

larvæ there to be found. Occasionally, but not often, the bears caught up a pig or two.

At first wolves were very plenty and very savage. Quite often they chased the settlers' pigs into the dooryards, even in daylight. But after awhile the "hazel splitters" grew stout, strong, and almost as savage and dangerous as the wolves, and quite able to care for themselves. When wolves attacked them the pigs and weaker hogs formed in the center of a ring, on the outside of which the boars, with their huge, sharp tusks, presented themselves in a wall almost as impenetrable as a cordon of soldiers with bayonets. In a fair fight a boar would do up a huge gray wolf in a few seconds.

Deer were of course plenty. An old hunter named Freeman once found the skeletons of two large bucks, whose antlers had become so tightly locked in a fight that they could not separate themselves, and they had starved to death. Freeman showed this sight to Addison Lair, who yet lives to tell of it.

From 1837 to 1840 immigrants came in rather rapidly, and what were considered the most desirable locations were taken up. Then the hard times set in and but few came until in about 1848. Then for ten years the country gradually settled up to something near its present condition. During the war of course there was no improvement. The immigrants that came in for the most part did not bring their families with them, but rode on horseback, wore either blue or gray clothing and carried muskets, carbines and shot-guns. The leading incidents of the war in this township are recorded elsewhere.

After the war there was a boom, and from 1866 to 1873. Afterwards, whether from the effect of the panic or not can not well be stated, emigration ceased, and there has not been much since.

Addison Lair built the first brick house in the township, in 1849. Rev. Henry Louthan built one about the same time.



BIOGRAPHICAL.

BLACK CREEK TOWNSHIP.

THEODORE BETHARDS

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, Post-office, Shelbyville).

Mr. Bethards, a brother-in-law to E. W. Douglass, Jr., whose sketch appears on a subsequent page of this work, was a son of Josiah Bethards, therein mentioned, who came to Shelby county from Maryland away back in 1832, among the first settlers of the county. His father entered a large body of land here and improved a good farm, where he lived a successful and respected life as a farmer and citizen, and died at a good old age in 1875. His wife, who was a Miss Matilda Moore, also born and reared in Maryland, died the year before. Theodore was born on the farm in this county in the year of 1858, and was brought up to a farm life. He received a good common school education in the schools of the district, and in 1880 was married to Miss Nettie Fletcher, a daughter of A. F. Fletcher, an old resident of the county from Virginia. Mr. Bethards has a farm of 240 acres of fine second-bottom land, all fenced and otherwise well improved or in grass for stock purposes. He gives some attention to raising stock, and is one of the energetic young farmers of the township.

CHRISTIAN F. BOETTCHER

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, Post-office, Shelbyville).

One of the old and wealthy citizens of Shelby county is the subject of the present sketch. Mr. Boettcher has a farm of 1,000 acres, all improved and well stocked with cattle and other farm animals — and all the fruit of his own industry and intelligent management. He commenced for himself in life without a dollar, and made his start working at the gunsmith's trade. He was born in Clodra, Saxton Weimar, Germany, on the 20th day of March, 1817, and came to America in 1840. He first settled in Ohio, where he resided until 1844, when he came to Missouri, and made his permanent home in Shelby county. He commenced working at Bethel for a "Religious Company," the leader of whom was a W. Cile, and after 18 months' labor without compensation, he moved to Shelbyville and

resumed his trade of gunsmithing, then being \$11 in debt. In 1873 he located upon his farm. At Newport, Ohio, Mr. Böttcher was married to Miss Christina Wilkins. They have had six children, three of whom are living, namely: Frederick, John and Mary. Mr. Böttcher fattens for the market annually from 150 to 200 head of cattle and considerable other stock. He is one of the worthy and well respected old citizens of the county.

SAMUEL F. BOWER

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, Post-office, Bethel).

Mr. Bower is a brother to Theodore, August, and David Bower, whose sketches appears on another page of this work, and was born in Pennsylvania on the 15th day of June, 1837. Nine years of age when the family came to Shelby county, he was reared in this county and learned the wheelwright's trade under his father. He worked in the shop with his father for about eight years. In his twenty-fourth year, in 1860, he was married to Miss Louisa Krous, formerly of Pennsylvania. Some four years prior to this, however, he had engaged in farming, and he continued farming in the vicinity of Bethel until 1861, when he went to California and from there on to Oregon. On the journey out he drove a mule team, making the trip overland, across the plains and through the mountains. Mr. Bower was on the Pacific coast about three years, and then returned in 1864. The home trip he made by way of Panama and New York. On his return he resumed farming in this vicinity. He has a good farm of 250 acres and is in comfortable circumstances. Mr. and Mrs. Bower have 10 children: Elizabeth, Samuel, Rachel, Edward, August A., Christina, Lawrence, Louise, Liddy and Theodore.

DONALD A. BRANT

(Farmer, Stock-raiser and Stock-breeder, Post-office, Shelbyville).

Mr. Brant, who has a good farm about one-half mile east of Shelbyville, is making a specialty of breeding and raising for sale fine Norman horses, the line of industry in which he has been engaged for the past seven years. In common with a few other of the more intelligent and progressive farmers, he believes that the breeding of draft horses is becoming and is destined to be one of the most profitable branches of farm life to which one can give his attention. His experience thus far has been such as to fully justify this opinion and he expects to enlarge his business in this line as rapidly as his circumstances, without inconvenience, will allow. He is also raising a good grade of cattle and runs his farm in grass for stock purposes. Mr. Brant comes of an old North Missouri family. His parents, Mathias and Louisa (Gillespie) Brant, settled in Marion county, from Kentucky at an early day. Donald A. was born in that county, four miles north of Palmyra, April 30, 1834. The father died when Donald A. was quite young, and in 1837 the mother came to Shelby county

and entered a tract of 200 acres of land, about three-quarters of a mile from Shelbyville, where she had a house built and improved a farm, the same place on which Donald A. now resides. She subsequently married George Macafee, but he survived his marriage only a few months. She resided on the farm until her death, Donald A. and Archibald M. conducting the farm after they grew up. The mother died in 1867. Archibald M. afterwards went to St. Louis and engaged in business, where he died after a residence there of about two years. In 1863 Donald A. went to Montana and engaged in mining at Virginia City, where he spent about three years. That was in the days of the vigilants of Montana, and he relates many interesting and thrilling anecdotes of his observations in the far North-west. Returning in 1866, Mr. Brant was married February 21, of the following February (1867), to Miss Sallie Baker, a daughter of George Baker, formerly of Boone county, Ky. After his return Mr. Brant resumed farming in this county, locating on the old homestead, where he has since continued to reside. In 1870 he erected a good residence on a different site from the one occupied by the old homestead, which was burned, however, in the fall of 1883. Mr. Brant's place contains 200 acres and is one of the choice farms of the township.

HENRY C. CARLISLE

(Farmer and United States Claim Agent, Shelbyville).

Mr. Carlisle was born in Frederick county, Va., December 8, 1839. His mother, Ellen Cressap, was from Maryland, while his father, Alexander Carlisle, was from Winchester, Frederick county, Va. John Carlisle, elder brother to Alexander, moved early to Kentucky, and his son is the present Speaker of the House. In 1842, Alexander Carlisle and his family came to Missouri and settled in the north-east corner of Shelby county, where he improved 640 acres of land, and was a successful farmer until his death, in July, 1869, aged 76. He was by trade a machinist and worked at it until he came to Missouri. He grew tobacco and raised stock. In politics Mr. Carlisle was formerly a Whig; when the war came on he sided with the South. He left a family of three sons and one daughter: Daniel D., on the old homestead; John L., at Shelbina; Cornelia L., widow of Dr. Amos H. Baldwin and Henry C., the subject of this sketch. The latter was reared on the farm and taught the carpenter's trade. He worked at this until the outbreak of the war, when he enlisted in the Union army, enlisting in the Thirteenth Missouri, afterwards consolidated with the Twenty-fifth Missouri Infantry and First Missouri Engineers under Col. Smith. He went in as a private, but rapidly rose to the rank of lieutenant, which he held at the time of his discharge. He was a faithful and efficient soldier until the close of the war, seeing hard service and receiving three wounds. At Pittsburg Landing he was shot through the body by a musket ball and being taken prisoner at the same time, was treated by Confederate surgeons. He was disabled for four months. At Vicksburg Mr. Carlisle was slightly

wounded in the left arm, and at the same place his right leg was so shattered below the knee that he barely escaped its loss. As it is he will feel the effects probably to his dying day. Soon after his discharge and return, July 24, 1864, Mr. Carlisle married Miss Mary A. McMurtry, of Shelby county, daughter of Alexander and Emily (McPherson) McMurtry. Mrs. C.'s father died in October, 1882, one of the old and most honored citizens of the county. Mr. Carlisle settled on a farm of 320 acres, situated three miles west of town, but in 1877, being appointed United States Claim Agent, he established an office in town, where the greater part of his time is devoted to the duties devolving on him, though he carries on his farm at the same time. He is also notary public. He has a family of eight children: George, who is in his eighteenth year, Mary, Laura, Amos, Emmett, Cornelia, Emma and Myrtle. Mr. Carlisle is a member of the G. A. R., the post numbering 62 members. In politics he is a straight Republican.

GEORGE F. CARMICHAEL

(Farmer, Post-office, Shelbyville).

Among the enterprising young farmers of Black Creek township, the subject of the present sketch occupies a worthy position. He, like not a few of our better class of citizens, is a native of West Virginia, born in Hampshire county, West Va., on the 10th day of September, 1850. When he was a youth about 16 years of age, his parents, Robert and Lucy A. (Louthan) Carmichael, both of old and respected Virginia families, removed to Missouri and settled in Shelby county. Here George F. completed his adolescence, and after attaining his majority he engaged in agricultural pursuits on his own account, having been brought up a farmer. In 1882 he was married to Miss Millie G. Zingle, a daughter of Thomas Zingle, of this county, but formerly of Maryland. Mr. and Mrs. Carmichael have one child, an infant, Anna May. Mr. Carmichael has continued farming with industry and energy and has a good homestead of 164 acres, most of which is either in cultivation or pasture. His improvements are comfortable and substantial. Mr. and Mrs. C. are members of the M. E. Church South, and he is one of the directors in the church.

JOSEPH CHICK

(Farmer, Post-office, Shelbyville).

This highly esteemed old citizen of Shelby county came to Missouri when quite a young man, away back in the pioneer days of the country. He has been a resident of Shelby county for nearly half a century, and has been a witness of and an active, useful participant in the building up of the county from the condition of a wilderness to that of one of the most prosperous, enlightened and progressive communities of the fifth State in the Union. He is rich in reminiscences of the past, which it is a delight to hear him relate. He very well

remembers when it was a common thing to pay the officiating clergyman in coon and deer skins for marriage ceremonies, and as he himself was young at that time and was married, here he is certainly a good witness in such cases. Years and years ago when he settled first in Callaway county, but came to Shelby county in 1849, moving on his present place, he introduced a wooden pin in a tree in his yard on which to hang a deer for convenience in dressing it, and the pin is still to be seen in the tree, but is about three feet higher up than it was when he put it there, showing that even a wooden pin has some idea of a home toward the skies. Mr. Chick is a native of Kentucky, born in Christian county, in 1813. His father, Hardin Chick, was one of the first settlers of Kentucky, casting his fortune in that wilderness of the savage away back in 1777, during the progress of the Revolutionary War. Mr. Chick's mother was a Miss Nancy Scates before her marriage to Hardin Chick. He was the youngest of their family of 14 children, two of whom came to Missouri. Mr. Chick came in 1830 and first located in Callaway county, where he entered land and improved a farm. January 7, 1847, he was married there to Miss Minerva Miller, a daughter of Abraham Miller, an early settler from Pennsylvania. Two years later Mr. Chick came to Shelby county, and has resided here ever since. He has a good farm of 220 acres, and is comfortably situated. In the spring of 1868 Mr. Chick had the misfortune to lose his good wife by death. She had borne him four children: William B., who died in 1848, in infancy; Joseph Warren, Worcester C. and Mary F. All those living are married, and Worcester C. resides on the farm with his father. Mr. Chick served a number of years as justice of the peace.

JOHN S. CHINN

(Farmer, Post-office, Shelbyville).

Married in 1858, Miss Mary Pickett, a daughter of James Pickett, deceased, one of the early settlers of this county, then became the wife of the subject of this sketch. The summers and winters and springs and autumns of near 26 years have come and gone since their happy union was consummated, and still each is spared to accompany the other down the stream of life. Mr. Chinn, himself, is a native of Kentucky, as is also his wife, and each was of an early family in this county. He was the second in the family of his parents, William S. and Lucy S. Chinn. His father died here in 1855 and had served as a member of the county court, being one of the highly respected and influential citizens and substantial, successful farmers of the county. The mother died in 1877. John S., the subject of this sketch, was born in Kentucky in 1830, to which State his father had come from Virginia when quite young and married. John S. was reared in Shelby county, and still makes this his home. He has a good place of 130 acres. Mr. and Mrs. C. have one child, namely, Charles. Mr. C., himself, was the eighth in a family of ten children. He is a

member of the A. F. and A. M. and he and wife belong to the Christian Church.

WILLIAM T. COARD

(Farmer, Stock-raiser, and Stock-dealer, Post-office, Shelbyville).

Mr. Coard was a lad but six years of age when in 1835 his parents, William and Fannie (Gray) Coard, removed to Missouri with their family and settled in Shelby county. The father was a carpenter and ship builder by trade, but after his removal West did but little carpentering, devoting himself mainly to farming. He entered land in this county and improved a good farm, where he lived in comparatively comfortable circumstances until his death. William T. Coard, born in Worcester county, Md., June 23, 1829, was principally reared in Shelby county, Mo., and was brought up to a farm life. In early manhood he engaged in farming on his own account, and later along began to raise stock, finally becoming a dealer in stock, and quite an extensive one. For years he handled cattle and mules in large numbers and on the whole with excellent results. Mr. Coard started out with but little or no means, but by industry and perseverance, became and for years has held the position of one of the substantial property holders of this part of the county. His farm contains 600 acres, or rather 510, for 90 acres of his tract are not improved. It is a stock farm, well improved and mainly devoted to grass. His blue grass pasturage is not surpassed in the county. When he came on his place it was raw land, and he himself has made it what it is, one of the best stock farms in the township. Mr. Coard has been married twice. His first wife, formerly Miss Mary Shoemaker, a daughter of Charles Shoemaker, originally of Virginia, died in 1856, leaving him one child, Charles W., now a married man. His second wife was a sister to his first wife, Miss Sarah Shoemaker. They have one child, Elizabeth, now the wife of J. W. Thompson. Mr. and Mrs. Coard and children are members of the M. E. Church South.

CAPT. J. M. COLLIER

(Dealer in General Merchandise, Shelbyville).

One of the most influential and stanch men of the county is Capt. J. M. Collier. He was born in Jessamine county, Ky., on the 8th of November, 1823. His parents, William and Susan (Higbee) Collier, both natives of Kentucky, came to Missouri in 1827, and settled first at Fayette, in Howard county, and afterwards at Trenton, Grundy county, where he had contracted to build a court-house. Mr. Collier was a skilled brick mason and builder, and continued this trade until his death, about eight years since. His wife is still living at Trenton. J. M. Collier was one of a family of 13 children, of whom nine are living. He devoted his time during his boyhood between the home place, in Fayette, and his sister's, in Knox county, and acquired quite a reputation as a hunter. He married, February 15, 1841, when he was but 18 years of age, Miss Catherine, daughter of James and

Deziab (Blackford) Gooch, and went at once to Trenton to assist his father with the court-house. When it was completed he, after doing some work at LaGrange, in Lewis county, settled at Shelbyville, and worked at his trade until 1849. The next few years were occupied in making three trips to California. The second proved very profitable, and he went once more, but the last visit was cut short by the breaking out of the war between the North and the South. He came home at once and joined Co. A, Eleventh Missouri State Militia and was elected captain. Resigning, he raised a new company and was mustered into the Eleventh Regiment Missouri Cavalry Volunteers, June, 1863. He was a gallant and efficient soldier and held the rank of captain until the war closed. He was then made deputy sheriff and in 1866 was elected sheriff, holding the office two terms. In 1871 Capt. Collier started his present business, putting it in charge of his son. The following year he joined him and now carries on as fine a stock of goods as any in the county. He does a large and flourishing trade and is one of the first business men in the township. He owns a large amount of real estate in the town and has also a farm in the county. He is a Mason, a member of the G. A. R. and was first commander of Shelbyville Post No. 102. Mr. Collier takes no special interest in politics, but his preference is for the Republican party. He has been of late years almost an invalid. His lower limbs were partially paralyzed and he is compelled to use two canes in walking, even at times a crutch. Mr. C. has held many offices, testifying to the esteem of his fellow-citizens. He has been mayor, etc., etc. He has a family of five children: Richard, Edward, Mary Susan, wife of H. G. Miller; Sarah Catherine, wife of O. P. Robinson; and Laura, wife of M. E. McMasters. They are members of the Christian Church.

J. T. COOPER

(Of Cooper & Dimmitt, Bankers, Shelbyville).

Mr. Cooper, one of the most highly respected and influential citizens of Shelby county, and one of its leading property holders and business men, a man whose name all over the county stands for solidity, high character and personal worth, has risen to his present enviable position in life, a position he has long and honorably filled, solely by his own exertions and native good sense and honesty. He had no better opportunities than the least favored of boys and young men when he started out. He was without a dollar, without backing of any sort, and, like most of the young men of those days, was far from having a fancy, polished education. In fact, he learned the saddle and harness-maker's trade and had just twenty-five cents in his pocket, no more and no less, as the sum total of his worldly wealth, when he arrived at Paris, in Monroe county, in 1842, to lay the foundation of his fortune. He worked at his trade at that place for four years and then came to Shelbyville, where he established his first shop. From that time to this he has run a shop at this place. But while his saddle and harness business has grown greatly in importance during this

time, he has also devoted himself to other pursuits, and by his industry, enterprise and clear-headed, vigorous management, has prospered abundantly in all of them. Going to work at Shelbyville on his arrival here in 1846 with a determination to succeed, he soon built up a large business, and vigorously pushed it for all it was worth. It is needless to say that he made money. During 1850 and 1860 he is said to have had one of the largest and most profitable saddlery and harness establishments at any interior town in North Missouri. He also bought a fine body of 1,000 acres of land seven miles west of Shelbyville, where he improved a handsome farm. There he engaged quite extensively in raising stock, particularly mules, his annual fold averaging from 75 to 100 head. This farm and the stock business, after his three sons became old enough to take charge of it, he turned over to them, building each of them a commodious residence which he furnished neatly, and establishing them comfortably in life. Meanwhile, he turned his attention to his saddle and harness business, dealing, however, at the same time in real estate to some extent. In 1858 he established a branch saddle and harness house at Shelbina, which he had carried on with success for about 10 years, when, his building there being destroyed by fire, he discontinued the business. From time to time he has built numerous dwellings and business houses at Shelbyville, and bought and sold town property. He still owns considerable of this class of property. In 1874 he was largely instrumental in establishing the Shelby County Savings Bank, a joint stock institution, of which he was made president, and which had a prosperous career of several years. He and his present partner, Mr. Dimmitt, then bought up the stock and converted the Savings Bank into the present private banking institution of Cooper & Dimmitt. Since he engaged in the banking business Mr. Cooper has given the interests of the bank his personal attention, and has had a manager, Mr. Zultes Ritter, in charge of his saddlery and harness business, his establishment still being the leading one in this line in the county. Mr. Cooper is also a member of the firm of Dimmitt (W. A.) & Cooper, dealers in carriages, etc., at this place. The banking house with which he is connected is well known throughout Shelby and in neighboring counties, as well as in banking circles all over the State, as one of the safest, soundest banking houses in North Missouri. There are many whose capitals are larger and which do a larger business, but for careful, conservative management and prompt, efficient discharge of business, it enjoys an unusually enviable reputation. Thoroughly sound and solid financially, a greater guarantee, still, than this for stability, is the high character of the men it represents, men whose records for a lifetime stand out a pledge for all that is honorable, high minded and upright in the affairs of life. Mr. Cooper was born in Scott county, Ky., September 1, 1817, and was a son of Samuel and Jane (Tarleton) Cooper, both also natives of that State. The former died when his son was 12 months old. Reared in Fayette county, where his parents removed when he was quite young, he served an apprenticeship of six years at the saddle and harness-maker's trade and came

to Paris, in Monroe county, in 1842, as stated above. September 6, 1848, he was married to Miss Frances Shambough, formerly of Caroline county, Va. She survived her marriage but nine years, dying in the fall of 1857. She left three sons: Alonzo, John H. and David L. These are all married and are residing on their respective farms already referred to.

