

two years. In the fall of 1881 he attended law school at Columbia, and graduated from the same in April, 1884. One year later he commenced the practice of law, and in November, 1888, he was elected prosecuting attorney of Texas County. July 28, 1887, he married Miss Cordelia A. Lynch, who was born in 1867, and who is the daughter of John T. Lynch. She is a member of the Christian Church, and he is a Republican in politics.

WRIGHT COUNTY.

James B. Adams, farmer and fruit grower of Wood Township, Wright Co., Mo., was born in Franklin County of the same State, February 25, 1831, and is a son of Burwell B. and Harriet (Allen) Adams, who were born in Charlotte County, Va., and Missouri, respectively. The father grew to manhood in his native State, and in 1818 came to Missouri, locating in St. Louis County, where he was married, but afterward moved to Franklin County, where he resided until 1844, when he was washed out by the freshet of that year, and moved to Montgomery County. Here he spent the remainder of his days, dying in 1877, at the age of eighty-three years. He was a soldier in the War of 1812. His wife died in 1856, having been a daughter of John Allen, who was born in Germany, and was a pioneer settler of America. James B. Adams is the fifth in a family of eight children, six of whom grew to maturity, and five of whom are still living, and was reared in Montgomery County, receiving a good education in the schools of Danville. After attaining a suitable age, he taught school in that county, and then went to Pike County, where he clerked in a dry goods store until about the opening of the war. He was married in that county to Miss Jane Settles, a native of Illinois, by whom he had one child, John Quincy. Ten months after their marriage the wife died, and after remaining a widower three years he married Russia Z. D. Zumwalt, who was born in St. Charles County, Mo., in 1849, to which union seven children were born, four now living: Burwell B., Minnie S., William T. and Mary L. About the opening of the war they moved to Montgomery County, where Mr. Adams enlisted in Company D, Missouri State Militia, United States Army, and served about a year and a half. He then returned home, and taught school and farmed until 1870, at which time he became a resident of Wright County, and although the war had left him without means, he set to work to retrieve his fallen fortunes, and homesteaded 100 acres of land, which he has since increased to 360 acres. He has taught school also during this time, and with the exception of about three terms has been engaged in teaching for the past twenty years. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity, and is a Republican in politics.

John B. Agee, liveryman at Mountain Grove, Mo., was born in Scott County, Va., in 1837. He is the son of Isaac and Hannah (Bounds) Agee, and grandson of William Agee, who was a native of

Virginia, and a tiller of the soil by occupation. He was one of the early settlers of Virginia, and died in Scott County of that State. While boating on the river he had the sight of one of his eyes destroyed. Isaac Agee was also a native of Virginia, and also followed agricultural pursuits. He moved to Tennessee when the subject of this sketch was a child, and followed farming in that State for several years. He passed his last days in that State. Hannah Agee was the mother of eight children, and also died in Tennessee. John B. Agee, his father and grandfather were all Union men, while all the rest of the connection were Southern sympathizers, and most of them were killed in the Confederate army. John B. Agee grew to manhood in Tennessee, and there married Miss Sarah Long, who bore him three children: William, James E., and Docia, wife of Harvey Young. Mrs. Agee died in April, 1874, and Mr. Agee afterward married Miss Elizabeth Hart, daughter of Judge Hart, of Norwood. These children were born to this union: Fred, Marion, Laura, Luie, Ada (deceased), John and Ben. Mr. Agee came to Missouri in 1860, and worked on the 'Frisco Railroad one year, but his principal occupation has been farming. He is the owner of eighty acres of land. In 1887 he moved to Mountain Grove, and has now the only livery in the place. Aside from this he owns some valuable town property. He is a Republican in politics; is a member of the Masonic fraternity, Tyler of Mountain Grove Lodge, and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Hon. Barney Amick, member of the Legislature from Wright County, Mo., was born in Randolph County, N. C., in 1836, being the son of Lorenzo D. and Cynthia (Burrow) Amick, and grandson of Peter Amick, who was a native of Holland, and immigrated to America, where he died, in Randolph County, N. C. The maternal grandfather of our subject, Barney Burrow, was a native of England; came to America when a young man, and located in Guilford County, N. C., where he was living at the breaking out of the Revolution. He was a farmer, and died at the age of about fifty-five years. The Burrows were of the Presbyterian denomination, and were very tenacious of their religious faith. Dobson Burrow, a brother of Barney Burrow, was a Revolutionary soldier, and fought on the Colonial side. Lorenzo D. Amick was also a native of Randolph County, N. C., born October 12, 1813, and was by occupation a farmer. He immigrated to Missouri in 1842, locating in what is now Webster County, and in 1848 moved to Morgan County, where he remained for ten years. He then returned to Webster County, Mo., in 1857, and located twelve miles west of where his son, Hon. Barney Amick, now resides, where he spent his declining years. He died in 1863. Mrs. Cynthia (Burrow) Amick was born in Guilford County, N. C., November 13, 1812, and died in 1886. They were the parents of eight children, of whom Barney Amick is the eldest, and only six of whom are now living. He received such an education as the common day-schools of that time afforded, but by observation and study he has fitted himself for any position, and is a well-informed man on any subject. At the age of fourteen he entered mercantile life as a clerk in a store at Versailles, Morgan Co., Mo., and remained there for five years. In 1857 he went to Webster County, Mo., and at Waldo entered business for himself by running

a general mercantile store for three years. About this time the Civil War broke out, and Mr. Amick joined Company L, First Missouri Cavalry, and served three years. He was at the battles of Prairie Grove, Little Rock, and during Banks' expedition up Red River he was under fire forty days. Immediately after the war he was elected county and circuit clerk, and filled the position for eight years. In 1874 he was elected circuit clerk, and served four years in that capacity. He retired to his farm in 1878, and has since been engaged in agricultural pursuits. In 1886 he was elected a member of the Legislature, and is still the incumbent. In 1860 Mr. Amick was united in marriage to Miss Angeline Freeman, who bore him four children: John, Theodosia (deceased), Cynthia, and Cora, who died at the age of sixteen years. Mrs. Amick was born in 1837, and died in March, 1870. Mr. Amick, for two years before the war, and before his marriage, traveled as a salesman for J. C. McCoy, and was over Illinois, Arkansas and Missouri. He chose for his second wife Miss Margaret F. Freeman, and was married to her in May, 1871. Five children were born to their union: Charles, who died at the age of fourteen months; Edgar, Roscoe, Nena, and Samuel, who died in infancy. Both wives were the daughters of L. T. and Sarah L. Freeman, who were natives of Roane County, Tenn., and pioneers of Wright County, Mo., where they moved in 1843. Mr. Amick is a member of the Masonic fraternity, is a member of the G. A. R., and is a member of the Baptist Church.

James Archer, proprietor of Mountain Grove Roller Mills, was born in Leeds, Yorkshire, England, August 14, 1835, and there received his education. He followed the manufacturing of woolen goods (which his ancestors had followed for many generations before him) until 1859, when he came to America. His brother, Joseph Archer, fought through the Crimean War for England, and after peace was declared he was sent to Canada, but deserted and came to the United States. James Archer, after coming to the United States, located in Providence, R. I., first, and worked at his trade for some time, but afterward went to Philadelphia, Penn., where he worked for seven years. He was married in Philadelphia to the widow of Capt. David Potts, an Englishman, who was killed in the second battle of Bull Run, in 1862. He was commissioned first lieutenant, and acted as captain for five months. Mrs. Archer's maiden name was Elizabeth Clayton, and she was born in Manchester, England. To Mr. and Mrs. Archer were born five living children: Mary E., Fred W., Lizzie E., Ralph and Alice. Clara E. died at the age of two years. Mrs. Archer had one child by her first marriage, Eliza J., now the wife of William Crider. In 1868 James Archer went to Illinois, and remained at Shelbyville for about two years, engaged in the woolen mills. He then went to work for himself. He purchased a roll carding machine, brought it to Rolla, Mo., and before he got his carder in operation he was prevailed upon to take charge of and erect the pioneer woolen mill, west of the Mississippi River, at St. James. Mr. William James owned the Meramec Iron Works, and had the mills built to improve the town of St. James. Mr. Archer was the pioneer woolen man west of the Mississippi. He operated the mills

