was a relative of Gen. Robert E. Lee. Archibald Heggie was born on April 23, 1811, in Person County N.C. and was reared on a farm. Along with the rising generation of those early times, he received but a limited education. In 1846 he removed his family to Benton County, Tenn., and a journey which required five weeks and three days was made in wagons. After arriving there, he purchased a farm, upon which he resided until 1874, when he immigrated to Mississippi County, Mo., whither his son, John T. had previously removed. He located near Bertrand, where he resided until his death on December 25, 1887. He was a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and his widow, who is still living, is also a member of that church. She was born in Caswell County, N.C., on October 19, 1820. They were the parents of three children: John T., Martha A. (now the wife of Robert W. Ayers, of Benton County, Tenn) and James (who died in 1836). John T. being but nine years of age when his parents removed to Benton County, Tnn., his education was secured there. He remained with his father on the farm until he was twenty-three years of age, when he was united in marriage (on May 31, 1860) with Mary T. Rushing, a daughter of Richard and Mahala (Ashcroft) Rushing, both natives of Tennessee, now deceased. In 1861 he enlisted in the Confederate army, joining Capt. R.W. Ayers' Company, and was assigned to post duty at Danville, Tenn., guarding a railroad bridge. After remaining there some time he was ordered to Henderson Station, Tenn., to guard the railroad, where they remained until after the battle of Corinth, when their command was cut off, and they received orders to mount themselves and go to Tullahoma, when they were again put on guard for a short time, when the company reorganized, and Mr. Heggie was elected second lieutenant. He was taken prisoner at Lindon, Tenn., and sent to Alton, Ill., where he was held one month and exchanged after which he was sent east, but arriving at Pittsburgh, he was ordered to Johnston's Island, where he was held prisoner until February 20, 1865, when he was sent on exchange, and joined his old command at Marion, Ala., but before thirty days the army had surrendered. In 1866 he rented a farm in Henderson County, Tenn. and raised one crop, when he removed to Haywood County. From there he removed to Benton County, and remained until 1873, when he immigrated to Mississippi County, Mo. He purchased 240 acres of land, which he cultivated until 1879, when he sold it and purchased property in Bertrand, in which town he built a grist-mill and cotton gin, which he managed for several years. He was also railroad agent in Bertrand for seven years, and was meanwhile engaged in the mercantile business. He moved to his present home in Charleston in December 1886. He still owns considerable property in and around Bertrand. On November 7, 1886, he was elected clerk of Mississippi County, receiving the greatest number of votes of any candidate for any office. He and wife are consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. He is a Mason and a member of the A.O. U.W. Mr. and Mrs. Heggie are the Parents of twelve children, viz: Susan L., Mattie E., Richard A., Robert E.L., Lillian M., Fannie M., Mary E., John P., Bessie F., Eula B., Arthur W. (deceased) and an infant (deceased).

Ferdinand J. Hess

Ferdinand J. Hess, an enterprising farmer and stock raiser, located on Black Bayou, Mississippi Co., Mo. Was born in Gibson County, Tenn, and is a son of Nelson I. and Catherine H. (Hill) Hess, natives of Kentucky and Tennessee, respectively [see sketch of Dr. J.H. Hess]. The subject of this sketch was reared at the home of his parents, and after the death of his father, much of the care of the family devolved upon him. He received a good education at Andrew College, which is a Methodist Episcopal school at Trenton, Tenn. In 1875 he came to Southeast Missouri and located in Wolf Island Township. He purchased his land on Black Bayou in 1885, and he is adding every year to its many improvements. His farm consists of 900 acres of the best land on the bayou, with 400 acres under cultivation. He raises an average of 8,000 bushels of grain annually, which he ships to different markets. He also deals largely in stock, and always has on his farm a great many head of cattle, mules, and such other animals necessary to run the farm. He is a judge of the county court, representing the Second District of Mississippi County. In politics he is a Democrat.

John L. Howlett

John L. Howlett, a prominent farmer of Mississippi County, was born in Bullitt County, Ky., on October 26, 1836, and is the son of Luke and Eliza (Lee) Howlett, of Scotch-Irish descent and natives of Virginia and Kentucky, respectively. The grandfather, John Howlett, was also born in Virginia, and was in the War of 1812, participating in the battle of New Orleans under Gen. Jackson. He emigrated from his native State to Kentucky at an early period. Luke Howlett was an infant when he went with his parents to Bullitt County, Ky. He was there reared to farm life, and remained until his death in 1883. His widow is still living in Kentucky, at the age of seventy-three years. They were the parents of nine children, seven of whom are living: John L., William, Franklin, Miles, Bettie, Alice and Selenia. Those deceased are Drusilla and Aura. John L. remained in his native county until he was twenty-two years of age, when he came to Missouri. He came on a steamer from Louisville to Price's Landing, walking from the latter place to Charleston. In 1858 he bought 120 acres of land, upon which he has since resided. The land was timbered and required the labor of several years to get it under cultivation. He has since purchased more land, and now has 760 acres, with 500 under cultivation, with good improvements. In 1859 he was united in marriage with Elizabeth, a daughter of William T. Lee. She died on March 2, 1885, leaving three children: Sterling P., Luke and John L., Jr. Mr. Howlett is a Mason. He has served as constable two terms and as deputy one term. He was second lieutenant of Col. Deal's militia. On February 22, 1887, he wedded Rilda, a daughter of Thomas Lee. He and wife are members of the Baptist Church.

Charles J. Hubbard

Charles J. Hubbard, an influential stock dealer, merchant and farmer of East Prairie, Mississippi Co., Mo., was born in New Madrid County, 1851, and is a son of William B. Hubbard, a native of Kentucky, who came to Southeast Missouri when about sixteen years of age, and married Malinda J. Barnes, a native of Southeast Missouri. Mr. Hubbard located in New Madrid County, near the mouth of James Bayou, where he and wife are still living, engaged in farming in which business he has been very successful. To them were born six children: George W., Charles J., Martha B. (wife of Isaac De Leon, who lives on the home place), John S., Robert N. (deceased) and C. Thomas (deceased). Charles J. remained at his father's home, and assisted on the farm until he was twenty-four years of age, when he removed to East Prairie, and commenced farming. He has now a good farm of 320 acres with about 200 under cultivation. He owns several buildings in East Prairie, including a good hotel. He handles annually about 35,000 or 40,000 bushels of corn, 1,000 head of hogs and 500 head of cattle. He has been twice married, the first time to Eudora Fugate who was born and reared in Southeast Missouri, and was a daughter of Bird Fugate. To this union were born four children: Paulina, Arluna, Bird and Jesse. The mother of these children died in August 6, 1886. Mr. Hubbard married the second time Mrs. Mattie Long, a native of Kentucky. She has two children by her first marriage: Minnie and Lena. Mr. Hubbard is one of Mississippi County's enterprising citizens, in the progress of which he takes great interest.

Benjamin Huff

Benjamin Huff, sheriff of Mississippi County, was born in that county on August 19, 1843, and is a son of William D. Huff, a native of Breckenridge County, Ky. The latter is a son of Benjamin Huff, who came from Germany to Breckenridge County, Ky., at a very early day, and was a settler with Daniel Boone, with whom he used to hunt. He was the first sheriff of Breckenridge County, and was among the first to represent the county in the Legislature. He was in the Indian War, and was captured at one time on the Ohio River, at the mouth of Salt River by red men. They put him on a raft and tied him with a buckskin thong, but he loosened it, pushed one of the guards off into the river, and shot the other. He owned considerable land which he had taken up from the government. The paternal grandmother was a sister of Ben. Hardin, who built Hardinsburg Fort, a German settlement. William D. Huff was reared to farm life in his native State, in which he married Elizabeth Walls, also a native of Breckenridge County, Ky. In 1843 he went down the Ohio River on a flat-boat, which he had built for that purpose, to Bird's Point, Mississippi County, Mo. From thence he went to what is known as Mathews' Prairie. During the big flood in the spring of 1844, he removed to Fish Lake, and bought a pre-emption, with about ten or twelve acres improved, from a Mr. Bill George. Here he made a home and resided until his death in December 1860. His wife is also dead. They had four children, two of whom are living: Benjamin and Elizabeth, widow of Edwin Quinn. The subject of this sketch remained with his father until the latter's death. About this time, troops were called, and in Jun 1861 he enlisted in the Confederate army, joining Company A, Fortieth Tennessee, provisional army. He participated in the battles of Corinth, Coffeeville and the siege of Island No. 10, of which he saw the surrender. He was taken prisoner by Gen. Grant and sent to Camp Douglas, Chicago, where he was kept six months, when he was exchanged and assigned to the Eighth Kentucky Regiment. Being captured again at Coffeeville in November 1862, he was taken to Oxford, Miss., where he was imprisoned two weeks, when he was paroled. Returning home he engaged in farming, which has since continued. He has been a resident of Charleston since December 8, 1884. On January 1, 1863, he was united in marriage with Martha Hargan, a native of Hardin County, Ky., by whom he has one child, Martha B., who married James T. Brown, September 22, 1878. They have three children: Benjamin, Effie Maud and Thomas, all of whom live at Huff's Landing, Mississippi County. Mr. and Mrs. Huff are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and of the I.O.O.F. In 1884 he was elected sheriff and collector, and was re-elected sheriff in 1886. He is public-spirited, and is one of the prominent men of Mississippi County.

William W. Humphreys, a

prominent farmer of Mississippi County, was born on December 10, 1837, two miles northeast of Charleston. He is a son of Washington and Ann M. (Russell) Humphreys, both of English descent, and natives of Maryland. The family came west in 1836, in company with the Russell and Moore families, making the journey to Wheeling, Va., in wagons, and from thence by water to West Philadelphia, now called Price's Landing. Mr. Humphreys was a shoe-maker by vocation, and died two years after his arrival in Southeast Missouri. Mrs. Humphreys was married in 1840 to W.B. Bush, who removed to Southeast Missouri 1813, and was one of Mississippi County's most prominent men, having served as judge of the court for a number of years. He died on July 23, 1859. His widow lived until July 7, 1885. There were two children born to the first marriage: James W. (who was born in 1836, and died in August, 1845) and William W. The children by the second marriage are Paleman C., John L. (killed by a train in 1869), Richard B. (died August 23, 1865), James L., Joseph R., Galena A. (died In 1873), Mary E. (died September 22, 1862) and Price L. William W. Humphreys lived at his mother's home until he was twenty-one years of age, taking charge of the farm after the death of his father. When twenty-two years of age he was married to Emma Noyes, a native of Mississippi County. Her parents were natives of New Hampshire, and immigrated to Louisville, Ky., in 1818 and in 1831 to Southeast Missouri, removing to Mississippi County in 1840. Her father died in 1845 and his widow was married to Francis Kirkpatrick in 1853. She died in October 5, 1875 and was the mother of four children, all of whom are dead. After his marriage Mr. Humphreys located in Long Prairie Township, where he has since resided, engaged in farming, with the exception of seven months in 1871. He sold out and removed to Newton County, but did not like the country, so returned to his native county, and settled where he now resides. He has taken a prominent part in politics, in which he is a Democrat. In 1882 he aspired for the judgeship of the county, but was defeated on account of the negro vote going solidly for his opponent. He was a member of the Democratic central committee for six years. His wife died on February 22, 1877, having borne him seven children, viz: Walter (deceased), Elizabeth (deceased), Mary G. (deceased), William M. (deceased), Julia, Flora, and John M. (deceased). On June 2, 1877, Mr. Humphreys was married to Harriet Robinson. Six children have been born to this union: Emma F., Albert H., Minnie L., Gertrude, Cora M. and James A. Mr. Humphreys has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church for thirty-three years. His wife is also a member. He is a Mason. He joined the I.O.G.T. in May 1855, and he declares that he has never violated the obligation taken at that time. He has also been a member of the A.O.U.W. but surrendered his policy because he was not able to support his family and keep assessments paid up. Mr. Humphreys has followed teaching school and other vocations, such as railroad agent, shipping agent, clerking in dry-goods stores, weighing corn, etc. He is hale and hearty and enjoys the esteem and confidence of a large circle of friends and acquaintances, and seems to be good for many years of active life. His average weight is about 185 pounds.

Charles F. Hurst

Charles F. Hurst, foreman of

Bird's Mill, Mississippi County, Mo., was born in the Kingdom of Saxony, Germany, in November 1842. His father, John Hurst, is also a native of Germany, who immigrated to America in 1854 and located in Knoxville, Tenn. His mother died soon after reaching America, in 1854. John Hurst engaged in farming as his chief vocation while in his native land, but also worked at the milling business some. He was also a mechanic. He still resides in Knoxville, but has retired from business. He and wife had six children, all of whom were born in Germany. Four of them are living: Charles F., Jane, Minnie and Augusta. Charles F., being about twelve years of age when his parents removed to America, had received a fair education in Germany. He remained with his father until 1861, when he enlisted in the Confederate army, joining the Third Missouri Cavalry, under Gen. Price at Springfield, Mo. He participated in the battles of Pea Ridge, Iuka, Corinth, Champion's Hill, Big Black River, and other minor engagements, being captured by Grant's army at the last named place. He was taken to Camp Morton prison, thence to Fort Delaware, and afterward to Point Lookout. After being held as a prisoner for ten months, he was paroled, after which he went to St. Louis, where he engaged in steam boating on the Mississippi River for three years, making St. Louis his home. January 1, 1868, he located in Mississippi County, where he has since resided. He now owns about 500 acres of land with 200 acres under cultivation. In 1869 he wedded Anna Wells, a native of Tennessee. They have five sons: John C., Charles J., William A., Harry L. and Arthur B. Mr. Hurst is a Mason. He has been in Stephen Bird's employ for twenty years, as foreman of both grist mill and saw and planing mills. He is a notary public, and is serving his second term as justice of the peace.

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Joseph H. Jenkinson

Joseph H. Jenkinson, deceased, was born in Worcestershire, England, January 23, 1835 and saw the son of Samuel and Catherine Jenkinson, both of whom were natives of England. Joseph grew to manhood in Worcestershire and on March 10, 1863, was married to Elizabeth Law, who was born in 1839 and is a daughter of Joseph and Sarah Law, natives of Shropshire, England, now deceased. Mrs. Jenkinson was young when her parents died, and she afterward resided, until her marriage, with her half-sister in Stafordshire. Mr. Jenkinson was a cabinet-maker, and followed his trade as long as he remained in his native country. On July 31, 1863, he with his family set sail for America landing at New York City on the 10th of August of the same year. On account of Mrs. Jenkinson's illness they remained in that city two weeks, when they went by rail to Chicago, when they were again detained two weeks for the same reason. From that city they went to Cairo, Ill., where they remained three years. Mr. Jenkinson being engaged in carpentering. He then went to Whistler, near Mobile, Ala., where he was employed in the car shops, finishing passenger cars for about five years. In the fall of 1869 he came to Southeast Missouri and located on East Prairie, in Mississippi County, where he improved the farm upon which his family now resides. They have a good farm, upon which is a fine residence. Mr. Jenkinson was a very active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, to which his family also belong. He died September 7, 1884. To Mr. and Mrs. Jenkinson were born six children: Agnes L. (deceased), Katie L., Harry L., and three who died in infancy.

