

CLAY TOWNSHIP.

JOHN W. BARR

(Farmer, Post-office, Clarence).

A native of Shelby county, Mr. Barr was born April 6, 1846, a son of James R. and Levenia (Short) Barr. Reared in the county, he became a farmer, the occupation of his father. However, in 1870, when 23 years of age, he went to Nevada with his brother James and spent about three years in that State engaged in getting out and supplying wood and timber to the mines and quartz mills. Returning after this, he at once resumed farming in Shelby county, to which he had been brought up, and in February, 1873, was married to Miss Jane, a daughter of James Clark, of this county. Mr. Barr located on the farm where he now resides shortly after his marriage, or, rather, on the land of which his farm is composed, for it was then unimproved. He improved the place himself and has a good farm of 180 acres, with excellent improvements, including residence, barn, fences, etc., and a good orchard. Mr. and Mrs. B. have four children: Lavenia B., Fannie K., John M. and Berry S. They have lost one, Hettie E., who died at the age of 14 months. Mr. and Mrs. Barr are members of the M. E. Church South. Mr. Barr is a substantial young farmer and well respected citizen of Clay township.

JAMES F. BARR

(Farmer, Post-office, Clarence).

One of the townships of Shelby county ought by all means to have been named Delaware, in recognition of the important share the many early settlers in this county from that State contributed toward the development and improvement of the county and its advancement in material and general prosperity. Mr. Barr's parents belonged to this worthy and numerous class of the early settlers of the county. They came here from Delaware in 1837, and spent the remainder of their lives within its borders. His father, James R., was a farmer by occupation and was satisfactorily successful. He died here at an advanced and respected old age in 1880. He was a member of the M. E. Church South for many years, and an exhorter in that church, warmly zealous in the cause of religion. He was liberal and generous, hospitable and kind, greatly esteemed by his neighbors and much beloved in his family. James F. was born in this county October 2, 1849. He was reared in the county, received a common school education, supplemented with a course at high school in Shelbyville. In 1870 he went to the State of Nevada and was for four years engaged in supplying timber and wood to quartz mills in that State. Returning home in the winter of 1873-74, he bought a tract of land and began

the improvement of a farm, on which he settled and where he still resides. He has a place of 160 acres and is steadily coming to the front as one of the substantial farmers of the township. He was married September 16, 1874, to Miss Elizabeth, a daughter of Thomas Mitchell, of this county, formerly of Kentucky. Mr. and Mrs. B. have five children: Warren F., Willard T., Mary R., Edgar T. and Elbert W., the last two twins. Mr. and Mrs. B. are members of the M. E. Church South.

HON. CYRUS S. BROWN

(Attorney at Law, and of the firm of Haston & Brown).

This distinguished gentleman is not only one of the leading lawyers in the county, but has received at the hands of his fellow-citizens the highest marks of respect, confidence and honor that were theirs to bestow. He has a large practice at Clarence, and has served as mayor of the city, as representative of the county in the Legislature, and as State Senator, to all of which offices he has imparted additional dignity and lent a luster that will cling to his name while he lives, and descend a proud inheritance to his children. Mr. B. is the son of George and Temperance (Plum) Brown, the former a native of Pennsylvania, the latter of Connecticut. His father was a prominent farmer of Jefferson county, N. Y., but moved a few years previous to his death to Pennsylvania, whence he peacefully passed to his last home in 1868. Cyrus S. Brown was the third child in a family of eight. He was born in Brownsville, Jefferson county, N. Y., March 28, 1818, and grew to manhood in his childhood's home. He graduated at Union College at Schenectady in 1840, and for nine years thereafter, taught school in Pennsylvania, Kentucky and Missouri, whither he found his way in 1843. He settled in Pike county, but in 1849 went overland to California. He was absent three years, being most of the time engaged in mining. On his return Mr. Brown located in 1856 in Shelby county. Here, on a farm a mile east of Clarence, he peacefully tilled the soil until 1868, during this time diversifying his career by a few months' service in the Volunteer State Militia. In 1868, having in his youth devoted his leisure hours to the study of law, for which profession he had always a predilection, he determined to adopt it as his life's work, and in connection with the real estate business he has done so. As before said, an extensive practice testifies to the high order of his ability. Mr. Brown was married in Clark county, Ky., in August, 1843, to Miss Julia Duncan, daughter of James B. Duncan. There are two children by this marriage, Duncan, a minister of the Presbyterian Church, at St. Joseph, Mo., and George C., physician of Mound City, Holt county, Mo. Mr. and Mrs. B. are members of the Presbyterian Church, and Mr. Brown belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic.

JAMES A. BYARS

(Farmer, Post-office, Clarence).

An energetic, thrifty farmer of Clay township and one of its worthy, respected citizens, Mr. Byars was reared in an adjoining county to where he now resides, and was married here February 7, 1861, to Miss Margaret A. Bishop, a daughter of Robert Bishop of this county, but formerly of Pennsylvania. She was born in Westmoreland county, Pa., and she came to this county with her parents when fourteen years of age. Mr. Byars was from Smythe county, Va., born there September 11, 1832, a son of George W. and Anna (Blessing) Byars. His father's family removed to Missouri in 1840, and settled on a farm in Macon county. His father died there in 1877. James A. came to this State two years subsequent to the removal of his parents, and grew to majority in Macon county. After he attained his majority he came to Shelby county, locating in Jefferson township, where he engaged in farming with his brother-in-law, with whom he remained until his marriage. Mr. Byars then settled on the place where he now resides. He has a farm of 240 acres on the Macon and Shelby county line, all under fence and 140 acres in cultivation. Mr. and Mrs. Byars have five children: William, Stella, Prudence, Joseph R., Franklin W. and an infant daughter. They have lost seven in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. B. are members of the Bethel Christian Church. Mr. Byars is said by another, who had the pleasure of meeting him, to be a pleasant, nice gentleman and a good, successful farmer.

WILLIAM T. CAROTHERS

(Farmer, Post-office, Clarence).

Although Shelby and Monroe counties are contiguous, there is one marked difference in the make-up of their populations. Monroe county is settled almost exclusively from the Southern States, while in Shelby there is a very large sprinkling of people from the North. Among this class in Shelby county is the subject of the present sketch, Mr. Carothers. He was born in Carlisle, Cumberland county, Pa., April 4, 1834. His father was William Carothers, also a native of that State, and his mother's maiden name was Margaret A. Culp. His father died when William T. was yet in childhood, but his mother is still living and now, at the age of 84, is in vigorous health, her hair only fairly sprinkled with gray and her eyes as bright apparently as they were in the morning of life. William T. was brought out to Missouri in 1841, by some relatives of his, when he was still a small boy, who took him to rear after his father's death. He was principally reared in Ralls county. About the time of the Pike's Peak excitement, in 1859, he went to Colorado, and remained out there engaged in mining until 1865. Returning to Missouri, he bought land in Shelby county and settled about three miles south of Clarence, where he improved a farm, where he resided for several years. He then let his

farm to a tenant and removed to the town of Clarence where he owns a neat residence property, including about five acres of land and besides this has a place of 80 acres adjoining town. In all he has near 400 acres of land, the whole of which is improved. November 16, 1865, Mr. Carothers was married to Miss Frances E. Phillips, a daughter of John R. Phillips, of Ralls county. She died February 22, 1870, and had borne him two children, Mary F., now aged about 16, and Margaret E., a younger sister. May 2, 1872, Mr. C. was married to Mrs. Etta J. Simmons, relict of Watson Simmons and daughter of Henry W. Brown. She was born in Ontario county, N. Y., and has two children by her first husband, Glenn C. and Horace J. Mr. and Mrs. C. are members of the M. E. Church.

CHARLES H. AND DOLLY A. (WYLEY) CHRISTIAN.

(Early Settlers, Post-office, Clarence).

This venerable couple, both now in their ninetieth year, are spending the sixty-ninth year of their married life together, and are perhaps the oldest couple in the State. In a few more years, if they are still spared, they will celebrate their diamond wedding, a ceremony never witnessed in Missouri, and but a few times in the United States. Of their family of 11 children, nine of whom lived to reach mature years, they have outlived all but four, and these are classed among the old people of their respective communities. Father Christian and his motherly, venerable, good wife were early settlers in Missouri, among the early white settlers of Kentucky, pioneers in more than one community in the march of civilization toward the Western sea. Both were born in the Old Dominion, he in Albemarle county, July 6, 1795, and she in Rockingham county, August 9, of the same year. He was a son of James and Mary Christian, the surname of both his parents being the same; and she a daughter of William and Anna (Moore) Wyley. He was principally reared in Amherst county, Va., to which his father removed, residing there until 1811, when the family settled in Ohio county, Ky.; she was mostly reared in Ohio county, of the latter State, to which her parents removed at about the beginning of the present century. They were married December 24, 1816. She had joined the M. E. Church four years before their marriage, and he joined it the year following; so that she has been a member for 72 years, and he for 64 years. Early in the spring of 1825 they removed from Ohio county, Ky., to Missouri, locating first in Lincoln county, and then, in two years, in Ralls county, where they resided until 1834, when they came to what is now Shelby county, but then a part of Marion county. There are but two men now living in the county who resided within its present borders when they came here, namely, Russell Moss and James Glenn. The country was then, of course, in its primitive condition—a wilderness. There were not enough white settlers to break the monotony and melancholy of the wild, wierd, lonely scene. Those that were here were miles apart, and while through the day the songs of birds, the sighing of the winds

or the rush of a startled deer were the only noises that broke the dead silence of the surroundings, the night was made even more lonely than the day by the constant howling of wolves and the occasional scream of a blood-thirsty panther, for these abounded in the country. Game of all sorts was also abundant, including deer and turkeys, and not unfrequently bear. This venerable couple of pioneer settlers have lived to see all this changed and to see the county one of the most populous and prosperous — the people blessed with all the comforts and luxuries of an advanced civilization, a land abounding in church buildings and school houses, and the locomotive shooting here and there and everywhere — one of the most populous and prosperous communities in the fifth State in wealth, population and intelligence in the Union. It seems hardly possible that in the span of a lifetime, in less than the span of the lives of this venerable couple, so wonderful, so mighty a change can have been accomplished. But it has been wrought, and by the energy mainly of the class of pioneers whom they represent. Father Christian has borne a brave part in this noble work, and his good wife has done her full share by his side. For years he made it a regular occupation to improve farms for sale, and it has been said that in his time he has made enough rails to fence the county and enough boards to cover it. He was a gallant soldier in the War of 1812, and fought under Gen. Hopkins and Gov. Shelby in the North-west, on Lake Erie and in Canada. For some years he has drawn a pension in recognition of his services for his country in that struggle — the “Second War for Independence,” as it has not inappropriately been called. This good old soldier and brave-hearted pioneer is still, considering his advanced age, well preserved, physically and mentally, and his memory, particularly, is remarkable, for he calls to mind events that occurred 75 years ago with the apparent clearness and distinctness as if they were the happenings of yesterday. No one is more interesting and entertaining to listen to, and it will be a loss to the future not to jot down and preserve his reminiscences. His good wife is in quite feeble health, but it is devoutly to be hoped that she may still be spared to accompany him on down the stream of life, in which they have so long journeyed together, until the final end is reached. The following are their four children now living: Elizabeth, who is the wife of Jonathan Wooster; Marion, now of Rutherford county, Tex., and the head of a family of his own; Charles Wesley, who owns the home place in Shelby county, and of whom further mention will be made; and Walter K., a prominent dentist of Moberly. Five others died in mature years, and two left families.

Charles W. Christian, mentioned above, was born in Ralls county, December 3, 1833, but was reared in Shelby county. He started out for himself by working at farm labor for monthly wages, and two years afterwards, April 30, 1857, was married to Miss Nancy J., a daughter of Overton A. and Mary Winston, of this county. After his marriage Mr. Christian located on a farm five miles from Shelbyville, where he resided until 1864, or until the spring of the following

year. He then removed to Omaha, Neb., and engaged in the business of having freight hauled across the plains, he himself giving his personal attention to the express business in Omaha. Subsequently he returned to Shelby county, and bought land where he improved a farm. He has since improved other farms, and in all as many as five farms. He now owns the old family homestead of 200 acres, one of the best stock farms in the township. Mr. and Mrs. C. have seven children: Mary A., Benjamin D., in Idaho; Charles A., in Montana; Leilia A. and Dolly A., twins; James E. and Nora V., twins. They have lost one, Willie A., who died at 17 months, in 1869. Mr. C. and wife are members of the M. E. Church South. This is one of the most social, hospitable families in the community, and they are highly esteemed by all who know them.

ABRAHAM CLARK

(Postmaster, Clarence).