one year, and then left work there and took charge of a wool carding machine at Hartville, which he operated for ten years. He then came to Mountain Grove, built a mill at the old town (stone process), and ran it for seven years. The railroad came through, and he then put in full roller process, and in December, 1886, commenced working, with a capacity of sixty barrels per day. He still has his carding machine running in connection with his mill proper. He ships flour South principally, and does a large shipping business, having shipped flour as far as Atlanta, Ga. Mr. Archer has taken a prominent part in building up Mountain Grove, and is one of the prominent citizens of Wright County. His mill cost \$11,000. Mr. Archer was justice of the peace all the time he was at Hartville, and has also filled the same position since coming to Mountain Grove. He is a member of the board of aldermen. He is a member of both the Masonic and Odd Fellows lodges; is an Episcopalian, but affiliates with the Methodist Episcopal Church, and is an honest, upright citizen. In 1875 Mr. Archer made a trip to England to see his parents, William and Ellen (Robinson) Archer, the father being also a woolen manufacturer all his life. He was born June 10, 1806, in Leeds, England, and died suddenly shortly after his son's visit. The mother died in December of the same year. They were the parents of eleven children, six living still. The paternal grandfather, Joseph Archer, was also born in Leeds, England, and was also a manufacturer of woolen goods. The maternal grandfather, James Robinson, was a carriage manufacturer.

Jehu Barnes, a successful and energetic farmer of Wood Township, Wright Co., Mo., was born in Burke County, N. C., May 18, 1817, and is a son of Zachariah and Rosa (Aushin) Barnes, who spent their lives in their native State of North Carolina. They died when Jehu was quite young, but he was reared to manhood in North Carolina, and came to Missouri in 1838, locating in St. Francois County, where he spent some time in working by the month. He there married Elizabeth B. Parkes, who was born in 1826, also in North Carolina, and by her became the father of twelve children, nine of whom are living: William M., Ann (wife of William Conley), James T., Jehu F., John, Elizabeth J. (deceased), Wesley, Lillie (wife of Smith Abshire), Alice, Mary E. and Benjamin. Jehu Barnes went to Texas in 1848, where he spent one year, then returned home, and went to California to dig gold, coming home the following year. In 1866 he came to Wright County, and located on his present farm, which consists of 200 acres, after having given considerable to his children. He and wife are among the old and highly honored citizens of the county, and since the forming of the Republican party he has been identified with its interests. His first presidential vote was cast for Henry Clay. He is a member of the Dunkard Church. During his early settlement in Missouri game was very abundant, and many deer and other wild animals fell victims to his skill as a marksman.

Dr. D. L. Benson, of Mountain Grove, Wright Co., Mo., was born in Perry County, Ill., in 1836, and is the son of Samuel and Mary (Baker) Benson, and grandson of Daniel Benson, who was a native of Ireland, and who immigrated to America, locating in Tennessee, where he died. Samuel Benson was a native of Bedford County,

Tenn., born in 1806. When about eighteen years of age he immigrated to Boone County, Mo., and remained there for about two years, when he went to St. Louis and worked at his trade, that of a stonemason. While in St. Louis he married Miss Baker, and soon afterward moved to Perry County, Ill., where he followed agricultural pursuits the rest of his life. He died in March, 1888. Mary (Baker) Benson was born in Illinois in 1810, and died in 1886. They were the parents of thirteen children, three now living. Dr. D. L. Benson was the third child in order of birth. He grew to maturity on a farm in Illinois, and received his education in the common schools of his native county. Later he read medicine under a preceptor, but before practicing he married Miss Esther Staton, who was also born in Perry County, Ill., in 1842, and reared within half a mile of her husband. Dr. Benson practiced medicine in Perry County, Ill., and when forty years of age moved to Mountain Grove, Wright County, and his was the fifth family in the town. Here he continued the practice of his profession, and is next to the oldest practitioner in the place. He is strictly temperate in his habits, and has for many years been an elder in the Christian Church. Dr. Benson is an inveterate hunter, and every fall abandons his business and takes his annual hunt. During pioneer times he killed seventeen deer at one lick, from May until the 1st of August, and he has killed deer on what is now the public square of the town. He was surveyor of Perry County, Ill., for fourteen years, and is one of the successful practitioners of the town in which he now lives.

Judge George W. Calhoun, of Wright County, Mo., was born on the 24th of July, 1824, and is the eldest of ten children, four of whom are living, born to the marriage of James Calhoun and Barbara Pence. The father was born in the "Palmetto State" in 1803, and was reared on a farm in Alabama, coming to Missouri in 1844, and locating on Wolf Creek, and there died on the 10th of June, 1846. He was a second cousin of John C. Calhoun, of South Carolina. His wife was born in Madison County, Ala., about 1807, and died on the 5th of October, 1881. The paternal grandfather, William Calhoun, was born, reared and married in Ireland, and there his first wife died. He thereupon immigrated to America, locating in South Carolina, where he erected a large mill, and in time acquired considerable wealth. He married his second wife in South Carolina, and by her became the father of two children. The maternal grandfather of Judge Calhoun was a German, who emigrated to America at an early day, and took an active part in assisting the colonists to free themselves from the British yoke. He died in Tennessee about 1835. He was the eldest of seven brothers, the youngest of whom weighed 250 pounds, and all were noted for their large statures and great strength. Judge George W. Calhoun grew to manhood in Lawrence County, Tenn., and was there married to Rebecca Sanders, who was born in Tennessee in 1820, her father having been a prosperous farmer and blacksmith of Lawrenceburg. They had eleven children: Henry, who died at the age of twenty-six years; James F., Louisa J., wife of Rev. Jackson Barnett; Elizabeth, wife of Rev. Thomas Moody; William, Mary A., wife of R. Johnson; Barbara, wife of Rev. Joseph Young; John;

Martha L., wife of Gen. J. Strunks; Joseph, one of the popular local educators of Wright County, and Brantley S. Judge Calhoun located on a farm on Wolf Creek in 1844, and was there engaged in farming for forty-five years. In 1880 he was elected on the Republican ticket as judge of Wright County, being re-elected in 1882 for two more years. He owns a valuable farm of 160 acres in Douglas County and two lots in Norwood. In 1864 he enlisted in Company G of the Sixteenth Missouri Cavalry, having previously belonged to both the Home and State Militia, and served until the close of the war. For the past thirty-five years he has been a member of the Free Will Baptist Church, and throughout his career has always supported the cause of temperance.

James A. Claxton, farmer and stock raiser of Gasconade Township, Wright Co., Mo., was born in Bedford County, Tenn., in 1826; son of James and Temperance (Ratcliff) Claxton, and a grandson on the mother's side of Joshua Ratcliff, who was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, where he was wounded, and when he died, at the age of ninety, the scar was to be seen upon his breast. The paternal grandfather was a native of North Carolina, and one of the first settlers of Tennessee. He was of Dutch descent, and lived to be eighty years of age. James Claxton, father of our subject, was born on the road from North Carolina to Tennessee in 1801, and grew to manhood in the last named State, where he was married, and where he followed farming until the fall of 1853. He then moved to Missouri, located in Greene County, and in 1858 came to Wright County, Mo., where he died on the 6th of October, 1871; he was the owner of 600 acres of land, and was in quite comfortable circumstances. He was allowed a pension for services rendered under Jackson in the Black Hawk War, but did not draw it. Temperance (Ratcliff) Claxton was a native of North Carolina, and died in Missouri November 23, 1877. They were the parents of eleven children, James A. Claxton being the fourth child in order of birth. He was reared on a farm in Tennessee, and married Miss Eliza Jane Harrison, daughter of Edward Cannon and Eliza Jane (McClane) Harrison, who were married in Bedford County, Tenn. The former, a resident of Northern Missouri, was born in North Carolina in 1799; his wife in South Carolina in 1800. Mrs. Claxton bore her husband eleven children, nine now living: James Cannon, born January 20, 1849; William Calvin, June 16, 1853; Newton Cyrus, February 15, 1855; Dudley C., May 12, 1857; Margaret A., February 26, 1859; Henry C., April 21, 1861; Hepsey B., August 12, 1864; John R., February 27, 1870, and Edward D., December 28, 1871. Those deceased are: Manday M., born September 21, 1851, died December 24, 1863, and Jasper, born January 16, 1863, died March 27, 1863. James A. Claxton came to Missouri in the fall of 1852, and remained in Pulaski County one year, in Greene County five years, and then moved east of his present farm, where he remained for some time before he moved on the farm where he now resides. He has been on this farm for twenty-one years, and has 698 acres of good land. During the Civil War he was in the State Militia. He is a Democrat in his political views, and a good citizen. All his children are married with the exception of two.