Frank A. Jordan

Frank A. Jordan, an enterprising farmer and stock raiser of Wolf Island Township, Mississippi County, was born in Hickman County, Ky., in 1839. His parents, William S. and Julia A. (Caldwell) Jordan, were born and reared in Woodford County, Ky. His maternal great-grandparents were born and reared in Ireland. His grandfather, George Jordan, came to America from England several years before the Revolutionary War, in which he afterward participated. He had a brother on the other side, who was with Cornwallis' army at the time of its surrender. After the war George Jordan located in Culpeper County, Va., having married in that State. About 1791 he removed with his family to Woodford County, Ky. He and wife had three boys and two girls: Thomas G., John J., William S., Martha and Rachel. William S. was married in his native county in 1826, and after residing there two years longer removed to Hickman County, which was afterward his home. However, he died in Anderson County at the age of seventy-six years. He served as high sheriff of Hickman County for four years, and as judge of the court for sixteen years. He was also one of the county commissioners, and a very prominent Royal Arch Mason. His children are George A., Thomas G., William H., John V., Frank A., Eugene B., Edwin, Ophelia C., Mary R. (Mrs. John C. Gray), Martha A., Leonora A. (Mrs. James W. Farris of Pemiscot County, Mo.) and Virginia E. Frank A. came to Southeast Missouri in 1859 to live with his sister, Mrs. Gray, who had come here in 1856. He has since made Mississippi County his home. On April 15, 1861, he enlisted in the army, joining a Kentucky regiment, but was discharged in November of that year, when he enlisted in the Enrolled Missouri Militia and served one year under Capt. Prichett. After the war he resumed work on the farm, and was married in 1865 to Ann B. Cooley, who was born in Mississippi County, Mo. in 1844. She died in 1877, leaving three children, Frank C., Florence A. and Thomas Q. Mr. Jordan afterward married Nannie R. Young, born on Wolf Island, Ky. She came with her parents, Rev. William K. and Rebecca Young to Southeast Missouri, when about six weeks old. The family returned to Kentucky in 1854, and remained until 1861, when they came back to Southeast Missouri, where Rev. Young died, April 18, 1863, being the father of but one child - Nannie R. Mrs. Young, however, had been married twice previously. She died in Marion County, Mo., on April 20, 1875, whither she had moved in April 1865. Mr. Jordan has two children by his last wife: Eugenia T. and Ophelia E. In 1880 Mr. Jordan was elected judge of Mississippi County Court, and held the office four years. He served as deputy sheriff two years and has been justice of the peace since 1874.

George W. Kenrick

George W. Kenrick, a prominent citizen of Southeast Missouri and an enterprising merchant of Charleston, was born in County Wexford, Ireland, on June 17, 1818. He is one of two children born to the union of William Kenrick and Fannie White, both of whom were natives of the "Emerald Isle". The former was a merchant and farmer in Enniscourthy, Ireland, which business he followed during his life. His first wife (the mother of George W. and Kate) died several years previous to his death, and he had several children by a second marriage. George W. was reared in his native country and learned the carpenter's trade. In 1842 he was united in marriage with Emily Walker, and in the summer of that year took passage at Liverpool for America. After several weeks of ocean voyage he and wife landed at New York, and went from there to Alleghany County, Penn., where he worked at his trade a few months, then engaged in farming, which he continued about two years. He then went to Cincinnati, where he remained a short time and removed to St. Louis, remaining there about one year. In 1844 he removed to what is now Bird's Point, Mississippi Co., Mo., where he resided about one year and went to Pittsburgh, Penn. Soon after he bought a trading boat and engaged in merchandising on the Ohio River, going down the Mississippi below Memphis. He made two trips which took him as many years, after which he located his boat at Cairo, Ill., and was engaged in merchandising along the river three years longer. He then returned to Bird's Point, where he engaged in merchandising and hotel keeping. He also served as postmaster. In 1862 he removed to Charleston, where he has since been in the merchandise business. He has served as postmaster of Charleston, justice of the peace, lieutenant of State militia, city alderman and mayor of the city several terms. He owns the Kenrick Hotel, which was erected in 1877, and which is one of the finest and most commodious in Southeast Missouri. He also owns five brick business buildings and ten frame buildings in Charleston. No man has done more than Mr. Kenrick to build up the city of Charleston, with the interest of which city he has been identified for a number of years. His first wife died in 1850, having reared two children, one of whom (William) is living. In 1851 Mr. Kenrick married Mary Rodney, by whom he has had five children, four of whom are living, viz: George, Albert, Emma and Annie. Besides Mr. Kenrick's property in Charleston, he owns \$8,000 worth in Cairo, Ill., also four large farms. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity and of the I.O.O.F. His son George is the manager of the store at Charleston, and is an intelligent young man of good business qualifications. From 1847 to 1851 Mr. Kenrick was in the merchandise business at Cairo. He owns about \$2,500 worth of real estate in Scott County, Mo.

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Robert Langsdale

Robert Langsdale was born in

Somerset County, Md., January 7, 1842, and is a son of Robert and Eleanor (Bebsworth) Langsdale, both natives of Maryland, and of English descent. The grandfather Bebsworth served four years in the army in England, after which he came to America, and fought three years in the Revolutionary War. He then immigrated to Maryland, in which State he died. Robert Langsdale was born in 1812, and was reared near Quantico, Md. He owned considerable land, which his slaves cultivated. He also owned three sailing vessels, which ran from Baltimore to Washington, Philadelphia and Charleston, S.C. He followed boating in early life, but after he became owner of those vessels, he had them run by hired help. He was very successful in business, being at the time of his death worth about \$30,000. His death occurred in 1857. He and wife were the parents of eight children, viz: Mary A., Estella, John L., Margaret, Thaddeus, Robert, William T. (deceased) and Laura E. (deceased). Robert was reared on his father's farm, upon which he remained until the beginning of the war; when he enlisted in the Confederate army joining Company C, Twenty-third Regiment of Maryland, with which he participated in a few skirmishes. Upon returning to his regiment, after a visit home on furlough, he was captured April 4, 1864, and was taken to Baltimore prison where he was kept two months before he had his trial. Three charges were brought against him: first, as being a rebel spy; second as being a rebel soldier, and in the Federal lines; and third, for running the blockades. He was sentenced to one year's hard labor, at Fort Jefferson, on the coast of Florida. After serving his time at the prison, in which he fared very poorly, he returned home, and engaged to work on a sailing vessel. He afterward bought a third interest in a vessel, and became its master, remaining with it on the sea until 1869, when he, with his wife and two children, removed to Mississippi County, Mo., where he has since resided, engaged in farming. In 1866 he wedded Roxana Brown, a native of Maryland, who died in 1881, having borne four children, viz: Willie V., George W., Alberta (deceased) and Laura (deceased). Mr. Langsdale afterward married Sallie Black, by whom he had one child (deceased). This wife died in 1883. On August 26, 1886, he was united in marriage with Lu Ella Alexander, a daughter of John and Frances E. (Trice) Alexander. The father was born in Virginia, August 30, 1816 and is a son of William and Elizabeth (Powers) Alexander, of German and English descent, respectively. John Alexander was reared in Christian County, Ky., and is a farmer. In 1845 he removed to Ballard County, where he has since resided, until the last few years. He has been a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church since 1835. He and wife were married on April 15, 1849 and are the parents of eight children, five of whom are living: Sarah A., Lucy F., Mercie E., Ella and William R. His wife died in November, 1865. Mr. and Mrs. Langsdale have one child, Nellie, deceased. He and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is a member of the A.O.U.W.

James A. Lee

James A. Lee, an enterprising

farmer of Mississippi County, was born in Bullitt County, Ky., on March 31, 1839. He is a son of William T. and Dorothea (Lee) Lee, both natives of Bullitt County, Ky. Both the grandfathers, John Lee and Henry Lee emigrated from Maryland to Kentucky, and settled in Bullitt County, where the former died. The latter remained there several years, and in 1848 removed to Mississippi County, Mo., and settled on a farm in Mathews' Prairie, joining the farm on which James A. now resides, and on which he lived until his death on March 31, 1864. William T. Lee was a farmer, and came with his parents to Mississippi County, when he purchased the old McElmurry farm, on which our subject now resides. He soon had the place under cultivation, with good improvements, and resided there until his death on January 2, 1862. His wife died in October 1878. They were the parents of eleven children, of whom three are living: Nancy (Mrs. W.H. Snellin), James A. and Rebecca (Mrs. Frank Howell). Those deceased are Margaret, John H., Elizabeth, Susan, Phillip, and an infant unnamed. James A. was but nine years of age when he came with his parents to Mississippi County. In 1861 he enlisted in Capt. Price's Company, First Missouri Cavalry, under Gen. Jeff. Thompson (confederate). On December 28, 1861, he was captured at his home by the Second Illinois Cavalry, and was taken to Bird's Point, where he was kept in prison for two months. He was then sent (via St. Louis, where he was kept one week) to Alton, Ill., where he remained two months. After enduring many hardships, and being reduced much in flesh, he as released from prison on parole May 20, 1862 and returned home and resumed farming, assisting his mother in taking care of his younger brothers and sisters, as his father had died while he was in prison. He has been twice married, the first time to Belle Hudson, who died in 1873. He was married the second time, in 1883 to Elizabeth Smith, a native of Mississippi County. Mr. Lee is a member of the Masonic fraternity and I.O.O.F., and is also a Wheeler.

John Lett

John Lett a substantial

farmer near Bertrand, Mississippi County, was born in McNairy County, Tenn., in 1843. He is a son of Ambrose Lett, a native of East Tennessee, born in 1815. The latter was married to Nettie Jane Clayton, who was born in North Carolina, on July 3, 1821, and when a young girl was taken by her parents to Tennessee. They made the journey with teams, and settled in McNairy County. Mr. Ambrose Lett was a very successful farmer, and he brought his wife and children to Southeast Missouri about 1844, and located east of Charleston, where he resided about one year. He then resided at Springfield and Cape Girardeau each one year, when he returned to Mississippi County and located near Bertrand, where he died in 1863, universally beloved and respected. After his death his widow married Henry Fletcher, a native of Henry County, Tenn., who had spent the most of his life in Texas, engaged in farming. Five years after his marriage he went away and has never been heard from since. His wife now resides with the subject of this sketch. She has been a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church for more than thirty years. She and Mr. Lett were the parents of eight children: Mary Jane (deceased), John, Mary Catherine, William, Louisa (widow of Marion Francis), Lucinda (deceased) and Matthew Hubbard. John lived at his father's until 1867, when he married Mary J. Hainely, who was born in Dunklin County, Mo., in 1843. She is the daughter of Thomas Hainely, of German descent. He relocated near Hot Springs, Ark. After residing there one year, he moved back to Dunklin County and remained about six years, when he removed to Mississippi County. He died at the age of thirty-seven years (in 1857) and his wife when thirty-five years of age (in 1853). Their children are George P., Mary J., Thomas G., Samuel and Elizabeth, all deceased, except Mary J. After his marriage Mr. Lett engaged in farming on the place upon which he now resides. He was engaged in the mercantile business at Sikeston for twenty six months but in 1884 he returned to his farm, upon which he has a fine residence, built in that year. He and wife have had nine children, three of whom are living: Thomas L., Albert E. and John R. Those deceased are Mary L., Robert J., Altha J. and Albert J. (twins), Leonard F. and Laura May. Politically Mr. Lett is a Democrat. He is also a Mason and a member of the A.O.U.W.

J.W. Lindsay

J.W. Lindsay, dealer in

General merchandise at Charleston, was born in St. Louis, March 13, 1842, and is a son of Joseph and Ann (Walker) Lindsay, both of whom were natives of County Kildare, Ireland. The former was a farmer by vocation. In 1840 he left his native country for America, taking passage at Liverpool. After several weeks ocean voyage, he landed at New Orleans, from whence he went up the Mississippi River to St. Louis, where he was engaged in business until his death by cholera in 1849. His widow died in St. Louis, in 1875. They had nine children. Those living are Horatio, Eliza J., Emily, Charlotte, Harriet and John W. Those dead are Frederick, Arthur and Joseph. John W. was about seven years of age when his father died. His widowed mother, left with the care of a large family, gave him such education in his native city as she could afford. In 1853 he went to Charleston, Mo., and entered the store of George W. Kenrick, as clerk. Remaining with him until 1862, he enlisted in the famous Camp Jackson Confederate organization. He was taken prisoner at the camp, but was paroled, and in 1863-64 he attended Notre Dame College, at South Bend, Ind., taking a business course. He was then employed as clerk by Mr. Kenrick until 1870, when he engaged in his present business. He now owns the store-building, of which he occupies two rooms, and also owns the two adjoining buildings, a room for agricultural implements, in which he deals extensively, and also in wagons and buggies, etc. He was married in 1872 to Sonora Taylor, of Cape Girardeau, by whom he has four children: John W., Sonora, Thomas and Lucilla. Mrs. Lindsay is a member of the Catholic church. Mr. Lindsay is a member of the Episcopal Church. He is a Mason and a member of the Blue Lodge and Royal Arch Chapter.

William Love

William Love, an enterprising

merchant of Bertrand, Mississippi Co., Mo., was born in Caswell County, N.C., on the 22d day of November, 1830. He is a son of John and Martha Love, of Scotch-English descent. The former died in North Carolina, when forty-four years of age, and soon after (in 1846) his widow and children immigrated to Tennessee. The journey being overland required seven weeks. The family resided in Tennessee until the death of their mother, at the age of sixty-seven years. The parents were very prominent and popular people, being consistent members and strong supporters of the Methodist Episcopal Church. They were the parents of thirteen children, ten of whom died in infancy. Nancy (who was the wife of A. Heggie, of Bertrand) was married in North Carolina, quite young. They afterward moved to Tennessee, where they resided until 1873, when they moved to Bertrand. They resided there until his death, which occurred December 25, 1887, at the mature age of seventy-seven years. Nancy raised two children, John and Martha. John lives in Charleston, and Martha lives near Camden, Benton Co., Tenn. Ira died during the Rebellion, leaving a widow and four children. William Love being the youngest of the three, lived with his mother until 1861, when he was drafted into the army. His occupation up to this time was that of an agriculturist. In 1872 he married M.E. Rushing, a daughter of Richard Rushing. He was at this time engaged in general merchandising. The next year he moved to Bertrand, and continued in the same business there. In 1875 his wife died, leaving one child (a boy), Charley. In 1881 he was again married to Mrs. S.E. Williams, a native of Tennessee, with whom he now lives, and has two more children, Ella and Spencer. Soon after his arrival at Bertrand he bought 75 acres of land and now owns about 1,000 acres. Mr. and Mrs. Love, are active and prominent citizens of Bertrand, and take an active part in the Methodist Episcopal Church at that place, he being class-leader and superintendent of the Sunday-school.

John F. Lynn

John F. Lynn, a prominent farmer of Mississippi County, was born in Massac County, Ill., on January 23, 1846, and is a son of Cheatham and Angeline (Linn) Lynn, natives of Tennessee and Kentucky, respectively. The grandparents on both sides were from North Carolina. Cheatham Lynn was born on March 29, 1810, and was the fourth child of a family of fourteen children, of whom Joseph, Benjamin, Bartlett, Andrew J., Samuel H. and Martha are living. Those dead are Young, Craven, Cheatham, John G., Cornelius, Nathaniel, Pitts and Patten. Cheatham Lynn was married in Kentucky, soon after which he removed to Illinois, and was there engaged in farming until 1869, when he removed to Southeast Missouri, and located in the Concord settlement, in Mississippi County, having purchased land there about 1859. Mr. Lynn took an active part in politics and other local matters, being a man of energy, talent and ability. He died on July 16, 1885. His wife was born on January 1, 1822 and died on March 4, 1874. To them were born William P., John F., George D., James M., Jerome, Lusetta B. and a boy and girl, who died in infancy. The first six are now residents of Mississippi County. John F. came to Mississippi County in 1866. Two years previously, March 4, 1864, he married Lusetta Somersett, a native of Tennessee. She died on March 2, 1883. Their children are Stephen D., born on June 22, 1856; Adda A. (Mrs. R.E. Stanley), born January 22, 1867; Mary R., born January 13, 1869; John F., born on April 13, 1871, died on October 29, 1887; Corah A., born on November 20, 1873, died in August, 1878; Cheatham born on May 9, 1877; Napoleon B., born on December 8, 1878; Emma F., born on January 30, 1880, died in Jul 1880; and Lula, born on July 18, 1882, died on March 4, 1883. Mr. Lynn was married the second time to Mrs. Luvisa A. (Warford) Small, who was bon on June 5, 1853, and is a daughter of John S. and Emily J. Warford, both of whom are now living in Clinton, Ky. Luvisa A. was married on October 5, 1876 to William E. Small, who died on March 10, 1880, leaving two children: Edith I., born on July 29, 1877, and Edmund W., born on October 22, 1879. To Mr. and Mrs. Lynn have been born Honor, born on April 7, 1885, and Jefferson, born on November 30, 1887. They are also rearing three orphans, children of William T. and Eliza (Lynn) Clariday. They are Ida B., born on June 23, 1870; Lillie M., born on April 6, 1874; and Edward R., born on February 11, 1880. Mr. Lynn has been justice of the peace since 1874, and has taken an active part in school matters since 1870. Politically he is a Democrat, and is an active member of the Christian Church. Mrs. Lynn is a member of the Missionary Baptist Church. Mr. Lynn is a member of the Knights of the Golden Rule, of the Wheel and has been a member of the Patrons of Husbandry.

