

member of the Christian Church for over 50 years, having joined in his early manhood in Kentucky, under the preaching of Elder P. M. Allen. Mr. W.'s mother, Elizabeth Harris, was born April 6, 1802, in Virginia, and moved to Kentucky when she was seven years old; she was married in the sixteenth year of her age. She joined the church the same time her husband did. All of the 14 children except one are members of the Christian Church. Preston A. Wright was born in Monroe county December 27, 1838, and was reared in that county. April 18, 1867, he was married to Miss Elizabeth E. Baker, a daughter of William and Sarah Baker, of Shelby county. Mr. Wright had previously come to this county, and he has ever since made his home in its borders; he and his good wife have six children: William A., Mary B., Nottly P., Sarah H., Lonnie P. and John L. Mr. Wright's farm contains 428 acres, and he is comfortably situated. He has been a member of the Christian Church since 1866; his wife joined the denomination in 1864.

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## JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP.

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### ELIAS T. BARTON

(Farmer, Post-office, Duncan's Bridge).

'Squire Philip Barton, the father of the subject of this sketch, was one of the pioneer settlers of Missouri. He came to Marion county as far back as 1819, and was soon afterwards married in that county to Miss Rachel Thrasher. Both were originally from Kentucky. In 1837 they removed to Monroe county, where 'Squire Barton improved a farm, and, indeed, improved two farms in that county. He lived there for nearly 20 years, and came to Shelby county in 1856, settling on the place where Elias T. now resides. In 1866 he built a residence in Shelbina and made that place his home until his death two years afterwards. His wife is still living, having been born October 3, 1793. Elias T. was the fifth of a family of seven children, five brothers and two sisters. He was born in Marion county, March 26, 1832, and was reared in Monroe county. In 1861 he enlisted in the Southern service, and was out first under Brace and Price, then Bevier and Little and Bouin, until the close of the war. He lost four brothers in the Confederate service — 1 killed in battle, 1 killed by the militia, 1 died in Alton prison, and one in the hospital at Vicksburg. Elias T. was in numerous engagements, large and small, and was wounded at Baker's Creek, Miss., being shot through the upper parts of both legs, which disabled him from further active service, but he continued to do detached service until the final surrender. Returning home after the war, he located on the old homestead farm and engaged in farming. February 3, 1869, he was married to Miss

Mollie E. Roe, a daughter of William J. Roe, now of Shelbina, but formerly of West Virginia, where Mrs. B. was born and reared. They have six children: Carrie D., Walter A., Ira W., Georgia V., Gracie F. and Elias A. Mr. Barton owns the old Barton homestead, a good place of 180 acres. Mrs. B. is a member of the Missionary Baptist Church.

### SAMUEL H. BAYNUM

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

Shortly after his mother's death, which occurred in 1852, Mr. Baynum, who was then in childhood, 11 years of age, was taken by John Nelson, an old citizen of Marion county, to rear. Brought up in that county, as soon as he was old enough to work out, he worked by the month as a farm laborer at the usual small wages then paid. But being industrious and persevering, he kept it up for nearly 10 years, and during this time, by close economy, saved about \$750 in cash. On the 17th of November, 1864, he was married to Miss Mary F. Bush, daughter of John Bush. She is a sister to John S. Bush, of Hannibal; William Bush, of Monroe City; George Bush, of Palmyra; Dr. Franklin Bush, of Palmyra, and the late Mrs. James McWilliams, who died in Texas. After his marriage Mr. Baynum rented a farm in Marion county, and resided there for a year. He then improved his present farm. He has one of the best farms in Jefferson township, a place containing 200 acres, which he can contemplate with the satisfactory reflection that it is all the fruit of his own toil. He is engaged in raising stock, and has good success in this line of industry. In 1879 he removed to Shelbina to educate his children, but returned to the farm in 1882. He and wife have six children: Rosie Lee, Ida May, Charley B., Willie C., Lutie and Bessie. Nora died in infancy. Mrs. Baynum's father was one of the first settlers of Marion county, and commencing a poor young man, making rails at 18 cents a hundred, he rose by good industry and good management until at the time of his death he was worth \$75,000.

### THOMAS A. BEAN

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

All old residents of Bucks county, Pa., familiar with the people and affairs of that county during the 'thirties and 'forties, remember very well the father of Mr. Bean, William W. Bean. He was a prominent man of the county, an active politician, and a thorough-going, uncompromising Democrat. He has been dead, however, for many years, dying in about 1849. Mr. Bean's mother (Thomas A.'s), was a Miss Frances Brittain. Thomas A. Bean was born in Bucks county, November 4, 1837. At the age of 16 he went on a whaling vessel to become a sailor, and was on the sea about 18 months. During this time, among other distant points he visited were the Sandwich Islands, where the natives still have fried missionary for breakfast whenever they can catch one. Returning to Pennsylvania,

he became foreman under his brother, a successful contractor of street construction, of Philadelphia, and had charge of about 50 men. He continued in that business until he was of age, when he cast his first presidential vote, throwing it for the Buchanan electors in Pennsylvania, and then came west, to St. Louis. From there he came to Paris and went to work for an older brother as a carpenter. The year following he worked at farm labor by the month, and this brought him up to the outbreak of the war, when he promptly enlisted in the Confederate service, under Jackson's call for the six months' State Guard. After this he enlisted in Elliott's battalion, and in the spring of 1864 he joined that dashing and irresistible cavalry leader, Gen. Joe Shelby. Taken prisoner, however, later along, he was held at St. Louis until the close of the war. Meanwhile, January 32, 1863, he was married to Miss Sarah, a daughter of Anderson and Mary N. Meadows, early settlers in Monroe county, from Kentucky. After the war, Mr. Bean returned to Monroe county and he engaged in farming and trading in stock. He bought his present farm in Jefferson township, of Shelby county, in January, 1884. He has a neat place well improved. Mr. Bean has had varying success as a stock-dealer, sometimes making considerable money, and once being entirely broken up. At another time he suffered a heavy loss by the death by cholera of over 150 fine hogs. He is now repairing his losses, however, and is steadily coming to the front again. Mr. and Mrs. B. have seven children: Fannie L., Daniel O., James A., Samuel C., Warren, William P. and Ada M. They have lost two in infancy. Mr. B. is a member of the A. O. U. W., and a prominent member of the I. O. O. F.

### JAMES BISHOP

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

Whether Mr. Bishop is closely related to the Hon. James G. Blaine, the present Republican candidate for the Presidency, the writer is not informed, for the question was not asked when the notes of this sketch were taken. But doubtless he is at least distantly related to the distinguished standard-bearer of the Republican party and one of the ablest and most brilliant men this country has ever produced. Mr. Bishop's mother was a Miss Fanny Blaine, before her marriage, and he was born in Westmoreland county, Penn., January 21, 1826. Hon. James G. Blaine was born just across the county line in Washington county, Penn., January 31, 1830. If they are not cousins they are unquestionably related in some degree, for both came of the Blaine family, long settled in the south-western part of Pennsylvania, and were born in adjoining counties, about the same time, or within four years of each other. But whether they are related or not makes as little difference to the subject of this sketch as to the distinguished Republican candidate, for he needs no reflected credit to entitle him to the respect and esteem of his fellow-citizens. His life has been one of intelligent, well directed industry, rewarded with sober, substantial