Samuel Coday. Prominent among the successful and enterprising farmers and stock raisers of Gasconade Township stands the name of Mr. Coday, who was born in Kentucky in 1818, and who is one of the old and much esteemed citizens of the county. He is the son of John and Betsey (Summers) Coday. John Coday was born in Virginia, and was one of the pioneers of Kentucky. He moved from that State to Indiana, and came to Missouri about 1835, locating on the farm where his son Samuel is now residing. There he died at an advanced age. Mrs. Betsey (Summers) Coday is also deceased. They were the parents of eight children, five now living. The maternal grandfather was a miller by occupation, and was waylaid and shot. The maternal grandmother died in Wright County at a very great age. Samuel Coday grew to manhood in Wright County, and married Miss Mary J. Binkley, who bore him nine children: Samantha, wife of Samuel Adams, Henry, Lihew, Isaac, Emily E., James, Nancy, Parthina, and Martha, wife of F. Shaver. Mr. Coday can relate many interesting anecdotes relative to pioneer times, and has helped kill many bear. He and a party of two others entered a cave in Ozark Mountains, where they shot and wounded a bear. One of their dogs was killed and another was badly used up by the infuriated animal, which proceeded to the mouth of the cave, sat down and kept the hunters there all night. Panthers, deer and other wild animals were plentiful. Mr. Coday has about 300 acres of good land, and is in very comfortable circumstances. One of his sons is living on the farm. Mr. Coday is a member of the Agricultural Wheel.

Henry Coday, druggist at Mansfield, Mo., and a native of Wright County, was born June 2, 1848, his parents being Samuel and Mary J. (Binkley) Coday. [See sketch of Samuel Coday.] He was reared on the farm on which his father is at present residing, and attended school in Hartville for some time after he was grown. From 1873 to 1875 he was in St. Louis and Lebanon, Mo., but since the latter date has resided almost constantly in Wright County. Previous to that time, however, he traveled in Missouri, Arkansas, Texas, Illinois and Kansas, and was in business in Hartville until the fall of 1881, since which time he has been engaged in selling drugs in Mansfield, and has built up a large and lucrative trade. His stock is valued at from \$1,200 to \$1,500, and he has one of the handsomest residences in Mansfield, all of which he has earned by his own industry and good management. In 1883 he was married to Miss Lizzie Chapman, who was born in Crawford County, Mo., in 1859, and by her he is the father of two children, Winfield Scott and Blanche. Mr. Coday is a Democrat in his political views.

James H. B. Cope, a farmer of Elk Creek Township, Wright Co., Mo., was born in Middle Tennessee in 1831, being the son of Stephen and Comfort (Bolin) Cope. The paternal grandfather was born in one of the Carolinas, was a farmer and a member of the Baptist Church. He was a pioneer settler of Warren County, Tenn., was the father of four children, and died in Tennessee at the age of ninety-eight years. Stephen Cope was born in Warren County, Tenn., in 1803, and was a farmer by occupation. He was always a Democrat in his political views, and was constable in Warren County for six

years. He was also justice of the peace for twelve years, and died in 1887. His wife, Comfort Cope, was also a native of Warren County, Tenn., and is still living. They were the parents of sixteen children, James H. B. Cope being the seventh in order of birth. He grew to manhood in Warren and Grundy Counties, Tenn., where he received a fair education in the common schools. At the age of twenty-six he married Miss Minerva J. Roberts, a native of Tennessee, born in 1835 and died in 1863. They became the parents of four children: William, who died at the age of two years; Sarah A., died at the age of twenty-three years, was married and left one child; James T., and Elizabeth, who died at the age of one year. In 1865 Mr. Cope married Mrs. (Nichols) Young, and the fruits of this union were seven children: Fannie E., Alonzo, James Newton, Cinda, Flora, John and Harvey. Mrs. Cope was the mother of two children by her former marriage: A. L. and Sarah J. Mr. Cope immigrated to Missouri in 1857, locating in Wright County, and has made his home here ever since, with the exception of a short time during the war, when he refuged to Phelps County. He never took up arms against the Union, but his sympathies were with the South. He is a Democrat in politics, and a member of the Wheel. The maternal grandfather, Lewis Bolin, lived in Warren County, Tenn. He was a hero of the War of 1812, and the first man to enter the British fort at the battle of New Orleans. He had fourteen holes shot through his coat as he went in. He witnessed the death of Pakenham and the general withdrawal of the British from American soil. He afterward served all through the Texas war, and when it closed he wrote to his family and said: "Come to Texas!" for he had enough land for all his children. He was never heard from afterward. He was a great traveler, and had been all over the Union.

J. A. Cover, dealer in saddles, harness, etc., at Mountain Grove, Wright County, Mo., was born in Union County, Ill., in 1862, the son of Alson and Melissa (Sams) Cover. Alson Cover was probably a native of Pennsylvania, and by trade a plasterer, but he also followed farming and merchandising. He died in Johnsboro, Ill., at the age of forty-nine years, when the subject of this sketch was seven years of age. Melissa (Sams) Cover died when her son, J. A. Cover, was fourteen years of age. She was of English extraction and the Covers were of German origin. J. A. Cover was one of eight children born to his parents. After the death of his mother he went to Dent County, Mo., and then lived with his sister, Mrs. Pendergrass, for two years, meanwhile attending school. He then went to Illinois, and in one and a half years returned to Missouri, where he served an apprenticeship to the saddler's trade at Salem, Dent County, Mo., for three years. He then came to Mountain Grove in 1883, built his present house and engaged in his present business. He is a young man of good business qualifications, and is respected by all. His average sales equal about \$3,000 per year, and aside from this he is partner in the only furniture and undertaker's establishment in the town. This is run by his brother, S. H. Cover. J. A. Cover was married in 1885 to Miss Ada A. Hayes, a native of Ohio, born in 1865. She was taken to Missouri at the age of twelve years, and supplemented her common-school education with a

course at a graded school in Dent County, Mo. She has been a teacher in the public schools of Wright and Texas Counties, and also worked in the post-office at Mountain Grove for many years. She and her mother carried on the post-office at that place for sixteen years. She is a member of the Old School Presbyterian Church. Mr. Cover is a Democrat in his political views.

S. H. Cover, proprietor of furniture and undertaker establishment at Mountain Grove, Mo., was born in Illinois January 20, 1865. He attained his growth in his native State and in Missouri, finishing an education received in the common schools by a course in the graded schools under Prof. William Lynch, and afterward worked at various pursuits until 1888, when he came to Mountain Grove and engaged in his present business. He carries a stock valued at \$2,000, and is a wide-awake, thorough-going business man. In his political views he affiliates with the Democratic party.

Argus Cox, attorney at law, and prosecuting attorney of Wright County, Mo., was born in Van Buren County, Iowa, in 1856, and is the son of Randolph and Sarah (McIntosh) Cox. The father was born in Indiana, and is a farmer by occupation. He was reared in Illinois, being taken there when a child, but afterward moved into Iowa, where he married Miss Sarah McIntosh, and became the father of nine children. He moved to Wright County, Mo., in 1884, and is now located at Mountain Grove. His wife is also living. Argus Cox was the fourth child in the order of birth. He attained his growth in Van Buren County, Iowa, receiving a good literary education, and was a graduate from the law department of the State University in 1882. He then entered the law office of Sloanwork & Brown, Keosauqua, Iowa, where he remained for some time. Previous to his graduating in law he had taught school, being principal of the graded school at Milton, and he now returned to that profession. He first began the practice of law at Greenfield, Adair Co., Iowa, but went from there to Jasper County, Mo., remaining there for some time, and then moved to Mountain Grove, Wright County, Mo., in the spring of 1884, where he engaged in the practice of law. In 1886 he was elected prosecuting attorney of Wright County, and is one of the promising young men of the county. He is a Republican in politics, is a member of the I. O. O. F., and is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He chooses for his companion in life Miss Emma E. Starr, who was born in Wisconsin in 1862. They have one child, Roy.