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Thomas S. McElmurry

Judge Thomas S. McElmurry,

the oldest man living who was born in the territory now embraced in Mississippi County, was born in Mathews' Prairie, two miles from the town of Charleston, on December 27, 1815. He is one of the only two surviving children out of a family of twelve, born to the marriage of Absalom McElmurry and Elizabeth (Gray) McElmurry, both natives of Kentucky, and of Scotch descent. Absalom McElmurry came from his native State in 1806, and became one of the first settlers in Southeast Missouri, this State being then a part of the Territory of Louisiana. He was married, and lived there a few years, when he removed to Little Rock, Ark., but returned to Mississippi County, about 1813, and took up some government land. He followed farming all his life, and first lived in a little log cabin with a puncheon floor and clapboard roof and doors. He was the first judge of Mississippi County, being appointed in 1843. Their surviving children are Judge Thomas S. and Absalom. Those deceased are Ellen, Sallie, John, Benjamin, Charles, David Mary, Elizabeth, Harriet and Andrew. Judge Thomas S. was reared on his father's farm and along with the rising generation of those early times, received only the rudiments of a plain English education. He studied at home during his leisure hours, but worked hard to clear the land and render it fit for cultivation. He still owns the farm, upon which he was born and reared. He made farming, his principal occupation, until his eighteen slaves were freed during the late war. He has always been a Democrat in politics, and has filled various official positions. He served as county treasurer one term, deputy sheriff for four years, justice of the peace for four years, coroner two years. In 1858 he was elected judge of the county court, which office he held for two terms, and in 1866 he was elected probate judge, and held the office until 1870. He was then engaged in the mercantile business until 1880, since which time he has been practically retired, with the exception of looking after his farming interest. He has been twice married; the first time in 1842, to Hester Harrison, who died in 1844, leaving him one child, Elizabeth, deceased. The second time he was married in 1848, to Nancy J. Kennedy, a resident of Charleston. Five children have been born to this union, viz: Mary (deceased), Thomas S. (deceased), Margaret (Mrs. William A. Bush), Sallie (Mrs. Joseph Hart), and William (deceased). Judge McElmurry is a Mason, and is one of the most prominent men of Southeast Missouri. He has witnessed its development from a territory to its present wealthy condition, and he has made a host of friends, many of whom have passed away. The Judge has lived in a Territory, Federal government, Confederate government, slave State, free State and three counties, and has lived all the time on the same farm. He is now past seventy-two years of age and is living in the midst of the comforts provided by his own honorable labor.

Absalom McElmurry

Absalom McElmurry, a prominent merchant of Charleston, was born in what is now Mississippi County, Mo., on August 24, 1826. He is the twelfth child of Absalom and Elizabeth (Gray) McElmurry [see sketch of Judge Thomas S. McElmurry]. The subject of this sketch was reared at this father's home, until he was sixteen years of age, when his father died. He was then, for two years, overseer of sixty slaves for Mrs. Harriet Moulshby, of New Madrid, after which he went to Lake Providence, La., where he had charge of about eighty slaves for Mr. James E. Old. Remaining at the latter place about two years, he crossed the lake and was employed in the same business by John Chambles, who owned 300 negroes. He remained with him a couple of years, during which time he was also engaged in trading horse. Returning to Mississippi County, he was married on August 24, 1853 to Sarah F. Kennedy, also a native of Mississippi County. Since his marriage he has been a resident of Charleston. In 1865 he engaged in the mercantile business, which he continued until 1868, when he sold out and resumed farming in which he is still engaged, in connection with merchandising, in which business he again entered in 1880. He now carries a full line of general merchandise. He and wife have one child, Henry Scott. Mr. McEmurry has served as city marshal for three years. He is a Mason and has been a representative in the Grand Lodge a couple of times. He and wife are members of the Baptist Church.

William T. Marshall

William T. Marshall, ex-judge of Mississippi County Court, was born in La Rue County, Ky., January 14, 1847, and is a son of Thomas and Jane (Rogers) Marshall, both natives of Nelson County, Ky., and of Scot-Irish descent. The great-grandfather Marshall was born in Ireland, and immigrated to Kentucky at an early day. The grandparents on both sides were born and spent their lives in Kentucky. Thomas Marshall was born in August 1818, and was married in his native county. In 1850 he immigrated to La Rue County, where he purchased a farm, on which he resided until his death in December 1886. His first wife, the mother of our subject, died in 1856, having borne him five children: Joseph M., William T., John T., Mary J. (Mrs. A.L. Hawkins) and Elizabeth A. (deceased). He was married the second time to Lavena (Jones) Thrumman, by whom he had seven children: Grace E., Robert L., Wesley A., Benjamin W., Hettie F., Rosa and James (deceased). William T. remained with his parents in his native country until about sixteen years of age, and attended the public schools. During the winter of 1862-63, he served in the Confederate army with Gen. Bragg's division, remaining out about three months. He participated in the battle of Perryville. He then went to Putnam County, Ind., and remained with S.F. Gilmore, of Greencastle, for two years, and spent three months near Mattoon, Ill. After an absence of three years, he went back to Hardin County, Ky., and attended two terms of school at Shiloh Academy (known as Wolf's Springs). He spent two years at Sanora Academy, of which time he was assistant under Prof. Charles Matthews, for fifteen months. In 1869 he went to Buchanan County, Mo., where he taught a private school for three months, after which he went to Kansas City, and after waiting three days for a boat, he got aboard, not knowing where he was going. When the boat arrived at Lucas Bend, he landed and remained all night with a man at the Bend. It was June and the mosquitos were very troublesome. He, however, had never heard of this insect before, and when he was shown to his bed, equipped with mosquito bar, he did not put it over him, and the next morning his face looked as though he had the small-pox. He was very angry, and that morning walked eighteen miles to Charleston, and having no money, he walked the next morning out to Big Lake, where a relative resided. He remained there three years, having an interest in what is known as the King farm. In 1872 he purchased 160 acres of land upon which he now resides. The land was timbered and required several years of hard labor to get a clearing. He now owns 1,770 acres of land, of which about 750 acres are under cultivation, with good improvements. In the fall of 1878 he was elected county judge, which office he held two consecutive terms. He is a Mason, and a member of the I.O.O.F. In 1874 he was united in marriage with Allice Huff, who died in 1879, leaving three children, viz: William T., Lillie M. and Alvus T. In September 1881 Judge Marshall was married again this time to Mrs. Amma Walker, by whom he has three children, Martha P., Herbert and LaRue.

S.P. Martin

Dr. S.P. Martin, merchant and grain dealer of St. James Township, Mississippi County, was born in Madison County, Ill., in 1837 and is a son of David Martin, a native of Virginia, who immigrated to Kentucky 1880. He here married Martha Goodwin, a native of Kentucky

and in 1882 removed his family to Madison County, Ill. The Goodwin family immigrated to Kentucky from South Carolina. David Martin was a farmer, and made the trip from Kentucky to Illinois with teams. He resided in the latter state until his death, in 1848, aged fifty-two years. His wife died in her fiftieth year, in 1849. They had eight children: Ann (deceased), John (living in Alhambra, Ill.), Mary (deceased), Martha (Mrs. Dr. Binney, of Staunton, Ill.), Thomas (deceased), Jane (deceased), Dr. Samuel P., and Susan (Mrs. Bell, near Staunton, Ill.). The parents died when Dr. Samuel was twelve years old, after which he lived with his brother, John, for three years, when he went to work for himself. He labored on a farm for \$7 a month in gold, some eight years, and later entered school at Wallonia, Trigg Co., Ky., where he remained until enlisting in the Confederate army, in Jun 1861. He was wounded October 7, 1863, by a shot through both thighs. After the close of the war he returned to Trigg County, Ky., and lived there four years. Moving to Mississippi County, Mo., he located in St. James Township and began the practice of medicine. Dr. Martin wedded Mary L. Long, of Marshall County, Tenn., who was born in 1841. To them have been born Lula T. (Mrs. William Hamilton, of East Prairie), Martha J., Albert S.J., Mary G., Luther (deceased), Samuel P., Jr., Josie and Hattie (deceased). Dr. Martin is now engaged in merchandising in East Prairie, and handles \$10,000 worth of merchandise, and \$20,000 or \$30,000 worth of grain per year. He has served as postmaster since 1879. The Doctor and family are members of the Christian Church.

Joseph F. Martin

Joseph F. Martin, a prosperous farmer and grain dealer, located at Charleston, Mississippi Co., Mo., was born in Kentucky in 1846. His parents, Andrew L. and Frances (Rice) Martin, were natives of Virginia, who removed to Kentucky while they were young. They came to Southeast Missouri in 1855, and located south of Charleton, in the Concord settlement, where they spent the remainder of their lives. Mr. Martin died in 1856, and Mrs. Martin in 1860. They reared a large family of ten children: Gustave (deceased), Ezekiel H. (deceased), John M. (engaged in saw-milling in Parker County, Tex.), Andrew J. (engaged in merchandising and farming in Jones County, Tex.). Joseph F., Ann A. (deceased), Ellen (deceased), Salenia J. (deceased), Susan V. (Mrs. Miles I. Howlett, of Francois County, Mo.) and Louisa V. (deceased). Joseph F. was about nine years of age when his parents came to Southeast Missouri, which has since been his home. Since arriving at mature years he has been engaged in farming and buying and selling grain. In 1872 he purchased 440 acres of land on Rush's Ridge, Mississippi County, of which land he now has 275 acres, well improved. He was married in 1872 to Florence L. Rush, a daughter of Alfred and Lucinda (Brewer) Rush. Their union has been blessed by two children: Pearle A. and Ivy J. who are now at home, attending school. Mr. and Mrs. Marin are members of the Baptist Church. RM. Martin takes a deep interest in anything that tends to benefit his county, and especially in the temperance movement.

George W. Martin

George W. Martin, the accommodating postmaster of Charleston, and editor of the *Enterprise*, was born in that city, November 2, 1859. He is a son of William F. and Mary A. (Baynon) Martin, both of whom are natives of London, England. The mother removed to Mississippi County with her parents in 1847, she being but ten years of age. They located in Charleston, and her father was the first justice of the peace in that city, it being but a village of about half a dozen houses at that time. William F. Martin came to Missouri direct from London in 1848. He also settled in Charleston, which city he ever after made his home. He was a printer, and in 1858 took charge of the *Charleston Courier*, which he ran during the war, and after, being the owner and publisher of the paper at the time of his death in 1872. His widow is still living. They were the parents of six children: George W., Lena A. (wife of F.C. Miller), Robert E.L., John F., Richard V. and Harry. The subject of this sketch was reared at the home of his parents in his native city, and secured a good education in the common schools and by private study at home. He began the printer's trade under the direction of his father, but before a year had passed his father died, and he, being the eldest child, it was left to him to take the father's place. The family was dependent upon him for a living, and by industry and economy he managed to support them, and taking charge of his younger brothers, he gave them such education as he could afford. Having served an apprenticeship at his trade, in 1875 he established the *Charleston Enterprise*, and during the years following he has enlarged the paper four times. Mr. Martin was for five years the youngest and most successful editor in the State of Missouri. He can be called a self-made man, as he has had but little help in any project he has undertaken. His paper is newsy and spicy, and has a good circulation. In 1886 he was appointed postmaster of Charleston, and re-commissioned on January 16, 1888. Southeast Missouri has but three presidential post offices, and Mr. Martin holds the first Democratic commissioned office. In 1881 he was married to Anna D., a daughter of judge N.J. Ogilvie. To them have been born three children: Mona H., Lora E. and Mary Edna. Mr. and Mrs. Martin, are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. He is a member of the I.O.O.F. Mr. Martin is an intelligent, enterprising and a valuable citizen of Charleston. He has held the office of city clerk one term.

Fannie M. Millar

Mrs. Fannie M. Millar, widow of Adam Millar, was born in Frederick County, Va., on December 4, 1830, and is the daughter of John and Lucinda (Headley) Kendrick, also natives of Frederick County. John Kendrick was born January 9, 1791, and was the son of Benjamin and Ann Kendrick, natives of the "Old Dominion". He removed to Kentucky in 1833, and there his wife joined him three years later. They resided in Caldwell County until the death of Mrs. Kendrick, which occurred on July 11, 1854. Mr. Kendrick then removed to Tennessee, where he died January 8, 1876. They were married December 28, 1815, and become the parents of the following children: Sarah A., born on October 21, 1816, and was married January 21, 1843, to Abram Millar, who died January 25, 1888; Mary C., born February 22, 1818; Rebecca E. (who was married May 1, 1860, to Dr. A.E. Mardick), was born September 30, 1821, now living in Charleston; Lucinda H., born on November 7, 1824, and died on August 11, 1845, married J.S. Stevenson, April 21, 1843; Frances S., born on August 5, 1827, and died on September 30, 1829; Fannie M.; and Susan N.S., born on September 19, 1833, was married April 24, 1855, to Franklin S. Millar, who died July 16, 1869. Lucinda Headley was the daughter of William and Sarah (Northern) Headley; the mother (daughter of William and Abigail Northern), was born on July 25, 1753, and died on March 21, 1835, and the father (son of Andrew and Winifred Headley) was born on December 8, 1746, and died on December 26, 1836. They were married December 8, 1776. To them were born the following children: Abigail, born April 18, 1779, married July 13, 1798, and died on November 30, 1834; Sarah, born May 18, 1789, married January 12, 1799; Mary born on June 2, 1782, married September 23, 1803 and died March 26, 1839; William, born June 10, 1784, married September 11, 1808, and died March 26, 1839; Winifred, born February 16, 1786, married September 21, 1806, and died in 1848; James, born March 30, 1788, married in February 1809 and died May 5, 1833; Elizabeth, born on October 10, 1792, married September 25, 1807; Rebecca, born on March 10, 1794, married December 5, 1816, and died in 1852; Lucinda, born November 1, 1795, married December 26, 1815 and died on July 11, 1854; Newton, born on January 24, 1798, married June 10, 1823, and died in 1853. The subject of this sketch came to Southeast Missouri in 1858, and was married on November 3, 1879, to Adam Millar, who died on September 2, 1883. He was the son of Abram and Rebecca Millar. Abram was born on June 2, 1770 and was married August 14, 1804. Mrs. Millar was born on February 3, 1784, and died on January 20, 1867. To them were born the following children: Elizabeth, born on September 7, 1805; Isaac, born 1811; Reynolds, born on June 27, 1814; Abraham, born on November 25, 1816; John, born on March 21, 1819; Rebecca, born May 11, 1822; Michael, born on May 18, 1825 and Franklin, born on January 3, 1830.