JOHN D. COPENHAUER

(Farmer and Blacksmith, Shelbyville).

Mr. Copenhauer has a good farm of 180 acres a half mile from town, and has his blacksmith shop in town, both of which he is running and with excellent success. An old citizen of the community, he is well and favorably known by the people both as a mechanic and neighbor, and is respected and esteemed by all. He was born in Virginia in 1845, and was a son of George W. and Rebecca (Piper) Copenhauer, the former of whom died in 1883 and the latter in 1871. John D. was reared in Virginia, and when quite a young man learned the blacksmith's trade. In 1868 he was married to Miss Virginia Cooper, and three years afterwards removed to Missouri, locating at Shelbyville, where he has since resided and run a shop. A resident of this place for the last 13 years, his success in business has been more than ordinarily gratifying. He is now one of the substantial men of the place. His first wife died in 1884, and the following year he was married to Miss Melissie H. Powell. Mr. Copenhauer has a good home and is already comfortably situated in life.

JOHN D. DALE

(Circuit Clerk and Recorder, Shelbyville).

Mr. Dale was born and reared in Shelby county, and his record is therefore well known to the people who have entrusted him with the duties and responsibilities of one of the most important offices in the county. In any worthy, respectable community, two primary essential qualifications are required of an official in a public position — capacity and honesty, the qualifications which Jefferson always inquired into. That one has these qualifications for a responsible office is a matter of not a little credit. But that, in addition to these, that he should have those qualities which make one admired and popular, and distinguish him from among others by the good opinions of the community, is commendatory in no ordinary degree, both personally and as a citizen, in the business and other affairs of life. Mr. Dale's opportunities have been no better than those of the general run of boys and young men in the county. But by improving such opportunities as he had to the best advantage, and by observing at all times an irreproachable line of conduct, as well as by showing an accommodating disposition and making himself agreeable and pleasant to those around him, he has succeeded not only in fitting himself well for the business duties and responsibilities of life, but in winning the

respect and esteem of all who know him. Such men make efficient and popular public officials and invariably rise to prominence and success. Mr. Dale was born near Shelbyville, in this county, September 5, 1858, and was a son of Isaac Dale and wife, a Miss Margaret Dennis before her marriage, both natives of Maryland. They came to Missouri in 1854 and settled on a farm in Shelby county, near Shelbyville. In 1861 they removed to Clarence, where the father engaged in merchandising; a business he followed at that place until his death. He died August 36, 1878. The mother died September 1, two years before. They left a family of seven children: Hiram, William, Jesse, Rufus, John D., Charlotte, now Mrs. Charles Courtney; Rebecca, now Mrs. John Hainline, of Vernon county; and Caroline, now Mrs. James Stacy. John D. Dale was educated at Clarence and in the Methodist Academy at Shelbyville. The practical business of merchandising he learned in his father's store, and he and his brother Rufus were, for nearly a year before his father's death, partners with him in business under the firm name of Dale & Sons. After the father's death they closed up their business, and John D. and his brother Rufus went to Las Vegas, N. M. John D., however, soon returned and engaged in the grocery business at Clarence. He had previously been in this business for two years. After his return he continued to trade in the grocery line until 1880, when he was elected constable of the township. He then closed out his grocery store, and after serving two years as constable, such was his popularity and acquaintance over the county that he was nominated and elected circuit clerk and recorder, the position he now holds. Mr. Dale has the reputation of being a capable, efficient officer, and is personally very popular throughout the county. He is frequently commended by the court and the bar for the expedition and correctness with which he dispatches business, and the neatness and system of his manner of keeping the records of his office. By the public at large his official record is warmly endorsed. May 15, 1883, he was married to Miss Mary E. Priest, a daughter of Dr. A. G. Priest, of this county, a most estimable lady. They have just lost their only child, an infant, born March 26, 1884. Mr. Dale is a member of the Masonic order and of the I. O. O. F.

PHILIP DIMMITT, M. D.

(Of Cooper & Dimmitt, Bankers, Shelbyville).

Dr. Dimmitt, who was for a number of years the leading physician of Shelby county, doing a large and lucrative practice for many years before he retired, and who has long been prominently identified with agricultural affairs of the county, is a native of the Blue Grass State, and was born in Washington county, December 11, 1824. His father, Judge Walter B. Dimmitt, was one of the pioneer settlers of Marion county, Mo. He came to that county in about 1829, before the Government surveys had been made, and pre-empted a large body of land. He became a leading farmer of the county. He was judge of

the county court and otherwise quite prominent in the affairs of the county. He died in 1849 in the fiftieth year of his age. He had been reared in Harrodsburg, Ky., and besides receiving a good practical education, had a number of years' experience as assistant in the county clerk's office. Afterwards he acted as sheriff of his native county, Washington, of which Springfield is the county seat. The Dimmitts came to this country from England, but they were originally from France. The family first settled in Maryland and then came to Kentucky. Judge Dimmitt was married in Kentucky in 1824 to Miss Louisa Houghes, a young lady of Irish descent, though her family had been settled in Kentucky for several generations. She survived the death of her husband until about 1872. There are four of their family of children living: Philip (the Doctor), John J., a wealthy citizen of Georgetown, Texas, William S., of Clarence, and Mary H., now the widow of George B. Moore, residing on the old homestead. Dr. Dimmitt was educated at Marion College, and at the age of 21 began the study of medicine under Dr. J. H. Kibby of Palmyra. Subsequently he took a course at the Missouri Medical College, two terms, where he graduated in 1849. He also took a supplemental course in the St. Louis Medical College, and graduated there in 1852, after having practiced in the interims between his terms at college for about two years. He then resumed the practice at Monticello, in Lewis county, where he had commenced practicing in 1849, and continued there until 1856, when he located at Boonville, in Cooper county. He practiced at Boonville for four years and then removed to Shelby county, locating on a farm about four miles north-east of Shelbyville, where he continued the practice for 14 years. Having a number of slaves whom he wished to have employed and not desiring to sell them or hire them out, he for that reason located on a farm. He followed farming and stock-raising, in connection with his practice, quite extensively, and was very successful in these lines also. He raised and sold large numbers of cattle. He still has two large farms, one of 800 acres and the other of 600 acres, devoted to grain growing and stock-raising, he superintending the former and his son, Prince, the latter. Dr. Dimmitt soon took a leading position in the practice of medicine in this county, and, until he voluntarily retired from the active work of the profession, stood at the head of the physicians of the county. It had been his purpose to retire from the practice as soon as he was 50 years of age. Indeed, that was a pledge made to his wife, and this he faithfully kept, promptly retiring from the practice in 1874. On the 31st of January, 1850, Dr. Dimmitt was married to Mrs. C. F. Henderson, who had been left a widow by the death of her first husband, Adderson J. Henderson, whilst she was yet hardly more than a young girl. She was but 22 years of age when she became the wife of Dr. Dimmitt. They have been blessed with six children: Walter A., Frank, Prince, Marvin, Pope and Lee. In 1874 Dr. Dimmitt organized the Shelby County Savings Bank, of which he became cashier. Several years after this was converted into the banking house of Cooper & Dimmitt, which it has since continued.

The business and standing of this bank have been fully spoken of in a sketch of Mr. Cooper, so that it would be only repeating to add anything in regard to it here. Dr. Dimmitt is one of the leading and public-spirited citizens of Shelby county, and is universally respected and esteemed. Mrs. Dimmitt is a member of the M. E. Church South.

W. A. DIMMITT

(Merchant, Shelbyville).

Mr. Dimmitt, a large and influential dealer in general merchandise, has been in the business for about 11 years, and has a fine trade as any man in the county. He was first in partnership with Mr. Dussair, but is now alone. He carries a \$10,000 stock, his annual sales amounting to about \$20,000. He also has a branch stock at Shelbyville, in charge of Pope Dimmitt, his brother. This was started with a \$2,000 stock in 1883. Mr. Dimmitt is a member of the firm of Dimmitt & Cooper, dealers in buggies, carriages, etc. They do an extensive business, buying by the car-load from Cincinnati and St. Louis. Mr. Dimmitt was born in Lewis county, Mo., at Monticello, November 22, 1850. He was the eldest of six sons, was educated at the public and high schools at Shelbyville, and at 17 began teaching school, farming in his leisure moments, continuing until he went into business. Mr. D. now lives on a farm of 500 acres, beautifully situated one and a half miles south of Shelbyville. He is paying much attention to the breeding of short-horn cattle, having for sale a herd of 21 breeders, the head of the herd being the celebrated bull, Marquis of Airdrie. He has also Poland-China and Jersey red hogs, and the imported Norman horse, Moridovi, valued at \$2,000.00. Mr. Dimmitt owns a large store which he erected in addition to the three adjoining buildings in 1876. Mr. D. was married June 4, 1872, to Miss Lizzie Vaughn, daughter of Wilson Vaughn, and has four sons: Philip, aged 10 years; Walter, aged seven years; Roy, aged five years; and Joseph Bowles, aged two years. Mr. Dimmitt is not a member of any society, nor has he as yet connected himself with any church.

PRINCE DIMMITT

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, Post-office, Shelbyville).

Mr. Dimmitt is a son of Dr. Philip Dimmitt, of the banking firm of Cooper & Dimmitt, at Shelbyville, and was born while his parents were residents of Booneville, in Cooper county, his natal day being the 30th of July, 1860. The same year of his birth his parents removed to Shelby county and located on a farm in this county. He was therefore reared in Shelby county. His education in the higher branches was acquired in the High School of Shelbyville. Having a natural inclination for farm life, he chose the pursuits of agriculture, farming and handling stock, as the field of his activity, and since reaching his majority he has been engaged in farming and raising and dealing in stock in this county. Mr. Dimmitt, besides attending to the ordinary

duties of his farm, handles about 140 head of cattle annually, and some mules in addition. A good judge of stock and full of energy and enterprise, he is rapidly coming to the front as a prominent stock man of the county, and has already achieved substantial success in this line of business. On the 17th of March, 1881, Mr. Dimmitt was married to Miss Cora E. Schofield, a daughter of Ellis Schofield, Esq., late of Palmyra, but now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. D. have two children, Nora Lee and Edith Belle. A sketch of his father's family has been given in the biography of Dr. Dimmitt, which appears elsewhere in this work.

HENRY B. DINES

(Editor and Proprietor of the Shelby County Herald, Shelbyville).

Mr. Dines, of the *Herald*, one of the leading newspapers of the county in circulation and influence, as well as in business prosperity and success, is justly entitled to no inconsiderable measure of credit for the enviable position his paper occupies among the better class of country journals in North-east Missouri. The paper was originally established by Willard & Childs in 1871, and had a precarious existence for several years, but was finally placed on a paying business basis. Up to 1876 it was Republican in politics, but after Hayes' election Mr. W. L. Willard, the editor, espoused the cause of the National Greenback party and succeeded in attracting a large following in this county. In 1881, Mr. Willard having become the proprietor of the office, Mr. Dines bought him out and has since been editor and sole proprietor. All who know anything of the newspapers of the county, and, indeed, of the country papers of this section of the State, will readily admit that the *Herald* is one of the best in the list both in a business point of view and in ability, editorially. Mr. Dines has continued the Greenback policy of the paper, and the cause it represents has suffered nothing, so far as the *Herald* is concerned, from any fault of his. Conducted with ability and superior business management before he took charge of it, the same characteristics have distinguished its career not less since that time. In a word it is a paper, in every essential feature, in which he and his party, as well as the community at large, may justly feel no ordinary degree of pride. Mr. Dines himself, is well known to the people of the county as one of its representative and worthy citizens. He has been a resident of the county almost continuously from boyhood, and during all this time his life has been one of active and useful industry, and without a reproach. Mr. Dines is a native Missourian, born in Knox county, September 24, 1844. His parents were John W. and Nancy (Murphy) Dines, worthy and respected residents of Shelby county. The Dines family is an old Maryland family, and is of English descent. Mr. Dines' mother was of Irish parentage. His parents were married in Clarke county, Mo., in 1843, and afterwards resided for some years in Knox county. In 1845, however, they located in Clarke county, where they made their home until 1857, when they came to

Shelby county. Mr. Dines, the father, is still living, one of the old and highly respected citizens of the county. He was for many years a local preacher in the M. E. Church, and has always taken an earnest and active interest in church work and the cause of religion. Farming has been his regular occupation, and in this he has had good success, having now, as old age begins to cast its shadows from the Eastern horizon of life, a comfortable competency for his remaining years. Henry Bascom Dines, the subject of this sketch, was the first in his parents' family of 10 children, and, like the others of the family, his early youth was spent on his father's farm, assisting at such work as he could do and attending the neighborhood schools. Later along he attended the Shelby High School, where he completed a curriculum of the higher branches. In 1862 he enlisted in Co. B, under Capt. L. F. Carothers, of Maj. Johnson's battalion of the Second Enrolled Missouri Militia, and was in the service for about 12 months. After returning home from the army he engaged in teaching school until 1866, when he embarked in the retail dry goods business, which he followed for over 10 years. In the year 1879 he was admitted to the Shelbyville bar as a lawyer, since which time he has been quite successful in that profession. He has been a member of the lodge of Odd Fellows at this place since 1871, and has represented the district in the Grand Lodge. On the 15th of June, 1867, he was married to Miss Mattie L. Duncan, a daughter of John S. and Matilda (Lynne) Duncan, of this city. Mrs. Dines' father has been postmaster at this place for the last 18 years. Mr. and Mrs. D. have a family of six children, namely: Clara Etta, Nellie, John Benjamin, Flora May, Homer Duncan and Walter Willard. Mr. and Mrs. Dines are both members of the M. E. Church, and active workers in the church. Mr. Dines has been superintendent of the Berean M. E. Sunday-school for the last 13 years. He has also always taken a public spirited interest in the affairs of the community and county. Though having little or no taste for official life or political advancement, he has nevertheless been prevailed on from time to time to accept one or two local offices. He has served as justice of the peace for about eight years, and was the first Mayor of Shelbyville after the reorganization under the city of the fourth class law. During the present year he was a delegate to the National Greenback Convention at Indianapolis which nominated Gov. B. F. Butler for the presidency, and he is now supporting the redoubtable Benjamin for the first office in the nation, both by his personal advocacy and influence, and through the columns of his paper. The *Herald* also supports the Prohibition cause, and is recognized as one of the able organs of the Greenback party and the cause of Prohibition in this section of the State.

LEONARD DOBBIN

(Ex-Circuit Clerk and Farmer, Post-office, Shelbyville).

Mr. Dobbin was of Irish-American parentage, and was born in New York on the 17th day of December, 1819. His father, Leonard Dob-

bin, Sr., came to America in about 1799, and being a machinist by trade, settled at New York City. He was married to Miss Elizabeth Hart, also originally from Ireland, afterwards continuing in New York for a number of years. Leonard, Jr., was reared in that State to the age of 16, when he came West as far as Indiana, spending about five years in the latter State. He with his then oldest brother came to Missouri in 1840 and entered land in Shelby county. He was married here two years afterwards to Miss Mary J. Blackford, a daughter of Anthony Blackford, formerly of Kentucky. Mr. Dobbin followed farming and bridge building up to the outbreak of the war, when he enlisted in the Twenty-fifth Missouri Infantry, Union army, under Gen. Prentiss. During the war he received severe injuries by a railroad accident, and was accordingly honorably discharged on account of physical disability thus incurred. Returning home after his discharge, he was shortly elected county assessor, and two years afterwards was re-elected to the same office. He was then elected circuit clerk, and afterwards re-elected to that office also. After the expiration of his second term as circuit clerk he retired to his farm, on which he has since resided, one mile south-west of Shelbyville, and has been engaged in farming and stock-raising. Mr. and Mrs. Dobbin have had 10 children: Mary E., the wife of L. A. Haywood; Emma, the wife of W. W. Turpen, of Iowa; John M., William H. and Laura V. being the only ones living. Mr. Dobbin's farm is one mile from Shelbyville, contains 480 acres and is well improved, practically all of it being either in cultivation or pasture. He is comfortably situated, and is living a quiet, retired life, respected and esteemed by all who know him.

ROBERT W. DOUGLASS, JR.

(Farmer, Post-office, Shelbyville).

Early in life Mr. Douglass left Virginia, where he was reared, and for a time made his home in Indiana. After that, in 1859, he came to Missouri and located in Shelby county. Here he has since continued to reside, and during all this time, for a period of 25 years, has been engaged in farming. He started in life for himself with little or nothing and notwithstanding he has had some reverses, he has been fairly successful as a farmer. He has a good farm of 160 acres, one of the comfortable and valuable homesteads of the township. Mr. Douglass was married in this county in 1862 to Miss Adeline Beathards, a daughter of Josiah Beathards, an early settler of the county. Mr. and Mrs. Douglass have been blessed with 10 children, namely: Virginia F., Walter, Robert, Charley, Thomas, Olive, William, Albert, Maggie and Melvin. Mr. Douglass, himself, was the youngest in a family of nine children, seven of whom are living, of Thomas D. and Jane (Pallins) Douglass, of Harrison county, Va., and was born in that county on the 15th day of January, 1834. He was raised in Highland county, Va., where his father removed at an early day. His father, a farmer of the county, died in 1874. Mr. Douglass has been a member of the Masonic Order since 1861.

J. A. DOYLE

(Dealer in Agricultural Implements of All Kinds, Shelbyville Mo.)