Mr. Clark was born in Belmont county, O., December 5, 1843. His parents, Benjamin and Mary (Hampton) Clark, were natives of Pennsylvania. When they immigrated to Belmont county, Mr. C. was quite a young man. He lived there until 1874, then moved to Shelby county, and now lives in Clarence. Abraham Clark was reared on the farm and educated at the common schools. He was still a boy at the beginning of the late war, but at once took up arms in behalf of his country. He enlisted as a private in Co. E, Sixty-second Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and re-enlisted as a veteran and served over four years under Col. F. B. Pond. Mr. Clark's war record was a most brilliant one; he was in many regular engagements and in innumerable skirmishes, through all being distinguished for his cool bravery and steady nerve, as well as for his soldiery endurance. After his discharge Mr. C. returned to his home in Belmont county to recruit his shattered strength, but his health continued delicate. On the 20th of February, 1867, Mr. Clark married Miss Amy E., daughter of Edwin Patterson of Belmont county. They have three children: Addison P., Francis F. and Elma. In the winter of 1869 Mr. C. moved to Missouri, locating in Shelby county on a farm just north of Clarence. In 1872 he was appointed postmaster of that place and has held the office ever since, having increased its business by his management to four times its original amount. Mr. Clark is a man of most courteous, affable manners and is the very person for the position he occupies. Few men have ever been so popular. He has served on the school board in the city council and in several official capacities. He also started the first paper in Clarence, the *Clarence Tribune*, of which he had charge for over two years. He is Senior Vice of the G. A. R. and belongs to the I. O. O. F., in which he has filled all the chairs. Mr. C. and wife are members of the M. E. Church.

WILLIAM CLEARY

(Deceased).

Mr. Cleary, who was one of the successful business men of Clarence, and a well respected citizen, died at his residence at this place on the 25th of March, 1881. He left a comfortable estate, the fruit of his own honest industry, enterprise and business ability. He was a native of Ireland, born March 9, 1836. His parents were Michael Cleary and Mary, *nee* Robinson. Reared in his native country, early in 1864 he came to the United States, and resided for a time at Stamford, in Connecticut. He there met, wooed and was married to Miss Sarah Fitzpatrick, a daughter of Michael Fitzpatrick, originally of Ireland. Soon after his marriage Mr. Cleary came West, and he first located at Peoria, Ill. Later along of the same year he came to Missouri, and established himself permanently at Clarence. In 1868 he engaged in the grocery business at this place, and also had a meat market. He continued in both of these lines for about five years, and then disposed of the butcher business and continued in the grocery line. He built a large two-story brick business house, and opened one of the best grocery stores in the county. He also secured a comfortable residence property and some other town property at Clarence. When he died he was in the full tide of success, and if he had been spared to a reasonable old age, would, doubtless, have become a wealthy man. He left a family consisting of his widow and four children, namely: Mary E., now the wife of Charles E. Jones; Katie, Sarah and John W. Mrs. Cleary and her family are members of the Catholic Church.

PHINEAS D. COOLEY

(Farmer, Stock-raiser and Real Estate Dealer, Post-office, Clarence).

Mr. Cooley, a New Englander by nativity and education, is of Scotch descent on his mother's side — the family of Taggards — but of an old New England family on his father's. He has resided in the West, however, almost continuously since he was a young man. Thus, by his Western experience as well as Scotch blood, having all the characteristics of generosity, hospitality and open, frank, plain-spoken manhood, for which the Scotch in common with the people of the West are noted; while on the other hand he shows the keen judgment, business tact, progressiveness and enterprise characteristic of the intelligent, enterprising New Englander. His success in a property point of view was early and substantial. When 21 years of age he came out to Illinois, and worked in a machine shop at Aurora for about a year, at good wages. Frugal and economical, he saved up most of his wages, and above all had the good judgment and tact to invest his means to the best advantage. The rich lands of Grundy county, Mo., could then be gotten almost by the asking, either by entry or purchase. He soon came to this county and secured about

1,000 acres, which is now worth not less than \$30 an acre. Immediately he went to work and improved a large farm, on which he resided, engaged in raising grain and stock, for some 13 years. During this time he also dealt to advantage in real estate, never, however, letting go a good hold until he got a better one. In 1868 he partly sold out in this county and returned to Vermont, but soon found the country in circumstances too cramped there, and returned to the broad, open, rich ranges of Missouri. He located on land he owned near Clarence, in Shelby county, where he has a good farm of about 450 acres. Besides other farm industries, he is engaged in the manufacture of cheese, and keeps from 15 to 20 cows for that purpose. He also deals, to a considerable extent, in real estate, and owns valuable property in this and Macon counties. He owns the Palace Hotel at Macon City, a livery stable property and other valuable property. On the 11th of July, 1861, he was married to Miss Mary P. Vincell, a daughter of Davis Vincell, of Grundy county, but originally of Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. C. have nine children: Edward P., Ella, Alice, William, Dora, Charles, Frederick, Alfred and Leslie. One, Birdie A., died at the age of 18 months. During the war Mr. Cooley served at different times in the State Militia, on the Union side, and participated in several fights. His native county in Vermont was Chittenden, and his natal day August 10, 1833. His father was Cassius Cooley, a native of the same county, and his mother, *nee* Miss Eleanor Taggard, of Gaughtown, N. H. Mr. Cooley received a common school education, and for six years from the age of 15, was a clerk in Worcester county, Mass. He then came West to Illinois, as stated above.

ALFRED L. CRAIN

(General Stock Dealer, and Dealer in Groceries, Queensware, Glassware, etc., etc., Clarence).

Mr. Crain, one of the leading, progressive and enterprising business men of the western part of the county, has risen to the enviable position he now occupies in affairs almost alone by his own industry, energy and sterling business intelligence. He is a native of Kentucky, was reared in Illinois. His parents were William E. and Elizabeth (Abrams) Crain, who removed from Fleming county, Ky., to Adams county, Ill., settling on a farm near Quincy, in 1844. Alfred L. was born in Fleming county, June 9, 1843, and was therefore in infancy when his parents settled in Illinois. He was brought up to a farm life near Quincy, and took a course in the higher branches at McComb High School. In about the time of reaching his majority he obtained a situation on the railroad as freight conductor of the Hannibal and St. Joe line, which he held to the satisfaction of the company for four years. By this time he had some little means which he invested in the hardware business at Shelbyville. Eighteen months afterwards he sold out at Shelbyville to good advantage and came to Clarence, where he established a hardware store and

continued it until 1874. Meanwhile, December 15, 1868, he was married to Miss Mattie E., a daughter of W. O. Huston, one of the early settlers of Shelby county from Kentucky. Mr. Crain sold his hardware business at Clarence and located at Brookfield, where he made a business of buying and shipping stock. He was in that for five years and then became the traveling representative at a handsome salary of a large live stock commission house of Chicago, and he continued to travel for them for three years, his field of operations including Missouri, Kansas, Texas and Nebraska. In 1882 he settled on a farm just east of the suburbs of Clarence, where he resumed the live stock business on his own account, which he has since followed. His shipments aggregate about 200 car loads a year, making him one of the largest shippers in the county or throughout the whole surrounding country. He also feeds about 20 head of cattle and 400 head of hogs a year for the markets. In February, of the present year, he engaged in the grocery business. This is one of the leading grocery houses in the western part of the county. Mr. Crain has valuable real estate in Clarence and in the county outside of Clarence. Mr. and Mrs. C. have five children: Charles L., Anna M., Huston A., Ira J. and Arthur E. He and wife are members of the M. E. Church South, and he is a prominent Odd Fellow.

ASA CULVER

(Retired Farmer, Clarence).

Among the many well-to-do Northern farmers and good citizens who have made their homes in this county since the war, none have proved more worthy of respect and appreciation than the subject of the present sketch. Mr. Culver, now four years past the allotted age of three score and ten, has by his own industry, honesty and good sense accumulated a comfortable competency for life, and is residing in town, having his farm carried on, which is near this place. He has a good farm of 220 acres a mile north of Clarence, which he bought in 1868 and resided on until 1877, when he came to Clarence to reside. Though born in Canada, his natal day being the 27th of January, 1810, he was of American parentage, and was reared in the United States. His father, Isaac Culver, was originally of Connecticut, and his mother, whose maiden name was Polly McCarty, was of Fishkill, N. Y. They were married in New York and then removed to Coburg, Canada, but later along made their permanent home at Cleveland, O. After Asa Culver attained his majority at Cleveland, he located on a farm in Ashtabula county, and in the fall of 1836 was married to Miss Julia, a daughter of William and Loise Stewart, originally from Vermont. She had been a teacher in Ohio for two years previous to her marriage. In about 1851 Mr. Culver removed to Illinois and resided in that State for some 17 years, nearly the whole time in Stephenson county, where he was engaged in farming. He then came to Clarence in 1863. Mr. and Mrs. Culver have reared four children: Elias W., of Chippewa Falls, Wis., one of the wealthy

lumber dealers of that State; Charles, of this county; Lucy A., who died in young womanhood in this county, and Louisa, who died whilst the wife of William Butler, of Chicago. Mr. Culver has lived an active, useful life, and reared his children in comfort and respectability, and gave them good educations. He is a man well deserving the respect and consideration of all who know him.

WILLIAM DAVIS

(Dealer in Lumber and Farm Implements, Clarence).

Mr. Davis came to Missouri in 1867 and engaged in farming in Shelby county. Two years later he established a hardware store at Clarence and carried that on with success for ten years. Selling out then to advantage, he concluded to try Kansas as a home, but was absent from Shelby county only a year. While in Kansas he was engaged in the hardware business at Logan, in Shelby county. After his return, in the spring of 1880, he established a lumber yard at Clarence, and later along added a stock of farm implements. Mr. Davis has a fine trade and does an annual business of about \$50,000. He is one of the enterprising business men of Clarence and stands well in the estimation of the entire community. He is a native of New York, but was principally reared in Michigan. Born in Genesee county, of the former State, January 1, 1840, he was brought out to the Lake-Peninsula State by his father, George W., who settled in St. Joe county in 1850. Young Davis' mother had previously died. The father still resides in St. Joe county, Mich., and is a substantial and respected farmer of that county. In July, 1861, the subject of this sketch enlisted in the Union army, becoming a member of Co. A, Eleventh Michigan Volunteer Infantry. Most of the time he was on detached duty as team master. At Schwacher, Va., he was captured, having charge at the time of 400 teams, which were also taken by the army. He escaped, however, and rejoined the army, being team master under Sherman until the close of the war. He then engaged in farming in Michigan, which he followed there until he came to Missouri in 1867. August 25, 1866, he was married to Miss Frances E., daughter of Jacob Peterman, of St. Joe county, Mich. They have three children: Eva P., wife of M. M. Dimmitt; George W. and Gil Blas. They have lost one, an infant. Mr. and Mrs. D. are members of the M. E. Church and he is a member of the Masonic order, the A. O. U. W. and the G. A. R. He is one of the most highly respected citizens of Clarence.

WILLIAM S. DIMMITT

(Retired Farmer and Stock-raiser, Clarence).

Mr. Dimmitt is a brother to Dr. Dimmitt, of Shelbyville, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this volume and in which an outline of the family history has been given. Their parents, Walter D. and L. C. Dimmitt, settled in Marion county in an early day, where the father be-

came one of the substantial and influential citizens of the county. Wm. S. was born on the homestead in that county, January 8, 1831. At the age of 20 he engaged in school teaching in Lewis county, but soon afterwards returned to the farm on the old family homestead, where he continued occupied with the pursuits of agriculture for about 11 years. In 1863 he bought a place of 360 acres three miles south of Clarence, where he improved an excellent farm. He was engaged in farming and stock-raising with success on that place for 12 years when he sold it to some advantage. In 1880 he bought 320 acres of land a mile south of Clarence, and another tract of 320 acres a half mile east and one mile south of town, both of which he improved. On selling his farm of 360 acres, above referred to, besides the two tracts of land just mentioned, he also bought a neat residence property in Clarence. Later along he sold the farm a half mile east of Clarence, but he still owns the place one mile south of Clarence. This is a farm excellently improved with good fences, buildings, etc., and well adapted to stock-raising, in which he and his nephew, J. W. La Fon, are engaged. Mr. Dimmitt has just completed a handsome residence in Clarence, one of the best in the place, large and conveniently arranged, and built with an eye to appearance and good taste only less than to comfort and substantiality. The large yard fronting it is uniformly graded and set with blue grass making an unusually handsome lawn, tastily ornamented with evergreens and flowering shrubs, and the whole relieved by handsome trees presenting ensemble, a scene of marked attractiveness and beauty. Mr. Dimmitt is in comfortable circumstances and has made for himself a home at Clarence in which to spend the afternoon of life worthy to be envied by the most favored. Contemplating his elegant and comfortable home and its pleasant charming surroundings, one is instantly reminded of the couplet:—

“Blessed is he who, in shades like these,
Crowns a life of labor with an age of ease.”

Mr. Dimmitt, one of the most highly respected citizens of Clarence, is at the same time one of the most public-spirited, liberal men of the place, and contributes freely, both of his time and means, to every movement or enterprise, material or otherwise, that tends to promote the general good of the community, and the prosperity of the town and surrounding country. On the 28th of March, 1854, Mr. Dimmitt was married to Miss Kate B., a daughter of Thomas Williams, deceased, one of the early settlers of Lewis county, who came from Kentucky with her father's family whilst yet in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. D. are members of the M. E. Church South.

FRANK DIMMITT

(Of Dimmitt Bros., Dealers in Dry Goods, Boots, Shoes, etc., Clarence).