John A. Millar

John A. Millar, an enterprising farmer and influential citizen of St. James Township, Mississippi Co., Mo., was born near where he now resides, February 13, 1851. He is a son of Abram and Sarah A. (Kendrick) Millar, the former of whom was born in Scioto County, Ohio, in November, 1816, and was the son of Abram Millar, who was born in Virginia, but removed to Ohio when it was a Territory. He reared his family in Ohio. In 1842 he went to Mississippi County, Mo., prospecting for land, which he bought and returned to Ohio. In 1847 he removed his family to Mississippi County, but after residing there a while he returned to Ohio, in which State he died. His wife was Rebecca Millar, who was born in Virginia. To them were born nine children: Elizabeth, Isaac, William, Adam, Reynolds, Abram, John, Rebecca and Franklin, all deceased except Reynolds, who resides in Muscatine, Iowa, and Rebecca (Mrs. Charles Millar, of Williamsville, Ill.). Abram, the father of the subject of this sketch, remained in his native State until 1843, when he went to Kentucky, where he was married on February 21, of that year. His wife was born in Virginia, October 21, 1816, and is the daughter of John and Lucy (Headley) Kendrick, also natives of Virginia. They removed, in 1836, to Princeton, Ky., where they resided until Mrs. Kendrick's death, after which he removed to Tennessee. They had seven children: Sarah, Catherine (deceased), Rebecca (Mrs. Dr. A.E. Mardick, of Charleston, Mo.); Lucy (deceased), Francis (deceased), Fannie M. (widow of Adam Millar, of St. James' Township) and Susan (widow of Franklin Millar, also of St. James' Township, Mississippi Co., Mo.). Mrs. Sarah Millar resides with her son, John A. and enjoys fair health, having had remarkably good health during her life. After his marriage, Abram Millar came to Mississippi County, where he lived upon a farm until his death, January 25, 1888. To him and wife were born three children: Rebecca (deceased), Lucy (Mrs. Thompson Bird) and John A. The last named remained at his parents' until he was twenty-two years of age, assisting in the work of the farm. On April 15, 1873, he was united in marriage with Anna Kalfus, who was born December 11, 1857, in Charleston, Mo. She is the daughter of Columbus C. and Elizabeth (Forman) Kalfus, both of whom were natives of Kentucky. Mrs. Kalfus was a graduate of the Female Academy, of Bardstown, Ky. In 1854 they came to Southeast Missouri, and locating in Charleston, they remained there until their deaths. Seven children were born to them; Henry H. (deceased), Anna, Columbus C. (of Clay County, Ark.), Lottie (Mrs. P. Holbrook, of Wichita, Kas.), Robert (deceased), Benjamin (deceased) and Jennie (deceased). Mr. and Mrs. Millar's union has been blessed by the birth of six children, viz: Gertrude, Lucy, Anna, John Clay, Mabel (deceased), and Albert. Mr and Mrs. Millar are members of the Christian Church. Mr. Millar is a prosperous man, and had a good farm upon which he has a nice residence, built in 1887. Politically he is a Democrat.

John N. Mitchener

John N. Mitchener was born in Lexington, Tenn., on February 11, 1833. He is the son of Edmund E. Mitchener. The latter was born in Sumner County, East Tenn., in 1804. He removed to Carroll County, and about 1824 married Nancy Nealy, a native of North Carolina, born in 1807. Later he removed to Lexington, Tenn., where he reared his family. He was a Cumberland Presbyterian minister, and a very successful teacher. About 1855 he united with the Methodist Episcopal Church South, and was subsequently engaged in selling Masonic regalia and delivering lectures, in which occupation he died, about 1864. His children were Mary E., Martha A., William B., John N., Wilson L., Cincinnatus C., Marcus E.S.V., James K. Polk, Elizabeth C., Amanda J., and Georgia A. Marcus and James were killed in the Federal army at Fort Pillow. Wilson was killed by some soldiers, and Cincinnatus died in 1881. John remained at home until attaining his majority, when in January 1855, he came to Mississippi County, and located in East Prairie. In 1858 he attended school in Kentucky, after which he was engaged in teaching for two or three years. He has since followed agricultural pursuits, and is the owner of 160 acres of good land. He has been twice married. His first wife was Nancy B., a daughter of Isaac and Maria (McDonald) Miller. She died on July 22, 1876 and he was married the second time to Jennie Metheny, a native of Benton County, Tenn., born October 18, 1855. She is the daughter of J.N. and Louis (Pierce) Metheny, natives of North Carolina and Tennessee, respectively. Both Mr. and Mrs. Mitchener are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. He has been superintendent of a Sunday-school for nine years, and during that time has not failed to attend as many as nine Sundays. He is also a member of the Masonic fraternity.

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Elijah W. Ogilvie

Elijah W. Ogilvie, a prominent citizen of Charleston, and the present treasurer of Mississippi County, was born in McCracken County, Ky., on May 6, 1851. He is a son of Lemuel and Martha (Winstead) Ogilvie, the former of whom was born on July 29, 1797, in Bedford County, Tenn. and the latter on July 23, 1808, in Williamson County, that State. The grandfather, Kimber T. Ogilvie, was born in Scotland in 1763, and was brought by his parents to North Carolina when he was quite small. He remained in the Old North State until after he was married, when he removed to Bedford County, Tenn., and remained several years, after which he removed to McCracken County, Ky., where he died on November 20, 1842. He was in the Revolutionary War, and participated in the battle of Guilford Courthouse. His wife was born in 1764, and died in December, 1842. They had five children - two sons and three daughters - who grew to maturity. Lemuel Ogilvie immigrated to McCracken County, Ky., in 1831, and purchased a farm. He was a resident of Paducah, Ky., at the time of his death, on March 12, 1857. His wife died November 15, 1863. They were the parents of eleven children: Benjamin F., Elizabeth (deceased), James B., John W., Martha H., Samuel, Andrew J., Maria L., Napoleon J., William H. and Elijah W. The last named was reared in Paducah, Ky., in which city his education was chiefly secured. In 1864 he engaged in agricultural pursuits, and continued until 1874, when he went to Charleston, and began merchandising, which he followed for four years, under the firm name of Ogilvie & Bro. He was then city marshal for four years, after which he was engaged in the mercantile business again until 1884, as a member of the firm of Ogilvie & Co. After the dissolution of that firm, he continued business alone, until 1886, since which time he has turned his attention to trading and looking after his stock farms. In 1886 he was appointed to his present office by the Governor. He has held the office of deputy collector from 1874 to 1887, with the exception of three years. He was city councilman for six terms. He has been twice married; the first time in August 1876 to Emma Overstreet, of Shelbyville, Ky., by whom he had two children. His wife and one of his children, a daughter, died in August 1879. The other child, Elmer F. is living. He was married the second time in 1880, to Eliza Ford, of Hartford, Ky. He is a member of the I.O.O.F. and is a Democrat. He and wife are members of the Baptist Church.

James J. Presson

Rev. James J. Presson was born in Anderson County, N.C. on January 31, 1829 and is a son of Samuel and Anna (Presson) Presson, both of whom were born and reared in North Carolina. The former was born in 1803, and was the son of William Presson, a native of North Carolina, who was the son of Robert Presson, also a native of the Old North State. The last named was a farmer, and had a limited education. He was the father of four boys and two girls, all of whom died in North Carolina, except William, who removed with his family to Tennessee about 1831. He was a very prominent farmer, and was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He died in 1850, aged seventy-seven years. Samuel removed with his parents to Tennessee, and settled in what is now Benton County, in which he lived, engaged in farming until his death in 1885. He had been an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church for sixty years, in which he was a class-leader and steward. To him and wife were born twelve children: Riley A. (deceased), Sarah (deceased), Lydia Ann (deceased), George W. (deceased), Calvin (deceased), Samuel (deceased), Lorenzo (deceased), Neidem W., Rev. James J., Rev. Thomas H., Rev. William M. and Marinda (Mrs. Charles T. Craig). Rev. James J. remained with his father until he reached his majority, and resided in Tennessee until 1873, when he removed to Mississippi County and rented land near Bertrand. In 1875 he removed to the farm on which he now resides, two and three-fourths miles south of Bertrand. On July 23, 1853, he embraced religion, and has since been devoted to the work of saving souls. He was licensed to preach in 1862, and in 1866 was ordained deacon in the Methodist Episcopal Church South, by Bishop Payne, at Jackson, Tenn. He remained in active service in that church until August 1887, when he united with the Congregational Methodist church, and has an organization of seventy members near his home. He was united in marriage with Lousia J. Greer, daughter of Benjamin and Susan Greer. To them have been born eleven children, eight of whom are living; Susan A. (Mrs. Robert H. Craig), Needham W., Louisan B., John B., Samuel A. L., Sarah L. (Mrs. J.C. McDoo), Mary J. and Emma Belle. Those deceased are William H., Pritchett and Telitha C. Mrs. Presson is a consistent member of the same Church

as her husband.

Hiram Price

Hiram Price, a well-to-do farmer of Ohio Township, Mississippi Co., Mo., was born near Cincinnati, Ohio, July 23, 1830 and is a son of William and Sarah (Johnson) Price, natives of Virginia and New Jersey, respectively. William Price immigrated to Ohio when young, and located in Hamilton County, near Cincinnati, where he lived for several years. He then removed to Indiana, and died in Spencer County, of that State in 1855. He lost his wife ten years previously (in 1845). They were the parents of a large family of children, of whom the subject of this sketch is the only living member. He was but five years of age when his parents removed to Indiana, and he was there reared to farm life, remaining with his parents until the death of his mother. In 1852 he married Mary Watts, and located in Spencer County, Ind., where he remained until 1867, when he removed to Evansville, Ind., remaining there a couple of years. In 1869 he removed to Kentucky, and resided until 1874, when he went to Mississippi County, Mo., in which he has since resided. He now owns a fine farm of 270 acres, which is well improved. His wife died in 1867, leaving three children: Joseph W., Clara (Mrs. James T. Grant), and Anna (Mrs. D.G. Hartner). In 1868 Mr. Price married Mary E. Price, who died the same year, and in 1869 he married Melissa A. Chamberlain, by whom he has two children, Dolly and Della. Mr. Price is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and also of the I.O.O.F. lodge of Cairo, Ill.

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Basil M. Raidt

Basil M. Raidt, a well-to-do

farmer and stock raiser of Mississippi County, was born in New Madrid County, Mo., in 1858, and is a son of Mathias and Maria Ann (Crow) Raidt. The former was born in Germany, and when about fifteen years of age, came to America with his parents, and located in New Madrid County, Mo., where the parents died. The mother of our subject was born in Kentucky, but was brought by her parents to Monroe County, Mo., in which county she grew to womanhood, after which she removed with her parents to New Madrid County. She still resides in the latter county, at the age of sixty-one years (February 14, 1888). To her and husband were born five children, three of whom are living: Basil M., Lena A. Zilafro and Daniel W., who lives at home with his mother. Those dead are Remigus and Henry C., the latter a twin brother to Daniel W. The father was married twice before this union, and has one child living by each wife, Joseph and Thomas G. Mathias Raidt died when he was forty years of age. Basil M. Raidt remained at the home of his parents until he was twenty-three years of age, that being one year after he married Alice Hancock. She is a daughter of John D. and Mary E. Hancock, both deceased. Her father was killed during the war, and her mother died shortly afterward leaving her and her sister orphans quite young, to be reared by her grandfather Pryor. Mrs. Raidt was born in 1865, and reared near the farm upon which she and her husband now reside, by her grandfather, Blanton Pryor. Her parents had two children, the other one, Aslee, being deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Raidt four children have been born: Mattie (deceased), Armenia G. (deceased), Correnia A. and Daniel W. (deceased). They also have under their care and protection two orphan children -cousins - G. Harvey Loomis, a boy sixteen years of age, and Lusinda Scott, a girl twelve years of age. Correnia was born in July 1885. Mr. Raidt and wife are adherents of the Catholic Church.

William N. Randolph

William N. Randolph, a

promising young attorney of Charleston, was born on January 1, 1853, in Henderson County, Ky. He is a son of Malachi F. and Mary (Slaton) Randolph, both natives of Henderson County, Ky. Their parents were from Virginia, and were connected with the old stock of Randolph's and Slaton's in the Old Dominion. The paternal grandfather, Nathaniel Randolph, was a pioneer settler of Kentucky, in which state he died. At one time he carried the mail from Louisville west. Malachi Randolph is a farmer by vocation, and is still living in Henderson County, Ky. He and wife have four children living: William N., Slaton, Eugene and Lula (Mrs. George Robertson of Kentucky). William N. was reared on his father's farm, and had the advantages of a good common-school education. He studied civil engineering and surveying under the civil engineer at Henderson, Ky., about one year, after which he was engaged in farming until the spring of 1878, when he went to Charleston and taught school for two years. He then began the study of law under Col. Messer Ward, now deceased. In 1880 he was admitted to the bar, since which time he has practiced his profession. He is also agent for several insurance companies. On April 14, 1885, he was united in marriage with Effie, daughter of Dr. A.E. Simpson. They have one child, Minnie. Mr. and Mrs. Randolph are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. He is a member of the I.O.O.F. Politically he is a Democrat, and has held the office of city attorney for one term, justice of the peace for six years, and notary public for eight years.

William H. Reeves

William H. Reeves, a successful farmer of Ohio Township, Mississippi Co., Mo., was born in Ballard County, Ky., on October 28, 1844. He is a son of Curtis and Eliza (Bryant) Reeves, both of whom were natives of Kentucky. The family were originally from Virginia, but immigrated to Kentucky at an early day. Curtis Reeves was a farmer by vocation, and removed to Mississippi County, Mo., about 1844 and owing to the overflow of that year, became disgusted with the country and returned to his native State. He died in Wayne County Mo., in 1845. His widow is still living. They were the parents of two children: Benjamin F. (deceased) and William H. The latter removed to Mississippi County with his mother in 1850, and located at Bird's Point, where they resided for several years. He is a farmer by vocation, and has been a resident of Mississippi County most of his life. He is a member of the I.O.O.F.

Frank B. Rice

Frank B. Rice, a prosperous young merchant of Charleston, Mo., was born in that city, December 15, 1862, and is a son of William A. and Elizabeth (Lusk) Rice, natives of Hannibal and Elizabeth town, Ky., respectively. The great great-grandparents on the father's side, came from England and settled in Virginia, where the early generations passed away. The grandfather, William Rice, removed to Kentucky, and lived there at the time of his death. William A. Rice was a physician, and a graduate of the old Louisville Medical College. Removing to Mississippi County, Mo., about 1832, he began practicing his profession in Charleston. Remaining there a few years, he went to Texas, and on account of failing health, was compelled to give up his profession. He taught school the remainder of his life, dying on March 17, 1873. His wife died in 1864. They had eight children, three of whom are living: James W. (a resident of Texas), Lulu (Mrs. L. La Montague) and Frank B. Those deceased are Edward, Mary, Margaret, William and Lizzie. The subject of this sketch was reared in his native city, in the schools of which he received a good education. His mother dying when he was about eighteen months old, he was left to the care of an aunt (Margaret Myrick) who is still a resident of Charleston. At an early age he engaged into the mercantile business for himself, which he has continued. He also owns the livery stable, formerly the property of Bridges & Wilkinson. Mr. Rice is considered a successful business man and an enterprising citizen. He is a member of the I.O.O.F. and of the Encampment: also a member of the Baptist Church.