Mr. Doyle was born September 1, 1853, in Saline county, Mo., near Marshall. Mr. B. G. Doyle, his father, was married to Miss Sarah Adkinson and continued to live in Saline county engaged in farming until his son was nearly grown, when he removed to Shelbyville for the purpose of educating the rest of his large family of children. He remained here for some years when he went to Montana on a prospective tour. Mr. J. A. Doyle lived on his father's farm until he was 16, when he went to Shelbyville. He remained here for two years attending the high school of which his uncle, John W. Adkinson, was the principal. He then returned to his father's farm for a year after which he spent two years more at school in Shelbyville, studying this time under Prof. Todd. Upon finishing his studies he entered into business in Shelbyville as a clerk. He was employed by several different firms at various times in Shelbyville, Mo., also in 1877, clerking in Lusburg, Monroe county, Mo. In 1880 he went into business for himself in Shelbyville. He purchased the business of J. W. Ennis and dealt in hardware and agricultural implements until 1882, when, transferring his stock of hardware to N. C. Miller, and purchasing the latter's agricultural implements, he confined himself to the business he is at present engaged in, that of agricultural implements of all kinds, alone. His stock is worth from \$2,000 to \$4,000, and embraces tools and implements of every description needed on a farm. He keeps on hand the favorite Buckeye reapers and mowers, and John Dunn plows. Mr. Doyle's popularity is great in Shelbyville and the surrounding country, and as a consequence he has an extensive trade, doing business of over \$10,000 annually. He has \$1,200 invested in two town lots, upon one of which is erected the City Hotel. He has at times been city clerk and clerk of the school district. Mr. Doyle was married December 23, 1879, to Miss Ella Mitchell, daughter of the county clerk of Shelby county. They have two children, the eldest a daughter, named Ola, three years old, and the other an infant. Mr. Doyle's social status in his community is also fine. He is a member of the Masonic lodge No. 96, and has risen in the order to Master Mason. Politically Mr. Doyle is a Democrat, but has never held a political office. He is a member of the Methodist Church, but his wife continues a member of the Christian Church.

LEVIN DUNCAN

(Farmer, Post-office, Shelbyville).

At the age of 18 Mr. Duncan started out for himself, and learned the blacksmith's trade, at which he worked for about seven years. However, in the meantime, in 1836, he came to Shelby county, and entered land within a short distance from where he now resides. Here

he carried on his trade for a time and also gave some attention to farming. Between his first settlement in Shelby county and the year 1842, he made two trips to the South, but made this his permanent home. For over 40 years past he has been engaged in farming and raising stock in a general way. By industry and close attention to his farming interests, he has been satisfactorily successful, and has long since been in comfortable circumstances. He has a good farm of 276 acres, which he improved by his own labor, and which is a good home. On the 2d of March, 1842, he was married to Miss Irene Coard, a daughter of William Coard, formerly of Maryland, mention of whom is made in a sketch of his son, William T., which precedes this. Mr. and Mrs. Duncan have been blessed with a family of nine children, namely: William H., Sarah F., James G. (deceased), John M. (deceased), Alice V. (deceased), Harriet E., Martha E. (deceased), Dora I. and Levin L. Mr. Duncan himself is a native of Maryland, born in Worcester county, July 31, 1814, and was a son of Milby and Sarah (White) Duncan. His father was a farmer by occupation and the son remained on the farm until he was 18 years of age, when he started out for himself, as stated above.

JOHN SANFORD DUNCAN

(Postmaster, Shelbyville).

For 17 years continuously Mr. Duncan has had charge of the post-office at Shelbyville, and for 43 years he has been one of the respected and worthy citizens of the county. Now in the afternoon of life and soon to enter the ark of the evening horizon, he can look back over the past with the consoling reflection that if he has not made a high-sounding name in the world or accumulated a great fortune, he at least has much less to regret than most of those who have accomplished those objects of ambition, and far less to fear when the sun shall have forever set upon his earthly career. Mr. Duncan has not only made a good postmaster, one whose record is approved both by the government authorities and the people, but he has made a good citizen, one whose life has been without reproach and of value to those around him. Mr. Duncan was born in Nelson county, Ky., February 1, 1815. His parents were George and Nancy (Connelly) Duncan, both originally from Virginia. Reared in Kentucky, November 14, 1837, he was married to Miss Matilda Lyne, a daughter of Thomas and Mary (Connelly) Lyne, of Woodford county. In 1840 he came to Missouri and settled in Shelby county in the spring of the following year. He improved a farm near Bacon Chapel and lived there for 16 years, in which time he served one year as county court justice. In 1857 he came to Shelbyville and opened a boarding-house for the non-resident students attending the Institute at this place. Later along he engaged in merchandising. In 1861 Mr. Duncan enlisted in the Missouri State Militia and held the office of commissary, serving for 18 months. About the close of the war he was appointed circuit clerk of Shelby county by the Governor, and held that office for nearly two years. Fol-

lowing this he was appointed postmaster by President Johnston, and has since continuously had charge of this office. Mr. and Mrs. Duncan have had 10 children: Thomas H., who died at 21, in 1857; Mary F., who died at the age of 20; Nancy C., who is now the wife of James Vanskike; George S., Mattie L., now the wife of Mr. H. B. Dines; Sallie M., now the wife of M. C. Miller; John B., who died at the age of two years; Charles B., a jeweler now in Shelbyville; Lillie M., a music teacher in Shelbyville; and Nora. Ella died when six months old.

WILLIAM H. DUNCAN

(Farmer, Post-office, Shelbyville).

Sketches of both Mr. Duncan's father, Levin Duncan, and father-in-law, William O. Lowman, appear elsewhere in this volume, so that in the present biography of his family it is not necessary to go further back than his own birth and the births of the members of his own family. Mr. Duncan was born after his parents removed to this county, on the 9th day of December, 1842. Reared in the county, his educational advantages were limited to the common schools, where, however, he succeeded in obtaining a sufficient knowledge of books for all the practical purposes of farm life. As elsewhere stated, his father is a farmer by occupation, a man of industry and energy, and William H. was therefore brought up on a farm and made familiar by daily labor with the duties of farm life. He thus, when he reached his majority, had formed those habits of industry and obtained that knowledge of farming which have since enabled him to place himself among the worthy, substantial farmers of the township. In consonance with one of the first great laws of our nature, soon after reaching his majority, like the falling of ripened fruit, he was married on the 13th of March, 1864, to Miss Mary J. Lowman, a daughter of William O. Lowman, mentioned below. Mrs. Duncan is a lady of culture and refinement and was educated at Wesleyan Female Institute, in Augusta county, Va. Mr. and Mrs. Duncan have been blessed with six children: William L., Virginia B., Charles B., Mattie W., Sallie I. and Mary M. Mr. and Mrs. D. are members of the M. E. Church South. Mr. Duncan has a fine farm of 200 acres.

SAMUEL F. DUNN

(Farmer and Public Administrator, Shelbyville).

Samuel F. Dunn, a son of John and Elizabeth (Doak) Dunn, was born in Jessamine county, Ky., June 19, 1824, and the same year was brought by his parents to this State, who removed to Missouri in 1824 and located near Roanoke, in what was then Howard, but is now Randolph county. In 1832 they removed to Marion county and lived near Marion College for four years. They then settled six miles west of Shelbyville, where the father improved a farm. Subsequently he

settled on a farm on Black Creek, and in 1866 removed to Shelbyville, where he resided until his death, the same year, in July. He was an enterprising, thorough-going stock-raiser, and a good business man, and was quite successful in life, accumulating a handsome fortune. He owned a large amount of real estate, and before the War had a number of slaves. He was one of the leading stock men of the county. He was a man of fine intelligence and wide general information, and was a thoroughly public spirited citizen. He took quite an interest in politics and served as a member of the county court for some years. Before the war he was a Whig, and during the war a Union man, but never an Abolitionist. After the war he was a Republican until his death. He had a large family of children. Samuel F. Dunn was reared on the farm, and June 1, 1848, was married to Miss Julia A. Pollard, formerly of Jessamine county, Ky. After his marriage he settled on a part of the old Black Creek homestead tract of land, where he resided and engaged in farming and raising stock until 1871. In 1870 he was elected sheriff of the county, which office he filled for two years, moving to Shelbyville in 1871. In 1874 he engaged in merchandising. In 1880 Mr. Dunn was elected public administrator of the county, and still holds that office, this being a four years' term. Prior to being elected sheriff he had filled the office of justice of the peace for 12 years. Mr. and Mrs. D. have had seven children, but three of whom are living: Ella I., Julia A., now Mrs. A. B. Erwin, of Clarence, and Edgar P. William F., the eldest, died at the age of 35 in 1884; Frances E. F., the third child, died at the age of 17; Jessie died at the age of 21, and George S. was accidentally drowned in the Salt river at the age of 16. Mr. and Mrs. Dunn are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, his father being an earnest member of the Old School Presbyterian Church for years, and he himself has been an elder in the church for the last 17 years.

JAMES L. DUNN

(Liveryman, Ex-Assessor and Next Sheriff of Shelby County, Shelbyville).

Mr. Dunn, one of the well-known and popular citizens of Shelby county, is a native Missourian, born in Howard county on the 26th day of August, 1826. His parents, James and Martha (Morrison) Dunn, were early settlers of that county, removing there from Kentucky away back in 1820. His father died there in 1862, and his mother in 1857. They were highly respected residents of the county and his father was an energetic and well-to-do farmer. James L. was reared in Howard county, and subsequently resided in different counties in this State and in the State of Louisiana. He returned from Louisiana in 1866, and after six years' residence in Ralls county came to Shelby county, where he has since made his home. Here he has been engaged in different lines of business, but principally in the stock business. He and his son are now in partnership in both the stock and livery business and have an excellent stable at Shelbyville, well supplied with handsome and serviceable vehicles of different kinds and

with first-class riding and driving stock. Their stable is justly popular with the public, both local and transient. In 1879 Mr. Dunn was elected to the office of assessor of the county, and two years later he was re-elected to the same office. It is a fact recognized by all qualified to judge who know anything about it, that he made one of the best assessors the county ever had. He became a candidate for the office of sheriff, and was accordingly nominated at the primary election in June by a handsome majority. His nomination is equivalent to an election, for he is a Democrat and the Lord is always on the side of the Democratic nominees in Missouri. Mr. Dunn has been married twice. To his first wife, formerly Miss Charlotte Muldrow, a daughter of Andrew Muldrow, he was married in 1851. She died November 15, 1869, and had borne him seven children, three of whom are living; James A., Margaret L. and Lizzie. To his present wife Mr. Dunn was married in 1873. She was a Miss Lessie McAfee, a daughter of Samuel McAfee who resided in Texas. They have three children: Mary, John W. and an infant. Mr. D. is a prominent member of the A. F. and A. M. For a number of years he has been quite extensively engaged in buying and shipping stock, in which he has had good success.

P. B. DUNN

(Attorney at Law and Notary Public, Shelbyville).

Mr. Dunn was born in the county, August 9, 1843, on a farm six miles west of town. He was educated at the public and high schools and was at Westminster College three years, graduating in 1864, after which he taught school for a year, meanwhile pursuing his law studies alone. In 1866 Mr. Dunn went to Louisville and entered the law school there, at which he graduated in a year's time. He then returned to Shelbyville, hung out his shingle and has ever since devoted his attention exclusively to his profession. He has acquired a large practice in Shelby county, and his position at the bar is a most enviable one. Mr. Dunn has been notary public since 1871, and has also been engaged since 1877 in preparing a set of abstracts which are not yet complete. Mr. Dunn has a fine farm of 500 acres adjoining the town, which he cultivates, making his home meanwhile in the town, where he owns a beautiful residence. He is a married man, having led to the altar, January 9, 1873, Miss Clara H., daughter of Alexander McMurtry. She was born in this county June 8, 1849. There are by this marriage two children: Alexander McMurtry, born October 18, 1873, and Preston B., born July 23, 1878. Mr. Dunn is not a member of any society, but has been for 10 years an elder in the Presbyterian Church, to which denomination his wife also belongs.

J. C. DUSSAIR

(Of Dussair & Leven, Dealers in Dry Goods and Groceries, Shelbyville).

Among the representative business men of Shelbyville, the subject of the present sketch occupies an enviable position. A merchant at

this place of long and successful experience, he has become widely and favorably known in the county as a substantial citizen and man of standing and influence. Mr. Dussair is a native of Germany, born at Berghofen, Prussia, January 10, 1845. His father was Jean Dussair, a Frenchman, on his father's side. In 1853, when John C. was a lad eight years of age, the family immigrated to the United States, disembarking at New Orleans. After stopping there a few months they went north and located at Quincy, Ill., where they resided about two years. From Quincy, in 1856, they removed to Canton, Mo. The father was a cabinet-maker by trade, which he had followed continuously until settling at Canton. There he opened a furniture-house and cabinet-shop, carrying on both lines of the business until his death. He died in 1872. John C. Dussair, the subject of this sketch, was brought up to the cabinet-maker's trade and worked at it until the outbreak of the war. He then enlisted in the Twenty-first Missouri Infantry, Union service, under Col. Dave Moore, becoming a member of Co. K. Mr. Dussair served for three years and seven months in the army and was in 21 engagements, the first being the battle of Shiloh. He was in the Army of the Tennessee and on Bank's Red River campaign, being in the active service and at the front all the time. After the close of his service he returned to Canton and became his father's partner in business. On the 21st of February, 1867, Mr. Dussair was married to Miss Lettie A. Gunby, a daughter of James W. Gunby, a prominent merchant of Shelbyville. She was on a visit to Canton when Mr. Dussair met her, and their acquaintance soon ripened into ardent attachment, the consummation of which was their marriage. After his marriage Mr. Dussair sold his interest in business at Canton to his father and removed to Shelbyville. However, he did not come to this place until the summer of 1868, being engaged at work in the carpenter's trade, in the meantime. After his removal to Shelbyville he engaged as a clerk in the store of William E. Gunby & Co., and the following year bought the interest of his father-in-law in the store. Since that time he has been almost continuously engaged in business at this place. The firm has undergone several changes during this time, but Mr. Dussair has been constantly selling goods, except for about a year when he was out of business, that being the only time he has been out since he came to this place. In 1881 the firm of Dussair, Leven & Co., was organized, which was continued until 1884, when Mr. Willard, the third partner in the company, retired, the firm becoming Dussair & Leven, as it at present stands. They occupy two large rooms, in one of which they carry their dry goods stock and in the other, groceries. They have one of the leading houses in these lines in the county and do an extensive business. Mr. Dussair is also director in the Staple company, and has been a member of the city council and is now city treasurer. He and Mr. C. B. Duncan also own a telegraph line to Shelbina, which Mr. Duncan operates. On the 12th of May, 1882, Mr. Dussair had the misfortune to lose his first wife. She left him three children: Lizzie, Paul and Artie. To his present wife Mr. Dussair was married

March 17, 1833. She was the widow of S. C. Lewis, and a sister to his first wife, her maiden name having been Miss Mary M. Gundy. She had a son nine years old when married to Mr. Dussaut, whose name is Guy M. Lewis. Since their marriage a daughter, Anna K., has been born to them.

JAMES EDELEN

(Farmer, Post-office, Shelbyville).

Mr. Edelen's father, George Edelen, originally from Kentucky, was afterwards a prominent merchant of Hannibal, and died there in 1843. James was only about four years of age at the time of his father's death, having been born in Warren, Marion county, in 1839. His mother, before her marriage, was a Miss Anna McElroy. There were but two children, the other being a sister, who is now the wife of John Terrill. James Edelen was reared in Marion county, but completed his education at Shelbyville, where he attended the high school. He subsequently engaged in farming, but later along began merchandising at Shelbyville in the dry goods line, being a partner in the firm of Sheetz & Edelen. He continued merchandising at that place for about seven years, with good success. Disposing of his interest in the store, he resumed farming, and has since followed it in this county. Mr. Edelen has a handsome farm of 160 acres, more than ordinarily well improved. He has a good two-story frame dwelling and substantial, neatly constructed out-buildings. All in all, his place is one of the neatest and most presentable farms in the township, as well as one of the best ones. On the 1st day of September, 1864, Mr. Edelen was married to Miss Susan Sheetz, a daughter of Henry Sheetz. They have no children. Mr. E. is a Presbyterian and Mrs. Edelen is a member of the M. E. Church South.

JOSHUA M. ENNIS

(Sheriff and Collector, Shelbyville).

Among the old and respected citizens of Shelby county, no one is better or more favorably known than the subject of the present sketch. For nearly half a century a resident of the county, Mr. Ennis has been one of its active and useful citizens from the beginning, and has been long and prominently identified with its public affairs. He has held the office of sheriff longer, perhaps, than any other man in the State, and has also served the people of the county as treasurer. Mr. Ennis is a worthy representative of one of the early families of Shelby county. His parents, Joseph and Mary Ennis, came here from Worcester county, Md., in 1837. His father was one of the first merchants of Shelbyville, there being but two other stores when he engaged in business at that place, namely: those of Holliday & Broughton and Hawkins & Bro. In 1839 his father built the brick house now known as the City Hotel, where he ran a hotel for a term of years. During this time he held the office of county treasurer for

four years. Later along he settled on a farm adjoining Shelbyville, where he resided until near his death, one of the honored and esteemed citizens of the county. Joshua M. Ennis was born in Maryland August 10, 1818, and received a good business education as he grew up in Worcester county. The year before his parents came to Missouri he started out in the world to seek his own fortune, although but 18 years of age. He went to New Orleans, clerking in a mercantile house, and later along, to Arkansas, but learning that his parents had removed to Missouri, he came to this State and joined them in Shelby county. He clerked in the store for his father for several years and then assisted him in the county treasury. A young man of fine business qualifications, active, and unusually popular with all with whom he came in contact, in 1846 he made the race for sheriff against the old sheriff, Gilbert H. Edmonds, and was triumphantly elected. And again, in 1848, Mr. Ennis was a candidate for re-election for the office of sheriff and collector, his opponent being J. H. Forman, and was elected. In 1856, he was also a candidate, his opponent being E. L. Holliday, and was elected to the office of sheriff and collector. Mr. Ennis was again a candidate for re-election, without opposition, in 1858. In 1874, he was a candidate for county treasurer, his opponent being A. B. Irwin, and was elected, and in 1876, he was a candidate for re-election, without opposition. In 1878, Mr. Ennis ran for sheriff and collector against F. M. Harrison on his second term, and was defeated by 139 votes,—the Tilden vote was made ruling and the ruling was not respected. In 1880, he was once more a candidate, his opponent being W. O. Huston, and was elected. Likewise in 1882, he was a candidate for re-election, his opponents being William Hope for the office of sheriff and Mr. F. Keith for the office of collector, beating them by about 750 votes each. In the year 1852 J. M. Ennis entered into partnership with A. McMurry, selling goods, and continued until 1855. In 1865 he engaged in the stock business, buying and shipping to St. Louis, which he followed for about three years. In 1869 he opened a grocery store, which he conducted five years, and in 1875 he opened a hardware and agricultural house, which, in 1880, after his election, he sold out. On the 1st of March, 1883, he commenced the agricultural implement business under the firm name of J. M. Ennis & Son. This he is still carrying on, or, rather, his son has charge of it, and has made it a success. They have a good trade in their line and are doing an excellent business. Mr. Ennis has a good farm near Shelbyville, which he superintends, but he himself resides in town and has lived here since 1837. In July, 1847, Mr. Ennis was married to Miss Elizabeth J. Agee. They have six children: Mary, now Mrs. Dr. A. R. Noland, of Monroe City; Charles, now in partnership with his father, and deputy sheriff of the county; Lorena, at home, as are also Joseph, Ella and Grace. Another, William, the eldest, died at the age of 26, in 1874. Two others are deceased, Samuel and Eliza-

beth, both at tender ages. Mr. Eunis is a member of the Masonic order, and was 66 years old the 10th day of last August.

JOHN N. EVANS

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, Post-office, Shelbyville).

