

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 Leveck 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 country. He remained in Canada

until he was about 25 years of age. He then made a trip to the Pacific coast, visiting during his sojourn in the West, California, Vancouver's Island, Victoria, and other localities. He also went up the Frazier river and altogether was absent in the West for nearly two years. Returning to Canada, he remained there until 1880, and in the meantime, in 1877, was married to Miss Maria Sargent, a daughter of Henry Sargent, of Canada. Three years after his marriage, Mr. Alpaugh came to Missouri and bought his present place in Shelby county. He has proved a valuable acquisition to the agricultural interests and citizenship of this county. He is a thorough-going energetic man, and is rapidly coming to the front as one of the prominent, successful farmers of the county. Mr. Alpaugh handles good stock, and in the bee-line has about 50 stands, a branch of industry which he has proven a success. Mr. and Mrs. Alpaugh have two children, Emma L. and Ella. Mr. Alpaugh is a carpenter by trade, but has done nothing in that line for several years. He followed it, however, principally while on the Pacific coast. He stopped at Salt Lake on his return home and attended the Mormon worship, where he saw over 5,000 people assembled.

#### JULIUS A. BAKER

(Superintendent of the County Poor Farm, Post-office, Shelbyna).

Mr. Baker is a son of George W. Baker and wife, Rebecca J. Baker, who were reared and married in Kentucky, and came to Missouri in 1852. They settled near Shelbyville, but since have moved to Shelbyville, Mo. The father is one of the energetic and respected men of that vicinity, and has held the office of constable for four years. He and wife are members of the Christian Church. Julius A. was born in Boone county, Ky., October 14, 1846, and is the fifth in a family of ten children. He was reared in Shelby county and received a common school education. In 1876 he was married to Miss Mary Engle of this county, a daughter of Samuel P. and Lizzie Engle, who came here in 1855 from Kentucky. Mr. B. has followed farming in the county since his marriage, and on rented lands until January, 1882, when he was awarded the contract of superintending and carrying on the county poor farm, which he has since done with excellent success and to the satisfaction of the county court and the public generally. This farm contains 160 acres and is managed by Mr. Baker to the best advantage. Mr. and Mrs. Baker have two children, Irene and Frank W. Mr. B. is a member of the A. F. and A. M. and is Past-Master of St. Andrew Lodge No. 96, at Shelbyville.

#### ISAAC NEWTON BONTA

(Farmer and Breeder of Fine Horses, Post-office, Shelbyna).

When the trumpet of war sounded in 1861 Mr. Bonta, then at the age of 18 and as full of courage and love of country as of life and spirit, gallantly enlisted himself on the roll of those plighted to do,

and, if necessary, to die for the great principles of self-government and Southern independence — principles consecrated by the lives and services of Washington and the other Fathers of the Revolution. He was born and reared in Kentucky, and to the natural and world-known courage of the Virginian he added the spirit and dash of the Blue Grass State, so that in common with most Kentuckians he made a soldier not to be frightened by a noise or deterred from duty by hardships and dangers. He served under the intrepid, eagle-eyed, lion-hearted cavalry leader, Morgan, and under his brilliant, but ill-fated banner, made the desperate and terrible raid of Ohio, where "cannon to the right of them, cannon to the left of them, cannon in front of them, volleyed and thundered." He was captured on Morgan's raid, but finally made his escape, and as exit through the Federal lines to the South was impossible, he made his way north-westward, and located in Illinois. There he found an object in life more interesting and attractive than the red-stained field of battle, a charming young lady, Miss Sallie M. Kinder, to whom he paid assiduous court and whom, as all the world goes, he of course won. They were married and remained in Illinois until 1869. He engaged in farming and she turned to her household duties. They then came to Missouri and settled near Shelbyna, where he bought a tract of land. Here he has a good farm of 287 acres, and while farming in a general way is making a specialty of raising thorough-bred horses, in which he has good success. Mr. Bonta is a worthy, peaceable, law-abiding citizen, and can say with truth that not every one can say, that neither he nor his father ever had a lawsuit in his life. He is a son of Isaac Bonta and Cassandra, *nee* Bonta, both of the same surname. He was of Henry county, Ky., and was born in that county on the 25th day of April, 1843. Reared on the farm, he was at home when the war broke out, and from there enlisted in the Southern army. Mr. and Mrs. Bonta have five children from two to fourteen years old, named, Mattie E., Annie M., Isaac W., Cassie B. and Seaton A.

#### MRS. ELIZABETH A. BARTON

(Post-office, Shelbyna).

This good mother and worthy, excellent lady of Salt River township, who has been a resident of the township for over half a century and since she was eight years of age, and over 20 of the later years of whose life have been spent in widowhood, is justly deserving some notice in any worthy history of Shelby county. A lady of many excellencies of mind and heart and of great fortitude and resolution, she has at the same time shown herself to be a woman of more than ordinary strength of character, good judgment and energy, by the resolute, successful manner with which she long conducted her farm affairs and kept her family together while her children were young, providing for their care and support by her own good management, and diminishing not in the least the estate which her kind and devoted, though unfortunate husband, left her at his death. She was born in

Smythe county, Va., June 6, 1825, and was a daughter of Andrew McBroom and his wife, Margaret McBroom, who came to Missouri in 1833 and settled in Salt River township, of Shelby county. Mrs. Barton was reared here, and on the 27th of February, 1847, was married to Morgan P. Barton, of this county, but formerly of Marion county. He was a farmer by occupation, and a fairly successful one. He was an affectionate husband and father, and a worthy, good citizen. Sympathizing with the South in the late war, he was driven from home for that reason and sought safety in the Southern army as a volunteer in the ranks of the South. After the fight at Kirtsville, however, he came home, in the hope that if he took the iron-clad oath of loyalty and remained quietly at home, raising corn and other produce, he would be let alone. On the contrary, he was hurried off to prison at Alton, Ill., where he was incarcerated in a loathsome prison-pen and kept for four months and until death, in the form of small-pox, came and relieved him of his sufferings. Mrs. Barton still resides on the homestead which his honest toil made for her and their children. This is a good farm of 120 acres, and she is comfortably situated. She has reared nine children: George W., John S., Sarah G., Mary S.; Squire P., Stephen F., William W. and Morgan H. Nancy J. died in 1880, after her marriage, leaving a child. Several of the others are also married. George W. and Stephen F. are on the farm managing it for their mother and themselves on terms that are fair to both. They are both energetic young men, and are highly esteemed. Mrs. B. is a member of the M. E. Church South, as was also her husband.

#### J. M. BATES

(Of Cotton & Bates, Dealers in Dry Goods, Clothing, Gents' Furnishing Goods, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, etc., etc., Shelbyna).

Mr. Bates, one of the substantial citizens and highly esteemed business men of Shelbyna, has been engaged in business at this place for a number of years, and is a native of Missouri. He was born in Boone county, September 21, 1827. While he was yet in boyhood his parents removed to Monroe county, settling about eight miles south-east of Shelbyna. He was reared on the farm in that county, and on the 20th of April, 1854, was married to Miss Amanda J., a daughter of David Lusk. He then began the improvement of a farm about four miles south-west of this place, where he resided until 1868, when he came to Shelbyna. Here he engaged in the grocery trade with D. G. Minter, continuing in business about five years. Soon afterwards he opened a lumber yard and carried that on with success until the fall of 1883. Since then he has been a partner in the above named firm. Mr. Bates is a substantial property holder and in well-to-do circumstances. The business of the firm has been spoken of in a sketch of Mr. Cotton. Mr. and Mrs. Bates have no children of their own, but are rearing an orphan boy, Freddie Sparks, now 14 years of age. He and wife are members of the Baptist Church, and he is a Royal Arch Mason.

#### JOHN M. BECK

(Post-office, Shelbyna).

Mr. Beck, a German by nativity and education, was born in Prussia September 4, 1828, and as he grew up learned the weaver's trade. In 1851 he came to America and was engaged in merchandising until 1854. Mr. Beck came to Shelby county in 1856, and followed carpentering in this county for some time. In 1862 he enlisted in the Union army and served for three years, coming out of the army a cripple for life. In 1865 he went to Oregon, thence to California, and returned in 1866, having made the trip to recover his health, which was broken down during the war. Here he resumed the weaver's trade, which he has since followed. Mr. Beck has a good home property in Walkersville, consisting of a comfortable residence, and some six acres of land.

#### HENRY BEROLZHEIMER

(Dealer in Dry Goods, Clothing, Furnishing Goods, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, etc., Shelbyna).

Mr. Berolzheimer is a native of Germany, born in Nuremberg, Bavaria, May 25, 1850. His parents were among the well-to-do and respected people of that place, and had intended their son, Henry, for the profession of civil engineering. He was well advanced in the course of instruction preparatory for that profession when his plans were changed by the death of his mother. He then entered a manufacturing establishment, where he worked for two years. At the age of 18 he went to Paris, France, where he obtained a situation in a large commission house, remaining there until he was compelled to leave on account of the Franco-Prussian War. Four days before the fall of Sedan he was banished on account of his German nativity. From Paris he visited different points, including England and Switzerland, finally taking a position in Port au Prince, on the Island of Hayti, in a large sugar and coffee shipping house, making the arrangements to that effect in Hayre, France. There he spent about a year, and in 1872 he came to New York, and for the next five years was employed in a manufacturing establishment of that city. Following this, Mr. B. made a visit to his home in Bavaria, and after his return to New York remained there two years engaged in the wholesale millinery establishment, being book-keeper for the house. From New York he went to Hazelton, Pa., where he carried on the retail clothing business for about 18 months, coming thence west to Parsons, Kan., where he was in business until his removal to Shelbyna in the fall of 1881. Here he became a partner with Mr. I. D. Nelke in his present line of business, but six months afterwards was compelled by the aid of law to get a hold of the business, and has since carried on the business alone. Mr. B. has been very successful in business at Shelbyna, and is now one of the leading and wealthy citizens of the place. He carries a

stock of from \$12,000 to \$15,000, and has a trade proportionally much larger. He is one of the public-spirited citizens of the place and is very active both in personal exertions and with his means in helping to build up Shelbyna. He has laid off a valuable addition to the town into broad streets and alleys and handsome building lots for residences, and has greatly encouraged the erection of buildings in his addition by disposing of his lots at reasonable rates. His addition known as "Patton's Addition" contains 17 1/2 acres, and includes many of the handsomest dwelling sites of the place. He is also large stock holder and a director in the Shelbyna Creamery Company, having a fifth interest in the stock of \$10,000 in that company. Mr. H. is not a married man, but it is hardly expected that in the rare feminine environment of his present home he will long remain so. He is a man of good education, fine business ability, marked energy and enterprise, and one of the most public-spirited and useful citizens of Shelbyna.

### BODINE & CROW

(Dealers in Lumber, Lath, Shingles, Lime, etc., Shelbyna).

The firm of Bodine and Crow was organized in April, 1884, and starting on ample capital, as well as being energetic, popular business men, they readily took a position among the leading lumber dealers of the county, not only in the value and variety of their stock, but in the extent and character of their custom. Their trade extends far into the country tributary to Shelbyna, and includes many of the best men of the county. Messrs. Bodine & Crow have established their business on a firm and prosperous basis, and their future in this line seems to be one of assured success. They buy for cash and sell the lowest retail rates, and are careful to put no inferior goods on their customers under any wrong impressions as to their quality or value. Thus they have won and retained the confidence of the public. Mr. Bodine has been in the lumber trade here since March, 1868. He is a native Missourian, born near Humphreys, in Sullivan county, September 30, 1851. His father, J. A. Bodine, was a brother of Robert Bodine, the well known attorney of Paris, Monroe county. In 1868, Robert E., having previously taken a commercial course at Quincy, Ill., entered the civil engineer corps of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway Company and was in the service of the company for about three years, becoming during this time a thorough civil engineer. In August, 1871, he took charge of the railway office at Paris and was agent there for some 10 years, being also telegraph operator during this time. At the end of this time Mr. Bodine resigned and came to Shelbyna. He subsequently engaged in the lumber business, as stated above. June 13, 1872, he was married to Miss Anna Parsons, a daughter of John M. Parsons, now of Shelbyna. They have one child, Cooper P. He and wife are members of the Christian Church. He is a Knight Templar in the Masonic order. Mr. Crow is also a native Missourian, born near Memphis, in Sou-

land county, November 6, 1856. His parents, John L. and Agnes (Fifer) Crow, came originally from Virginia, but were directly from Kentucky to this State. They first located in Scotland county, and then settled in Monroe county about eight miles south-east of Shelbyna. William D., the subject of this sketch, was reared in Monroe county from the age of seven years, and was educated at the Shelbyna Institute. He followed farming and handling stock up to 1882, when he engaged in ranching near Deer Lodge, in Montana. Remaining out there a year, he then returned and in the spring of 1884 he became a partner in the present firm. Messrs. Bodine & Crow are both young men of fine business qualifications and are full of enterprise and energy; they are men of character and can be implicitly relied on in business affairs and otherwise. They have made an excellent start in business and will doubtless continue in the successful career they have thus far succeeded in making.

### GEORGE W. BOYCE

(Farmer and Carpenter, Post-office, Lentner).

A native of Delaware, Mr. Boyce was born in Sussex county, on the 21st day of June, 1825, and was the second eldest of seven children of Joseph Boyce, a veteran of the War of 1812, and wife, *nee* Fannie Bell. Reared on his father's farm in Sussex county, Mr. Boyce, Jr., was married in 1849 to Miss Eliza A. Hearn, of Delaware. She died, however, the following year, and in 1857 Mr. Boyce came to Missouri. Here he was married in 1859 to Miss Elizabeth Barr. Subsequently he located in Shelby county, near Lentner, where he was engaged in farming until the second year of the war. He then enlisted in the Southern army under Col. Porter, but was captured at Kirksville, and after his release he went to Delaware, where he remained until the close of the war. His wife died in 1865, leaving him one child, Mary Lee, who died shortly afterwards. In 1866 he returned to Missouri and in 1873 was married to Miss Mary J. Brewington, of Shelby county. Mr. Boyce has been residing on his present farm for many years. He has a place of 192 acres, and is engaged in stock-raising and raising grain. Mr. Boyce learned the carpenter's trade when quite a young man and worked at it continuously up to a few years ago. He followed carpentering exclusively for many years and made his start in life at that occupation. Mr. and Mrs. Boyce have one child, Tilden G., named for the sage of Greystone, whom it is needless to say Mr. Boyce is for President first, last and all the time, whether the "Old Man" can walk or talk or not. Mrs. Boyce is a member of the M. E. Church South, and he is a member of the A. A. M.

### JOHN J. BRAGG

(Of Bragg & Dobys, Dealers in Lumber and Agricultural Implements, Shelbyna).

The biographical department of this work could hardly be considered complete if it failed to include, at least, a brief record of the

subject of the present sketch. A native of the county, born in Tiger Fork township, March 14, 1848, Mr. Bragg was reared among this people, and although still comparatively a young man, has already been prominently identified with the public affairs of the county, and is one of the leading business men of Shelbyina. Reared on his father's farm in Tiger Fork township, he completed his education at Van Kesselacker Academy, and subsequently taught school, beginning as early as 1867, when he taught his first school in Dunklin county. He afterwards taught in this county, and also, for a short time, near Hamibal. At the age of 24, in October, 1872, he was married to Miss Carolina S. Hendren, of Marion county. Two years later Mr. Bragg ran for circuit clerk of Shelby county, and was nominated and elected. His success as a candidate showed that he was well liked among the sterner sex as his success as a matrimonial candidate had shown him to be with the fair sex. He served in the circuit clerk's office for four years, and made so good and popular an officer that he was re-elected by a large majority, his last term expiring in 1882. He then ran for probate judge, or rather for the nomination at the primary election. No one doubted his qualifications or integrity, but some of the older Democrats thought he was rather young for so important and prominent an office, as he was then but 34 years of age. However, he made a gallant race, and was beaten only by one vote in an aggregate poll of 2,600. But his want of age and competency, instead of want of brains, defeated him. Mr. Bragg engaged in his present business in 1883, in partnership with Mr. B. S. Dobyns. They have the leading establishment in their line in the county and do an annual business of about \$40,000. Both are thoroughly capable business men and more than ordinarily popular with the custom in their lines. Mr. and Mrs. Bragg have a family of five children: Walter O., Harold I., Wade Hampton, Corinne A. and an infant. Mr. Bragg is a member of the Masonic order, and he and wife are members of the Christian Church.

#### REUBEN BRANHAM

(Constable and General Collector, Shelbyina).

Mr. Branham is a native of Virginia, born in Shenandoah county, February 22, 1819. He early learned the tailor's trade, but has not worked at it of any consequence since 1855. He was married at Harpers's Ferry, Va., February 3, 1856, to Miss Cornelia A. Flanagan. Mr. Branham came to Missouri first in 1855, but returned to Virginia soon afterwards and spent a short time in Ohio. He returned in 1857 to this State and farmed in Monroe county until he came to Shelbyina five years afterwards. In 1858 he had his left elbow thrown out of place, from which accident he has never had much use of that arm. In 1867 he became constable of Salt River township in Shelby county, and has held the office ever since, for a period now of 14 years, except for an interim of three years. He was city marshal of Shelbyina eight years. He has done a large collecting business and is

looked upon as a reliable and faithful collector. Mr. and Mrs. Branham have no children. His father was Reuben Branham, Sr., and his mother's maiden name was Rebecca Taylor. Both are now deceased.

#### JOHN MCKEE BRISON

(Farmer, Post-office, Shelbyina).

On both sides of his parents' family Mr. Brison comes of old and highly respected Pennsylvania ancestry—the Brisons and Wylies. Both families were settled in that State prior to the Revolutionary War, and Mr. Brison's mother's family (the Wylies) is prominently mentioned in the history of the Redstone country of that State. She was a near relative to Gen. Stonewall Jackson, of Confederate fame. Mr. Brison's father was Oliver Brison, born at Pittsburg in 1794, a son of James Brison, born at Uniontown, Pa., in 1709. Judge Wylie, on the Supreme Bench at Washington, D. C., is a cousin of Mr. Brison. In 1835 Mr. Brison's parents came to Missouri and settled a mile and a half south-east of West Ely, where they reared their family of children, of whom there were 10, eight still living, the dead being Henry C. and Rebecca W., and the living, William W., Sarah McK., Lydia McD., Andrew W., and John McK., Joseph O., Mary E. and Adeline C. John McKee Brison was born on the farm near West Ely, March 6, 1837, and was reared a farmer. On the 2d of May, 1872, he was married to Miss Mary S. Barton, a daughter of Morgan Barton, of this county. They have five children: Henry W., Mary E., Lee Nora, William M. and John C., the eldest about 10 years and the youngest, four. Mr. Brison has a good farm of 120 acres five miles west of Shelbyina. He and wife are members of the Presbyterian Church, and all his family have been as far back as their ancestry can be traced.

#### JOHN W. CHAMBERS

(Farmer, Post-office, Shelbyina).

In the family of George A. and Mary E. (Conner) Chambers, of Harrison county, Ky., were nine children, eight of whom grew to mature years, namely: John W., Jr., Sarah E., Lewis C., Asa F., George N., James M., Charles D. and Robert L. The father was a son of Samuel Chambers, formerly of Bourbon county, Ky., and the mother was a daughter of Lewis Conner, of that State. The children were reared in their native county, of which the parents were well-to-do and respected residents. John W. Chambers, the subject of this sketch, after he grew up, having come to Missouri in the meantime, was married January 16, 1868, to Miss Mary E., a daughter of T. O. Bairy, of Monroe county. Settling in Shelby county, Mr. Chambers has since resided in this county, and has long ranked among its energetic and comfortable farmers. He has a good farm of 160 acres two miles and a half north-east of Shelbyina. Mr. and Mrs. Chambers have five children, viz.: George F., Charles E., Mary E.,

James F. and Carrie. He and wife are members of the Baptist Church. Mr. Chambers is now in his forty-fourth year, the very meridian of life, having been born March 2, 1841.

#### JOHN S. CHANDLER

(Postmaster, Shelbyna).

Mr. Chandler, a gallant soldier of the Union in the late war, and for a number of years past one of the worthy and respected citizens of Shelbyna, is by nativity from the old Granite State, and a representative by consanguinity of two of the first families of that State, and, indeed, of the whole country—the Chandlers and Websters. On his father's side he is a descendant of the old colonial Chandler family of New Hampshire, from which sprung Hon. Thomas Chandler, born at Bedford, N. H., August 10, 1772; the latter's brother, Hon. John Chandler, born at Epping, N. H., and of Revolutionary fame; and Hon. Zachariah Chandler, their nephew, afterwards of Michigan, born at Bedford, N. H., December 10, 1813; as well as Hon. William E. Chandler, present Secretary of the Navy, and a number of others of less note. On his mother's side Mr. Chandler is a direct lineal descendant of Col. Ebenezer Webster, of New Hampshire, of Revolutionary fame, the father of Daniel Webster, the distinguished American statesman. Mr. Chandler's mother, Sarah M. Webster, was a grand-niece to Daniel Webster, or, in other words, her grandfather was Daniel Webster's brother. Of Mr. Chandler's parents, John G. and Sarah M. (Webster) Chandler, the former was born and reared in Vermont and the latter was born in Canada. He, the second in their family of children, was born at Groton, in Grafton county, N. H., January 8, 1843. When he was a lad 12 years of age his parents came West and settled near Beloit, Wis., where he grew to manhood, or until he entered the Union army, for the preservation of the government, in the establishment of which his ancestors on both sides had played so conspicuous a part. At the age of 17 he enlisted in the Union service under President Lincoln's first call for three months' men, becoming a member of the First Wisconsin regiment at Beloit, Wis. He served for four months and then re-enlisted, after remaining at home for a time, becoming a member of the Seventy-fourth Illinois Volunteer Infantry. After this he served until the close of the war. Near Rome, Ga., on Sherman's march to the sea, he was severely wounded in the foot, the ball lodging between the bones of the foot so that it was impossible to extract it, and by this he was disabled for further field service. He subsequently did hospital duty until he was discharged at Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis, after the war. He then returned home and took a three years' course in the Illinois Soldiers' College, at Fulton, graduating in 1871, which included, also, a business education. From Illinois he came to Shelbyna, or rather to Shelby county, and engaged in farming, his father's family having preceded him to this county. A year later he came to Shelbyna and engaged in the real estate business, which he followed for about three

years. After this he became assistant in the post-office, and in 1879 was appointed postmaster, the position he has since held. He also carries a stock of stationery, books, etc., and has held the office of notary public for more than 10 years. May 17, 1877, he was married to Miss Minnie Williams, an adopted daughter of G. K. Williams, of Lentner, this county. Mr. and Mrs. C. have three children: Georgie M., Bertie T. and John S. Mr. Chandler is at present Post Commander of the G. A. R. at this place, and Recorder of the A. O. U. W. His wife is a member of the M. E. Church, and he is also a member of the Select Knights, A. O. U. W.

#### JOHN A. CHRISTINE

(Farmer, Post-office, Shelbyville).

Mr. Christine, one of the energetic and respected young farmers of Salt River township, was a son of John and Nancy E. Christine, of this county, the former of whom was killed at the Centralia fight during the late war. The mother is now the wife of Rev. Sanford Smith. John A. was the eldest of four children, and was born in this county, January 26, 1856. Reared in the county, he was educated at the district schools and brought up to farm life. He early started out for himself, and by industry has made himself a comfortable home. They have a good farm of 120 acres and are raising considerable stock, giving particular attention to high grade cattle. March 26, 1876, he was married to Miss Leatha A. Caldwell, a daughter of Noah and Sarah Caldwell, formerly of Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. C. have four children: Mary A., Sarah E., Allie M. and Jessie E.

#### WILLIAM C. CLARK

(Manufacturer of Wagons, Buggies, Carriages, etc., and General Repairer, Shelbyna).

Mr. Clark's career in his present line of business has been one of marked success. He came here in 1874, and at that time had but \$10 in the world. He went to work, however, to succeed and he has not been disappointed. He now manufactures a large number of wagons, buggies, carriages, etc., annually, and keeps about six or eight hands constantly employed. He also does a considerable business in handling Eastern made buggies, and is engaged in the agricultural implement trade, such as the McCormick reapers and binders, Minnesota steam threshers, hay rakes, etc. In a word, Mr. Clark has a large business in his different lines and has accumulated a comfortable property. The wagons and other vehicles he makes have an excellent reputation, and the demand for them is steadily on the increase. Mr. Clark is a native of Canada, born at Brighton August 3, 1845. His father, Robert Clark, was a wagon maker by trade and followed the business at Brighton for about 25 years. William C. was brought up to his trade and learned it thoroughly in all its branches, becoming a practical painter, blacksmith and wood-

worker. In 1865 his parents removed to Indiana and the following year to Shelby, in this county. Here his father worked at house carpentering, William C. working with him for about two years. In 1868 William C. Clark went to Paris and from there, three years afterwards, to Hannibal, where he worked until 1873. Meanwhile, December 7, 1872, he was married at Hannibal, Mo., to Miss Anna Morrie. About the close of the following year his health became seriously impaired, resulting from an attack of cholera, and he therefore went to California. In 1874, however, he returned to Missouri and located at Shelby, where he has since resided. The success of his career here we have noted above. Mr. Clark's father made his home at this place until a short time before his death, or, rather, this was his home at the time of his death, and he died while he was temporarily absent in Illinois, in August, 1873. The mother, who was a Miss Jane Powers before her marriage, and a native of Michigan, returned to Decatur, Mich., after her husband's death, where she is now living. Mr. Clark is a member of the M. E. Church South, as is also his wife.

#### LEVI CLARK

(Farmer and Fine Stock-raiser, and of Leland & Clark, Dealers in Furniture, and Undertakers, Shelby.)

Mr. Clark was born near Richland, Richland county, Ohio, January 10, 1828. His parents, Henry and Nancy Smith Clark, his father from England, his mother from New York, came to Ohio at an early date. They subsequently removed to Michigan and settled in Hillsdale county, where Mr. Clark was reared. When grown to manhood he engaged in farming there, to which vocation he had been reared, and followed it continuously until he removed to California, where he engaged in mining. At the expiration of two years, he returned to Michigan and engaged in merchandising, and continued in this business until his removal to Missouri in 1865. Here he bought a farm of 240 acres in Shelby county, which he still owns. He remained engaged in farming, breeding and handling fine stock, until 1883, when he became a member of the present firm of Leland & Clark. He still carries on the stock business on his place and is particularly engaged in breeding fine horses of the Canada "Dart" stock. He also deals some in real estate. Mr. Clark removed to Shelby upon becoming connected with Mr. Leland in the furniture and undertaking business. He has a handsome residence here, probably the finest in the place. Messrs. Leland & Clark carry an excellent stock of goods and are prepared to furnish houses in the latest styles, and conduct funerals in the most satisfactory manner. October 26, 1854, Mr. Clark was married to Miss Emily Smith, formerly of Vermont. They have reared two children: Minnie, now Mrs. William D. Devaul, and Mattie, a young lady at home. Mr. Clark has been for 30 years a Royal Arch Mason.