success, one upon which no reproach has ever fallen, and a value to the community in which he lives. Mr. Bishop commenced for himself when a young man without a dollar, and by his own efforts and worth has made all he now has. He is one of the substantial farmers of the county, and has over 800 acres of fine land, included in several farms. This he has accumulated since a resident of this county, for he commenced here nearly 30 years ago with entering a small tract of 80 acres, to which he has added from time to time as his means increased. His home place contains 300 acres and is well improved, being one of the choice farms of Jefferson township. Mr. Bishop's father, Vincent Bishop, died in Westmoreland county, Pa., in 1840. The mother, *nee* Miss Blaine, died about five years afterwards. The father came from New Jersey, or was brought from that State to Pennsylvania in a very early day by his parents, where he was reared and subsequently married Miss Blaine. He was of the same family of Bishops of which Hons. James and William D. Bishop, the first of New Brunswick, N. J., and the second of Bloomfield, N. J., sprang, both leading men of New Jersey and for years distinguished members of Congress. Mr. Bishop, the subject of this sketch, was reared in Westmoreland county and received a good common school education. On the 4th of October, 1846, he was married to Miss Elizabeth Carnes, a daughter of William Carnes, of Westmoreland county. He followed farming in that county for six years after his marriage and then, during the California gold excitement, went to the gold mines, making the trip overland. He spent two years in California, engaged principally in dealing in provisions and clothing. He then returned to Pennsylvania and shortly afterwards came to Missouri with his family and settled in Shelby county, on the land on which he now resides. His career as a farmer has been noted above. He has served for 12 years as justice of the peace, and during the war he served for about nine months in the Missouri State Militia on the Union side under Col. Benjamin. Mr. Bishop's first wife died in 1876. She was a devoted wife, a loving mother, a kind and hospitable neighbor and a most exemplary Christian lady. Her death was profoundly mourned both by her own loved ones and all her neighbors. She left him nine children: Thomas M., William C., Alexander C., J. K., Sarah E., the wife of Isaac Baker; Frances J., the wife of Thomas Vaughn; Levi H., Ella and Samuel P. The older sons are married. Three are deceased, two in infancy and Vincent at the age of 17. To his present wife Mr. Bishop was married February 20, 1878. She was a widow lady, Mrs. Jemima Spires, relict of William Spires, and a daughter of John Mayfield, formerly of Kentucky. She is an exemplary member of the Baptist Church and an excellent lady.

### FREDERIC G. BLAKEY

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

Mr. Blakey, one of the progressive young agriculturists of Shelby county and a highly respected, influential citizen of Jefferson town-

ship, is a son of Hon. M. D. Blakey, a sketch of whom and whose family antecedents appears elsewhere in this work, among the biographies of Clay township, in Monroe county. Mr. Blakey, Jr., was born at Paris, in Monroe county, December 29, 1852, and was reared in that county. His opportunities for an education were good, which he did not fail to improve to the best advantage. He had the benefit of instruction in the best schools of the country, and afterwards took a course at Christian University in Canton, Missouri. After concluding his education, or rather, career at school, he engaged in teaching and continued to follow that occupation for about seven years, principally during the winter months, however, for he was occupied with farming during the cropping seasons on his father's homestead. On the 6th of March, 1879, he was married to Miss Nora, a daughter of James Gillespie, deceased, late a prominent citizen of Monroe county. Mrs. Blakey was educated at Christian College, of Columbia, Mo. They have been blessed with three children: Roy G., Susie and Anna. After his marriage, Mr. Blakey came to his present farm, where he has since resided. He has a good place of nearly 200 acres in an excellent state of improvement. Mr. Blakey makes a specialty of fine stock. He has fine short-horn thorough-bred cattle, and a stock of fine Poland-China hogs. His thoroughbred cattle and hogs are eligible to record and among the best in the county.

### JOHN BOWLING

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

Mr. Bowling is a native of Kentucky, born in Bourbon county, November 20, 1834, and a son of Robert Bowling and wife, *nee* Jane C. Neal, formerly of Virginia. The family removed to Missouri in 1837, and located on land through which the Monroe and Shelby county line passes, where they made their home, their house being partly in Monroe and partly in Shelby county. As Mr. Bowling's father was a resident of both counties, as much of one as of the other, it was a question which county he was entitled to vote in, for he apparently had as much right to vote in one as the other, and as he had a right to vote in either, that he had the right to vote in both. Being a good Democrat was an additional and a very strong argument that he should have two votes, for it is a rule of morals that there can never be too much of a good thing, whatever may be the law of physics in this regard. He finally relieved the authorities, however, of all embarrassment, by deciding to vote only in Monroe county. He lived on his farm on the county line until his death, one of the respected farmers of the community. John Bowling was reared on the old family homestead, and was married March 29, 1860, to Miss Louisa E., daughter of Richard Thompson, deceased, of Pike county, but formerly of Virginia. After his marriage, Mr. Bowling followed farming in the north-eastern part of Monroe county for four years. He then sold his place there, and removed to the neighborhood in which he now resides. Since then he has sold out and bought farms several

times, and for a time lived in Texas, where he owned a place, but since 1873 he has resided on his present farm. He has a good place of about a quarter of a section of land, substantially and comfortably improved. He feeds stock for the wholesale markets, usually about a car load annually, in which he has good success. Mr. and Mrs. B. have seven children: John C., Robert P., Willis R., Ora J., Mary D., Elba and Guyangus. Mr. and Mrs. B. are members of the Baptist Church.

### THOMAS P. BREWER

(Farmer, Post-office, Clarence).

It was in the spring of 1882 that Mr. Brewer sold his farm, four miles east of Moberly, which he had improved himself, and where he had resided for nearly 30 years, coming thence to Shelby county and buying the place which is his present home. Here he has 160 acres of good land, all under fence and with good improvements on it. It is a good farm and he expects to make it his permanent home. Mr. Brewer is a native Missourian, born in Marion county, July 25, 1831. His father was Thomas Brewer, who came out from Virginia, when a young man, to Kentucky, and was there married to Miss Mary Evans. From Kentucky they come to Missouri, or rather the mother and family came to this State, for the father died in Kentucky in 1832. The mother afterwards married William Haley, and they came to Missouri in 1846, locating in Randolph county about four miles east of where the city of Moberly now stands. There Thomas P. grew to manhood, and on January 23, 1854, was married to Miss Sarah J., a daughter of Foster Burnham, of Howard county. After his marriage Mr. Brewer, who had previously bought raw land near Moberly, improved a farm on his land and resided there, as stated above, until his removal to Shelby county. Mr. and Mrs. B. have six children: Daniel B. (married), of Randolph county; William U. (also married), of Macon county; James W., now of Colorado; Levia, a young lady at home; T. Foster, and Minnie.

### HARLEN BUTNER

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, Post-office, Duncan's Bridge).

For two years a gallant soldier of the Republic during the Mexican War, and afterwards a doughty Argonaut to the golden coast of the Pacific, later along Mr. Butner returned to old Missouri and settled down to a quiet, successful farm life. He has been a resident of Shelby county for over 30 years, and first improved a farm in Jefferson township, of this county, on which he resided for 11 years, selling it then and purchasing his present place. He has 200 acres in this farm, all well improved, and 30 acres of tributary timber. He also has a good tract of improved land in Monroe county. He makes a specialty of raising and feeding cattle for the markets, in which he has had satisfactory success. In 1848 Mr. Butner was married to Miss

Evalena Ray, of Macon county, but formerly of Kentucky. She died in this county in 1858, leaving five children, namely: William, Fidella, James W., Felix and Edward. To his present wife Mr. B. was married October 2, 1859. She was a Miss Nancy A. Barton, a daughter of 'Squire Barton. There are six children by this union: Sarah E., the wife of Silas Wood, of Monroe county; Elias H., Stephen H., Daniel M., Lacy M. and Anna M. Mr. and Mrs. B. are members of the M. E. Church South. Mr. Butner was born in Madison county, Ky., July 15, 1825. His father was William Butner, and his mother's maiden name Nancy Lowry. They came to Missouri in 1835, and finally settled in Marion county, residing first in Howard, then in Macon and then Monroe. They finally returned to Kentucky, where the father died in 1862.