One of the substantial farmers and well respected citizens of Black Creek township is the subject of the present sketch. Mr. Evans is a representative of one of the early families of the county. His father, originally of Maryland, was a seafaring man and came from that State to Missouri in 1838. He settled in Shelby county, where he still resides, at an honored old age. His wife is still living, also, to accompany him on down the journey of life. She was a Miss Catherine Lingle before her marriage, also of Maryland, and they were married a number of years before removing to this State. John N. Evans, the third in their family of children, was born in Maryland, in 1833. Still a mere child when his parents came to Shelby county, Mo., he was reared on his father's farm in this county and, following the example of the latter, became a farmer himself on reaching manhood. He followed farming with success here until the outbreak of the war, when he enlisted in the Southern army and served for about a year. He then went to the West and was in the trans- and cis-montane territories for some six years. Returning in 1868 he resumed farming in Shelby county, and two years later, in 1870, was married to Miss Mary E. Moore, a daughter of William B. and Mary L. Moore, early settlers of this county. Three children are the fruits of this union: Mary L., Catherine E. and Bessie F. Mr. Evans has a fine farm of 400 acres, mainly run in blue grass for stock purposes. Mrs. Evans' father was foreman of the first grand jury of Shelby county and died here in 1869. Her mother, however, is still living, at the age of 78. She was originally from Virginia, and was a daughter of Judge Foley, an intimate friend of Gen. Washington. She has in her possession an apothecary's scales, presented to her father by Washington. She also has a chair, inherited from her father, which belonged to his father in Ireland, and is nearly 200 years old.

W. L. FLACK

(Of the firm of Flack & Laws, Dealers in Boots, Shoes, Clothing, Hats, Caps, Furnishing Goods, Etc.).

Mr. Flack was born in the City of Hereford, Herefordshire, England, November 1, 1832, of William L. and Mary E. Flack, which was the original name of the family. Mr. Flack was reared and learned the shoemakers' trade in his own country and worked at it for many years, or until the age of 21 years. He came to America in 1854 and lived for more than ten years in Cleveland and Willington, Ohio. At the latter place he was married, September 14, 1855, to Miss Elizabeth Gwynne, a native of Wales, and soon after went to

Michigan, where he was for five years employed in the pineries. It was during this time that he changed his name to Flack. He also lost his right leg while in Michigan, the result of an accident by which a heavy log rolled on it. He then returned to Ohio and resumed his shoemaking and farming near Willington. In 1865 he moved to Missouri and bought a farm, but resides in the town of Shelbyville, where he has a large stock of goods and runs a shop. Four years ago he went into partnership with Mr. J. L. Laws, under the firm name of Flack & Laws. His son, Lewis Flack, shortly after returned from Texas and connected himself with the firm, and the style of the firm is now Flacks & Laws. They have a \$4,000 stock and an extensive and growing trade. Mr. Flack is an enterprising and intelligent man and has the entire respect of all who know him. He has a family of three children: Lewis G., Carrie A. and Blanche. Carrie is the wife of the partner in the firm, Mr. J. L. Laws. The latter was born June 8, 1857, in Shelby county. His father, John C. Laws, was formerly from Virginia, and came to this county in 1835. He was always a farmer. He died October 8, 1878, leaving two children, John L. and Laura, who keeps a millinery store at Shelbyville. John lived on his father's farm until his marriage, September 11, 1879, when he went into business with his wife's father. Mr. and Mrs. Laws have one child, Bessie J. Mr. Flack and wife are members of the Christian Church. He belongs to no secret order.

JOSEPH H. FORMAN

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, Post-office, Shelbyville).

Over 72 years ago Mr. Forman, then in infancy, was brought to Missouri by his parents, Thomas Forman and wife, whose maiden name was Sarah Hawkins, both originally from Virginia, and came thence to Kentucky in 1781, crossing over later along into Indiana, and from the latter State to Missouri, in 1812. Remaining in Missouri until 1818, the father sent the family back to Kentucky and went to Texas in 1811, while Texas was yet a State of Mexico, and, indeed, four years before the Cactus Republic had established its independence, being one of the first Americans to enter its territory, going there nearly 20 years before Sam Houston ever set foot within its borders. Joseph H. Forman, the subject of this sketch, was born while his parents resided in Indiana, away back in 1811. He was, therefore, only a year old when his parents came to New Madrid county, Mo. They subsequently went to Kentucky in 1818 and he was reared in that State from the age of seven. He became a farmer in Kentucky and followed that occupation there for a number of years. In 1838, however, he removed to Missouri, and finally settled in Shelby county. A man of great energy and more than ordinary intelligence and business ability, Mr. Forman soon became a successful and prominent citizen of this county. He became an extensive farmer and stock-raiser, as well as a large land holder, owning near three miles square of land, or about 1,800 acres. He was also sheriff

of the county for a number of years, between 1861 and 1866. His land is mainly divided among his children, but he still has a fine homestead of 640 acres, which is well and comfortably improved. Mr. Forman has been twice married. To his first wife, formerly Miss Irene West, he was married in 1837. She died in 1856, leaving him six children, four of whom are living: Charles B., Mary E., Samuel and Agnes U. The two deceased are Sarah and May. To his present wife he was married in 1857. She was a Miss Martha Lear, a daughter of James Lear, one of the early settlers of Missouri from Kentucky. They have had eight children: James, Adella, Ida, Beatrice, Josie, Kate, Ulysses and Emma J. Kate and Ulysses are twins. Mrs. Forman is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

JAMES M. FREEMAN

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, Post-office, Shelbyville).

Among the substantial farmers and self-made, energetic men of Black Creek township, the subject of the present sketch must be given a worthy place in the present volume. He is one of these sterling, resolute men who would succeed almost anywhere, but who, in a country favored like Shelby county, with rich soil, favorable seasons and good markets, never fail to achieve to abundant success. Mr. Freeman started out for himself at farm labor, at the rate of \$12.00 per month. From this, what would not be considered a hopeless beginning, he has steadily accumulated and prospered until he now has a fine farm of 700 acres, most of which is substantially improved, one of the choice farms of the township. Mr. Freeman was born in Mercer county, Ky., in 1825, and was a son of Bayless and Mary Freeman. They came to Missouri in 1839 and settled in Marion county, where the father improved a farm, and died eight years afterward. The mother died in 1863. James M., the eldest in a family of seven children, was reared in Marion county, and in 1850 went to California, crossing the plains, but returned three years afterwards by way of Panama and New Orleans. He then resumed farming in Marion county, to which he had been brought up, and in 1855 was married to Miss Nannette Blackford, a daughter of Harden Blackford, of Shelby county, and who settled in this county from Kentucky, in 1855, where he has since resided. He is looked upon as one of the worthy farmers and respected citizens of this township. Mr. and Mrs. Freeman have had ten children, but six of whom are living, namely: John W., Katie, James, Frank, Thomas and Cora.

JAMES M. GENTRY

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, Post-office, Shelbyville).

Among the old citizens and leading agriculturalists of Shelby county, the subject of the present sketch occupies a justly enviable position. He was reared in the county, and by his high character and sterling

worth has come to be regarded as one of the most highly esteemed and valued citizens of the county. By industry and good management he has at the same time placed himself in easy circumstances, and is now a leading, substantial property holder. He has nearly 1,000 acres of fine land, and in his homestead alone there are 720 acres, it being one of the best improved places and most valuable stock farms in the county. All his improvements are of a substantial character and are well and neatly made. Mr. Gentry has long been engaged in raising stock and in dealing in it to a considerable extent. He handles about 130 head of cattle annually, besides several hundred sheep, a large number of hogs, and quite a lot of horses and other stock. Mr. Gentry's father, Jesse Gentry, a contractor and builder by occupation in early life, was a pioneer into Missouri, and built the first really respectable dwelling erected in St. Louis. It was the residence of Gov. Bates. Subsequently he came to Palmyra and there he built the first frame house put up in the town. In 1835, having married in the meantime, he entered land in Shelby county, to which he removed, where he improved a farm, and resided until his death. He died in 1862. His wife, whose maiden name was Miss Nancy Payne, died in 1839. She was related to the early family of Paynes, for whom Paynesville, in Pike county, was named. James M. Gentry was but four years of age when his mother died, having been born on the 23d day of October, 1835, in Marion county. A year old when his parents removed to Shelby, he was brought up on a farm in this county. His education was received in the log school house of the period, and to obtain it he had the pedestrian exercise of walking five miles to school, or only ten miles a day, generally through the snow in the winter time and when the days were so short that they were nearly consumed in going and coming, and with play times and recesses. But still he obtained a good knowledge of books, quite sufficient for all practical purposes, for he has succeeded much better than the generality of the soft-fingered collegiates. Mr. Gentry was married on the 8th day of November, 1860, to Mrs. Anna Thomas, formerly Miss Anna McDaniel, a daughter of Gideon McDaniel, originally of Amherst county, Va. They have had seven children: Sophia L. (deceased), Thomas J., Jesse, Anna, William, Mattie and Hugh. Mr. Gentry, now comparatively a wealthy man among the farmers of the county, has made every dollar he is worth by his own exertions.

JOHN W. GILLIS

(Farmer, Post-office, Shelbyville).

When Mr. Gillis' father, John Gillis, came to Shelby county, back in 1833, there were only about 15 families in the county, so that he may justly be said to have been one of its first settlers. His wife was a Miss Margaret Holliday, a daughter of Richard Holliday, who came from Ireland to Virginia. His widow, Mrs. Nancy Holliday, subsequently came to this county. His mother is a sister to Judge

W. J. Holliday. Mr. Gillis' father died here in about 1834, but his mother is still living, at the advanced age of seventy-eight. John W. Gillis was yet in infancy when his parents removed to Shelby county, and was therefore reared in this county. In 1859 he was married to Miss Mary Buchanan, a daughter of George Buchanan, originally of Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. G. have had three children, namely: Sudie C., Georgia B., deceased, and David E. Mr. Gillis has a neat farm of 90 acres and gives some attention to raising stock. He himself was one of three children, but two of whom are living, the other being Anna M., now a widow. Mr. and Mrs. G. are members of the M. E. Church.

CHRISTIAN P. GLAHN

(Farmer, Post-office, Leonard).

Mr. Glahn is a native of the Fatherland beyond the Rhine, born in Prussia in 1839, and was a son of Christian Glahn, Sr., and wife, Mary Wand. His parents and family of children came to America in 1843 and settled in Marion county, where they made their permanent home. Christian P. was the third one of 12 children, eight of whom are living, and was reared in Marion county. In 1862 he was married to Miss Susana Swigert, and two years later removed to Shelby county, where he engaged in farming, which he had previously followed. His first wife died a year after his removal to this county, and five years later he was married to Miss Mary W. Arnett. Seven children have followed this happy union, viz.: Benjamin F., Fannie, Christian P., Jr., Charles E., James O., Ernest and Mary F. Mr. Glahn, for 22 years, has been one of the hard-working, economical, intelligent farmers of Black Creek township, and the rich soil of his farm, favored with good seasons, has prospered him abundantly in the accumulation of the substantial comforts of life. He has a fine farm of 560 acres, all well improved, provided with every convenience and comfort for prosperous and contented farm life. He is a man of sterling character and generous, homelike hospitality, and is highly esteemed as a neighbor and citizen. He is a member of the Catholic Church, but his wife belongs to the Christian denomination. Mr. G. is a most successful raiser of corn and below are two extracts taken from the *Herald*:

SHELBY'S PRODUCTIONS.

[From the *Herald*, October 13, 1875.]

Messrs. Wm. Ridge, I. N. Bonta and C. P. Glahn, were the only competitors for the \$20 premium offered by the Fair Association for the best five acres of corn grown in Shelby county. The entries were made on or before the first day of September, and committees were appointed to examine and measure the corn designated. The committees were instructed to make a careful measurement of the land, then to select a certain number of rows of average fruitfulness from which to gather the corn, which when shucked and measured—counting three heaped half bushels to the bushel—should be considered the basis upon which to compute the yield of the entire piece.

The committees performed their duties and on Monday reported to the following effect:

C. P. Glahn's piece averaged 129½ bushels per acre.

I. N. Bonta's piece averaged 101¼ bushels per acre.

Wm. Ridge's piece averaged 82½ bushels per acre.

Of course Mr. Glahn received the award; and in this connection we will state that the committee appointed on Mr. G.'s entry, consisting of Messrs. Chenoweth, Perry and Noble, are regarded by all who know them as men of strict integrity, whose statements are fully reliable.

[From the *Herald*, June 18, 1884.]

We are informed that Mr. C. P. Glahn has the finest field of corn to be found in the county. It will be remembered that Mr. Glahn carried off the prize eight years ago, having raised on one acre 129½ bushels of corn. From what we learn he will likely be entitled to the premium again this year.

AUGUSTUS T. GLAHN

(Farmer and Nurseryman, Post-office, Hager's Grove).

Born after his parents came to the United States from Prussia, Mr. Glahn is a native of Marion county, Mo., a brother to Christian P., whose sketch precedes this, and his birth was on the 17th day of November, 1846. His father is still living in Marion county, where Augustus T. was reared and remained until 1866. He then came to Shelby county, but had previously begun life for himself. He became a farmer and nurseryman, more particularly a nurseryman, however, and has achieved good success in the raising of fruit trees and shrubbery. Mr. Glahn has a place of 80 acres devoted partly to the nursery business, and has as fine an assortment of young trees, apples, peaches, pears, cherries, apricots, small fruits, etc., as are to be found in this entire section of country. He has a large nursery and an extensive trade in Shelby and adjoining counties. He also has a fine variety of flowers, evergreen and other shrubs. On February 19, 1874, Mr. Glahn was married to Miss Sarah E. Patton, a daughter of John Patton, of this county. Mr. and Mrs. G. have three children: Ida May, Robert Rodney and Pearly Roy. Mr. and Mrs. G. are members of the Christian Church.

JOHN GRAHAM

(Farmer, Post-office, Shelbyville).

Mr. Graham, one of the energetic, substantial farmers of Black Creek township, was born in Tyrone, Ireland, in the year 1836, and while still in infancy was brought to America by his parents, Robert and Mary (Simpson) Graham, who immigrated to the United States in 1839, and settled in Shelby county, Mo. John Graham was the sixth in his father's family of seven children, five of whom are living, and was reared in this county. In 1877 he was married to Miss Martha Bond, a widow lady, and a daughter of Adam Nelson, formerly of Indiana. Meanwhile Mr. Graham had long before engaged in farming for himself and had accumulated a comfortable property. He has since continued farming and also handles stock with success. He

has a good farm of nearly 300 acres, which he improved mainly by his own hard work. He is looked upon as one of the thorough-going, reliable and upright citizens of the township. Mrs. Graham is a member of the Baptist Church.

WILLIAM GRAHAM

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, Post-office, Shelbyville).

Mr. Graham's father's family mention has already been made in the sketch of John Graham, his brother. William, born in Tyrone county, Ireland, in 1831, was eight years of age when his parents came to America and settled in Shelby county. That was an early day of Shelby county, and the country then was little more than a wilderness, the population was exceedingly sparse and school-houses by no means numerous. Young Graham, in common with the other youth of the county, had to go several miles to school and when they arrived there they found an old log stock-chimney, puncheon-floor rattle-trap of a building that would hardly be used now for a sheep house. The teachers, moreover, were nothing to brag of either, good, honest sort of pedagogue, they were certainly as honest as learned, which is not saying a volume for their qualities as contradistinguished from their qualifications. Indeed in sheer justice to them it must be said that their goodness as men far exceeded their learning as scholars. But nevertheless the youth of the county succeeded in getting education enough at these schools for all practical purposes, and judging by results, they have gotten along quite as well or better than the soft-fingered collegiates of later times have done. After young Graham grew up he engaged in farming for himself and has become one of the successful agriculturists of the county. He has several good farms, aggregating more than a section of fine land in all and is in well-to-do circumstances. He handles considerable stock every year and finds this a profitable line of industry. In 1850 he crossed the plains and went to California, driving an ox team to the Pacific coast, and being on the road about four months. He was out there for six years, three years engaged in mining and the balance of the time in farming in the Sacramento Valley. He returned by the Panama route in 1856. Three years after his return, on the 5th of May, 1859, Mr. Graham was married to Miss Mary McCrosky, a daughter of Addison McCrosky, formerly of Virginia. He was killed in 1876 by a runaway team. Mr. and Mrs. Graham have had six children, viz.: William, who died in infancy; Robert A., Thomas S., John J., William T. and Mary B., the last dying also in infancy. Mrs. Graham is a member of the M. E. Church South.

DAVID W. GRAHAM

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, Post-office, Shelbyville).

With a good place of 420 acres, most of which is under fence and either in active cultivation or pasture, Mr. Graham, by his energy

and success as a farmer and stock-raiser, has placed himself among the well-to-do agriculturists of Black Creek township. Mr. G. is a son of James Graham, who came from Ireland in about 1811, and located first at Philadelphia. Thence he removed to Virginia, and from there to Kentucky, where he was married in about 1820. Four children were born of this union, of whom David W. was the eldest, born in 1821. In 1831 the family removed to Missouri, and after a residence of three years in Monroe county, settled in Shelby county, where the father entered land and improved a good farm. He died here in 1876 at a ripe and venerated old age. His wife had preceded him to the grave some 12 or 13 years. David W. was reared in this county and to hard work on the farm. Brought up in the country, he learned those habits of industry, sobriety and frugality which have proved his success in after life. He has a fine farm and is in comfortable circumstances. Mr. Graham has never married, but it is as true of matrimony as of the remission of sins that,

"That while the lamp holds out to burn,
The vilest sinner may return."

JAMES GWYNN

(Farmer, Post-office, Kirby).

From the time of the Revolution the brave sons of England have been one of the most important factors in the progress of American civilization, first in settling the wildernesses of the Colonies, then fighting gallantly the battles for Independence; and afterwards in developing the material resources of the country, and, finally, in fighting like heroes for the preservation and the perpetuity of the Union. All honor then to Englishmen, both in their own Imperial Isle of the Sea and on the boundless and liberty-consecrated shores of America. Among our truest and bravest and best citizens, Columbia ever extends the hand of welcome to them in the land of Freedom and Independence. Mr. Gwynn was born in 1838. When a lad seven years of age he was brought to this country by his parents, Benjamin and Minerva (James) Gwynn, who immigrated to the United States in 1845. Young Gwynn's youth from this on was spent in Ohio, and at the age of 21, in 1859, he came to Missouri, locating in Shelby county. He had been here less than two years when the cloud of death and destruction, sanguinary and lurid, burst upon the country raining fire and sword in its terrible course, and sweeping the land with all the sorrow and destruction of Civil War. The life of the Union was imperilled, the government, whose protecting ægis had been the hope and refuge of the oppressed of all lands for generations, was endangered. Young Gwynn, as a faithful son of his adopted country, heard but one call and knew but one duty—to rally to the defense of the flag of the Republic. Early in 1861 he enlisted in the Union army under Gen. Hulbert, and for nearly three years gallantly did his duty as a soldier of his adopted country. After his honorable return from the service,

he engaged in the peaceful pursuit of agriculture, which he has since followed. In consonance with the great axiom of life that the brave always deserve the fair; he had provided himself with a wife, even while yet the war-cloud was the darkest and the cataclysm of death and destruction was still sweeping over the country. He was married in 1862 to Miss Jane E. Moses, who lived to guide him in the way of domestic life for some 11 years, but was at last stricken down by the fatal hand of death in the fall of 1873. She left him five children. He has since been twice married, having had the misfortune to lose also his second wife, whose maiden name was Miss Mary Hass. She died in 1881, leaving him two children. To his present wife, formerly Miss Alcinda Fletcher, he was married in 1883. Mr. Gwynn has a good farm of 160 acres, and is comfortably situated on his place.