#### THOMAS J. CLEEK

(Farmer, Post-office, Shelby.)

The seventh in a family of 10 children, Mr. Cleek was born in Kentucky, March 4, 1845. Reared in Kentucky, he was married in 1866 to Miss Fannie Willhoit, a daughter of Allen and Lucinda Willhoit, of that State. He continued to reside in Kentucky after his marriage until 1881, when he came to Missouri and settled in Shelby county. Here he has a farm of 360 acres, all under fence and in a good state of improvement. Mr. Cleek raises stock and feeds cattle and hogs for the markets. He is one of the energetic and prosperous farmers of Salt River township. Mr. and Mrs. Cleek have six children: John, Robert, Carrie, Jessie, Ludley and Willie. He and wife are members of the M. E. Church, and he is a member of the I. O. O. F.

#### ALONZO W. COMBS

(Of Towson & Combs, Real Estate, Loan and Insurance Agents, Shelby.)

Born and reared in Shelby county, Mr. Combs, although still quite a young man, by his own enterprise and personal worth has placed himself in a position of one of the recognized business men of Shelby, a member of one of the prominent real estate and insurance firms of the county. His parents were comparatively early settlers in this county. His father, Robert Combs, came here from Scott county, Ky., in about 1845. Afterwards he was married to Miss Mary Worland. She was of Monroe county. Her father, Barnaby Worland, settled near Clinton in 1840. He died there two years afterwards. Mr. Combs' father died September 24, 1864. He left two children: Maggie, now Mrs. Thomas Hume, and Alonzo W. Their mother makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. Thomas Hume, at Shelby. She is now in the sixty-third year of her age. Alonzo W. was born on his father's farm, south-west of Shelby, December 30, 1860. He continued on the farm until 1878, and then took a course at the Shelby Collegiate Institute, having previously attended the common schools as he grew up. In 1881 he entered the office of J. William Towson, and after working for him as a clerk for 18 months, he went to Dakota, and in 1883 became partner with Mr. Towson in business. In the meantime, however, he had attended the Commercial School at Kansas City. Mr. Combs is a member of the Catholic Church.

#### CHESTER COTTON

(Of Cotton & Bates, Dealers in Dry Goods, Clothing, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, Furnishing Goods, and Buyers and Shippers of Wool, Shelby.)

Mr. Cotton, the senior member of the above-named firm, who have one of the old and established business houses of Shelby, is a native of Maryland, born in Baltimore, June 1, 1833. When he was about six

years of age his parents, Chester K. and Catherine T. (Cowling), came to Missouri, and made their home at Shelbyville. The father, Chester K. Cotton, was a native of Connecticut, born at East Hartford, November 18, 1802. His father, Allen Cotton, was likewise a native of Connecticut, but his mother, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Ware, was originally from Boston, Mass. Allen Cotton was a sea captain, engaged in the West India trade, and died at sea while on a voyage. Chester K. Cotton, the father of the subject of this sketch, was reared at Hartford, Conn., and learned the glider's trade. He subsequently went to New York, where he worked four years. In 1828 he went to Pittsburg, where he resided three years and was married. He then went to Baltimore, Md., and was engaged in gilding looking-glass frames until 1837, when he came to Missouri. In this State he engaged in general merchandising at Hannibal, and two years later removed to Shelbyville, where he was engaged in merchandising for about 16 years, being one of the pioneer merchants of that place. Since then he has been in no active business. He was a business colleague with James C. Hawkins, another old and well known citizen at Shelbyville, though not a partner. Mr. Cotton was quite successful in business, and had one of the largest houses in the county. In 1855, as stated above, he retired, and after that his sons carried on the business. In 1858 he was elected county treasurer and held the office for over four years, having been re-elected in 1860. He was married, as already stated, at Pittsburg, Penn., the date being March 22, 1830. His wife survived her marriage for nearly half a century, dying at last, January 29, 1875, at Shelbyva, to which place he had removed the year before. They reared four children, namely: Chester, the subject of this sketch; William B., who died at Shelbyville in 1870; Mary E., the wife of Robert Armstrong, and Catherine, who died in 1874, having previously married John Dickerson. Mr. Cotton is a member of the M. E. Church South, and a prominent Odd Fellow.

Chester Cotton was reared at Shelbyville, and educated at the Masonic College of Philadelphia, in Marion county. He then began selling goods with his father at Shelbyville, and he continued at Shelbyville until 1868, when he came to Shelbyva. Here he has since been engaged in business (but with different partners) since 1855. For a period of nearly 30 years he has been out of merchandising but one year. Messrs. Cotton & Bates carry a large and well selected stock of goods and have a heavy trade. Mr. Cotton has been known to the people of this county from boyhood, and no man is more highly esteemed by them than he. Messrs. Cotton & Bates buy large quantities of wool—from 40,000 to 50,000 pounds annually. Mr. Cotton was married on the 30th day of September, 1853, to Miss Virginia C. Durrett, a daughter of Dr. Durrett, of Marion county, Mo., formerly of Virginia.<sup>1</sup> They had five children, only one of whom survives, Mary T. (Cotton) Scarce. His second marriage occurred April

<sup>1</sup> She died November 2, 1873.

28, 1875, to Miss Nettie E. Banter, who died February 27, 1880. He was again married June 25, 1884, to Miss M. E. Christite, of Monticello, Lewis county, Mo. Mr. Cotton is a member of the Methodist Church.

### DEAN & MCCLELLAN

(Dealers in Dry Goods and Groceries, Shelbyva.)

This firm was formed in June, 1882, by Mr. McClellan purchasing a half interest in the store from Mr. Dean, who a short time previously had succeeded the Grange Company in this business. Messrs. Dean & McClellan carry a stock of about \$5,000 and do a large business, aggregating some \$30,000 annually. They also handle all sorts of produce, wool, etc., Mr. Dean is a man of long business experience and is well and favorably known to the people of this community. He was born in Marion county, January 22, 1834, and while he was yet in infancy his parents removed to Monroe county, in the vicinity of Lakenan, where they settled on a farm. William T. grew up on the farm near Lakenan and received a good common school education. At the age of 18 he began teaching school, which he continued for about three years. In 1855 he engaged in merchandising at Lakenan, and he built the first business house that was erected in that place. The pioneer merchant there, he continued selling goods at Lakenan with gratifying success until after the outbreak of the war. He was then made the victim of a series of robberies and outrages in his business by depredating bands of so-called soldiers, until his losses became so heavy that he was compelled to close out. He then engaged in farming and continued it until 1873, when he came to Shelbyva, and for the year following was engaged in trading in stock. The next year he ran a livery stable at this place, and in January, 1876, he took charge of the Grange store as agent and manager. He continued at the head of this store until March, 1882, when he became sole proprietor. About three years prior to this, he and Mr. A. M. Reveley formed a partnership for handling leaf tobacco, and they are still in that business, although other parties have since been admitted to the firm. They ship from 100,000 to 200,000 pounds directly to Liverpool, England, annually, and pay out from \$30,000 to \$40,000 each year. Mr. Dean was the first mayor of Shelbyva under the city-of-the-fourth-class law and was elected three times in succession. He refused a nomination for the office in 1884. He was also a member of the school board for about eight years. He was also a member of the town board before the city re-organized, and has served as secretary for both the town and school boards. On the 10th day of August, 1859, he was married to Miss Susan C. B., a daughter of William Saunders, formerly of Smythe county, Va. They have a family of five children: Blanche A., a popular and accomplished teacher in the county; James M., who is in the store with his father; Jennie N., Kate S. and Willie McW. Mr. Dean is a man in comfortable circum-



## HON. BENJAMIN F. DOBYNS

(Shelbina).

Among the early and highly respected families to settle in Marion county, this State, was the one of which the subject of the present sketch is a worthy and prominent representative. Mr. Doby's parents settled in Marion county from Virginia as early as 1835. His father, Thomas W. Doby's, was a native of Richmond county, Va., as was also his mother, who was a Miss Ann C. T. Durrett before her marriage. Both were of well-to-do and respected families of Richmond county. They were married there in the fall of 1833. After their marriage they continued to reside in their native county, where Mr. Doby's, Sr., was engaged in merchandising, until their removal to Missouri. In Marion county he improved a farm and engaged in farming and stock-raising. He became quite successful in these industries and soon took a prominent position among the leading farmers and stock-raisers of the county. He was busily and successfully occupied with these interests when the war broke out, but times soon became so unsettled and affairs generally so disorganized that he concluded to quit the State. He, therefore, moved to Indiana, where he engaged once again in merchandising. After the war he did not return to Missouri, but is now a resident of Clark county, Ill., to which he removed from Indiana in 1872, and where he has resumed the occupation of farming. His first wife, the mother of the subject of this sketch, died before his removal to Indiana, at the old family residence in Marion county, on the 7th of April, 1862. She was a lady of marked intelligence and a most amiable disposition, and was not only regarded with more than ordinary affection by her own loved ones, but was greatly esteemed by her friends and neighbors and by all who knew her. Ten children were the fruits of her long and happy married life, seven of whom are living: Benjamin F., William T., Mary C., now the widow of Samuel G. Muldrow, deceased; Virginia A., now the widow of William B. Cotton, deceased; George W., at present of Los Angeles county, Cal.; John D., now of Cheyenne, W. T.; and Samuel J., now residing with his father in Clark county, Ill. The deceased of the family were Richard H., Elizabeth L., and Thomas J. To his present wife Mr. Doby's, Sr., was married in Indiana in 1864. She was previously a Miss Lyda Gynn. There are no children by this union. Mr. Doby's, Sr., is a man who is always and justly esteemed a valued citizen of any community in which he makes his home. A man of sterling integrity and generous in all his impulses, taking a conservative, sober view of the affairs of life, and liberal and public-spirited in matters that affect the common good, he has generally been successful in his own private business, and has at the same time been a useful citizen in aiding, by his counsel and support and by his means, to the extent of his ability to contribute to all movements and enterprises, social, moral and material, calculated to

stances and has considerable property in Shelbina, including a handsome homestead. He is a prominent Mason and an A. O. U. W.

Lewis McClellan, the junior member of the above named firm, was born near Mommouth, in Warren county, Ill., April 18, 1846. His parents were Samuel R. and Charlotte (Osborn) McClellan, both originally of Ohio. His father was a farmer by occupation, and came to Missouri in 1866, locating at first in Chariton county, but two years afterwards at Sedalia, where he died in 1872, and where the mother is still residing. Lewis McClellan also came to Missouri in 1866, and for eight months following drove a stage between Shelbina and Shelbyville. He then learned the blacksmith's trade at Bucklin, in Linn county, and worked at it for about two years, the last six months at Shelbyville. In 1870 he quit the trade and followed farming for nearly two years on Salt river. From the farm he removed to Shelbyville and engaged in clerking in a mercantile house. In 1873 Mr. McClellan came to Shelbina, where he continued merchant clerking until he became partner with Mr. Dean in the present firm. September 23, 1870, he was married to Mrs. Sarah E. Sherwood, widow of Lee Sherwood, deceased, who was killed in the fight at Centralia during the war. She was a Miss Whitekar. She has a son by her first marriage, now a young man residing at Oak Dale. Mr. McClellan is a member of the I. O. F., and Mrs. McC. is a member of the Daughters of Rebecca. Mr. McClellan is an energetic, self-made business man and is entitled to no ordinary credit for the successful and irreproachable manner in which he has made his way up in life.

## A. DESSERT

(Dealer in Groceries, Canned Goods, Bread, Cakes, Candies, Nuts, Tobacco, Shelbina).

Mr. Dessert's parents, Joseph and Sophie (Wright) Dessert, were both born and reared in Alsace, France, and afterwards came to America, and made their home at Cincinnati for a time. Mr. D. was born at the "Paris of America," March 17, 1853. While he was yet in infancy the family removed to Mount Sterling, Ill., and there young Dessert grew to manhood. He learned the carpenter's trade in Illinois and worked at it until he came to Shelbina. Meanwhile, on the 20th of December, 1879, he was married to Miss Vinnie Lloyd, a daughter of L. J. Lloyd, of near Clarence, in this county. He and his brother, Louis C., came to Shelbina in 1878. Here they established their present business, and afterwards Alphonse bought out his brother's interest. He has had good success at Shelbina, and has a large and increasing trade. He has two store rooms, or rather two houses which he occupies, one a two-story and the other a one-story brick, both of which he owns. Before coming to Shelbina, however, Mr. Dessert had resided in St. Louis for about five years, and came directly from that city to this place. He and family have one child, Ruby. They have lost two in infancy. Both parents are members of the Catholic Church.

twice wounded, once while resisting Sherman's march to the sea, when he was struck by a ball in the right hip, receiving a serious wound, and in the charge of the Federal line of battle upon the Confederate chain of rifle-pits was captured. His first wound was in the breast immediately over the heart, where he was struck by a piece of shell during the siege of Vicksburg. Mr. Dobyms was three times a prisoner. After the war he returned to Missouri and for several years was engaged in teaching school in Marion and Shelby counties. Having formed the purpose to devote himself to the legal profession, while he taught school he also studied law and in 1870, at the fall term of the Shelby circuit court, he was by that court admitted to the bar. The following spring he opened an office at Shelbina and entered actively into the practice of his profession. In 1872 he removed to Shelbyville, where he remained engaged in the practice for 10 years, returning thence to Shelbina. A young lawyer of good general education and thorough legal training, and a young man of good natural ability and sterling character, industrious and of good habits, he early recommended himself to the confidence of the public as an attorney, and readily acquired a respectable practice. In 1872 he was nominated for the office of prosecuting attorney of the county by his party, the Democracy, and at the November election was elected without opposition, a vote highly complimentary to his personal popularity. In this office it is but the statement of a fact to say that he made an efficient and able prosecutor. In proof of this was his re-election for a second term. He occupied the office of prosecuting attorney for four years, and was no longer a candidate for re-election. Continuing the practice of his profession, in which his success was unquestioned and his progress to the front uninterrupted, in 1880 he was again called into the public service. He was then nominated for, and elected to the office of State Senator from this, the Thirteenth Senatorial District, the position he still holds. In the Thirty-first General Assembly Mr. Dobyms was chairman of the senate committee on constitutional amendments, and in the Thirty-second General Assembly he was chairman of the senate judiciary committee. These positions show more plainly and fairly the standing he had in the senate than any assurance that could be given here. They are the two leading positions on the floor of the senate, and, indeed, the chairman of the judiciary committee is considered *ex-officio* the leader of his party on the floor. At the time he was chairman of the committee on constitutional amendments it was a position of more than ordinary importance, on account of several radical changes in the organic law of the State then advocated, and it was hardly second to that of the chairmanship of the judiciary committee. In the Senate Mr. Dobyms acquitted himself with marked ability and greatly to the credit of his district and the State. A short time ago, on account of failing health he was compelled to relinquish to a great extent the practice of law, but too energetic to remain idle, he engaged in business the requirements of which are less severe on his health than the duties of his profession. His principal business inter-

promote the best interests of the public. A man of liberal education himself, he has ever been a staunch friend to all educational interests, and has worthily illustrated the high value he places on mental culture by his zeal and liberality in the education of his own children. One of his most marked characteristics is his inexorable firmness in whatever he undertakes and the thoroughness with which he does everything that he esteems worth doing at all. His motto has ever been, that "What is worth doing at all is worth doing well." He is a man who has given much attention to the cultivation of his own mind and the acquirement of a wide range of information in general affairs, and on subjects that usually attract the attention of intelligent and thoughtful minds. For over 30 years he has been an earnest member of the church, formerly of the Missionary Baptist but latterly of the Christian, and he takes a deep interest in the affairs of the church and the cause of religion. Politically, though never an extreme partisan or personally interested as an aspirant for office, he is an active Democrat and has acted with that party ever since the disorganization of the Whig party. During the organization of the Whig party he was a faithful old-line Whig, believing it to be the party of old-fashioned honesty and conservative policies in the administration of the affairs of the country. No citizen of the county where he resides is more highly esteemed than he. Coming of such a father as this, of such parents as he did, and reared by them as he was, it is perhaps not more than ought to be expected that Hon. Benjamin F. Dobyms, the subject of this sketch, has led a successful career in life and has attained to an enviable prominence in affairs. His career since the war has been one of steady advancement in business matters and of unbroken progress in winning and retaining public confidence. He was born on the old family homestead in Marion county, September 18, 1837. His early education was acquired in the public schools of the neighborhood, and later along he was sent to Bethel College, at Palmyra, where he took a somewhat extended course in the higher branches. Brought up to the occupation of farming and handling stock, when he reached the age that it was proper for him to start out for himself that industry, not unnaturally, became his regular calling; and he followed it with energy and success until the outbreak of the late war. Young and full of zeal and enthusiasm for the cause of the South, which enlisted his convictions and sympathies, he promptly enrolled himself among the volunteers from Marion county to defend his native State against Northern invasion and to protect the rights and institutions of his Section. He first enlisted in the State Guard under Gen. Price, and, after the expiration of that term of service, in the regular Confederate service, in which he continued with courage and fidelity until the close of the war. He was under Gen. Frank Cockrell, of the First Missouri Brigade, during most of his term of service, and in the course of the war, among other engagements, participated in the following principal battles: Pea Ridge, Iuka, Port Gibson, Champion's Hill, Big Black and Vicksburg, and in the preliminary fighting preceding the battle of Kenesaw Mountain. He was

ests at present are in the Empire Lumber Co., of Eau Claire, Wis., which is doing a large business in the manufacture and sale of lumber, it being one of the leading lumber companies of the North-west. Mr. Dobyms is also a member of the firm of Bragg & Dobyms, of Shelby, prominent dealers in lumber and agricultural implements. Such is the professional, public and business record of a man who began after the war as a district school-teacher, and without a dollar. Certainly it is one, the publication of which he has no just reason to deprecate. On the 5th of December, 1872, Mr. Dobyms was married, at Hannibal, to Miss Cordelia P. Williams, a daughter of Dr. Samuel Perry Williams, of Monroe county, now deceased. Dr. Williams was a brother to Gen. John S. Williams, present member of the United States Senate from Kentucky, and known all over the country as "Cerro Gordo Williams," the hero of the battle of Cerro Gordo, in the Mexican War. Mrs. Dobyms' mother was a Miss Mary Burgess, of Monroe county, before her first marriage, and is now the wife of Col. D. M. Dulaney, of Hannibal. Mr. and Mrs. Dobyms have been blessed with five children, namely: Edwin, now deceased; and Mary M., Gertrude A., Ida D. and Benjamin F., Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Dobyms are both church members; he of the Missionary Baptist and she of the Christian.

WILLIAM T. DOBYNS

(Owner and Proprietor of Dobyms' Livery and Sale Stables, Shelbyna.)

Mr. Dobyms has had about eight years' experience in his present line of business and sufficient time therefore has elapsed to determine his success. He now has an excellent stable with about \$5,000 invested, and is doing a very satisfactory business in the livery line. His buggies and other vehicles are first-class, both in style and quality, and his riding and driving stock are all that could be desired. He is exceedingly accommodating in business and personally pleasant to all, and, being attentive to his customers, he has justly become popular both locally and with the traveling public. Born in Marion county, September 15, 1844, he was a son of Thomas W. and Mary A. (Durrett) Dobyms, respected residents of that county and early settlers there from Virginia. Reared there, with most of the young men of Marion county his sympathies were with the South during the late war, and in 1862 he joined Col. Porter on the latter's raid through North Missouri. He was in the fight at Kirksville, and after the scattering of his command, he, trying to make his way South, was taken prisoner and confined at Macon City. There he was taken sick and through the influence of his father was released on oath and a bond of \$5,000 not to enter the Southern service again, a further condition being that he should stay in one of the Northern States until the close of the war. He therefore went to Indiana, where he had relatives, and during the progress of the war attended school at Greensburg. In 1864, however, becoming pretty well loyalized by this time, as the authorities thought, he was permitted to return home.

Here he resumed work at farming in Shelby county with an uncle, in which he continued for about nine years. In 1873 he came to Shelby and formed a partnership with Sam. G. Muldrow in baling and shipping hay. He followed this business for three years, and then he and Mr. Muldrow built a stable and engaged in the livery business. The next year Muldrow sold out to Taylor, and afterwards Taylor to Worland, but for the last four years Mr. Dobyms has been in business alone. December 15, 1880, he was married to Miss M. L. Moremen, a daughter of Augustin Moremen, formerly of Kentucky, but now in Florida. Mr. and Mrs. Dobyms have two children, Vivian E. and Thomas A.

EZRA A. DOUGHERTY

(Post-office, Shelbyna, Mo.)

Mr. Dougherty was originally from Pendleton county, Ky., a son of Jonathan Dougherty and wife, Sarah, who was a daughter of Col. Thrasher, a prominent and influential citizen of Pendleton county. There were nine other children in the family of which the subject of this sketch was a member; but seven of the family, however, are now living. Two of those deceased left families. The deceased were Mary, Mrs. Orr; Nancy, Mrs. Oldham, and Cynthia McNeil. The living are Jane, Mrs. Mullins; Sarah, now Mrs. Mullins; Malinda, now Mrs. Moore; Susan, now Mrs. Thrasher; Arabel, now Mrs. Gosney, and Ezra A., the subject of this sketch. Ezra A. Dougherty was born in Pendleton county, Ky., November 11, 1843, and on account of his father's death made his home when young principally with his sister, Mrs. Sarah Mullins. He learned the cabinet maker's trade, at which he worked for a time. In 1876 he was married to Mrs. Sarah E. Mullins, a daughter of Stephen Mullins, of Pendleton county. Subsequently he removed to Shelby county, Mo., and settled about a mile north-east of Shelbyna, where he has a farm of 200 acres. Mr. Dougherty is a thoroughly industrious farmer and has made practically all he has by his own energy and close attention to farming. In 1872 he had the misfortune to lose his first wife. Subsequently he was married to Miss Matilda Harrison, a daughter of Lee Harrison, of Shelby county. They have four children, namely: William A., Samuel K., Zelima P. and James W. Mr. D. is a member of the Christian Church, and his wife of the Baptist denomination. Politically he is a Greenbacker, with strong Democratic antecedents and leaning. During the war Mr. D. served in the Confederate army in Co. D, under Capt. Ben B. Mullins, of the First Kentucky Mounted Riflemen, under Col. Clay. He served until the close of the war, and among other engagements participated in the battles of Perryville, Ky., Athens, Tenn., Chickamauga and Farmington. In the last named, one of the severest hand to hand engagements that he was in, he was taken prisoner and sent to Camp Morton, in Indiana, where he was confined until March, 1865.

## SIMEON DOWNING

(Dealer in Drugs, Medicines, Books, Wall Paper, etc., etc., Shelbyville).

Mr. Downing is the oldest druggist in continuous business at Shelbyville, and has one of the leading drug stores of the county. He has had a long and successful experience in the drug business, and has an extensive and thoroughly established trade. His stock is large and is complete in every particular, and everything is kept in neat, business-like and presentable order. Mr. Downing is a native of Ohio, born in Madison county, April 11, 1822. His father was a farmer by occupation, and the son was reared to a farm up to the age of 14. He then engaged in clerking in a general store at Springfield, Ohio, and remained there several years. In 1841 he changed his location to Burlington, Iowa, and clerked there for the following five years. From Burlington he came to St. Louis, in which city he made his home for about 17 years. A part of this time he was in business on his own account, in connection with a partner. In 1862, Mr. Downing, who had married soon after locating at St. Louis, moved to Shelbyville with his family, and formed a partnership with Dr. Gerard in the drug business. They continued together for four years. Since then Mr. D. has had different partners, but is now alone in business. He has been here for nearly 22 years, and is therefore well known to the people of the community. No man in Shelbyville stands higher in general esteem than he. October 30, 1849, Mr. Downing was married to Miss Anna Wishart, formerly of St. Clairsville, Ohio. They have reared five children: The first and third, Clara J. and Mary A., are deceased, and are interred in Bellefontaine cemetery; Anna, now the wife of C. H. Lasley; and Simeon, Jr., a young man just past 18 years of age, who is now in St. Louis. Mr. and Mrs. Downing are members of the M. E. Church South, and have been many years.

## NATHAN H. DOWNING

(Of Downing & McCully, Editors and Proprietors of the Shelbyville *Index*).

Mr. Downing, a man who is entitled to more than ordinary credit for what he has accomplished in life, young as he still is, by reason of the unusual difficulties against which he has had to contend—the misfortune of deafness—is, like most of the younger men of Shelby county, a native Missourian. He was born near Newark, in Knox county, June 19, 1852. His father, A. R. Downing, was originally from Kentucky, born at Lexington June 20, 1808. He removed to Knox county, Mo., in 1830, and assisted to build the first house ever put up in that county, being therefore one of the pioneer settlers of the county. Mr. Downing's (Nathan H.'s) mother was a Miss Susan Fresh, before her marriage, originally of Baltimore, Md. He was reared on the farm in Knox county, and up to the age of 12 (since becoming of school age) had attended the district schools. But when 12 years old he had the misfortune to lose his hearing and since then

has labored under the difficulties resulting from that misfortune. He was then unable to read writing and from that time had but little or no school instruction. His entire attendance at school since has not exceeded two or three terms during the winter months of a couple of years. Nor has he ever had any instruction at an institution for the deaf. What he has accomplished, therefore, in the way of an education, has been by his own industry, application and resolution. And it should be remarked that he has more than an average general practical English education. It is but the truth to say that he is a man of superior information. Brought up a farmer, he continued to follow that occupation, and with substantial success, until a couple of years ago, finding time, meanwhile, as has been intimated above, to qualify himself for another field of usefulness. In the fall of 1882 Mr. Downing took charge of the *Index* and has since had control of it, recently in partnership with Dr. McCully. His career as a journalist has been quite up to his expectations. He is firmly established in the newspaper business, one of the recognized representatives of journalism in this county and this portion of the State. His strong points of success are—his industry, close attention to business and clear, level-headed, practical common sense. There is nothing flighty, eccentric, flashy, or experimental about him. He goes plainly forward in the even tenor of his way, with soberness of thought and management, and untiring industry, and of course succeeds. It would be an accident if such a man were to fail anywhere. He is a strong, intelligent writer, and is perfectly upright and sincerely devoted to the best interests of the community where he lives and of the country. April 17, 1878, he was married to Miss Ida R. Drake, a daughter of Francis Drake, deceased, of Tiger Fork township, Shelby county, who was murdered by McNeil's cut-throats during the war. Mr. and Mrs. Downing have three children: a pair of fine twins, Bernie and Bertie, born June 24, 1879, and Carl Norton, a fine boy equal to four sets of twins of average stock, born December 2, 1881.

## REV. JOHN EATON

(Baptist Minister and Farmer, Post-office, Shelbyville).