### JOHN BYRUM

(Farmer, Post-office, Lentner).

For three months and a half Mr. Byrum was on the road in 1850, bound for the golden coast of California, where he hoped by hard work and economy to at least get a start in life in a comparatively short time. And he was not disappointed. He made enough at mining to enable him to return home and purchase a farm and engage in farming. He has since continued to reside on his place in this county, a good farm of 160 acres adjoining the town of Lentner. He has resided on this place for the last 25 years, and here has reared his family. He was married March 12, 1856, to Miss Rhoda Morris, a daughter of Shelby Morris, of this county. Mr. and Mrs. Byrum have nine children: Lucy M., Sarah M., John H., Maggie E., Mollie T., E. Wesley, Carrie G., Claude M. and Harry E. Two, besides, are deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Byrum are members of the M. E. Church South. The district school-house is on one corner of his farm, where school is kept from seven to eight months in the year, so that he has good school advantages for his children. Mr. Byrum was born in Marion county May 12, 1833, and was a son of Morris and Martha (Whitler) Byrum, originally of Kentucky, who came to Missouri in 1834, but afterwards returned to Kentucky, finally coming back to Missouri in 1837 to remain permanently. Some years afterwards they settled on land six miles west of Shelbina, where the father died in 1847, leaving a widow and 10 children, namely (the children): Elizabeth Emdire, Martha J., Hulda, Amanda, John, William, James J. and Henry, all of whom are living except Martha.

### FREDERICK C. CASLER

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

Of German-American parentage, Mr. Casler was a son of Frederick and Margaret (Miller) Casler, both originally of Bavaria, and was born in Montgomery county, N. Y., July 18, 1835. Reared in that county, he received a good common school education, and was

brought up a farmer. On the 25th of December, 1856, he was married to Miss Catherine, a daughter of Peter Henson. Mr. Casler continued farming in Montgomery county until early in 1882, and had good success there. However, he sold out in New York and came direct to Shelby county, Mo., where he soon afterwards bought the farm on which he now resides. He has a place of 240 acres, all under fence, including 200 acres in cultivation. His residence is a good two-story building with a one-story ell, and the other buildings on the place, including barn, granary, implement house, etc., are of an excellent class, and in good condition. He also has a bearing young orchard. Mr. and Mrs. C. have three children, Emma E., Jennie E. and Frank F. He and wife are members of the M. E. Church. Mr. Casler's father, who came from Bavaria in 1834, is still living in Montgomery county, N. Y., at an advanced age, but he is quite active.

### JUDGE JOHN S. CHICK

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

Judge Chick has been a resident of Jefferson township for over 25 years, and has resided in the same neighborhood and on the same farm during all this time. Having lived for a generation in one community, those around him are therefore able to speak of the character of man he is; and the results of his exertions and management as a farmer testify to his industry and intelligence. His high standing among those who have known him so long and well is shown by the irreproachable name he bears, and the confidence reposed in him as a man and citizen, by his election to the responsible office of county judge; while the ample competency he has accumulated shows that his life has been one of marked energy, directed by good, sound business judgment. Judge Chick has a fine farm of about 400 acres, over three-fourths of which is in meadow or active cultivation, most of the balance being excellent timbered land, fenced and used for pasturage. His place is well improved and well stocked, and, in a word, he is one of the substantial, comfortable farmers of the township. All he has accumulated is the fruit of his own toil and intelligence, for he started out for himself without any help from others, and has made what he has, while at the same time rearing a large family of children, by whom he did and is doing a good part. Judge Chick, a prominent man of his township, esteemed for his sterling good sense, sober judgment, business qualifications and estimable qualities as a neighbor and citizen, was selected in 1872 from among the leading men of the county for the office of county judge, and was elected to that office by a highly complimentary majority. He served in office for six years and fully met the expectations of the public as a capable, upright judge. At the conclusion of his term as county judge, he again centered his whole attention on his farming and stock-raising interests, leading an industrious, useful life, and in the enjoyment of the confidence and



esteem of the people of the entire county. One of the best things that can be said of any man may be said of him with truth — that all his neighbors speak well of him. Judge Chick was 17 years of age when he came to Shelby county with his parents, Capt. William Chick and wife, *nee* Mildred G. Harding, from Kentucky, in 1840. He was born in Bracken county, April 13, 1823. His father was in the Federal service during the time of the elder Adams' administration, and participated in the military ceremony attending the burial of Gen. Washington. He was originally from Virginia, as was also his wife. In this county Capt. Chick entered land and improved a farm, on which he lived a worthy and respected life until his death. He reached the advanced age of 95 years, dying in 1874. His wife had preceded him to the grave by nearly 30 years. Judge John S. Chick completed his youth in this county, and after attaining his majority continued with his parents as their only reliance and support until they had lived out the measure of their lives and been gathered to the bosom of their loved ones who had passed beyond the mystic river. For an education he had to rely mainly on his own application to study during his leisure time at home. After his mother's death he was married, August 31, 1848, to Miss Mary E., a daughter of Joseph C. McCarty, formerly of Virginia. Twelve children are living of this union, eight sons and four daughters. Two years after his marriage, Judge Chick went to California with the general rush to the Pacific coast and was engaged in mining and trading out there for about a year. After his return he followed farming at different places until 1859, when he bought land and improved his present farm. Previously, however, he had been in the brick business at Palmyra for about three years. Judge Chick's farm is in section 10, about six miles from Clarence. None are exempt in this life, neither the just nor the unjust, from misfortune. John Milton, the great epic poet of England, the profound scholar, gifted genius and voluminous writer, the philosopher and sociologist, and one of the purest and best men the world has ever produced — he had a Cross to bear, a galling, heavy Cross; worse far than the blindness with which he was afflicted, a Cross of domestic unhappiness, of conjugal estrangement and antipathy, — the same Milton who wrote from his heart: —

“Hail wedded love, mysterious law, true source  
 Of human offspring, sole propriety  
 In Paradise of all things common else!  
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 Founded in reason, loyal, just and pure,  
 Relations dear, and all the charities  
 Of father, son, and brother, first were known.”

His wife failed to appreciate the high duties and obligations, the tender, sacred nature of the marriage relation. She became unkind, rude and offensive to her husband, and they separated. Milton thought it was best that they should separate — better far, than to live in

constant antagonism and mutual aversion; and in his great work, his "Treatise on Divorce," where he presents arguments founded on reason, on common sense and on the natural sentiments of the human heart, which have never been answered and never can be — the greatest work on that subject that has ever been written; he fully justifies himself and boldly lays down this broad, just principle: "That indisposition, unfitness, or contrariety of mind, arising from a cause in nature unchangeable, hindering and ever likely to hinder the main benefits of conjugal society, which are solace and peace, is a greater reason of divorce than natural frigidity." Judge Chick has been made a victim of a similar misfortune to that which Milton suffered. He and his wife are not now living together. And while the Judge is too manly to speak unkindly of their separation, it is but just to him to say that in the opinion of all his neighbors he shares none of the blame, but the wonder is, that he submitted so long to the unhappy domestic life he was compelled to lead. Mrs. Chick resides at Clarence, where she is properly provided for. The Judge is a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity.