LEWIS GWYNN

(Farmer, Post-office, Shelbyville).

Mr. Gwynn, one of the sterling farmers and worthy citizens of Black Creek township, is a brother to James Gwynn, whose sketch precedes this, and was born in England in 1842. His father dying in 1846, his mother was afterwards married to Isaac Cobb, and in 1853 the family came to America, settling in Ohio. Lewis' early youth was spent on a farm in Ohio, and when in his twenty-third year, in 1865, he was married to Miss Lydia C. Perkins, a daughter of John Perkins, of that State. He continued farming in Ohio for some four years after his marriage and then came to Missouri, locating on the farm where he now resides. Here he has a good place of 165 acres, comfortably improved and mainly devoted to grass for stock purposes. For the raising of colts and mules, Mr. Gwynn keeps a good horse of the Lucky breed, and also a fine jack. He has a good grade of cattle, and, in fact, is one of the enterprising farmers of the township. Mrs. Gwynn is a member of the church.

JAMES C. HALE

(Attorney at Law, Shelbyville).

Mr. Hale's father's family came to this county from Tennessee nearly 40 years ago. They settled in the north-western part of the county, about 15 miles from Shelbyville. The father, Lilburn Hale, was a farmer by occupation, and one of the substantial, highly respected citizens of the county. He lost his life during the war, being accidentally shot by bushwhackers, April 2, 1862. He was on his way home from Shelbyville, and had fallen into the company of a body of Federal soldiers, traveling the same road. He was riding by the side of Col. Lipscomb, the commander of the soldiers, when unexpectedly they were fired upon by bushwhackers, who were lying in ambush for the soldiers, which resulted in Mr. Hale's father and two of the soldiers being instantly killed, and three other soldiers being wounded, one of whom died soon afterwards. Although a Union man in principle, he had taken no part in the war,

and his death, therefore, was purely accidental. His widow is still living on the farm south of Shelbyville, where the family had settled previous to her husband's death. She is now in the seventy-first year of her age. Her youngest son, Lilburn S., has charge of the place. James C. Hale was born in Sullivan county, in Eastern Tennessee, August 7, 1838, and was therefore seven years of age when his parents came to Missouri. Reared on the farm in this county, he attended the county schools during the winter months until 1857, when he entered the Collegiate Institute of Shelbyville, where he took a course of instruction in the higher branches. He was preparing for the profession of law, and in 1859 he began teaching, which he continued for about two years, reading law at the same time under John McAfee, Esq. Indeed, he began the study of law in 1859, and in 1861 he was admitted to the bar, while Judge Gilchrist Porter was circuit judge. December 17, of the same year, Mr. Hale was married to Miss Daisy T. Smith, a daughter of Chamues Smith, Esq., of Pike county, Mo. The following summer he resided at Louisiana, but came to Shelby county and engaged in business with Judge Foster at Shelbyville. They were successfully engaged in merchandising at that place until the spring of 1865, when Mr. Hale came to Shelbyville and began the practice of law at this place. He has since been continuously occupied with his practice, and has long held the position of one of the safe and successful attorneys at the Shelby county bar. However, it should be stated that he was out of the practice during a part of each of the years 1881 and 1882. During this time he was in Colorado occupied with mining interests. He still has valuable mining property out here, partially developed, which gives promise of profitable yields. Mr. Hale takes a public spirited interest in political and general affairs, and occupies a position of prominence in public matters. He is at present secretary of the County Democratic Central Committee. In 1872 he ran for prosecuting attorney of the county, but was defeated. He also ran for sheriff, in 1876, but was again unsuccessful. Mr. and Mrs. Hale have three children: Charley, Terrie and Harry. They have lost two. Mr. Hale is a prominent member of the Masonic order.

LEW HAYWARD

(Deputy Circuit Clerk of Shelby County, Shelbyville).

Mr. Hayward, a brave and faithful soldier of the Union during the late war, from its opening until its close, for the last 14 years has been equally as faithful as an assistant in the office of the circuit clerk, during all the changes through which that office has passed, as he was true as a soldier, and, withal, is conceded to be one of the most capable and popular deputy circuit clerks, if not the most capable and popular one, the county ever had. He was reared in Livingston county, and was a young man about 26 years of age when the war broke out. A Northerner by birth and an earnest adherent of the Union cause by conviction and sympathy, he promptly enlisted in the army under the

old flag, and became a member of the Eighth Iowa Infantry, under Gen. Curtiss. He served until the close of the war in the spring of 1865, and, among other important battles, was in those of Shiloh, Corinth, Eureka, Vicksburg and Spanish Fort. After the war he returned to Livingston county, but four years later came to Shelbyville, where he has since resided. In 1870, August 1, he was married to Miss Mary E. Dobbin, a daughter of Leonard Dobbin, an old and respected citizen of the county. Mr. and Mrs. H. have five children: Lulu, Pearl, Emma, Charley and Cora. Mr. Hayward has been secretary of the Fair Association for several years, and, as has been stated, has been deputy circuit clerk for the last 14 years. His father, William Hayward, was originally from Tennessee, but afterwards lived in Indiana and came thence to Livingston county, Mo., in 1857. He died there in 1884, in his seventy-second year. Mr. Hayward's mother was a Miss Anna Shelton, before her marriage, a native of Ohio, born in 1810. She died in Livingston county in 1876. Mr. H. was the twelfth in a family of 15 children, all but one of whom (himself) are now deceased. His brother, Rev. Henry Hayward, was a well known public man in Indiana, a member of the Legislature and State Senate, and held other positions of prominence, besides being a leading and eloquent minister of the Christian Church. Mr. Hayward, the subject of this sketch, learned the carpenter's trade in early life and followed that up to the outbreak of the war, having come to Livingston county in the meantime with his parents in 1857.

JOHN J. HEWITT

(Druggist and Dealer in Clothing and Furnishing Goods, Shelbyville).

Mr. Hewitt was born in the northern part of Shelby county, February 24, 1848. His parents, Samuel M. and Caroline (Morgan) Hewitt, were natives of Union county, Ky. They came to Missouri in 1835, and settled first in Marion county, but afterwards moved to Shelby county, entering a tract of 200 acres on Tiger creek, where Mr. H. farmed until his death in 1871. His wife still lives on the farm, her daughter, Missouri, wife of Jacob Curry, living with her. She has six other children: Russell B., resident of Utica Springs, Ark.; Samuel, living in Shelby county; Martin Luther, John Isabel, now Mrs. Frank Magruder, and Virginia, wife of John Howe, and living at Oakdale. There are deceased Elizabeth, Fannie and Hettie. John J. was reared on the farm and educated at the Shelby high school, under Prof. Adkinson. For the first eight years of his manhood he taught school in different places, and in 1876 entered the drug business, which he has continued up to the present time, carrying on in addition a large clothing and furnishing trade. Mr. Hewitt has always been deeply interested in the schools of the county, and was for one term school commissioner. He is still on the school board. Mr. Hewitt, though quite a young man, has won for himself a high place in the regard and esteem of his fellow-citizens, as a proof of which they elected him, a few months ago, to the honorable office

of mayor of the town, a position he fills with much dignity and ability. Mr. H. is a married man, having espoused, May 31, 1880, Miss Lillian Turner, the fair daughter of Holman Turner. Mrs. Hewitt was born in the county, August 15, 1860. They have two children, a lovely little daughter, called Esta, and an infant son unnamed. Mr. Hewitt is a member of the M. E. Church South. He belongs to no secret order.

LUTHER G. HEWITT

(Farmer, Post-office, Shelbyville).

It was way back in 1836 that Mr. Hewitt's parents, Samuel and Caroline (Morgan) Hewitt, came from Kentucky to Missouri. They were married in 1829, and came to this new country to establish themselves in life. They first stopped in Marion county, but the father being a man of clear, keen intelligence, soon saw that Shelby was a much better county, as every one now understands and admits. In 1836 he therefore came over into this county, and made a permanent settlement here. A good farmer, he was at the same time a man of a marked literary turn of mind and was much given to reading the better class of books. He therefore became a man of more than ordinary information and culture. He died here in 1871. His wife is still living, and is now in her seventy-fifth year. Luther G. inherited a fondness for books, and although his school advantages were no better than the average youth of the county, he succeeded in getting more than an average general English education. As school teaching afforded him better advantages than any other calling to continue his studies, he became a teacher, and continued teaching about 12 years. It is needless to say that he is a man of marked intelligence and more than ordinary information and culture. Wearying, however, after awhile of school teaching, he turned his attention to farming, and has since been engaged in that occupation. He has a good farm of 160 acres, a pleasant, comfortable home, and is well situated in life. In 1873 Mr. Hewitt was married to Miss Laura V. McLeod, a daughter of John McLeod, formerly of Ohio. They have four children: Daisy B., Florence J., John M. and Libbie P. Mr. and Mrs. Hewitt are members of the Baptist Church.

WILLIAM A. HUGHES

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, Post-office, Shelbyville).

Mr. Hughes, one of the well-to-do farmers of Black Creek township, and one of its most highly respected citizens, is a representative of an old family of pioneers. His grandfather, Joseph Hughes, was one of the first pioneers of Kentucky, entering the trackless, savage-haunted wilds of that region more than 20 years before it became a State, in about 1766, and several years before Daniel Boone ever made a track in its wilderness. Mr. Hughes' father, John Hughes, was born there, in what is now known as Jessamine county, as far

back as 1777, at a time when Boone was winning his fame in the same regions as a pioneer and Indian fighter. John Hughes grew up in the wilds of Kentucky and bore a brave part in clearing away its forests, no less than in driving out the treacherous, lurking and murderous red men who infested the country and made life by day and by night perilous to the early settlers. In the War of 1812 he became a gallant soldier of his country in the campaign of the North-west. He was married in Kentucky to Miss Elizabeth Perry, of another pioneer family of that State. In 1822 they became early settlers in Missouri, while yet the Indians were in this State, and all was still a forbidding wilderness. They settled in Boone county, where they lived until her death. She, however, preceded him to the grave by many years, and he was afterwards twice married, his second wife having been a Mrs. Jane E. West, a daughter of Joseph Miller, of Bourbon county, Ky., an old and wealthy family, and after her death his third wife was Mrs. Isabella Shambaugh, a daughter of Jacob Vannut, of Virginia. In 1838 the father removed to Shelby county. Here the father died, in 1865, at the advanced age of 88, reaching to within two years the age of Daniel Boone. William A. Hughes was born in Boone county, Mo., on the 18th day of February, 1830. He was eight years of age when his parents moved to Shelby county; he was reared in this county and has since made it his permanent home. In 1860 he was married to Miss Mary E. Bowling, a daughter of Alexander Bowling, of Virginia. Farming has been Mr. Hughes' pursuit, combined with raising and handling stock, from early life, and he has been quite successful. He has a fine farm of 320 acres. Mr. and Mrs. Hughes have but one child, a daughter, Miss Nellie E., now a young lady about 17 years of age and educated at the High School of Shelbina.

WILLIAM O. LOWMAN.

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, Post-office, Shelbyville).

This old and respected citizen, whose life has been one of untiring industry and without reproach, not unrewarded by the substantial fruits of honest toil and economical, intelligent management, is by nativity a worthy son of the Old Dominion, where he first looked upon the light of day away back in 1815. He is now, therefore, in his seventieth year, but so correct and temperate has been his life and so well spent that he is still comparatively vigorous in health and his mind undimmed by the descending shadows of old age. His father, Bernard Lowman, was a Pennsylvanian, born 11 years before Liberty Bell at Philadelphia peeled forth the glad tidings of Independence. He early went to Virginia, after his marriage, however, to Miss Margaret Bell, a daughter of Peter Bell, of Maryland. He became a man of some consideration in Virginia and held the office of postmaster at Middlebrook for 40 years. He was the last postmaster at that place appointed under Washington, and died in 1847. There was a family of eight children, six daughters and two sons, all

of whom became heads of families, except one; but all are now deceased except the subject of this sketch and a sister who never married. William O. Lowman, after he grew up, was married in 1835 to Miss Sallie Eagon, a daughter of Samson Eagon. She lived to accompany him down the journey of life for 34 years, but at last was taken away by death in 1869. She had borne him four children, Samson B., John B., who died in 1869, at the age of 27; Mary J., the wife of W. H. Duncan, and Elizabeth L., deceased. To his second wife, Mrs. Martha E. Gray, widow of E. L. Gray, deceased, and a daughter of Mark Graham, he was married in 1872. She had eight children by her first husband, namely: M. J., W. R., M. L., D. G., James R., James A., Martha B., and Anna J., the last three preceding Anna J., and the first one, M. J., being deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Lowman are members of the M. E. Church South. Mr. Lowman has a farm of 130 acres, comfortably improved, and Mrs. L. has 616 acres of good land, a part of which is also improved. One of her sons, Marcus J., is a prominent minister of the M. E. Church South. Mr. Lowman raises some stock, and is one of the worthy farmers and respected citizens of the township.

SAMSON B. LOWMAN

(Farmer and Stock-raiser and County Assessor, Post-office, Shelbyville).

Mr. Lowman, a well known citizen of Shelby county, and as universally respected as he is well known, is the son of William O. Lowman, whose sketch precedes this, and in which an outline of the family history has been given. Mr. Lowman's father carried on the tanning business for many years and Samson B., after he became old enough to work, was principally employed in the tan yard until he was about 17 years of age. Meanwhile, he of course attended such schools as were convenient and at these and by study at home succeeded in getting a very good general education. Indeed, especially apt in mathematics, he attained to a pretty thorough knowledge of the higher branches of that science, including surveying. From the age of 17 afterwards his whole life has been occupied with farming pursuits, raising and growing and handling stock, except while employed with official duties. In 1856 he accompanied his father to Lewis county, from Virginia, and afterwards to Shelby county. He remained on the farm with his father until he was married in the fall of 1860, when Miss Mary E. Wilson became his wife. She was a daughter of Matthew Wilson, formerly of Virginia. He then settled on a farm with his own family and was successfully engaged in farming without interruption until 1876. A man of good business qualifications and having become a practical surveyor, as well as being a man of those qualities which enable one to form acquaintances rapidly and make warm friendships, he was nominated for the office of surveyor of the county, and was elected by a handsome majority. He then removed to Shelbyville, not disposing of his farm, however, and resided there for four years. Meanwhile he had the misfortune to lose his wife, who died

in 1877. In 1880 he was re-elected to the office of surveyor, but notwithstanding returned to his farm the same year. He has now been filling his present office for eight years, and from what we gather from the people generally he will continue to fill it for eight more if he desires to. Mr. Lowman has a fine farm of 300 acres, all well improved. In the spring of 1879 he was married to Miss Angie Bryan, a daughter of T. R. Bryan, Esq., of Chillicothe, an early settler and prominent citizen of Lewis county. He was for over 20 years county and circuit clerk of that county, and when a young man was an intimate friend and associate of Gen. Slack, the distinguished Union officer. Indeed, they were young bachelors together, and kept bachelor's hall with each other for several years. By his first wife Mr. Lowman has three children: Sallie, William and John. Mr. and Mrs. Lowman are members of the church.

WILLIAM A. MCCREADY

(Farmer, Post-office, Kirby).

The McCready family, of which the subject of the present sketch is a representative, came originally from Virginia. Mr. McCready's father, William McCready, was born in Loudoun county, of that State, in 1805. At the age of 19 he went to Kentucky and was there married, in 1831, to Miss Rebecca Dugan. Two years later, in 1833, they removed to Illinois, and settled in Hancock county, 40 miles east of Quincy, locating in Adams county in 1840. There were but three houses then in the present city of Quincy, the McCreadys being among the pioneer settlers of the country. They lived there for about 33 years and came thence to Shelby county, Mo., in 1866. Here the mother died in 1880, at the age of 72, having been a member of the M. E. Church for 60 years. The father is still living. He was a man of marked intelligence and much general information, having always been a man fond of books and of an inquiring mind. He has always been something of a leader where he has resided, and is highly esteemed wherever known. William A. McCready, the subject of this sketch, was born in Hancock county, Ill., in 1836. In 1862 he and his brother, J. J. McCready, enlisted in the Union army and served under Gen. A. J. Smith, until September, 1865. He was in the army for three years, and took part in all the battles in which his command was engaged. Prior to the war he was married to Miss Lettie J. Springsteen, of Illinois, but formerly of New York, their marriage being on the 6th of December, 1855. He came to Missouri with his father's family in 1866, or, rather, both families came at the same time, and has since been engaged in farming in this county. He has a good farm of 140 acres, one of the best small farms in the township. Mr. and Mrs. McCready have had a family of 10 children, namely: Katie, John, Charley (deceased), Wilbur F., Lulie, Jennie, Dickie, Jessie and Clide. Mr. McCready is a prominent member of the G. A. R., and he and wife are members of the M. E. Church.

JOHN MCELROY

(Farmer, Post-office, Shelbyville).

Mr. McElroy's father, born in Kentucky in 1802, and one of the early settlers of Marion county, in this State, is still living, and is, perhaps, one of the best preserved old men in the State. He is still apparently as active and as vigorous in mind as he was 25 years ago, and riding a day's journey, 20 or 30 miles. His life, too, has been one of indefatigable industry, not to say extremely hard work and severe exposures. But blessed with a good physical constitution and a cheerful mind, he has traveled the road of life through all the seasons and changes that have come, with courage and a hopeful disposition, and now at a time when all, or nearly all, of his former contemporaries have passed beyond the Western horizon of their earthly careers, and are seen no more, he is still comparatively hale and hearty among the living, bright in mind and hopeful, and with the prospect of more years to mingle with those around him of younger generations. To his first and only wife, formerly Miss Catherine McAfee, he was married in Marion county. She died in 1859. She was also originally from Kentucky. She had borne him six children, John, the subject of this sketch, being the eldest; and but two others are living. In early life, in Kentucky, he was engaged in merchandising, but in 1830 he came to Marion county, Mo., where he entered land and improved a large farm. His life afterwards was devoted mainly to farming. John McElroy was born on the farm in Marion county, July 6, 1836. After he grew up he was married to Miss Levina Blackwood, and he continued to reside in Marion county until 1872, when he bought the prairie land where he now lives, and improved his farm in this county. He has a good place of 160 acres, devoted mainly to grass and for stock-raising purposes. He is one of the hard working, thorough-going farmers of the township, and one of its well respected citizens. Mr. McElroy's first wife died in the summer of 1877. She had borne him 10 children, seven of whom are living, namely: William P., Samuel O., Catherine, Anna H., Susie and John. To his present wife Mr. McElroy was married December 25, 1881. She is a daughter of Sanford Smith, and a sister to Solomon D. Smith, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this volume. Her Christian name is Hattie. She has borne her husband two children, the eldest of whom died in infancy; the second one is Levina.

CHARLES A. MCKETHEN

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, Post-office, Shelbyville).