The Eaton family of this country sprang originally from Gov. Theophilus Eaton of New Haven, Conn., a son of an eminent minister of Stony Stratford, Oxfordshire, England, where Gov. Eaton was born and reared. Subsequently he went to London and became largely interested in farm commerce at that city. Later along he was appointed the King's agent at the Court of Denmark. He immigrated to America in 1637 and was shortly afterwards chosen a judicial magistrate of Massachusetts. In a few years he became one of the founders of New Haven, and when he died in 1657 was the Governor of Massachusetts. A historian of his time speaks of him thus: "He was universally respected for his integrity in office, and his amiability in all the relations of life." A descendant of his was William Eaton of Woodstock, Conn., an officer of the American army, and who,

about the beginning of the present century, distinguished himself in the affair at Tripoli. A later descendant is Hon. William W. Eaton, for six years a member of the United States Senate from Connecticut, and now a member of the United States House of Representatives, one of the truest and best men who ever sat in the American Congress. From the time of the founding of the family in Connecticut, over 200 years ago, its descendants have become widely distributed throughout the country, and are now found in nearly every State in the Union. Among others may be mentioned Hon. John H. Eaton, author of the "Life of Andrew Jackson," for twelve years a United States Senator from Tennessee, Secretary of War under President Jackson, Minister to Spain, and afterwards Governor of Florida. There was also Hon. Lewis Eaton, a distinguished member of Congress from New York; and in our own State we have Prof. James R. Eaton, a representative of the New York branch of the family, and recently professor of natural science and natural theology in William Jewell College. Rev. John Eaton, the subject of this sketch, comes of the Kentucky branch of the family, which immigrated into the State from Tennessee. He was the second son of George and Rebecca (Anderson) Eaton, who came to Missouri from Mason county, Ky., in 1831, and located at first in Palmyra, where Rev. John Eaton was born November 6, 1832. The following year the family removed to Shelby county, where they made their permanent home and where Rev. John Eaton was reared. The father died here in 1871, and the mother in 1877. The family is of an old Baptist family, and its descendants have followed in the footsteps of their fathers. Besides Rev. John Eaton, there are four other sons and there are four daughters living of the family of children. Rev. John Eaton had only the opportunity to obtain a common school education, which, however, he carried to more than ordinary proficiency by his close studious habits and his improvement to the best advantage of all his leisure time by study at home. He early became a member of the Baptist Church and soon decided to devote himself to the ministry of the church. After a course of preparatory study with that object in view, he was licensed to preach in 1865, and was regularly ordained December 30, 1866, a minister of the Missionary Baptist Church by a presbytery composed of the following elders: Revs. George C. Brown, Milford Power and others. Since then Mr. Eaton has been mainly engaged in missionary work. He is also pastor of the North River Church, in Knox county. He is a man well known for his earnest piety, his zeal in the cause of religion, and his ability and success as an able, faithful preacher of the Gospel. Like John the Baptist, he relies not alone on his sacred calling for the maintenance of himself and family, but has a good farm of 156 acres and eats the bread which comes of the sweat of his own brow. He is also a worthy member of the Masonic order. Rev. Mr. Eaton was married in 1865, when Miss Nannie J. Dickerson became his wife. She was a daughter of Cosby D. and Mary J. (Gaines) Dickerson, formerly of Virginia. She died, however, the following year after their marriage, leaving him one child, Nannie Y.

### REV. GEORGE W. EATON

(Minister of the Baptist Church and Farmer, Post-office, Shelbyville).

Rev. George W. Eaton is the youngest of five sons living of George Eaton and wife, Rebecca, formerly of Kentucky, mentioned in the sketch of his brother, Rev. John Eaton, and was born in this county, at his father's homestead, August 17, 1840. His primary education was received in the district schools in the neighborhood, and in 1861 he enlisted in the Union service. He served in the army for about two and a fourth years, and until he was honorably discharged on account of disability. In 1863 he was severely wounded and a long and serious illness resulted, finally disabling him from further service. After somewhat recovering his health, Mr. Eaton entered school again in 1866 at Emerson, in Marion county. The following year he entered La Grange College, and after a term spent in that institution, he engaged in teaching school as a resort to obtain means with which to further prosecute his education. Meanwhile he also studied for the ministry, to which he had previously decided to devote himself, and with which object in view he was educating himself. He had united with the Missionary Baptist Church in 1858, and in the spring of 1867 he was licensed to preach. About two years later he entered upon a theological course at William Jewell College, in which he continued for two terms. In 1871 he was regularly ordained a minister of the gospel by a presbytery of his church, composed of Revs. Caleb S. Taylor, Harrison Eaton, Henderson Thomas and John Eaton. Entering actively into the work of the ministry, he continued it with zeal and without interruption until 1875, when he returned to William Jewell College to further prosecute his theological course in that institution. The following year he resumed the active work of the ministry, and has continued in it more or less ever since. He has been engaged more in farming for the past seven years than any other vocation. Rev. Mr. Eaton is a man of scholarly attainments, learned in theology and, withal, a pious, zealous minister of the gospel, and an able, eloquent preacher. He has been quite successful as a worker in the vineyard of the Lord, and has been the instrument of bringing many souls to seek that rest and comfort in this life and that safe assurance for the life to come which only faith in Christ and obedience to divine law, united with a contrite heart and mind, can give. He has a comfortable homestead in the country of about 150 acres. In 1867 he was married to Miss Susan Z. Forsythe, a daughter of Lewis and Margaret (Williams) Forsythe, formerly of Pennsylvania. Mrs. Eaton is a lady of superior culture and refinement, and highly esteemed as a neighbor and acquaintance. She is a graduate of the State Normal School at Kirksville. Mr. and Mrs. E. have two children: Cassius V. and Maggie W. Two, besides, they have lost in infancy. Mrs. Eaton is a granddaughter of David Williams, one of the three captors of Maj. André during the War of the Revolution. Rev. Mr. Eaton is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic.

## WINFIELD S. ESKRIDGE

(Dealer in Drugs, Medicines, Wines, Liquors, Chemical Dye Stuffs, Paints, Oils, Stationery, Notions, Wall Paper, Etc., Etc., Shelbyns).

Mr. Eskridge's active life may be divided into four fields of activity—military service, railroading, farming and the drug business. In all these he has acquitted himself with credit, and by industry and personal worth has succeeded in establishing himself in business life, and in winning general confidence and esteem. He was born in Shelby county, four miles north of Shelbyville, May 6, 1844. His father was Thomas O. Eskridge, for a number of years clerk of the county court in this county, and a highly respected citizen. Mr. Eskridge's mother was a Miss Mary P. Matson. Both came to Missouri in an early day, the father from Virginia and the mother from Kentucky. He is now deceased, but she is a resident of Excelsior Springs, in this State. In 1861 Winfield S. enlisted in the Third Missouri Militia, and the following year he became a member of the Second Missouri State Militia under Col. H. S. Lipscomb. He served until March 7, 1865, and saw a great deal of hard service in this State. He was seriously disabled while in the service from the kick of a horse, and did not recover for some time. After quitting the service he became freeman of the Hannibal and St. Joe Railway, and worked in that capacity for nearly two years. He was then given charge of an engine and continued with the road until 1873 as engineer. He ran the first engine across the Kansas City bridge. From the railroad Mr. Eskridge engaged in farming near Shelbyville, which he continued until he bought his present drug store in 1884. He has a good stock of goods in the lines mentioned above, and having succeeded to an excellent trade, he is retaining and increasing it by his accommodating treatment of customers, his fair dealing and close attention to business. May 9, 1869, he was married to Miss Catherine L. Carothers, a daughter of John H. Carothers, an early settler of Shelby county. They have four children: Anna Belle, Richard, Mary L. and Olive. Mr. E. is a member of the A. O. U. W., of the Triple Alliance, the G. A. R. and the Select Knights.

## WILLIAM F. FIELDS

(General Agent for North Missouri of the Phenix Insurance Co., of Brooklyn, N. Y., Farm and Commercial Departments, Post-office, Shelbyns).

Mr. Fields, who has attained considerable prominence in the insurance business, being the head representative of the Phenix Company, in the departments mentioned above, in this section of the State, with over 20 agents under him, was reared in Missouri and is all but a Missourian by nativity, having been brought to this State by his parents while he was yet in infancy, in 1846. He was born in Kentucky on the 29th of April, of the same year. The family on coming to this State settled in Marion county, where the father, Benjamin E. Fields,

ded in the spring of 1873. The mother, however, is still living, and in widowhood. She was a Miss Clarissa Pemberton, before her marriage, of the well-known Kentucky family of that name. They reared five children, besides William F., namely: Rachel W., Benjamin E., Belle, now Mrs. William M. Baker, of Sterling, Kan.; Aggie, now Mrs. V. Taff, of Quincy, and Anna E., also of Quincy, where their mother resides. William F. was reared on a farm, in Marion county, and began life for himself as a sewing machine agent. He then represented a Quincy agricultural implement house for about two years. After this he became agent for the Rockford Insurance Company of Illinois, and located at Macon City, in Macon county. In 1880 he located at Shelbyns, and such was his success and the reputation he made among insurance men as a capable agent and active business man, that some two years ago he received the appointment he now holds as general agent of the Phenix Company, of Brooklyn, N. Y. The duties of this position require all his time and attention, and he has so conducted his business as to make an enviable record as a special agent. He has a neat office on Walnut street, where he will always be found during business hours occupied with the duties of his position. Mr. Fields has been married some seven years. His wife was previously Miss Mattie E. Thompson, of Macon City. She is a daughter of Harvey Thompson, of that place. They were married March 1, 1877. They have one child, Pearl, aged five years.

## CHARLES A. FLETCHER

(Contractor and Builder, Shelbyns).

Mr. Fletcher is a native of Massachusetts, born at Upton, June 19, 1826. When a small boy he went to Pennsylvania, and afterwards to Ohio, Indiana and Wisconsin. He learned his trade in Ohio and has worked at it continuously ever since. Locating in Ft. Wayne, Ind., he worked there for many years, and removed to Wisconsin and came to Shelbyns in 1871. He has erected a large number of houses at Shelbyns, business houses and dwellings, and keeps on an average about half a dozen hands employed. He also has an interest in a number of houses at this place. Mr. Fletcher is an energetic, go-ahead man and one of the substantial and highly respected citizens of Shelbyns. May 20, 1868, he was married to Miss Rebecca Wilson, of Iowa, but originally of Pennsylvania. They have two children: Mary L. and Jessie J., both at home. Mrs. F. is a member of the Presbyterian Church and Mr. F. is a prominent Odd Fellow.

## ANDREW J. FLETCHER

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

This stirring and energetic farmer, like many of the better citizens of Salt River township, is a native of the Old Dominion, and was born in Frederick county on the 29th day of January, 1829. His father was Moses Fletcher, and his mother a Miss Lacy Gray before her

marriage, both of old Virginia families. Mr. Fletcher was reared in Virginia and learned the milling business. At the age of 20 in 1849, he came to Missouri and settled in Marion county, and worked for Major Henderson for about four years. By this time they bought the mill property known as the Bay mills, and followed milling there and farming until 1864, when, having married in the meantime, he went to Montana and mined out there for about three years. Returning to Missouri in 1867, he located near Barkley's Station, in Marion county, and followed farming there for two years, when he removed to Shelby county, where he subsequently bought a farm. He was engaged in farming in this county until 1877, at which time he took charge of the county poor farm, which he conducted with success for six years. He then returned to his farm where he has since resided. He has a good place of 116 acres, where he is engaged in farming in a general way and in raising cattle and hogs. He has good graded stock and his Poland-China hogs are of a superior quality. He also makes a specialty of raising grass and corn in which he has good success. In 1855 Mr. Fletcher was married to Miss Ruth M. Welton, a daughter of Manly and Marine Welton, of Canada. Mr. and Mrs. F. have three children: Annetta, Gustavus A. and Arlington W. They have lost two, both in infancy. Annetta is the wife of Theodore Bethards, farmer of this county. Mr. and Mrs. F. are members of the Christian Church, and he is a member of the I. O. O. F.

#### JOSEPH H. FOX

(Of Fox & Sons, Livery, Feed and Sale Stables, Shelbyina).

Mr. Fox is a son of James C. Fox, a well known and respected citizen and an old and successful business man of Paris, in Monroe county, a sketch of whose life justly occupies a position of consideration in the history of that county, recently issued by the publishers of the present volume. Joseph H., the subject of this sketch, was born three miles east of Middle Grove, on his father's homestead, at that time, October 24, 1824. He was reared principally to mercantile life, for at an early age he began to assist in his father's store, in which he continued until after he was of full age. In May, 1845, he was married to Miss Mary McCann, and he then engaged in business for himself at Paris, Thomas McCutcher being his partner. After remaining in business for about two years, he sold his interest in the store to his father, and went to Hannibal, where he opened a livery stable in partnership with Harvey Jordan. In 1849, however, he returned to Paris, and engaged in buying and shipping mules, becoming a leading mule driver to the South. In the course of his entire experience in handling mules he has made between 25 and 30 trips to the South. Mr. Fox located on a farm in Monroe county in 1851, and remained there for about 14 years. For about two years during the war he was dealing largely in government stock, buying horses, mules, etc., and selling to the government authorities. Mr. Fox came to Shelby county in 1867 and improved a farm here of 640 acres, two

and a half miles south-west of Shelbyina. He resided there for about 10 years and then bought the Shelbyina mill, which he ran for some four years in connection with others, under the firm name of Fox, Fry & Co. In February, 1882, he engaged in his present business, his son being his partner. They have about \$8,000 invested, and have one of the best stables, including stock of vehicles, horses, etc., in all the surrounding country, not excepting counties. They keep about 50 head of horses, and have as fine an assortment of handsome buggies, carriages, etc., as one would wish to see of a summer's day. Mr. Fox has been married three times. His first wife survived her nuptials less than a year. To his second wife he was married in 1848. She was a Miss Martha McKinney. She survived her marriage nearly 25 years, dying in 1872. To his present wife Mr. Fox was married October 6, 1873. She was a daughter of James West, her maiden name being Lucy E. West. Mr. Fox, besides his livery business, has large land interests, aggregating over 700 acres of improved and unimproved land. By his first wife Mr. Fox reared a son, John R., who is now in California, and by his second wife he has had eight children, namely: James A., who is in Louisville, Ky., Mary M. is at home, as are also Allie, Walter L., Ann, Edward L., Marion, William S., Lou T. By his present wife are four children: Milton, Bennie, Thomas and Mable.

#### PHILIP E. FREDERICK

(Of P. E. Frederick, Settles & Co., Breeders and Dealers in Blooded Horses and Fine Cattle, and General Stock-raisers and Traders, Shelbyina).

Mr. Frederick is a Virginian by nativity, born in Shenandoah county, March 24, 1823. His father, however, John Frederick, was a native of Pennsylvania, but his mother, whose maiden name was Lydia Earhart, was originally from Maryland. While he was in boyhood they removed to Ohio and after a residence of eight years in Tuscarawas county, and five years in Marion county, they settled permanently in Knox county, where Philip E. grew to manhood. Receiving only a limited common school education, about the time of reaching his majority he learned the carpenter's trade, at which he worked for about ten years. During this time he became a large contractor and builder at Fredericktown. Such was the extent of his business that on deciding to engage in mercantile pursuits in 1851, he sold it for a consideration of \$8,000 in cash. After this he was merchandising for two years, when he disposed of his store and commenced dealing in live stock. He was continuously engaged in this in Ohio until he came to Missouri in 1865. At first his live stock business was confined to handling horses, and his market shipping points were New York and Philadelphia, Pa. Even before the war he became a leading stock dealer of Central Ohio, and has achieved more than ordinary success. When the war began he became a government contractor, and, indeed, was awarded the first contract for horses and mules made by the government in Ohio. He became by all odds the largest live stock

contractor with the government in that State. During the war he supplied 19,000 horses and mules and 38,000 cattle. He continued in this business until the close of the war, and accumulated a large fortune, but in the wonderful fall of prices of stock that occurred about the close of the war, and soon afterwards, he suffered immense losses, and meeting with other reverses nearly all of what he had accumulated was swept away. He saved from the wreck of his fortune, however, about \$20,000, and with this came to Missouri. Here he bought a farm in Shelby county of 1,140 acres. He began the breeding and raising of fine stock, particularly horses. He introduced the first Norman stock ever brought into the county and made something of a specialty of breeding fine draft horses. He also took a leading part in the improvement of the breeds of stock generally, and dealt largely in fat cattle. For a term he was president of the County Fair Association, and always took a public-spirited interest in the stock interests of the county. After a residence of three years on his farm he went to St. Louis and dealt in stock for the three succeeding years in that city. Returning to his place in Shelby county, he continued the stock business here and in 1878 he became the general Western agent of George Adams and Berke, one of the leading live stock commission firms of the country, located at Chicago. He has since had the general western agency of this firm, and has his headquarters at Cheyenne, Wyo., where he now spends about half of his time. From Wyoming alone he has controlled for his firm the shipment of nearly 25,000 head of cattle and over 7,000 head of sheep, and, indeed, controls the principal part of the shipments from that territory. Mr. Frederick commenced on a salary of \$100 a month, but in three years' time it increased until it amounted to \$5,000 a year. He now receives \$500 a month while at work in the West. He devotes about half of his time to his agency and the balance to the business of the firm of P. E. Frederick, Settles & Co., at Shelbyna. This firm is engaged in breeding fine horses and fine cattle, and dealing in cattle generally. For breeding purposes and raising their fine stock they have erected a handsome barn, an unusually large and conveniently constructed building, tastily finished at a cost of about \$4,000. They are making a specialty of breeding fine draft horses and have four handsome stallions — one a Norman horse, two imported Clydesdales, and one a handsome English shire draft horse, also imported, and all the finest representatives of their breeds that can be had in this country or Europe. They are also breeding fine Hereford cattle, a class of stock introduced into this county by Mr. Frederick some five years ago. On their farm, 16 miles north-east of Shelbyna, they have a fine herd of Herefords, and all of this breed annually from 50 to 75 head of young bulls and heifers, at an average price of about \$75. They also ship about 7,000 head of young cattle of good grades to Wyoming and Montana each year, where Mr. Frederick disposes of them while in that territory attending to the business of his agency. His two sons, John T. and Sherman D., constitute the "Co." in the company, and both are now absent, one in Iowa and the other in Indi-

ana, each shipping young stock to Wyoming and Montana. This is one of the most enterprising stock firms in North Missouri, and they are doing a great deal for this and surrounding counties in the improvement of the grade of stock raised and otherwise. They are all men of energy and business enterprise, and Mr. Frederick, himself, is one of the most thorough-going, progressive stock men in the country. As intimated above, he is a man of family. He was married in Knox county, Ohio, June 22, 1843, when Miss Mary A. Carager became his wife. They have two sons and three daughters, John T. and Sherman D., mentioned above; Jeminda J., now the widow of J. N. Banning, lives in Chicago; Hattie, the wife of D. Howard, the agent of the Chicago and Alton Railroad at Chicago, and Miss Olive at home. Mr. and Mrs. F. are members of the M. E. Church.

#### WILLIAM D. GARDNER

(Farmer and Fine Stock-raiser, Post-office, Shelbyna).

Among the farmers of Shelby county, who are taking a commendable interest in improving the grade of stock of the county, particularly cattle, is the subject of the present sketch, Mr. Gardner. One of the substantial farmers of the county, he is at the same time a man of progressive ideas and enterprise. He believes in carrying on farming and whatever he may conduct on the most approved plan and methods, and according to the latest and best ideas. Mr. Gardner has a fine farm of 431 acres, one of the handsomest and best in the county, exceptionally well improved, including a commodious and tastily two-story residence of seven rooms, besides hall, veranda and porches, etc., a large and well built barn and other out-buildings, good fences, pastures, meadows, etc., and an abundant supply of water. Mr. Gardner is making a specialty of breeding and raising fine Hereford cattle, and has just imported a splendid representative of that breed from Europe, which stands at the head of his herd. He also has a good farm of nearly 200 acres in Monroe county, Ky., July 19, 1830, and was a son of Wesley and Abigail (Dawson) Gardner, who removed to Henry county from Clark county, of the same State, where the mother shortly died. The father was afterwards married and reared a second family of children. He died there in 1846. There was but one child by his first marriage — the subject of this sketch. Of the four by his second marriage two are living, namely: James G. and Sarah, now Mrs. Woodfield. William D. Gardner was reared in Kentucky, and in 1859 came to Missouri and settled on a farm five miles north-west of Granville. On the 10th of January, 1861, he was married to Miss Martha J. Sparks, a daughter of Henry J. Sparks, of Monroe county. In 1866 he removed to his present farm, one mile south of Shelbyna, where he has since resided. He and wife are members of the Baptist Church.



### JAMES GOUGH

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

In the early tide of settlers in Monroe county, between 1830 and 1840, were the parents of the subject of the present sketch — James H. and Cordelia (Jenkins) Gough, who came to that county from Scott county, Ky., in 1835. They settled near Clinton, where they resided for many years and reared their family of children. James Gough was the second of the four children who lived to reach mature years, and after he grew up he was married January 9, 1872, to Miss Mary T. Worland, of Monroe county. They have two children, Ella May and James Guy. Mr. Gough has been a resident of Shelby county for a number of years, and is one of the substantial farmers of Salt River township. He has a good farm of 300 acres, and is engaged in farming and feeding cattle for the markets. His place is largely in blue grass used for stock purposes.

### JAMES H. GOUGH

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

Mr. Gough's grandfather, James Gough, was one of the pioneer settlers of Scott county, Ky., having settled there from Virginia prior to the close of the Revolutionary War. Agnatus Gough was born and reared in Scott county, and in 1812 was married to Miss Susan Beavin, a daughter of Henry Beavin, of Nelson county, Ky. Five of their family of six children lived to years of maturity, namely: Susan R., Harriet E., George B., William M. and James H. James H. Gough, the subject of this sketch, had better school advantages by far than the generality of youths of Kentucky at that time. His father was a warm friend to education, and being in easy circumstances was not parsimonious with his means in the education of his children. James H. was taught by a private teacher, a Catholic priest of profound learning, and fine scholarly attainments, and then he was placed under the instruction of Rev. Benedict, the well known author of Benedict's Grammar. On the 13th of April, 1833, young Mr. Gough, for he was then young, was married to Miss Cordelia C. Jenkins, a daughter of Thomas C. Jenkins, of Scott county. After his marriage Mr. Gough followed teaching principally, but in connection with farming, for about two years. He then came to Missouri with his family, and settled in Monroe county, near Clinton, where he bought land and improved a farm. He followed farming and teaching for four years, and then devoted his whole time and attention to farming and handling stock. He bought and shipped stock to St. Louis and afterwards to Chicago, and traded in stock generally. In 1862 he bought the farm where he now resides. He has ever since continued the stock business, and has long held the position of one of the leading stock-traders of this part of the county. For a number of years he has been engaged in raising and improving the breeds of his stock,

and he takes a special part in having first-class stock all the time. Mr. and Mrs. Gough are members of the Catholic Church. However, his first wife died in 1864, and he was married to his present wife two years afterwards. She was a Miss Winifred J. Kendrick. Mr. G. has reared a family of six children, four of whom are living: James A., Sarah I., Susan E. and Nancy E.

### E. N. GERARD, M. D.

(Physician and Surgeon, Shelbyna.)

Dr. Gerard is well known throughout Shelby and in neighboring counties as an able and successful physician, and in surgery he has an especially enviable reputation. Having been in the practice for nearly 25 years, his career has been one of great usefulness and more than ordinary prominence in his profession. Possessed of a marked natural aptitude for the practice of medicine and surgery, and thoroughly devoted to his profession, he has been from the beginning not less diligent and industrious as a student than faithful and untiring in the practice. Thus by constant study and investigation and long and active experience, he has placed himself in the front rank of his profession in this section of the State. In surgery he has performed a number of operations which have attracted the attention and commendation of leading physicians throughout this entire section of country. It is but the statement of a plain fact, which simple justice demands that should be made, to say that he is looked upon by the profession generally as one of the able, progressive practitioners of this part of the State. Dr. Gerard was a son of Hon. William Gerard, of Ralls county, a man well and favorably known in North Missouri. He was originally from Virginia, but in early life came to Kentucky, where he married and resided a number of years. He was a journalist by profession and was contemporary with Frank P. Blair, Sr., Amos Kendall and other well known journalists of Kentucky. Indeed, he was associated with Blair and Kendall in the publication of the *Frankfort (Ky.) Argus*, at that time the leading Whig organ of the State. However, in 1830 he came to Missouri, having been a member of the Kentucky Legislature before coming, and soon afterwards located in Ralls county, where he became a leading citizen of that county. He was for a number of years a prominent and able member of the Legislature from Ralls county, and occupied a commanding position in that body by reason of his thorough knowledge of public affairs, his ability and unquestioned high character. He died in Ralls county in 1860. His second wife was Miss Elizabeth Ayres, also from Virginia, and of the well known family of that name of the Old Dominion, a prominent representative of which is Col. E. W. Ayres, of Washington City, at present the representative of the Kansas City (Mo.) *Times*, at the National Capital, and during the late war a Confederate cavalry officer under Stonewall Jackson, noted for his dash and brilliant success in difficult and hazardous expeditions. Dr. Gerard, the fourth of his parents' family of children, was born at Rensselaer, in

Ralls county, August 29, 1834, and was educated at the Van Rensselaer Academy. Of a bright, quick mind, at the age of 20 he was qualified to teach school and engaged in teaching in that county. He taught school for several years and in 1857 began the study of medicine at West Ely under Dr. J. B. Hayes. Continuing his studies with diligence, he was soon prepared to enter medical college, and accordingly matriculated at the Medical Department of the University of Iowa, from which he graduated in 1861. He then began the practice in Monroe county, where he practiced until his location at Shelby in 1864. He has since continuously been in the practice at this place. During the first year of the Shelby Institute he delivered a course of lectures on physiology for the institution, which attracted general attention and very favorable comment from the profession. He is a prominent member of the County, District and State Medical Societies. June 18, 1857, Dr. Gerard was married to Miss P. E. Drane, of Monroe county. They have been blessed with eight children: Walter, a graduate of Shelby Institute, is now principal of the public schools of Fort Worth, Texas; his oldest daughter, Susie, died January 15, 1884; she was an accomplished lady and a devout member of the P. E. Church; she was 23 years old. Mamie is also a graduate from Shelby, as is her sister, Nellie. The others are Edward, Richard, William and Harry. The Doctor and wife are members of the Episcopal Church, and he is a member of the Masonic and A. O. U. W. orders. Dr. Gerard is a man of fine culture and extensive general information, one of the best informed men, in fact, in the county, and, withal, an entertaining conversationalist of pleasant address.

#### RICHARD P. GILES

(Attorney at Law and Prosecuting Attorney, Shelby).