### ELIJAH G. S. CHINN

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

Mr. and Mrs. Chinn, among the highly respected and well-to-do families of Jefferson township, were both reared in this county, and came of two of its pioneer families, respectively, Judge William S. Chinn and Joseph West, Esq. Judge Chinn and his wife, Lucy A., whose maiden name was also Chinn, came to Missouri from Harrison county, Ky., about the beginning of the "thirties". They first located in Marion county, but the year following settled in the northern part of Shelby county, away back before the town of Shelbyville was even thought of. They resided on the farm in that part of the county many years until their family of children had grown up. They then moved to a place two miles west of Shelbyville, where Judge Chinn died in 1856. He was a prominent farmer of the county, and for years a member of the county court. In the family there were seven brothers and three sisters who grew to years of maturity, and five brothers and a sister are still living. Elijah G. S. was born before his parents came to Missouri, in Harrison county, Ky., September 25, 1825, but was reared in this county. He was married to Miss Cassandria West, September 26, 1848. Her father came to Missouri in its territorial days and located first in Callaway county. Subsequently he was one of the first to open a farm in Shelby county, and became a well-to-do farmer of this county. Mr. and Mrs. Chinn have five children: James W. (married), George E., Thomas S., Joseph W. (married) and Anna L., the wife of Posey Clay. Mr. and Mrs. C. are members of the Christian Church. After his marriage, in 1848, Mr. Chinn settled on a farm two miles west of Shelbyville, where he followed farming for over 10 years. He then removed to where he now resides. Here he has 700 acres, all under fence and

about 560 acres in cultivation. The balance is in pasturage. For years Mr. Chinn has made a business of handling stock, feeding them for the wholesale markets, and he ships annually about 100 head of cattle. He also handles mules and has raised a large number of horses in former years. He is a man of industry and energy and an excellent business-like farmer, successful and well respected.

### JOHN S. COLVERT

(Farmer, Post-office, Clarence).

John R. Colvert, now and for the past six years a resident of Lafayette county, was an early settler in this county and one of its old citizens and highly successful farmers. He resided here for a period of over 25 years, and at one time owned over 1,600 acres of fine land in the county. Mr. Colvert, Sr., was from Virginia and was married after he came to Missouri, in Marion county, to Miss Elizabeth Griffith. Soon after his marriage he settled in Shelby county, where he lived for many years, as stated above. In 1872 he removed to Saline county and eight years afterwards to Lafayette county, where he now resides; he and his good wife reared a family of 10 children, five sons and five daughters, all but two of whom are married and have families of their own. John S. Colvert, the subject of this sketch, was born on his father's farm near Shelbina October 11, 1847. On the 30th of March, 1869, then in his twenty-second year, he was married to Miss Delilah Perry, a daughter of Richard Perry, an early settler of Shelby county. Mr. C. followed farming after his marriage in this county until the following year, when he sold out and moved to Saline county, but in 1871 returned to Shelby and bought a place in the eastern part of Jefferson township; he farmed there for nine years and then bought the farm where he now resides, two miles south of Clarence. He has a good place of 160 acres, which besides being otherwise improved has a fine orchard on it, including every variety of fruit, large and small. Mr. and Mrs. Colvert have seven children: Luah C., Minnie M., Lonnie R., Myrtle E., Naoma R., R. Warren and Rola. Both parents are members of the M. E. Church South.

### THOMAS J. CROSS

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

Mr. Cross' father died when he was about five years of age, and his mother three years afterwards, so that from boyhood he was left an orphan with his own way to make in the world as best he could. He lived with relatives and friends in Harper's Ferry, Va., where he was born, July 3, 1824, until he was about 14 years of age, when he came West with some friends to Quincy, Ill. A year later he went to Zanesville, Ohio, and there learned the tailor's trade, serving an apprenticeship of four years. He afterwards worked at the trade at Zanesville for some three years, and in 1846 returned to Quincy, Ill., working

at the tailor's trade here until 1847, he then enlisted in the service for the Mexican War under Capt. Dunlap, detached cavalry. During his service he was once wounded, receiving a shot in the left leg, by which the bone was fractured, and he was disabled from further service. He was therefore honorably discharged and returned to Quincy, where he resumed work at his trade. In 1850 he went overland to California and was for three years engaged in mining and freighting on the Pacific coast. After this he began the livery business at Quincy, and carried it on with success until 1858, when he came to Missouri, locating in Randolph county. He bought land near Renick and improved a farm, on which he resided for 23 years. He sold that place in the spring of 1881, and bought his present farm in Jefferson township. Here he has 210 acres, and is comfortably situated. July 9, 1849, Mr. Cross was married to Miss Malinda A., a daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Owen, formerly of Pennsylvania. They have nine children: Quincy A., now of Sedalia; George A., now the wife of William Brewer, of Macon county; Rebecca, relict of William Dent; Ada F., a young lady; Thomas R., Willis and Willie, twins, and Lizzie and Lettie. They have lost two, both in infancy. Mr. Cross was postmaster at Renick during Grant's administration. He is a member of the I. O. O. F.

### HENRY C. CROSS

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

Mr. Cross, a representative of one of the pioneer families of Central Missouri, came to Shelby county in 1860, and has been a resident of the county ever since, for a period now closely approaching 25 years. A man of sterling industry, and thorough-going enterprise, as a farmer he has been quite successful, and has accumulated a comfortable property. He has a handsome farm of 320 acres, well improved and well stocked, and annually has large quantities of farm products and considerable numbers of stock to put on the markets. Mr. Cross was a son of John Cross and wife, Sallie Blythe, who came from Kentucky to Howard county, Mo., away back in 1818, long before the territory now forming this State became a member of the Union as one of the free, independent and sovereign Commonwealths of the Republic. He became a substantial farmer and well known and respected citizen of Howard county. Henry C. was born in that county November 25, 1834. Growing up on his father's farm, he came to Shelby county in 1860, a year before his father's death. Young Cross located in Clay township where he bought land and improved a farm. He resided on that place for about ten years and then sold it to excellent advantage and moved to his present farm. This has been spoken of above. It may be added, however, that a special feature about his farm is that he has a fine bearing orchard of over 500 trees, all of select varieties of fruit. He also has a choice variety of small fruits on his place. Mr. Cross was married September 5, 1871, to Miss Susan, a daughter of Perry Taylor of this county. They have three

children: Olivia, Leslie and Elmer. Mr. and Mrs. C. are members of the M. E. Church South, and Mr. C. of the A. F. and A. M., and of the A. O. U. W.

### WILLIAM J. DAVIS

(Farmer, Post-office, Clarence).

From Delaware and Pennsylvania, respectively, Mr. Davis' parents originally came, his father, Bowers Davis, from Delaware, and his mother, whose maiden name was Mary Jamison, was from Pennsylvania. They met, however, in West Virginia and were there married. Indeed, Miss Jamison was reared in West Virginia. William J., the subject of this sketch, was born in Monongahela county, of that State, February 10, 1828, and there grew to mature years. Several years after attaining his majority he was married, September 10, 1852, to Miss Nancy Davis, a daughter of Ananias Davis, who was named, it is proper to remark, not for the early Christian mentioned in Acts v., but for the disciple of Christ referred to in Acts ix: 10-12, etc. After his marriage Mr. Davis resided two years in Virginia and then removed to Missouri, locating in Macon county. Two years later he removed to Monroe county, where he bought land and improved a farm, on which he resided until 1861. He then sold out and came to Shelby county, where he farmed on rented land for about six years, after which he bought the place where he now resides. This contains 190 acres and is in a good state of cultivation, being one of the best farms in the vicinity. Mr. Davis' first wife died in Macon county, Mo., June 9, 1856. He was a second time married, Miss Susan Fifer becoming his second wife, a daughter of Nimrod Fifer, of Randolph county, now deceased. This was March 19, 1857. Mrs. D. was born and reared in Botetourt county, W. Va. There are six children: J. Monroe, Nimrod, Caleb W., Henry, Joseph T. and William M. Mary died in the fall of 1880 at the age of 22. She was the wife of William Woods and left two children. Mr. and Mrs. D. are members of the M. E. Church South.