These brothers, sons of Dr. Dimmitt, of Shelbina, one of the leading men of the county, were reared in this county and, like their father,

have taken a prominent position in the business and general affairs of the county. Frank Dimmitt, the subject of this sketch, was born in Cooper county, December 2, 1857. He was therefore three years of age when his father located at Shelbyville. He was given good educational advantages and took a course in the common and higher English branches, including surveying; he also took a five years' course in the languages, and became proficient in Latin and Greek. He concluded his course at school before he was 17 years of age and at once engaged in teaching school, which he followed for two years; he was then in the bank at Shelbyville, under his father, for a time, and in 1876 opened the Monroe City Bank, for the proprietors of that institution, his knowledge of the banking business and of book-keeping, as well as his experience, being such that he was especially sought after to open the bank, which he did with success, continuing with it until it was well started on a successful career. In 1877 he was engaged in selling goods and the following year located on a farm near Shelbyville, where he remained three years. In the spring of 1881 Mr. Dimmitt came to Clarence and established his present business in connection with his brother; he built a neat dwelling here and a commodious business house, the latter at a cost of about \$4,000. The firm carries a full line of dry goods, clothing, furnishing goods, hats and caps, boots and shoes, carpets, etc. Their success in business has been unquestioned and they have a large custom throughout the surrounding country of Clarence. March 13, 1879, Mr. Dimmitt was married to Miss Emma E., a daughter of James W. Jackson, deceased, formerly one of the prominent and influential agriculturists of Marion county. He was one of the pioneers of the county and he and his father built the first mill ever erected within the limits of that county. Mrs. Dimmitt was his only daughter. She was educated at Shelbyville and received an advanced education. Mr. and Mrs. D. have one child, James J., born May 5, 1883. A little daughter, Annie E., died July 6, 1882, in the second year of her age. Mr. and Mrs. Dimmitt are members of the M. E. Church South. He is also a member of the A. O. U. W. and is recorder of the lodge.

WILLIAM N. DOYLE

(Retired Farmer, Clarence).

After an active and useful career of more than a generation, not without reward in the substantial evidences of success, as well as otherwise, Mr. Doyle has now retired from the regular duties of business and industrial affairs, and is spending the evening of life in comparative ease and contentment. He commenced for himself at the age of 15, and from that time until 1881, when he retired on an ample competence, a period of 45 years, his career was one of unceasing industry and activity. After so long a period spent in honest and useful pursuits, one is well entitled to the ease and rest which approaching old age demands. Mr. Doyle, like many of our better citizens, came from the East to Missouri, after the war. He was born at Roxbury,

in Delaware county, June 9, 1821, and was a son of Charles M. and Charity (Cator) Doyle, both of old New York families. His father, a gallant soldier in the War of 1812, was a hatter by trade, fairly successful, and a man of marked intelligence. William N. early learned the hatter's trade, but at the age of 15 went to New York City to do something for himself. He obtained a situation in a grocery commission house, where he spent a year. Returning then to Delaware county, he worked on a farm for about three years, and from the age of 19 until he was 21, drove a peddler's wagon. Again he worked on a farm, and soon began farming for himself. In 1847 he went to Courtland county, N. Y., where he followed farming and handling stock, with good success, for over 20 years. He drove stock to New York City and to other large wholesale points in the East, accumulating a modest and comfortable fortune. In 1868 he came West, and bought a farm in Clarence, where he resumed farming and continued it until 1881, when he retired. He has valuable real estate both in Clarence and in the country a short distance from town. On the 29th of May, 1845, Mr. Doyle was married to Miss Sarah A., a daughter of Asa and Phœbe Gritman, formerly of Delaware county, N. Y., but afterwards of Luzerne county, Penn., where Mr. Doyle was married. Mr. and Mrs. D. have reared four children: Virginia, the wife of G. F. West; Augusta, now Mrs. W. E. West; Libbie, the wife of Harry Nichols, of Atchison county, and Hattie, now Mrs. Milas Henry. Mr. and Mrs. Doyle are members of the M. E. Church.

EDWIN EDMONSON

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

Among the substantial farmers of Clay township is the subject of the present sketch. Mr. Edmonson has a place of 240 acres, nearly all of which is under fence and in cultivation or pasturage. He is engaged in raising stock, grass and grain, and is having excellent success. Mr. Edmonson is a thorough-going man and is doing much good in the vicinity as one of the progressive farmers of the community and one of its intelligent, public-spirited citizens. He was the eldest in a family of 12 children of Magruder and Sarah A. Edmonson, both of whose parental families were originally from Virginia, but later of Montgomery county, Ky., where Edwin Edmonson, the subject of this sketch, was born, on the 22d day of August, 1827. While he was yet in infancy his mother died and his father subsequently married Elizabeth Dunlap. They removed to Adams county, Ill., in which they were among the early settlers. His father died there in February, 1884, and before his death was considered one of the oldest living residents of the county. He was a successful, substantial farmer and Edwin was reared to that calling, which he has followed from boyhood. He also learned the carpenter's trade and has worked at that to a considerable extent in his times. In 1860 he was married to Miss Catherine Ware, but lost her by a most unfortu-

nate accident. She was returning home on foot when a neighbor who was out hunting seeing her bonnet through the brush mistook it for the head of a deer and fired with only too deadly an aim, killing her instantly. She had been married but two years at the time of her death. To his present wife Mr. Edmonson was married in 1855. She was a Miss Keziah Farlow, a daughter of William Farlow, of Adams county, Ill. Mr. E. remained in Adams county until 1881, when he removed to Shelby county and bought his present place. He and wife have six children: George W., Charles, Elizabeth, Eliza J., the wife of John M. Menick, Jr., Sarah E. and John L. Elizabeth is the wife of Charles Trogdon. In 1882 Mr. Edmonson lost his right hand, except his thumb, by having it accidentally caught in the rigging of a threshing machine, coming very near losing his life at the time. He and wife are members of the Missionary Baptist Church and two of their children belong to the M. E. Church South.

HENRY GLAHN

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

In the battles of Chickasaw Bayou, Arkansas Post, Jackson, Miss., Spanish Fort, Fort Blakely, and others of less importance, Mr. Glahn took a courageous and unfaltering part as a brave soldier of the Union. He was also in the siege of Vicksburg, assisted to dig a canal around that city, and was at the final capture of the place. From the hardships he underwent there he was taken severely sick and lay in the hospital for two months. At last, after the close of the war, he was mustered out of the service at Columbus, Tex., in the fall of 1865, and formally discharged at St. Louis after a continuous service of more than three years, during which he smelt powder and heard the whistle of bullets on many a hard-fought field, where friend and foe alike lay dead or dying around him. He then returned home to Shelby county, and spent about two years, mainly recuperating his health, which his privations and hardships had greatly impaired. In the fall of 1868 he was married to Miss Elizabeth J. Price, daughter of James Price, of Macon county, but recently of Kentucky. Mr. Glahn then located on a farm and went to work in dead earnest. The industry and thrift characteristic of the German people, of which he is one, have been characteristic of him as a farmer. He has worked hard and made a success of farming. Mr. Glahn has a good farm of nearly 200 acres, all under fence and in a good condition. He and his good wife have also been quite successful in their family. They have six children: Dora B., Harvey E., Webster D., George W., Julius S. and Charles H. They have lost but one, James A., who died at the age of about three years, this last February. He is a member of the G. A. R., and Mrs. G. is a member of the Christian Church.

JAMES W. GOSNEY

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

David Gosney, the father of James W., was originally from Virginia, and after he grew up was married to Miss Anna Wilson, a native of Maryland. They became early settlers of Adams county, Ohio, and James W. was born there September 29, 1830. In 1844 they removed to Marion county, Mo., where the father bought land and improved a good farm. He died there in 1863. There were four sons and three daughters in the family who grew to maturity, all of whom are living except one of the sisters. James W. was the fourth in the family, and remained at home until 1850, when he joined that innumerable caravan of Argonauts, bound for that then mysterious coast of the continent washed by the Pacific seas. He crossed the plains for California, and spent three years in the Pactolian land of the Occident. In 1853, having had some success in mining, Mr. Gosney returned to Marion county, Mo., and on the holy eve of Christmas reached the old family hearthstone which he had left three years before. The following spring he engaged in farming, and continued it in Marion county for about three years. During this time, February 13, 1855, he was married to Miss Allie J., a daughter of Thomas and Mary Hagar, of Ralls county, but formerly of Kentucky. Mrs. Gosney was educated at Lebanon College, in Kentucky. Mr. Gosney removed to Shelby county in 1856, and bought land in Clay township, where he improved a farm, or rather he had bought and built there prior to this. He lived on that place for 27 years, engaged principally in raising stock and trading in them generally. He is still quite extensively engaged in handling stock, and is one of the enterprising stock men of the county. Mr. and Mrs. Gosney have a family consisting of five sons and five daughters: Laura B., wife of James Mayberry; Thomas D., married; William F., James M., Robert M., Maude W., Nannie Y., Malissa J., John S. and Lillie Irene. Mrs. G. is a member of the Catholic Church.

EDWARD GOULD

(Farmer, Post-office, Clarence).

From the *Lockport Daily Journal* we are permitted to take the following obituary of Aaron Miller Gould, the father of the subject of this sketch:—

OBITUARY.

DIED.—In Clarence, Missouri, on the 6th inst., Aaron Miller Gould, in the 61st year of his age.

The subject of the above notice was the eldest of seven sons of the late Hon. John Gould. He was born in Cambria, Niagara county, N. Y., December 18, 1819. His advantages for an education were those afforded by the common and select schools, supplemented by attendance at the Lewiston Academy—at that time the only institution of the kind in the county. Of retentive memory, diligent in study, exemplary in character, he soon attained a position in the estimation of the public, where his ser-

vices as a teacher were among the first in demand. His aptitude in imparting instruction, his earnest zeal for the welfare and advancement of his pupils, ever gave him a strong hold upon their respect and affection. A firm believer in the truth of Christianity, experiencing the transforming influence of its principles in his life, he early cast his lot with the people of God. He united with the Congregational Church, and to the day of his death identified himself with this, or some sister denomination, and exemplified in his life the profession of his faith. As a biblical scholar, he was excelled by few who had enjoyed superior advantages, and equalled rarely by those of similar opportunities. He was ever ready, in Christian humility, to give a reason for the hope that was in him, and by all proper means, as an officer in the church, teacher and superintendent of the Sunday-school, and all benevolent work, to aid in the extension of Christ's kingdom. Strong in his convictions of truth and duty, he had the courage to manfully discharge the obligations they imposed, to the best of his ability. As a husband, he ever confided in the wife of his youth, who was to him in all things but his other self. Years only increased the strong attachment that led to plighted faith, which was ever strengthened by increasing cares and responsibilities. The golden chain of affection shone as brightly beneath the shadow of adversity, as in the sunshine of prosperity. As a father, he was devoted to the welfare of his children — more anxious for their spiritual and mental culture, than that they should possess the empty baubles of the world. As a neighbor, he was ever ready to sympathize with the distressed, and relieve the needy. As a citizen, he was public-spirited and sought the best good of society. If success in life depend upon the amount of gold amassed and left behind, then was this life a failure. But if it be true that

“He lives most

Who thinks most, feels the noblest, acts the best,”

that moral purity, integrity of purpose, benevolence, and all the kindred virtues of Christian character, wield an influence for good long after the miser's hoarded gold shall have crumbled to its dust, then has this brother's life been a *grand success*, and his children may glory in the heritage of one who has gone to his reward and wears the crown of eternal life.

W. B. G.

There are six brothers and three sisters in the family of the deceased, three of the brothers now being residents of Colorado, one a resident of Nebraska and two of Shelby county, this State. Edward, one of the two last mentioned, was the third of the sons, and was born in Niagara county, N. Y., February 8, 1854. Reared, however, in Shelby county, he received a good common school education in this county, and when in his twenty-third year went to Colorado, where he spent about two years engaged in mining at Leadville, or rather some three years, for after returning to Shelby county during his father's illness, he went back to Colorado after his father's death, and remained there another year. Coming home to remain permanently in 1881, he has since been engaged in farming, his farm being a part of the old Gould homestead. He has 138 acres, 80 acres of which are in his home place. His farm is neatly improved and he is accounted one of the energetic young farmers of the vicinity. On the 27th of February, 1883, Mr. Gould was married to Miss Dora E. Melson, a daughter of Jacob Melson. They have one child, Addie M., born February 8, 1884. Mrs. G. is a member of the M. E. Church.

STEPHEN M. HANCOCK

(Of Shanks & Hancock, Dealers in Dry Goods, Clothing, Furnishing Goods, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, etc., etc., Clarence).