William T. Roberts

William T. Roberts, one of the substantial farmers of Mississippi County, was born on the eastern shore of Maryland, in Wicomico County, January 28, 1852. He is a son of Joshua T. and Mary E. (Goddard) Roberts, both of whom were natives of Maryland. The family immigrated to Mississippi County, Mo., in 1868, and settled on a farm one-half mile west of Charleston, upon which the family has since resided. The father died in 1871, but the mother is still living, and resides in Charleston. They were parents of six children, four of whom are living: Ella, Roxie, Anna and William T. The last named was reared to farm life in his native State, and has made farming his life vocation. He was but sixteen years of age when his parents located in Mississippi County, which is handsomely improved. In 1874 he was united in marriage with Mary, a daughter of B. Harris. Seven children have been born to them, six of whom are living: Georgie, Mamie, Emma, William N., Mabel and Herschel. Mr. and Mrs. Roberts are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

William Rodney

William Rodney, one of the pioneer citizens of Mississippi County, was born in Lawrence County, Ark., October 7, 1825, and is a son of John and Rachel (Ramsey) Rodney, of German and French-Irish descent, and natives of Bourbon and Henderson Counties, Ky., respectively. The grandfather, Martin Rodney, emigrated from Germany, and settled in Cape Girardeau County about 1798. He was a farmer by vocation, and entered in that county, 160 acres of government land, upon which he lived a number of years, when he removed to Arkansas, where he was killed in his eighty-fourth year, by a tree falling on him. Andrew Ramsey, the maternal grandfather, was born in England, of Irish parentage. He immigrated to Missouri about 1797, and settled on the Mississippi River at a place now known as Norfolk. He received a grant for 640 arpents, or about 500 acres of land, from the Spanish Government. Mississippi County, at that time, was a dense forest, there being no roads, except Indian paths. He served in the War of 1812, and was wounded in a battle with the Indians, from the effects of which he died in his sixty-sixth year. He had two sons, Andrew and Allen, killed in the same fight. John Rodney immigrated to Mississippi County from Kentucky with his father, about 1811, after which he was a resident of Southeast Missouri until his death, with the exception of five years that he lived in Arkansas. Surveying was his chief vocation, and he served as both, State and county surveyor. He divided New Madrid, Scott and Mississippi Counties, after the bill was passed authorizing the formation of Mississippi County. He owned fifty slaves at the time of his death in 1853. His wife died in 1843. They were parents of seven children, Lucielle, Eveline (deceased), Thomas (deceased), William, Mary (deceased), Martin V. and Michael (deceased). William was but four years of age when he removed with his parents to Cape Girardeau County. After remaining there two years, they removed to Scott County. He remained with his parents until he was fourteen years of age, when he began working for himself. He traded in stock, etc., until 1850, when he went to California, and remained about two and one-half years, engaged in mining and trading on pack mules. Returning to Southeast Missouri in 1853, he located on a cane brake in Mississippi County, and began improving the farm upon which he now resides. It has required many years of hard labor to get the place in its present fine condition. He owns 447 acres, of which 200 acres are under cultivation. In 1855 he wedded Martha V. Harris, a native of Missouri, by whom he has three children, Walter F., Ella and Althea, (Mrs. W.A. Horton). Mr. Rodney was reared in the Catholic Church, and is still an adherent of that religion. Politically he was an ardent Democrat. He has held the office of magistrate for six years. The name of Rodney has been famous in Southeast Missouri for three quarters of a century.

George Rolwing

George Rolwing, a prosperous young farmer of Mississippi County, Mo., was born in that county on February 18, 1862. He is the son of Henry and Cenia Rolwing, both of whom were natives of Germany. They immigrated to the United States in early life, and settled in Mississippi County, Mo., where they resided until their deaths. To them were born five children, of whom the subject of this sketch is the only survivor. He was reared to farm life, and since arriving at maturity has followed farming as a vocation. With the exception of a few years, he has always resided in his native county. In August, 1885, he was united in marriage with Fannie Brinkman, a daughter of Joseph Brinkman. Mr. Rolwing owns a good farm of 380 acres, a large portion of which is under cultivation, with good improvements. To him and wife have been born one child, an infant. Mr. and Mrs. Rolwing are members of the Catholic Church.

John M. Rowe

Dr. John M. Rowe was born in Carroll County, Tenn., October 18, 1841, and is a son of Elisha and Narcissus (Rogers) Rowe, the former a native of North Carolina, and the latter of Wilson County, Tenn. The paternal great-grandfather came from England and settled in North Carolina. The great-grandmother Rowe came from France. The paternal grandfather, John Rowe, was born in North Carolina, and was a farmer by vocation. He immigrated to Tennessee at an early day, where he died. Elisha Rowe was also a farmer, and resided in Tennessee until 1883, when he removed to Charleston, Mo., where he died in 1886. His wife died in Tennessee in 1864. They were the parents of ten children, two of whom died in infancy. The others are John M., Mary S., Caroline, George P., Sallie, Fannie, Hilliard J. and Amanda. Dr. John M. remained on the farm in Tennessee until 1862, when he enlisted in the army, joining company B., Seventh Tennessee Cavalry, under Col. I.R. Hawkins. He was captured at the battle of Union City, and made his escape the first night after, without either hat or shoes, his whereabouts being concealed by his friends. He afterward went to Columbus, Ky., dressed in rebel uniform. In the second year of his service, he began reading medicine, and was mustered out in 1865 as brevet assistant surgeon. Returning home he attended school one year, after which he read medicine one year. He then entered the Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia, and remained there one session, after which he practiced his profession a short time. In 1868 he entered the medical department of the University of Nashville, graduating in the spring of 1869. He was then engaged in practicing his profession in his native county until 1874, when he located in Charleston, Mo., and resumed his practice, which he has very successfully continued. He is a member of the American Medical Society, to which he was a delegate in 1886. He is also a member of the tri-State, and the Southeast Missouri Medical Societies, and an honorable member of the Western Kentucky Medical Society. He is a Mason, and a member of the Chapter and Council. He was married in October, 1868, to Josephine Jordon, by whom he has three children: Edgar M., Stella M. and Walter S. His wife died in 1875, and he was again married in 1878 choosing for his second wife Julia Russell. Five children have been born to this union, viz: Lela B., Lura D. (deceased), Carl R., Herbert H. and John M., Jr. The Doctor and Mrs. Rowe are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. In politics he is a Republican.

John Rushing

John Rushing, a highly respected farmer, residing near Bertrand, Mississippi Co., Mo., was born in Camden, Benton Co., Tenn., in 1833, and is a son of R.D. and Olley (McGill) Rushing, both natives of the above-named county. The paternal grandfather was born in North Carolina, and settled near Camden, Tenn., at a very early date. He reared his family there, and died when about seventy years of age. R.D. Rushing died in 1837, leaving a widow and two children, the subject of this sketch, who was then but four years of age, and a younger brother. His widow married James K. Nance, but died soon after, being twenty-five years of age. John and Thomas were then taken by their maternal grandparents, at whose home they grew to maturity. However, the grandfather died when John was but eleven years of age, and the support of his grandmother and younger brother devolved upon him. He worked upon his grandmother's farm until he was eighteen years of age, when he worked for himself in summers, and attended school in winters, until he secured sufficient education to teach school. He was then engaged in teaching for several winters, working during the summers. Later he was elected justice of the peace for his district, and in 1867, was elected clerk of Benton County. In 1870 he assisted in taking the census, and was then appointed assistant assessor of internal revenue of the Seventh District of Tennessee. After that office and collector of internal revenue were consolidated, he was appointed deputy collector, under Dr. C.W. Hawkins. In February 1874, he removed to Mississippi County, Mo., and located where he now resides. Mr. Rushing is an ardent Republican, and is very active in politics. In 1878 he was again elected justice of the peace, and in 1880 took the census of Long Prairie Township. He was united in marriage with Marinda Harris, of Arkansas, who was born in 1839. They have had seven children, two of whom are living: Thomas J. and Inez. Louisa Belle died at the age of seventeen. The other four died in infancy. Thomas J. graduated in the St. Louis common schools in 1886, and is now with the United States army at Fort Leavenworth, Kas. Mr. Rushing and family are active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Alfred J. Rushing

Alfred J. Rushing, a prominent farmer and stock raiser of Long Prairie Township, Mississippi Co., Mo., was born in Benton County, Tenn., on July 28, 1854 and is a son of Richard and Mehala (Ashcroft) Rushing, natives of Tennessee and North Carolina, respectively. The former was born in 1812, and while young removed with his parents to Benton County, Tenn., they being among the first settlers of that county. The grandfather, Willis Rushing, died there. Richard Rushing and wife were prominent members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, in which he was an elder. He was an enterprising farmer and a highly respected citizen of Benton County, in which he died in 1881. His wife died in 1883, while visiting in Mississippi County, Mo. To them were born nine children, six of whom are living: Thomas, Alfred J., Green H., Mary T. (Mrs. John T. Heggie), Melvina (Mrs. Dr. W.Z. Heggie) and Sophronia (Mrs. John W. Butts). Those deceased are Willis, Richard and Ellen (Mrs. William Love). Alfred J. lived with his parents until he was twenty-four years of age, assisting on the farm and attending school. In November 1878, he went to Mississippi County, Mo., and was engaged with William Love in the mercantile business for two years, after which he was with H.L. Finley for three years. In the fall of 1883, he removed to the farm on which he now resides. On October 25, 1882, he was united in marriage with Minnie Lee Langston, who was born (in 1863) and reared on the farm that is now her home. She is the daughter of Leonard and Minerva (Barnes) Langston, natives of North Carolina and Tennessee, respectively. The former came to Southeast Missouri when about seventeen years of age, and the latter, with her parents, when two years of age. Leonard Langston died at the age of fifty-six years (in 1880) and his widow now lives with her daughter, Mrs. Rushing. They were the parents of five children, three of whom died in childhood. Charles married Mary E. Grayson, and to them were born three children: Willie, Arthur and Birdie. Charles died on September 1, 1881, and his widow and children now live on his farm. Mr. and Mrs. Rushing have been members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South for seven years, in which he is a steward. He was formerly a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, in which he was a ruling elder for seven years. He is also a member of the A.O.U.W. He and wife have two children, Albert and Willie.

David Rusk

David Rusk, a jeweler at Charleston, was born in Ayrshire, Scotland, in 1848, and is a son of John and Johanna (Jones) Rusk, natives of Scotland. The former was a cabinet-maker, which trade he followed the most of his life. His wife died in Scotland, and he afterward immigrated to America in 1851. He located in Maryland, and remained a few years, when he removed to Sparta, Ill., where he died. He was the father of six children. David was but three years of age when his mother died, and he was left with his relatives in Scotland, when his father came to America. He received a liberal education in Ayrshire, and in 1864 took passage on a steamer at Liverpool, for New York, where he landed after a seven day's voyage. He went from there to St. Louis, and from thence to Sparta, Ill, where he finished learning the watchmaker's trade, which he had previously undertaken. He remained in Sparta until 1875, when he came to Charleston and engaged in business on his own account. Although he began on a small scale, he has built up a good trade, and now has a large stock of jewelry, etc. In 1874 he was united in marriage with Nora Knox, a native of Illinois, of German descent. Four children have been born to them: Eddie, Minnie, Maggie and an infant daughter. Mr. and Mrs. Rusk are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. He is a member of the I.O.O.F. and of the K. of P. In politics he is a Democrat, and has served as city councilman two terms.

Joseph G. Russell

Joseph G. Russell (deceased)

was born on April 20, 1842, in Scott County, Mo., and was a son of William Russell, a native of Maryland, who removed to Southeast Missouri, and settled in Scott County, where the subject of this sketch was born and where he (William Russell) died on May 7, 1861. Joseph G. remained in his native county until 1870 when he brought his family to Mississippi County, and located near Bertrand. In 1882 he purchased the farm upon which his family now reside. On February 18, 1866, he was united in marriage with Hannah M. Mansfield, born on November 8, 1845, in Scott County, Mo. She is the daughter of William A. and Martha J. (Joyce) Mansfield, natives of Kentucky and Louisiana, respectively. The former came to Southeast Missouri when he was a small boy. The latter removed with her mother to Cape Girardeau County, when she was six years old, her father having died in Louisiana. They were the parents of eleven children, five of whom are living: William A., Simeon T., Hannah M., Sarah (Mrs. James Donover), and Louisa E. (widow of B. Gillolley, who resides with her mother in Bertrand). Those dead are Thomas, Robert E., Terresa J., John H., William T. and an infant unnamed. Mrs. Mansfield resides on the home place in Bertrand, her husband having died in 1883. To Mr. and Mrs. Russell were born eleven children, viz: Robert P. (died on November 30, 1884), William C., Joseph T. (died on August 8, 1884), John G., Franklin F., Thomas T., Marvin W. (died on May 18, 1880), Albert G., Oliver G. (deceased) and Claudus and Cora, both of whom died in February, 1884. Mr. Russell died on November 4, 1885. He was a member of the A.F. & A.M. and of the A.O.U.W. He was also a member of the Farmers' and Mechanics' Mutual Aid Association, and he and wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. In politics he was a Democrat. His widow and children reside on the home farm, south of Bertrand, and enjoy the comforts of a good home, which he secured by industry and enterprise. Mr. Russell was a highly respected citizen, and let a host of friends to mourn his death.

James W. Russell

James W. Russell, real estate

agent and stock dealer, was born in Cape Girardeau County, Mo., on July 7, 1851, and is a son of Joseph W. and Mary (Frizell) Russell, the former a native of Georgetown, Ky., and the latter of Cape Girardeau County, Mo. The subject of this sketch was reared in Jackson, Mo., where he secured a good education. He afterward lived in St. Louis several years, and practiced medicine, having previously graduated at the Missouri Medical College. He, however, was not satisfied with the profession he had chosen, and sought other business. Being a man of strong physical ability, he decided to try farming, abandoning his profession entirely. In 1882 he removed to his present farm in Mississippi County, where he has since ben engaged in the real estate and stock business. His large farming interests in Mississippi County and vicinity require a great deal of his attention. He deals extensively in stock, buying and selling, and at times making large shipments. In 1879 he was united in marriage with Anna Edwards, which union has been blessed by the birth of two children, Lizzie and Anna. Mr. Russell is a member of the Masonic fraternity. He is an enterprising citizen and one of the most successful business men of Mississippi County.

Joseph J. Russell

Hon. Joseph J. Russell, attorney-at-law, was born near Charleston, Mo., on August 23, 1854, and is one of eleven children born to the marriage of Joseph T. Russell and Patience A. Langford. His paternal grandfather, James A. Russell came to Mississippi County from Maryland about 1836 and died in the county about 1852 or 1853. Joseph T. Russell left his native State in 1853 in company with Judge Noah Handy, and came to Missouri, making the entire journey by wagon. He first located in West Philadelphia, a little town then recently laid out on the banks of the Mississippi river, in Scott County, where unaware of the treacherous character of the river, he invested all his money in town property. A year or two later his lots were destroyed by the encroachments of the river, and he removed to Mathews' Prairie, where he entered 160 acres of land, and made a home for himself and family. He was a carpenter, and up to 1856 worked at his trade in Charleston and the surrounding county. His last contract was for the building of the court house, which, with many other buildings erected by him, is still standing. In 1856 he retired to his farm where he spent the remainder of his life in ease and comfort. He died on December 27, 1874. He was twice married, his first wife having died on April 14, 1869. Of his children by the first marriage five are living: Eliza, Abraham O., Joseph J., Julia (Mrs. Dr. John M. Rowe) and John c. Those dead are Ellen, Martha, Laura, Hettie, Sarah and George D. Joseph J. Russell was reared on his father's farm, receiving such education was the district school afforded. At the age of nineteen he exchanged his position as pupil for that of teacher, of the home school, but between terms attended the Charleston Academy. In 1875 he entered the law office of Moore & Hatcher, at Charleston, and the following year was admitted to the bar. Subsequently he entered the law department of the State University, and in 1880 graduated from that institution as the valedictorian of his class. Since his admission to the bar, with the exception of the time spent in college, he has been engaged in the practice of his profession at Charleston. Close attention to business, a thorough knowledge of law and native shrewdness have secured for him a large and lucrative practice and although a young man, he is generally recognized as one of the ablest and most successful lawyers of Southeast Missouri. He has also attained considerable prominence in politics, and has filled several official positions. He was school commissioner of Mississippi county for two years, and prosecuting attorney for four years, 1880-84. In 1884 he was a presidential elector on the Democratic ticket, and made an able canvass of his district. In 1886 he was elected to represent Mississippi County in the Legislature, and was unanimously nominated Speaker *pro tem* by the Democratic caucus, and, of course, elected. Mr. Russell was married at the Southern Hotel, at St. Louis, on July 26, 1884, to Belle Groath, of Cape Girardeau. He owns one of the finest residences in Charleston, and is a director in the Charleston Bank, which he was largely instrumental in organizing.