### JAMES H. DOCTOR

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

The Doctors (though of course not all of them) were originally from Virginia, or rather the family of which the subject of the present sketch is a representative. His parents, John C. and Mahala (Leary) Doctor, were early settlers in Ohio from Virginia, where the father died in about 1837, and afterwards in 1840, the family came on West, to Missouri, and settled in Shelby county. James H. was born while they resided in Ohio, the year before his father's death, January 10, 1836. He was therefore principally reared in Shelby county, this State. Brought up on a farm, as would be expected, he adopted farming as his occupation for life. December 20, 1858, he was married to Miss Sarah, a daughter of William Bennett, formerly

of Warren county, Va. He and his wife then set up to housekeeping, and located on a farm, or rather Mr. Doctor improved a farm from raw land. He has ever since continued to reside on the place he improved when a young man. This is a good farm of 240 acres, and is mainly run in meadow and plow land. Mr. Doctor makes a specialty of raising stock and feeding them for the wholesale markets. He has had satisfactory success. September 28, 1881, he had the misfortune to lose his wife, who left him at her death two children: Iola, Mrs. J. W. Ferrel and James W. Four others died in early years. May 23, 1883, Mr. Doctor was married to Miss Robena Nicholson, a daughter of Robert Nicholson. It took Mrs. Clemence S. Lozier, the most eminent lady physician in the United States, four years of medical college training, besides a long period of previous preparatory study, to become a doctor, but it took Miss Nicholson only about seven seconds to accomplish the same object, nominally at least after the good deacon announced himself ready for the ceremony. Such is the difference of ways people have of effecting results in this life, and doubtless Mrs. James H. Doctor is happier by the step she took than Mrs. Doctor Lozier.

### NOAH A. EDWARDS

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

Mr. Edwards is a son of John H. Edwards, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this volume, and was born before the parents came to Missouri, in Bourbon county, Ky., October 3, 1846. The family removing to Monroe county, Mo., in 1857, Noah A. was reared in that county and was brought up a practical farmer. His father still resides in Monroe county, about four miles west of Paris. On the 29th of March, 1870, Noah A. Edwards was married to Miss Nancy E. Atterbury, a daughter of Daniel Atterbury, deceased, her family also being from Kentucky. Mr. Edwards located on a farm as a householder after his marriage, and continued to farm in Monroe county for about 11 years. He also engaged quite actively in handling stock, in which he had satisfactory success. He removed to Shelby county in the spring of 1880, and bought the farm where he now resides. He has a good place of 240 acres, exceptionally well improved. His dwelling is a substantial, tastily built two-story house, and his other buildings, including an excellent new barn, 36x60 feet in dimensions, correspond with his dwelling. He is still actively engaged in handling stock, and feeds a large number every year for the wholesale markets. Mr. and Mrs. E. have four children: Nona M., John H., Lela M. and Nannie L. He and wife are members of the Presbyterian Church.

### JOSEPH C. GADD

(Farmer and Breeder of Fine Sheep, Post-office, Clarence).

From the Empress Isle of the Seas Mr. Gadd was brought by his parents, James Gadd and Hester, *nee* Collins, who came to America

when he was in his third year, in 1849. He was born in England, December 31, 1847. The family first settled in Racine county, Wis. and were among the first white residents of that county. Later along, however, they removed to Missouri, and located in Macon county, where they still make their home, and where Joseph attained his majority, being in his twentieth year in 1868, when the family settled in Shelby county. Four years later, on the 4th of November, 1872, he was married to Miss Louisa, a daughter of Peter Henson, of Shelby county, but formerly of Germany. Mr. Henson, however, had lived in New York before coming to Missouri, where he resided for a period of 40 years. Mr. Gadd settled on his farm where he now resides soon after his marriage. He has a neat, small farm, and has it comfortably improved. He and wife have two children, Byron H. and Katie S. Both parents are members of the Christian Church.

### WILLIAM R. GAINES

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

With a good place of 290 acres all fenced and 240 in cultivation, Mr. Gaines may fairly be said to be comfortably situated and in comparatively easy circumstances. He is regarded as one of the energetic farmers and substantial, worthy citizens of Jefferson township. He was born in Monroe county April 23, 1842, and was a son of Robert S. and Parmelia (Sears) Gaines; his father originally from Kentucky, but his mother was born at Boonville and reared in this State. In 1844 the family removed to Shelby county and settled north of Shelbyville, where the father bought and improved a farm. In 1848 he returned to Monroe county. After the California gold excitement he went overland to the Pacific coast, but by the hardships he underwent consumption was brought on, of which he died at Hannibal, Mo., on his way home, near Paris. The children, including William R., the subject of this sketch, were four brothers and one sister, all now married but the youngest. William R. and Dabney are the only residents of this county. William R. learned the blacksmith's trade, and in 1861 enlisted in the Confederate army. In 1865 he returned to Missouri and located at Granville, Monroe county. In 1866 he settled on a farm and was married February 26, 1867, to Miss Sue M. Singleton, of Hannibal, a daughter of Samuel Singleton, formerly of Shelby county, and at different times assessor of both Shelby and Marion counties. His wife was a teacher before her marriage, and taught some afterwards. In 1876 Mr. Gaines came to Shelby county and bought the land where he now resides, or a part of it. Mr. and Mrs. Gaines have one child of their own, Samuel S., now aged 14, and have raised one other, Mittie J. Ragland, granddaughter of Maj. Ragland (deceased), of Monroe county. He and wife are members of the Missionary Baptist Church, and he is a member of the Masonic and United Workman orders.

## DABNEY GAINES

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

An outline of the family of which the subject of the present sketch is a member has been given in the sketch of his brother, William R., which precedes this, so that it is unnecessary to repeat anything of the family history here. Mr. Gaines was born on his father's farm in Monroe county, August 9, 1839, and was reared on the old family homestead, receiving an ordinary education in the neighborhood schools. After he grew up, December 9, 1862, he was married to Miss Sallie H., a daughter of Samuel Singleton, of Shelby county. Mr. Singleton now lives in Marion county, at Hannibal. He then farmed two seasons in Shelby county, and the next season in Illinois, after which he located at Hannibal, and was engaged in teaming for two years. He then farmed three years in Monroe county, and freighted the next year at Hannibal. For three years after this he was farming in Monroe county again, and in 1874 he removed to Shelby county. Meanwhile he had bought raw land in this county, and the following year began the improvement of a farm. He soon made a good farm, and still resides on the place he improved, which contains 200 acres, all under fence and otherwise in good condition, one of the comfortable homesteads of the township, and he has a good orchard on his place. Mr. and Mrs. Gaines have three children: Robert E., Ella V. and William E. Three are deceased, two in infancy and one in childhood. He and wife are members of the Baptist Church.

## ISAAC N. HILL, M. D.

(Physician and Surgeon, Clarence).