Mr. Giles descended from a branch of an old Virginia family by that name, though he himself was born in Kentucky and reared in Missouri. His parents, Dr. Granville T. and Rosanna (Duncan) Giles, the father from Wythe county, Va., but the mother born and reared in Kentucky, came to Missouri in 1848, and located at Paris, in Monroe county. Four years afterwards, however, they settled on a farm near the present site of Granville, where they resided for about 12 years, until 1865. They then went to Palmyra, where they resided until their removal to Shelby in 1877. Dr. Giles, a son of Harvey and Elizabeth (Ganaway) Giles, was born in Wythe county, Va., September 11, 1820. While he was in infancy his parents removed to Kentucky. Reared in Hardin county, of that State, he studied medicine under Dr. Philip J. McMahon, afterwards an eminent physician and wealthy citizen of Council Bluffs, Iowa. Dr. Giles attended the Institute of Medicine in Kentucky and afterwards graduated at the Kentucky School of Medicine, the successor to the old "Institute." He has been in the active practice of medicine for nearly 40 years. Besides Richard P. he has reared two other children, namely: Granville T. and Howsen D., the latter a pharmacist

of Fort Worth, Texas. Richard P. Giles was born at Stephensburg, Hardin county, Ky., June 20, 1846. Educated at St. Paul's College, he subsequently read law under Redd & McCabe, at Palmyra, Mo., and was admitted to the bar by Judge Harrison in 1868. He practiced law at St. Joe for three years and then in Palmyra two years longer. In 1873 he located at Shelby, but quit the practice for about two years, during which he was engaged in the grocery business. He then resumed the practice and has continued in it ever since, devoting his whole time to the duties of his profession. In 1880 he was elected prosecuting attorney of the county. Two years afterwards he was re-elected, and still holds the office. November 19, 1869, Mr. Giles was married to Miss Annis Logan, of Palmyra, who died June 13, 1874.

#### JAMES G. GLENN

(Farmer, Post-office, Lentner).

Mr. Glenn, an old citizen of Shelby county and one of its pioneer settlers, is a native of Kentucky, born in Mason county on the 9th day of October, 1810. He was the seventh in a family of 10 children of Robert and Ruth Glenn, his father originally of Virginia, but his mother born in New Jersey. They were married in Kentucky and lived there until their deaths. James G. was reared to the occupation of a farmer and in 1833 was married to Miss Angelina Prather, a daughter of Thomas Prather, of the same family from which Griff Prather, of St. Louis came. The same year of his marriage Mr. Glenn struck out for the West to seek his fortune in the wilds of Missouri, and settled in Shelby county on what is known to this day as the "Old Camp Ground." In 1837 he sold his place there and moved a mile and a half east, where he resided for seven years. While at the latter place his wife died in 1841, and the following year he was married to Miss Mary, a daughter of Robert and Sarah McKathen, formerly of Tennessee. During the year of the high water in 1844, Mr. Glenn went to Marion county, but afterwards returned and improved a farm on North river. In 1857 he sold that place and settled on his present farm, near Beacon's Chapel, where he has since resided. This was previously known as the Duncan farm, and contains 180 acres. Mr. Glenn is engaged in raising stock and farming in a general way. During the war he served a year in the militia, and is now a member of the G. A. R.

#### CAPT. ALEXANDER R. GRAHAM

(Shelbina).

Among the prominent citizens and leading, wealthy agriculturists of Shelby county, Capt. Graham occupies an enviable and well merited position. He is as largely interested in the agricultural affairs of the county as perhaps any man in it, and is one of its progressive, public-spirited and enterprising citizens, always found ready to do anything

in his power for the best interests of the county — its growth and development, its increase in wealth and population, and its general prosperity. He is either the owner of, or largely interested in farms in the county, aggregating nearly 2,700 acres, one of which, containing 1,350-acres, is one of the finest stock farms and best improved places throughout this whole region of country, the dwelling alone costing over \$6,000. Capt. Graham leases his farms, but reserves a general superintendence over them, and sees to it that they are managed to the best advantage, both for the proper care of the places and as sources of profit to the lessor and lessee. Capt. Graham, of Scotch-Irish descent on his father's side, is a native of Pennsylvania, born at Pittsburg, June 10, 1835. His father, John Graham, was one of the wealthy and prominent citizens of that place. He was for over 40 years a leading banker of Pittsburg. Capt. Graham's mother was a Miss Agnes Roseburg, of English descent, a lady of marked intelligence and strength of character. Alexander R., as was the case with the other children of his father's family, was given the best educational advantages the country afforded. After passing through the preparatory schools, he took a general collegiate course at Kenyon College, in Ohio. From Ohio he went to Kentucky, and matriculated at the Military Institute of that State, but did not continue there to graduate. He quit the institute in 1856, and at the time stood among the first in the senior class. Meanwhile his father had become largely interested in real estate in the West, and particularly in Missouri. Among other tracts he owned considerable bodies of land in Ralls and Shelby counties. Alexander R. and his two brothers, John and Stafford, concluded to come to this section of the country and engage in stock-raising. They accordingly came to Missouri in 1857, and located in Ralls county, but in the summer of the following year Alexander and Stafford came over to Shelby county and settled on a tract of about 800 acres, near Shelbyville, which their father had previously purchased. Here they began the improvement of a farm, and Stafford resided on the place until his death, which occurred in 1868. Meanwhile he had married, Miss Anna Maupin, of Monroe county, having become his wife. She is now the wife of James Farris, of San Francisco, Cal. The other brother, John, remained in Ralls county until 1865, when he returned to Pennsylvania, where he now resides. Alexander R., the subject of this sketch, was married February 5, 1861, to Miss Cecilia McMurry, a daughter of Alexander McMurry, one of the first residents of Shelbyville. The war coming on in a short time, Mr. Graham removed to Shelbyville, and in January, 1862, enlisted in the Union service under Capt. Benjamin, becoming orderly sergeant. Subsequently he was elected captain of the company, after Priest's resignation. He served until nearly the close of 1863, when he was compelled to resign his command and retire from the service, on account of ill health, resulting from hard service and severe exposures in the rough and tumble campaigns of Missouri. Returning home to Shelbyville, he remained until the summer of 1864, when he went to Parke county, Ind., and remained there until the fall

of 1865. He then came back to Missouri and located in Ralls county, where he followed farming for about four years, coming thence to Shelby county. Here Capt. Graham began the improvement of another farm — his present place, two miles east of Shelbyville — containing over 1,300 acres. He remained on that place until 1872, when he came to Shelbyville, where he has since resided. Here he built a fine 11-room, two-story brick residence, at a cost of over \$8,000, which has since been his home. Capt. and Mrs. Graham have seven children: John, now married, and a resident of Ralls county; Nettie, now Mrs. William A. Coogle, of Cameron; Fannie, a young lady, soon to complete her collegiate course. All the rest are at home: Roseburg, William, Stafford, and an infant. Capt. Graham is a prominent and active member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and represents his local post in all the general meetings of the order. He is also a prominent member of the A. O. U. W. and Select Knights, and takes an equally active interest in these orders. A Republican in politics, he is one of the leading men of the county in his party, and is almost invariably chosen a delegate to represent the county in State, congressional and other conventions. He and wife are members of the Presbyterian Church, and are earnest and liberal supporters of their local church organization. Capt. Graham is justly esteemed one of the best and most useful citizens of the county.

#### REV. JAMES B. GRIFFITH

(Minister of the Walkersville Church, Post-office, Shelbyville.)

Rev. Mr. Griffith is a native of Virginia, born in Franklin county, on the 26th day of June, 1845. Reared on the farm and educated in Virginia, at the age of 18 he entered the Southern army, and served until he was taken prisoner in the fall of 1864. He was held a prisoner until the summer of the following year, and upon being released returned home. In 1867 his parents moved to Missouri, settling in Lewis county, and he came with them. Here he engaged in farming, and on the 1st of September, 1867, was married to Miss Harriet E., a daughter of William and Abigail Jones, formerly of Floyd county, Va. After his marriage Mr. Griffith continued farming, and also studied diligently to qualify himself for the ministry of the Baptist Church, which he had decided to enter. After a thorough course of preparation, in 1871, he was duly ordained, and at once thereupon entered upon the work of his sacred calling. In 1875 he moved to Shelby county, locating in Bethel township. Here he continued the work of the ministry and was very active in organizing new churches and infusing new life into those which had become weak and lukewarm. Rev. Mr. Griffith worked with untiring zeal and energy for the cause to which he had devoted his life, and, indeed, took upon himself more than he was able to bear. In January, 1881, a serious stroke of apoplexy was brought on by continued over exertion during a series of meetings in Clarke county. He was stricken down and completely prostrated for some time afterwards, and his apoplexy resulted in the

paralysis of his entire left side, which has disabled him from further active work. However, even in this condition, he preaches an occasional funeral, and does not a little church work, for his heart is so set on the work of the ministry that he feels that he cannot entirely give it up. During his ministry Rev. Mr. Griffith was a very successful and popular clergyman. In the nine years of his ministry he baptized over 300 converts, and on several occasions had as many as 50 additions to the church. Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Griffith have three children: Maude M., India and Wallace. They have lost four, all in infancy. One remarkable fact about the respective ancestral families of Rev. Mr. Griffith's parents is their longevity. His grandparents, on both sides, lived to reach nearly the age of 100 years. The Griffiths are of Welsh descent, and came to this country from Wales in 1616, nine years after the first settlement of Jamestown, and nearly five years before the settlement of Plymouth, so that they were among the very first settlers of America.

#### P. M. HANGER

(Of Hanger & Sparks, Dealers in Drugs, Medicines, Books, Stationery, Wall Paper, Etc., Etc., Shelbyville.)

Mr. Hanger is a brother-in-law to Dr. Kennerly, whose sketch appears on a subsequent page, and was born in Augusta county, Va., November 20, 1830. His father, Dr. John Hanger, was a prominent physician of that county, and a man of marked ability and high standing. The mother was a Miss Mary Allen before her marriage, who came of an old and respected family in that county. P. M. was reared on the farm near Staunton, and when 21 years of age, in 1851, came to Missouri. Here he located on Crooked creek, in Monroe county, where he rented land and engaged in farming. He continued farming for seven years and, in the meantime, was married, January 30, 1853. Miss Harriet K. Maupin then became his wife. She is a daughter of James D. Maupin, formerly of Augusta county, Va., but now of Shelby county, Mo. In 1858 Mr. Hanger engaged in school teaching in Monroe county and followed it there until 1863, when he came to Shelbyville and began clerking here in the dry goods store of List & Sparks. He continued clerking for about 12 years, the last six of which were in the store with Chester Cotton. In 1875 he engaged in the drug business, and has since continued in this business. Mr. T. M. Sparks became his partner in June, 1880. They carry a stock of about \$2,500 and have a neat and tastily arranged store. They do the leading business in the drug line at this place, and are not less popular personally than they are in business. Mrs. Hanger is a member of the M. E. Church South, and he is a member of the A. O. U. W.

#### CHARLES W. HANGER

(Farmer, Post-office, Shelbyville.)

In 1861, when the war broke out, Mr. Hanger was a young man 20 years of age, and being a Virginian by nativity, as well as strongly

Southern in all of his feelings and opinions, he promptly enlisted in the service of the South, becoming a member of Co. G, Second Missouri Volunteer Infantry, First brigade, under Gen. Price. Young Hanger followed the banner of the Confederacy through hardships and dangers for more than four long years, undergoing sufferings untold and indescribable on the march, in the bivouac, on the field of battle, wounded and with his life blood fast ebbing away, and in the prisms of the enemy—until at last the meteor-like ensign, which he had followed so long and faithfully, dearer to him than life itself, went down to rise no more for generations. But let it not for a moment be doubted that:—

“Another hand thy sword shall wield,  
Another hand the standard wave,  
Till from the trumpet's mouth is pealed  
The blast of triumph o'er thy grave.”

After the war he returned, battle-scarred and broken in health, to resume the duties and responsibilities of life. He had been wounded several times, and twice nigh unto death. At Baker's Creek, Ga., he was struck on the head with a bombshell, and was left on the field for dead, but reviving a little some hours afterwards, he was taken in charge by Federal soldiers and placed in a hospital where he was treated for three months and finally recovered. He was then exchanged under Gen. Pemberton. At Franklin, Tenn., he was again severely wounded, being shot through both legs, and was in the hospital for six months, or until after the close of the war. Several other scars mark the places of less severe wounds received while fighting for what he believed to be right, and for what was right unless both Washington and Lee were bad-hearted, blood-thirsty traitors. Mr. Hanger resumed farming after his return to Monroe county, and in 1876 was married to Miss Mary J. Sparks, a daughter of F. C. Sparks, a leading farmer of that county. They have three children: Anna B., Ada B. and an infant. Mr. Hanger settled on his present farm in Shelby county in 1832. Here he has a fine place of 160 acres a mile and a half west of Shelbyville, one of the choice farms of the township. Mr. Hanger was a son of Robertson and Virginia T. (Kennerly) Hanger, of Augusta county, Va., and was born there September 16, 1840. In 1851 his parents removed to Missouri and settled in Monroe county, where he joined the Southern army, and where they still reside, the father at the age of 80 years. His father was originally of Ohio, and his mother was of the old and wealthy Kennerly family of Virginia, one of the leading families of the State.

#### WILLIAM M. HANLY

(Dealer in Dry Goods, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, Etc., Etc., Shelbyville.)

Mr. Hanly, a young business man of Shelbyville of thorough experience and superior qualifications, established his present store at this

place in the fall of 1883. He opened out an excellent stock of goods in his several lines, and being already well and favorably known to the people, he was favored with a good trade from the beginning. The success of his business is now firmly established, for he has a gratifying trade, and his custom is steadily and rapidly increasing. Unquestionably he has every promise of becoming one of the leading merchants of Shelbyna. Mr. Hauly is a native of Illinois, born in Bloomington, April 27, 1854. He is a son of James Hauly, whose sketch appears in this volume, the family coming to Missouri in 1861. At the age of 14 he entered the office of the *Democrat*, at Shelbyna, Shelby county, to learn the printer's trade, where he worked for two years. He then began clerking for Hiram Miller, but six months later was employed by Mr. Chester Cotton, of Shelbyna, in whose store he clerked for some 11 years, establishing a reputation of being one of the most capable, efficient and popular clerks in the county. Meanwhile, being a young man of steady habits and practical economy, he saved up some little means from his salary, so that he was able to engage in business. He then established his present store. September 30, 1879, he was married to Miss Ellen B. Finley, a daughter of Thompson and Ellen (Bryan) Finley. They have one child, Hunter. Mr. and Mrs. Hauly are members of the Christian Church.

#### JAMES L. HARDY

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

As Ralls county was first settled prior to the settlement of Shelby county, it is, therefore, surprising that in this county we find many of its residents who are from Ralls, for as that county settled up, numbers of its settlers, and especially the sons of its early settlers, pushed into Shelby. So it was with the subject of this sketch. Mr. Hardy was a son of Judge George L. Hardy, an early settler of Ralls county, from Scott county, Ky. Judge Hardy was a son of Casper Hardy, of Scott county, and after he grew up he came to Missouri in about 1832. He was married in Ralls county to Miss Theresa Leak, a daughter of James-Leak, also of Scott county, Ky. Judge Hardy settled near Cincinnati, where he engaged in farming, and also worked at the carpenter's trade, which he had previously learned. He resided in that county until 1858, when he removed to his present farm in Shelby county. He is still living, at the age of 72, and in the enjoyment of good health and mental vigor. He has been quite successful as a farmer, and risen to a position of prominence and influence as a citizen. He was, for a number of terms, a judge of the county court, and has held other positions of official trust. He was twice married, and six of his nine children by his first wife are living. Of these James L. was the eldest. James L. Hardy was born in Ralls county August 26, 1836, and was reared on his father's farm near Cincinnati, in that county. On the 11th of February, 1868, he was married to Miss Susan E. Gough, of Shelby

county. Nearly ever since his marriage Mr. Hardy has been a continuous resident of Shelby county. He has a good farm here of 240 acres. Mr. and Mrs. H. have seven children, namely: Albert L., Marcus H., Anna T., Mary C., James W., John R. and George A. He and wife are members of the Catholic Church. Politically, Mr. H. is a member of the Democratic party.

#### CHARLES HARRISON

(Residence, Walkersville; Post-office, Shelbyna).

It was away back in 1832, when the subject of this sketch was only nine years of age, that his parents, Francis and Frances Harrison, came to Missouri from Virginia. After stopping for a time in Marion county they settled permanently in Monroe county, where they lived worthy and respected lives until their deaths. Charles Harrison, the subject of this sketch, was the second of their family of children, and was born in Virginia, October 16, 1823. Reared in Monroe county, he remained there until he was about 22 years of age, when he came to Shelby county, where he has since resided, for a period now of 40 years. In 1853 he was married to Miss Rebecca Fitzpatrick, formerly of Kentucky. They have eight children living: Martha F., Nancy, Robert L., William, Susie, Mary Estella, Charles and Arthur. Mr. Harrison followed farming in this county for many years, but now resides in Walkersville, where he has a comfortable residence property. He is one of the worthy citizens of this vicinity, and he and his wife are members of the Primitive Baptist Church.

#### FRANK M. HARRISON

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

Married in 1847 to Miss Nancy M. Collins, a daughter of James Collins, of Monroe county, Mr. Harrison, then a young man of about 21 years of age, started out in life to lay the foundations of a future competency. He had been reared a farmer and he has since followed this occupation with little or no interruption. The success he has had is shown by his surroundings. He has a fine farm of 710 acres, which is excellently improved and is well stocked. Mr. Harrison has long been engaged in raising and handling stock and this branch of industry has contributed largely to his success. Mr. Harrison, a man of sterling intelligence, good business qualifications and unquestioned character, has become well known over the county as one of its influential and popular citizens. Indeed, he has served as sheriff of the county for two terms, to which office he was elected in 1876 and in 1878, and the duties of which he discharged with thorough efficiency and general satisfaction to the public. Mr. Harrison, though reared in this county is a native of Kentucky, born in Boyle county, June 18, 1826. His parents were Frank and Frances (Crutcher) Harrison, who came to Missouri in about 1831, settling in Monroe county, where they made their permanent home. His father died there in 1840. They reared

a family of eight children, four of whom are living: Lee, Nicholas, Charles and Frank M. The four deceased were Mrs. Martha Davis, Mrs. Sophia Packwood, and Matilda and Mary. Frank M. was reared on the farm in Monroe county, two miles north of Clinton. After his marriage he resided on rented farms from year to year until 1856, when he located on his present place. Besides this farm he has other valuable real estate in the county, and indeed, is in comparatively easy circumstances. Mr. and Mrs. H. have five children, namely: Josie, now Mrs. Taylor; Charles, Mary, now Mrs. Gatewood; James and Nora. Mr. H. and his wife and family belong to the M. E. Church South.

#### JAMES F. HARRISON

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

Mr. Harrison is a representative of the old Harrison family of Virginia, from which sprang President Harrison, and numerous other distinguished men in different States of the Union. A full history of this family is given in the "History of Andrain County," commencing on page 768, and as it is quite lengthy the want of space prevents it being inserted here. Mr. Harrison, the subject of this sketch, comes of the Kentucky branch of the family, and was a son of Francis M. and Nancy Harrison, formerly of that State. They early came to Missouri, however, and settled in Monroe county, where James F. was born April 18, 1856. He received a good education as he grew up and had considerable experience in mercantile life and public affairs. He was a clerk in a store for some time at Shelbina, and was deputy sheriff for about four years. In 1878, on the 18th of April, he was married to Miss Laura B., a daughter of Rev. William and Mrs. Maria Penn, of Randolph county. Mr. Harrison settled on his present farm in Shelby county in 1883. He has a good place of 320 acres and is quite extensively engaged in handling stock, including horses, mules and cattle. He fattens cattle for the wholesale markets and now has about \$6,000 invested in stock. Mr. and Mrs. Harrison have one child: Ernest E. A little daughter, Mabel, died on April 15, 1884, of scarlet fever. He and wife are members of the M. E. Church South.

#### SAMUEL HARRISON

(Farmer, Post-office, Shelbina).

Mr. Harrison is another worthy representative of that old, respected and widely distributed family, originally of Virginia, whose name he bears. He was a son of Lee Harrison, who in turn was a son of Francis B. Harrison, of Patrick county, Va., and he (Francis B.) was a son of Richard Harrison, of the same county. Lee Harrison was born in Virginia, June 15, 1806, and after he grew up was married to Sallie Reynolds, March 13, 1828. Subsequently he came to Missouri and settled in Shelby county. His wife dying left him two children, Elizabeth, now Mrs. Fitzpatrick, and Martha A., now

Mrs. Deach. Lee Harrison's second wife was a Miss Mary J. Smith, a daughter of Charles Smith, of Marion county. It was by this union that Samuel Harrison, the subject of this sketch, was born. He was one of six children, namely: Samuel, Catherine, Matilda, Charles F., Mary A. and R. E. Lee. The mother of these died May 3, 1865. The father a few years afterwards broke up housekeeping and has since made his home with his son Samuel. Samuel Harrison was married December 25, 1862, to Miss Virginia, a daughter of Elias Bragg, of Marion county. She died May 11, 1865, without issue. To his present wife, formerly Miss Mary H. Bragg, a sister to his first wife, Mr. Harrison was married March 21, 1866. Mr. H. resides on a good farm which he owns, situated two miles north-east of Shelbina, containing 145 acres, and near his father's old homestead. Mr. Harrison's place is exceptionally well improved. His dwelling, built in the cottage style, and containing seven rooms, with porches, etc., is one of the best in the township. It is two stories high, and is constructed with excellent taste. Mr. Harrison also has another good farm of 175 acres north-west of the old homestead. Mr. and Mrs. H. have no children; their family consists of himself and wife, his father, a nephew of his wife, James Bragg, and his youngest brother. He and wife are members of the M. E. Church South.

#### THOMAS E. HAWKINS

(Of Hawkins Bros., Dealers in Harness, Saddlery, etc., and Farmers, Stock-raisers and Stock-dealers, Shelbina).

Mr. Hawkins, the subject of this sketch, is a son of William H. Hawkins, deceased, an outline of whose life is elsewhere given. Thomas E. was born on the farm in Monroe county, April 10, 1853. Reared on the farm, he received a good common school education in the district schools. He early engaged in farming and the stock business in partnership with his brother, James W. They have since continued in business together, and deal largely in horses and mules as well as shipping stock generally to the wholesale markets. They are among the leading firms in this line in the county. January 21, 1884, they also engaged in the saddle and harness business at Shelbina, which they have since continued. They carry a stock of about \$25,000 and keep three hands constantly employed. They have a large trade and are doing a flourishing business. September 19, 1883, Mr. Hawkins was married to Miss Mollie E. Crow, a daughter of Jacob L. Crow, of Monroe county. She is a member of the Baptist Church. Mr. H. is a thorough-going, enterprising man, and has already attained to an enviable position in business affairs. He is highly respected by all who know him.

#### JOHN T. HOPKINS

(Of Hopkins & Taylor, Real Estate, Loan and Insurance Agents, Shelbina).

Mr. Hopkins, a popular business man and highly respected citizen of Shelbina, is a native of Kentucky, born in Campbell county,

November 15, 1843. While he was yet in boyhood, his parents, Gennethen and Nancy (Armstrong) Hopkins, both originally of Ohio, removed from Kentucky to Hancock county, Ill., where they resided until their deaths. The father having been a farmer by occupation, J. T. was reared to a farm life in Hancock county, and received a good general education in the common schools. At the age of 20 he began teaching school and followed teaching for 16 years, establishing an enviable reputation as a teacher. He taught both in Illinois and Missouri, and in country schools and in college. In the fall of 1869 he came to Missouri, and after teaching here seven years, settled on a farm two miles east of Shelbyna. He followed farming for five years, and then began merchandising at Shelbyna in the dry goods and grocery trade. In less than a year, however, he withdrew from merchandising and entered the real estate business, which he has since continued with good success. He and his partner constitute one of the leading real estate firms of the county, and have a large schedule of property in that line for sale — farms, raw land and town property. They are also doing a good insurance business, representing some of the best companies in the country. Men of established reputation, they are able to control capital on the most reasonable terms, and therefore, in the loan business, they put out money at fair and living rates of interest. All in all, they have a good business and are doing well. September 13, 1865, Mr. Hopkins was married to Miss Maria P. Libby, formerly of Campbell county, Ky. She was taken from him by death the 6th of last January. She left five children: Elmore E., Mary E., John P., Lula P. and Charles W. Mr. H. is a member of the Christian Church, as was also Mrs. Hopkins.

#### E. D. HOSELTON

(Shelbina).

E. D. Hoselton, one of the publishers of the *Shelbina Democrat*, has worked long and faithfully at his business in the county, entering the field at a time when country journalism was making experimental trials. From an early age his career has been one of faithful, earnest efforts to accomplish something worthy of consideration in life — to achieve an honorable success and to rise to a position of usefulness and influence among those around him. Unfavored with early advantages, indeed, having every difficulty to overcome that besets the paths of those who are without means and influential friends, he has had a hard struggle to make his way up in the world. But he has proved by the substantial success he has achieved, and by the place he holds in the esteem and confidence of this community, that he has possessed from the first the qualities which go to make up the characters of useful, successful men — sterling integrity, untiring energy and intelligence, all combined with a fixed determination to succeed. Emery D. Hoselton, the subject of this brief sketch, was born in Chemung county, N. Y., May 21, 1840. When but a boy of three years his father died. His mother subsequently married a second

time and removed to Illinois, where Emery grew to manhood. His educational advantages were only such as he himself made them. But, possessed of a fondness for study, he managed by his own efforts to take a course in the common schools. He worked his own way up through these schools, providing for himself almost altogether as he went along. By hard study, at the age of 16 he had succeeded in obtaining a knowledge of books much in advance of his years, having, in fact, a good, practical, general English education. At the breaking out of the war he entered the Federal service, marched with the boys for three years and saw the octopus of war at its grim work on several fields of battle. He was made prisoner and served a short term in Libbyprison, at Richmond, and came to Shelbyna in February, 1865, two years later, and was married to Miss Clara M. Muldrow. In the spring of 1868 he founded the *Shelbina Democrat*, of which he is still part proprietor and editor. It is now one of the best country printing offices in the interior of the State. As its name implies, it is Democratic in politics, but is by no means a one-wheel or narrow-gauge party organ. It speaks for Democracy, because it believes that Democracy means pure and wise and economical government, by the people and for the people, and not because it wants to get Tom, Dick or Harry into office, or any little hungry clique of public crumb-pickers. It is for the interests of the people first, last and all the time, regardless of anybody's ax that may be corroding for the want of a ride on an official grindstone. Mr. Hoselton is an equal partner with W. O. L. Jewett and R. B. Taylor in the ownership of the *Democrat* block, the upper story of which he occupies for his printing office, the lower being rented for store rooms.

#### GEORGE A. JENKS

(Contractor and Builder, Shelbyna).