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Joseph R. Shelley

Joseph R. Shelley, a farmer

and stock raiser of Shelley's Ridge, Mississippi Co., Mo., was born in Gibson County, Tenn., in 1837. His parents, Joseph and Susan (Graham) Shelley, were both natives of Middle Tennessee, born in 1801 and 1804 respectively. The settlement of the Graham family Tennessee dates back to the Revolutionary War, when the great-grandfather removed from New York to that State. Joseph Shelley's parents were from North Carolina. In early life Joseph was engaged in hat manufacturing, but afterward followed farming as a vocation. When of middle age he was a minister in the Baptist Church. In 1851 he removed with his family to Mississippi County, Mo., locating on Shelley's Ridge, where he remained one year, and started with his family to Texas, but upon reaching Alexander, on Red River, he was taken sick. Turning his course back to Mississippi County, he died before he reached home (in 1853). To him and wife were born twelve children, five of whom are living: Sarah, Ellen, Nancy, John, James and Ellen (named for her older sister who died before her). The mother died in 1878 in Arkansas, while living with her youngest daughter, Arbelle. Joseph R. remained at home, assisting on the farm, until he was twenty-eight years old. His mother went to Arkansas in 1860, and he served in the Confederate army about one year. In 1865 he removed to his present location, and in 1866 married Elizabeth Childers, who was born on September 1, 1846. She is a daughter of Jackson and Martha (Reesor) Childers, natives of Tennessee and Kentucky, respectively. When a young man, Mr. Childers went with his parents to Indiana, in which State he grew to manhood, removing from thence to Kentucky. He was married April 15, 1839, and remained in Kentucky about ten years. In 1854 he removed to Southeast Missouri, where he died on February 15, 1877. Mrs. Childers is still living. To them were born Elizabeth, George, Thomas (deceased), Frances (Mrs. Hass Moss), Wilson (deceased), Drucilla (deceased), Reedie (Mrs. Frank Childers) and Parnelia (deceased). Mr. and Mrs. Shelley have no children, but they are rearing three orphans, Eliza, Adar and Thomas, children of Thomas and Rebecca (Thurman) Childers, who died on November 3, 1883, and January 16, 1884, respectively. Mr. and Mrs. Shelley have been members of the Christian Church for fourteen years. He is a member of the I.O.O.F. and of the Agricultural Wheel.

William Sherman

William Sherman was born in

Jefferson County, Ky., on March 15, 1826, and is the only survivor of nine children born to the marriage of Charles R. Sherman and Julia A. Porter, both of whom were natives of Maryland. The grandfather, Charles Sherman, was a Methodist minister, and lived in Jefferson County, Ky., at the time of his death. Charles R. Sherman was a turnpike contractor in early life, and built several of the pikes leading out of the city of Louisville, in which city he was a resident for several years. In 1840 he, with his family, took the steamer "Georgia," and came up the river to Price's Landing. Arriving on February 20, 1840, he removed his family to Mathews' Prairie, where he located, having previously purchased 300 acres of unimproved land, upon which he had built a good two-story farm house, considered one of the best in this portion of Missouri at that day. He soon had the farm under cultivation. Although the prairie was the most thickly settled portion of this part of the State, the inhabitants were few. Mr. Sherman resided on his farm until his death in the fall of 1843. His widow died in 1866. Four of their children died in Louisville, and four in Mississippi County; one besides William lived to be married - Susan - who was married to Dr. Jesse S. Bledsoe. William was fourteen years of age when his parents removed to Mississippi County, previous to which he had lived in Louisville. After the death of his father, he remained on the farm with his mother until his marriage in 1851, with Sallie, daughter of James Smith, a pioneer of Mississippi County. Upon the death of his wife, in 1860, he removed back with his mother, and remained until her death. He and wife had four children, of whom but one is living: Henry E. Those deceased are Dr. James S., Julia and Susie. From February 1874 to 1877, he was a resident of Columbia, to which place he removed to educate his children. His two sons graduated at the State University there. Mr. Sherman has made farming and stock raising his life vocation, at which he has been very successful. He is now retired from business, and for several years has been a resident of Charleston. Since 1840 he has been a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

Henry E. Sherman

Henry E. Sherman was born in

Mississippi County, Mo., on June 1, 1853. He graduated from the State University at Columbia in 1877, after which he was engaged in farming on his father's farm, about one mile north of Charleston, for two or three years. On June 12, 1877, he was united in marriage with Lillie V. Runyan, a native of Columbia, Mo. They had one child: William O. (deceased). His wife died in September, 1880. After the death of his wife he was not engaged in any business for about one year, and in 1881 he resumed farming, which he has very successfully continued. He owns 580 acres of good land, and has a nice residence in the city of Charleston, which was erected in 1876. On December 20, 1881, he was united in marriage with Mary F. Ward, a native of Mississippi County, by whom he has three children: Henry E., Jr., Virginia E. and Susie. Mr. and Mrs. Sherman are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. In politics he is a Democrat.

A.E. Simpson

Dr. A.E. Simpson, the oldest practitioner in Mississippi County, was born at Berry's Lick, Butler Co., Ky., on April 27, 1829. His grandfather, Hugh Simpson, was born near Fairfax Court House, Va., in 1760, and was of Scotch descent, his parents having come to America from Scotland. He was with Gen. Francis Marion in the Revolutionary War, at the close of which he was in South Carolina, and was married there to Mary Long. After his marriage he removed to Tennessee, locating near Nashville, where he remained a few years and immigrated to Warren County, Ky., where he died in 1832. He was a prominent man in his time, and was a Whig politically. Isaac Simpson, the father of the subject of this sketch, was a farmer, which occupation he followed during his life. He was born in Kentucky, and was married there to Rachel B. Tygart, also a native of Kentucky. The husband died at his home in that State in 1846, and his widow remained there until 1860, when she removed to Plattsburg, Mo., where she died in 1875. Isaac Simpson was elected a delegate to the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, which met at Lebanon, Iowa, in 1845. They were the parents of nine children, viz: Julia A. (deceased), Rilda J. (deceased), Dr. Absalom E., John J., Albert W. (killed at the battle of Pea Ridge), Angeline E. (deceased), Emma H. (deceased), Isaac Monroe and Hettie F. (deceased). Dr. A.E. Simpson remained on the farm until he was twenty years of age, attending the country schools of the neighborhood during the fall and winter. Following this, he spent two years at high school under the teaching of one John C. Duke, in Warren County, Ky., and then engaged in teaching school, which occupation he followed a few years, reading medicine in the meantime. In 1853 he entered the office of Dr. J.R. Curd, of Russellville, Ky., and the next year entered the medical department of the University of Louisville, graduating in 1856. He immediately after began practicing his profession at Hartford, Ky., and remained there until the spring of 1858, when he came to Charleston, and continued the practice of medicine. In 1863 he was elected county judge, and served until he was elected to the Legislature the next year. In politics he is a Democrat (was originally a Whig), and at the time of his service in the Legislature there were but thirteen Democratic representatives. He has served as city councilman, and was a school director for sixteen years, and was elected to the position of public administrator of Mississippi County four terms, holding the office sixteen years. In 1869, on account of failing health, he engaged in the mercantile business, which he continued till 1877, when he resumed the practice of his profession. In 1859 he wedded Arabella Lee, who died in 1860, leaving one child: William L. He was married again in 1861, choosing for his second wife Mrs. Rebecca J. (Swank) McFarland, by whom he has six children, viz: John L., Effie M., Henry L., Anna L., Cora B. and Bertie D. The Doctor is a Mason, and a member of the American Medical Association, also of the Southeast Missouri Medical Association, of which he has served as president.

Charles M. Slack

Charles M. Slack, dealer in furniture, Charleston, was born in Mason County Va., October 9, 1836. He is a son of Cornelius and Mary (McQuire) Slack, both natives of Virginia, the former of German, and the latter of Irish descent. The Slacks were an old Virginian family. Cornelius was a mechanic by trade, which he followed all his life in connection with farming. In 1838 he, with his family, immigrated to Cape Girardeau County, Mo., coming down the Ohio River on a flat-boat. He died in 1867, and his widow in 1879. They were the parents of eight children, viz: Susan (deceased), Mary, Charles M., Leander, Jeremiah, Franklin and John. The eldest child died in infancy. Charles M. being but two years of age when his parents emigrated from his native State was reared in Cape Girardeau County. At the age of eighteen years he began learning the carpenter's and cabinet-maker's trades, which he mastered under the instructions of his father. He was engaged in contracting and building at Cape Girardeau until about 1873, when he engaged in the furniture business, which he continued there until 1882, when he removed to Charleston, and engaged in his present business, at which he has been very successful. In 1860 he was united in marriage with Fidelia Lee, a native of Cape Girardeau. Three children have blessed their union: Everett L., Lillie H. and Arthur. In politics Mr. Slack is a Democrat, to which party his father also belongs. He is a member of the A.O.U.W., and he and wife are members of the Baptist Church.

William R. Slack

William R. Slack was born in

Hardin County, Ky., June 15, 1853, and is a son of Silas and Victoria (Cole) Slack, both of whom were natives of Hardin County, Ky. The two grandfathers, Randy Slack and William Cole, were Virginians, who settled in Kentucky at an early day, and resided there until their deaths. Silas Slack was reared in his native State. In 1857 he loaded his family and all his effects on a flat-boat, and came down the Ohio River to Missouri, landing at Wolf Island Township, Mississippi County, where he resided until February 1863, when the overflow of the Mississippi destroyed his property and he removed to the farm upon which William R. now lives. A few years later he purchased the farm, and resided there until his death on February 27, 1877. His wife died on February 15, 1880. They were the parents of seven children, three of whom are living: Cora (Mrs. John Hobbs, of Kentucky), William R. and Loyd F. The ones deceased are Silas, John, Emma and Melissa. William R. was but three years of age when his parents removed to Missouri. He has been engaged in farming all his life, and remained with his parents until their deaths. He now owns 352 acres of land, all of which is under cultivation. On March 17, 1885, he was united in marriage with Hannah, a daughter of Lowry and Mary A. (Stout) Hay. Mr. and Mrs. Slack have two children: Amy and Arthur, the later of whom is deceased. Mr. Slack is an enterprising and intelligent young man, and so far has been very successful in business.

Loyd F. Slack

Loyd F. Slack, a prosperous young farmer of Mississippi County, Mo., was born in that county on January 20, 1862. He is a son of Silas and Victoria (Cole) Slack [see William R. Slack's sketch].

Loyd F. was reared on his father's farm, and has always followed farming as a vocation. In 1881 he purchased the farm upon which he now resides, consisting of 120 acres of good land. He located on the farm the next year after his purchase. In 1885 he was united in marriage with Mollie Hendricks, a native of Kentucky. Two children have blessed their union: George O. and Willie. Mrs. Slack is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

James Smith

James Smith, one of the pioneers and prominent citizens of Mississippi County, was born on April 2, 1808, in Hardin County, Ky., and is a son of Washington and Hannah (McWilliams) Smith, both natives of Virginia. The Smith family came from England, and made a settlement in Virginia. The grandfather, James Smith, was a farmer and immigrated to Kentucky. He died in Hardin County, that State. The maternal grandparents came from Scotland, and also settled in Virginia. Washington Smith and his wife both died in Hardin County. They had five children, three of whom are living: James, David and George. Two daughters are deceased. James was reared on the farm in Kentucky, remaining with his parents until 1836, when he immigrated to Mississippi County, coming down the Ohio River in a flat-boat, on which he brought his stock, wagons, etc. Landing at Norfolk, December 28, 1836, he went to Mathews' Prairie, where he entered 240 acres of land, upon which he erected a hewed log cabin with a wood and mud chimney, and a clapboard roof. In which he lived for several years, until he could make better improvements. He has been a resident of this section of fifty-one years, and has witnessed it's development from a wild wilderness to its present wealthy state. He has been a resident of Charleston since 1883. Farming has been his life vocation, and he now owns 540 acres of land, but he has been retired, since moving to Charleston. Although in his eightieth year, he is bright and active, and possesses a wonderful memory. In 1832 he married Elizabeth Swank, a native of Kentucky, by whom he had six children, three living: Silas S., James W. and Elizabeth A. (Mrs. Dr. Bridwell). His wife died in 1845, and he was united in marriage in 1849 with Elizabeth A. Moore, a native of Scott County. Mr. Smith has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South since 1833.

Isaac N. Smith

Isaac N. Smith was born on

May 21, 1837, in Meade County, Ky., and is a son of John and Jane (Peak) Smith, both of whom were natives of Kentucky, and were of English and Irish descent, respectively. The paternal grandfather, Robert Smith, was a Virginian by birth, but immigrated to Kentucky at an early day, and from thence to Spencer County, Ind. Where he resided until his death about 1840. John Smith was born in 1806, and was about eighteen years of age when his parents removed to Spencer County, Ind. He remained with his parents until his marriage, when he removed to Meade County, Ky. Remaining there until 1855, he immigrated to Missouri, and in 1858 located in Mississippi County, where he had previously purchased a farm. He remained there until death in February 1866. His wife died 1879. They reared two children, Isaac N. and Lydia (Mrs. N.M. Griggs). Isaac N., being eighteen years of age when his parents removed to Missouri, was reared in his native county, and received a good common education. He remained with his parents until the Civil War broke out and troops were called, when he enlisted in Company E., Sixth Missouri Cavalry, Confederate State army, with which he participated, in all the campaigns west of the Mississippi River. He was wounded at Jackson's Run during Price's last raid, receiving four pistol shots, which took effect in the right leg, breaking the bone. He was left at Fredericktown, at the residence of Alex. Nifong, and there fell into the enemy's hands, but he was so badly wounded and bleeding, that they left him for dead in November, 1864. He was afterward paroled, and returned home and resumed farming. In 1875 he removed to Cairo and engaged in the grain and commission business, and continued under the firm name of Cunningham & Smith, until 1881, when he engaged in railroad contracting. He finished a \$10,000 contract on the St. Louis & Cairo Narrow Gauge Road, and a large contract on the Kansas City, Springfield & Memphis Railroad, the first under the firm name of I.N. Smith & Co., the last of Bethune & Smith. In 1883 he resumed the grain business, in which he is still engaged, having removed to Charleston, Mo., in 1887. He also deals extensively in fine stock, and manages his farming interest. He owns about 1,500 acres of land in Mississippi County, In April 1865 he was united in marriage with Louisa E. Rush, a native of Mississippi County. Seven children have been born to their marriage, viz: John A. (deceased), Emma B., Edmund K., Effie W., Isaac N., Jr., Claude M. and Mary A. Mr. and Mrs. Smith, are members of the Baptist Church. He is a member of the K. of H., and in politics is a Democrat.

John W. Smith

John W. Smith, a merchant at

Bird's Point, was born in Paducah, Ky., on May 23, 1848, and is a son of William A. and Mary R. (Smith) Smith, the former a native of Lincoln County, Tenn., and the latter of Prince William County, Va. William A. Smith removed to McCracken County, Ky., in 1831, and remained a few years, until November, 1853, when he removed to Massac County, Ill., and located on a farm, after which he engaged in farming and timber contracting. The subject of this sketch remained on the farm with his parents until he was twenty-seven years of age, when he married, and was engaged in farming in Massac County, Ill., until 1879. He then removed to Kentucky, and remained until 1881. He removed to East Prairie, Mo., and remained there till 1883, then, moved to Bird's Point, where he engaged in the saloon business until February 1888. He was employed on the Texas, Arkansas & St. Louis Railroad for some time, but is now engaged in the mercantile business, carrying a large stock of groceries and drugs. On October 11, 1876, he married Mary J. Stratton, who died on September 17, 1878, leaving one child, William F. He married again in 1885 choosing for his wife Martha N. Strader, by whom he has two children: Mary E. (deceased) and Jennie C. Mr. Smith is a member of the I.O.O.F.