Dr. Hill is one of the oldest physicians, if not the oldest, in active practice in Shelby county. He has been continuously engaged in the practice for 38 years, and for 26 years of this time he has been located in Shelby county, 19 years at Clarence. He is a man of thorough medical training; studying medicine at a time when it was by no means a universal rule for medical students to take a thorough professional course at college before they began the practice, he nevertheless did so. He began the study of medicine first under Dr. A. H. Robertson, of Roachport and in due time entered the Transylvania Medical College, of Kentucky, from which he graduated in 1846. He then located at Woodville, in Macon county, where he practiced for 12 years, coming thence to Shelby county. In 1858 he located at Clarence. Dr. Hill has had good success with his patients and has been reasonably successful in the accumulation of the substantial rewards of his practice, though he has ever been more devoted to the practice of medicine as a science and for the good that he might do, than as a means for making money, or accumulating a fortune. Some



men are intent on getting a fortune from the time they first start out in life as long as they can strive and struggle. Dr. Hill is not one of these. He is not a worshiper of mammon by any means, and thinks there are a great many good things in the world besides wealth. In 1848 he was married to Miss Eliza C. Menafee, a daughter of Capt. John Menafee, of Marion county, but originally of Virginia. She died, however, in 1868, leaving him six children: Ella B., Mrs. John Easum of Montana; Archibald (married), now of Boone county; John R. C., now of Vernon county; Virgil P., now merchandising at Nevada City; Belle, Mrs. William Herron, and Annie E., a young lady who is now with her brother in Vernon county. The Doctor has never remarried since his wife's death. He has always been a man of studious habits and is more than ordinarily well informed on the general questions of the times, including politics, being in political opinions a Democrat. He was absent from this State on a trip to California, returning in 1852, having practiced medicine when he was gone. The Doctor is a native of Kentucky, born in Madison county in 1819. His parents were Archibald Hill and wife, nee Sallie Newland. They came to Missouri in 1822, and located in Boone county, where they resided eight years. In 1830 they settled in Howard county, where the father improved one of the largest farms in the county, a place of 1000 acres. He became one of the leading farmers and stockmen of that county, and resided there for over 50 years. He reached the advanced age of 84, dying on his farm eight miles south-east of Fayette, in 1878.

### JAMES F. LARRICK

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

Forty-three years ago Mr. Larrick's parents, John M. and Margaret (Guire) Larrick, came from Virginia to Missouri, and located in Randolph county. Eight years later they returned to Virginia, but in 1855 came back West to Iowa, and three years afterwards settled permanently in Marion county, where they resided for many years. The father died there in 1867, or, rather, he was at the residence of one of his daughters in Randolph county at the time of his death. The mother is still living and has a welcome and pleasant home with her son, the subject of this sketch. James F. was born in Randolph county January 20, 1845, and was one of three brothers and two sisters who had lived to reach years of maturity. His brother, Joseph G., was killed in the Southern army at the fight at Kirksville. The other brother, Arthur S., resides in this county. James F. was reared a farmer and has made it his permanent calling. He has a good place of 160 acres, nearly, either in meadow or cultivation. His place is substantially and comfortably improved. March 13, 1879, he was married to Miss Ella, a daughter of S. Smith, of this county. They have two children: Ada and an infant son. Mr. and Mrs. L. are members of the M. E. Church South.

## JAMES D. LIVINGSTON

(Farmer, Post-office, Clarence).

Eleven miles south-east of Pittsburg, in Pennsylvania, was the birthplace of the subject of this sketch, and October 13, 1833, was the date. His parents were William W. and Nancy (Large) Livingston, who were married in Alleghany county in the fall of 1829. They continued to reside in that county for over 20 years, but in 1850 removed west, to Ohio, and three years later on westward across the turbid waters of the Mississippi, settling at the end of their journey four miles north-west of Shelbina. They had a family of six children, including James D., and he came with the rest out to Missouri. Mr. Livingston, the subject of this sketch, has been engaged in farming ever since he came to Missouri, as he had been before. He is now farming on leased land, having the Towne farm, situated four miles and a-half east of Clarence. He is also engaged in raising stock and trading in them. December 22, 1859, Mr. Livingston was married to Miss Lucy A. Byrum, a daughter of Morris Byrum, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this work. Mr. and Mrs. L. have seven children, namely: John W., James H., Lewis T., Amanda J., Mary E., Nettie and Robert F. Mr. Livingston, like many men of original thought, rather than thinkers by fashion as people who wear their clothes, is a Greenbacker in politics. Like the immortal Milton he believes that "error supports custom, custom countenances error; and these two between them \* \* \* with the numerous and vulgar train of their followers, \* \* \* envy and cry down the industry of free reasoning, under the term of humor and innovation."

## ADAM D. LONG

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

Among the numerous valuable citizens of Jefferson township who have come to this county from the North since the war, none are more worthy of consideration than the subject of the present sketch, Mr. Long. He has contributed his full share since he became a resident of the county to its development and prosperity. By industry and enterprise he has made himself one of the substantial farmers of the township. He has two excellent farms of 160 acres each, on one of which he resides, and he is engaged to a considerable extent in raising and dealing in cattle and hogs, including shipping to the wholesale markets. He ships annually about 100 car loads. Mr. Long is a native of Ohio, born in Ashland county, February 19, 1847, and a son of Simeon and Sarah (McCrill) Long, natives of the same county, but both now deceased. Adam D. is the youngest of three of their family of children living. He was reared on a farm in his native county. August 23, 1864, he enlisted in Co. E, Fifth Ohio Infantry, and was out until the close of the war, being under Sherman during

the famous march to the sea. He participated in the grand review at Washington, and then returned home to Ashland county, Ohio. He subsequently lived for three years in Ohio, during which he attended school part of the time. He then came to Missouri, and located in the vicinity of Clarence, where he engaged in farming. He resided on different places, and in the spring of 1876 settled on his present homestead. This is one of the best improved farms in the vicinity. October 29, 1868, Mr. Long was married, in Ashland county, Ohio, to Miss Jennie, a daughter of Andrew Gordon. They have four children: Ida M., Milo A., Simeon and Albert. Mr. and Mrs. Long are members of the M. E. Church.

### SAMUEL C. MEADOWS

(Farmer, Post-office, Clarence).

Mr. Meadows was a son of Anderson Meadows, one of the pioneer settlers of Monroe county. His father was a native Kentuckian, where he grew up and was married to Miss Mary Williamson. They came to Missouri in about 1824, and settled in Monroe county. The father entered land there, on which he improved a farm and resided until his death in 1844. Samuel C. was born on the farm in Monroe county, December 25, 1824, and as he grew up received a common school education. After attaining his majority he came to Shelby county and bought land. Here he improved a farm and has since bought land and improved three other farms, thus doing more than his full share toward the improvement and development of the county. He improved the place where he now resides in 1869, and has 200 acres. February 16, 1859, he was married to Miss Laura J., a daughter of Harris Woods, of this county, but formerly of Monroe county. Mr. and Mrs. Meadows have seven children: Mollie, Nora, Mattie, Sallie, Anderson, Lena and Harris. Mr. and Mrs. M. and their two older daughters are members of the Baptist Church. He is a member of the A. O. U. W. at Clarence.