E. H. Davis, a prominent farmer and stockman of Wright County, Mo., is a Tennessean, born in 1850, and is a son of Jesse P. and Lucinda H. (Pitas) Davis, the former being born in Bedford County, Tenn., in 1818. He grew to manhood and was married in that county, and in 1844 immigrated to Missouri, but shortly after returned to Tennessee, where he resided until 1853, at which time he came back to Missouri, and located on the farm where he now lives. During the Civil War he was a member of the Forty-fourth Missouri Infantry, United States Army, and did honorable and active service. Miss Pibas was his second wife, and by him became the mother of nine children: K. M., E. H., J. B., T. J., R. I., J. L., and triplets, all

of whom lived to be fourteen months old, and P. S. grew to manhood. E. H. Davis grew to manhood in Wright County, and attended the common schools. At the age of eighteen years he was married to Miss Sarah M. Randolph, who was born in Tennessee in 1847, and the following are the names of the children born to their union: V. B., N. L., J. T., M. E., W. A., J. R., and J. G., who died at the age of seven months. Immediately after his marriage Mr. Davis settled down to farming and trading in stock, at which he has been quite successful, and is now the owner of 200 acres of valuable land in Wright County. His wife is a daughter of G. R. Randolph, of Tennessee, who became a resident of Laclede County, Mo., in 1859, and he is one of the progressive and stirring men of the county, and makes every effort to keep up with the times. He inherits his stability and perseverance from his Dutch ancestors, and is a leading man in the business circles of the county. He votes the Democratic ticket, and is a member of the A. F. & A. M. and the Agricultural Wheel, and he and wife are members of the Christian Church. His grandfather was probably a native of North Carolina, and one of the family characteristics is their small stature.

Rev. W. S. Dennis was born in Roane County, Tenn., in 1831, and is a son of Joseph and Mary (Brown) Dennis, who were born in Tennessee in 1802 and 1806, and died in Wright County, Mo., in 1880 and 1878, respectively. They became residents of Missouri in 1859, and were the parents of fourteen children, eleven of whom are living at the present time. The paternal grandparents, Joseph and Mrs. (Beason) Dennis, were born in Tennessee, and became the parents of nine children. The grandfather died at the age of eighty years. Edward Brown, the maternal grandfather, was born in Tennessee, and lived in McMinn County, where he was accidentally killed. He was a hatter by trade. His wife was Miss Dyer, and lived to the extreme old age of one hundred and one years. Gideon Dennis, an uncle of Rev. W. S. Dennis, was a Baptist minister, and a strong Union man during the late war. While out hunting he was caught by the rebels and taken to Libby Prison, where he died of starvation. Our subject grew to manhood and was married in Tennessee, the latter event taking place October 9, 1851, to Miss Mary Burke, who was born October 11, 1835. The following are their children: Martha L., wife of M. M. Cooley; William Henry, Joseph, Theodocia, John A., Milton E. and Roetta. Those deceased are: Phoebe, aged twenty-six years, wife of M. G. Hensley; Elizabeth, aged twenty years; Sarah E., aged twenty years, blind from the time she was three years old; Jason E., died in childhood; Cynthia C., at the age of two years, and two infants. The mother of these children died September 14, 1883, and Mr. Dennis afterward married, December 25, 1884, Miss Nancy Irwin, who was born in East Tennessee in 1859. They have three children: Allie May, Ezra S., Della A., and one that died in infancy. Since 1856 Mr. Dennis has resided in Missouri, having been a resident of Camden County until 1867. Since January of that year he has lived in Wright County. He was ordained a minister of the Baptist Church October 9, 1867, and has been a local preacher ever since that time. He owns an excellent farm of 309 acres, and is in a prosperous

condition financially. He is a Master Mason, a Republican in politics, and is a member of the G. A. R., having served in the Union army in the Light Artillery during the late war, and received his discharge November 20, 1865.

G. M. Dennis, farmer and stock raiser of Wolf Creek, Wright Co., Mo., was born in Roane County, Tenn., in 1838, and is a son of Joseph and Mary (Brown) Dennis. The father was born in Grainger County, Tenn., in 1799, and was a farmer by occupation. He came to Missouri in the fall of 1868, and located in Wright County, where he died in 1882. His wife was born in the same county as himself in 1803, and also died in Wright County, Mo., in 1878. The paternal grandparents, Joseph and Betsey (Beesley) Dennis, were born in North Carolina, and died in Tennessee. Grandfather Brown was also born in North Carolina, was a hatter by trade, and was killed by accident. G. M. Dennis is one of six surviving sons in a family of twelve children, and was born, reared and married in Tennessee. At the breaking out of the war he joined Company A, Fifth Tennessee, Federal troops, Army of the Cumberland, and served three years and two months. He was quite severely wounded at one time, for which he receives a pension of \$2 per month. Five of his brothers were in the Federal service, and all are still living. G. M. Dennis was married in Tennessee to Sarah Crockett, a native of that State, born October 27, 1844, and by her has a family of eight children: William Henry, is a school-teacher, and is attending Mountain Grove Academy; James L., Joseph L., Sarah F., Albert M. and Bertie M. Tennessee L. and John A. are deceased. Mr. Dennis has a valuable farm of 200 acres, and is one of the industrious and enterprising farmers of the county. He is a Republican, a member of the G. A. R., and belongs to the Missionary Baptist Church. Mrs. Dennis is a daughter of John and Nancy (Patty) Crockett, the father being a native of Tennessee. Her paternal grandmother was a Rooker, whose father was stolen from England and brought to America. He was the only child of a man worth millions of dollars, but on his death no trace of his money was found.

George M. Douglas, proprietor of a blacksmith and wagon repair shop at Mountain Grove, Wright County, Mo., was born in Gasconade County, of the same State, July 23, 1847, the son of W. R. and Elizabeth (Watton) Douglas. W. R. Douglas was born in Missouri in 1818, probably in St. Louis County, and was a successful tiller of the soil. He immigrated to Gasconade County, Mo., and from there to Texas County, where he died in 1882. He was a volunteer to the Mormon War. His wife, Elizabeth (Watton) Douglas, was the mother of four children, and died when the subject of this sketch was quite small. He grew to manhood in Gasconade County, Mo., and at the age of eighteen moved with his father to Texas County, where he lived until 1876. He was married in Texas County to Miss Sarah C. Shorns, who was born in Texas County, Mo., in 1855, and who, by her marriage, became the mother of these children: Elizabeth L., James A., W. E., Benjamin B., Hattie E. and Charley E. One child they lost in infancy. Mrs. Douglas died in 1884, and Mr. Douglas took for his second wife Miss Maggie A. Ferguson, who was born in Missouri in 1858. To this union were born two children, one now living, Lyle

E. The other child died in infancy. Mr. Douglas learned the blacksmith's trade in Texas County, and followed this business in that county for about two years. In 1876 he came to Wright County, where he engaged in the blacksmith and wagon repairing business. This he has followed ever since, with the exception of one year, when he bought and ran a planer. He owns his shop and residence in Mountain Grove, and is a first-class citizen. He does about \$1,000 worth of business per year. He is a Republican in politics, and is a member of the Baptist Church.