The present firm was formed in the fall of 1880, when Mr. Hancock bought a half interest in the business which had been previously carried on by Mr. Shanks. Messrs. Shanks & Hancock have built a

commodious and tastily-constructed business house, 25x90 feet in dimensions, which they have filled with a large and first-class stock of goods in the lines mentioned above. Both are men of ample means to carry on business without pecuniary embarrassment and to take advantage of low markets by cash purchases. They also sell mainly for cash, and keeping, as they do, a good class of goods which they sell at the lowest possible figures consistent with sound business management, they of course have a large run of custom. Dealing fairly and honorably with every one, they have established a business reputation which is of hardly less value than the actual capital they have invested. They have the confidence of the entire community, and being accommodating and pleasant in dealing with their customers, they are more than ordinarily popular. Mr. Hancock was born in Jo Daviess county, Ill., February 4, 1848. His father, Richard Hancock, was from Cornwall, Eng., and was a miner and metallurgist, and on coming to this country located at Galena, where he became interested in the lead mines of that place. He was there married to Miss Eliza A. Lichtenberger, formerly of Pennsylvania. He died in Illinois in 1868. At the age of 16 Stephen M. Hancock went to Chicago, where he was employed in the Union Stock Yards, and in 1867 he came to Shelby county where he engaged in farming. He was married here January 9, 1868, to Miss Maggie, a daughter of William Hirrlinger, deceased, formerly of Germany. In 1870 Mr. Hancock returned to Joe Davies county, Ill., where he farmed for five years, but then came back to Shelby county. He was engaged in farming here until 1879, when he established a store at Hager's Grove, having previously sold his farm. In 1881 he was burned out and suffered a loss of \$2,600 in excess of what he recovered from insurance. He then bought a farm in the county and resumed farming, but soon afterwards sold his place and came to Clarence. Mr. and Mrs. Hancock have a family of eight children: Julia E., Hattie F., Charles E., Kizzie M., Emma B., Maud, Addie and Raymond. Mrs. H. is a member of the Christian Church, and Mr. H. is junior warden of the A. F. and A. M., and is a member of the A. O. U. W.

JESSE T. HERRON

(Dealer in Groceries, Queen's-ware, Glass-ware, Boots, Shoes, Etc., Clarence).

Mr. Herron engaged in his present line of business in 1875, and has succeeded in building up a large trade throughout the surrounding tributary territories. He carries an excellent stock of goods of the classes mentioned above; and, indeed, a general assortment of kindred kinds, and selling at fair prices and dealing fairly with his customers, he has established a reputation for his house that secures it a steady and profitable patronage. Mr. Herron is a native of Indiana, born at Rising Sun, July 21, 1834. His parents, David Herron and Lydia (Griswold) Herron, were from Lancaster county, Penn., and came out to Indiana shortly before Jesse T.'s birth. They located in Dearborn county, and were pioneers in that county. The father died there

April 19, 1846. He became a man of local prominence and held several positions in civil affairs and in the church. Jesse T. Herron was reared on his father's farm, and in youth attended the country schools. After he attained his majority he took a course of one term in the Indiana University and afterwards engaged in teaching. He followed teaching in Indiana for about nine years. March 10, 1865, he was married in Ohio county, that State, to Miss Augusta Lampkin, a daughter of Ezra Lampkin, now of Macon City, Mo. He then engaged in farming and farmed in Indiana for some three years. In 1868 he removed to Missouri and settled on a farm near Clarence. He also taught one term of school after locating in this county. He farmed here for some seven years, but sold out in 1875 and engaged in business in Clarence. Mr. and Mrs. Herron have reared a family of four children: William B., who is in the store with his father, and is a young man of family; Cora E., M. Kate and Minnie. Mr. Herron and wife are members of the M. E. Church, and Mr. Herron has been a member of the Masonic Order since 1858. He was made a Mason in Hartford Lodge, No. 151, Indiana, and demitted to Clarence Lodge, No. 305, and filled several positions in both lodges.

CORNELIUS H. HORNBACK

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

Among the young agriculturists of Clay township, in Shelby county, young men of intelligence, enterprise and thrift, is the subject of the present sketch, Mr. Hornback. He is of an old and respected family of this region of Missouri, his grandparents having been early settlers of Ralls county. His father, Squire John J. Hornback, six years of age when the family came from Kentucky, was reared in Ralls county and afterwards made his home in Macon county, where he resided many years, becoming one of the substantial farmers and men of influence in his part of the county. He served as magistrate for a number of years and could have held higher positions if he had desired them, but being a man of devoted home attachments and quiet worth, had no ambition for the notoriety of political prominence. In 1870 he removed to this county, where he bought an excellent farm near Clarence and lived here prosperous and high respected until his death, which occurred November 10, 1882. He had previously followed merchandising in Macon City for nearly 10 years, that is, prior to his removal to this county, but his life was mainly devoted to agricultural pursuits, in which he was entirely successful. He was a man of solid, sound judgment and good business ability, thoroughly upright and popular with all he knew. His widow, who was a Miss Mary E. Holliday, of the old and respected Holliday family of this part of the State, survives him, and is a lady of marked intelligence and many estimable qualities, and bears her age extremely well, having the appearance now of not being over 35, her hair being but slightly turned and her movements quick and conversation bright and entertaining. She

reared but one child besides Cornelius H., Willie E., the wife of W. W. Glasgow, now of Dakota Territory. Cornelius H. resides on the old family homestead in this county, which he owns, having bought his sister's interest and mother's dower. He was educated at the Macon high school and also took a course at business college. January 22, 1878, he was married to Miss Sallie E. Crayton, a daughter of Jacob L. Crayton, of Ralls county, but formerly of Virginia. His wife is a graduate of the high school of Macon City. Mr. and Mrs. H. have two children, Mary A. and Estella B. Mr. Hornback has been continuously engaged in farming, except for about two years when he was in the grocery business at Clarence, and except also about a year in the livery business at Hannibal. His farm contains 360 acres and is one of the better class of farms of the township, being excellent land and well improved, with a good residence, commodious barn, substantial fences, a bearing orchard, etc., etc. He is engaged to some extent in raising fine cattle of the Hereford short-horn breed, having several good cows of that stock and a fine bull. Last year he was engaged in buying and shipping horses and mules and had satisfactory success.

CHRISTOPHER HUNOLT

(Of the Clarence Bank, and Farmer and Stock-raiser).

Among the German families who came to this State a generation ago and whose members have entered actively and prominently into the social, business and agricultural life of the country, was that of Joseph Hunolt, a native of Prussia, who immigrated to America in 1845, and settled in Marion county. He was an intelligent, sturdy German, who became a successful, valued and highly respected citizen of Marion county. He died in Shelby county, October 15, 1865, aged 66, and was one of the substantial farmers of the county. His wife a Miss Elizabeth Gottlieb, died in 1872. Three of their sons are living; one, the subject of this sketch, the third, now presiding justice of the county court from Knox county, and the second, a prominent citizen of Shelby county and a large land owner and cattle dealer, fattening annually from 200 to 300 head for market. Christopher Hunolt was born in Prussia October 13, 1829, and was therefore in his sixteenth year when the family came to America. He completed his adolescence in Marion county, learning the occupation of farming and receiving a common school education as he grew up. On the 18th of June, 1853, he was married to Miss Mary S., a daughter of Mathias Babler, of Hannibal, but originally of Switzerland. He continued on the farm with his father for three years after his marriage, and then his brother, now Judge Hunolt of Knox county, bought a tract of land in Shelby county and divided it, and on a portion of this Mr. H. still resides. He has since added to his place until he now has about 500 acres. Nearly all of this is fenced and 320 acres are in cultivation or meadow. The balance is in timbered pasture. His place is

well improved and is one of the best stock farms in the township. For a number of years Mr. Hunolt has made a regular business of feeding cattle and hogs for the wholesale markets, and fattens annually about 100 head of cattle. He is also a principal partner and senior member in the Clarence banking house, one of the substantial banking institutions in the county. Mr. Hunolt owns valuable town property, including a block of buildings and the Miller Hotel property. When he first came to this county he was quite poor, and lived in a small cabin in the timber, where he improved his farm for about 10 years. His struggle to come up in the world was a hard one, but he had the industry and perseverance, the courage and business ability to succeed, and the result has been all that he could have fairly expected, and better than most men would have hoped for or accomplished. He and wife are members of the Catholic Church.

JUDGE JOSEPH HUNOLT

(Farmer and Stock-dealer, and Next Judge of the County Court, Post-office, Clarence).

Judge Hunolt, one of the leading stock-dealers of Shelby county, and the owner and proprietor of five fine farms, aggregating nearly 2,000 acres, being next to the heaviest tax-payer in the county, is a brother to Christopher Hunolt, whose sketch appears on another page of this volume, and was born in Prussia, March 4, 1835. When he was 10 years of age his parents came to America and settled in Marion county, this State. Judge Hunolt was reared in that county, and in 1854 he and his brother came to Shelby county, not having at the time enough money to jingle on a tombstone. However, they have scratched around and got a small tract of timbered, brush-covered land, on which they went to work to make their fortune. The thrifty qualities characteristic of their German blood, have not been unproductive of the usual successful results of German industry, frugality and level-headed, business acumen and intelligence. Both brothers have become wealthy, and each ranks among the substantial, prominent citizens of the county. Judge Hunolt, being a man of solid character and sober, good sense, is, of course, a Democrat, and in June, of the present year, was nominated for a seat on the bench of the county court. The county, being composed mainly of good honest men, is Democratic by nearly 1,000 majority, and he will therefore be elected world without end. A man largely interested in the welfare of the county, he will of course endeavor to administer its affairs, so far as depends on him, to the best interests of the people, for it stands him in hand to see that economy is observed and taxes reduced to the lowest possible figure consistent with the public welfare. No one doubts that he will make an upright, conscientious judge. As has been said, he commenced life for himself a poor man, and has worked his way up by his own honest toil and good, sober common sense. From time to time, as he was able to, he kept buying more land and improving or having it improved, until he now has five farms. For a number of

years he has been buying and feeding and shipping stock, and now ships from 40 to 50 car loads annually. The Judge's home farm is well improved, including a good two-story residence, two excellent barns, and other out-buildings, good fences, meadows, pastures, etc., and a good orchard. Each of the other farms is also well improved. On the 16th of October, 1862, he was married to Miss Aseneth Spease, a daughter of John Spease, deceased, originally of Pennsylvania, but from Iowa to Missouri. The Judge and Mrs. H. have four children: Christopher, Anna, William and Mary S. He and family are members of the Catholic Church.

WILLIAM O. HUSTON

(Retired Farmer and Merchant, Post-office, Clarence).

Mr. Huston, an old and respected resident of the county, well known and highly esteemed throughout the entire vicinity around Clarence, has led a successful life, both as a farmer and business man, and is now retired from active pursuits on a comfortable competency. He was born at Bloomfield, Ky., July 13, 1823, and was brought to Missouri by his parents while he was still at a tender age. They located at Ralls county in 1825, and William O. was reared on his father's farm in that county. An outline of his father's family is given in the sketch of Judge S. W. Huston, elsewhere given. In February, 1848, Mr. Huston was married to Miss Rhoda H., daughter of A. P. and Elizabeth Hornback, of Ralls county, but formerly of Kentucky. Soon after his marriage Mr. Huston removed to Shelby county, and has been a resident of this county ever since. He settled on a farm in Clay township and followed farming and stock-raising for about 17 years, meeting with good success. He then, in 1865, removed to Shelbyville, and later along engaged in the hardware and farm implement business, which he followed for a number of years. He then retired from all active pursuits and is now engaged principally in managing his private affairs to the best advantage, and is taking the world comparatively easy. Mr. and Mrs. H. have reared a family of three children: Martha E., wife of A. L. Crain, whose sketch appears in this volume; Anna E., wife of R. N. Shanks, also the subject of a sketch in the present volume; and Ella F., wife of T. N. Bishop. Mr. and Mrs. Huston and their three daughters are members of the M. E. Church South, and he has been a member for the past 40 years. He is a man whose life is without reproach, and is as highly esteemed by those who know him as any man in the county.

JOHN W. JACOBS

(Of Whitby, Jacobs & Co., Dealers in Dry Goods, Clothing, Boots, Shoes and Notions, Clarence).

Born in Greene county, East Tennessee, August 5, 1824, Mr. Jacobs was a son of Lewis M. Jacobs, a merchant tailor at Greenville, among the first of whose journey workmen was Andrew Johnson,

afterwards President of the United States, and one of the greatest common statesmen this country ever produced. Lewis M. Jacobs was a Virginian by nativity, and located at Greenville, Tenn., when a young man. He afterwards married there Miss Anna Wright, and after a residence of some years removed to Missouri, locating at Shelbyville in 1836. In a short time he bought a farm near Shelbyville, where he lived a worthy and respected life until his death, which occurred in 1868. His wife had preceded him across the mystic river about a year before. They had a family of six children, of whom John W. was the eldest. He, like the rest of the family, was reared on the homestead near Shelbyville, and remained at home assisting the family until two years after his marriage, meanwhile obtaining such an education as he could get by his own efforts, which, however, was sufficient for all practical purposes. February 15, 1855, he was married to Miss Mary A., a daughter of Stanford Drain, one of the early settlers of the county, and from Delaware to Missouri. In 1857 Mr. Jacobs located on a farm with his family in the county, and was engaged in farming and stock-raising continuously up to 1873. He then sold his place and stock and removed to Clarence, where he began in the lumber, agricultural implements and grain trade. Having been successful as a farmer he also became successful as a business man, and sold out in 1877 to good advantage. He was not interested in regular business again until 1884, when, in the early part of January, he and his son bought a half interest in the present firm. His son has active control of their interest in this business, Mr. Jacobs giving it only such attention as his good judgment and successful experience demands. He is a man in easy circumstances, all the fruit of his own industry and good management. He has a neat and comfortable homestead in Clarence, and is pleasantly situated in life. Mr. and Mrs. Jacobs have four children: William L., his partner in business; Annah E., Robert L. and Cassie L. Mr. Jacobs' whole life thus far since he was 12 years of age, has been spent in Shelby county, except two years' absence on a trip to California. He is looked upon as one of the best men in the western part of the county, and wields a marked influence by his high character and sober good sense upon those around him.