James B. Smith

James B. Smith, a member of the firm of Smith & Beckwith, general merchants at Bird's Point, Mississippi Co., Mo., was born in Massa County, Ill., March 4, 1857. He is a son of William A. and Mary R. (Smith) Smith, the former of whom was a native of Tennessee, and the latter of Virginia. They immigrated to Illinois about November, 1853, and made a settlement in Massac County. Mr. Smith purchased a farm near Pellonia, upon which he resided until his death. His wife died in 1879. To them were born five children, three of whom are living: John W., Miranda C. (Mrs. W.G. Swinney) and James B. The last named remained with his parents until he was twenty-one years of age, assisting them on the farm. He then worked for himself as a farm laborer for a couple of years. In 1879 he went to East Prairie, Mo., and worked as a farm hand a part of two years, with John A. Miller, and then entered a store as clerk at Bird's Point. In December, 1883, he engaged in the mercantile business at Bird's Point, with Underwood Beckwith, with whom he has since continued in business. They were in the grocery business until February 1888, when they sold their stock, and now carry a general line of dry-goods, boots and shoes and general notions. On December 31, 1882, he was united in marriage with Laura Wyndland, by whom he has one child deceased, and one living. In the fall of 1883 Mr. Smith was commissioned, postmaster at Bird's Point, which position he still holds.

Hartwell Stratton

Dr. Hartwell Stratton, justice of the peace, Charleston, Mo., was born in Cumberland County, Va., February 16, 1825. His parents, Robert and Mary (Adams) Stratton, were natives of Virginia. Robert Stratton's parents removed from England to Virginia in early life, and remained there until their deaths. Robert was a farmer and planter by vocation, and lived and died in Cumberland County, Va. He served as an officer in the War of 1812. His death occurred in 1859. His wife died in 1828, having borne him three children, one of whom, Hartwell, is living. Those deceased are William (a member of the firm of Stratton & Bird, wholesale grocers of Cairo, Ill.) and Pamela M. Jackson, the mother of the Messrs. Jackson Bros., commission merchants, Cairo, Ill.). Mrs. Jackson died in 1876. William died in January 1888. The subject of this sketch was reared on a farm and remained with his father until he was twenty-one years of age, spending most of his time in school. He attended the Richmond college, also Emory and Henry college. In 1847 he went to Middle Tennessee and engaged in the mercantile business, which he continued for several years, when he began reading medicine, attending two courses of lectures at the Nashville University. In 1860 he entered the Missouri Medical College at St. Louis, graduating in the spring of 1861. Soon after he removed to Norfolk, Mississippi Co., Mo., and remained a short time practicing his profession after which he removed to Charleston, and engaged in the mercantile business, in partnership with J.H. Bethune and William F. Rodney, of Cape Girardeau. They remained in business several years, when Dr. Stratton sold his interest, and engaged in the drug business in Charleston, in partnership with Dr. T.L. Petrie, and subsequently, with Thomas Byrd of Charleston. After remaining in the drug business a few years, Dr. Stratton sold out, purchased a farm near Charleston, and engaged in agricultural pursuits, which he continued until a few months ago (1887) when he sold his farm and is now practically retired from business. He was elected to his present office in 1886. He was first married in 1849 to M.A. Kinby, of Tennessee, by whom he had six children, two of whom, only, are living: Mary (Mrs. E.W. Thompson) and William T.G., both of Mississippi County. She died in 1859. He was married again in 1865 to Eliza M. Randal, a native of Cape Girardeau County, by whom he had three children, two of whom, Aura L. and Lindsay M., are living and the other, Frank M. died at the age of eighteen years; their mother died in 1876. Dr. Stratton is a prominent citizen of Charleston and is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

Newton T. Strickland

Newton T. Strickland, an enterprising farmer of Mississippi County was born in Benton County, Tenn., in 1852, and is a son of Noah and Jane (Cowell) Strickland, both of whom were born and reared in Tennessee. Noah Strickland was born in 1816, and was a farmer, owning 500 acres of land. He was a highly respected citizen, and a member of the A.F. & A.M. His wife was born in 1819, and died in 1860. They had twelve children, of whom Joseph E., Charles H. and Susan G. (Mrs. John Allen) are deceased. Those living are Sarah (Mrs. W.C. Jernigan, of Carroll County, Tenn.), Nancy J. (Mrs. Ashley Bivens, of Benton County, Tenn.), William (of Wilson County, Tenn.), John C. (of Bertrand, Mo.), Cora G. (Mrs. Jacob Sullivan, of Williston, Tenn.), Thomas, Martha A., Louisa M. (widow of Richard Thompson) and Newton T. After the death of our subject's mother, Mr. Strickland married Elizabeth Davidson, who now lives in Long Prairie Township, with two of her daughters, her husband having died in 1879. Newton T. remained at his father's until he was twenty-five years of age. In November 1877, he was united in marriage with Sophronia I. Thompson, a native of Benton County, Tenn., born on August 17, 1855. She is a daughter of Albert and Amanda (Jarrell) Thompson, natives of Tennessee and North Carolina, respectively, who were married on August 17, 1854. The former was a son of William and Peninah (Holland) Thompson, natives of North Carolina, who early immigrated to Tennessee. They had twelve children, five of whom are living: Willis, David, Mary Ann, Rhoda (Beasley) and Jerry. Those dead are Benjamin, Lemuel, William, Charles, Albert, Dollie (Higden) and Eliza (Gossett). The father of these children died in 1848, and his widow was married to John Horn, a Baptist minister, who died about eleven months after his marriage. Mrs. Horn is now living in Benton County, Tenn., and is ninety years of age. She enjoys good health, except that she is now almost blind. She had been very active and energetic, and has ever been a good, kind mother, and a devoted Christian, beloved by all who knew her. She is a member of the Primitive Baptist Church. Amanda Jarrell was the daughter of Richard and Elizabeth (Stires) Jarrell, also natives of North Carolina, who came to Tennessee at an early day. Richard was a highly respected man, and an accomplished school-teacher. He died about 1843, and his widow followed about 1861. They had eleven children, of whom nine are deceased: Lucinda, Missouri, Calvin, Franklin, Amanda, Nancy Ann, Queene, Thomas and Susan. Those living are Daniel and Lafayette, both of whom live in Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Strickland came to Southeast Missouri in January, 1881, and located on their present farm. They are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. He is a member of the A.F. & A.M. and of the A.O.U.W. To them three children have been born as follows: Albert N., November 13, 1878; Emma E., April 12, 1881; and Eulah G., August 9, 1884.

William B. Swank

William B. Swank, a prosperous farmer of Mississippi County, was born on the farm upon which he now resides, February 18, 1853, and is a son of Silas and Frances (Thompson) Swank, the former a native of Hardin County, Ky., and the latter of Cape Girardeau County, Mo. The paternal great-grandparents came to America from Germany. Jacob Swank, the grandfather, served in the War of 1812. In 1835 he immigrated to Mississippi County, and made a settlement on Mathews' Prairie, where he remained until his death. Silas Swank was but fifteen years of age when he came with his parents to Mississippi County. In 1843 he removed to the farm upon which William B. now resides, and was making his second crop, when the overflow of 1844 swept everything away. He resided on that farm until his death in August 1886. His wife died in 1857. They had four children: James S., Mary, William B. and Elizabeth. William B. has spent his life on his present farm, which consists of 320 acres of well improved land, which is mostly under cultivation. In 1879 he was united in marriage with Frances Remmek, a native of Alexander County, Ill. Three children have blessed their union: Willie M., Silas, and Mary (deceased). Mr. and Mrs. Swank are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

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S.G. Tetwiler

S.G. Tetwiler, the editor and publisher of the *The Democrat*, Charleston, Mo., was born April 29, 1861, in Ironton, Iron Co., Mo., in the beautiful Arcadia Valley. He is a descendant from an old and honorable Germany family, his forefathers, three generations ago, having settled in Bedford county, Penn., from which his parents immigrated to Missouri some forty years ago. The subject of this sketch received a very limited education in the public schools of Ironton. His inclinations were all toward the printing business, but another brother of the same bent of mind preceding him in Ironton's one printing office, that of the *Iron County Register*, owned by an uncle, Eli B. Ake. S.G. Tetwiler accepted a situation as drug clerk, and for the greater part of six years, or until he was of age, followed that profession, holding as a result a certificate of registration, under the State laws, entitling him to follow pharmacy as a profession. In 1881 he was married to Miss Lutie C. Mills, a young lady whose parents died in her infancy. Following this event Mr. Tetwiler left his old home for Colorado, but the climate not proving agreeable to the health of his wife, within a short period he found himself in the "Future Great" of "Poor Old Missouri", where for several months he improved his opportunities for becoming initiated in the mysteries of the "art preservative". His first newspaper venture the *Bonne Terre Reporter*, and its success was of such questionable nature that the outfit was disposed of as soon as a purchaser for it could be found. Three years later he assumed duty as local editor of the *Poplar Bluff Enquirer*, but after this venture had succumbed to the inevitable, he transferred himself to his present location, where he first assumed duty as editor and manager, and afterward purchased *The Democrat*, a newspaper which has been accorded probably more praise for ability and neatness than any other journal of its age in the State.

William K. Thompson

William K. Thompson was born in Salem County, N.J., in 1846, and is one of three children born to William and Lydia Thompson, also natives of New Jersey. The father was a plasterer by trade and he and wife resided in their native State until their deaths, both of which occurred during the civil War. Their other children are George and Amy, both of whom now reside in New Jersey. William K. was reared at his father's home, which he left in the fall of 1864 to enlist in the United State army. He joined the Thirty-eighth New Jersey Volunteer Infantry, and was mustered out of service in July 1865. He soon after went to Philadelphia, and engaged in boating and trading. He coasted on a steamer to Boston and Providence, after which he made a trip from Baltimore to New Orleans. At the latter city he obtained work on the levee. He went from thence to Mount Pleasant, Tex., and was for a while engaged in carpentering. After visiting other towns in Texas, he returned to New Orleans, and resumed work on the government levee. In 1872 he came to Southeast Missouri, and located in Wolf Island Township, Mississippi County, where he has since been engaged in farming. In November, 1874, he was united in marriage with Mrs. Catherine Bratcher, who was born in Mississippi County, Mo., in 1850. She is one of two daughters born to Amos M. and Eveline Bratcher, natives of Kentucky, who, when they were young, came to Southeast Missouri with their parents, soon after the Beckwith family located there. Their other daughter is Mary A. (Mrs. John Gossett), of Scott County, Mo. Mr. Bratcher died on December 4, 1867, aged about sixty-eight years. Mrs. Bratcher died in her fifty-first year (in 1870). Mrs. Thompson first married a cousin, Mark L. Bratcher, who died on March 27, 1872, leaving three children: Amos M., Margaret E. and Sarah M. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson's marriage has been blessed by the birth of one child, Minnie E.

Elbert W. Thompson

Elbert W. Thompson, an intelligent and enterprising farmer of Mississippi County, Mo., was born in that county in what is known as Texas Bend, October 2, 1849. He is a son of Harrison S. and Hannah A. (Sheppard) Thompson, natives of Cape Girardeau County, where he died. Harrison S. Thompson was born November 13, 1813. In 1837 he immigrated to Mississippi County and located where Elbert W. now resides. He entered a large tract of land, which he added to from time to time, and at the time of his death owned over 5,000 acres. He was one of the first settlers of what is known as Thompson's Bend, which at that time was heavily timbered. He lived a bachelor about two years. On February 28, 1840 he married Elizabeth S. Goode, who resided near Charleston, Mo. To them were born two children, John W. and Elizabeth S. His wife died August 8, 1843. Elizabeth S. (an infant) died August 17, 1843. John W. died February 9, 1861. On July 16, 1846, H.S. Thompson was married to Hannah a. Sheppard, who resided at Charleston, Mo., and was born at that place March 12, 1827. To them were born nine children, three of whom are living: Elbert W., Martha A. (Mrs. Alex B. Rouse) and Laura W.D. Those deceased are Mary J., who was born February 11, 1848, and died September 4, 1851; Cyrus N., born March 25, 1851, and died October 12, 1868; James H. born November 17, 1853, died September 6, 1856; Amricus J., born January 21, 1856, and died October 15, 1861; Mary J. (second), born August 1, 1858 and died December 1, 1860; Elizabeth H., born October 4, 1862 and died December 27, 1864; Martha A. born February 19, 1864; Laura W.D., born September 16, 1866. Harrison S. Thompson at the beginning of the war, had about 600 acres of land in cultivation, with good improvements, and forty-five slaves. He lost a considerable amount of property by both armies. He died November 4, 1867. On November 5, 1869, his wife, Hannah A. married John Harness. She died March 10, 1886. Elbert W. was reared to farm life, and remained with his father until the latter's death. On April 16, 1874, he married Mary J., daughter of Dr. Hartwell and Mary A. Stratton, of Jackson County, Tenn. Mrs. Stratton died in January, 1862. Mr. H. Stratton afterward moved to Charleston, Mo., where he now lives. To Elbert W. and Mary J. Thompson were born eight children: Bertie E. was born July 13, 1875; Lena P. was born September 16, 1877 died December 30, 1877; Hartwell S. was born January 19, 1879, died February 5, 1884; William C. was born September 22 1880, died October 3, 1880; Frank M. was born August 30, 1882, Claude E. was born August 27, 1884; Hannah M. was born September 23, 1886; infant, unnamed, born April 25, 1888. Elbert W. has always made Thompson's Bend his home, and now has about 2,000 acres of land, with about 800 in cultivation, and good improvements.

John B. Thurman

John B. Thurman, a farmer of

St. James Township, Mississippi County, was born in that county in 1861. His parents, Hiram and Elizabeth (Reed) Thurman, were natives of Kentucky, the former born on March 29, 1832, and the latter on April 4, 1837. They were married April 13, 1853, after which they removed to Southeast Missouri, where they were engaged in farming until their deaths. The wife died December 26, 1880, having borne four children: Dennie (who died in childhood), Catherine (Mrs. Anthony Geltz, of Tywappita Township, Mississippi County), John B. and Georgia Alice. Mr. Thurman was married again, choosing for his second wife Nancy Rhodes, by whom he had one child, Elmore, who now lives with his sister, Mrs. Geltz. His mother died in December 1885. Mr. Thurman died on September 8, 1885. John B. remained with his parents until he was twenty-two years of age, after which he was engaged in farming with his sister. In 1884 he was untied in marriage with Sarah Hargan, who was born in Hardin County, Ky., and is a daughter of Franklin and Easter (Childers) Hargan, both also natives of Hardin County, Ky. They removed to Southeast Missouri in 1882, and located in Texas Bend, where they still reside. Their children are Ida R., Joseph, Mary, Sarah, William, Stephen, Rosa B. (deceased), Benjamin J., Laura F. (deceased) and Thomas M. In the year of his marriage Mr. Thurman located upon his present farm, consisting of eighty acres, which he has since improved very much. To him and wife have been born two daughters: Lottie and Lillie. Mr. and Mrs. Thurman are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. His parents were also members of the same church.