Mr. Jenks, an old and established contractor and builder of Shelbyna, and one of the highly respected citizens of the place, as well as one of its substantial property holders, came to Shelby county as far back as 1858. He is a native of New York, born near Copenhaugen, in Lewis county, August 28, 1833. At the age of 16 he began to learn the carpenter's trade and, following, served an apprenticeship for three years. He then went to Antwerp, in Jefferson county, N. Y., where he worked two years, coming thence West and locating at Prairie du Chien, in Crawford county, Wis., where he worked until 1858. From Prairie du Chien, Mr. Jenks came directly to Shelby county, stopping first at Shelbyville, but soon afterwards, the same year, located at Shelbyna. A young man 25 years of age when he came to Shelbyna, he has been continuously engaged at his trade at this place, either as workman or contractor, or both, from that time to the present, for a period, now, of 24 years. He is the oldest resident carpenter at Shelbyna and has built many of the best frame and brick houses at this place. Mr. Jenks has been substantially successful and though not what may be called a wealthy man, is in comfort-

able circumstances. He has served as member of the city council for a number of years and is also a member of the school board. He has been a married man since 1860. The 18th of September of that year Miss Rebecca M. Cochran became his wife. She was a daughter of William and Isabella Cochran, early settlers in this county from New York. Mr. and Mrs. Jenks have three children: William F., Alonzo L. and Mary B.

#### WILLIAM O. L. JEWETT

(Attorney and Journalist, Shelbyna).

Among the citizens of Shelbyna well and favorably known in Shelby county, and, indeed, in most of North-east Missouri, the subject of the present sketch occupies a prominent and enviable position. A lawyer of established reputation, and a journalist who is widely known for his ability as a writer, he is at the same time a man of more than local prominence as a political speaker and a leader in public affairs. Mr. Jewett is a native of Maine, born in Bowdoinham, December 27, 1837. On both sides of his parental family he is of sturdy, respected old New England stock. His father, Rev. Samuel Jewett, an able minister of the M. E. Church, was originally from Ipswich, Mass., and a son of a gallant old Revolutionary soldier. In politics he was, however, a Jackson Democrat. Mr. Jewett's mother, who was a Miss Sophronia Huckins, was from New Hampshire, her father being also a soldier of the Revolution. They were married in Maine, and when William O. L. was yet in infancy they removed to Illinois, locating in Will county. There the subject of the present sketch grew to manhood, on a farm. The country was new and educational advantages then poor. But, as a boy he had a thirst for knowledge, and studied hard nights and at all spare moments. He acquired much of his education at home, but finally completed it at Aurora Seminary. He was in the Union service, becoming a member of the Thirty-ninth Illinois Volunteer Infantry. Young Jewett served in the Thirty-ninth, being in the Department of the East under Gens. Shields and McClelland, until 1863, when, on account of the hardships and exposures endured, his health failed him and he was given an honorable discharge on account of disability. He then returned home and soon afterwards engaged in teaching, taking up also the study of law under Judge Parks, of Joliet, at the same time. Continuing teaching and the study of law until the fall of 1864, he again became impatient to participate in the war. He therefore re-enlisted in the service at Camp Butler and was detailed as sergeant, the capacity in which he had previously served, to command a squad of 30 other veterans to take about 500 substitutes to Memphis. Returning from Memphis, he was then sent to New York and from there ordered to Savannah, being attached to the First Illinois Artillery, where he joined Sherman. From New York to Savannah he was on the same boat with Gen. Logan, which was chased in a race for life or death by the famous Tallahassee.

He was with Sherman until Johnson's surrender, and finally participated in the grand review at Washington City after the close of the war. Returning home in 1865, the same year he went to Ann Arbor University, where he took a course at law school, and in 1866 was admitted to practice in Michigan, and also admitted to the bar by the Supreme Court of Illinois. He practiced at Mt. Sterling, Ill., until 1867, when he came to Shelbyna, where he has since resided. However, during the first year of his residence in this county, he taught school at Hunnewell, but has since been actively engaged in the practice of law. In 1876 he was elected to the office of prosecuting attorney, and two years later was re-elected. He has also served as city attorney for several years, and as a member of the school board. He is now one of the board of curators of Shelbyna Collegiate Institute, and has been a member of the board since the organization of that institution. In 1881 he became associated with Mr. Hoselton as editor of the *Democrat*, and has established a wide reputation as a vigorous, able writer. In 1870 he stumped the county for the Liberal Republican ticket and enfranchisement, and contributed his full share to strike the shackles of civil disability from the white men of Missouri, as he had contributed his services towards sustaining the Union, to crush out rebellion. Politically he is a worthy son of New England, as he is in every other respect, in favor of personal liberty and human rights above and before everything else, regardless of race, color, previous condition of servitude, or previous participation in rebellion. He has always had strong convictions on political questions, especially on the tariff, being utterly opposed to the idea of protection, believing that American genius and labor can take care of itself. Such is the grand political character, loyal, liberal and patriotic, of the genuine typical Yankee — no race, no section when human rights are involved. He has regard to the mind and the heart rather than the accident of birth. June 3, 1869, Mr. Jewett was married to Miss Ella Cox, a daughter of John V. Cox, of Hunnewell. They have six children: John C., Oriella, Howell H., Mattie S., Samuel E. W. and Ida. One, besides, died in infancy. Mr. Jewett is a church member, and a prominent member of the I. O. O. F. He has filled all the chairs in the lodge and has repeatedly been a delegate to the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment. He is also a Past Master in the A. O. U. W. organization. His brother, S. A. W. Jewett, D. D., was for many years a leading minister of the M. E. Church in the Rock River conference. The subject of this sketch is now in the prime of life, industrious and painstaking in his avocations; consequently he is crowded with work, and leads a busy life; having a thought also to be useful in all his labors, as amid his toils he seeks to be a benefit to those about him.

#### PAYTON HARRISON JONES

(Shelbina).

Mr. Jones is a native of Kentucky, born in Spencer county, February 29, 1830. His parents were Enoch and Polly (Wigger-



dean) Jones, both originally from Virginia. His father was a farmer and merchant and Payton was reared to both of these occupations. After he grew up, Payton H. was married, October 21, 1858, to Miss Sarah Farmer, of Union county, the same State. She was a daughter of Green B. and Louisa (Curry) Farmer. At the outbreak of the war Mr. Jones was arrested by the Federal authorities, on the ground that he sympathized with the South, which was probably true, for his kindred and all his interests were identified with the land of sunshine, patriotism and heroic chivalry. He was confined in Johnson's Island prison for about six months, and then only released on an oath not to do this and to do that and forty other adjurations solemn, and awful, and deep sounding enough to make one's hair stand on end like the quills of the fretful porcupine. After his release he returned to Kentucky and later along engaged in the hotel business at Dixon, which he continued up to 1875. Coming to Shelby in January, 1876, he took charge of the American House, which he carried on until March, 1884. Meanwhile he had had a farm in Kentucky, which he rented out, but a few years ago he sold his Kentucky property. He owns a farm in this county of 240 acres, one mile north-west of Shelbyna. Mr. Jones also has a nice residence property in Shelbyna, his dwelling, a tastily constructed, commodious building, being situated on one of the hand-somest sites in town, containing four lots in a block. Mr. and Mrs. Jones have reared but one son, Enoch, who is married, his wife having been a Miss Mary Pippin and who resides on his father's farm near Shelbyna. Mr. and Mrs. Jones are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

#### JOHN THORNTON KEITH

(Farmer, Post-office, Shelbyna).

The Keith family were early settlers in Ralls county. From that county Mr. Keith's grandfather, John Keith, removed with his family to Marion county, where he resided for many years. He is now and long has been deceased. He was an enterprising pioneer settler and well and favorably known among the early residents of this part of the State. His son, Dr. William T. Keith, grew to manhood principally in Marion county, and in early life read medicine and became a physician. He is still living, and has been quite successful in the practice of medicine. He was married twice: first, October 22, 1846; to a Miss Smith, a daughter of Thornton Smith, of Monroe county, and of this union, John Thornton Keith, the subject of this sketch, was the eldest born, his natal day being August 13, 1847. Dr. K.'s first wife died within a year or two after their marriage, and he was subsequently married, April 17, 1851, to Miss Mary A. Lipscomb, who, however, was also taken from him by death. She left him one child, now deceased. John Thornton Keith, being reared on the farm, very naturally became a farmer on reaching an age when it was proper to start out for himself. He located on the farm, where he now resides, in the winter of 1868-69. Mr. Keith has a comfortable homestead.

He was married November 12, 1868, to Miss Martha E. Maddox, a daughter of Mark Maddox. He and his good wife are blessed with six children, ranging in ages from one to thirteen years. Mr. and Mrs. Keith are members of the M. E. Church South.

#### SAMUEL KENNERLY, M. D.

(Physician and Surgeon, Shelbyna).

Dr. Kennerly has been actively engaged in the practice of medicine for nearly 35 years. He has been located at Shelbyna for the past eight years, and has succeeded in building up a remunerative practice, a reward justly due to his ability and attainments as a physician, and his zeal and industry in his profession. Dr. Kennerly previously practiced in Virginia, the State of his nativity. He was born in Fredrick, now Clarke county, in the Old Dominion, February 1, 1828, and was a son of Rev. Samuel Kennerly and wife, *nee* Anna A. Durham. His father was born and reared in Augusta county, but his mother was from Leesburg, in Loudoun county. Rev. Samuel Kennerly was a minister of the M. E. Church South, widely known and esteemed for his ability, and earnest piety. Dr. Kennerly was reared in Augusta county, and at an early age became a teacher in the schools of that county. He continued teaching until he began the study of medicine, which was in 1848. He read under Dr. John Hanger, of the same county, and in due time entered the Medical College of Virginia, from which he graduated in the class of 1850. Dr. R. H. Robertson, of Jameson, Mo., graduated in the same class. After his graduation, Dr. Kennerly entered upon the practice of medicine, near Staunton, Va., becoming a partner with Dr. John Hanger, his old preceptor. They practiced together, to the advantage of both, until after the outbreak of the war. Dr. Hanger died in July, 1862. Dr. Kennerly became assistant-surgeon to Col. Baldwin's brigade of mounted riflemen in the Southern service. This brigade was composed of exempt men, such as had furnished substitutes and were subject to service on a minute's notice. The men equipped and mounted themselves, and served without pay, although regularly mustered into the Confederate service. Their duty was to protect the Western frontier of the State from marauding parties of the enemy. After the close of the war he bowed to the inevitable and continued the practice in Virginia, until his removal to Missouri in the fall of 1876. In 1850 (June 13), he was married to Miss Frances C. Hanger, who was a daughter of his preceptor and subsequent partner, Dr. Hanger. There were four children, the fruits of this union, who lived to be grown: Mary A., now Mrs. Scott M. Shindle, near Shelbyville; Emma V., now Mrs. William Moxley, of Saline county; John H. and Charles A., both of Shelbyna. Dr. Kennerly is secretary to the Shelby County Medical Society, and is now serving his fourth year as coroner of the county. He is an active and leading member of the Masonic Order at Shelbyna, and is High Priest of the Chapter in that

city. He is a man greatly esteemed by all who know him, and is an earnest, zealous member of the M. E. Church South.

#### ROBERT L. KINCHELOE

(Farmer, Post-office, Shelbina).

Mr. Kincheloe's father, Elias Kincheloe, a son of Robert Kincheloe, of Wood county, Va., was one of the early settlers of Marion county. He made his home about nine miles north of Palmyra, and lived to the advanced age of 88 years. He remained at home during the entire Black Hawk War, much against the remonstrance of his neighbors, for it was extremely hazardous, and nearly every one else fled from that vicinity. Some thrilling and amusing anecdotes of his experiences there at that time have come down to the present, but the want of space forbids their recital here. He became a substantial citizen of Shelby county, to which he removed, and indeed, one of its leading men. He represented the county in the Legislature for two terms, and filled other positions of public trust. He was a member of the commission that laid out Shelby county. Mr. Kincheloe's mother (Robert L.'s) was a Miss Joyce B. Vandiver, of an old Wood county (Va.) family. Of the family of children, Robert L. was the third, and was born May 26, 1823. Reared on a farm, he was married in February, 1846, to Miss Lucy Sites, a daughter of John Sites, of Marion county. She died in the spring of 1872, leaving four children: John J., Mary I., R. E. Lee and William. Mr. Kincheloe resides four miles north-east of Shelbina. He is a man of industry and energy and is well esteemed by all who know him.

#### CHARLES M. KING

(Attorney at Law, Shelbina).

That the higher walks of life are shut out from none in this country, or indeed elsewhere, who have the character and courage, the strength of mind and the quality of perseverance to aspire to something above the common lot of men, and strive without faltering or faint-heartedness for success, whatever may be their want of early advantages or opportunities, is forcibly illustrated by the career of Mr. King of the present sketch. When a young man 24 years of age, Mr. King found himself working at the carpenter's trade, which he had begun to learn seven years before, and without an education, except such as he had been able to pick up wholly by his own efforts during his leisure time from work. He resolved, however, to secure a liberal education. But being poor he was of course compelled to provide for his own support and that of his family (for he had already married) as he went along. And in his case the old adage, as true as it is trite, that where there is a will there is a way, was verified. Working at his trade faithfully, as the years came and went, he at the same time improved every hour, not necessarily employed otherwise, in study; so that when 28 years of age he felt qualified to teach

school, although he had never been taught himself. He was examined for license to teach and was awarded the best certificate issued in the county, having, in the meantime, not only made himself proficient in the English branches, but also studied some of the languages, particularly German, which he afterwards taught. Such a man as this, of course, became a successful teacher. Of earnest character and fixed and sincere in his purposes, he went about teaching as a mission to perform, and became one of the most capable and popular teachers, if not the most capable and popular one, who ever presided over a school-room in the county. For seven years following he was principally engaged in teaching, and during this time he built up an advanced and flourishing school at Shelbina, noted far and wide for the thoroughness of the instruction given rather than for the display and red-surrounding show, characteristic of too many institutions of learning. During all this time he so managed his private business affairs as to keep his family comfortably provided for. He also prosecuted his general studies and took a course as a student at law. In 1868 he was examined for admission to practice law, and passed an examination for the legal profession not less creditable than the one he had passed years before for the profession of teaching. He did not regularly begin the practice, however, until about 1868. Entering upon the duties of the legal profession at the age of nearly 35 years, his career since has been one of steady and marked success. The same qualities that brought him from the carpenter's bench to the bar — industry, close attention to business, strength of mind and character and sober earnestness and sincerity — these have placed him at the head of his profession in this county. It is no disparagement to others to say that Mr. King is the leading lawyer of Shelby county, for this is recognized by all; and such have been his ability and success that every true friend of honest worth and merit who knows anything about him feels unselfishly gratified, and justly so, at his career. He has a large practice in the circuit court of the State, and some practice in the Supreme Court, as well as a large amount of probate business and business in other inferior tribunals. Mr. King is a man of solid ability, strong, forcible brain power, rather than brilliant in thought or imagination. As an attorney he is a substantial, level-headed, reasonable practitioner who, being thoroughly honest himself, desires only that justice shall be done, and appeals to court and jury from a plain, common-sense standpoint in any cause in which he may be engaged. He is at the same time a hardworking lawyer, and prepares himself thoroughly in his cases before he enters upon their hearing. While it can not be claimed for him that he is a gifted orator, it is often remarked that his manner of addressing a jury, so plain and fair and clearly to the point, is more effectual in winning causes than that of those who make the greatest pretensions to eloquence and oratory. In other words, he is a clear-headed, able speaker, caring nothing for show but everything for sober, practical success. Mr. King is a U. S. Commissioner, appointed by Judge Treat in 1874; was county school commissioner for 1871 and 1872,

and he has been a notary public since 1870. Mr. King is a man of family, as has been stated. He was married October 10, 1856, to Miss Catherine Lewis, of this county. They have a family of four children: Ella, Anna, William H. and Minnie, all of whom are at home. Anna and William have collegiate educations, and William is a student at law under his father. Minnie G. will graduate the present year. Miss Ella is a popular teacher of the county. Mr. King was born in Kentucky, but reared in Missouri. He was born in Mason county, of the former State, July 4, 1833. His parents were Elbert J. and Lucy A. (Thomas) King, who came to Missouri in 1837 and to Shelby county three years afterwards. His father was a well known farmer of this county and highly respected. Both parents are now deceased. Mr. King, besides being a lawyer of learning and ability, is a man of wide general information and superior culture. A Democrat in politics, he takes only the interest of a public-spirited private citizen in political affairs, caring nothing for the trumpery of office. He is a man of wide popularity, however, and no man in the county is more highly esteemed.

#### CHARLES H. LASLEY

(Of Thompson & Lasley, Dealers in Dry Goods, Clothing, Furnishing Goods, Hats and Caps, Boots and Shoes, Carpets, Window Shades, etc., Shelbyina).

The firm of which Mr. Lasley is a member is one of the leading houses of the county in their lines. They carry an unusually large stock of goods, selected with the greatest care, and so as to meet the wants of their custom at the lowest possible figures. Both are business men of successful experience, and are more than ordinarily popular, personally as well as merchants. They have an extensive and established trade, which is increasing even in greater ratio than the increase of the surrounding country in population and wealth. "Honest goods and fair dealing" is their motto, and *in hoc signo vincent*, by this policy they have succeeded, and keep no sham goods and palm nothing off on customers as being better than they represent it. Of course they have cheap goods for those who desire them, as they ought to have, but they invariably sell them for just what they are and nothing more. Being accommodating and fair in all their business, as well as selling at the lowest possible prices that good business judgment justifies, they necessarily attract a heavy custom. Honesty in a merchant is what the people require above everything else, for no one when he is making a purchase wants to be on the look-out all the time to keep from being swindled. All prefer to have confidence in the merchant and to rely upon what he says about goods, at least when they know but little about them themselves. Recognizing this fact, Messrs. Thompson & Lasley have striven hard to deserve the reputation for honesty and fair dealing which they have acquired, and which is one of the most valuable considerations of their business. Mr. Lasley was born in Monroe county, September 17, 1853, and was a son of William M. and Margaret (Gillespie)

Lasley, his father originally from Virginia, but his mother from Kentucky. His father was a merchant by occupation, and was engaged in that business until his death, in 1855. His mother, some five years afterwards, married John S. Gose, a successful farmer of Monroe county. Charles H. remained on the farm until he was 14, when he went to Palmyra and attended school there for about a year. He then began clerking in a dry goods store, in which he continued until 1874. Soon after this he became a partner in business with Chester Cotton, which partnership lasted until 1880. In 1881 he and Mr. Thompson established their present business. June 18, 1879, Mr. Lasley was married to Miss Lizzie Downing. They have two children: Roy and Leta.

#### JOHN C. LEFFEL

(Farmer, Post-office, Shelbyina).

A colony of pioneers left Botetourt county, Va., in 1806, bound for the then territory of Ohio, better known as the North-west Territory. They located about 75 miles from Cincinnati, in what afterwards became Clarke county, O. Among these early pioneers were Daniel Leffel and parents and Miss Elizabeth Clapsaddle and her parents. These two young people were married in December, the same year of their emigration, and they made the new settlement their permanent home. Daniel Leffel followed farming in Clarke county and waggoning to Cincinnati. They reared a family of 10 children, including the subject of this sketch, five of whom are living. John C. Leffel was the eldest of their family, and was born in Clark county December 20, 1807. At the age of 21, or in his twenty-first year, he was married October 12, 1828, to Miss Nancy Sullenbarger. He had learned the carpenter's trade as he grew up, and also millwrighting, and he followed these in Ohio until 1841, when he removed to Indiana, where he made his home for 16 years. He then came to Missouri, and in 1858 settled on his present farm. Mr. Leffel has resided on this place for over 26 years. He is a man of fine natural mechanical and inventive genius, and has invented several valuable contrivances, including a wheat drill, a beegum, a corn planter for horse power and one for hand work. Mr. and Mrs. Leffel have had 10 children, and seven are living, all married, namely: Elizabeth, Daniel, Levi, Leathe W., Newton, Sarah E. and Harriet. Mr. Leffel has a good farm of 152 acres. He is one of the highly respected old citizens of Salt River township.

#### JOHN MILTON McCULLY, M. D.

(Of Downing & McCully, Editors and Proprietors of the *Shelbina Index*).

Dr. McCully retired from the practice of medicine in 1882, on account of failing health, having previously occupied the position for nearly 10 years of one of the leading physicians of Macon county, if indeed not the leading one, for his practice was perhaps larger than

that of any other physician in the county. He is a native Missourian, born and reared in this State, and is a man of superior education and culture. On the 1st of March, 1884, he bought a half interest in the *Index* at Shelbyna and has since been identified with this paper as an associate editor and proprietor with Mr. N. H. Downing. Dr. McCully is a man of extensive, general information, commendable public spirit, and an easy, graceful, pungent writer. He has contributed very materially to the success of the *Index*, and to the high standing it is rapidly attaining as an able, prosperous and influential country journal. Dr. McCully was born in Randolph county, May 8, 1851. The McCully family were early settlers in Missouri. His grandfather, John McCully, came here with his (the latter's) father's family as early as 1828 and located in Howard county. John McCully subsequently settled in Randolph county and there his son William, afterwards the father of the Doctor, grew to manhood and was married to Miss Frances Yates, daughter of John M. Yates, who was a lineal descendant of Sir George Yates. In the spring of 1860 William McCully and family removed to Shelby county, settling near Cherry Box, where he still resides, a prosperous farmer and respected citizen. Dr. McCully was reared on a farm and educated at Mt. Pleasant College, taking a course of four years and graduating with distinction in the class of 1871. He was assistant professor of mathematics during the last year preceding his graduation. He then studied medicine under Dr. L. Turner and took a regular course of two terms at the St. Louis Medical College, from which he graduated in the spring of 1873. He at once located at Sue City, in Macon county, and practiced there with eminent success for about eight years, working so hard, indeed, that it broke down his health, so that he was compelled to retire from the practice. He then came to Shelbyna and engaged in the drug business. In 1884 he left that to enter journalism in partnership with Mr. Downing. September 25, 1885, he was married to Miss Alice Rawlings, a daughter of Capt. William H. Rawlings, deceased, late of Shelbyville. The Doctor and Mrs. McCully have had three children: Charles H., named for Gov. Hardin, being born the day the latter was inaugurated governor of the State, but who died at the age of 15 months, Aubrey and Glessie. Mrs. McCully is a member of the M. E. Church South, and the Doctor is a prominent member of the I. O. O. F.

#### HON. JOHN H. MCKEE

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

One of the leading men of Shelby county among those who may still be termed new-comers (although he has been a resident of the county for over 10 years), is the subject of the present sketch. Mr. McKee's life has thus far been one of marked activity and rather varied experiences, a life somewhat prominent in affairs heretofore and always one reflecting credit on himself and honor upon the various positions he has held. He is a native of West Virginia, and was the

adopted son of his uncle by marriage, John McKee, an early settler and afterwards a prominent citizen of Marion county, Mo., originally from Pittsburg, Pa. Mr. McKee's foster-parents removed to Missouri in 1834, settling in Marion county. The elder McKee (John H.'s foster-father), opened a large farm about a mile north of the present site of Rensselaer, where he resided for a number of years engaged in farming and stock-raising, one of the prosperous, well known and highly respected citizens of the county. In 1844, however, he removed to St. Louis, and after a residence in that city of about five years, went to California during the gold excitement, in 1849. He died at San Francisco 10 years afterwards. Mr. McKee's foster-mother was a sister to his natural mother, being, before her marriage, a Miss Sarah Bryson. She died in 1860. Mr. McKee was given excellent advantages as he grew up. After a preparatory course at the primary schools and intermediate institutions, he was matriculated at Washington College, in Pennsylvania, where he took an advanced course of studies. At Washington College he was a room-mate and class-mate with James G. Blaine, now the Republican candidate for the Presidency. Between him and Mr. Blaine there is to this day the warmest relations of personal friendship, only such as can spring from early associations at school or college, in the class together, in sports or the play ground, at home in the same study-room, and in all the experiences of daily life at college. After quitting college Mr. McKee went to California, on account, mainly, of failing health, resulting from hard study and close confinement. He was there when the Rebellion broke out, and having no impulse of public duty but that of loyalty to the Constitution and the Union, he promptly offered himself as a volunteer under the Old Flag. Such were his education, standing and ability, that he was at once given a position as an aide on the staff of Gen. Shepley, with whom he served until well along in 1863. He then located at the city of New Orleans, in Louisiana, where he engaged in the brokerage business and merchandising. He remained at the Crescent City for over 10 years, and, upon the whole, was quite successful in his business affairs, but was not in the lines mentioned above continuously or exclusively. While he was in New Orleans, in the fall of 1866, he was appointed United States marshal for the State of Louisiana, being an appointee of President Johnson. On coming to Missouri, in 1873, Mr. McKee settled on a large farm he owns in Shelby county, located about a mile west of Shelbyna. Here he has since been engaged in farming and handling stock, and with excellent success. As the above facts show, Mr. McKee is a man of liberal education, large experience in the affairs of the world, much energy and enterprise, and is, indeed, one of the leading, progressive, public-spirited and liberal minded citizens of the county. During his residence in this county, however, he has avoided taking any part in public affairs, preferring rather to devote his entire time and attention to his private interests. Yet, as a man of character and ability, his influence, if he were disposed to exert it in public affairs, would not be without results. While a resident of California,

and before enlisting in the army, Mr. McKee was a practicing lawyer in San Francisco, having been admitted to the bar by the Supreme Court of that State in 1855. Subsequent events, however, changed the course of his life, and since the war he has done little or nothing in the legal profession. In 1875 Mr. McKee was married to Miss Sarah Tabler, an estimable young lady of Shelby county, a daughter of Elijah Tabler of Shelby county. They have two children, namely: Mary Woods, aged eight years and Sarah Ann, aged two years. Mr. McKee, as stated above, resides on his farm near Shelbina, which is a handsome place of 1,200 acres — and entered by his foster-father in 1835. Mr. McKee was born at Wheeling, W. Va., June 16, 1829, and was the son of Col. Thomas Woods and wife, *nee* Miss Mary Bryson, his father a native of Ohio county, Va., but his mother of Pittsburg, Pa. His father was a prominent banker of West Virginia, president of the North-Western Bank of Wheeling. He died when John H. was quite young, after which the latter was taken by his uncle, John McKee, to rear and was adopted by him by act of the Legislature of Pennsylvania, in 1833. Mr. McKee's grandfather was a civil engineer by profession, a friend and associate of Washington, and a collaborator with him in the work of surveying West Virginia, long prior to the Revolutionary War. It is thus that the Woods family became settled in that part of the State. His grandfather's name was Archibald Woods, and he was born and reared in Rockbridge county, Va.

#### WILLIAM H. MAUPIN

(Mechanical Engineer, Post-office, Shelbina).

Born in Marion county, Mo., in 1845, Mr. Maupin was the youngest in a family of 12 children of John D. and Mary Maupin, early settlers in that county from Virginia. His father, a blacksmith and farmer, died there in 1856, and in 1869 the family removed to Shelby county. The mother is now making her home with one of her children in Arkansas. William H. was reared in Marion county, and in 1868 was married to Miss Emily, a daughter of Esom and Margaret Farris, formerly of Kentucky. Up to 1871 Mr. Maupin followed farming principally, but during that year he entered a machine shop at Moberly, and learned the mechanical engineer's trade, which he has since followed. Mr. and Mrs. Maupin have two children: George W. and Jeanette. A third, Esom, died in infancy. He was named for his grandfather, who was a sergeant in the War of 1812. Mr. and Mrs. Maupin are members of the Baptist Church, and he is a member of the I. O. O. F.

