

Miss Richard Ella Harrison, who was born in Kentucky, whence her parents, Richard H. and Laura W. (Magruder) Harrison, removed to Missouri when she was a child, the family settling in Shelby county, where her parents passed the residue of their lives. Mr. and Mrs. Manuel have one child, Mona M., who remains at the parental home, and who is one of the popular young women in the social life of the community.

JAMES L. O'BRYAN.

This enterprising and popular business man of Shelby county is proprietor of a well appointed general merchandise store in the village of Lentner and is a native son of Missouri. He is a son of George W. O'Bryan, who is now a resident of Lentner, where he is engaged in farming.

James L. O'Bryan was born on the parental homestead farm, in Monroe county, Missouri, July 12, 1883, and his educational training was secured in the district schools of Monroe and Shelby counties, Missouri, and the high school at Santa Ana, California. After leaving school he was associated with his father in the work and management of the home farm, near Lentner, Shelby county, and in 1907 he associated himself with Dee Botkins in the general merchandise business in Lentner, the enterprise being conducted under the firm name of Botkin & O'Bryan until July, 1908, when Mr. O'Bryan purchased his partner's interest. Since that time he has individually conducted the business, in the management of which he has brought to bear the most progressive

and up-to-date methods, keeping his establishment well stocked in all departments and offering to his large and appreciative patronage the most desirable bargains, while his genial personality and strict integrity in all his dealings have gained him the unqualified confidence and regard of the community. He is one of the popular and successful young business men of this section, and as a citizen shows a loyal interest in all that makes for the well-being of the community. In politics Mr. O'Bryan is found enlisted as a staunch supporter of the principles of the Democratic party, and fraternally he is affiliated with the Modern Woodmen of America.

On February 9, 1908, Mr. O'Bryan was united in marriage to Miss May Robinson, daughter of Joseph Robinson, of Clarence, Shelby county, and they have a winsome little daughter, Naoma Eloise.

HENRY M. EATON.

Mr. Eaton is a representative of one of the sterling pioneer families of Shelby county and is himself one of its representative and honored citizens. He is now living virtually retired from active business, in the attractive little village of Lentner, and is vice-president of the Bank of Lentner.

Mr. Eaton was born on a farm in what is now Salt River township, Shelby county, Missouri, February 8, 1842, and is a son of James M. and Caroline (Tobin) Eaton, the former of whom was born in Kentucky, September 30, 1816, and the latter of whom was born in the state of Virginia: their marriage was solemnized in Kentucky, April 2, 1840.

James M. Eaton was reared and educated in his native state and was a young man at the time of his removal to Missouri. He settled in Shelby county, where he secured a tract of land, practically unimproved, and here he continued to give his attention to farming and stock-raising until his death, which occurred April 16, 1853, on his old homestead farm. He was a man of prominence and influence in the county in the early days, having served as county clerk and also as justice of the peace. He was a successful farmer and sterling citizen, and he was an influential factor in public affairs of a local order, having been one of the leaders in the ranks of the Democratic party in Shelby county. He enlisted for service in the Mexican war, and went to the front with a Missouri regiment. Both he and his wife were members of the Baptist church. She was summoned to the life eternal in 1843, at which time she was about twenty-five years of age. They became the parents of two children, of whom the subject of this sketch is the younger, and Ann E. died at the age of fifty-five years.

Henry M. Eaton was born and lived on the old homestead farm of which mention has been made, until the death of his honored father, and was a lad of about ten years at the time. He passed the ensuing four years in the home of his maternal grandfather and in the meanwhile continued his school work as opportunity afforded. After leaving school he continued to be actively identified with agricultural pursuits, principally in the employ of others, for several years, and in 1862, loyal to the institutions under which he had been

reared, he tendered his services in defense of the cause of the Confederacy, enlisting in the regiment commanded by General Price and taking active part in a number of spirited skirmishes and other minor engagements, including those at Shelbina, Silver Creek and Pea Ridge. He was mustered out and given an honorable discharge in the summer of 1863, and he then located upon a farm in Salt River township, this county, where he engaged in farming and stock-growing, and made a specialty of the handling of mules. In 1869 he removed to Monroe county and located in Holliday, where he conducted a drug store and where he also had large farming interests. He continued his residence in that county for a period of sixteen years, at the expiration of which he returned to Shelby county. Here he is still the owner of a fine farm of eighty acres, in Lentner township, besides a nice residence property in the village of Lentner, where he has lived essentially retired since the year 1906. He was one of the incorporators of the Bank of Lentner, of which he is vice-president, and he has been a valued member of its board of directors from the time of its inception. Though never a seeker of public office he is aligned as a staunch advocate of the principles of the Democratic party, and both he and his wife are zealous members of the Methodist Episcopal church, South.

On February 12, 1867, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Eaton to Miss Elizabeth L. Mitchell, who was born in Kentucky and who was a child at the time of her parents' removal to Monroe county, Missouri, where they became

pioneer settlers and where she was reared and educated. Mr. and Mrs. Eaton became the parents of seven children, and in conclusion of this brief sketch is entered record concerning the five who are living: James M. is a resident of Meade county, Kansas; Charles H. is a resident of McAllister, Oklahoma; Lillie is the wife of Peter O. Schofield, station agent of the Chicago & Rock Island railroad at Pleasant Hill, Missouri; Thomas T. is a successful farmer of Shelby county; and Birdie W. is the wife of John Harris, of Guthrie, Oklahoma.

HARDIN DOUGLASS.

Now living retired in the village of Lakenan, Shelby county, is to be found this venerable and honored citizen, who is a member of one of the sterling pioneer families of Missouri, which has been his home from the time of his nativity, and who gained definite success through his long association with the great basic art of agriculture. He has been a resident of Shelby county for nearly half a century, and has so ordered his life as to merit and receive the unqualified confidence and regard of his fellow men. He was loyal to the cause of the Confederacy in the Civil war and served for a time as a valiant soldier in a Missouri regiment.

Hardin Douglass was born in Howard county, this state, October 25, 1832, and is a son of Edward and Dysie (Green) Douglass, the former of whom was born in Tennessee and the latter in Madison county, Kentucky, where their marriage was solemnized. Edward Douglass took up his residence in Missouri in the year

1820, settling first in Boone county, whence he later removed to Howard county, where he became one of the pioneers. He secured a tract of wild land and effected its reclamation, becoming one of the prosperous farmers and influential citizens of that section, and continuing to maintain his home on the farm until the outbreak of the Civil war, when he removed to the village of Palmyra, where he lived retired until his death, which occurred in the year 1876. His wife passed away in 1880, both having been zealous members of the Methodist Episcopal church, South. Of their eleven children only three are now living, and of the number the subject of this sketch is the eldest; Lula is the wife of Henry Green, of Monroe county, this state; and Joel A. maintains his home in Boone county.

Hardin Douglass was reared to the sturdy and invigorating discipline of the farm and was afforded the advantages of the common schools of the pioneer days in Howard county. After attaining years of maturity he continued to be identified with the great basic art of agriculture and remained a resident of his native county until the climacteric period of the Civil war. In 1863 he tendered his aid in defense of the Confederate cause, enlisting as a private in Company I, *Missouri Infantry*, which became a part of the command of General Clark. Mr. Douglass participated in engagements at Kansas City and Little Blue, Missouri, besides a number of skirmishes, and then proceeded with his regiment into the Indian Nation, where the regiment disbanded after he had been in service about eight months. He