Mr. McKethen, now past the third score of his age, was partly reared in Shelby county, and is therefore a representative of one of its pioneer families. His father, Robert McKethen, a native of North Carolina, was principally reared in Tennessee, and was a gallant

soldier under Jackson in the War of 1812. Returning victorious from the battles of his country after the war, he was married in Tennessee to Miss Sallie Latimer, and after some years' residence in that State put out the fire on his hearthstone, in the valley of the rolling Tennessee, and turned the front of his white-covered mover's wagon toward the then wilderness beyond the surging waters of the imperial Mississippi. After a long journey over mountains and through the valleys, across bridgeless streams and trackless prairies, through a primitive wilderness from the beginning of the journey, he landed safely in North Missouri with his loved ones, his faithful rifle and his sleepless watch-dog, in 1831. He stopped for a while in Marion county, but soon crossed over into Shelby, where he improved a farm, reared a worthy family of children, and lived a respected, useful life until he was borne away under the shadow of old age to his final resting place, in his adopted county, in 1847. His good wife, a venerable white-haired old pioneer mother, is still living, now closely approaching her ninety-first year. Charles A. McKethen was born a few years before his parents left Tennessee, in Sumner county, on the 7th day of May, 1824. Growing up to manhood in Shelby county, he, too, following the example of his father, became a farmer, and by industry and good management he has proved a successful one. He has a fine farm of 320 acres, all the fruit of his own honest toil. One of the substantial property holders of the township, he is at the same time one of its most highly esteemed citizens, for his life has been guided by the strictest integrity. During the war he served for nearly a year in the Union army. In 1863 he was married to Miss Catherine Baker, a daughter of George W. Baker, a worthy and respected citizen of Shelbyville. His wife has borne him nine children, namely: George R., Sallie A., Mary G., Hattie, John S., Charles E., Lucy B., and two others who died in infancy. Mrs. McKethen is a member of the Christian Church.

WILLIAM H. McMASTER

(Farmer, Post-office, Shelbyville).

The second in a family of eight children, Mr. McMaster was born in Livingston county, N. Y., September 4, 1844, and was a son of Robert and Lucy (Hamilton) McMaster, the father also a native of New York, but the mother originally of Vermont. The father died in 1866, but the mother survived until 1882. Only four of the family besides William H. are now living. He was reared in New York, and in his seventeenth year, in 1862, enlisted in the Union army, One Hundred and Thirtieth New York Infantry, afterwards transferred to the First New York Dragoons, under Gen. Sheridan. He was in most of the principal battles and many of the less engagements in which Gen. Sheridan's command took a part. He was wounded at Port Republic, Va., September 26, 1864. Returning home to New York in 1865, after his discharge, he remained there engaged in farming, to which he had been brought

up, for about four years, and in 1869 came to Missouri, settling in Shelby county. Here he recommenced farming and has since continued it. He has a good farm of 110 acres, which is largely devoted to grass and used for stock purposes, he being engaged in stock-raising to some extent. In 1872 Mr. McMaster was married to Miss Nettie Robison, a daughter of D. M. Robison, formerly of Ohio. They have three children: Herbert Robison, Roscoe Hamilton and Clara. Mr. McMaster is a member of the A. O. U. W. and the G. A. R. He is one of the energetic farmers and well respected citizens of the township.

JOHN F. McMURRAY

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, Post-office, Shelbyville).

The McMurrays were among the first settlers of Marion county, Ky., and Mr. McMurray's father, William McMurray, was born there 50 years before the beginning of the present century. In young manhood he was married in that county to Miss Elizabeth Wilson, a daughter of Thomas Wilson, a prominent and influential citizen of the county. Mr. McMurray's father became a successful farmer and stock-dealer in Kentucky, and served as justice of the peace for a number of years. But in 1834 he removed to Missouri with his family and settled in Marion county, of this State. Seven years afterwards, however, he crossed over into Shelby county, where he was successfully engaged in farming until his death. He and his good wife reared to be grown seven of their ten children, of whom John F., the subject of this sketch, was the fourth. He was born in Marion county, Ky., in 1828, and was therefore principally reared in Missouri. Growing to manhood in Shelby county, he meanwhile secured more than an average general education for that time. Possessed of a natural taste for books, he not only made good use of the occasional schools kept in the vicinity, but also occupied his leisure at home with study. On the 27th of September, 1855, he was married to Miss Martha C. Dunn, a daughter of John Dunn, now deceased, but for years one of the estimable farmers and citizens of Shelby county. In the meantime he had entered upon the pursuit of farming for himself, and this he has since continued with satisfactory success. He has a good farm neatly improved, one of the comfortable homesteads, though not a large place, in the township. He is a man who looks to quality more than quantity in everything with which he has to do, and this trait of character is manifest in all his surroundings. Mr. McMurray has kept up his habits of study and mental improvement through life, and he has come to be a man of excellent information and culture. He has an excellent library of standard works in history, etc., which were selected with singular intelligence and good judgment. He is a man with whom it is both pleasant and good to converse with and, withal, he is genial and hospitable, quite popular with all who know him. Mr. and Mrs. McMurray have had a family of eight children, namely: Laura B., Mary F., Lizzie E., Emma C.,

Mattie S., Nellie J., William D. and Marvin C. Mr. and Mrs. McM. are members of the M. E. Church South, and he is an active member of the Temperance order.

ALEXANDER MCMURTRY (DECEASED)

(Contributed).

Alexander McMurtry, for over 40 years an honored and respected citizen of Shelby county, was by nativity a Kentuckian, born in Garrard county, September 22, 1806. Reared in Kentucky, in 1831 he removed to Missouri and made his home first in Ralls county, where he resided for about 11 years. While a resident of that county he served as county treasurer for a number of years, and was married there in 1839 to Miss Emily J. McPherson. In 1842 he removed to Shelby county and was successfully engaged in merchandising in this county until 1856, when he improved a good farm about one mile from Shelbyville. He resided on his farm for some 20 years and became one of the enterprising and progressive farmers and stock-raisers of the county. Even before engaged in farming he had amassed a respectable fortune at merchandising, and this was considerably augmented by his success as a farmer. In 1876, however, his health becoming greatly impaired, he quit the farm and returned to Shelbyville, where he resided until his death. He died at his residence in this place October 24, 1882. His first wife had preceded him to the grave in 1847, leaving him four children, three of whom are living, namely: Mrs. A. R. Graham; Mrs. H. C. Carlisle, and Mrs. Emily O'Brien, a resident of Marion county. In 1848 he was married to Miss Mary A. Ennis, a sister to Sheriff Ennis, of this county. She died February 6, 1881, leaving a daughter who is now the wife of P. D. Denver. Mr. McMurtry, as has been intimated, was quite successful in the business and industrial activities in life, and, at the time of his death, one of the heaviest tax-payers in the county. He was, at the same time, a man of generous impulses and great liberality. He was long a member of the Presbyterian Church at Shelbyville and for many years a ruling elder. One of the most liberal supporters of the church at this place during his lifetime, at his death he left a liberal endowment by his will. In politics he was a Democrat before the war, but took no conspicuous part in political affairs. When the struggle for the preservation of the Union came, although a large slave holder himself, he was ardent in his devotion to the cause of the government and gave every aid and encouragement in his power to the soldiers of the Union, not excepting his private means whenever it was necessary. Since the war he naturally identified himself with the Republican party, as the party chiefly instrumental in saving the Union in the hour of its greatest peril. Personally, he was a man of irreproachable habits, of plain and kind-hearted manners, and was respected and esteemed by all, but valued and appreciated most by those who had known him longest and best. In the death of Alexander McMurtry, Shelby county lost one of her worthiest and best citizens.

J. N. MAHAFFEY, M. D.

(Physician and Surgeon, Shelbyville).

Dr. Mahaffey located at Shelbyville in 1879 and has since been continuously engaged in the practice of his profession at this place. A man of good general education and an experienced teacher before commencing the study of medicine, he then took a thorough professional course, both under an experienced physician and in college, graduating with distinction from the Medical College of Cleveland, Ohio, in 1877. He thus, so far as study and the knowledge afforded by the schools are concerned, qualified himself fully and well for the practice of medicine. He began the practice at Mt. Holly, Ohio, in the spring of 1877, and continued there with excellent success until his removal to Missouri and location at Shelbyville. Here he has built up a good practice, and has taken an enviable position in his profession. He is a prominent member of the county and district medical societies. Dr. Mahaffey was born at Mt. Vernon, in Knox county, O., February 26, 1852. His parents were John and Rhoda E. (Arnold) Mahaffey, both born and reared in Ohio, but each of Irish descent. Dr. Mahaffey was educated at Mt. Vernon and the Greentown Academy, of Perryville, O., and at the age of 17 was qualified for teaching. He followed teaching for several years, and afterwards studied medicine. His preceptors in his profession were Dr. Black, of Amity, and Prof. Metz, of Massillon, O., Oculist. He then took two courses at the Cleveland Medical College, from which he graduated as stated above. March 4, 1873, Dr. Mahaffey was married to Miss Rebecca E. Mathoney, of Amity, O. They have two children, Edwin E., and Eva E. November 8, 1883, Dr. Mahaffey met with quite a serious accident. While out hunting with a friend, the latter's gun was accidentally discharged, the load entering the calf of the Doctor's right leg. He was prostrated by this for some time and is now only beginning to be able to get about by the use of a cane. He feels thankful that the accident was not more serious than it was, but of course he would feel still more thankful if it hadn't happened at all. It is warmly hoped and expected by his many friends and large clientele that he will soon be able to fully resume his practice throughout the vicinity of Shelbyville, as well as in town.

CAPT. MARION H. MARMADUKE

(Druggist and County Treasurer, Shelbyville).

Capt. Marmaduke, a well known and popular citizen of Shelby county, is a worthy representative of one of the old and respected families of the county. The Marmadukes of this State were originally from Virginia, and Capt. Marmaduke's parents, James B. and Lucinda (Lyell) Marmaduke, came directly from that State to Missouri as early as 1832. His father was a saddler by trade, and located first at

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He has made a most capable and efficient county officer and is justly regarded as one of the most popular men in the county. Capt. M. and wife have reared a family of eight children: Lillian, Ella, James M., John S., Maude, Olive, Mark M. and Herbert. James M., a graduate of Vanderbilt University, of Nashville, Tenn., is connected with his father in the drug store. They have a handsome two-story business house and carry a complete and well selected stock of goods. Captain and Mrs. M. are members of the M. E. Church South, and he is a prominent Mason.

JOHN D. MELSON
(Next Treasurer of Shelby County, Shelbyville).

The Melson family is one of the old and respected families of Bedford county, Va. They have been settled in the eastern part of that State for generations, and have always ranked with the best people of their respective communities. Mr. Melson was born in Bedford county, Va., and was a son of Thomas Melson and wife, who was a Miss Elizabeth Dent before her marriage, his natal day being the 31st of May, 1818. Reared in Virginia, he received a good common English education, and in 1840 was married to Miss Mary A. West, a daughter of Capt. Samuel West, a prominent citizen of Bedford county, who was a gallant officer in the War of 1812. Mrs. Melson's parents are still living in Virginia, each well preserved at an advanced age. Mr. Melson removed to Missouri in 1856 and settled in Ralls county, where he resided for 14 years. In 1872 he came to Shelby county, locating at Shelbyville, and here he has since made his permanent home. Mr. Melson has become well known to the people of Shelby county and is highly esteemed for his estimable qualities as a neighbor, business man and citizen. By industry and enterprise he has accumulated a comfortable property without wronging any man of a cent or doing an unjust or ungenerous act. A man of marked intelligence and public spirit, he takes a worthy and lively interest in the affairs of the county and is appreciated by the people as a man who sincerely has the public good at heart. At the primary election of this county in June (1884) for candidates for the different county offices, he was elected for the office of county treasurer by a handsome majority, which insures him a triumphant election at the polls in November. Mr. and Mrs. Melson have had a family of 11 children: Joel L., Nathaniel, Anna E., Samuel J., present sheriff of Ralls county; Isaac N., Matson N., Virginia, Sallie K., John C., Charles M. and Mary E. Five of these are deceased, namely: Nathaniel T., who died at the age of 21, in 1863; Sallie K., Charles M., Mary E. and John C. Mr. Melson has been a member of the M. E. Church South for 22 years and his wife is a worthy member of the Baptist Church. His parents removed to Missouri in 1867 and located in Ralls county. From there they came to Shelby county in 1872. His father died here in 1876. He was a veteran in the War of 1812, and received a pension during the later years of his life on account of his

Palmyra, where he carried on a saddlery and harness shop for about five years. In 1837 he came to Shelbyville and ran a shop here for about three years, after which he engaged in merchandising, and also in farming. He entered nearly a section of land near this place, where he improved a good farm. Though a man without any personal ambition in politics, he was a close and interested student of public affairs and took an active interest in local political management. He was a life-long and ardent Democrat, and thoroughly devoted to see Democratic measures triumph, while he always wanted to see Democratic friendships and never failed to exert himself for the success of those to whose interest he was attached. In other words, he always had his choice among candidates, and no man did more for his friends than he. While he was an active worker, he was at the same time a sober-minded, thoughtful man, and looked well to results before advocating any candidate or measure. He had the faculty of foreseeing results to a marked degree. Indeed, among those who knew him well he was regarded as something of a political philosopher and prophet. Withal he was a man of the highest integrity of character and wielded a justly potent influence in local affairs. His widow is still living, at the age of 74, and makes her home with a daughter, residing at Nevada, in Vernon county. Capt. Marmaduke was the fourth in their family of children, four of whom are living. He was born at Palmyra, July 22, 1835, but was reared in this county. Educated in the schools of Shelbyville, at the age of 16 he became a partner at this place with his brother-in-law in the drug business. They continued business together for about four years. Subsequently he studied medicine under Dr. J. H. Shoots, of Shelbyville, and since then, in connection with his other business, he has been doing more or less office practice. December 5, 1855, Capt. Marmaduke was married to Miss Mary E. Carney, of Carroll county. After his marriage he located on his father's place near Shelbyville, where he was residing when the war broke out. Of Virginia parentage and Southern principles, he promptly enlisted in the State Guard in 1861 and was made lieutenant in Capt. Pollard's company, under Col. Porter. He was in the latter's raid through North Missouri and fired the first gun in the Kirksville fight. After Porter's command was disbanded he made his way to Kentucky and joined Gen. Bragg. He was in all of Bragg's campaigns in that State and Tennessee and then crossed over into Arkansas, joining Gen. Green at Batesville. Being commissioned captain with authority to recruit a company, he came North for that purpose and was in Missouri and Illinois recruiting until the close of the war. After the war he removed to Santa Fe, Monroe county, and was engaged in the drug business and merchandising there for about seven years. Capt. Marmaduke then returned to Shelbyville and formed a partnership with his old partner, Mr. Shackelford, in the drug business. Two years later Mr. S. removed to Clarence, but Capt. Marmaduke has since continued the business. In 1878 he was nominated and elected county treasurer and has been re-elected twice since.

services in that struggle. He was born in 1780 and reached the age of 86 years. His mother died in 1872 in her eighty-seventh year.

JOHN W. MERCER

(Farmer, Post-office, Shelbyville).

Mr. Mercer was the eldest in a family of seven children to reach maturity, two sons and five daughters, of Caleb and Servina (Windle) Mercer, of Frederick county, Va., and was born in that county in the year 1818. Reared in that county until 18 years of age, he then enlisted in the army under Capt. Beal for the Florida War, and was three years in the service, principally on the flowery peninsula. After his service he returned to Virginia, but remained only seven months, when he went back to Florida and made his home in the land of oranges for over 20 years, engaging principally in farming and dealing in stock. In 1861, however, he came north and located in Mercer county, Ill., but soon afterwards went to Des Moines, Ia. In 1863 Mr. Mercer was married to Miss Julia Bickford, of Illinois, a daughter of John Bickford, formerly of Maine. Three years after his marriage he came to Missouri and located in Shelby county, where he still resides. Here he has a good farm of 160 acres. Mr. and Mrs. Mercer have five children: John W., Jr.; Allie M., Carrie B., James A. and Lydia F. Both parents are members of the M. E. Church.

N. C. MILLER

(Dealer in Hardware, Stoves, Tin-ware, Etc., Shelbyville).

Mr. Miller was born in Shelbyville, June 12, 1848. His father, Joseph C., and his mother, who was a Miss Susan J. Leniley, were both Virginians, and after their marriage removed from Virginia to Missouri in about the year 1835, and settled at Palmyra. From Palmyra Mr. Joseph C. Miller removed to Shelbyville, where he died February 10, 1874. He was a cabinet maker by trade and followed this business after coming to Shelbyville, but afterwards and until his death had a cabinet and furniture store in Shelbyville. Four of the children by this marriage are still living, viz.: John W., Susan V., married to Mr. John A. Carney, who is in business with her brother, N. C., the subject of this sketch; Mary J., wife of John McLeod, resident of Iowa City, and Mr. N. C. Miller, of whom we shall now speak. Mr. Miller spent his childhood in Shelbyville, his present home, and received the advantages of a good common-school education. When 19 years old he began to learn the tinner's trade with Stewart Welker and was engaged in this occupation from 1867 to December, 1872, when he started in his present business. He has been very successful since he began business for himself. He commenced with a small stock, and has by his excellent business abilities constantly added to it until he has now a large amount on hand estimated to be worth from \$4,000 to \$5,000. In connection with his

hardware store he employs three competent hands as tanners, who perform all kinds of work of this sort. He has at present a fine brick store, 20 x 80 feet, which he erected in 1877. Mr. Miller was married October 31, 1872. His wife was a Miss Sallie Duncan and was born in Shelbyville in February, 1853. They have four children, whose names and ages are as follows: Ella Nora, who is 10 years old; Joseph S., who is in his eighth year; George L., who is five years of age, and Lillie Pearl, two years of age. Mrs. Miller is a member of the Methodist Church, but Mr. Miller has not as yet become a member of any denomination.

THOMAS MITCHELL

(County Clerk and Farmer and Stock-raiser, Shelbyville).