### JAMES T. MILLER

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

Mr. Miller was a son of Samuel Miller, who was born in Pendleton county, Ky., in the fall of 1803, and came with his mother and step-father, Joseph Conway, to Marion county, Mo., in 1818. He married there, in 1824, Miss Sarah Kirby, also formerly of Kentucky. They reared a family of eight children, six of whom are living: Enoch K., a prominent minister of the M. E. Church South; Salina A., now the wife of A. B. Maupin; Ruth E., the wife of Robert Donaldson; Susan B., now Mrs. W. P. Maupin; William F. and James T., the subject of this sketch. He was reared in Marion county and was married there February 9, 1869, to Miss Maria T., a daughter of J. M. Nelson. After his marriage Mr. Miller, the subject of this sketch, moved to his present farm seven miles south-west of Shelbina, where he has 240

acres of good land and 160 acres of which are in cultivation. Mr. Miller has had satisfactory success as a farmer and stock-raiser and is doing well. He and wife have three children: Sarah M., Mary T. and Lucy N. Mr. M. is a member of the Baptist Church, of which he is clerk at Oak Ridge, and he is also superintendent of the local Sunday-school. He takes an active interest in church affairs and all good works calculated to promote the best interests of those around him and the cause of morality and religion. His wife is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and is an excellent Christian-hearted lady. Her parents were originally from Maryland and her father is now living, at the age of 81, near Hannibal.

### OLIVER COMMODORE PERRY

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

Mr. Perry, one of the well-to-do farmers and substantial citizens of Jefferson township, is by descent related to Commodore Oliver Perry, for whom he was named, and who, as all the world knows, was the most distinguished officer in American naval history, and one of the greatest naval officers of any age or country. He served with distinguished gallantry in the expedition against Tripoli, and commanded on Lake Erie during the War of 1812, obtaining one of the most brilliant victories against superior forces to be met with in naval annals. In honor of this great victory, a magnificent painting of the battle scene now adorns one of the walls of the Senate wing of the Capitol building at Washington City. Mr. Perry, the subject of this sketch, was born in Shelby county, December 7, 1846, and was a son of Capt. Richard Perry, an early settler in this county from Virginia. Mr. P.'s mother was a Miss Mary Selsor before her marriage, also of Virginia. The family first removed to Ohio, and then came to Missouri in about 1840, settling near Shelbina, where Capt. Perry improved a farm. He is still living, and makes his home with a married daughter, being now advanced in years. Oliver C. Perry was reared on the farm in this county, and received a good common school education. On the 19th of December, 1867, he was married to Miss Ellen Randol, a daughter of John B. Randol, then of this county, but now of Colorado. Mr. and Mrs. P. have six children: John H., Emma, Orie, Floyd, Lee and Harry. They have lost one, Charley, who died in infancy. After his marriage, Mr. Perry located on a farm in Jefferson township. He has since, at different times, owned four farms in that township. He came to his present place in the winter of 1875-76. This is a valuable farm, two and a half miles south of Clarence, containing 320 acres, all under fence and in a good condition. Most of it is run in meadow and pasture for stock purposes. Mr. Perry makes a business of buying and feeding cattle and hogs for the market, in which he has excellent success. He and wife are members of the M. E. Church at Zion.

## GEORGE W. PORTER

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

For more than four years and a half Mr. Porter did gallant service in the army of the Union, from the fall of 1861 to the spring of 1866. He participated in numerous heavy engagements, and was three times promoted for meritorious conduct on the field, rising from the ranks as a private to the position of first lieutenant of his company. He was in Co. C, of the Fifty-third Illinois Volunteer Infantry. Mr. Porter is a native of Ohio, born in Knox county, September 21, 1840. His father, Maj. James D. Porter, a major of militia in old muster days, was a native of Pennsylvania, and after his marriage moved to Jefferson county, O., and later along to Knox county, of which latter he was a pioneer settler. In 1845, however, he removed to La Salle county, Ill., where he resided for 37 years, and then, at the of 87, had the courage to become an early settler in another new country — Johnson county, Kan. — where he now resides, and is still active and as full of enterprise and vim as men usually are a generation his juniors. His wife was a Miss M. A. Arnold, of Pennsylvania. George W. was principally reared in La Salle county and joined the army in that county. After he was mustered out of the service he returned to Illinois and two years later came to Missouri. Here he located on the land where he now resides. He has a comfortable farm of 100 acres. June 15, 1869, he was married to Miss Catherine A., a daughter of J. M. Henry, of Macon City. She is a Mississippian by birth, but was reared in Macon county. Mr. and Mrs. P. have three children: Florence M., Evalena and Nellie Pearl. They have lost three: Maud B., Mary Alice and John, the first two of whom died at the age of six years and the third one at 15 months old.

## PETER F. RIDINGS

(Farmer and Dealer in General Merchandise, Post-office, Maud).

When the war broke out in 1861 Mr. Ridings, who was then a young man about 25 years of age and warmly in sympathy with the cause of the South, promptly enlisted in the Confederate service under Col. Poindexter; he marched bravely off to the war and gallantly kept step to the time beat of the Confederate drum until he was severely wounded and permanently disabled from further service, so that he had to retire from the army and leave others to fight the battles of the South. At the engagement of Silver Creek he was shot in the right leg, and afterwards fell into the hands of the Federals, by whom he was forced to take the oath prescribed by the military authorities in this part of the State. In 1864 he was married to Miss Mary J., a daughter of James Larrick, deceased, one of the early settlers of Randolph county. After his marriage he improved a farm near Larrick's Mill, and subsequently followed farming exclusively, with the exception of two years partly devoted to the tanning busi-

ness, until 1873; he then engaged in merchandising, and in 1876 removed to Shelby county and bought a farm in Jefferson township, where he farmed for three years; he also established his present store at Maud, which he still runs. He has a good stock of general merchandise and has built up a large trade. He also owns his farm of 160 acres, which is well improved. Mr. and Mrs. Ridings have four children: Joseph L., Albert M., Charles and Virginia M. He and wife are members of the M. E. Church South. Mr. Ridings is a justice of the peace, having been appointed to that office in 1884. Like many of the citizens of Shelby county, he is a native of Virginia, born on the 2d day of September, 1836. His father was Joseph Ridings and his mother's maiden name Ruth A. Roust, both Virginians. In 1836 the family came to Missouri and settled in Randolph county, where the father improved a farm; he died there in 1846. He had been a justice of the peace and held other positions of the township. Peter F. Ridings was reared on the farm in Randolph county and at the age of 17, his father having died, he took charge of the farm and had the care of the family, his elder brother having started out for himself. He was on the farm at the time of his enlistment in the Southern army.

### ALBERT C. ROBUCK

(Farmer, Post-office, Clarence).

August 24, 1849, was the date of Mr. Robuck's birth, and on his father's farm in Salt River township, of Randolph county, this State, was the place. His father, Henry Robuck, was a native of Tennessee, and a descendant of the old North Carolina family of that name. When yet a child his parents removed to Alabama, where he was principally reared. He came to Missouri when 18 years of age, and on attaining his majority entered land in Randolph county, where he improved a good farm and still resides, being a highly respected citizen of that county. Albert C. was reared on a farm in Randolph county, and on the 2d of March, 1875, was married to Miss Maggie, a daughter of William D. Hutton, of Randolph county, but formerly of Virginia. Mr. Robuck and his wife were born and reared within a mile and a half of each other, and there is but 14 days' difference in their ages. After his marriage, Mr. R. moved to Macon county, and rented a place near McGee College, where he farmed for three years. He then returned to Randolph and farmed in partnership with his father for about a year. After this he followed getting ties and other timbers for the railroad. Mr. R. bought his present place in 1880, but rented it out for a season or two afterwards. Finally he moved on to it himself, however, and has since resided on it. He has 240 acres, and has a good two-story residence, and ice and milk house, barn, and other excellent improvements. He and wife have three children: Porter S., Oscar W. and Mary E. Mr. and Mrs. R. are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

## WILLIAM STALCUP

(Retired Farmer, Post-office, Clarence).