JOHN W. LAIR

(Farmer, Stock-raiser and Miller, Clarence).

Mr. Lair, one of the enterprising property holders and progressive self-made citizens of Shelby county, is a native of this county, born March 18, 1846; his father was Judge Robert Lair, one of the well known and highly esteemed farmers of the county. He came when 18 years of age with his parents and located in Marion county; he was afterwards married there to Miss Elizabeth Culbertson, formerly of North Carolina; he then removed to Shelby county, where he improved a farm and resided until his death; he died May 10, 1884, aged 74. He served for 12 consecutive years as judge of the county

court and was one of the highly esteemed citizens in the county; he was a man of noble impulses and great generosity and liberality. To the poor and unfortunate he was one of the truest and best of friends; he reared three orphan children, and gave liberally to the poor and assisted the needy wherever and whenever it was in his power to do so. He was a member of no church, but kept faithfully the great law of God, the law of humanity and charity. John W. was reared on the farm in this county, and in 1863, then 17 years of age, he enlisted in Co. E, Eleventh Missouri Cavalry, under Col. Graham, of the Union service; he served until the expiration of his term about the close of the war. After returning home he engaged in farming and handling stock. On the 25th of December, 1870, he was married to Miss Maggie P., daughter of E. F. Wilson, formerly of Virginia. After his marriage Mr. Lair located on a farm in Bethel township, where he resided until 1881; he then removed to Clarence and engaged in the flour and grist business. In 1883 his mill was burned, but he still owns a saw-mill at this place. Mr. Lair also still runs his farms, for he has two of them, or, rather, he superintends their management; he likewise deals to some extent in stock. Mr. Lair has about 700 acres of land in his two farms, all fenced and comfortably improved; he also has a neat residence property in Clarence. He is one of the enterprising men of the place and contributes his full share toward the improvement of the town. Mr. Lair had two brothers and three sisters who lived to be grown, namely: George, who served in the Union army during the war, and by his courage and ability rose from the rank of a private to the colonelcy of a regiment; he died in Colorado of consumption in 1882; William N., who was also a gallant soldier in the Union army, was killed by Bill Anderson at the Centralia massacre. The three sisters are married and are the heads of families.

ANTHONY LANGENBACH

(Tinner and Dealer in Hardware, Stoves, Cutlery, Etc., Etc., Clarence).

In the first great battle of the war, the battle of Bull Run, Mr. Langenbach was severally wounded fighting in the cause of his country for the preservation of the Union, which all are now glad was restored, even those who sought to destroy it. He was left on the field for dead, but happily was made of sterner stuff than to die from the first great shock of war. He was yet to do other valuable service to his country, and he rose from among the dead and dying on the field of battle, as one brought back to new life, to keep step again to the music of the Union and to bear his gleaming bayonet once more in the front rank of the loyal hosts of the Republic. He was in the army for nearly three years, enlisting twice during this time, first for three months, in May, 1861, and then for two years, being honorably discharged in the summer of 1863, holding the position of a non-commissioned officer. Mr. Langenbach was born in Buffalo, N. Y., July 5, 1849. His parents, Hugo Langenbach and Christina, *nee* Waber-

lacher, were from Baden-Baden, Germany. They came to America in 1838, and settled in New York, where both are still living at hale ages. Anthony was reared at Buffalo and educated in the high school. He subsequently learned the tinner's trade. Serving during the war in Co. C, Twenty-first New York Volunteer Infantry, he afterwards resumed his trade in New York, but in 1866 came to Missouri and located in Shelby county. Here he improved a farm, and was engaged in farming and stock-raising for eight years. He then came to Clarence and began in his present line of business. He has an excellent trade and is doing a flourishing business. Mr. Langenbach was married October 16, 1866, to Miss Rose Peters, a daughter of Charles Peters, formerly of Prussia. They have six children: George, Sarah A., Mary C., Rosa B., Hannah and Hugo. Mr. and Mrs. Langenbach are members of the Catholic Church.

DILLWYN P. LEWIS

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

Born in Delaware county, Pa., October 2, 1848, Mr. Lewis was reared in that State and when in his twenty-first year accompanied his parents to Missouri, they removing to Shelby county and settling on a farm near Clarence. His father died here May 14, 1883. Dillwyn P. has since had charge of the farm, or rather since his return from Dakota. He received a good high school and academic education in Pennsylvania. April 9, 1878, he was married to Miss Frankie Wonsey, a daughter of J. S. Wonsey of this county, but formerly of St. Joe county, Mich. She died, however, less than five months after her marriage. He continued farming in the county after her death, in which he had engaged, until the spring of 1882, when he went to Dakota and located a tract of land near Larimore, in Grand Forks county, and also engaged in the furniture business at Larimore. He returned from Grand Forks county in the fall of 1883. Mr. Lewis is carrying on the farm with industry and enterprise. Besides raising grain, etc., he is also raising considerable stock for the markets. Mr. Lewis' father, Reuben E. Lewis, was a man of delicate health and for sometime prior to his death, visited the different springs of mineral waters with the hope of recuperation, but without avail. He was a farmer in Pennsylvania before his removal to Missouri. However, early in life he began as a merchant but was compelled to quit the store on account of ill-health. Still he was quite successful in the affairs of life and accumulated a comfortable estate. He was a man of high character, excellent social qualities and a generous, manly disposition. He was greatly beliked by all who knew him. He twice married. His first wife was a Miss Susanna Hoopes, of Chester county, Pa. At her death she left him two children, both of whom reside in Philadelphia. His second wife was a Miss Elizabeth C. Young, before her marriage, of Philadelphia, Pa. She resides on the farm and is a most estimable lady. She has reared five children: Dillwyn P., William E., a physician of Highland, Kan., Mattie L., wife of

Rev. Duncan Brown, of St. Joseph, James Y., also a physician of Highland, Kan., and Joseph J., a traveling salesman for a wholesale Chicago house. Mrs. L. is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

WILLIAM B. LISTER

(Of Lister Bros., Owners and Proprietors of the Clarence Creamery).

Prominent among the new and profitable industries of Missouri, an industry which is rapidly assuming large proportions and promises to be of great value to the State, is that in which the subject of the present sketch and his brothers are now engaged — the manufacture, on a large scale and by the most approved methods, of creamery butter. This will doubtless be followed at no distant day by an industry probably still more profitable, the condensation of milk, which is now an important interest in the Eastern States. The manufacture of cheese has for some years been carried on in Missouri with success. With our fine grazing lands the dairy interests of this State can easily and profitably be developed to immense proportions, a work, it is gratifying to know, which is already being carried forward with excellent progress. Such men as the Lister Brothers are doing a great deal for the State in this direction. They established their creamery at Clarence in the spring of 1883, and by their energy and thorough business qualifications have made it a complete success. They ran their establishment the whole of last year, and their products aggregated over \$9,000. They expect to greatly improve on this the present year. They have a capacity of 1,000 pounds a day, and their butter only needs to be introduced into a community to win its own popularity and enter into general use. Mr. Lister is a native Missourian, born in Macon county, October 9, 1842. His father, C. H. Lister, a prosperous farmer of that county, now 72 years of age, but still an active and valuable "hand" on the farm when he feels it necessary to help along with the work, was from Maryland, and came to Missouri in 1835. The mother, who was a Miss Sarah Bell, related to the Maryland Bells of Howard county, was also from the Chesapeake Bay State. William B. Lister was reared on the farm in Macon county, and in 1861 enlisted in Col. Bavier's Infantry Regiment of the State Guard (Southern), and at the expiration of his term in that regiment, or in about a year, became a member of Col. Burbridge's Fourth Missouri Cavalry, in which he served until the close of the war, being under Gen. Marmaduke during the latter part of the struggle. During the war he participated, among numerous others, in the battles of Lexington, Pea Ridge, Shiloh, Prairie De Anne, Payson's Spring and Saline River. He was in Price's campaign in this State in 1864, and was in an engagement, large or small, every day for over a month during that exciting and dangerous "raid," as it was called. After the war he returned home and was engaged in different lines of industry until he came to Clarence in 1882, including the milling and lumber business, farming and handling stock, the piling, tie and timber business under railroad contracts, etc., etc. On the 15th of July, 1856, Mr.

Lister was married to Miss Lavenia, a daughter of James Sage, deceased, late of Macon county, but formerly of Kentucky. Mr. and Mrs. Lister have three children: Sarah A., now approaching young womanhood; Mary B. and Ida. Mrs. Lister is a member of the Christian Church. For about the last six months during the war Mr. Lister was a courier for Gen. Marmaduke, and he is now a not less faithful and enthusiastic courier for him in his gubernatorial campaign.

EPHRAIM MAGOON, M. D.

(Physician and Surgeon, Clarence).

The influence that a single circumstance may have in shaping and giving direction to the whole future of one's life, finds frequent illustration in the careers of those around us and in every community. Only the other day at the memorial services in honor of the late Bishop Simpson, whose fame as an able, eloquent and great and pious-hearted divine has circled the earth, it was stated that he was led to enter the ministry, long after he was a successful practicing physician, by having to lead in prayer at a meeting of the church of which he was a member and to take charge of the meeting in the absence of the minister. He thus discovered his own ability and fitness for the work, and feeling that it was his duty to exercise the powers God had given him over the minds and hearts of men for the salvation of souls, he soon began his career as a minister and pulpit orator, which was destined to place him at the head of the first Protestant church on the continent. Dr. Magoon was led to become a physician by a circumstance hardly less accidental than that which influenced the life of Bishop Simpson. He was a soldier in the Union army during the war, and was sick during the whole time of his service, being at last discharged at the end of a year on account of physical disability. During this time he read medicine assiduously, in order to understand and, if possible, to remedy his own malady — chronic dysentery. He afterwards continued to read medicine, and became so attached to it as a study, and discovered in himself so marked an aptitude for it, that he decided to devote himself to it as a profession, and accordingly took a regular course with that object in view. He had previously received a rather advanced education in the high school of his native place, in Maine, and was, therefore, well qualified to pass through a medical course. Placing himself under the preceptorage of Dr. Charles A. Parsons, a prominent physician of St. Albans, Me., he studied under him until 1864, when he matriculated at Bowdoin Medical College, in Maine, where he continued as a student through two regular terms. In 1865 he commenced the practice at Piscataquis county, Me., where he continued in the practice with success for about four years. From that county he came West to Missouri, in 1869, and located at Clarence. Here he has since been continuously engaged in the practice, and by his ability, studious habits, close attention to the practice and success in the treatment of cases, has

succeeded in placing himself in the front rank of the profession in this county. He is quite prominent in medical affairs, not only in this county, but in the entire medical district, and indeed, he took a leading part in organizing the medical society of this district. He has also been satisfactorily successful in a property point of view, and is in comfortable circumstances. Dr. Magoon was born at Harmony, in Somerset county, Me., and was reared in that State. His parents, Joseph A. and Matilda (Watson) Magoon, remained there until 1870, when they removed to Minneapolis, Minn., where the father engaged in business, but died the following year. He was a man of local prominence in Maine, and held various official positions. The mother, with her family of younger children, still resides at Minneapolis. October 24, 1864, Dr. Magoon was married to Miss Ellen M., a daughter of Henry Tenny, deceased, a respected citizen of Cumberland county, Me. The Doctor and Mrs. Magoon have three children: Frank L., Charles E. and Harry. He and wife are members of the M. E. Church, and he is a prominent member of the I. O. O. F., the A. O. U. W., the Select Knights and the G. A. R.

BENJAMIN N. MELSON

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

But 14 years of age when his parents, Benjamin and Milley (Gordy) Melson, settled in Shelby county, Mr. Melson grew to majority in that county, and has since made it his permanent home. Indeed, he still resides on the homestead where his parents settled nearly half a century ago. Married when a young man, his married life to this day has been one of contentment and happiness, and he has reared a worthy family of children. Mr. Melson is pre-eminently attached to his family and home, being a man of marked domestic disposition. He feels proud to say that he has never moved in his life, and he expects to still cling to the old homestead, until the shadows of old age have settled upon him and the day of his earthly life is closed. The sentiment of Pope's beautiful tetra-stich touches a responsive cord in his breast: —

“Happy the man, whose wish and care
A few paternal acres bound,
Content to breathe the country air
On his own ground.”