F. W. Duggan, attorney at law at Mountain Grove, Wright Co., Mo., and a son of J. F. M. and Sarah (Camp) Duggan, was born in McMinn County, E. Tenn., October 31, 1857. The father was born in East Tennessee, and was a Methodist Episcopal circuit rider for about thirty-two years. He was a leading preacher in the Methodist Church, and followed his ministerial duties all his life. The mother, Mrs. Sarah (Camp) Duggan, was a native of Virginia. They were the parents of five children, three now living. Mrs. Duggan died in 1875, and J. F. M. Duggan was again married, this wife bearing him one child. The paternal grandfather of the subject of this sketch, John Duggan, was probably a native of Virginia, and afterward located in Blount County, Tenn. He was a soldier in the War of 1812, and died in Tennessee. The great-grandfather Duggan was a native of Ireland, and immigrated to America. The maternal grandfather, W. B. Camp, was a cousin of Gen. Scott, and was a native of Virginia. He was in the War of 1812, and every subsequent war in which the United States has been engaged. At the age of seventy-four years he entered the Federal army, and died of small-pox at Nashville, Tenn., while in the service of the United States army. The maternal grandmother is still alive, and resides in Monroe County, Tenn. She still enjoys good health. The maternal great-grandfather and his brother immigrated from Europe at the time of the Revolutionary War, and disputed on the political issue of the day, the great-grandfather joining the American side and his brother the English side. The brother changed his name to Campbell, so that the Duggan family might never know what became of him, so great was the disgrace in joining the American cause, he thought. The maternal grandmother, spoken of above, and whose name was Elizabeth (Anthony) Camp, was in all probability a native of Virginia, and was related to Pocahontas. She was a pioneer of Tennessee. Her husband, W. B. Camp, was a strong Abolitionist, and got into difficulty with his father-in-law, because the latter wanted to present his daughter, Mrs. Camp, with a slave. Mr. Camp took his wife with him, went to Tennessee, and never let her parents know aught of his whereabouts. F. W. Duggan grew to manhood in his native State, and received a good collegiate education in McMinn County, Tenn. He read law for some time under a preceptor, and in 1885 moved to Missouri, and located in Douglas County, where he followed the profession of teaching for one year. He then came to Mountain Grove, Mo., and was admitted to the Wright County bar before Judge Wallace. He has a good practice at this place, and aside from this he is a partner in the city drug store of Duggan & Rall, this being one of the oldest drug houses in

the place, though in new hands now. Mr. Duggan was married in Tennessee to Miss Mintie A. Cantrell, who was born in McMinn County, Tenn., in 1858, and who bore him four children: Chrisie, Myrtle, Harrison DeWitt and Frankie. The Cantrells were among the pioneers of Tennessee, and among the wealthiest families. Mrs. Duggan is a member of the Baptist Church. Mr. Duggan is a member of the I. O. O. F., and politically is a Republican.

Thomas Duncan, blacksmith, of Hartville, Mo., was born in East Tennessee October 20, 1839, being the son of Robert and Pollie (Duncan) Duncan, and was reared under the reign of slavery, but was a single man when the emancipation proclamation was issued. He then came to Missouri, and he and Anderson Hogue and Hugh White were the first colored men who located in Wright County. Thomas Duncan learned the trade of blacksmith in Tennessee, and in 1872 he located in Hartville, and purchased an outfit, and has been engaged in the business there ever since. Although several blacksmiths have come and gone, he does as much as \$1,000 worth of business here in one year. He owns his residence in Hartville, also his shop, and aside from this is the owner of 120 acres of land. He was married to Miss Ellen Vernon, daughter of Lill Vernon, who is the son of Col. Vernon, of Laclede County, Mo., she having been the daughter of a slave in that family. By her marriage with Mr. Duncan she became the mother of five living children: Mary, Clarence, Flora, Toby and Clara. Mr. Duncan is a Republican in his political views, and is a much esteemed citizen. He learned to read and write during the war. His nephew, Prof. Solomon Gilliam, was born in Marion County, Tenn., September 17, 1858, his parents being Solomon, Sr., and Margaret (Duncan) Gilliam. Solomon Gilliam was also a native of Tennessee, and died there before the emancipation. He was a slave in the family of Dr. Gilliam, of Jasper, Tenn. Margaret Duncan became the mother of four children, of whom Prof. Solomon Gilliam is the youngest and the only one now living. Margaret Gilliam died in Tennessee October 3, 1864, and the subject of this sketch was left to the care of grandparents and uncles, and remained with them in Tennessee until January, 1880, when he joined his uncle, Thomas Duncan. He farmed one season here, and then concluded to supplement his common-school education received in Tennessee with a course at college, and with that intention in view went to Lincoln Institute, Jefferson City, Mo., and took the degree of B. S. D. from that institution in 1888. He has taught school for five years, and at intervals during those years he has attended school. He is a man of large vocal capacity, and is one of the best educated men of his race in South Central Missouri. He is a Republican politically.

W. C. Ellis, of the drug firm of Ellis & Lee, at Mountain Grove, Wright Co., Mo., was born in that county and State in 1857, and is the son of John and Arabella (Lee) Ellis. John Ellis was born in Tennessee, and came to Missouri when a young man. He first located in Wright County, and then moved to Arkansas, about 1861. He died in the Confederate army. Mrs. Arabella (Lee) Ellis is still living, and is a resident of Wright County. She is a sister of J. A. Lee, a member of the firm of Ellis & Lee. She became the mother

of ten children. The paternal grandfather was a native of Tennessee, and immigrated to Wright County, Mo., where he passed the remainder of his days. The maternal grandfather was also a native of Tennessee, but moved to Missouri. W. C. Ellis grew to manhood in his native county, and was educated at Mountain Grove Academy. In 1876 he began as clerk in a dry goods store, and there remained until August, 1881, when he helped organize the firm of Ellis & Lee. He was married January 15, 1882, to Miss Lizzie Stephens, who was born in Texas County, Mo., in 1857. She was a student at Mountain Grove Academy for about three years, and later became a teacher in the public schools of Texas and Wright Counties. She acquired a good education and is a lady of much personal culture. The result of this union was the birth of five children: Frida, Tommie, Lyle W. and two infants. Mr. Ellis is a member of the I. O. O. F., is a Democrat in politics, and is a prominent, enterprising citizen. Mrs. Ellis died September 17, 1888.

Paul Ellis, dealer in oak railroad ties, fence-posts and hard-wood lumber, and also general merchant at Cedar Gap, Wright Co., Mo., was born in Waldo, Webster County, Mo., September 28, 1858, and was there reared to manhood. He received his education in Mountain Dale Seminary, and began earning his own living, by teaching a district school, at the age of seventeen years. He became one of the popular educators of Webster and Wright Counties, but at the end of six years gave up this calling to become a mercantile clerk. He first engaged in mercantile pursuits on his own account at Duncan, but three months afterward came to Cedar Gap, where he engaged in his present business four years later. In 1888 he checked by the Greene County Bank \$23,000, shipping the same year 517 car loads of lumber, and in February, 1889, shipped 147 car loads. Mr. Ellis has been remarkably successful, as he began business with nothing, and is now considered one of the prosperous young business men of the county. When twenty-four years old he was married to Miss Mollie Pyatt, a native of Wright County, Mo., born in 1862, by whom he became the father of three children: Jesse, living, and Victoria and Victor, deceased. Mr. Ellis is a Republican, a Mason, and a son of J. W. Ellis, who was born in North Carolina, and there married Rachel Mingus. He was a carpenter by trade, and in 1852 came to Missouri, enlisting from this State in the Confederate army, and was killed, while on his way home, by a band of robbers. His wife, who was born in North Carolina, is still living, and resides in Duncan. Her mother is also living. Mrs. Paul Ellis is a daughter of Judge Joseph and Jane (Allen) Pyatt, who were also natives of North Carolina, and were there reared and married. After coming to Missouri Mr. Pyatt was elected judge of the Wright County Court, and was a farmer and school-teacher by occupation. He was a Federal soldier in the late war.

Andrew J. Farmer, postmaster of Hartville, Wright Co., Mo., is a native of Anderson County, Tenn., born October 3, 1863, his parents being Henry and Erie (Davidson) Farmer. Henry Farmer was born in Tennessee July 17, 1818, and was a merchant by occupation. He was married in his native State, and became the father of five

living children: James H., Arthur F., Alexander B., Robert G. and Andrew J. One child, Moses, died when quite young. Erie (Davidson) Farmer was born in Tennessee September 12, 1831, and came to Wright County, Mo., in 1874. Here they still remain, and are at present residents of Hartville. They own a house and lot, and are much respected citizens. Their son, Andrew J., was reared in Wright County, and there also received his education. December 26, 1881, he became deputy postmaster at Hartville, and served four years, when under Grover Cleveland's administration he became postmaster. His brother, Robert Farmer, has acted as his deputy for more than two years. He was born September 18, 1860. Andrew Farmer is one of the industrious and sober young men of whom Wright County may justly be proud, and that he has made an efficient and trustworthy postmaster is recognized by all. He is a Democrat in his political views, and is a promising young man.