Since the age of 20 years, or for nearly half a century, Mr. Stalcup has been a resident of Shelby county. He was therefore one of its early settlers, and is a worthy, typical representative of the brave-hearted old pioneers who opened this part of the country to civilization. He was a noted hunter in those early days, and many a piece of game has fallen at the crack of his rifle — deer, turkeys, bear, and even pathers, to say nothing of game of less importance. In his time he has killed more than a thousand deer, of which he kept an account, and during one year, from May to Christmas, he killed as many as 60 with his favorite rifle. He was almost a dead shot every time, and for a deer to run within range of his gun was even more certain death than the famous passage between Scylla and Charybdis. Like most of the early settlers of the county, he was a pioneer into the West because he had that courageous spirit of enterprise and adventure which characterized the new-comers into this then wilderness. After this part of the country became pretty well settled up, and other wilds toward the Western sea presented themselves for exploration, he pushed on to the Cordilleras and over on to the Pacific coast. Mr. Stalcup made two trips to California, returning from the first one in 1851. Finally he settled down in this county to the life of a quiet substantial farmer. Industry and a good, sober manner of judging have made him a successful farmer and a hale, hearty old gentleman, now well advanced in years. He has several farms which he has rented out, and resides on a homestead in comfortable circumstances, where he is spending the evening of his life in contentment and ease, well satisfied with the past and sustained by an abiding faith and hope of a happy future. Mr. Stalcup has been married twice. His first wife, formerly Miss Jane Byars, a daughter of George Byars, previously of Virginia, died in 1867. There were two children by that union, Mary A., now the wife of Harrison Eaton, and Rosetta, now the wife of Taylor Barton. To his present wife Mr. Stalcup was married November 3, 1870. She was a Mrs. Isabella Gordon, relict of Willis Gordon, and has two children by her first marriage: Fannie, wife of A. Stoors, and Ella, wife of John Spires. Mr. Stalcup, having lived a blameless life, and one always on good terms with his neighbors, is much esteemed and respected by all around him.

## JOHN W. TIMBROOK

(Of the Timbrook Brothers, Farmers and Stock-raisers, Post-office, Clarence).

Mr. Timbrook is one of five brothers, and the only one married, residing on the old Timbrook homestead in Jefferson township, engaged in farming and stock-raising. Their farm contains 288 acres and is one of the better class of farms in the vicinity. They are men of

energy and enterprise and are making a success of farming and stock-raising. All are worthy, well respected citizens of the township. John W. was born on the farm in this township January 6, 1854, and was reared to the occupation in which he is now engaged. Farming and handling stock have, therefore, been his constant pursuits from boyhood. In 1877 he was married to Miss Mary J. Bishop, a daughter of Robert Bishop, of this county. They have one child, Robert H., aged six years. Mrs. T. is a member of the Baptist Church. The parents of the Timbrook brothers were Harrison Timbrook and wife, *nee* Miss Eliza Lockmiller, their father born in Hampshire county, Va., October 8, 1824, and their mother in the same county. They were married in 1853 and came to Missouri several years afterwards, settling in Shelby county seven miles north-west of Shelbyville, where the brothers now reside. There were ten children in the family.

### JOSEPH C. WHITTENBURG

(Farmer, Post-office, Duncan's Bridge).

Mr. Whittenburg, a nephew of Judge Burckhartt, of Huntsville, for over 20 years judge of the circuit court, was born near Middle Grove, in Monroe county, April 24, 1832, but was principally reared in Randolph county. November 30, 1854, he was married to Miss Louisa Moberly, a daughter of William Moberly, who lived on the farm near Moberly for 45 years, and one of the prominent citizens of Randolph county, but now deceased. After his marriage Mr. Whittenburg bought land and improved a farm near Renick, where he resided for eight years. Selling this place, afterwards, in the spring of 1867, he bought land in Jefferson township, near where he now resides, or rather a farm already improved. Two years later he sold out and returned to Randolph county and bought a place near Renick. In 1870 he took charge of the old Moberly homestead, in Randolph county, the place of her father's farm, which he carried on for about four years. Returning then to Shelby county, he bought the place where he now resides, a farm of 230 acres, which is well improved. He and wife have three children: William W., Charles M. and Joseph E. They have lost four at tender ages. Mr. and Mrs. W. are members of the M. E. Church South. His father, Jacob Whittenburg, was a native of Tennessee, and came to Monroe county in an early day, where he met and married Miss Sarah Burckhartt. He died in 1838.

### JAMES S. WILSON

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

After the war Mr. Wilson returned home after nearly four years of hard service in the Confederate army and found himself without a dollar, and with his start in life yet to make. He went to work at farm labor by the month and by working faithfully and practicing strict economy he saved up a little means. With this he was able to begin farming on his own account. At the end of five years he found



that he had \$1,550 clear of everything, and some other property besides. He has since continued farming with industry and perseverance, and is now worth between \$7,000 and \$10,000. He owns several hundred acres of fine land, including his home farm, which contains 150 acres, and is well improved. He farms in a general way and raises some stock and is steadily accumulating the substantial rewards of well applied industry. January 30, 1872, he was married to Miss Sarah E., a daughter of George F. and Nancy Stohr. Mr. and Mrs. W. have one child, Fleda Pearl. They have lost one, Lucy Myrtle, who died in 1875. He and wife are members of the M. E. Church South. Mr. Wilson was a son of David C. and Drucilla (Grimes) Wilson, formerly of Virginia, who came to Missouri in about 1840, and after residing three years in Macon county settled permanently in Randolph county, where the father died in June, 1875. The mother still resides on the farm in that county. "Dock," as James S., the subject of this sketch, is called, was born in Macon county, February 8, 1841, but reared in Randolph county, and enlisted in the Confederate army in that county in the summer of 1862, under Poindexter, and served until the final surrender at Shreveport, in June, 1865. He was in a number of battles and lesser engagements, but came through without a wound or other casualty. During Mr. Wilson's absence, in August, 1864, death visited his father's household and called his only sisters, Jane and Kate; there were but three days between their deaths.

### PERRY G. WITHERS

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

In 1828 Mr. Withers' parents, Waller and Elizabeth Withers, came to Missouri from Kentucky and settled in Monroe county, where the father bought land and improved a farm. He was successfully engaged in farming there for 21 years, when he was drawn into the tide of emigrants bound westward during the California gold excitement in 1849. He spent 14 years on the Pacific coast engaged principally in mining, and returned to his family in 1863. Now in old age he is living in comparative ease and retirement on a farm near Paris, which his son-in-law, Prof. Lewis, conducts. Perry G. was born on a farm in Monroe county September 19, 1843, and as he grew up received an average common school education. He became a farmer, and on the 22d of February, 1871, was married to Miss Mary C., a daughter of Robert Bowling, deceased, of Monroe county. Mr. and Mrs. W. have five children: Waller G., Nannie M., Lizzie S., Aubrey B. and Stella M. Mr. Withers came to Shelby county in 1873, and bought raw land, on which he made a farm. However, he rented for several years before buying, and first bought only 160 acres. By industry and good management, however, he has prospered, and has since added to his place from time to time until he now has nearly 400 acres, 360 of which are fenced and in good cultivation or pasturage. His place is substantially improved, and he is comfortably situated. Mr. W. is a

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