Mr. Mitchell is now serving his tenth year in the office of county clerk, and such is the efficiency with which the duties of his office are discharged and the confidence which the people have in him as a man, that he will probably continue to hold his present position as long as he deserves to retain it. Such is the impression we gather from what is generally said of him throughout the county. He is one of the old citizens of the county, and his record is known to the people for 28 years. In early life he received a good general education, and afterwards became a successful and popular teacher. He also early engaged in farming, which he continued up to the time of his election to his present office, and indeed still continues. A man of high character, untiring industry and good business qualifications, he of course became very successful as a farmer, and for years occupied the position of one of the substantial and progressive farmers and highly esteemed citizens of the county, a position he has never forfeited or lost for a moment. Like many of our best citizens, Mr. Mitchell is by nativity a Kentuckian. He was born in Shelby county, of that State, October 11, 1818. His mother was a Miss Rebecca Ketcham before her marriage, and came originally from Maryland. His father was Rev. Thomas Mitchell, well known in Shelby county, Ky., as an able and exemplary minister of the M. E. Church South, and was chaplain with the rank of adjutant in Gen. Payne's brigade, Kentucky militia, in the War of 1812. Thomas Mitchell, Jr., was reared to a farm life in Kentucky, and on the 10th of August, 1843, was married to Miss Susan A. Maddox, a sister to Mark Maddox, of Monroe county. In the year 1845 Mr. Mitchell removed to Indiana and located in Monroe county, where he taught school, alternated with farming, for about 10 years. He then came to Shelby county, Mo., and settled on a farm five miles west of Shelbina, or rather on raw land, which he had bought, where he improved a farm. By industry and good management he became comfortably situated. Before and during the war he sympathized with the South, as he still does and always expects to. But early in the struggle he was pounced upon by the other side and made to give bond that he would never take up arms for the Southern cause. During the second year of the war, however, times became

so critical that the army was about the safest place a Southern man could be, for if one remained at home he was liable to be called up at any hour of the day or night and shot down on the trumped up charge of feeding bushwhackers or something of that sort. Mr. Mitchell therefore entered the ranks of Col. Porter's regiment, and remained with Porter until the regiment was dispersed by defeat and close pursuit of superior forces. Being unable to get South, for the whole country for 200 miles was picketed with Federal soldiery, he came home and surrendered to the Federal authorities. He was given the alternative by them of paying his bond of \$1,000 in cash or going into an Illinois prison to remain for the balance of the war. He chose the former, and paid his bond. That was all the "bounty" or "back," or forward "pay" he ever received for his services. He is not now an applicant for a pension. After his return from Porter's command he remained on the farm under his own vine and fig tree until the close of the war. After the war he continued farming, and raised and handled stock to some extent, up to the time of his election in 1874. He still owns his farm and superintends its management. Mr. Mitchell has reared a family of nine children: Mary L., now Mrs. Dr. A. G. Wood; Lucy A., now Mrs. Thomas Nelson; John C., who resides on the farm; H. Isabelle, unmarried and at home; Elizabeth R., now Mrs. J. F. Barr; Ella, now Mrs. J. A. Doyle; Mettie T., now Mrs. J. T. Welch; Malinda P., now Mrs. Tyson Dines, and William W., a student at Columbia University. Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell are members of the Christian Church, and he is a member of the Masonic order.

JAMES W. AND BARNETT N. MOORE

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, Post-office, Bethel).

William Moore, the father of James W. and Barnett N., was a native of Kentucky, but afterwards became an early settler of Shelby county, Mo. He was born in Boone county, Ky., on the 20th day of April, 1804, and was reared in his native State. He remained in Kentucky after he grew up, engaged in farming, principally, until 1833, when he came to Missouri and for about a year was located in Marion county. He then entered land in Shelby county, and began the improvement of the farm one mile west of where his sons, James W. and Barnett N., now reside. He remained here successfully engaged in farming until 1852, a period of 19 years. He then went to California, rather on a tour of observation, but was taken ill out there and died 15 years after leaving home. He was married before leaving Kentucky, the same year that he came to Missouri, in 1833. His wife, before her marriage, was a Miss Mary L. Foley, who was born and reared in Virginia. They reared a family of three children, and of these, James W. was born on the farm in this county on the 9th day of August, 1837, and Barnett N. on the place one mile west, January 29, 1845. Both were reared on the farm and educated in the common schools of the district. During the war, James W., who was old

enough for military duties, served about 18 months under Gen. Price. Barnett N. took no active part in the war. In 1877 he was married to Mrs. Amanda Lear, a daughter of Anderson Lair. She was taken from him by death, however, in 1883, leaving him two children, James F. and Royal A. Mrs. Moore had been a worthy member of the M. E. Church South, for years before her death, and was a most estimable and exemplary Christian lady. Both Messrs. James W. and Barnett N. Moore are also members of that Church. They are classed among the best citizens of Black Creek township, and are substantial and well-to-do farmers. Their place contains 400 acres of good land, and is comfortably improved. Their father served on the first grand jury ever impaneled in this county.

HON. JOHN NESBIT

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, Post-office, Shelbyville).

From the "Official Biographical Conspectus of the XXVIII General Assembly of Missouri," of which body Mr. Nesbit was an active and able member, we take the following paragraph, contained in his biography:—

"Mr. Nesbit belongs to a class of clear-headed and useful citizens who, owing to their peculiar surroundings, have never been conspicuously before the public, although recognized by their acquaintances and associates as men of the most estimable characters, and possessing qualities fitting them for almost any position within the gift of the people. He was born in Franklin county, Penn., in 1814, and emigrated to Hampshire county, Va., in 1836. In 1838 he came to Shelby county, Mo., where he has resided continuously ever since, engaged in agricultural pursuits. He believes in progress, education, and local development, and means business in everything he does. He never indulges in bombast or buncombe, and never votes on a measure unless he understands it thoroughly. He is a member of the Committee on Roads and Highways."

Mr. Nesbit, a resident of this county for 46 years, has not only become one of its prominent and highly esteemed citizens, but by industry and the clear-headed intelligence for which he is remarked by all who know him, has become one of the substantial property-holders and successful farmers of the county. He came here when a young man and with very little money—in fact, walked up from St. Louis through the snow eight inches deep, but could have ridden if he had had the money to pay for it, on his way from Virginia. Arrived in this county, he hired out at farm labor for \$10 a month. But being a natural mechanic—having a taste and aptitude for work with tools—he soon began carpentering, and followed that for four years. Being economical, he saved up some money, for he generally received \$1.00 a day for his work. His surplus cash he invested in land, becoming in a few years a somewhat extensive land-holder. Land was then in the market for entry at \$1.25 an acre, and he had the intelligence and sagacity to see that that was the best investment he could make. He

also improved a farm in the county, and after awhile gave his time and attention exclusively to farming and raising stock. Mr. Nesbit's life has been one of unceasing activity and industry, as well as one free from all reproach, so that now he is not only in the enjoyment of a competency, but in what is better, an irreproachable and honored name. His farm contains over 700 acres and is excellently improved, one of the best farms, in fact, in the county. It is largely run in blue grass for stock purposes, and as a blue grass stock farm is without a superior in the county. In July, 1842, Mr. Nesbit was married to Mrs. Pamela Carter, *relict* of F. A. F. Carter, and a daughter of James Swart, formerly a wealthy farmer and prominent citizen of Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Nesbit have had six children: Mary E. (deceased); Susie A. (deceased); Zachery E., Virginia F., Isabella K. and James N. By her first husband Mrs. Nesbit had a daughter, who died when young, Anna E. Mr. Nesbit was a son of Nathaniel and Eleanor Nesbit, both of old and respected Pennsylvania families.

WILLIAM Z. T. PEOPLES

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, Post-office, Leonard).

Among the early settlers in Shelby county were the parents of the subject of the present sketch, John and Rebecca (Bachman) Peoples. They came from Tennessee in 1837, and the father entered land and improved a farm in this county. He died here in 1854, but the mother is still living, now within three years of the age of four score. William Z. T. was next to the youngest in their family of thirteen children, four daughters and nine sons, and was born on the farm in this county, March 12, 1848. But six others in the family are living. William Z. T., brought up in the early days of the county, was from boyhood enured to hard work, and by experience taught the great lesson that honest success is to be had only by honest toil. This has been the controlling principle of his life. From youth he has striven to rise in the world to the position of useful citizenship and competency in property affairs by untiring toil, honest dealing and intelligent management. Continuing the life of a farmer, he has made a satisfactory success of this pursuit. He now has an excellent farm of 240 acres, which he has improved and stocked somewhat better than the average of farms in the township. He has just completed a neat and commodious two-story frame dwelling on his place, which will become his farm and sets it off to good advantage. Mr. Peoples is a man of family, and has been married for 13 years. May 4, 1871, he was married to Miss Mary A. Garnett, a daughter of Thomas Garnett, formerly of Kentucky. They have but one child, Noah W., now a lad 12 years of age.

THOMAS S. PRIEST

(Retired Farmer, Shelbyville, Mo.).

Mr. Priest was born in Frederick county, Va., August 28, 1811, and was the son of Lewis and Mary Baker Priest, both natives of

Virginia. Thomas S. was raised on the farm and came to Missouri in 1841. He settled in Black Creek township, five miles west of Shelbyville. He made a farm of 200 acres and lived on it until about 12 years ago when he moved to town. His farm now consisting of 545 acres he has placed in charge of his son, a young man of 16. Mr. Priest owns 140 acres beside, and has always made stock-raising his principal business, in which he has been successful beyond his fondest hopes. He is one of the substantial men of the township. He was a stockholder in the Shelby Savings Bank when that was in existence. Mr. P. has always been a Democrat, but takes little interest in politics. When he came to Missouri his mother came with him, but died in a short time. He has also lost three brothers, Madison, Henry and Jacob; and two charming young sisters, Elizabeth and Sarah. He has one living sister, Emily, widow of Samuel O. Van Vactor, of Shelbyville. Mr. Priest was married February 19, 1855, to Miss Jane E. Dunn, a sister of S. F. and P. B. Dunn. She died in 1869, and five years ago, Mr. P. married her sister Miss Susan Dunn. There are two living children, Susan Amanda and Thomas Dunn. Three daughters are deceased, Mary E. and Henrietta died within three months of each other, of consumption. They were in the first bloom and beauty of womanhood, and only the Christian's fortitude could support the bereaved parents under such a blow. Virginia J. died at the age of 18 months. Mr. and Mrs. Priest are members of the Presbyterian Church.

A. G. PRIEST, M. D.

(Physician and Surgeon, Shelbyville).

With the exception of Dr. Yancy, Dr. Priest is the oldest physician in duration of practice in Shelby county. Graduating at Jefferson Medical College, of Philadelphia, in the class of 1852, he immediately afterwards began his practice in Shelby county, now over thirty-two years ago. Dr. Priest is a Virginian by nativity, born in Fauquier county, December 10, 1828. When he was 13 years of age, his parents, Henry and Lavina (Gulick) Priest, removed to Missouri, and settled in Ralls county, about five miles from Hannibal. In Virginia his father had carried on the saddle and harness business (when young), but in Virginia and Missouri he engaged in farming and followed that occupation until his death, April 6, 1859. His wife survived him about 11 years. A. G. Priest (the Doctor) grew to manhood in Ralls county, and in 1849 commenced the study of medicine at Paris in Monroe county, under his brother-in-law, Dr. John W. Long, a prominent physician of that place. After a preparatory course of reading for about a year under Dr. Long, he matriculated at Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia, entering the class of '50-51. The next year he also attended the same college and graduated with distinction in the spring of 1852, as stated above. Dr. Priest continued the practice at Shelbyville, his colleagues in the profession, during the earlier years of his practice, being Dr. John Caro-

thers and Dr. T. H. Irvin, until January 16, 1862, when he entered the Union service, becoming a member of Co. A, Eleventh Missouri State Militia. He was soon assigned the position of assistant surgeon of the regiment. He resigned, however, in a short time, on account of a personal difference between himself and the colonel of the regiment, the afterwards notorious Gen. John McNeil. On his return home, he organized a company of volunteers of which he was elected captain, and this was afterwards consolidated with the old Eleventh Missouri. He led his company to Pilot Knob, Bloomfield and Cape Girardeau, but in the summer of 1863 resigned his command and resumed the practice of medicine at Shelbyville. He has since been continuously engaged in the practice. October 20, 1853, Dr. Priest was married to Miss Martha Ennis, a sister of Sheriff Ennis, of this county. They have four children: Henry H., Albert M., Mary, now Mrs. J. D. Dale, and Cora. Dr. Priest is one of the leading physicians of this part of the county, and one of the public spirited, highly respected citizens of Shelbyville. He takes no personal interest in politics, but takes an active part in securing the election of good men for office and the adoption and enforcement of measures in public affairs calculated to promote the best interests of the community. Prior to the war he was postmaster at this place and owned a drug store. Since the war he has held no official position except to serve on town and school boards. He is a prominent member of the Masonic order, and he has been identified with that order for nearly 30 years.

W. L. PRIEST

(Post-office, Shelbyville, Mo.)

The subject of this sketch was born in Shelby county, in 1837, and was the eldest child of M. J. Priest. He was educated in Shelby county, having all the disadvantages of the public school system of that early day to contend with. In 1859 he was attacked with the Pike's Peak fever and made the trip across the plains to the Rocky Mountains, but like many others who went the same spring, was soon satisfied and returned and content to remain in Shelby until 1861, when the war cloud burst upon the country with the roar of artillery, etc. Being a Southern man in sympathy and conviction as well as by lineage from the Old Dominion, he promptly went to the front as a volunteer under the standard of the Confederacy. He enlisted early in 1861 and for four years followed the flag of the South. He was under Gen. Marmaduke the greater part of the four years and participated in all engagements in which his command took part, except the last raid into Missouri which was prevented by sickness. By meritorious conduct as a soldier, he rose from the ranks of a private to the position of first lieutenant. After the war he resumed farming in Shelby county and continued it until 1873; he again crossed the plains to Colorado and engaged in mining. He was only partially successful and returned

to Shelby county early in 1877, and in the fall of the same year was married to Miss Anna, daughter of John W. Vandiver, mentioned in this volume. Mr. and Mrs. P. have two children: William M. and Susie F. He and his wife are members of the M. E. Church South. Mr. Priest has a good farm of 170 acres, three miles from the county seat, substantially and comfortably improved.

JOHN C. PRIEST

(Farmer, Post-office, Shelbyville).

For 48 years the farm on which Mr. Priest now resides has been occupied by either his father's family or himself. Mr. Priest's parents, Madison J. and Sarah A. (Vandiver) Priest, were therefore among the pioneer residents of Shelby county. Both were Virginians by nativity. The father came out to Missouri a young man, and was married in Marion county. His wife was a daughter of William Vandiver. Subsequently, in 1836, he settled on the farm in Shelby county where John C. now resides. He was a man of some prominence in this county, a successful farmer, and filled the office of county assessor for three terms. John C. was the youngest in a family of five children, namely: William, Mary E., Thomas E., Silas W. and John C., all of whom except Thomas E. are living. John C. Priest was born on the farm where he now resides, February 1, 1855, and was brought up to be a practical farmer. Farming has continued to be his occupation since reaching manhood. On the 30th of October, 1883, he was married to Miss Emma McMurray, a daughter of John F. McMurray, whose sketch appears on another page of this volume. Mr. Priest has continued to reside on the old family homestead, a good farm, substantially improved, and he is accounted one of the energetic young farmers of the township. Mr. and Mrs. Priest are members of the M. E. Church. Mr. Priest is a member of the I. O. O. F.

JAMES RALPH

(Lumber, Sash, Doors, etc., Shelbyville).

Mr. Ralph, one of the oldest residents and most valuable citizens of the township, settled in Quincy in 1835, and being a carpenter and house builder by trade, built the first frame house in the place. He was born in Delaware, May 15, 1807. His first marriage occurred December 1, 1830, his wife, Miss Mary Adkinson, living but a few years. In 1836 Mr. Ralph came to Shelbyville, Shelby county, buying lots through a friend, James Rider. He also built here the first frame house in the town. It was at Quincy that Mr. R. married a second time, a widow, whose maiden name was Moore. She, however, scarcely survived the honeymoon, and February 14, 1840, he was wedded to Miss Emeline Dines, sister to Tyson and Joseph Dines. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph have no children, but have an adopted daughter, Miss Emma Dines by name. She is a niece of Mrs. R. Mr. Ralph tried successively carpentering, farming and merchandising before he

embarked in his present business. He has now been for 19 years dealing in lumber, and trades a little in real estate. He keeps a shop in which he works just enough to employ his leisure hours. In politics Mr. Ralph is a Democrat, though he has always held himself aloof from the broils and turmoils of political life. He never ran for any office, but has lived quietly at home, an honest, law-abiding citizen and an exemplary domestic man. He and his wife are members of the M. E. Church South, his membership dating back over 50 years.

OSCAR H. RANDALL

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, Post-office, Shelbyville).

Mr. Randall has a good farm of 340 acres in Salt River township, and belongs to the more energetic and progressive class of farmers of the county. He is a native of Vermont, born in Orange county in 1844, and was the ninth in a family of 11 children of Mason and Mary P. Randall. Reared on his father's farm in Orange county, he received a good education in the common schools of that county, and at the age of 19 went West to California, — the Pacific coast. He spent six years in California and Oregon, and returned to Vermont in 1869. In 1870 he visited Missouri, and the summer of the following year came back to this State, where he has since made his permanent home. In August, 1871, he was married to Miss Martha B. Randall, a cousin of his and a daughter of John and Eliza Randall, of Vermont. They were married at Palmyra, Mo., immediately on her arrival at that place. Mr. Randall then located in Shelby county, where he has ever since resided. Mr. and Mrs. R. have three children: Aura, Bertie C., and Myrtle B. They have lost four. One of Mr. Randall's sisters, Miss Eliza G. Randall, organized the well-known school of fine arts in Washington, D. C., known the country over as Randall's School of Fine Arts. It was established in 1866. She died in Washington City in 1874.

SAMUEL REYNOLDS

(Farmer, Post-office, Shelbyville).

The Reynoldses, of North of Ireland ancestry, have, however, long been settled in Pennsylvania, or, at least, the members of the branch of the family of which the subject of the present sketch is a representative, have. Mr. Reynolds' father, Samuel Reynolds, was born and reared in the Keystone State, and lived there, a substantial farmer and respected citizen, until his death. He died in 1852. His wife was a Miss Nancy Dunlap before her marriage, also a native of that State. She died in 1847. Samuel Reynolds, Jr., the subject of this sketch, was born in Pennsylvania in 1816, and was the eldest in a family of four children, three of whom are living. Reared on his father's farm, he was subsequently married to Miss Lavinia Miller, a daughter of William Miller, of the same county. He continued to reside there, engaged in farming, until 1857, when he came West,

locating for a time in Iowa. In 1864, however, he decided to come further South, and accordingly settled in Shelby county, where he made his permanent home. Here he bought raw land and improved a good farm. He has 160 acres in his place and is comfortably situated. Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds have had several children: William M., Nancy J., John, Samuel, who died in infancy, Jesse A., Samuel (again), Perry, Lulie and Ernest, five of whom are married and settled in life. The two eldest sons, William M. and John, were gallant soldiers in the Union army during the war, being out for four years, and participating in a number of the hardest fought battles of that long and terrible struggle. Mr. and Mrs. R. are members of the Presbyterian Church and have been for about 30 years.

DAVID M. ROBISON

(Farmer, Post-office, Shelbyville).

Many Pennsylvania and Ohio farmers have settled in Shelby county since the war, to the great benefit of the county, and prominent among these is the subject of the present sketch, Mr. Robison. He is of an old Pennsylvania family, and was born in Adams county, of that State, on the 1st day of November, 1821. When he was a lad in his thirteenth year, his parents, James and Jane (Hunter) Robison, removed to Crawford county, Ohio, where they settled and resided until their deaths. His father was an energetic, thorough-going farmer, and was one of the valuable citizens of Adams county. David M. was brought up on a farm to habits of industry by his father, and remained at home until he was in his twenty-third year, helping to carry on the farm, for his mother was then a widow, the father having died in 1840. Meanwhile, however, he had paid his court to a young lady of the vicinity, Miss Anna Baum, a daughter of Peter Baum, formerly of Pennsylvania, and had won her heart. They were engaged to be married, but when the happy day came around young Robison found himself without a penny either to procure the marriage license or compensate the minister for performing the ceremony, but *amor omnia vincet* — he was not to be out done. He promptly borrowed a few dollars for these necessary expenses, and the marriage knot was duly tied. Turning his face bravely to the duties and responsibilities of life, he went to work to establish himself and his incipient family with a comfortable home. Continuing farming in Ohio, he resided there for over 20 years, after which, in 1865, he came to Missouri. Here he bought land which was partly improved, on which he settled and resumed farming. He also added to and bettered the improvements on his farm, erecting new buildings, making new fences, etc., until he now has one of the best farms in this part of the county. His place contains nearly 400 acres, all of which but about 50 acres are under fence. Mr. Robison raises stock to a considerable extent, and makes a specialty of handling fine cattle. He is now worth not less, probably, than \$15,000, a gratifying showing for one who had to borrow the money to get married on when he started

out in life. It serves to show what courage and industry and good management can accomplish. He wasted no money in fine engagement rings, or hired-buggy drives, when he was young, and has wasted none since. Notwithstanding, he secured a wife worth all the rings and buggy drives in the world to him. They have been blessed with six children: Oliver, Elvira, Sylvester, Jeanette, Charles and Orinda.