Mr. Melson has a good place of 340 acres, and his farm well improved. His home is one in which comfort and convenience are regarded more than a show of elegance; still it is a neat place and kept in good shape and condition. Mr. Melson was born in Worcester county, Md., January 6, 1823, and he came to this county with his parents in 1837. His father died here in 1842. There were five brothers and six sisters in the family, but Benjamin N. and Sampson D., now of Salem, Ore., are the only two brothers living. There are but two sisters living, Mrs. Jane Ross, of Lakeport, Cal., and Mrs. Milly G. Coard,

of Berlin, Md. Benjamin N. Melson was married February 10, 1846, to Miss Mary J. Carman, a daughter of William Carmen, an early settler of Palmyra, in Marion county, originally from Harrison county, Ky. His father having willed him the home place, he made this his home after his marriage, and as stated above, has continued since to reside here. Mr. and Mrs. Melson have five children: Emma, now Mrs. William Taylor; James H., Mary J., Charles B. and George A. John W., a young man 22 years of age, died August 9, 1869. Elizabeth died, a young married lady, the wife of John F. Smith, March 4, 1882, and Nancy J. died in infancy.

JACOB B. MELSON

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

Mr. Melson is a nephew to Benjamin N. Melson, whose sketch precedes this, and was the second eldest of five children of John Melson and wife, whose maiden name was Elliner Elliott, and who came to this country from Worcester county, Md., in the spring of 1837. The father improved a farm in Clay township, and died here in the fall of 1843. The five children are still living, all in this section of the State, and not far from the subject of this sketch except William G., who is a resident of Nebraska. Jacob B. Melson was born on his father's farm in Clay township July 9, 1837. Reared in the county, on the 2d of September, 1858, he was married to Miss Eliza A., a daughter of Anthony Blackford, of this county. Mr. Melson's first wife died January 27, 1872, and of her children five are living: Mary G., Charles W., Nancy D., the wife of E. R. Wailes; Dora E., the wife of Edward Gould, and Ernest L. To his present wife Mr. Melson was married January 17, 1875. She was a widow lady, the former wife of Nicholas Anderson, now deceased. Her maiden name was Miss Clementine Blackford, and she was a cousin to his first wife, being a daughter of James Blackford, of this county. After his first marriage Mr. Melson farmed in Salt River and Jackson townships until he bought his present farm in Clay township in the spring of 1879. This place contains about 130 acres, 70 of which are in meadow and plow land. It is neatly improved, and has an excellent young orchard. Mr. and Mrs. M. are members of the Clarence Christian Church.

JACOB H. MERRIN

(Farmer, Stock-raiser and Stock Dealer, Post-office, Clarence).

From a small start Mr. Merrin, by his industry, enterprise and intelligence, has succeeded in accumulating a comfortable property. Farming and handling stock have been his principal occupations, and in these he has made practically all he has. Mr. Merrin is a native of Ohio, born in Knox county, August 1, 1827. His family on his father's side were early settlers in that county, and indeed his mother's family were old and respected residents of the county. His

father, John Merrin, however, was born in New Jersey, but was married in Ohio, Miss Sarah Bears becoming his wife. They reared a family of children, of whom Jacob H. is the only one a resident of Missouri. Brought up a farmer, he continued to follow that occupation in Knox county until his removal to Missouri in 1875. On the 22d of January, 1851, he was married to Miss Hannah Loree, a daughter of John Loree, of Knox county, Ohio. They have three children: Elmira, now the wife of J. W. Pritchett, of Clarence; Ella, the wife of William Wilt, of this county; and Effie Adelle, a young lady still at home. In 1875, as intimated above, Mr. Merrin sold out in Knox county, where he had been engaged in farming and handling stock with success, and came to Missouri. He bought a farm in Monroe county, which he still owns, but later along removed to Shelby county. His farm in Monroe county, Woodlawn farm, contains about 320 acres, and is one of the choice farms of Woodlawn township, in that county. He also has 440 acres in this county, which includes an excellent stock farm. Mr. Merrin owns three resident properties in Clarence and 40 acres of good land in the corporate limits of that place. His family resides in Clarence, and he is engaged in dealing in stock, as well as raising and fattening them quite extensively. Mr. M. is one of the live, stirring men in the western part of the county, and one of the thorough-going citizens of Clay township. He has been a member of the town board and is at present street commissioner. He and wife are members of the Presbyterian Church.

SAMUEL L. MESSICK

(Farmer, Post-office, Clarence).

Mr. Messick is a representative of another Delaware family to be added to those already mentioned in this volume, all of whom rank among the better class of people in the county. Mr. Messick was born in Sussex county, Del., September 25, 1843, and came with his parents, James W. and Sallie C. (Huffington) Messick, to Missouri in 1861. They first located in Monroe county, and then came to Shelby county in 1862, where they have resided for the last 22 years. Another son, Edward P., born August 20, 1845, also came with them. Samuel L. was married November 21, 1871, to Miss Lucy, a daughter of Peyton Harding. She died in January, 1873, leaving a child, Anna Belle, who is still living. Samuel L. Messick was married to his second wife, formerly Miss Mary R., a daughter of Thomas Warren, April 14, 1880. They have one child, William L., and have lost one, in infancy. Edward P. Messick was married October 23, 1873, to Miss Mary F., a daughter of William Minnick, formerly of Cedar county, Mo. Samuel L. and Edward P. have each 120 acres of land, improved and neat farms, with good buildings, fences, etc. Mr. Messick, their father, lost a son, John W., January 22, 1868, at the age of nineteen. He was a young man of excellent promise and it was a heavy affliction to all the family. The father and mother and their two sons and daughters-in-law are all members of the M. E.

Church. Samuel L. is a member of the A. O. U. W. and is foreman of his lodge.

CAPT. PERRY F. MILLER

(Proprietor of the Miller House, Clarence).

Some philosopher has said that there are two things, at least, which only the Lord can make—a poet and a good hotel keeper. Of course, there are a world of rhymsters and hash-house men, but there are few, very few, real poets and genuine hotel keepers—perhaps as few of the latter as of the former. But among the elect of the latter class must ever and always be placed the subject of this sketch, Capt. Miller. A man of good breeding and thoroughly polite and mannerly, he has at the same time the generosity and hospitality in abundance characteristic of the Western people, and his good taste is faultless, his desire to please unbounded, his courtesy and gentlemanly bearing a combination of the Frenchman and of the Virginia gentleman, and his knowledge of the business thorough. Thus he is a typical landlord, popular with everybody as a hotel keeper and as a man. He has a fine run of custom at Clarence, lives comfortably and pleasantly and is in easy circumstances, having been quite successful in gathering together the good, substantial things of this life, and not without an eye on the main chance where the angels do inhabit. Capt. Miller is a native of Ohio, born in Muskingum county, January 25, 1828. His parents, Col. John Miller and wife, *nee* Margaret Fuller, were from Loudoun county, Va., pioneer settlers in Muskingum county, O. His father was a colonel in the war of 1845, and afterwards moved to Clark county, Ill., engaging in business at Westfield, which he continued for about 25 years and until his death in 1875. His wife died in 1884. There were five sons and three daughters that grew to mature years. Perry F. Miller was reared at Westfield and educated in the high school. While yet in youth he began to learn the saddler's trade, which he acquired and worked at until the outbreak of the war. He then enlisted in the Union service under the first three months' call in Co. C, Twelfth Illinois Volunteer Infantry. After this term was out he re-enlisted in the same company and regiment and served until after the close of the war. Beginning as a private, he reached the rank of captain. For gallantry at the battle of Ft. Donelson he was promoted to second lieutenant. For conspicuous bravery on the field at Pittsburg Landing he was made first lieutenant, and afterwards, for meritorious conduct as an officer, he was advanced to the rank of captain, which he had held some six months before the war. He was in many of the hardest fought battles of the war, too numerous to mention here, and everywhere bore himself as one of the bravest of the brave, doing honor always to the Virginia origin of his family by his courage and intrepidity. After the war he returned to Illinois and engaged in the saddlery business. He then made a trip further west into Kansas and Missouri, finally locating at Philadelphia, in Marion county, where

he followed merchandising for 13 years. From there he came to Clarence and engaged in the hotel business at this place, which he has ever since continued. He has considerable property in Shelby county and elsewhere. October 9, 1864, Capt. Miller was married to Miss Kate Pratt, of Clark county, Ill. They have three children: Mattie S., Nettie and Gay. The Captain is a member of the G. A. R., Paddy Shields' Post, No. 36. He is an ardent Republican in politics, but is not offensive or overbearing in political matters. He talks and votes as he pleases and allows others to vote as they please, without questioning their honesty or intelligence.

LACY MORRIS

(Farmer, Post-office, Hagar's Grove).

Next fall will have been 41 years since Mr. Morris made his first camp fire in Shelby county. A mighty change has been wrought in the county since then. On the same prairies where the deer grazed on wild grass are now broad pastures of blue grass, where sleek cattle feed; and in the place of the old horse-mill, is now the handsome steam mill with its patent roller process turning out more flour in a minute than its predecessor could in a summer's day. The railroad has come and the whole face of the country has changed its features. The dense population thrives where formerly all was a wilderness, and handsome towns with their church spires glittering in the sunlight stud the scene. Mr. Morris was from Delaware, a native of Sussex county, and was born February 10, 1813, a son of Ephraim Morris and wife, *nee* Julia Thomas. Reared in Sussex county, he was married there in 1834, to Sarah Shires, and seven years afterwards he came to Shelby county, Mo. He bought a farm near Shelbina, on which he resided for over 20 years. His wife died there in February, 1861, leaving him three children, who are now grown to mature years, namely: Rhoda A., the wife of John Byron; Sarah E., the wife of Richard Morris, of Pennsylvania; and Lizzie T. Another, Asbury, who should have been included among those mentioned as living at the time of their mother's death, died in 1879, at the age of 39. Mr. Morris moved to his present farm in 1864. April 19, 1863, he was married to Miss Sarah A. Thrasher, a daughter of Stephen Thrasher, of Lewis county. They have two children: Rebecca E., and Olive M. They have lost one, John B. Mr. and Mrs. Morris are members of the M. E. Church, and Mr. M. has been a member 58 years.

JUDGE GEORGE F. PALMER

(Attorney at Law, Notary Public, Real Estate and Collecting Agent, Clarence).

Judge Palmer was a young man 20 years of age when his parents, Thomas and Sidney (Glendenning) Palmer, removed from Bourbon county, Ky., to Missouri, and settled in Monroe county. The father had been a gallant soldier in the War of 1812, and had participated in

numerous engagements with British and Indians. He was a man of sterling character, undaunted courage and great personal worth, and became one of the substantial, highly esteemed citizens of Monroe county. He died there in about 1846. George F. Palmer (the Judge) came out to Missouri with his parents and made his home in Monroe county for about 30 years. While there he was married, in February, 1842, to Miss Nancy, a daughter of John Goodman, formerly of Scott county, Ky. He was engaged in farming in Monroe county, and three years after his marriage he removed to Schuyler county, where he resumed farming and continued it for about eight years, having bought a good farm on first coming to that county. A man of good general education before he left Kentucky, he afterwards continued to apply himself to study. Having formed a purpose to devote himself to the legal profession, while in Schuyler county he began the study of law:—

“Mastering the lawless science of our law,
That codeless myriad of precedent,
That wilderness of single instances.”

He continued the study of law in Schuyler county and did considerable practice in the courts of that county, subordinate jurisdiction. A man of recognized worth of character and personal popularity, as well as having a broad, liberal knowledge of the law, while in Schuyler county he was called upon to serve the people as a judge of the county court, a position he filled with ability and general satisfaction to the public. In 1853 he sold out in Schuyler county and returned to Monroe county, where he bought a farm adjacent to Woodlawn. He was admitted to practice law by the circuit court of that county, and served as magistrate for some 16 years. He was also postmaster at Woodlawn for a number of years, and held the office of notary public. In 1874 he sold out in Monroe county and removed to Davies county, where he engaged in merchandising at Bancroft. Two years later he removed to Clarence and engaged in the hotel and livery business at this place. In 1878 he began the regular practice of law and to give his regular attention to the real estate and collecting business. He has a number of excellent farms in Shelby and adjoining counties for sale, as well as a lot of fine unimproved land in Texas. He has been notary public at this place for six years. Judge and Mrs. Palmer have six children: Belle, the wife of B. F. Mason, of Harrison county; C. C., of Nodaway county; T. W., of Harrison county; G. R., of the same county; John A., of Clarence, Mo.; and Gabie, the wife of Dr. W. S. Sanders, of Hagar's Grove. Judge and Mrs. Palmer are members of the Baptist Church. The Judge is a prominent member of the I. O. O. F. He was once a candidate for the Legislature of Monroe county with five or six competitors, but was defeated by about 40 votes.

CAPT. SAMUEL S. PATTON

(General Retail Merchant, Farmer and Stock-raiser, Hagar's Grove).