#### MILES & CONNELLY

(Dealers in Hardware, Stores, Agricultural Implements, etc., Shelbina).

Though born in Kentucky, Mr. Miles was reared in Missouri. He was the third in the family of William F. and Nancy W. (Jackson) Miles, formerly of Washington county, Ky., where John H. was born

January 15, 1845. Coming to Missouri in 1850, the family settled on a farm near Paris, in Monroe county, where they lived until 1866, a period of nearly 20 years. In the years of his activity, Mr. Miles' father was an energetic and well-to-do farmer, but he is now leading a retired life. He is a resident of Shelbina, and is closely approaching the allotted age of three score and ten years. Mr. Miles' mother is also still living. She is past 60. John H. was reared on the farm near Paris, and came to this place with his parents in 1866. During the latter part of the war he entered the Confederate service and was in Fimmel's Sharpshooters, serving in the trans-Mississippi department until the final surrender. He surrendered at Shreveport, in May, 1865. Prior to entering the Southern service he had been engaged in merchant clerking at Shelbina, and after returning from the war he resumed clerking at this place. In 1874 he erected the business house he now occupies, built then for Mr. C. R. Whitehead, of which, however, he became the purchaser two years afterwards. He and Mr. J. L. Bates, now deceased, then engaged in business, and since that time he has continued to be identified with this line of business. The present partnership of Miles & Connely, was formed in 1880. They carry a stock of about \$5,000, and do an annual business of six or seven times that amount. They carry full lines of hardware, stoves, agricultural implements, and similar goods, and have a large trade. January 15, 1880, Mr. Miles was married to Miss Ida Connely, a daughter of Arthur Connely, and sister to his present partner in business. Mr. and Mrs. M. have two children: Maggie and Charles H. He and wife are members of the Baptist Church, and he is a prominent member of the I. O. O. F. and of the A. O. U. W.

#### MINTER & SMITH

(Dealers in Dry Goods, Clothing, Gents' Furnishing Goods, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, Carpets, Etc., Etc., Shelbina).

D. G. Minter, the senior partner of the above-named firm, is one of the old and substantial business men of Shelby county, and one of its most highly respected citizens. He was originally from Virginia, born in Bedford county, May 23, 1836. His father, Jesse Minter, was a wealthy planter and prominent man of Bedford county, the owner of a large number of slaves. He died there in 1883. The mother, before her marriage, was a Miss Elva Hart, of another well respected family. She died in Virginia in 1880. Daniel G. was reared on his father's farm in Bedford county until he was 19 years of age, much of his time prior to that being spent at school. His father had designed to give him an advanced university education and immediately before coming to Missouri he was preparing for a course in the University of Virginia. But young Minter decided to come West and grow up with the country; for he found the hum-drum of school life too monotonous and irksome to bear; and he burned with desire to get out into the world and mix in its duties and activities, to begin doing something for himself. Notwithstanding his parents opposed

his adventure in the West, he came anyhow and located at Shelbyville. This was in 1853. Here he formed a business partnership in merchandising with J. R. Gatewood, but in a short time afterwards withdrew from the firm and went to what is now known as Novelty, in Knox county, where he established the first store ever opened at that place. He was busily engaged in merchandising at Novelty when the war broke out, but being a Southern man by birth and principles, he promptly put all business interests aside, and gave himself entirely over to organizing troops for the Southern cause. He and Capt. Crockett Davis each enlisted a company of men under Jackson's first call; and the two companies were consolidated, he and Davis throwing heads and tails for the captaincy, which fell to Capt. Davis. Mr. Minter became first lieutenant of the company. He was engaged with his company in the first battle of the war on this side of the Mississippi, the fight at Athens. He was afterwards also in the fight at the first battle of Kirksville and was then attached to Col. Green's command, joining Gen. Harris at Glasgow. Afterwards Mr. Minter, being detailed as recruiting officer by Gen. Harris, came to Monroe county on that commission and was taken by surprise and captured by Maj. Caldwell, of the Third Iowa cavalry. He was subsequently tried before Gen. Schofield at St. Louis and banished to the North not to return before the close of the war under a bond of \$10,000. After about a year's absence in Minnesota, however, he was permitted to return home through the influence of Col. Benjamin; and he continued to remain here, still under bond, however, until the close of the war. In 1863 he began business at Shelbyna, in partnership with Mr. J. W. Sigler. Two years later he became a partner with his cousin, C. Minter. In 1867 he and Mr. J. M. Bates formed a partnership, which lasted for four years. After this, for several years he was out of active business, retiring on account of his wife's ill-health, and traveling with her quite extensively. In 1877 he and Mr. Smith formed their present partnership. They carry an exceptionally large and well selected stock of goods in their lines and are doing a flourishing business. Mr. Minter has been quite successful in business life and is in comfortable circumstances. He owns handsome business and residence properties at Shelbyna and has considerable other means. He was director of the First National Bank until it went out of business. Mr. Minter has been married three times. His first wife was a Miss Victoria Minter, a cousin-germain, and a sister of Mrs. D. Taylor and Mrs. W. A. Reid. She died in March, 1877, at San Antonio, Tex. Her affliction was consumption, and her husband traveled with her some three years before her death in the hope of benefiting her. She left no children. In 1879 he was married to Miss Lutie Green, an accomplished young lady of Monroe county, a daughter of Rev. J. S. Green. She survived her marriage, however, less than two years, dying May 24, 1880. To his present wife, *nee* Miss Ida Aldrich, Mr. Minter was married July 14, 1881. She was originally from Wisconsin, but was reared and educated at Columbia, Missouri. She graduated from the State University at the head of her class in 1877. She had previous to her

marriage been a popular teacher in the high school of Kansas City for one term, and for two years in the Shelbyna Institute. She is a step-daughter of Prof. Ripley, president of the institute. Mr. and Mrs. Minter are members of the Baptist Church, and he is a prominent Mason.

R. EMMET SMITH, the junior partner in the firm of Minter & Smith, is also a native of Virginia, born in Fauquier county, January 4, 1850. He was left an orphan when a mere child by the death of his mother, who was previous to her marriage, a Miss Eliza Reed, but his father, for whom R. Emmet was named, was spared to the family and under his paternal care the son was brought up in a manner worthy the irreproachable and successful career he has since made. At the age of 19 he began clerking in the store of his uncle, William A. Reid, at Shelbyna, having come out to this State a short time before. His uncle was then a partner with Hill, but afterwards List succeeded his uncle, and finally Mr. Smith himself succeeded List in 1877, the firm becoming Hill & Smith. Minter bought out Hill's interest in 1877, since which the firm has been as it now stands, Minter & Smith. January 28, 1880, Mr. Smith was married to Miss Olive Connerly, a daughter of Arthur Connerly. They have two children, Lucile and R. Emmet. Mr. Smith is a thorough-going business man and as a citizen is highly respected in the community.

The firm of Minter & Smith is without doubt one of the most enterprising business firms in the county. They buy their goods largely direct from the manufactory and exclusively for cash. Mr. Minter has the reputation of being one of the closest and most careful buyers that visit the Eastern market, which facts doubtless answer the inquiry so often made why they sell their goods at such low prices.

#### UPTON MOREMEN

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

Among the better class of well-to-do people who settled in this county during the decade just preceding the war were the parents of the subject of this sketch, Augustine and Sallie (Wilson) Moremen. They were from Kentucky and settled in Shelby county in 1856, some five miles south-west of Shelbyna, where Upton Moremen still resides. Here the father carried on for years a large farm and raised stock. One year ago, however, he removed to Florida, settling in Orange county, where he and family, or his wife and younger children, now reside. There were eight children in his family, of whom Upton is the first. He was born April 1, 1854, and was therefore principally reared in Shelby county. On the 6th of February, 1884, he was married to Miss Lula Taylor, a daughter of Wesley L. Taylor, of Marion county. Since his marriage, as before, Mr. Moremen has made the old Moremen family homestead his home. This is a fine farm of 480 acres, and besides this he owns a good farm adjoining of 240 acres. He is giving considerable attention to stock-raising and is having

excellent success. Mr. Moremen is conceded to be one of the thrifty, energetic, enterprising young farmers of Salt river township.

#### DAVID MORGAN

(Of D. Morgan & Sons, Manufacturers of Buggies, Wagons, etc., and General Repairers, Shelbyna).

Mr. Morgan, the senior member of the above-named firm, is the pioneer wagon maker of Shelbyna, and came here nearly 27 years ago. He was a young man then, who had learned his trade, and was struggling to get a start in life. He had no means but managed to open a shop in a small way. Industry, close attention to his business, and enterprise and fair dealing have steadily prospered him in the world until he has not only become one of the leading manufacturers in his line throughout this region of country, but is also a substantial property holder in well-to-do circumstances, in fact, he now has a large establishment with between \$15,000 and \$20,000 invested, and is working from 10 to 12 hands constantly. Mr. Morgan turns out from 40 to 75 farm wagons, about 30 spring wagons and a number of buggies annually. Long established in business here, his work has obtained a wide and enviable reputation, and he has a demand for all that he can produce and more than all. His vehicles are noted for light-running, durability and neat and handsome finish, and well deserve the enviable reputation they have won. He uses none but the best material, both wood and metal, and being himself a first-class mechanic, will tolerate no workman about his establishment who is not thoroughly qualified and perfectly honest in his work. This is the main secret of his success. Mr. Morgan was married January 12, 1860, to Miss Mary E. Williams, of Monroe county. They have four children: William W. and James H., who are his partners in business; David and John. Mr. Morgan has been a member of the city council for six terms. He is also a Royal Arch Mason. William W. is foreman of the paint department, and is book-keeper of the firm. James H. has charge of the blacksmith department.

#### JUDGE CHARLES H. MYERS

(Judge of the Probate Court, Shelbyna).

Prominent among the well known and most highly respected citizens of Shelby county is very justly classed the subject of the present sketch, Judge Myers. Coming of a good family and one in well-to-do circumstances, his early advantages for an education, and in other respects, were better than the average of the youths of his time and section of the country. These advantages he did not fail to improve, and the result is that he has always occupied a worthy and enviable position among the better classes of people where he has resided. Judge Myers is a native of Tennessee, born in Sumner county, November 7, 1843. He was a son of Thomas Myers, a substantial farmer and highly intelligent citizen of that

county. The Judge's mother was a Miss Harriet Latimer before her marriage, a lady of marked strength of character and of a singularly gentle and amiable disposition. His father's family was originally from North Carolina, but his mother's family came from Connecticut. His father had a competence, and was not ambitious to become a wealthy man, taking a greater interest in the neatness and good order of his farm and the comfort and appearance of his home. He was ever active and liberal in the support of good schools, and notwithstanding there were no public schools in Tennessee, he and a few other generous and intelligent neighbors always kept up an excellent school in their neighborhood. Devotedly attached to his home and family, his greatest happiness was in his own family circle, although he was extremely fond of the society of his friends and neighbors, and was ever one of the most hospitable and agreeable of hosts. He took only the interest of a private citizen in politics, but always voted the Democratic ticket, believing thoroughly in the principles and policies of that party. He was a sturdy, great hearted, true old Primitive Baptist Democrat, and would occasionally enter into a pleasant argument with his erring neighbors of the other persuasions in politics and religion, although, in fact, he was not a church member. He was much given to reading, especially in the departments of philosophy and civil government. Judge Myers now has several volumes of his father's books of which his father was very fond in his lifetime. He was killed during the war, or rather after peace was declared, in his own door yard at night, and in his night clothes, by a band of ruffianly, thieving negroes in the employ of the government, who called him out of bed and murdered him. Judge Myers was reared in Sumner county, Tenn., and was educated for the profession of law. However, while yet a youth, he was given a position in the register's office at Gallatin, in his native county, and while holding this position he also assisted in the county clerk's office. Subsequently, through the influence of Col. John W. Head, late member of Congress from Tennessee, but now deceased, he was made deputy chancery clerk under Judge Thomas Barry, Chancellor, an old friend of his father. This he held with efficiency and satisfaction to all concerned until he resigned it to prepare himself for college and complete his education. After concluding his studies he came to Missouri, and on the 22d of July, 1869, he was married to Miss Kate Looney a young lady of culture and refinement and of an excellent family in Shelby county, Mo. After his marriage Judge Myers located in Shelby county, where he followed teaching school for about two years. In 1871 he engaged in the hardware and implement business at Shelbyna and was quite successful, until 1874, when he was burned out, and by this accident nearly broken up. He was left entirely without money and with but little other means. Meanwhile he had become well and favorably known to the people of the county, who had learned to appreciate him for his sterling worth and excellent business qualifications. Two weeks after he was burned out he was nominated by the Democrats of the county for the office of

probate judge, and was, of course, afterwards elected by a handsome majority, as all Democratic nominees ought to be, if the welfare of the country should be consulted. Since then Judge Myers has been twice re-elected, and has continued to hold the office up to the present time. As every one knows who is qualified to speak of the official affairs of the county, he has made a capable, efficient and conscientious judge. Judge Myers takes a generous and public-spirited interest in all matters and movements designed to promote the general good of his community and the county. He is a member of the board of directors of the Shelbina Collegiate Institute, and president of the Shelbina creamery company. The Judge and Mrs. Myers have four children: Hattie E., Fannie M., Lutie F., and an infant daughter, *innominata*. He and wife are members of the M. E. Church South. Judge M. was a classmate with Hon. L. A. Head and Hon. S. F. Wilson, the latter recently a candidate for Governor of Tennessee. Judge Myers took a partial course at the University of Ann Arbor, Mich., but was compelled to quit study on account of failing sight. He is an extensive general reader, a man of wide information, and has accumulated a small general library.

#### MARCUS U. OVIATT

(Farmer, Shelbina).

Among the many worthy and substantial citizens of Shelby county, to whom the Empire State of the West, Ohio, has given birth, is the subject of the present sketch, Mr. Oviatt. He was born in Summit county, that State, on the 3d day of March, 1836. His father, Uri Oviatt, was from Connecticut, and removed to Ohio in an early day, where he died in 1871. His mother was a Miss Sarah Wheatley before her marriage, a native of England, and is still living at the age of 74. Marcus U. received a good education in Ohio and afterwards taught school in the winter and farmed in the summer. He came to Shelby county in 1869 and bought his present place, a neat farm of 80 acres, in the corporate limits of Shelbina, where he has since resided. This is one of the neatest little farms in the county. In 1878 Mr. Oviatt was married to Miss Mary Rutledge, a daughter of Travis Rutledge, formerly of Virginia and a descendant of Edward Rutledge, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, of South Carolina. Mr. and Mrs. Oviatt have two children, Ida B., the wife of Walter Norris, and Elma L., the wife of Virgil McConnell. Mr. Oviatt makes a specialty of the dairying business on his farm and has 16 cows, running his farm principally in grass, and is a successful dairyman. During the war he served two years in the Union army under Gen. Custer, who was afterwards killed during the Sioux war with the Indians.

#### S. G. PARSONS

(Grocer, and of S. G. & J. R. Parsons, Farmers and Stockmen, Shelbina).

A man of marked enterprise and business acumen, Mr. Parsons, comparatively early in life, and almost alone by his own energy and clear-headed management, has placed himself prominently among the foremost business men of this part of the county and among its substantial property holders of the county. He has one of the leading grocery stores of Shelbina and occupies a handsome business house, of which he is owner, two stories high, commodious and well built, with numerous offices above which he has rented out. In the grocery line he has a heavy trade, aggregating over \$50,000 annually. He is also the senior partner in the firm of S. G. & J. R. Parsons, largely engaged in the stock business. In connection with their stock interests they use about 1,300 acres of land, which includes the "Grove Farm" of 900 acres. They have some 200 head of cows used for breeding purposes, and the present summer have about 150 calves. For the last four years they have handled and shipped cattle and mules quite extensively, probably doing a heavier business in this line than any other firm in the county. So well is Mr. Parsons recognized as a leading agriculturist and as a man of business ability and enterprise, that he has been called upon to serve as President of the Shelbina Fair Association, the position he now holds. Up to the time of accepting the presidency he has been Treasurer of the Association, from its first organization. At Shelbina he is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Collegiate Institute, and has been a member of the school board for the last six years. He is also a member of the Town Council, and indeed, is looked upon as one of the public spirited citizens of the place. Personally, he is a man of pleasant, agreeable manners, and is one of the popular men of Shelbina, both as a citizen and as a business man. Mr. Parsons was a son of John M. and Jane M. (Anderson) Parsons, early settlers of Monroe county, a sketch of whom appears in the history of that county. He was born in Paris, Monroe county, August 29, 1843. Reared in Paris, he was educated in the schools of that place, and at the age of 20 began clerking in the store of Herman Miller, who afterwards killed a man named Glenn. He continued to clerk for Miller for over a year and then became his partner in the business. They moved their stock of goods (dry goods) to Shelbina, in 1864, and continued business here for something over a year, when Mr. Parsons retired from the firm. He and J. W. Sigler then engaged in the grocery business, which they continued until the winter of 1866-67. Mr. Parsons then engaged in farming near Granville and followed that, including the handling of stock, for about five years. In 1872 he returned to Shelbina and resumed the grocery trade, which he has since followed. For about 11 months Mr. Pollard was his partner, but he then bought out Pollard's interests and has since carried on the business alone. In 1874 he was



burned out, but soon rebuilt. He bought his present building in 1876. His efficient and popular clerk, Mr. A. H. Blair, has been with him since 1873. May 4, 1865, Mr. Parsons was married to Miss Mary Harger, a daughter of Robinson Harger, of Monroe county, but formerly of Augusta county, Va. They have eight children: Jennie T., Lelia, Kittie, Newton H., John R., Anna C., Mary and an infant.

#### JOHN R. PARSONS

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

The Parsons family is widely and favorably known in North Missouri as one of the better families of this part of the State. It has given to various counties some of their most prominent farmers and stock-raisers, and several leading citizens in public affairs. Everybody is familiar with the name of old Gen. Parsons, and the name of Mr. Parsons, the early partner of Dr. Glenn, the king farmer and wheat grower of California, then a stockman of North Missouri, is well known, while other members of the family are hardly less noted. John Randolph Parsons, the subject of this sketch, was a son of David M. and Sarah (Anderson) Parsons, who removed from Virginia to Ashley, in Pike county, Mo., in 1829. Hon. David C. Parsons lived for 15 years in Pike county, and until his death, which occurred in 1844. He had become a leading citizen of the county and was the Democratic candidate for Congress at the time of his death, having previously served in the Legislature with distinguished ability and in other important official positions. He was married twice, and John R. was one of his three children by his first marriage. There are also three by his last marriage. John R. Parsons was born at Ashley, in Pike county, August 3, 1836, and was but seven years of age at the time of his father's death. He was reared by his uncle, John M. Parsons, of Paris, a prominent citizen of Monroe county. At the age of 18 John R. began trading in stock and has ever since continued the business. He and S. G. Parsons, of Shelbyna, now have about 200 head of cows, with which they are breeding Hereford cattle. Mr. Parsons, the subject of this sketch, has a fine farm in Ralls county. He received a liberal education as he grew up, attending high school at Paris and Kemper's well known and prominent school at Boonville. At the age of 16, however, he assisted to take a drove of horses across the plains to California, the first drove ever taken overland to the Pacific coast. He was in the employ of Glenn & Parsons. He participated in a spirited fight with Indians which lasted about six hours, but resulted victoriously to the whites. November 29, 1860, he was married to Miss Emma Priest, a daughter of Capt. Henry Priest, of Ralls county, where he resided until 1882, when he came to Shelbyna in order to educate his children, of whom he has eight, namely: George H., Robert Lee, Lavina D., ~~Edward~~ M., Cora J., Glenn, Sallie Y. and Lizzie Priest. Mr. Parsons has taken great interest in the education of his children, and is giving them the best advantages his circumstances will allow.

#### COL. SAMUEL A. RAWLINGS

(Deceased).

No biographical record of the representative and useful citizens of Shelby county would be complete which failed to include a sketch of the life of Col. Rawlings. He was prominently identified with the county for years, and his career reflects only credit upon the history of the county. It is not pretended that he was without faults, for no human being is free of them. But it is claimed and believed by those who knew him longest and best that his impulses were good, his motives pure and noble, and his life to the end an unbroken chain of exertions for the comfort and happiness of his family, the good of his friends and the best interests of his country. Such is the memory he has left behind, a memory that is the richest reward this world affords for a good and useful life. Samuel Aaron Rawlings was born in Fauquier county, Va., October 12, 1827, and was descended from old and respected families in that State. Reared in Virginia, he received an advanced collegiate education at the University of Virginia, and came to Missouri when 20 years of age to carve out his fortune in this then new country. He located at Palmyra and studied law under Thomas L. Anderson. Admitted to the bar after a due course of study, in 1852 he entered upon the practice at Paris, in Monroe county. There his success as a lawyer was rapid and substantial, and two years later he was elected to represent the county in the State Legislature. Continuing the practice, he accumulated some means and became interested in merchandising at Granville. His law practice brought on, or aggravated, a throat disease to which he was predisposed from childhood, which in after life resulted in consumption and carried him off. He quit the law practice some three years before the war and was engaged exclusively in merchandising. At the outbreak of the war he espoused the cause of the South and was active in enlisting volunteers for the Southern service. He first organized a company, of which he was made captain, and afterwards other bodies of volunteers, and was finally elected colonel of his regiment, which he commanded for about two years under Gen. Price, participating in all the engagements in which his division took part. He was finally captured, however, and held a prisoner at St. Louis for about six months, when he was released on account of the condition of his health, which was now almost broken down by the exposures and hardships he had endured. As soon as he was able for active employment again he engaged in the tobacco business, with headquarters at Springfield, Ill. About the close of the war he came to Shelbyna and was a partner with C. H. True in the tobacco business for about two years. He then removed his business to Quincy, Ill., but returned to Shelbyna in 1869. Col. Rawlings then formed a partnership with Mr. Hoselton in the proprietorship and publication of the *Shelbyna Democrat*, of which he became editor. He continued with the *Democrat* for six years and

until his death, which occurred at his home in this place, September 27, 1875. As an editor, as in every other relation of life, he was a strictly conscientious man. He advocated only men and measures that he believed to be sound and true to the best interests of the country. No influence was great enough to swerve him from the path of duty as he saw it. He preserved in his paper at all times a high moral tone, and saw to it that nothing was admitted into his columns which would be hurtful to purity in the family or elsewhere, either in thought or deed. A man of fine education and wide experience, he was an able, clear and forcible writer, and so presented his ideas that they made a marked and lasting impression on the mind and heart of the reader. The *Democrat* obtained wide and potent influence for good under his management, both in public affairs and in social and business life. He was one of the really able country editors of the State, and is so remembered by all intelligent newspaper men familiar with journalism, particularly in North Missouri. Col. Rawlings was an earnest and exemplary member of the Christian Church and a prominent and influential Mason. He was buried with the honors of Masonry; his funeral being one of the largest and most imposing ever witnessed at Shelbyna. He was twice married; first, in 1853, to Miss Mary E. Crow. She died in 1862, while he was absent in the Confederate army. May 31, 1865, he was married to Miss Mattie P. Moore, a daughter of Judge William G. Moore, of Paris, in Monroe county. This excellent lady still survives him. By his first wife Col. Rawlings had left three children, now all grown to maturity: Mollie, the wife of Thomas B. Gannaway, of Paris; William, also of Paris; and Viola, the wife of W. R. Poage, a prominent clothier of the same place. By the second marriage there are four children living: Anna R., Maude M., Edith and Harry E. One, Sterling Price, is deceased. Misses Anna and Maude are young ladies of charming presence and are quite popular in society at Shelbyna. Mrs E. and her daughters are members of the Christian Church.

#### T. W. P. REED

(Real Estate Dealer and Farmer, Shelbyna).

Mr. Reed was born near Sidney, in Shelby county, O., December 2, 1842. His father, James S. Reed, many years afterwards a resident of this county, was long a prominent stockman of that county. From Ohio they went to Iowa and came from that State to Missouri in 1866 and located at Shelbyna the following year, and the father died there in 1874. The mother died at this place six years later. He owned considerable real estate in the county and at Shelbyna. T. W. P., who had grown up in the meantime, came to Missouri with the family. He and his brother Charles were engaged in farming in Monroe county, six miles north-east of Paris, until 1876. Meanwhile, March 23, 1868, he returned to Ohio and was married at Dayton to Miss Belle Hoover, whom he brought back with him to his new home in Missouri. Mr. Reed, while on the farm in Monroe county, was

quite extensively engaged in handling stock and met with excellent success, but had to quit in 1876 on account of failing health. He then went to Ottumwa, Ia., where he was engaged in mercantile business for about a year. He then returned to Missouri and located at Shelbyna, where he has since resided. Here he is interested in real estate, and has large real estate interests elsewhere, including a valuable farm near Sidney, O. Mr. and Mrs. Reed have one child, Mary L., a little girl 10 years of age.

#### WILLIAM A. REID

(Of Reid & Taylor, Bankers, Shelbyna).

Mr. Reid has been identified with Shelbyna almost from the birth of the place, and, indeed, secured the establishment of a post-office at this place. He came to Missouri in the spring of 1858 and located at once at the present site of Shelbyna. The most convenient post-office for this town was then at Hannibal. While there were other post-offices in the county, arrangement was made with the baggage-master to bring the mail every day from Hannibal, and one of his first moves was to have a post-office established here. He engaged in merchandising and continued it without interruption and with good success, all things considered, until the spring of 1865. On the post-office being established at Shelbyna he was appointed postmaster, and held the office until after President Lincoln's inauguration, when he was removed, or rather superseded for political reasons. Mr. Reid, although naturally sympathizing with the South in the late war, took no active part in the struggle, but was severely preyed upon by unscrupulous soldiery on both sides. Bill Anderson's men plundered his store and inflicted heavy loss. For the burning of Salt river bridge and depots by the Southrons, with which of course he had nothing to do, or knew nothing until after it was done, he and several other men in the vicinity, who sympathized with the cause of the South, were assessed \$20,000, but the collection of this was never enforced. In 1866, after being out of business for about a year, Mr. Reid resumed merchandising and continued until he became cashier of the Bank of Shelbyna in the spring of 1874. This bank was succeeded in business four years afterwards by the banking house of Reid & Taylor, which has since continued the business. Mr. Reid, as is well known to the people of Shelby county, is a man of superior business qualifications, personally agreeable and pleasant, and of unquestioned character and worth. It is largely due to his business ability and the esteem and confidence in which he is held that the career of the bank with which he is connected has been so prosperous and gratifying. The bank has a capital of \$50,000 and has a large patronage in deposits from the business men of Shelbyna and throughout this part of the county. It does a general banking business, a business that is steadily increasing. It is one of the solid and prosperous banking institutions of North Missouri, and is so regarded in banking circles and by the public generally. Like his partner, Mr. Reid is a native

of Fauquier county, Va. He was born January 24, 1829, and was a son of Alfred Reid and Patey, *nee* Rector. His mother was of the Virginia family for which Rectortown was named. William A. spent his early youth on the farm, but at the age of 15 obtained a position as salesman in the dry goods store at Rectortown. He was clerking in Virginia until he came to Missouri in 1858. On the 22d of April, 1862, he was married in this county to Miss Elizabeth Minter, a sister of Judge Taylor's wife, and the youngest daughter of Dr. Minter. Mr. and Mrs. Reid have seven children: Lillie and Jessie, educated at the Shelbina Collegiate Institute, and both also thoroughly accomplished in instrumental music; Lena, Maggie, William A., Victor M. and an infant. Mr. and Mrs. R. are church members; Mr. R. is a member of the M. E. Church South, and Mrs. R. of the Baptist Church. Mr. R. is also a member of the Chapter of the A. F. and A. M.

