

In 1867 he moved to Missouri, locating in Shelbina. During the first year of his residence in this county he taught a public school north of Hannowell. In 1876 he was elected to the office of prosecuting attorney of Shelby county. He also served as city attorney and as a member of the school board.

In 1881 he became associated with E. D. Hoselton as editor of the Democrat. The firm of Hoselton and Jewett owned the paper until 1891, when Mr. Hoselton sold his interest to J. W. Cox.

In 1901 Mr. Jewett purchased the interest of his partner and became sole owner of the Shelbina Democrat. Mr. Jewett edited the paper and practiced law until January, 1911, when he leased the paper to two of his sons, H. H. and E. W. Jewett. This ended Mr. Jewett's career as a pioneer newspaperman, although he continued as contributing editor until shortly before his death in March, 1928, writing an almost weekly column of editorials. However, Mr. Jewett spent many more years after selling his newspaper, in law practice.

In 1886 he was chosen a member of the lower house of the state legislature. In 1892 he was elected president of the Missouri Press Association. Mr. Jewett was a prominent member of the I.O.O.F. lodge and in 1899 was Grand Master of the order for Missouri.

He was married to Miss Ella Cox of Hannowell June 3, 1869. They were parents of eight children, seven of whom grew to adulthood—John C., Oriella, Howell H., Mattie S., Ernest W., Ida and William.

W. O. L. Jewett died in March, 1928. Ernest W. Jewett, a son, is a resident of Shelbina.

James Lucas was born in Philadelphia, Pa., October 18, 1832. His father was drowned when he was a small child and his mother married again. He was "bound out" when he was a small boy to a Mr. Berlin in Delaware to learn the blacksmith trade. After he had completed his training, he was given a saddle and a horse.

Mr. Lucas then moved from Delaware to Loudh county, Va. He left Virginia with a Jenkins family and settled in Walkersville, Mo., in April 1855. On July 26, 1855 he married Margaret Jane Jenkins at Shelbyville, Mo. He was in the blacksmith business in Walkersville.

Mr. and Mrs. Lucas moved to Shelbina in 1863. Mr. Lucas had a blacksmith shop on the corner two blocks north of Highway 38. He also did wagon work.

Mr. and Mrs. Lucas were the parents of eleven children—James W., Mary, Ann Poiri, Albert, J. Will, James A., Thomas A., Walter Lee, Homer E., Dora and Bertie. Six of the Lucas boys learned the blacksmith trade from their father.

Mr. Lucas later moved his shop to West Walnut street where the Vernon's Flower Shop is now located. In 1914 James A. Lucas, son of James Lucas, built the brick building. James Lucas died April 8, 1907.

Walter Lucas, hardware merchant in Shelbina, is a grandson of James Lucas. His father was Walter Lee Lucas.



Lucas Family—7 Blacksmiths— Top row, left to right: Walter Lee, William, Alfred, Thomas A. and James Arthur. Bottom row: Omer, Mrs. Margaret Lucas (the mother), Bertie Jane, James (the father) and Dora.