Nine years of age when his father's family removed to Shelby county, Capt. Patton was reared in this county and has made it his home from boyhood, for over 43 years. Well known therefore over the Western part of the county, he is as highly esteemed as well known. His life thus far has been one of industry, activity and enterprise, more than usually successful and, withal, one upon which no reproach has fallen to mar the burnish of the good name. He was born in Ireland on the 22d of June, 1832, and his parents, Matthew and Elizabeth (Simpson) Patton, came to America in 1841, locating the same year in Shelby county, where they resided until their deaths. Samuel S. became a farmer and handled stock after he grew up, and on the 14th of October, 1858, was married to Miss Sarah A., a daughter of Nathan Peoples, one of the early settlers of Shelby county from Tennessee, but now deceased. He continued farming until August, 1864, when he enlisted in the Southern army under Col. Porter, and although beginning as a private he was afterwards made captain of a company. He was with Porter until the disbandment of the latter's command, and participated in numerous engagements in North Missouri, including those of Newark, Kirksville, and the one west of Macon City. He then resumed farming and handling stock and in a few years began merchandising at Hagar's Grove, continuing, however, his farming and stock operations. In 1869 he was appointed postmaster and he served for 14 years continuously. He also served as justice of the peace for a number of years and is still a notary public. He carries an excellent stock of goods and has a profitable trade. Capt. Patton has a place of 386 acres nearly all in cultivation and pasturage. His place is run by tenants under his superintendence, and he has five residence buildings on it. He also owns his business property at Hagar's Grove and other valuable property. His residence is a substantial, neat two-story building and he has a commodious, comfortable barn and other convenient outbuildings. In a word, he is in comfortable circumstances and it is worthy of remark that he has made all he has by his industry and good management. Capt. Patton has been married twice. His first wife died July 27, 1882, leaving him five children: Matthew N., Timothy H., Simpson S., Hannah N. and Sarah N. To his present wife he was married January 27, 1884. She was a Miss Mary Stutt, a daughter of Arelia Stutt, originally of Ireland. Mrs. P. is a member of the Christian Church. He is a Royal Arch Mason, and a member of the Chapter at Macon City.

JONATHAN PEOPLES

(Farmer, Post-office, Hagar's Grove).

Gold was discovered in California in 1848, but the importance of the discovery was not generally appreciated, nor did the excitement over it become general until the following year. During the latter part of 1849 and the early part of 1850 the rush to the gold regions from all sections of the country, and, indeed, from every quarter of the earth, reached its height. Among the rest, Mr. Peoples, then a young man 21 years of age, was drawn in the general tide of emigrants that swept westward across the plains and through the mountains to the golden coast. He spent two years mining out there with a fair measure of success, and then returned to his old home in Shelby county, making his return voyage by the sea and the Mississippi. He then resumed farming, and on the 26th of March, 1857, was married to Miss Jane Patton, a sister of Capt. Samuel Patton, of Hagar's Grove, and who was quite young when her parents came over from Ireland. He had previously bought the farm where he now resides, or rather the land, for by his own honest toil he has transformed it from a state of nature, untouched by the plow and covered with timber and brush, to its present condition, one of the well improved and fertile farms of the township. He has 200 acres of good land, 120 under fence and in regular use as a farm. He has his place well improved with good buildings, fences, orchard, etc. He is now building a handsome new barn, commodious and convenient. Mr. and Mrs. Peoples have no children of their own, but have an adopted daughter, Estella M. Cooper, now a young lady, whom they have reared from childhood. He and wife are members of the Christian Church. His parents, John Peoples and Rebecca, *nee* Baufman, were from Tennessee, and he came here in 1832, first locating in Marion county, but soon afterwards in Shelby, where they resided until their deaths. There were nine sons and four daughters in their family who grew to mature years, five sons and two daughters of whom are living, Jonathan being the eldest.

JAMES H. POLLARD

(Post-office, Clarence).

Mr. Pollard is a representative of one of the old and prominent families of Shelby county. His father, Hon. Braxton Pollard, was one of the successful and enterprising men of the county, and accumulated a comfortable estate. During the war he was a gallant officer in the Confederate army, having commanded a company under Gen. Price, and was from time to time an active and prominent recruiting officer. He participated in numerous hard-fought engagements, and in one was severely wounded. He was for three months a prisoner in St. Louis, but afterwards exchanged and continued in the service of

the South until near the close of the war, when, on account of broken health, he was compelled to return home. After the war he was twice elected representative of this county in the Legislature. His last term expired in 1882; he was a life-long Democrat. He died August 24, of that year, having a short time before sold his farm and removed to Clarence, to live a retired life. He was from Owen county, Ky., and came to Missouri with his parents in 1845, locating in Monroe county. He was married in that county to Miss Elizabeth Reynolds, formerly of Ambrose county, Va., and in 1861 settled in Shelby county, having in the meantime lived in Ralls and Platte counties, Mo. He had for many years been a prominent member of the Missionary Baptist Church, and of the A. F. and A. M., and was buried with the honors of Palm and Shell and Master Mason degrees. James H. Pollard, the subject of this sketch, was born in Monroe county, June 2, 1850, and received a limited education in that and Shelby counties in the common schools. March 21, 1871, he was married to Miss Emma, a daughter of J. J. Rutter, now of Clarence. She survived her marriage about ten years, dying in the fall of 1881. There are two children by this marriage, Mary E. and Theodocia. To his present wife Mr. Pollard was married in January, 1883. She was a Miss Mary Gray, a daughter of David H. Gray, of Ralls county. Mr. Pollard, having been reared on a farm, followed farming until 1872, when he came to Clarence and engaged in the grocery and sewing-machine business, which he continued until 1884, when he sold out the grocery business, but still continues the sewing-machine business. Mr. and Mrs. Pollard are worthy members of the Missionary Baptist Church. Mr. P. is also a popular member of the A. F. and A. M. at Clarence.

HON. WILLIAM D. POWELL

(Proprietor and Publisher of the Clarence Courier).

Mr. Powell was born in Greene county, Va., December 15, 1834. The year after his birth, his parents, Jackson T. and Mandema (Yowell) Powell, immigrated from their native State, Virginia, to Illinois, being the first settlers in a place in Cass county now called Virginia. After a residence there of about six years, the family moved to Randolph county, Mo., entered land and improved a farm about two and a half miles from Milton, and there, in 1861, the honored head of the family passed away. There were five children. Of these G. O., W. D. and J. M., a younger brother and one sister, are living. William D. grew up in Randolph county on the farm, receiving a good common school education, to which he added by extensive private study. Upon reaching his twentieth year, Mr. Powell began teaching, continuing it until his marriage. This event took place on the 23d of December, 1858, the happy bride being Miss Matilda F., youngest daughter of Benjamin and Matilda Dameron, of Randolph county, formerly from North Carolina. Three daughters have blessed this union: Anna K., wife of S. M. Birney, of Glenwood, Schuyler

county, Mo. ; Effie, wife of F. O. Derr, of Harper, Kan., and Ida, who is still on the parent stem. After his marriage, Mr. Powell settled on a farm, engaging in farming and stock-raising until 1868. He saw some service during the war, holding the rank of lieutenant, but the delicate state of his health compelled him to resign and return home. In 1868 Mr. P. went into the mercantile business at Renick, in Randolph county, continuing for four years. He then sold out and moved to Coatsville, Schuyler county. His next place of residence was at La Plata, where he was in the produce and grocery trade for eight years. In 1881 he took charge of a hotel at Clarence, but giving it up at the expiration of a year, he bought out the *Courier*, which had only had its existence for about a year. Since that time Mr. Powell has devoted most of his time and energy to the management of his paper, which is one of the most reliable sheets in the county. He is also, however, a partner in the real estate firm of Palmer & Powell. Mr. P. is one of the leading men of the county. At one time he represented, with honorable distinction, the county of Macon. He was elected on the Greenback ticket, over a Democratic majority of 400. Mr. Powell is a charter member of the La Plata lodge of A. O. U. W., and he and his wife belong to the Christian Church.

CAPT. LOUIS S. RIDER

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

In little more than two years' service in the Union army during the war, Capt. Rider participated in nine of the great battles fought during that long and terrible struggle, rose by his conspicuous gallantry from the ranks as a private soldier to the command of a company, was twice severely wounded and finally honorably discharged before the expiration of his term of service on account of disability resulting from his wounds. This is a record that no soldier need feel ashamed of and one that his children and grandchildren will point to with pride and satisfaction long after he has been laid cold under the sod. He enlisted in Co. F, Twenty-sixth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, at Clinton, Ia., August 22, 1862, and was honorably discharged at East Point, Ga., October, 1864. During this time he bore the part of a brave soldier in the battles of Haines' Bluff, Miss., Arkansas Post, Ark., Grand Gulf, Jackson, Cherokee Station, Miss., Lookout Mountain, Missionary Ridge, Ringgold, Ga., and those during the siege of Vicksburg, and a number of others. For gallantry at Arkansas Post he was promoted to the rank of second lieutenant and was severely wounded there. At Vicksburg, July 22, 1863, he was again wounded. Meantime he was promoted to the position of first lieutenant and after his recovery from his Vicksburg wound he was made captain of his company, which he bravely led for a year following and through some of the hardest fought battles of the war. Capt. Rider is a native of Ohio, born in Jefferson county, November 14, 1839, and a son of George and Catherine (Culp) Rider, both from Pennsylvania. They removed to Harrison county, O., when the

Captain was about 10 years of age, where he grew to manhood, receiving a good common and high school education. His father was a prominent manufacturer of agricultural implements and was quite successful. He died there in 1880 at the age of 87. His wife died in the fall of the year previous. Capt. Rider learned the carriage-maker's trade, and November 14, 1861, was married to Miss Elizabeth Brown, a young lady of English birth, a daughter of Thomas Brown, of Harrison county, but originally of England. Capt. Rider removed to Clinton, in DeWitt county, Ia., in the spring of 1862, and enlisted in the army there the following August. While in the army his wife returned to Ohio and he rejoined her there after his discharge. In July, 1865, they came to Shelby county. Here the Captain bought land and improved a farm. He has a good place of near a quarter section of land, and is comfortably situated. He is Commander of the Post at Clarence of the G. A. R. He is also a member of the I. O. O. F. Capt. and Mrs. R. have two children, Clarence L. and Anna F.

ALF ROSWELL

(Dealer in and Manufacturer of Furniture and Undertaker, Clarence).

Mr. Roswell, one of the self-made and successful men of Clarence, as well as one of its well respected and valued citizens, is a native of Sweden, born on the 22d of July, 1842. He was reared in his native bailiwick, and in early youth attended school, where he secured a good, practical education; he then apprenticed himself to the cabinet-maker's trade, at which he worked as a novitiate for five years. At the expiration of that time he was awarded regular articles of qualification, issued by the civil authorities and bearing the State seal; he also received a similar certificate from the Mechanic's Pan-trade Association, under the seal of the United Guilds. After becoming a master workman, according to these certificates, he worked at Stockholm, Sweden, for about a year, and then immigrated to the United States. Here he located at Galesburg, Ill., the 15th of September, 1864, where he worked at his trade for three years, coming thence to Louisiana, this State, and two years later to Clarence. Here he has since carried on his present industry and business; he has a good trade in his line and has succeeded quite up to his expectations, being now one of the substantial citizens of the place. June 11, 1876, he was married to Miss Wilhelmina Larison, also from Sweden, a playmate sweetheart of his in the days of their childhood, when all the world seemed a flower-garden of pleasure and the skies bright with promises for the years to come. She came across the dark blue sea to meet her waiting betrothed, and through all the long nights on the storm-tossed ship and from the risings until the settings of the sun in a sea of waters, she looked forward with hope and joy to the day of her happy nuptials in the strange New World, washed by the ocean waters of the Atlantic. Cupid and Neptune combined to give her a

safe passage, and vouchsafed for her a happy consummation of all her hopes. They met in New York, and

“The god of love sat on a tree
And laughed that pleasant sight to see.”

They were married at Williamsburg, N. Y., June 11, 1876. In course of their bridal tour, following their happy wedding banns, they visited the Centennial Exposition, Washington City, Baltimore, Chicago and other leading centers of the States. Mr. and Mrs. R. have three children: Eda V., Carl A. and Thyra. Mr. and Mrs. R. are members of the Lutheran Church, and he is a prominent Odd Fellow, P. G. and P. C. P. Mr. R. is a man of much inventive genius and is the originator and proprietor of several valuable patents.

JAMES G. ROY

(Dealer in General Merchandise and Postmaster, Hagar's Grove).