#### JOSEPH R. RIDGE

(Farmer, Stock-raiser and Stock-feeder, Post-office, Shelbina).

With a fine stock farm of 800 acres and a large number of good graded stock, cattle, horses, sheep, hogs, etc., which he makes a specialty of raising for the markets, Mr. Ridge is justly classed with the leading farmers and stockmen of Salt River township. He is a man of marked energy and enterprise, a thorough judge of stock, and by his own industry and clear-headed business management has accumulated mainly the comfortable estate he now has. Mr. Ridge's father, William Ridge, like the son, was a successful farmer and stock-raiser, and came to Missouri from Kentucky in 1852. He first located in Monroe county, but two years afterwards settled in Shelby county, where he was engaged in farming and stock-raising with success until he retired in 1875 from all active labor and business. He removed to Shelbina and died there two years afterwards, in 1877. He left an estate of 1,000 acres of fine land and other valuable property. He confined his attention in the stock line mainly to horses and mules, of which there was not a better judge in the county. He was twice married. His first wife, the mother of Joseph R., who bore him six children, was a Miss Elizabeth J. Roby before her marriage. She died in 1860. His second wife was previously Miss Sallie Lynch, of Ralls county. Joseph R. Ridge was born in Hickman county, Ky., on the 31st day of January, 1838. He was married in this county, in Tennessee, to Miss Nannie Hale, a daughter of Lilburn Hale, formerly of riding along the road in company with some militia, although he himself was not a soldier, and the Southrons, of course, had no idea of killing, but fired on the militia alone as they thought. He had taken no part in the war. And in this connection it may be remarked that Mr. Ridge took no part in the troubles of those times. He has followed farming and stock-raising exclusively since starting out for himself, and, indeed, from boyhood. That he has been very successful is shown by the large farm he owns and by the extent and value

of his farming and stock operations. He raises large quantities of grain each year and is a heavy shipper of stock. Mr. and Mrs. Ridge have seven children: William L., Sarah B., James R., Minnie N., Anna M., Joseph E. and Allie N. Sarah is the wife of Frank D. Sidenor, now of this county; William married Josie S., a daughter of John P. Beathe, of this county, and resides in the county. Mrs. R. is a member of the Baptist Church.

#### WILLIAM G. SANDERS

(Farmer and County Assessor, Post-office, Shelbina).

Among the well known and popular citizens of Shelby county the subject of the present sketch holds an enviable position. He was born in Smythe county, Va., May 16, 1839, and came out to Missouri with his parents after he had nearly reached the age of maturity. His father, William Sanders, was also a Virginian by nativity, born in Wythe county February 17, 1800. After he grew up he was married to Miss Locke Walker of the same county, and after a few years, in about 1823, they removed to Smythe county. There Mr. Sanders, Sr., was somewhat extensively engaged in farming and handling stock, principally driving them to the wholesale markets of East Virginia. However, in 1838 the family removed to Missouri and settled about seven miles south-east of Shelbina, where the father died in April, 1880, in his eightieth year. His wife had preceded him to the grave 20 years. They had a family of 10 children, namely: Robert Fulton, Thomas, Augustus O., Daniel W., Kittie J., Pollie N., Susan C., James N. and William G., the subject of this sketch. Some four or five years after he came to Missouri William G. Sanders was married to Miss Loretta Stribling, of Monroe county. Mr. Sanders early engaged in farming for himself in this county and has ever since continued it. He has a neat farm of 80 acres, two miles south-east of Lentner. At the June primary election Mr. S. was nominated for county assessor and, of course, will be elected, as the party of which he is a representative is in a large majority, and even if it were not it is believed that personal acquaintance and popularity would carry him triumphantly through any how. Mr. Sanders is a man of good practical education, unquestioned integrity and good business qualifications, industrious and faithful to his duties, and will doubtless make an excellent assessor. Mr. and Mrs. S. have nine children: Lockett J., Maude L., Susan T., Erald E., Paul E., Orlando N., Charles T., Kittie E. and Eva L., all of whom are at home with their parents. Mr. Sanders has served one term as county assessor, and the people by his recent nomination have said to him, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joys of this thy office again."

## HARRY T. SCEARCE

(Of Scarce & Ford, Dealers in Boots, Shoes, Hats, Caps, Genets' Furnishing Goods, Etc., Etc., Shelbyna.)

Mr. Scarce entered in business at Shelbyna in 1860, when Mr. L. W. Kelley became a partner with him and they carried on the business together until 1884, when Mr. James Ford bought out Kelley's interest and the firm became Scarce & Ford. They carry a stock of about \$5,000 in the lines mentioned above and have a large and lucrative trade. Mr. Scarce is a native of Kentucky, born in Louisville, September 18, 1861. He was reared in Louisville up to the age of 14, when, on account of his father's death, his mother left that city with her family of children, and came to Shelbyna, Mo., where she still resides. The father, William D. Scarce, was a well-to-do stockman and pork packer of Louisville, and died there in July, 1875. Mrs. Scarce was a Miss Belle T. Thomas before her marriage. Harry T. was principally educated at Shelbyna, and left the institute in 1880 to engage in business with Mr. Kelley, as stated above. December 5, 1882, he was married to Miss Mary T. Cotton, a daughter of Chester Cotton, a prominent merchant of Shelbyna. Mr. and Mrs. Scarce have one child, an infant, Carrie. Mr. S. is a member of the Baptist Church and his wife of the M. E. Church South.

## JOHN B. SETTLE

(Of P. E. Frederick, Settle & Co., Breeders and Dealers in Blooded Horses and Fine Cattle, and General Stock-raisers and Traders, Shelbyna.)

Mr. Settle, who had previously had a successful experience in the stock business, came to Shelbyna some three years ago, and became a member of the firm with which he is now connected. The business of this firm has already been outlined in the sketch of Mr. Frederick, the senior partner, on a former page of this work, so that to refer to it at length here would be unnecessarily repeating what is said there. Mr. Settle is well known to the people of Shelby county, as one of the leading stock men of this county, and his presence in the present firm was a valuable acquisition to its influence and success. He was born and reared in this county, his birthplace being on his father's farm in the eastern part of the county. His parents were Richard B. and Jane E. (Rawlings) Settle, and he was born August 12, 1842. His mother was a cousin to the late Col. Rawlings, of Shelbyna. Mr. Settle's parents were both from Virginia and came to Missouri between 1836 and 1838. They first resided for a short time in Ralls county, and then settled in this county, where John B. was born. His father was a farmer and school teacher, but devoted his personal attention principally to teaching, having the farm carried on mainly by hired help. He taught school most of his life, having followed that profession in Virginia before coming to Missouri, and afterwards in this State, for many years. Though

a man mainly self-educated, he became a fine scholar and was long reputed the foremost teacher of the county. He also served as magistrate for a number of years. He died in 1865. Five of the family of children are living: James, John, Marshall, Catherine, now the widow of Holman Turner, and Fannie, now the wife of James Garrison. John B., reared on the farm, remained at home until the second year of the war, when he joined Gen. Porter's regiment in the Southern service. He was a cripple when he went into the service and had been for a long time before, having a white swelling on his knee as large as a half-gallon measure, which had been pronounced by the physicians as incurable. Remarkable to say, however, the hardships and exposures to which he was subjected in the service, for everybody knows Porter's men were in the saddle almost day and night, instead of aggravating his malady, seemed to remove it, for he became sound and well in a short time and has never been troubled with it since. He was in all the fights in which Porter's men took part, and in the defeat at Kirksville, after which the command disbanded. He and John and Perry Moore then made their way south-east to Tennessee and joined Morgan at McMinnville. They were with Gen. Morgan on his raid through Ohio, being Col. C. P. Breckeuridge's Ninth Kentucky Cavalry Regiment. After Gen. Morgan's capture or death Mr. Settle was under Gen. John S. ("Cerro Gordo") Williams, under whom he remained until the close of the war. During his service in the South he was in all the raids in which his command participated in West Virginia, Kentucky, Ohio, and after Sherman on his march to the sea. He was at Columbus, S. C., when Sherman took possession of the place, and was a personal witness to the burning of Gen. Wade Hampton's residence by Sherman's soldiers. At the close of the war he returned home, and arrived here barely too late to see his father again in this life. His father died just three weeks before Mr. Settle returned. He resumed farming, to which he had been brought up, and on the 26th of September, 1868, was married to Miss Gloriana Virginia Butterworth, a sister to Theodore Butterworth, a prominent and well known editor of the *Western Agriculturist*, published at Quincy, Ill. She was a daughter of Sylvanus Butterworth, who had died some two years before their marriage. After his marriage Mr. Settle resided some two years on the old Butterworth homestead, and subsequently improved a farm on land inherited by his wife from her father, where he made one of the best farms in the county and built an unusually commodious and handsome dwelling; in fact, the finest farm residence in the county. Prior to this, however, he had been in the hardware business at Shelbyville about three years. He resided on his farm, engaged in handling stock principally, until he came to Shelbyna three years ago. Prior to coming to Shelbyna he was in partnership with O. A. Beebe in buying and selling and shipping horses and breeding and raising fine horses. Mr. and Mrs. Settle have six children: Neona F., Beta S., Cora L., Caudie E., John M. and Theodore. Mr. and Mrs. Settle are members of the M. E. Church South.

## J. W. SIGLER

(Dealer in Drugs, Medicines, Paints, Oils, etc., Shelbyna).

The year after Mr. Sigler's birth his parents, Rev. Jacob and Sarah B. (Nalley) Sigler, came from Virginia in 1839, to Missouri, and located at first in Bowling Green, Pike county. The father was a Methodist minister and took charge of a circuit in North Missouri, which included a large district of country. He subsequently resided at Louisiana, Auburn, Fulton and Shelbyville. In 1851 he engaged in merchandising at Shelbyville which he continued for about nine years, and until his death, in 1860. His wife had previously died at Fulton and he had married a second time, Miss Elizabeth Hance becoming his wife. She is now also deceased. Of the father's family of children five are living, though but one, besides J. W., Sarah B., now Mrs. James Watkins, resides in this county. At the age of 10 years J. W. was sent back to Maryland to receive his education. He attended school there four years. After his return home he attended the Shelbyville High School. He then began clerking in his father's store and continued there until the father's death. In 1860 he came to Shelbyna and clerked for S. G. Lewis for two years. But in the summer of 1862 he commenced in the grocery trade at Shelbyna and continued in that line until 1868, being with different parties during this time. He then formed a partnership with J. A. Estes and J. L. Riggs, and they erected the flouring mill at this place. Mr. Sigler was connected with the milling business for three seasons. After this he was book-keeper for Joseph & Nelke, at Quincy, Ill., for about one year. Returning to Shelbyna in 1873, he clerked in the drug store of Dr. Ford for about four years. He then engaged in the drug business on his own account, and has since continued it. J. M. White was his partner in business until two years ago when he bought Mr. White's interest and has since conducted the business alone. He has an excellent stock of first-class drugs and also carries a good assortment of patent medicines, paints, oils, etc. He has built up a large trade and has made a gratifying success of his business. August 13, 1862, Mr. Sigler was married to Miss Mary A. Pierce, an adopted daughter of S. G. Lewis. They have two children, Eugene H., who is now connected with the Meyer Bros. & Co., of St. Louis, and Mary C., a young lady educated at Shelbyna Collegiate Institute, and still at home. Mr. Sigler is a leading member of the Masonic order and also of the A. O. U. W. He and wife are members of the Episcopal Church.

## J. D. SMITH, M. D.

(Physician and Surgeon, Shelbyna).

Dr. Smith is one of those scholarly, cultured physicians who are quite as much devoted to the study of medicine as a science as they

are to the practice of it as an art. Having laid a good foundation for a thorough knowledge of his profession by a regular course of medical-collegiate training, he has continued the study of medicine with unabated zeal and assiduity since his graduation, and while in the practice. He is one of those progressive-minded men, a physician of advanced ideas, who by study and investigation keep fully up with the times in their profession. He has a choice medical library in which most of his time, not employed in the active practice, is spent to good advantage. He believes that the practice of medicine, like everything else, is tending to what the Germans call particularism, or specialism, and that for one to be a successful general practitioner he must be something of a specialist in all the departments of the practice. Dr. Smith has a fine practice and is one of the leading physicians of the county. He is thoroughly devoted to his profession and takes a public spirited interest in every thing that tends to elevate it. He was instrumental in organizing the Medical Society of the county, and was prominent in the organization of the District Medical Association. He was born in Hannibal, January 25, 1849. His father, Columbus Smith, went to California during the gold excitement and died of cholera at Sacramento in 1851. His mother, whose maiden name was Harris, died two years afterwards. Dr. Smith was reared by his uncle, Daniel Harris, a large tobacconist of Hannibal, and Quincy, Ill. He was educated at those cities, completing his education at the Quincy College, but not remaining to graduate. He read medicine under Dr. I. T. Wilson. He took a course of three terms in the Rush Medical College of Chicago, graduating in 1870. He also took a special course in Clinics. After his graduation he was with Dr. R. C. S. Curtis in the practice at Quincy for nearly a year. He then located at Shelbyna and was in partnership there for over two years, came to Shelbyna and was in partnership with Dr. E. V. Gerard for three years. This firm dissolved in the summer of 1876, and Dr. Smith recreated for about five months. He has since been in the practice alone. As has been said, he has become prominent and successful in the practice. In 1880 he was president of the District Medical Association. February 20, 1873, he was married to Miss Ida H. Myers, of Palmyra. They have five children: Mark H., Maggie G., Julia C., Bessie B., and Effie D. He and wife are members of the Baptist Church.

## JEPHTHA SMITH

(Farmer, Post-office, Shelbyna).

Mr. Smith's farm is situated four miles west of Shelbyna, and contains 153 acres. He has resided there for many years, and has been a resident of this county from boyhood. His parents were Charles and Jane (Moreman) Smith, natives of Kentucky. They came to Missouri from Bourbon county, Ky., in 1818, locating first in St. Charles county. Subsequently they removed to Marion county and finally to Shelby county. The mother died here in 1846, and the

father in 1875, in the eighty-second year of his age. Jephtha Smith was brought up a farmer on his father's farm, two and a half miles north of Shelbina, having been but three years of age when his parents came to this county. He was born while they resided in Marion county, near Palmyra, January 15, 1833. In his twenty-sixth year, in 1857, he was married to Miss Ellen Caldwell, by whom he had five children, all of whom are living. The messenger of death visited his home, however, in 1869, and robbed him of his devoted wife and his children of their loving mother. He was married to Miss R. F. Wright, November 20, 1871; she, too, has been taken from him by death, dying January 19, 1882, and leaving one child, a daughter, May W. Mr. Smith's father, besides being an enterprising farmer, was a capable and prominent builder, and among other houses of consideration which he erected was the court-house at Shelbina, built in 1839. But he lost a large amount of money on this by the failure of the county treasurer.

#### LEVIN W. SMITH

(Farmer, Post-office, Shelbina).

Sussex county, Del., is the place of nativity of the subject of this sketch, and the morning of July 8, 1838, was the time of his birth. His parents were John Smith and wife, Amelia Trader, his grandfather, on his father's side, being Marvel Smith, and on his mother's, Henry Trader. His paternal ancestor was long settled in Delaware, but his mother's agnate family was of Worcester county, Md. Mr. Smith's parents reared a family of 11 children, eight of whom are living, and he was the third of the children. He was reared on a farm, and in 1858 he and his father were appointed light-house men on Phoenix Island, off the coast of Delaware. They kept the light-house until the fall of 1861, when they were forced to light out themselves by Lincoln's administration, because they were guilty of the awful crime of being Democrats. Those were the days that Democrats were good enough to fight the battles of their country for the preservation of the Union, but not to hold any civil office or hardly to vote if the authorities at Washington could prevent it. On the 24th of February, 1863, Mr. Smith was married to Miss Amanda B. Horton, a daughter of Joshua Horton, of Sussex county. Mr. Smith then made his home at Salisbury, Md., where he was engaged in stock trading for about three years. In 1863 he removed to Atchison, Kan., where he kept hotel for about 18 months. After this he became forage master for the government at Fort Hardy, Kan., a position he held for about 12 months. Following this he bought a farm in Western Kansas, but was soon run out by the Indians, barely escaping with his life, and of course he could not have escaped without it. Leaving Kansas, he came to Missouri and located in Jackson county, about two and a half miles south of Kansas City. From there he moved to Shelby county in 1871. Mr. Smith purchased his present farm, of 80 acres of it, in 1878, and he has since added 100 acres, so that now he has one of the choice farms in Salt River township. He is a man of

industry, resolution and sterling intelligence, and is steadily coming to the front as a farmer. He is making something of a specialty of raising good cattle and trades in stock to a considerable extent. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have two children: Jennie B., the wife of James D. Boyce, of Delaware; and Lizzie A., a young lady still with her parents. He and wife are members of the M. E. Church South. Mr. Smith in politics is a Greenbacker, but is a warm supporter of Tilden in the Democratic party, and perhaps of Cleveland, or any other good Democrat.

#### SPARKS BROS. & CO.

(General Grocers and Dealers in Grain and Proprietors Grain Elevator, Shelbina).

The above named firm succeeded indirectly the firm of True & Sparks, composed of S. A. Sparks and C. H. True, which was organized in 1880. They continued business until Capt. Sparks bought out True's interest two years later, the firm of Sparks Bros. continuing the business until January 21, 1884, when Mr. Thomas was admitted to a partnership in the business, the firm becoming Sparks Bros. & Co., as it has since continued. They carry a large stock of groceries and have an extensive and comfortable trade in that line. Besides this they have a heavy grain business, and are proprietors of the Eclipse Elevator at this place. They handle the bulk of grain shipped from Shelbina, and all three gentlemen are widely and favorably known as capable, reliable and enterprising business men. Their business is steadily on the increase and they have every promise of a career even more successful in the future than it has been in the past, notwithstanding it has been more than their most sanguine anticipations promised. If the present crops yield as abundantly as it now seems they will, their business this year in the grain line will simply be immense. The Sparks brothers were sons of James P. and Sallie (Threlkeld) Sparks, early settlers in the vicinity of Shelbina from Henry county, Ky. They came to this vicinity in 1839, where the father improved a farm five miles south-west of Shelbina. He died there in 1847. The mother preceded him two years. They had a family of 12 children, all of whom lived to reach mature years, and nine are still living. Robert T. was born in Henry county, Ky., March 17, 1833, and Samuel A. in the vicinity of Shelbina, June 26, 1842. Both were reared on the farm and received good common school educations. They continued farming and with excellent success until they respectively engaged in business at Shelbina, as stated above. However, during the war both were in the Southern army for a time, and Robert T. was commissioned captain. They were first under Price and then under Porter. Afterwards Capt. Sparks was in Kentucky for nearly two years, ending in 1864. Samuel A. spent about four years following 1863, in California. He had previously been held a prisoner by the Federals for a short time. Each was in several battles and less engagements in their service in the Southern army. Through the vicissitudes of campaigning in Missouri they

became separated from their command and found it impossible to rejoin the army. Capt. Sparks has been married three times; first, to Miss Elizabeth Warren, who died in 1862, eight years after her marriage. His second wife was previously Mrs. Adeline Bates, *nee* Lusk, and at the time, widow of William Bates. She died seven years after her second marriage, in 1872. Mrs. Eliza Withers, widow of Hiram Withers, deceased, became his wife December 27, 1874. She was a daughter of Green Patrick, of Monroe county, but formerly of Kentucky. Capt. Sparks has five children: Mary C. and Willie A., who were by the first wife; Lillie B. and Frederick, who are by the second wife, and James L. by his present wife. Samuel A. Sparks was married October 20, 1869, to Miss Georgina A. Warren, a sister to Capt. Sparks' first wife. They have two children: Angus and Shelby C. Christy G. Thomas, of the above named firm was born in Monroe county on the 18th day of February, 1849, and was a son of David and I. J. (Sparks) Thomas. Up to the time of engaging in his present business, his life had been devoted principally to farming, though he had given some time and attention to business pursuits. February 27, 1876, he was married to Miss Mary E. Stalcup, of Monroe county. They have two children: Anna B. and Lizzie M. The two first members of the firm are Masons and each is a member of the A. O. U. W.

#### PROF. LEWIS H. STRICKLER

(Principal of the Public Schools, Shelbyina).

Such are the ability and efficiency Prof. Strickler has shown as principal of the public schools of this place, and such his thorough qualifications as a teacher, that by the hearty indorsement of the school board and the approval of the entire community, he has been retained in his present position continuously since his first appointment in 1881. Prof. Strickler is a native of Pennsylvania, born in Uniontown, July 30, 1853. He is a son of Jacob and Elspy (Scott) Strickler, who removed to Illinois from Pennsylvania in 1857. Lewis H. was then in his fourth year, and from that age he was reared in Adams county, Ill., where his parents resided. His father is a substantial and respected farmer, and still resides where he settled in 1857, near La Prairie. Lewis H. grew up on the father's farm in that county, where he remained until he was 22 years of age, receiving in the meantime an average common school education in the neighborhood district schools. But desirous of obtaining a more advanced education, in 1875 he went to Camp Point, Ill., where he took a course in high school. After this he attended school at Quincy, and finally entered the State Normal School of Indiana, at Valparaiso. Prof. Strickler concluded his course at Valparaiso in 1880. Meanwhile, however, he had been teaching school during the interims between his terms at school as a student, or rather he taught principally during the winter months, and attended school during the summer seasons. After quitting school at Valparaiso, he assumed charge of the public

school at La Prairie, where he had been partly reared, and following this, in 1881, was elected principal of the schools at Shelbyina. Prof. Strickler has so borne himself, both as a teacher and personally as a citizen, since he came to Shelbyina, that he has won the confidence and esteem of the entire community. A man of high character and superior culture, a teacher of approved reputation and a gentleman of geniality and pleasing address, he is popular with all classes of our people, and is steadily advancing to a position of marked prominence as an educator and as a citizen of consideration and influence. Prof. Strickler's brother, Herbert M., is his first assistant, a young man of good education and bright promise. Young Mr. Strickler was principally educated under his brother, the Professor. They have given the public schools of Shelbyina a degree of efficiency never enjoyed before.

#### DANIEL J. SWINNEY

(Of Swinney Bros., Owners and Proprietors of the Walkersville Saw and Grist and Carding Mills, Post-office, Shelbyina).

Among the early settlers of this section of the country were the parents of the subject of the present sketch, John G. and Sarah A. Swinney, who came here from Kentucky. They reared a family of eight children, and of these Daniel J. was the eldest. He was born in Macon county, November 10, 1845, and was reared on his father's farm in that county. In 1861, although only 15 years of age, he enlisted in the Southern army under Gen. Clark, and served with unflinching devotion and unfinching courage until the close of the war. He was in many hard fought battles, including those of Pea Ridge, Corinth, Prairie Grove, Helena, Mobile and a number of others. He received but one wound, and that a slight one, during the war. Returning home after the war, in February, 1868, he was married to Miss Sarah A., daughter of John A. and Nancy Johnson, of Monroe county, but formerly of Virginia. In 1880 Mr. Swinney had the misfortune to lose his wife. She left him three children at her death, namely: Anna B., James A. and Edward. Mr. Swinney, reared a farmer, continued that occupation until 1875. He then engaged in milling in Monroe county, which he followed there for about nine years. In the spring of 1884 he came to Shelby county, and in partnership with a younger brother, Emmet D., whose sketch follows this, bought the saw, grist and carding mills at Walkersville, which they have since run with success. Mr. Swinney is a member of the Baptist Church, as his wife was before her death, and he is also a member of the A. F. and A. M.

#### EMMET D. SWINNEY

(Of Swinney Bros., Owners and Proprietors of the Walkersville Saw, Grist and Carding Mills, Post-office, Shelbyina).

Mr. Swinney was the sixth in his father's family of children, and was born on the family homestead, in Marion county, March 13, 1863.

He remained at home until he was 20 years of age, and then learned the milling business at Clarence, in Shelby county. He remained at Clarence, engaged in milling, until the spring of 1884, when he came to Walkersville and became his brother's partner in the mill at this place. They have a good mill, and do a large business in their lines of sawing lumber, grinding and carding. Both are men of energy and enterprise, and are making a success of the milling business. In December, 1883, Mr. Swinney was married to Miss Mattie B., a daughter of James J. and Mary A. Rutter, of this county. Mrs. Swinney is a lady of culture and refinement, and is a graduate in instrumental music, being an exceptionally fine pianist. She is a member of the church.

#### JUDGE DANIEL TAYLOR

(Of Reid & Taylor, Bankers, Shelbyna).