James Forrest, proprietor of the Forrest Hotel at Hartville, Mo., and a genial, pleasant gentleman, was born in Greene County, Ark., February 3, 1835, being the son of John and Catherine (Sanders) Forrest, both natives of Tennessee. The father was born in 1811, and was one of the pioneers of Wright County, Mo. He was married in Greene County, Ark., and lived there for about thirteen years, when he came to Wright County, October 15, 1847. He was a farmer by occupation, and died in the year 1861. To his marriage were born eleven children, four now living, James being the eldest. Catherine Forrest was born in 1813 and died in 1882. The paternal grandfather, James Forrest, moved from North Carolina to Tennessee, and was a farmer by occupation. He died in Tennessee in 1861. The maternal grandfather and grandmother came to Missouri from Tennessee, and died in Wright County, the latter at the age of over one hundred years. James Forrest (subject) was educated in the common schools and at Mountain Grove. He spent the years 1859 and 1860 in Texas, after which he returned to Missouri, and in 1863 went to Illinois, where he spent over a year. He returned to Wright County, Mo., in 1864, and on September 29 of that year he was united in marriage to Miss Martha Ritchey, who was born in Indiana in 1840, and who bore him six children: Mary, wife of Edward Templeton; John W., Norah, Manda and Thula. William B. died when an infant. Previous to his marriage Mr. Forrest received the appointment of deputy county circuit clerk, and held this position until January, 1867. In the fall of 1866 he was elected judge of the probate court and *ex-officio* presiding judge of county court, holding the position four years, when he was appointed and served nine months more. In 1874 he was elected clerk of the county court, and was re-elected in 1878. After this he was again appointed judge of probate court and served his time out. He then retired, after sixteen years and five months of public service. After serving out his long period of clerkship he retired to his farm, and devoted five years to agricultural pursuits. He has 300 acres of land, and besides this he has town property. He has for the last three years been keeping hotel in connection with his farming interest. In his political views Mr. Forrest has always been an uncompromising Democrat; has stumped the county for the Democracy, and, notwithstanding the vast

Republican majority, has held his share of public trusts. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and a prominent citizen.

F. B. Fuson, M. D., of Mansfield, Mo., was born in Wayne County, Tenn., in 1859, and is a son of John and Sophronia (Gallegly) Fuson, both of whom were born in Tennessee, the former's birth occurring in 1823 and the latter's in 1833. A short time previous to the breaking out of the Rebellion they moved to Illinois, and after serving for about three months in the Federal army, he engaged in farming, and in 1870 came to Wright County, but is now a resident of Webster County, and is engaged in the hardware business. F. B. Fuson is the third of their five children, and was educated in Missouri, and when starting out in life for himself commenced as a drug clerk, afterward embarking in the business on his own responsibility in Hartville, where he remained several years. He graduated from the Missouri Medical College at St. Louis in 1886, as an M. D., and soon after located in Mansfield, where he immediately entered upon the practice of his profession, and is considered one of the rising young physicians of the county. He is progressive and enterprising, and is taking steps to have a medical society organized in the county. He is a Master Mason, and a member of the A. F. & A. M. He was married to Miss Stella Johnson, of Kansas City, Mo., and by her is the father of one child, Gertrude. The name Fuson is of Welsh origin, but the paternal grandfather was born in Virginia, and was an early immigrant to Tennessee. The Galleglys are of Scotch-Irish lineage.

Hon. Dixon F. Gourley, member of the Legislature from Wright County, and minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was born in East Tennessee in 1849, and is the son of S. H. and Deliza (Carroll) Gourley. The paternal grandfather was a tiller of the soil, and lived in Tennessee. He entered the Confederate army at the age of sixty-three, and died in Tennessee after peace was declared. The Gourley family were square-built, long-lived people. The maternal grandmother, who was a native of North Carolina, died at the age of eighty-nine years. S. H. Gourley, who was born in Tennessee about 1828, was married in that State, and there carried on mercantile pursuits until about 1856, when he came to Missouri and located in Phelps County. He is now residing in Laclede County. His wife died in 1882, and was the mother of eleven children, eight of whom are now living. S. H. Gourley enlisted for the Mexican War, but peace was declared before he entered the service. Hon. Dixon F. Gourley grew to years of maturity on a farm in Phelps County, Mo., and received his education in Springdale Academy of that county. He was married in Maries County to Miss Hester A. Matlock, a native of Crawford County, Mo., and this union resulted in the birth of these children: Mary E., Adam, Etta, Dixon E., Rebecca O., Elbert W. and Nancy R. Those deceased were George, an infant, and Emil, who also died in infancy. Mr. Gourley came to Wright County in 1884, and has been an active preacher in the Methodist Episcopal Church for eighteen years in Phelps, Maries, Stoddard, Laclede and Wright Counties. He was elected to represent Wright County in the Legislature in November, 1888, on the Union Labor Ticket. Mr. Gourley owns 430 acres of land, with fifty-five acres in Laclede County.

Dr. Samuel F. Grubb, now a farmer of Hart Township, Wright Co., Mo., was born in Wythe County, Va., in 1826, the son of Henry and Mary (Woolford) Grubb, and grandson of John Grubb, who was also a native of Wythe County, Va., and born back in the eighteenth century. The paternal great-grandfather came from Switzerland, and settled near Wytheville, Va. Henry Grubb was born in Wythe County, Va., in 1799, was reared on a farm owned by his father, and he there followed agricultural pursuits all his life. He was captain of the State Militia in Virginia, and died in 1873. Mary (Woolford) Grubb died in 1882, at the age of seventy-nine or eighty years. She was the mother of thirteen children, of whom Dr. Samuel F. Grubb is the fifth. He attained his growth in his native county, and studied and practiced dentistry under Dr. John Welsh, an expert in his profession. Dr. Grubb became a partner with him, and soon became one of the most popular dentists in the country. He practiced in Wythe and Grayson Counties for more than thirty years. He moved to Wright County, Mo., in 1887, and purchased 300 acres of land, on which he is now residing. He has had a few difficult cases since coming to Missouri, but has not attended to the dental business entirely. He expects, as soon as he can, to go to work here again. He was married in North Carolina to Miss Margaret Huddle, who was born in Wythe County, Va. They ran away, were married in North Carolina, and to their union were born two children, Nancy and Mary E. Dr. Grubb is a Republican in politics, and is an excellent citizen. His set of dental instruments are as good as can be found in the United States, and cost him \$450 in gold. The handles of all his instruments are made of cameo, ivory and pearl, with gold bands.

R. H. Hanson, M. D. (homoeopathist), of Hartville, Mo., was born in New York in 1843, and is the son of Cyrus and Lucinda (Hill) Hanson, and the maternal grandson of Richard and Betsey (Hill) Hill, who reared a family of twelve children. Cyrus Hanson was a native of New Hampshire, a farmer, and immigrated to New York, where he died. His wife, Mrs. Lucinda (Hill) Hanson, was born in Vermont, and became the mother of eight children, six now living. She is still living, and is residing in Minnesota. Of this family R. H. Hanson is the eldest. He remained and assisted his father on the farm until over twenty years of age, and his education was received principally by self study at home. He commenced studying for the ministry early in life, and also studied medicine. He first practiced medicine in Southwest and Central Missouri, and commenced his ministerial work at Ash Grove Circuit, where he remained for twelve years, and during that time he was also engaged in the practice of medicine. To this he has devoted his time entirely for the last three years. He was married in Missouri to Miss Zella F. Hott, who was born in Missouri, and who by her union became the mother of three children: Viola M., Perry L., and Inez T., who died at the age of fifteen months. Mr. Hanson is a Republican in his political views, and is a licensed pharmacist. He was ordained deacon by Bishop Merrill in 1875, an elder in St. Louis, Mo., by Bishop Simpson, and has married forty-three couples in Hartville. Mrs. Hanson was born in Polk County, Mo., in 1853, and her father was a native of Springfield, Ill. He came to

Missouri in 1826, and died December 31, 1887, and his wife the day previous, of the same year. The mother was born on Christmas eve, married on Christmas eve, and died very near that time. Her maiden name was Joannah Douglass; she was of Scotch descent; her grandfather, William Douglass, was born in Virginia, and his father was a native of Scotland, and was of the Lord Douglass family. Her grandmother Douglass was a Kelso, and was a native of France. The father of Mrs. Hanson was a surveyor and engineer; was all through the Mexican War, and applied for a pension, which he never received until the time of his death. He belonged to the Advance Guards, and was an interpreter, speaking Spanish. During the Civil War he was a member of the secret service. He attended the same Sunday-school with Abraham Lincoln, and knew Mrs. Lincoln before her marriage. His grandfather on his mother's side was a Kelby, and was one of the first three white men that settled the site of Springfield, Ill.