BENJAMIN F. SMITH

(Proprietor of the Shelby House, and Farmer and Stock-raiser, Shelbyville).

Among the names of the respected and worthy citizens of Shelby county is justly included that of the subject of the present sketch. Mr. Smith descends from two old and excellent Virginia families—the Smiths and Parrs. Hon. George William Smith, Governor of Virginia, who lost his life at the burning of the Richmond theater, in 1811, was a distinguished representative of the same family to which Mr. S. belongs, on his father's side. The Thorntons of that State and their descendants are also related to this branch of the Smith family. Both his grandfathers, Smith and Parr, served for the Colonies in the War of the Revolution, and one or both of them lived to do service for their country in the War of 1812. Both received Government land warrants for their services. Mr. Smith, himself, is a native Virginian, born in Harrison county (now of West Virginia), July 29, 1837. He was the third in the family of 10 children of Charles Smith and wife, *nee* Nancy Parr, his father born and reared in Fauquier county, Va., and his mother also in Fauquier county, that State. In early life his father went to Alabama, where he became overseer on a large cotton plantation near Mobile. Later along he removed to West Virginia, and subsequently followed farming for some years in Harrison county, of that State. In 1857 he came to Missouri with his family and settled in Shelby county, where he resided, engaged principally in farming, until his death. He lived to reach the age of 77, dying at his homestead in this county, June 23, 1882. He was a man universally respected and esteemed wherever he was known. A quiet, unobtrusive citizen and a man of industry, he was at the same time generally remarked for his intelligence and originality of thought. Though not what may be called a man of culture, he, nevertheless, had a good general education and was especially fond of reading, thus becoming a man of more than ordinary general information. He took a deep interest in church matters, and was an earnest member of the Protestant Methodist Church. For many years he was a class-leader in his church in West Virginia, but after his removal to this State never united himself with any denomination here, as there was none convenient, for a long time, of his own particular faith. He, however, held fast to the doctrines of the Methodist Church, and died an earnest adherent of that faith. The mother still lives, and is a most estimable, motherly-hearted, Christian lady, and is held in high esteem by all her neighbors and acquaint-

ances. The names of their children are as follows: Thomas Thornton, George Lewis, Benjamin T., Granville, Jackson, Addis Clawson, Mary, Martha, Louisa, Helen and Emma. But three of the brothers and three of the sisters, are living—the subject of this sketch, George L., a prominent physician of Bates county, and Addis C., a leading physician of Macon county. The eldest brother, Thomas T., was a lawyer by profession, and something of a political leader in his county. He died here, however, soon after the family came to Missouri. In the canvass of 1858 he held joint discussions with Hon. W. R. Strachan over the county in behalf of his friend, Hon. Samuel Singleton, who was the nominee of the Whig party for three Legislatures. The fourth brother, Granville J., who served for three years in the Union army, died in 1864, from illness contracted in the army. Those of the other brothers of the family living, and the father, however, were identified with the South, in sympathy and political convictions, and Dr. Luke Smith became captain of a Southern company. On the eve of starting South he was accidentally shot by one of his comrades (fracture of the radius), consequently could not go with his company, and while in hiding was captured, compelled to take the oath, and consequently took no further part in the war. Benjamin F. Smith, the subject of this sketch, was 19 years of age when the family came to Missouri, and had received a good common English education in the subscription schools of the neighborhood where he was reared, in West Virginia. He early entered mercantile life, in which he was engaged about eight years, but having little or no taste for the business, he withdrew from it and became a farmer, in which he has always taken great pleasure. On the 12th of September, 1862, he was married to Miss Mary E. Gray, a daughter of Jesse D. Gray, of this county. Mr. Smith followed farming with success, and also engaged in stock-raising and feeding and shipping stock, which he continued up to some seven or eight years ago, and by his industry and good management succeeded in situating himself comfortably in life. He had a fine farm of about 300 acres, well stocked, and considerable other property. But during the hard times of 1875-76-77 he met with continued reverses and repeated heavy losses, so that, becoming involved, he was compelled to sacrifice his farm in order to pay his debts and save his honor and his own self-respect. He let his farm go, which sufficed to make him square with the world again, but the sacrifice practically broke him up. He says of this himself: "Although I was compelled to sacrifice my homestead, which was well improved and a most desirable place to live, I have the satisfaction of knowing that I paid every dollar I owed, principal and interest, and came out of the wreck with clean hands and a clear conscience,"—a sentiment worthy of a noble and true man. He then removed to Shelbyville, where he engaged in the hotel business, which he is still following as a means of providing for his family. He owns a neat hotel property here, and is giving his children the advantages of the excellent schools of this place. He is dissatisfied, however, with his present business, and is anxious to sell his prop-

erty, in order that he may resume farming, his favorite pursuit. He and wife are worthy members of the Christian Church. They have three children: Mary Gertrude, Thomas Thornton and Fannie Luke. Charley G. died in 1880. Mr. S. is a prominent member of the Masonic order.

SOLOMON D. SMITH

(Farmer, Post-office, Shelbyville).

Mr. Smith's parents, Sanford S. and Edith (Clayson) Smith, were originally from Connecticut, both born about the beginning of the present century. After their marriage they became early settlers in what is now Hancock county, Ohio. The father was a farmer by occupation, and died there in 1878. The mother lived to the advanced age of 82, dying only about a year ago. The father was a man of good education and marked mental force, one of the intelligent, leading men of his vicinity. Solomon D. was born in Hancock county, Ohio, on the 14th day of June, 1838. As he grew up he had the full benefit of the excellent district and college schools kept in Ohio, and being of a studious turn of mind, early acquired a good common English education. At the age of 16 he began teaching school and he continued in that calling for some 25 years, though not exclusively so in later years. He only retired from the school-room a few years ago. In Ohio he had an enviable reputation as a teacher, which he fully kept up in this State. Mr. Smith came to Missouri in 1866 and bought the farm where he now resides, or rather the raw land, on which he improved his present farm. He has a good place of 143 acres, and has the name of being one of the thorough going farmers of the township. In 1862 Mr. Smith was married to Miss Isabella McLeod, daughter of John McLeod, formerly of Ohio.

THOMAS W. SHEETZ

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, Post-office, Shelbyville).

Both the families of which Mr. Sheetz is a representative, the Sheetzs and Vardervers, were early settlers in Shelby county, having come here as far back as 1883. Mr. Sheetz's father, Capt. H. Sheetz, was a well-to-do farmer of the county. He had served as captain of a militia in Kentucky, and also served in the same capacity in this county. He died here in 1858. Mr. Sheetz's mother was Miss Rebecca T. Varderver, a daughter of H. S. Varderver, another old and respected citizen of the county. Thomas W. Sheetz was born in Hampshire county, Va., in 1836, and was therefore only two years of age when his parents came to Missouri. He was reared in this county, and was the eldest of nine children, seven of whom lived to be grown, two sons and five daughters. Thomas W. Sheetz, after he grew up, was married to Miss Maria E. Huston; she was a daughter of Joseph Huston, and they were married in 1866. They have eight children, namely: J. H., S. Lee, Barton, Mattie B., Thomas R. and W. W. Mr. Sheetz started out for himself, when a young man, with-

out a dollar, and made his first money by breaking prairie with four yoke of cattle and for \$3 an acre. He accumulated a little start, however, after awhile, and improved a farm. Since then by continued industry and good management he has accumulated property until he is now one of the substantial farmers of Black Creek township. He has a fine farm of 400 acres, all well improved and well stocked. Mr. and Mrs. Sheetz are members of the Presbyterian Church.

JUDGE OLIVER T. TERRILL

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, Post-office, Shelbyville).

Judge Terrill is a native of Kentucky, born in Garrett county, November 17, 1823. His parents, John and Sarah (Henderson) Terrill, were originally from Virginia, but were married in Kentucky, and from there came to Missouri, in 1830. They settled in Marion county, five miles east of Philadelphia, where the family lived until the father's death, and where Judge Oliver T. Terrill was reared. There was a family of 13 children, but only three of them are now living, namely: Judge Terrill, John M. and Frances, the widow of Mr. Bush, now making her home with the Judge. March 28, 1848, Judge Terrill was married to Miss Susan McCullough, a daughter of William and Margaret McCullough, formerly of Kentucky, but afterwards of Bloomington, Ind., where both lived until their deaths. Judge Terrill and his wife are cousins-germain, and they were married while she was on a visit to this State. After his marriage he located at Philadelphia, in Marion county, but in 1849 went to California during the gold excitement, and spent two or three years in the mines, teaming and running a ferry across the American river. Returning in 1853, Judge Terry engaged in farming in Monroe county, and seven years afterwards removed to Saline county. In 1859 he settled in Shelby county, four miles north-west of Shelbyville, but in 1863 came to his present farm adjoining this place. For over 20 years he has resided on his present farm and has been engaged in farming and handling stock. His place is well improved, contains 167 acres and is one of the choice homesteads in the vicinity of Shelbyville. In 1878 Judge Terrill was appointed a member of the county court to fill out a vacancy caused by the death of Judge Edmonds, and in the fall of that year was elected presiding justice of the county court for a term of four years. Judge and Mrs. Terrill have had but two children: Samuel L. and Eugene M. The eldest died at the age of 14; Eugene M., who was married to Miss Retta Spate, of Clarence, resides on the farm with his father. Judge Terrill is highly respected and esteemed one of the worthy and useful citizens of the community.

EUGENE D. TINGLE

(Attorney at Law and Notary Public, Shelbyville).

Mr. Tingle, a gentleman of superior education and a lawyer of learning and recognized ability, came out to Missouri from Maryland

since the war and has been a resident of Shelby county for a number of years, where he has established an enviable reputation in his profession and has won the consideration and respect of the people of the county. He was born in Snow Hill, the county seat of Worcester county, Maryland, July 4, 1840. His father was Hon. William Tingle, for over 20 years the judge of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit of Maryland, and regarded as one of the ablest judges and soundest lawyers of that State. Mr. Tingle's mother was a Miss Sallie M. Williamson before her marriage, and was a daughter of Rev. Stuart Williamson, an eminent Presbyterian divine, well known throughout the States of Delaware and Maryland for his great ability and profound piety. Both parents were of English and Scotch descent and were of old and highly respected families in those countries. Mr. Tingle was reared at Snow Hill and after a preparatory course in the schools of that place, entered Newark Academy, in Delaware. After taking a course at Newark, he entered the University of Pennsylvania and was a student there when the war broke out. He was preparing himself for the legal profession and, being in the senior class, would soon have graduated in law, but had to quit the University on account of the war. Coming home, he was admitted to the bar by Judge Thomas A. Spence, his father's successor on the bench. During the war his brother, Stuart Tingle, also a lawyer and on Gen. Lee's staff, afterwards killed, and Eugene D. was suspected by the Federal authorities of being connected with his brother in intrigues for the interest of the South, so that he was banished to Canada, to remain until after the war. He then returned, the war being over, and took charge of Buckingham Academy, at Berlin, Maryland, and afterwards had charge of the Union Academy at Snow Hill. Subsequently he practiced law at that point until 1869, when he came to Missouri and located at Shelbyville, where he opened a law office. He was married here March 11, 1870, to Miss Kate Boettcher, a native of Shelby county, Mo., an accomplished lady, who was educated at Columbia, Mo. After practicing here for about three years, he returned to Maryland, on account of the death of his mother. In 1874 he located at Barry, Ill., being admitted to the bar by the Supreme Court of that State. Returning to Shelbyville, however, in about 18 months, he was elected Superintendent of Schools for Shelby county, and is now successfully engaged in the practice of the law at that place. Mr. Tingle is a Democrat of the old school and is proud of his Maryland ancestry, and devoted to his native State and her traditions. Mr. and Mrs. Tingle have one child, Tommie. The eldest, William, is deceased, dying at the age of 11. Mr. and Mrs. Tingle are members of the M. E. Church South, and Mr. Tingle is a member of the Masonic order.

CHARLES F. WAINRIGHT, M. D.

(Physician and Surgeon, Shelbyville).

Dr. Wainright graduated from the Missouri Medical College of St. Louis in the class of 1882, having taken a regular course at that institution of two terms. He had previously studied medicine under Drs. Lawson and Harrison, prominent physicians of Newton county, placing himself under their instruction in 1879. With a somewhat advanced general education before he commenced the study of medicine, he was well qualified to enter upon his professional course, which he pursued with assiduity and rare good judgment, striving not only to understand the science of medicine thoroughly, but to familiarize himself particularly with such information as would most likely be for the greatest practical utility when he should come to enter the regular and active practice. It is not too much to say that Dr. Wainright quit medical college one of the most thoroughly qualified young physicians ever graduated by that old and eminent institution. It of course takes time for a young physician to build up a practice, but this he is doing with more than ordinary expedition and success, thus fulfilling the promise his career as a student seemed to hold out. He has been engaged in the practice at Shelbyville ever since his graduation. Dr. Wainright is a son of Rev. Samuel T. Wainright, of Newton county, one of the oldest and most beloved of the early ministers of the M. E. Church South in the State. Rev. Mr. Wainright has been actively engaged in the ministry for 54 years continuously and may still be seen, now in his seventy-second year, in the pulpit, a venerable, white-haired man of God, appealing to his fellow-creatures to embrace the last best hope of this life, the hope of the blessed immortality beyond the grave through faith in Christ. He was from Virginia, born in 1812, and came to Missouri in 1839, stopping for a few years in Shelby county, but finally settling in Newton county, after a residence of some years in Lewis county. His good wife, who had blessed him with a worthy family of children and been his devoted helpmeet, faithful and true, from the morning of their happy married life, was called away by the angel of death in 1879. Mr. Wainright was born while his parents resided in Lewis county, in 1858. His mother was a Miss Agee, of Virginia, before her marriage. In October, 1882, Dr. Wainright was married to Miss Ellen C., a daughter of James D. Parsons, a leading agriculturist and citizen of Shelby county.

JOHN WARD

(Post-office, Shelbyville).

Mr. Ward was born in Portland, Me., November 27, 1807, of English descent. He removed with his parents to Canada when about three years of age and resided in Canada and Vermont until 1834, when he was married to Roxana Haskins, of Shefford, Canada.

Removing to Ohio in the same year, he was engaged in millwrighting there. In 1865 he removed with his family to Shelby county, Mo., and engaged in farming, where he has since resided. He has been a member of the A. F. and A. M. for 41 years.

MYRON L. WARD

(Farmer, Post-office, Shelbyville).

Mr. Ward is a native of Ohio, born in Medina county, May 20, 1849. His father John Ward, as mentioned in the previous sketch, was originally from Maine. In 1865 the family came to Shelby county, Mo., Myron L. then being about 16 years of age. He was married March 20, 1872, to Miss Libbie McMaster, a daughter of Robert McMaster, formerly of New York. Mr. and Mrs. Ward have three children: Stella, Edna and Burchard. Mr. Ward resides on the farm on which his father settled in 1865, which is a good place of nearly 300 acres. He is one of the successful, energetic farmers of the township.

REV. JOHN T. WELCH

(Minister of the Christian Church, Shelbyville).

The family of which the subject of the present sketch is a representative was one of the first to settle in Monroe county. Rev. Mr. Welch's grandfather, Thomas Welch, came here with his family in about 1835, and located at Paris. Thomas Welch was a man of marked intelligence and good education, was a school teacher in fact, for a number of years, and is believed to have taught the first school, certainly one of the first ones, ever kept at Paris. He died in this county at an advanced age in about 1870. David Welch, the father of Rev. John T., was some 10 years of age when his parents removed to Missouri. After he grew up he was married to Miss Rebecca Dawson, and subsequently resided in different counties in this State and in Arkansas, but finally settled permanently in Dallas county, where he is still living. Near the beginning of our late Civil War he enlisted as a soldier and for almost four years he wore the gray. A portion of the time he served his regiment as Quartermaster. Rev. John T. Welch was born while his parents resided in Boone county and on the 8th of October, 1853. He was principally reared, however, in Saline county, where his parents made their home for some years during his boyhood and youth. He early formed the purpose to devote himself to the ministry and qualified himself at school with that object in view. After completing the courses of the common and intermediate schools he matriculated at the State University, where he studied the higher branches included in the curriculum of general education. He studied theology at the Christian University at Canton Mo., where he took a complete course and graduated among the first in his class in 1881. He was duly ordained a minister of the Christian Church and on completing his theological education at the university, entered at

once actively and regularly into the work of the ministry. He came to Shelby county in August of the same year of his graduation and for one year following preached as a county evangelist. Since that time he has preached for the church at Shelbyville as its pastor and for other churches in the county. Rev. Mr. Welch is a man of earnest piety, sterling, superior ability, and fine mental culture, both general and theological, and already has established a wide and enviable reputation as an able and successful minister and eloquent, popular preacher. If spared to run the ordinary course of nature, his life can hardly fail to prove one of great value to his church, to the cause of Christianity, and to the welfare and happiness of those among whom it is spent. His future certainly seems one of bright promise. On the 20th of May, 1884, Rev. Mr. Welch was married to Miss Mettie Mitchell, a refined and accomplished daughter of Thomas Mitchell, present county clerk of Shelby county.

WILLIAM WINETROUB

(Dealer in General Merchandise, Shelbyville).

Mr. Winetroub was born in Russian Poland, near Warsaw, April 16, 1842, of Levick and Nettie (Wolfe) Winetroub. He was the only one of the family who ever came to America. Becoming enamored of a young lady in New York City, Miss Hannah Cohn, he married her in 1863, and has ever since been a citizen of the United States. He was a barber by trade, at which he worked until 1866 in New York. He then came West and went into the hide and wool business in Quincy. After a residence of ten years Mr. W. came to Shelbyville, and has now a large and well selected stock of general merchandise. His house is doing a fine trade, and his business is steadily increasing. He is a man of splendid qualities and is a success in life. He has a family of nine children: Nathan, in his father's store; Abe, on a farm; Nettie, Sol, Mattie, Ben and Bert, twins; Joe and Charley. Phoebe, the second daughter, died September 4, 1882, aged 16 years. Mr. Winetroub belongs to the I. O. O. F.

SALT RIVER TOWNSHIP.

PETER ALPAUGH

(Farmer and Apiarist, Post-office, Shelbyville).

Mr. Alpaugh, who has a good farm of 200 acres in Salt River township, and is largely engaged in bee culture besides farming and stock-raising, is a native of Canada, born in Wellington county, June 15, 1848. He was the fifth child of 11 children of John and Eleanor Alpaugh, and was reared in his native county. He remained in Canada