Jackson L. Travis

Dr. Jackson L. Travis

(deceased) was born in North Carolina, November 6, 1824, and at the age of five years removed with his parents to Tennessee, where he grew to manhood, and studied medicine under the direction of an uncle. In 1853 he came to Southeast Missouri, and located in Lucas Bend. Dr. Travis, with a single exception, was the oldest practitioner in Mississippi County. He was a good and useful neighbor, and a kind friend. He died at his home, near Bratcher's Lake, on Tuesday, January 18, 1881. He was first married on October 19, 1858, to Martha J. Hicks, who was born on June 9, 1835. By this union were born four children: Jackson (who died on January 4, 1879, aged twenty-two years, two months and four days); Leulla (born December 11, 1858, died on February 9, 1875); the other two, Mary J. and Martha I., died in infancy. Their mother died on February 19, 1866. Dr. Travis was married, on November 19, 1866, to Lucy H. Beckwith, born on April 17, 1843. She is the daughter of Marmaduke and Susan (Griffitt) Beckwith, both now deceased. Mr. Beckwith came to Southeast Missouri in 1812, and was one of the prominent men of his day. He had two children by his marriage with Susan Griffitt: Underwood and Lucy H. Mrs. Beckwith died when the latter was three weeks old. Mr. Beckwith afterward married Mrs. Catherine Price, a daughter of Abram Hunter, one of the pioneer settlers of Southeast Missouri. By this marriage were born Amanda (Medley) of Arcadia, Mo., Anna (Mrs. Henry Pease, of St. Francois County, Mo.), and four who are dead: Richard, Newman, Thomas and Yancy. Mr. Beckwith died in March, 1881. Dr. Travis had six children by his marriage with Lucy H. Beckwith: Lucien (born September 10, 1867); Lucy (born on June 23, 1869); Lulella (born on September 13, 1871); Ada (born on January 1, 1875); Anna (died in infancy) and Jackson L. (born on September 5, 1878). Mrs. Travis and her five children live on the home place, near Bratcher's Lake, in Mississippi County.

Robert W. Turley

Robert W. Turley, a farmer of James Bayou Township, Mississippi Co., Mo., was born in Ste. Genevieve County, Mo., and is a son of William H. Turley, who was born and reared in Washington County, Mo. The latter married Martha Miller, a native of Indiana, whose parents came to Missouri when she was a child. They located in St. Francois County. Mrs. Turley has one brother, W.S. Miller, now living in Farmington, St. Francois County, engaged in carpentering. Mr. Turley was a farmer. He died in Missouri in 1879, his wife having died two years previously, in 1877. They were the parents of thirteen children: Oliver C. (of Ste Genevieve County, Mo.) Elbridge C. (of Tate County, Miss.), Robert W., James R. (of Tate County, Miss.), Nathan (of Ste. Genevieve County, Mo.), Mary A. (Mrs. John Ellett, (of Tate County, Miss.), Louis G. (of Tate County, Miss.), George S. (also of the at county), Luther M. (deceased), Margaret A. (deceased), Didamia (deceased) and two that died in infancy. Robert W. remained on the home farm assisting with the work, until he was twenty-eight years of age. He received a liberal education in the common schools. He came to Mississippi County in October, 1882, and located near where he now reside, purchasing his present farm of 130 acres, in 1886. In 1881 he was united in marriage with Eliza Burgess, a native of Saline County, Ohio. She died in 1884, leaving one child, Carroll B. Mr. Turley afterward married Mahala Cunningham, a native of St. Francois County, Mo. She is a daughter of Burl and Mary Cunnigham. By this union he has one child, Alma Alice. Mr. and Mrs. Turley belong to the Missionary Baptist Church. He is a member of the K. of H.

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Frederick A. Vogley

Frederick A. Vogley, proprietor of the Vogley Saw Mills, located on the St. Louis, Arkansas & Texas Railroad, two and one-half miles from Hibbard, Mo., was born in Switzerland in 1851. He is one of seven children born to the union of Christian Vogley and Susannah Von Neiderhaussem. The parents removed to America when the subject of this sketch was about three years of age. Landing in New Orleans Mr. Vogley removed his family to Louisville, Ky. He was a tailor, and worked at his trade in that city until about 1859, when he removed to New Philadelphia, Ohio, remaining until the spring of 1882, when he came to Southeast Missouri. He located in St. James Township, Mississippi County, where he died in June after his arrival. To them were born Frederick A., Alice E., Christian, Samuel, Caroline (Mrs. Lee Grim, of New Philadelphia, Ohio), William A. and Sophia M. (Mrs. George W. Foust). Sophia's husband resides near Mr. Vogley's mill, and she is his bookkeeper. William A. is a graduate of the National Normal University at Lebanon, Ohio and is now principal of the school of Dadeville, Ala. After Mr. Vogley's death Mrs. Vogley moved back to Ohio, and was married to William Weal, of Wesh descent. Frederick A. came to Southeast Missouri in 1879, and engaged in farming in St. James Township. In 1866 he erected the mills before mentioned, in which he employs fifteen men. He owns about 800 acres of land, with 100 acres under cultivation. He married Malinda Harney, who was born at Blake's Mills, Ohio. Her parents were born in Switzerland. Mr. and Mrs. Vogley have two children: Naoma (born on January 26, 1872) and Viola May (born on September 21, 1886). They are rearing a boy, Peter Moran, whose father died in the hospital at Memphis, Tenn. Mr. and Mrs. Vogley are members of the German Baptist Church.

Robert Vowels

Robert Vowels, a farmer of Mississippi County, was born in Nelson County, Ky., November 24, 1841. His parents, Henry and Elizabeth J. (Ice) Vowels, were both natives of Kentucky, and of the hardy Scotch-Irish lineage. The forefathers were among the early settlers of Kentucky. Henry Vowels was reared in his native State, where he remained until 1860, when he, with his family, immigrated to Mississippi County, Mo., coming down the Ohio River on a steamer. Landing at Bird's Point, he located in the neighborhood of Robert Vowel's present home, and resided there till his death, which occurred in 1880. His wife, by whom he had eleven children, died in 1865. Eight of their children are living: Robert, Mary E. (Mrs. Nelson B. Brewer), Elizabeth (Mrs. Joseph A. Barker), Thomas, George, James, Alexander and Nancy (Mrs. George Armer). The subject of this sketch spent his youth on his father's farm in Kentucky, being about nineteen years of age when he removed with his parents to Mississippi County, Mo. He remained with them until 1862, when he began work for himself, since which time he has been engaged in agricultural pursuits. In 1870 he purchased 160 acres of land, it being the same upon which he now resides, of which about 100 acres are under cultivation. He was married in 1866 to Mary E. Hutchinson, a native of Tennessee, and to them eight children have been born, viz: Thomas, Cora, Jessie, Andrew, Netty, Charles, Florence, and an infant unnamed (deceased). Mr. Vowel is a member of the Agricultural Wheel. Politically he is a Democrat.

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Robert Waide

Col. Robert Waide, one of the oldest attorneys of Southeast Missouri, was born in Augusta County, Va., on June 16, 1821. He is a son of John and Elizabeth (Beard) Waide, both of whom were natives of Virginia, and of English and German descent, respectively. They were the parents of ten children, five of whom are living. Robert was reared on his father's farm in Virginia until he was twenty years of age, after which he taught school. In 1847 he began the study of law, and two years later immigrated west, locating at Charleston, Mississippi Co., Mo., where he taught school for a short time. In 1852 he was admitted to the bar, and has since been in constant practice. He has been a notary public for sixteen years, and has held the office of county attorney for two terms. In 1866 he was elected to represent Mississippi County in the Legislature, and was re-elected in 1868. Mr. Waide was married first in 1855 to Catherine Minne Firebaugh. She died in 1856, leaving one child, Catherine Elizabeth. He was married again in 1862: his second wife being Mrs. Mary A. Gerdon, by whom he has two children living, viz: Hampton and Robert P. His wife died in 1886. In politics Mr. Waide is a Republican.

Joseph F. Watkins

Joseph F. Watkins, a prominent farmer and stock dealer of Scott County, was born in Stoddard County, Mo., on February 6, 1849. He is a son of Joseph and Louisa (Northcutt) Watkins. The former was born in Benton County, Tenn., and was killed in Cape Girardeau County by a horse throwing him against a tree, in January 1849. About two years after his death his widow and children removed to Scott County, and settled near Dieblstadt, where she was married to Samuel Hennon, a native of Missouri. She was a member of the Baptist Church, and died in February 1855. She had four children by her first husband and two by the last, viz: Thomas (deceased), Sarah (deceased), Benjamin (deceased), and Joseph Watkins, Marcella H. Hennon (Mrs. Cury Nathons) and a daughter who died when one year old. Joseph F. lived with his uncle until he was twenty-two years of age. The uncle, Francis Kirkpatrick, was a native of Tennessee, but removed to Scott County at an early day. When twenty-four years of age he wedded Paralee Holms, born on February 29, 1854, in Benton County, Tenn. She came with her parents to Mississippi County when she was four or five years of age. She died on October 18, 1876, having borne two children, Benjamin and Ida May, both deceased. Mr. Watkins was afterward married to Laura Holmes, also a native of Benton County, Tenn., born October 11, 1858. She was married on January 10, 1878, having removed to Mississippi County in November 1877. They have four children: Effie F., Elbert (deceased), Mary A. and Clara. Our subject and wife are highly respected citizens. He is a member of the I.O.O.F. and of the A.F. & A.M.

Benjamin C. White

Benjamin C. White, a farmer

of James Bayou Township, Mississippi County, Mo., was born in the State of Mississippi in 1840 and is a son of Wiley and Pernina (Clibourne) White, of English and French descent, respectively. They were both born in Charleston, S.C. and were married in their native State, from which they removed to Mississippi in 1833, living in the latter State until their deaths. Mr. White died on March 14, 1850, and Mrs. White in February, 1845. Their children were William (deceased), Martha Ann (deceased), Louis W. (farming in Pikens County, Ala.), Louisa J. (deceased), Benjamin C. and Pernina Ellen (wife of S.W. Nunn, a farmer of James Bayou Township, Mississippi County). Benjamin C. lived with an elder brother until he was sixteen years of age, when he came to Mississippi County, Mo. He stopped near his present home, but being without capital, he rented land, and worked out by the mouth until he had accumulated enough to buy him a home, which was in 1871. He then purchased 131 acres of the farm which now consists of 263 acres, with 215 under cultivation. In 1860 he was united in marriage with Mrs. Sophronia Arnold, born in Hickman County, Ky., in 1839. She is the daughter of David H. Kelley, who came to Southeast Missouri, in 1843, and located in Mississippi County. Mrs. White was first married to James Arnold, by whom she had one son, Martin Arnold. Mr. Arnold died in 1858. To Mr. and Mrs. White have been born six children: Pernina Ellen (deceased), Georgia Ann (Mrs. R.S. Fleming, of Indiana), Mary J., Benjamin Co., Jr. (who is now attending school in Clinton, Ky.), Minnie Dixon and Thomas Lee. Mr. White has given each of his children a good education. He is also rearing a niece, whose parents are dead. Her name is Eliza Kelley. Mr. White is a member of the I.O.O.F. lodge of Charleston.

James W. Whitsell

James W. Whitsell, a

competent blacksmith and wagon-maker, of East Prairie, Mississippi County, was born in Kentucky, in 1855, and is a son of James P. and Sarah Ann (Thompkins) Whitsell, both of whom were born in Hopkins County, Ky. Their grandparents came from Georgia in a very early day and located in Webster County, Ky. James P. Whitsell was reared as a farmer, in which occupation he was afterward extensively engaged; later in life, however, he was engaged in blacksmithing. His first wife died in 1860, leaving two children, John J. and James W. Mr. Whitsell afterward married Virginia Crineham, who was born and reared in Kentucky. To this union were born D. Edgar, J. Cloud and William, all of whom are living. J.J. Cloud resides with the subject of this sketch. James P. Bradley [Whitsell] died in 1875 or 1876 and his widow is now living in Kentucky. James W. learned his trade under the direction of his father, in Hopkins County, Ky., and in 1879 he worked with an uncle in Kentucky. In 1880 he came to Mississippi County and located at Bertrand, removing to his present location in the summer of 1887, at which place he has a good home, and a lucrative business. In 1887 he was united in marriage with Miss Nancy A. Diviney. She was born in Tennessee and came to Bertrand with her parents in 1874 or 1875. Two children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Whitsell: James C. and Nora W. Mrs. Whitsell is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is a member of the A.O.U.W.

George W. Wilson

Dr. George W. Wilson, a physician of Wolf Island township, Mississippi County, was born in Richmond, Ind., in 1839, and is a son of William D. and Mary (McMinn) Wilson, natives of Virginia and Delaware, respectively. William D. Wilson removed his family to Indiana, in 1826 and established a foundry and machine manufactory, one of the first in that section of the county. He remained in Richmond until 1858, when he removed to Greencastle, Ind., and resumed the manufacturing business. He was a very prominent man in his day, taking an active part in politics and other matters, being a strong prohibitionist, and was a great temperance worker. He died in Greencastle, at the age of seventy-three years, and his widow is still residing there, with one of her sons, John T. Wilson, who is now in the manufacturing business. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson were the parents of eight children, four of whom are living: John T. David L., Emma (Mrs. Harvey Fleming, of California), and Dr. George W. Those deceased are Virginia, Eliza, William and Elizabeth. Dr. George W. graduated from the high school of Richmond, Ind., in 1857 or 1858, after which he entered college at Oberlin, Ohio, and was only in the junior class when the war broke out. He left school, and went to Terre Haute, Ind., and enlisted in the Forty-third Indiana Regiment, and served for two years as hospital steward, and then as assistant-surgeon for a longer time. He enlisted in August, 1861, and was mustered out in St. Louis, in November, 1865. On returning home he entered a medical college at Cincinnati, graduating in 1867. He also attended a college at Philadelphia. After securing his professional education, he returned and remained there, engaged in the drug business, and the practice of his profession, until 1878, when he came to Southeast Missouri, and located in Mississippi County, where he has since resided, with the exception of two years in Florida. In 1869 Dr. Wilson married Mary Peck, daughter of Charles and Ursula Peck, both of whom were born and reared in New York. The Doctor is a member of the A.F. & A.M., and of the Knights Templar. He and wife have four children: Charles D., Douglas, McMinn and Amy L.

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Haston Yates

Haston Yates, a farmer of

Sassafras Ridge, Mississippi County, was born in Marshall County, Ky., February 23, 1840. His parents, John and Laura T. (Butler) Yates, were natives of North Carolina. The former moved to Kentucky, when a small boy, with his father, Joel Yates. The Butler family removed to Kentucky several years later, about 1828. Joel Yates and four children died in Marshall County, Ky. John died when the subject of this sketch was about six years old, leaving besides him a daughter, Harriet (Mrs. James Scillian). Both she and husband are now deceased. After Mr. Yates death, his widow married James Brien, who was a soldier under Gen. Jackson at New Orleans, and one of the oldest and most prominent settlers of the "Jackson Purchase" Kentucky. He entered a large tract of land in Calloway County and served several terms in both houses of the General Assembly, of Kentucky. While at Frankfort he divided Calloway County, and formed Marshall County, which latter was his home until his death. He was an honorable, high-minded man, and after his second marriage, it is said, never a cross word passed between himself and wife. Mr. Yates remembers with sincere gratitude, the kindness shown him by his step-father, whose wisdom, advice and apt council have followed him during life. He died in 1875 or 1876, leaving two children: Catherine (Mrs. Robert Dew, of Trigg County, Ky.) And Volney P. (of Marshall County, Ky.) The mother died in 1866. Haston lived with his mother until he was twenty years of age, and when twenty-one years old was married to Rhoda Downing, who was born in 1842, and is a daughter of Joseph and Adaline Downing, both of whom were born and reared in Marshall County, Ky. Mr. Downing afterward married P.J. Heath, by whom she had ten children: William H. (deceased), Sarah J., James B., Telitha C., John H., Thomas M., Richard, Reuben, Celia A. and Robert N. The parents are still residing in Marshall County, Ky. After his marriage, Mr. Yates located on his part of the home place, where he resided about eight years, when he sold out and came to Southeast Missouri, but after one year he returned to his native State. Remaining there six years more, he again came to Missouri and located on his present farm. To him and wife have been born six children: Temperance Adaline, Mary J. (Mrs. Oliver Roach), Rufus, Julia Florence, John Albert (deceased) and an infant (deceased and unnamed). Mr. Yates is a member of the Baptist Church.

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