Judge Isaac L. Hart, of the general mercantile firm of I. L. Hart & Co., of Norwood, Mo., was born in Tennessee in 1828, his parents being Leonard and Catherine (Emmett) Hart. The father was born, reared and married in Tennessee, and about 1852 immigrated to Missouri, but afterward moved from Wright County, where he had first settled, to Phelps County, where he spent the remainder of his days. Isaac L. Hart is the eldest of their nine children, and since attaining manhood has been a resident of Missouri. He was engaged in farming until 1878, and was then elected associate judge of the Wright County Court, in which capacity he served two years, then engaging in the hardware business, as a member of the firm of I. L. Hart & Co., at Mansfield. Ten months later, owing to the death of one partner, John Gorman, he sold to Calvin Spence, and returned to the farm, where he remained until his removal to Hartville in 1885. After working in Mr. Prophet's store some time he entered the firm of Mabon & Hart, buying out Mr. Mabon one year later, and moving to Norwood. The present firm are now doing a thriving business, their stock being valued at about \$8,000. In 1863 Judge Hart was married in Wright County to Miss Tryphenah Pool, which union has resulted in the birth of four children: Sarah, Elizabeth, Laura and Frances (wife of S. E. Pope). The paternal grandfather, Leonard Hart, Sr., was a Pennsylvania Dutchman, and could neither read nor write the English language. He was an early immigrant to Tennessee. The maternal grandfather, George W. Emmett, was also a native of Pennsylvania, and both were soldiers in the Revolutionary War. The latter received a wound in the head by a sword, and was left for dead on the battle-field, but recovered from his wound. Judge Hart is a member of the A. F. & A. M.

Rufus L. Henderson, postmaster, grocer and druggist of Norwood, Mo., has been a resident of Wright County since 1883, and was born in Laclede County April 14, 1852. His father, Joseph Henderson, was born in Pennsylvania February 15, 1801, but was reared to manhood in Kentucky, and was there married to Miss Mary C. Williamson. About 1848 they removed to Missouri, locating in Laclede County, where the father worked as a farmer and mechanic until his death, June 3, 1874. His wife was born in Kentucky April 8, 1808. His

father was born in Scotland, and was brought to America by his father, and located in Pennsylvania. He afterward moved to Caldwell County, Ky., being one of the pioneers of the State. Rufus L. Henderson is the youngest of ten children, and grew to manhood in Laclede County, Mo., receiving a common-school education. On the 1st of November, 1874, he was married to Miss Sarah I. McFarland, who was also born in Laclede County, but was a descendant of one of the old pioneer families of Kentucky. Her birth occurred on the 1st of November, 1857, and her union with Mr. Henderson resulted in the birth of six children: Freddie, Irvie, Burtie, Bessie, Jewel and Nellie. Previous to his arrival in Norwood, April 8, 1883, he was engaged in farming and blacksmithing, but has since been occupied in his present business. He also owns a one-half interest in a tract of 320 acres. He is a Democrat, and in 1885 was appointed postmaster of Norwood. He is a member of the A. F. & A. M., and he and wife belong to the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Thomas F. Henslee, retail liquor dealer, of Hartville, Mo., was born in North Carolina May 15, 1846, and is a son of Thomas and Betsey (Melton) Henslee, who were born, reared and married in North Carolina, the latter event taking place in 1838. To them were born three children, Thomas F. being the only one who grew to manhood. The mother died in 1848, and Mr. Henslee afterward married Mary Melton, by whom he became the father of one child, and is now living in Webster County, Mo. Thomas F. Henslee was reared and educated in Webster County, and was married in 1869 to Miss Eliza J. Dameron, who was born in North Carolina in April, 1845, and by her has one child, Anna B., the wife of W. H. Gorman. Mr. Henslee has farmed nearly all his life, and owns a valuable farm of 172 acres, but since engaging in the liquor business, in 1883, has rented his farm. He owns a good residence in Hartville, and is well fixed financially. During the late war he served in the Home Guards as forage master. He is a Democrat politically, and is Past Master in the Masonic fraternity.

M. G. Hensley, grocer, of Mansfield, Mo., was born in East Tennessee in 1852, and is a son of William and Elizabeth Hensley, who were born in Tennessee, the former's birth occurring in 1829. They were married in their native State, and in the fall of 1868 immigrated to Missouri, locating in Wright County, and now residing two miles north of Mansfield. The paternal grandfather, Benjamin Hensley, was of English descent, and lived and died in Tennessee. He was a soldier in the Mexican War, and for his services in that struggle received a pension. M. G. Hensley was seventeen years old when he came to Wright County, Mo., and his early days were spent in assisting his father on the home farm. He was first married to Miss Sarah White, who died in 1882, and he then married Mary E. Gorman, widow of John Gorman, and daughter of Mr. Rudd. Three children were born to her marriage with Mr. Gorman, and one child was born to her last marriage, Frank, who died at the age of two years. Mr. Hensley was in the mail service for three years, and entered the drug business in Mansfield in 1883, with a stock valued at \$7,000. Two years later he closed out his establishment and began selling groceries,

this stock amounting to \$800. Mrs. Hensley owns the Hensley Hotel in Mansfield, which they successfully managed for about five years, but they now have it rented. Mr. Hensley is a Republican.

J. A. Hight, of Mansfield, Mo., is a son of John H. and Jane (Baker) Hight, and was born in Middle Tennessee in 1830. The father was also supposed to have been born in Tennessee in 1809, and there grew to maturity and married. He was a carpenter by trade, but also farmed, and after moving to Missouri, in 1839, followed both these occupations in what is now Wright County. He was killed in Arkansas, through mistake, by the Federal forces during the late war. His wife was born in Kentucky in 1810, and is now living in New Mexico. Five of their thirteen children grew to maturity, only two of whom are now living, J. A. and his sister. The Hights are of Irish descent, and the maternal grandfather and the grandmother immigrated to Tennessee from Kentucky, thence to Missouri, and died in the latter State. J. A. Hight received only the advantages of the subscription schools in his youth, and was engaged in assisting his father in tilling the farm. At the age of twenty years he was married to Miss Mary Ann Rippee, who was born in Indiana in February, 1831, and five children have blessed their union: Thomas Jefferson, John Wesley, Hiram Jackson, William H., and Mary J., wife of William B. King. Mr. Hight farmed in Wright County until the breaking out of the Civil War, and in 1862 joined the Eighth Missouri State Militia, entering as a corporal; through exposure his eyes became somewhat diseased. Since August, 1883, he has received a pension of \$30 per month, and received back pay to the amount of \$2,433.39. He is a member of the G. A. R. He owns four lots in the town of Mansfield.