Mr. Roy is one of those clear-headed, sober-minded men of substantial character and correct impulses who believe that he who leads an upright life, rears a worthy family of children, accumulates a competency of this world's goods by his own industry and fair dealing, performs faithfully his duties to his family, as a neighbor and a citizen, and lives as nearly as he can in accordance with the great principles of religion, fulfills to repletion the measure of man's mission on earth. These have been the ideas and views that have controlled his conduct through life and his own career is a worthy illustration of them. He commenced for himself with little or nothing and by his own merits has become a substantial, successful citizen. His life has been devoid of any conduct that would bring the blush of shame to an honest man's face. He is an active member of the Odd Fellows' order. He has a good store at Hagar's Grove, an excellent stock of general merchandise, and having the respect and confidence of the people, he of course has a good trade. He is doing a prosperous business. He is also postmaster at this place. He was born in Marion county, March 10, 1846, and a son of Col. James W. Roy and wife, *nee* Nancy S. Keller. J. W. Roy is from Front Royal on the Shenandoah, and his wife is from West Virginia, Parkersburg, on the Ohio river. His father came here in about 1836. He was a colonel of militia under Van Buren's administration and was one of the finest millwrights in the State, being employed to construct the largest and best mills in the country. He died on his farm in Marion county in 1853. His wife followed him the year following. Of their family of five children, but two are living, William R., of St. Joseph, being the other one. James G. Roy went back to Virginia after the death of his mother, but returned in 1856 and entered Bethel College at Palmyra. After graduating there he began as a merchant's clerk at Palmyra, and since then has been engaged in merchandising, either as clerk or proprietor, but nearly all the time as the latter, up to the present time, except five years,

between '77 and '83, when he was farming. He sold his farm in 1882 and came to Hagar's Grove. March 1, 1873, Mr. Roy was married to Miss Pauline, a daughter of Aaron Bright, of Palmyra. They have three children: William Edward, Frank K. and Ellis. Annis L. died July 29, 1875, at the age of 17 months. Mrs. R. is a member of the Christian Church, and her parents are from Kentucky.

JOHN W. AND BALLARD P. RUTLEDGE

(Farmers, Post-office, Clarence).

These gentlemen, brothers, are natives of Virginia, the senior, John W., born June 9, 1836, and the junior, Ballard P., born October 4, 1851. Their parents were residents of Giles county, but in 1856 their father, Travis Rutledge, died, and the following year the mother, whose maiden name was Charlotte Wingo, removed to Missouri with her family of children, including the subjects of this sketch. They first located in Monroe county, but three years afterwards removed to Shelby, settling in Clay township. Here John W. and Ballard P. have a good farm of 160 acres, comfortably improved. To each place there is good timber tributary for fencing, building, etc. They also have 440 acres of land in three farms, fairly improved. Neither of the brothers is married, and their mother is still living, having charge of the house affairs on the homestead farm. She is an excellent lady and much esteemed as a neighbor. The brothers have made all they possess by their own industry and good management, and are highly thought of by those who know them for their qualities as neighbors and citizens.

C. M. SHACKELFORD

(Druggist, Clarence).

Mr Shackelford was born in Culpeper county, Va., March 28, 1829. His mother was Miss Jane Monroe, a scion of the old Monroe family whence sprung the president of that name, to whom Mrs. Shackelford's grandfather was first cousin. Morgan Shackelford, father of C. M., was also a native of the same county in Virginia, but moved in 1841 to Missouri, buying and improving a farm in Boone county near Columbia. After a residence of 15 years, he bought a place in Callaway county, where he died in 1858. C. M. grew up on the farm in Boone county, receiving his education at Jefferson Academy, Culpeper county, Va. In 1849 Mr. Shackelford removed to Shelbyville, Shelby county, Mo. and was for several years occupied in learning the cabinet trade. In 1853 he embarked in the drug business at that point, continuing for 23 years. In the fall of 1875 he sold out at Shelbyville and went into the same business at Clarence. His business house which he built in 1881 is a handsome brick, with Masonic and A. O. U. W. lodges above it, all belonging to Mr. S. He carries a full line of drugs and medicines and does a rushing trade. Mr. Shackelford married at Shelbyville December 20, 1849, Miss Cather-

ine, daughter of James B. Marmaduke, deceased, formerly from Virginia. Mrs. S. was born in Palmyra and reared and educated in Shelby county. Ten children have blessed this union: Lucy, Eugenia, wife of Rev. D. L. Rader of Colorado Springs; Kate, wife of Samuel Marmaduke of Kirksville; Eva, Dee, Ida, Virgil, married and in the drug business at Brookfield, Mo.; Emma, Maran and Garland. Mr. S. has been for 36 years a member of St. Andrew's Lodge No. 96, A. F. and A. M. He was for 13 years secretary of Shelbyville lodge. Mr. Shackelford and family belong to the M. E. Church South.

WILLIAM SHALE

(Farmer and Manufacturer of Smith's Patent Creamers, Clarence).

Mr. Shales, one of the enterprising, stirring citizens of Clarence, has been a resident of this State for the past 17 years, but resided on his farm, about five miles south of Clarence, for 13 years previously. He still owns his farm, a good place of 180 acres, which he now has rented out. Two years after coming to Clarence he was engaged in dealing in stock and also packed pork, about 100 head of hogs annually. He then engaged in his present business, the manufacture of milk creamers, a very useful and valuable utensil used in the dairy business. He and his partner in his line of manufactures put out about ten a day and have a ready sale for all they can make. In fact, it is impossible for them to supply the demand, and their goods are always sold in advance of manufacture. Mr. Shale was a son of John and Sarah (Preston) Shale, and was born in England, August 28, 1828. They came to America, settling in Westmoreland county, Pa., where William Shale grew to manhood. He early learned the cooper's trade and afterwards followed freighting. March 31, 1852, he was married to Miss Susan, daughter of Thomas and Christina Knox, of Pennsylvania. He then engaged in farming in Westmoreland county, and followed it there for 16 years, after which, in 1867, he removed to Missouri and bought his farm above referred to. Mr. Shale has served as constable of this township and is a member of the school board and treasurer of Clarence special school district. He is at present a member of the town council. He and wife are members of the M. E. Church, and he is a member of the Masonic Order, being treasurer of the Clarence lodge. Mr. and Mrs. Shale have ten children: Sarah, wife of A. D. Lake of Colorado; Samuel, of Washington Territory; William B., John B., Isabella J., wife of Dana Moral, now deceased; Wesley T., of Washington Territory; George B., Christena Anetta, who died in infancy, Anna S., Lillie M. and Lawrence E.

REUBEN N. SHANKS

(Of Shanks & Hancock, Dealers in Dry Goods, Clothing, Boots, Shoes, etc, Clarence, Mo.).

Mr. Shanks, one of the leading business men of Shelby county, is by nativity a Kentuckian, born in Fayette county, October 29, 1843.

His parents, William B. and Lucy (Harris) Shanks, came to Missouri in 1845 and located in Monroe county. There the father bought land and improved a farm, and has since lived at Clarence, in Shelby county, but now resides in Monroe county, and is now in the seventy-sixth year of his age. Reuben N. Shanks, before he attained his majority, commenced his career in mercantile life. He became a clerk for his brother, A. W. Shanks, at Kirksville, and afterward at Paultown, Adair county, Mo., and at Clarence also. In 1867 Reuben N. Shanks attended and graduated at Bryant & Stratton's Commercial College, Quincy, Ill., after which he again clerked for his brother, A. W. Shanks, at Clarence, Mo. February 11, 1868, Reuben N. Shanks was married to Mary S., a daughter of Dr. Moulton and Mary F. (Smith) Hoyt, of Griggsville, Ill. In March, 1869, Reuben N. Shanks and his father engaged in the dry goods business at this place as partners, which continued for two years, when his father retired from the firm, and Reuben N. carried on the business for about one year longer, when his wife, Mary S., died October 15, 1872, and in December, the same year, he sold out his stock of goods, and the following February engaged in the family grocery business as one of the firm of Bishop & Co., at this place, which partnership existed about three years, when Reuben N. retired from the firm. In March, 1876, Reuben N. Shanks engaged alone in the mercantile trade, carrying a general stock of merchandise, which he continued until October 1881, when Mr. S. M. Hancock bought in as a partner. The present firm of Shanks & Hancock carry one of the largest stock of goods in the county and are doing a large and successful business, their sales aggregating from \$30,000 to \$50,000 annually. They have just completed a handsome brick business house, 25 x 90 feet, finished with an iron front and otherwise constructed in a neat and substantial manner,—one of the best business houses in the county. By Mr. Shanks, first union there were three children, all now deceased. To his present wife Mr. Shanks was married September 23, 1875. She was a Miss Annie E. Huston, daughter of William O. and Rhoda H. (Hornback) Huston, of this county. Annie E. Huston was born in Shelby county, Mo., November 5, 1851. To Mr. Shanks present union there have been four children, three of whom are still living: Mattie R., Eliza, Flora and Newland O. Mrs. Shanks is a member of the M. E. Church South, also of the Order of Chosen Friends. Mr. S. is a prominent member of the I. O. O. F., and has occupied all the chairs in his lodge and represented his district in the Grand Lodge of the State. He is also a member of the A. O. U. W. and Order of Chosen Friends, and has always entertained strict temperance principles.

JAMES A. WATKINS

(Manufacturer and Dealer in Saddles, Harness, etc., Clarence).

Mr. Watkins, who has made himself one of the substantial, successful business men of Clarence by his own industry and enterprise, is a native of Shelby county, and was born within 10 miles of where he is

now engaged in business, his natal day being the 27th of July, 1836. His father Nicholas Watkins, was originally from Maryland, but his mother, whose maiden name was Margaret Anderson, was born and reared in Kentucky. The father was brought out to Kentucky by his parents, who settled in that State when he was quite young, and he grew up and was married there. He learned the saddler and harness-maker's trade and followed that in Kentucky until his removal to Missouri, which was in 1831. The following year he came to Shelby county and improved a farm here, also continuing work at the saddlery and harness-maker's trade. Selling the first place he improved, he then improved another place about 10 miles from Clarence, where James A. was born. He was married three times, having a family of children by each marriage, but James A., and one sister, Mrs. W. C. Moffett, are the only ones of the first family living. James A. Watkins was reared on a farm and learned the saddle and harness-maker's trade under his father. January 16, 1862, he enlisted in Co. A, Eleventh Missouri State Militia Cavalry under Col. Lipscomb, and was out for over three years. During this time he participated in numerous engagements and in skirmishes almost beyond number. After his discharge in February, 1865, his term of service having expired, he returned to Shelby county, and engaged in his present line of business at Shelbyville. He continued in business at Shelbyville until 1871, when he established himself at Clarence, where he has since carried on his house at this place. He carries a large stock of harness and saddles, etc., and has built up an extensive and profitable trade. January 9, 1863, he was married to Miss Sarah B., a daughter of Jacob Sigler, deceased, formerly of Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Watkins have four children: Mary S., James S., Clarence and Nicholas. They have lost one, Clifford, who died at the age of five years in 1871. Mr. W. has served as county assessor, for which office he was elected in 1868. He is a member of the G. A. R. and the A. O. U. W., and Mrs. W. is a member of the M. E. Church.

GILES F. WEST

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

Mr. West is of New England parentage, but was himself born and reared in New York. His father was Joseph P. West, a native of Connecticut, and his mother, before her marriage, was a Miss Elizabeth Corning, also of Connecticut. Both, however, were reared in New York. Joseph P. West was quite successful in life and became a man of considerable local prominence. He died in 1874. Giles F. was born at Pitcher, in Chenango county, N. Y., December 21, 1841, and received a good education, taking a course at high school, supplemented with a term at Norwich Commercial College. He then taught school in Chenango a short time and engaged in farming. In January, 1869, he came to Missouri and on the 2d of March was married to Miss Vergie S., a daughter of William N. Doyle, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this volume. After his marriage Mr.

West located at Clarence, in Shelby county, where he bought 40 acres of land adjoining town, which he improved. He also taught several terms of school, but finally turned his attention exclusively to farming. Both he and his wife are old school teachers. His wife is a lady of excellent education, having taught both in Chenango county, N. Y., and in Missouri. Mr. and Mrs. W. have two children: Levi E. and Gracie E. They have lost one, Arthur E., who died at the age of four years in 1876. Mr. and Mrs. W. are members of the M. E. Church at Clarence, of which he is a leading official. Mr. West has a good place of 145 acres, nearly all of which is under fence and otherwise well improved. He is giving some attention to the raising of good stock, and has an excellent grade of Holstein cattle. He expects to make a specialty of thorough-bred Holsteins, which has been proved to be a profitable branch of industry.

STEPHEN M. WHITBY

(Merchant, of the firm of Whitby, Jacobs & Co.).

Mr. Whitby was born in Shelby county, January 5, 1844. His father, Augustus E. Whitby, a native of Maryland, grew up and married in his native State, but on the death of his wife, moved to Shelby county, Mo., where he met, loved and married Miss Catherine Miller, the mother of our subject. Before his death, in 1858, Mr. W. moved to Lewis county, and there Stephen M. lived until he reached his fifteenth year. The family then moved back to Shelby county, where Stephen spent the rest of his youthful years on the farm, principally educating himself. From 1866 he clerked at Clarence for Mr. Doyle, but in 1870, forming a partnership with A. J. Higbee, he went first into the grocery business, shortly after changing it to general merchandise. They continued in business for about 14 years, when Mr. Higbee sold out to Jacobs. The present firm carry a large and well assorted stock, and are doing annually a \$20,000 trade. It is solid and reliable house, and its head is of such unflinching honesty and integrity under all circumstances of life that he can not fail to inspire a well merited confidence in all who know him. Mr. Whitby married, November 30, 1871, Miss Fannie, daughter of Washington Lostuller, formerly from Indiana. Mrs. W. was born in Indiana, but reared in Shelby county. This union has been childless. Mr. Whitby, though never pushing himself forward, has yet been chosen to fill several local offices, being at the present time mayor of the city.

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