Judge Taylor is a native of Virginia, and when a young man, at the age of 22, came to Missouri, making his home in Shelby county among its early settlers, in 1843. He located on North river, about seven miles north-east of Shelbyville, where he bought a tract of land partially improved, that is, having a small cabin on it and a few acres of ground cleared and under fence. He entered 40 acres more and began the work of making himself a comfortable home and establishing himself in life. In Virginia he had learned the tanner's trade, and in this county he followed that for about seven years in addition to farming. Judge Taylor made a fine farm and by industry and good management placed himself in well-to-do circumstances. He raised stock quite extensively, having the free use of the unfenced ranges of those days, and made considerable in this line of industry. Judge Taylor resided on his farm for 20 years and until he came to Shelbyna in 1863. Here he engaged in the grocery trade, but later along passed over into the dry goods business. In 1865 he withdrew from merchandising altogether and gave his attention principally to the insurance business, which he followed up to about 1874. A man of some means and a prominent stockholder in the Bank of Shelbyna, as well as being one in whose integrity the people have great confidence, he was elected president of the bank during the year last mentioned, and has ever since continued at the head of this institution, which, however, has undergone a change of organization. In 1878 the Bank of Shelbyna, as a joint stock company, was discontinued, and the present bank of Reid & Taylor was organized as its successor. This has a capital of \$50,000, and is one of the sound country banks of North Missouri. Judge Taylor gives his whole time and attention to the interests of the bank. Mr. Reid is the cashier, and in these two gentlemen are found, to more than an ordinary degree, the requisites for successfully conducting the banking business. Judge Taylor is a man of marked public spirit and takes an active interest in everything calculated to benefit the community. He is prominently identified with all the stock company enterprises

of Shelbyna, and heartily does everything in his power for the improvement of the place and the prosperity of the county. Politically he is identified with the Democratic party, but is by no means a one-wheeled Democrat, being a man of broad, liberal ideas, who regards the business and general interests of the country of far more importance than that Ike Jones, "Dimicrat," should beat Tom Smith, Radical, for the "Legislatur," or for any other one-horse office. Judge Taylor was married in this county October 3, 1844, to Miss Amanda Minter, a daughter of Dr. Anthony Minter, the pioneer physician of the county. He came here in 1836. He practiced for nearly 20 years in this county, or until his retirement from the practice in the year 1854. He died at Shelbyna during the summer of 1871. Mrs. Taylor's mother, Jane Minter, died soon after Mrs. Taylor's marriage. Her father afterwards married Miss Duanna Thomas, who survived him about four years. Judge and Mrs. Taylor are both members of the M. E. Church South. They have no family, never having been blessed with children. Although desiring no office, in 1860 Judge Taylor was elected a member of the county court, and held that position during all the trying times of the war and until after its close, in 1866. He has never been a candidate since for any position and very wisely has no desire for political promotion. He is regarded throughout the county as one of its most sterling and upright citizens, and is as highly respected and esteemed as any man within its borders. Judge Taylor is now in his sixty-fourth year, having been born February 6, 1821, in Hampshire county, Va., but now in West Va. His parents were Edward and Margaret (Means) Taylor, both of old and respected Virginia families. Twelve of their family of children grew to maturity, but only five of them are living. Both parents are deceased.

#### TAYLOR THOMPSON

(Of Thompson & Lasley, Dealers in Dry Goods, Clothing, Furnishing Goods, Hats and Caps, Boots and Shoes, Carpets, Window-shades, etc., Shelbyna).

Mr. Thompson is a native Missourian, born near Paris, in Monroe county, February 4, 1846. His father, Harvey Thompson, who died in 1882, was a contractor and builder for over 20 years prior to his death. Previous to that he had been engaged in merchandising a number of years. He came to Macon, Mo., in 1857, where he lived until his death. Mr. Thompson's mother was a Miss Sarah A. Ballard before her marriage. She is now living at Shelbyna. Taylor Thompson, the subject of this sketch, was educated in the schools of Macon City, and then he began clerking at that place. He continued at Macon City until 1879, when he came to Shelbyna and formed a partnership with George T. Hill in merchandising, but Mr. Hill died soon afterwards. Mr. Thompson subsequently continued business on his own account. He had no partner in business until 1881, when Mr. Lasley became interested with him. The business of Thompson & Lasley has been spoken of in the sketch of Mr. Lasley. Suffice it, therefore, to say here that they have a large and



steadily increasing business, and rank among the most successful and popular merchants in the county. In 1864, Mr. Thompson served in the militia during Price's raid into this State. October 4, 1870, he was married to Miss Sallie Parsons, a daughter of John N. Parsons, of Shelbyna. They have three children: Harry G., Frank T. and Leo. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson are members of the M. E. Church, and he is a member of the Masonic order.

#### GEORGE W. TOWNSEND

(State Agent of the Hannibal and St. Joe Railroad, and Agent of the Pacific Express Company, Shelbyna).

Mr. Townsend, one of the most popular and accommodating local officers on the line of the Hannibal and St. Joe road, is a native of New York, born in Greene county, May 4, 1846. His parents are John E. and Elizabeth (Van Loon) Townsend, his father of English descent, his mother of a Mohawk Dutch family, originally from Holland. George W. was reared on a farm in New York and came to Missouri in 1869, in company with his parents, who settled at Shelbyna, where they now reside. In the fall of 1870 he began learning the duties of station agent under J. W. Miller at this place, under whom he worked for about four years. He then went to Woodland and became local agent at that place, where he remained until he was appointed agent at Shelbyna in 1881. He had also previously learned the telegraph business. Mr. Townsend has been married twice. To his first wife, previously Miss Helen A. Ingersoll, he was married in 1871. She died the following year. In 1874 he was married to Mrs. Susan C. Murch, the widow of William Murch, a railroad conductor, who was accidentally killed by being run over by an engine. Mrs. Townsend, his present wife, whose maiden name was Hancock, was a telegraph operator after her husband's death, and Mr. Townsend largely learned the trade from her. She has two children by her first husband, Frank A. and Fred W., the former now in Abilene, Texas, and the latter in the post-office at this place. Mr. Townsend is a Royal Arch Mason.

#### J. WM. TOWSON

(Real Estate, Loan and Insurance Agent, Shelbyna).

Mr. Towson has been in the real estate at Shelbyna for nearly 20 years, and it is venturing nothing to say that during this time he has handled more real estate than any other man in the county. An active, energetic business man, he is never behind any one in enterprise and has done a great deal for the county in advertising its advantages abroad, and bringing in new comers to settle up the country. He came here from Maryland in the spring of 1866, his brother, Henry C., having preceded him. Securing the agency of the sale of the lands of the St. Joe Railroad, and forming a real estate partnership under the name of Towson Bros., these men

built up a large business. They handled the lands of the St. Joe road in this county and Monroe and also large bodies of wild land particularly in the vicinity of Shelbyna. In 1881, Henry C. retired from the firm, J. Wm. buying out his interest, and two years after A. W. Combs became a partner. In 1867-68 Mr. Towson traveled all over Shelby county gathering data and examining its topography in order to make a complete and reliable map thereof. This map was the first one ever made, and in fact, was the only one for a number of years, and was of great value, not only to the firm in disposing of their lands, but as a map of reference for all. Messrs. Towson & Combs are owners of the "Benjamin Abstracts" — the work of the late John F. Benjamin, M. C., from this district, — showing upon a moment's examination the title to any tract of land in the county, and they do a heavy business in this line, as well as in buying and selling real estate. They also represent ample capital and loan money on real estate on reasonable rates of interest and easy payments. They are the agents for some eight or ten fire insurance companies of the United States, and also for the Mutual Life Insurance Company, of New York. They keep a number of men traveling in the insurance line from year to year. Mr. Towson comes of an old Maryland family, from which Towson town, near Baltimore City, was named. He was born near Hagerstown, Washington county, March 2, 1839, and is the son of William and Louisa (Hamm) Towson, his mother being a native of Virginia. With a fair education, he commenced his business life as clerk in a large mercantile house in Baltimore City, remaining till the summer of 1862, when he went South. There he entered the Confederate service in the celebrated "Black Horse" Cavalry, Fourth Virginia, in Gen. Fitzhugh Lee's division. From that time he participated in every great battle of "the army of Northern Virginia" till its surrender under Gen. Robert E. Lee at Appomattox. Coming to Missouri, as stated above, September 3, 1868, he married Miss Gabraella, a daughter of James Combs, of this county. An adopted daughter, Ada, whom they gave their name, Towson, is their only child. In Masonry he is a Knight Templar, and now holds the highest office in Shelbyna Masonic Lodge. He has given little time to politics, but has been Mayor of the city of Shelbyna, and held other offices of trust. He is a large holder of business and other property, is a successful dealer, a good financier, and thoroughly reliable and responsible.

#### H. C. TOWSON

(Shelbyna).

Mr. Towson is a native of Maryland, born in Williamsport, Washington county, July 13, 1842. His parents were William and Louisa Towson. His father was of English descent. His mother's family were early settlers of Berkeley county Va., and his father's of Washington county, Md., his grandfather, Jacob T. Towson, being a prominent and wealthy citizen of Williamsport, where he died

in 1841, bequeathing to his children a large estate. Mr. Towson's parents resided on their farm two miles from Williamsport until 1857, when they removed to Baltimore City, where his mother died in 1860, and his father at Williamsport in 1869. H. C. completed his education at what is now known as The Baltimore College, having attended that institution four years, and graduated with the highest honor in the class of '62—taking the first Peabody prize of \$100 for scholarship and deportment. He was a hard student and having confined himself so closely to his studies, his health became seriously undermined, from the effects of which, and subsequent exposure in business, he has never fully recovered. After his graduation he taught school two years, preparing himself at the same time for the study of law, his chosen profession. In the fall of 1864 he entered the law office of Judge Brown, in Baltimore City, to prosecute his legal studies, but his eyes having become weakened from long study failed him, and he was compelled to abandon his purpose. In January, 1865, he was married to Miss Martha Coakley, a daughter of P. H. Coakley, a broker of Baltimore, and soon afterwards removed to Missouri and established a real estate office at Shelbyville, in April 1865, in partnership with Mr. Joseph Willis, then exploring agent of the Hannibal and St. Joseph Railroad Company. Mr. Willis, however, in consequence of pressing duties elsewhere, relinquished his interests in a few months to Mr. Towson, who continued the business alone until the spring of 1866, when he gave his brother a partnership in the business, which continued until Mr. Towson retired, in 1881. The firm did a very large real estate, insurance and land agency business. Mr. Towson has been quite successful in the accumulation of property, and is in comfortable circumstances. He was a leading stockholder and director in the Bank of Shelbyville during its entire existence, besides occupying similar positions of trust in other enterprises, and was once one of the town trustees. He has a handsome residence property in Shelbyville, and so far as material comforts are concerned, he is in a situation to enjoy life. Mr. and Mrs. Towson have had a family of four children, only one of whom is now living, a promising lad 14 years of age. Mrs. Towson is a member of the Baptist Church.

#### ISAAC H. WAILES

(Deceased, Lentner).

This worthy farmer and good citizen of Salt River township, after a long residence in the county, died on his farm near Lentner. He was born in the City of Washington, District of Columbia, December 20, 1824, and was a brother to John W. Wailes, whose sketch precedes this. Twelve years of age when his mother's family settled in Shelby county, in 1836, he grew to manhood in this county, and was married here in 1849 to Miss Elizabeth H. King, a daughter of Elbert J. and Lucy A. King, who came here from Kentucky in 1838, or rather to Ralls county, and then to Shelby, in 1841, locating near Shelbyville. Her father died near that place in 1864, and her mother

died in 1881. He was a member of the M. E. Church South, and she of the Baptist Church. Mrs. Wailes was born in Ohio in 1831, where her parents resided for a few years before coming to Missouri. She is still living, and finds a welcome and pleasant home with her daughter. Mrs. W. is a most estimable and motherly old lady, esteemed and venerated by all who know her. In her happy married life she was blessed with six children, as follows: Lucy E., deceased, the wife of James L. Gunby; Mary E., the wife of Benjamin F. Williams; Amanda C., the wife of James T. Canfield, of Muscatine county, Iowa; Edwin R., who married Miss Nannie D. Melson; Oliver M., a thriving young farmer of this county; Charles E., a popular young school teacher, now preparing himself for a university course; and William H., who died at the age of 17, in 1873. Mr. Williams, the father, was a worthy member of the Church

#### EDWIN R. WAILES

(Farmer, Post-office, Lentner).

Mr. Wailes was the fifth in the family of children of Isaac Wailes, now deceased, a memoir of whose life precedes this. He was born on the family homestead in Shelby county, in 1858, and was reared to the occupation of a farmer. In 1883 he was married to Miss Nannie D. Melson, a daughter of Jacob Melson, of this county. Mr. Wailes settled on his present farm, known as the Edmonson place, in 1884. It is a neat farm of 72 acres, and Mr. W. is making a good start in life. He has his place fairly improved and well stocked with good cattle, horses, hogs, etc. Mr. W. is a grand nephew to Judge Perry Moore, of this county, originally of Delaware. Mr. and Mrs. W. are members of the M. E. Church.

#### JOHN W. WAILES

(Farmer, Post-office, Lentner).

It was much against his will that Mr. Wailes became a member of the militia during the war. He deeply deprecated the internecine strife then raging throughout the country, and while he felt a deep disinclination to take any part in the struggle between brothers and between fathers and sons, if he felt any partiality for either side it was for the South, of whose people he came and where he was born. He therefore naturally protested against taking up arms to fight against his own section and relatives, and even after he was forced into the militia on the Union side, which he entered rather than be driven from home and broken up, it was precious little fighting he did. He was in only about a month, and then resumed the duties of his own affairs at home. Mr. Wailes has long been a member of the M. E. Church South and has filled different offices in the church. He is now a regularly licensed exhorter in the church, and is a zealous worker in its affairs. Mr. Wailes has a good farm of 120 acres, neatly improved, and is comfortably situated. He is a native of Dela-

ware and a son of Levin I. and Mary I. (Moore) Wailes. His father was a gallant soldier in the War of 1812, and died in Washington, D. C., in 1832. John W., born in Delaware in 1826, was nine years of age when his mother removed to Illinois with her family in 1835. The following year they came to Missouri and settled in Shelby county, where he grew to manhood. In 1849 he was married to Miss Mary P., a daughter of John B. and Charlotte (Parker) Lewis, formerly of Delaware, who came to this State in 1836, and are still living at Hannibal, where the father is city recorder, justice of the peace and notary public. The subject of this sketch settled on the farm where he now resides in 1850. Mr. and Mrs. Wailes have two children, Jesse A. and Nora E. Five are deceased: Margaret A., Julia V., William K., Charles E. and Elizabeth V. Jesse A. is a licensed minister of the M. E. Church South, being licensed February 9, 1884, and at his first protracted meeting, which commenced March 13, 22 sinners were converted in one week. His career promises to be one of great usefulness to the church. He is a young man of wonderful zeal and eloquence, and is undoubtedly capable of great good in the cause of Christianity.

#### W. H. WARREN

(Shelbina).

Mr. Warren's parents, William and Charlotte (Herndon) Warren, came to North Missouri from Bourbon county, Ky., as early as 1835, and after a two years' residence in Marion county, settled five miles south of Shelbina, where they made their permanent home. The father, a millwright by trade, worked at that for a short time, and then followed farming until his death, which occurred at the age of 74. The mother is still living at the age of 75, and finds a welcome and pleasant home with the subject of this sketch. They had a family of eight children, of whom five are living. William H. was born in Bourbon county, Ky., July 23, 1829, and was, therefore, principally reared in Missouri. He early learned the carpenter's trade, at which he worked for some years, and finally engaged in the lumber business, which he followed with steady and substantial success until the fall of 1883. He is now, temporarily, in no active business. Mr. Warren is in comparatively easy circumstances. Besides having considerable means and other property, he has a handsome residence property at Shelbina, and is now building another dwelling. He has been a member of the city council for about six years, and is now serving his second year as a member of the school board. He was, for several months, with Price and Col. Porter, respectively, during the late war, and was in the battle of Lexington. The last years of the war, however, he spent in Kentucky and Indiana. November 17, 1870, he was married to Miss Lucy Lewis, a daughter of Jesse Lewis, of Monroe county. They have no children of their own, but are rearing a little girl, Gertrude List, now nine years of age. Mr. and

Mrs. W. are members of the Baptist Church, and he is a member of the I. O. O. F.

#### CHARLES W. WEATHERBY

(Contractor and Builder, Shelbina).

Mr. Weatherby came to Shelbina from Michigan, where he was a prominent citizen of his county and had been twice elected to represent it in the State Legislature. His last term of office had not expired when he removed to Missouri. He had also served as magistrate in Michigan for a period of over 20 years, and, indeed, was one of the influential citizens of the county. Here he has been one of the leading contractors and builders of Shelbina since locating in this place, having erected no less than 12 brick business houses and a large number of residence buildings. He has also served as magistrate at this place for some years. Mr. Weatherby was born at Ft. Ann, near Champlain Lake, January 19, 1810. When he was yet in childhood his parents, Willard and Phebe (Brown) Weatherby, removed to Syracuse, N. Y., where he grew to manhood and learned the carpenter's trade. He remained there until he was 25 years of age. In 1836 he removed to Michigan and resided in Branch county for about eight years. He then settled near Coldwater, where he followed farming and working at his trade for over 30 years. It was while there that he held the office of magistrate and represented the county in the Legislature. From Coldwater he went to Elkhart, Ind., and began merchandising, having for partners a couple of young men with a great deal more enterprise than business discretion. The result was that they went through with about \$10,000 of his cash much quicker than Ward got away with the Grants on Wall Street. He then came to Shelbina, having a brother, Warren, who had preceded him here in 1857. Here he bought several lots and went to building houses. He has since been in the contracting and building business at this place and with excellent success. He has a number of residence properties at Shelbina rented out, and is in comfortable circumstances. Mr. Weatherby's first wife, previously a Miss Harriet Hadley, died in New York about nine years after they were married. There are two children the fruits of this union: Mary J., now Mrs. Charles A. Fletcher, of Washington Territory; and Charles J., now president of the Kansas Life Insurance Company, of Kansas City. Mr. W.'s second wife survived her marriage but 18 months. She was a Miss Ruth Steele, of Michigan. In 1848 he was married in that State to Miss Clara Roe, who lived 33 years after her marriage, dying January 12, 1881. To his present wife, previously the widow of Harry Clark, of Allen, Hillsdale county, Mich., he was married February 28, 1882. She was a Miss Mary J. Diesler, of New York, before her first marriage. Her first husband, formerly of Michigan, died at Allen, Hillsdale county, Mich., in 1875. Mrs. Weatherby, by her first husband, has nine children, all of whom, except the two youngest, are married and the heads of families. Mr. W.'s granddaughter, Hattie

Fletcher, became the wife of the youngest son of Henry Ward Beecher, Herbert Beecher, and they now reside at Seattle, Washington Territory.

#### ADOLPHUS G. WOOD, M. D.

(Physician and Surgeon and Farmer, Post-office, Lentner, Mo.).

Dr. Wood, a son of Adolphus E. Wood, one of the pioneer settlers of Shelby county, and a nephew of Hon. Fernando Wood, deceased, late of New York City, was born on the Island of Cuba. The Wood family, of which the subject of the present sketch is a representative, is one of the oldest and best families in the country. It was founded in America by Henry Wood, of England, who came to the New World in about 1650. He settled in the colony of New Jersey, and became one of the prominent men of that colony. From him descended Benjamin Wood, his great-grandson, and the latter became the father of Adolphus E. and Hon. Fernando Wood. A full history of the family in this country may be seen in the biography of the Hon. Fernando Wood. To give here even an outline of this old and distinguished and now numerous and widely distributed family, would require far more space than the limits and nature of this work render practicable. Mr. Wood's mother, before her marriage, was a Miss Anne Caroline Clunette, a young lady of French descent, and his parents met and were married in Cuba — with the merchants of which island his father was engaged in trade from New York. Indeed, his father resided in Cuba for some years, continuing there for a time after his marriage, and it was while a resident of that island that Dr. Adolphus G. was born, on the 18th of March, 1831. From Cuba Dr. Wood's parents returned to the States, and soon afterwards came out West, locating at Hannibal in the fall of 1834. The following spring, however, they came to Shelby county and settled on a farm three miles north-east of Shelbina. In 1833 Dr. Wood's father, who was himself a practicing physician, was appointed a member of the first county court of the county, and removed to Oak Dale, the then county seat of Shelby county. Dr. Wood, *pere*, was one of the first physicians of the county, a man of thorough university and medical education, and a polished, courtly gentleman; withal, he was a man of high character and generous impulses, and was extremely popular with all who knew him. He resided in this county until his death, successfully engaged in the practice of medicine and in superintending his farm. He died in 1856, widely and profoundly mourned. Of the family of 10 children, nine are living, namely: Charles S., Louisa J., Adolphus G., Matilda T., Edward M., Benjamin O., Arabella A., Henry M. and Mary R. Dr. A. G. Wood, the third of these, was, with the other children, reared on the farm in this county and given a good general education. While yet a youth he began the study of medicine under his father, and also had the benefit of instruction from Dr. J. C. Woodson, of Shelbyville. He then entered the Medical Department of the State University of Iowa, in which he took a regular course

and graduated in the spring of 1859, among the first in his class. Shortly after his graduation Dr. Wood located at Walkersville, where he engaged in the practice of his profession. He has continued the practice from that time to this, for a period of about 25 years, and with excellent success. For years past he has resided on his farm adjoining Lentner. On the 20th of January, 1863, he was married to Miss Mary L. Mitchell, a daughter of Thomas Mitchell, clerk of the Shelby county court. The Doctor and Mrs. Wood have seven children: Fernando, Mandell, Amanda P., Anna Clunette, Adolphus M., Lamar and Gertrude. In politics Dr. Wood is a Democrat, as all good men ought to be, and being a Democrat, he takes a deep interest, as a matter of course, in the welfare of his county and the country generally.

#### EDWIN W. WORLAND

(Of E. W. Worland & Bro.'s Livery, Feed and Sales Stables, Shelbina).

Mr. Worland has been engaged in his present line of business since 1876, but from time to time has had different partners. His brother, George H., or Henry, as he is called, became his partner in January, 1883, since which they have been carrying on the business together. They have one of the neatest and most complete livery establishments, including choice stock and vehicles, as well as the manner in which everything is kept, throughout Shelby and neighboring counties. They have some turn-outs so trim and handsome and "fly" that they make the average young man of the period, who has a fond and fair *dulcis* and playing with a full blast when he sees their gay rigs go by. In a word, they have some of the best and most stylish looking turn-outs to be seen anywhere in this part of the country. Their riding and driving stock are unsurpassed, and their line of buggies, carriages, coupes, drummers' wagons, etc., are first-class and complete. Their stock represents an investment of \$3,500, and their building, of which Mr. W. (E. W.) owns a half interest, was erected at the cost of \$4,000. Mr. Worland & Bro. also deal quite extensively in horses and mules and are engaged in breeding fine horses. They have a fine horse, "Froude," for that purpose, believed to be the best horse in North Missouri. He has taken a premium at as many as nine fairs in North season, a larger number than has been taken by any other horse in the country. He is of the Membrino stock. They are also engaged in training horses for racing and the fairs and exhibit stock in nearly all the fairs in North Missouri. Mr. Worland has been engaged in mule trading for several years, and has been quite successful. He was born and reared on a farm, and has therefore handled stock from boyhood. He was born near Lakenan, in this county, February 24, 1853, and is a son of John H. and Elizabeth (Greenwell) Worland. His father is still living, and a sketch of his life appears elsewhere in this volume. Mr. Worland (E. W.) was married September 18, 1881, to Miss Kate F. Gillispie, a daughter of Ben. F. Gillispie, of Monroe

county. She is a member of the Christian Church. Mr. Worland is a stockholder and director in the Shelby Fair Association. He owns a good farm in the county, and, considering his age, is a man in comfortable circumstances. He is full of enterprise and energy, and will doubtless continue to prosper by his characteristic industry and close attention to business.

#### CHARLES W. WRIGHT

(Dealer in Groceries, Queen's-ware, Tin-ware, Wooden-ware, Drugs, Seeds, Patent Medicines, Paints, Oils, Wall Paper, Etc., Etc., Shelby.)

Mr. Wright is a Kentuckian by nativity and education, and has been at Shelby only since the spring of 1884. Brought up on a farm, where he learned industrious, steady habits, and given a collegiate education, he has exceptionally good qualifications for a successful business career. Last spring he brought on a stock of goods in the lines mentioned above valued at about \$3,000, and opened them out in his two-story brick business house on the north side of the railroad, where he has since been giving his entire attention to his store. His trade has been all that he could fairly have expected, and, indeed, better than he did expect. Although he has been running but a few months, such has been the encouraging custom that he has received that he feels that his business is already established on a sound and safe footing. He has made it a rule to deal fairly with everybody, and to be as accommodating to his customers as good breeding and natural geniality can require. Hence, he has won the confidence and good opinion of the public. He buys for cash, and sells at the lowest market prices, so that that is not an unimportant factor in his success. Mr. Wright was born at Springfield, in Washington county, Ky., July 27, 1858. His parents are Richard W. and Angeline E. (Moore) Wright. Young Wright concluded his education at Lynnland College, in Hardin county, Ky. He afterwards followed farming in Kentucky until 1882, when he engaged in merchandising at Buffalo, in that State. From Buffalo he came to Missouri, and from March, 1883, until he came to Shelby, he was in the mercantile business at Hunnewell. October 4, 1881, Mr. Wright was married to Miss Sallie Brownfield, of La Rue county, Ky. Mrs. Wright is a member of the Baptist Church. In 1880 Mr. Wright assisted in taking the census of Washington county, Ky.

J. H. YOST, D. D. S.

(Dental Surgeon, Shelby.)

Dr. Yost has been in the active practice of dental surgery for over 12 years, and been located at Shelby for the past nine years. A man of thorough professional education and of superior natural aptitude for the practice of his profession, he has, as would be expected, achieved marked success as a dentist, having succeeded in building up a large practice and establishing an enviable reputation, not only in this county but in neigh-

boring counties. He visits other points accessible from Shelby, and particularly Shelbyville, where he spends three days of each week to attend to his custom at that place. His practice is so well established that it requires all his time and attention. Dr. Yost is a native of the Old Dominion, and his family, originally from Germany, has long been settled in that State. However, the Yosts, prior to the Revolution, first settled in Pennsylvania, where a branch of the family still resides. Hon. Jacob S. Yost, for two terms a member of Congress from Pennsylvania, and afterwards U. S. Marshal for the Eastern District of the Keystone branch of the family. Dr. J. H. Yost was a son of John B. and Maria B. (Rutherford) Yost, and was born in Rockingham county, January 15, 1835. The Rutherford family was one of the first families of Virginia, as all old Virginians know. Dr. Yost was reared to the life of a farmer, and was engaged in that occupation when the war broke out, in 1861. He was a member of Co. B, Tenth Virginia Infantry, prior to the war, and his regiment was, of course, one of the first ordered into active service at the beginning of hostilities. He went to Harper's Ferry, under Gen. Joseph E. Johnston, and was afterwards attached to Stonewall Jackson's command. He served under Gen. Jackson until the death of that grandest hero of the war. The next day after Gen. Jackson's death, Dr. Yost was taken prisoner, but was soon afterwards paroled. At Gettysburg he was again captured, and was held prisoner for 19 months and 19 days at Camp Delaware and Point Lookout. In February, 1865, he was again exchanged, and was at home on a furlough when Lee surrendered. He was in the battle of Port Republic, fought at his own home, and was detailed to pilot the army out from under the guns of Gen. Shields, which he did by taking the command in a circuitous route and with excellent success. This was when "Jackson kicked the top," as it was called in the parlance of the times, "off the pepper-box." After the war Dr. Yost entered the Dental College of Baltimore, where he took two regular courses, and graduated with distinction in 1873, receiving the degree of D. D. S., at that institute. Meanwhile, in the interim between his terms attending college, he practiced dentistry, and afterwards continued the practice in Virginia until the winter of 1874-75, when he came to Shelby, as stated above. The following summer he brought out his family, and has since been a resident of this place. June 21, 1871, Dr. Yost was married to Miss Sallie J. Weaver, of Port Republic, Va. They have five children: Charles W., John M., Mary K., Olive Lee and an infant. Mrs. Yost is a member of the M. E. Church South. Dr. Yost is a member of the school board of this place.