Anderson Hogue, a prominent farmer, and the owner of 500 acres of land in Wright County, Mo., was born in Marion County, Tenn., in 1805, and was sold to a man by the name of Anderson Hogue, by his former master, who was also his father. From Anderson Hogue he takes his name. He was married in Tennessee to Miss Hannah Burnett, also a slave, and her master was also her father. She became the mother of six children: Naucy, wife of Thomas Haney; Fanny, who was married twice, and who is now deceased; Mary A. Tennessee, wife of James Payne; Henry A., Nelson and George. The mother of these children died in Tennessee, in the time of slavery. Three years after her death Mr. Hogue married Miss Theresa Hogue, one of the slaves of his last master, and to this union have been born twelve children: Sarah, (deceased), Robert, Lizzie, wife of William Trout; Adalaide, wife of Peter Hooper; Laura B., also married; Lonnie, Augusta M., wife of Newton Trout; Florence, wife of George Layer; William, Eddins R., Maude and Ida. Mr. Hogue was married before the war, and lived twenty-one miles below Chattanooga, on the State road. He saw Sherman on his march to the sea. Five years after peace was declared he and his family came north, settling in Wright County, and being the first colored family in the same. Mr. Hogue is a Republican in politics, and Mrs. Hogue is a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

D. W. Hoover, liveryman, of Mansfield, Mo., was born in Webster

County of that State in 1855. His father, Jesse Hoover, was born in North Carolina, and there married Amanda Cross, and came to Missouri in 1854, locating in Webster County. He was a farmer, and his union with Miss Cross resulted in the birth of eleven children, all of whom are living at the present time. The grandparents on both sides were from North Carolina, and were prosperous tillers of the soil. D. W. Hoover was reared in Webster County, and was educated in the common schools. At the age of eighteen years he was married to Miss Martha Winningham, a native of Tennessee, and by her has three children: Amanda, Samuel and Walter. Mrs. Hoover died in 1880, and Mr. Hoover took for his second wife Miss Mollie Jenkins, of Missouri, born in 1860. They have four children: Stella, Ada, Sophia and Gus. Mr. Hoover farmed in Webster County until 1881, when he sold out, and opened a livery stable at Seymour, which he managed for a number of years. On coming to Mansfield he bought out the livery firm of Spence & Rippee, and has been sole proprietor ever since. His stock is valued at about \$3,200, and he does a large annual business. Mr. Hoover is a Republican in his political views.

W. H. Hopper, of the Hopper Furniture Co., of Mansfield, Mo., was born in Indiana on the 9th of February, 1827, and since ten years of age has been a resident of Missouri. He is the second of eleven children born to the marriage of Raleigh Hopper and Rebecca Malonee, and in early life received only the advantages of the subscription schools. He remained at home with his family until July 4, 1852, when he was married to Miss Ella J. Wilson, and began making a home for himself. His wife was born in Indiana in 1829, and became the mother of eight children, six of whom are living: Rachel, wife of W. F. Hulla; Margaret, wife of John Riley; Polly Ann, the deceased wife of Sampson Rippee; Rebecca A., wife of Jacob Gass; Rhoda, wife of Henry Tarbutton; Simpson, Catherine, and John, who died at the age of twenty-two years. Mr. Hopper lived in Douglas County until February 24, 1871, when he came to Wright County, and here has since been engaged in farming. In 1861 he served in the Home Guards, and the following year served in the Enrolled Missouri Militia. Being disbanded in the spring of 1863, in August of the same year he joined the Sixth Provisional Regiment, but was mustered out March 5, 1864, and entered the Forty-sixth Missouri Volunteer Infantry, serving until the close of the war as second lieutenant. He now belongs to the G. A. R., and in his political views is a Republican. The family worship in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. His father, Raleigh Hopper, was born in Virginia in 1785, but grew to manhood in Kentucky, and there married his first wife, Polly Neill, who died after having borne a family of seven children. Mr. Hopper then married Miss Malonee, who was born in 1804. They moved to Missouri in 1837, and after residing in Pulaski, Wright and Ozark Counties located in Douglas County, where the father died October 17, 1844. At that time he was a member of the Missouri Legislature from Ozark County. The mother still lives, and resides in Douglas County. The paternal grandfather, Blackgrove Hopper, was a native of Virginia, and died in Kentucky, having followed the occupation of farming throughout life.

Benjamin F. Hudson, collector of Wright County, Mo., was born in Shelby County, Ill., in November, 1847. He is a son of Franklin and Margaret (Perryman) Hudson, and the maternal grandson of Allen Perryman, who was a native of Tennessee, but who immigrated to Illinois, and afterward to Missouri, where he died in Wright County, at the age of eighty-six years. Franklin Hudson was born and reared in South Carolina, and when a young man immigrated to Illinois, where he married Miss Perryman, who is yet living, and who resides in Wright County. Franklin Hudson was one of the popular educators of South Carolina before he left that State, and followed that avocation after coming to Illinois for about fourteen years. He then turned his attention to farming, which he carried on until his death, which occurred in the last named State. Benjamin F. Hudson was the second of seven children, six now living. He attained his growth in Shelby County, Ill., and received a good practical education in the common schools. In 1866 he immigrated to Missouri, and after one year in Pulaski County located in Wright County, and there he has since resided. He followed school-teaching for eight years, and, like his father, was a very popular educator. At the end of the above-mentioned time, or in 1880, he was elected county assessor, and was re-elected two years later, serving altogether four years. In 1884 he was elected county collector, and received the unanimous nomination of his party. He was re-elected collector in 1886, and because of having filled the period denominated by law, retired, and was no longer a candidate. In March, 1869, he was married to Miss Matilda Williams, a native of Missouri, and the daughter of Benjamin and Mary Williams, natives of Indiana, who came to Missouri at an early date, and located in Wright County. Mr. Williams was a Federal soldier, and died at Marshfield, while in service during the Civil War. Mrs. Williams is still alive. Benjamin F. Hudson is the father of five children living: Benjamin, Elizabeth, Minnie, Mary and John. One child, unnamed, died in infancy. Mr. Hudson is a member of the Masonic fraternity, a member of the Missionary Baptist Church, and is a Republican in his political principles.

H. E. Inman is a prosperous jeweler of Mountain Grove, Wright Co., Mo., and was born in Chemung County, N. Y., in 1862. His parents, Charles D. and Abigail M. (Robins) Inman, were also born in the Eastern States, the father having also been born in Chemung County, N. Y. From early boyhood he followed the occupation of farming, and after his removal to Missouri, in 1879, he continued to till the soil. He now resides in Wright County, Mo., and owns 280 acres of land. His union with Miss Robins resulted in the birth of nine children, H. E. Inman having been next to the youngest in order of his birth. He was educated in his native State, and came to Missouri with his parents, and in 1882 launched in business for himself at Mountain Grove, where his efforts have been attended with good results, his income amounting to about \$1,000 for the year ending in 1888. He owns a good residence and two lots in the town, and owing to his energy and good management, bids fair to become one of the wealthy citizens of the county. He was married May 27, 1886, to Miss Mary E. Braselton, who was also born in 1862, and by her is the father of one

child, Charley E. Mrs. Inman is finely educated, and was a successful teacher of music for some time. They are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in his political views Mr. Inman is a staunch Republican. His paternal grandfather, Stephen Inman, was a successful farmer of Chemung County, N. Y.

William Johnston, another enterprising and successful farmer and stock raiser of Wright County, Mo., was born in Center County, Penn., December 11, 1832, and is the son of William and Elizabeth (Rider) Johnston. William Johnston, Sr., was born in Center County, Penn., in 1808, grew to manhood in that county, and was there married. His parents died when he was but a lad, and he was bound out. By personal application he became master of the German language, and also obtained a good English education by private study, from moments snatched from an unrelenting master. He was married April 25, 1830, to Miss Elizabeth Rider, a native of Center County, Penn., born February 19, 1809, and to them were born eight children, six of whom were natives of Center County. William Johnston, Sr., and family immigrated then to the western part of the State, Clarion County, Penn., in 1844. Here he carried on a rented farm and worked in an ore bank for five years. By that time he had accumulated sufficient money to purchase a farm, and went to farming until 1873. During this time there were two more sons added to the family. In 1873 oil was discovered on his land, and he sold twenty-nine acres for \$3,000. He leased eighteen acres on a royalty, and the balance of the farm he and his sons undertook to manage. Previous to this William Johnston, Jr., had immigrated to Missouri, and located in that State in 1873. When oil was discovered on his father's farm in Pennsylvania he returned to assist in managing the oil business. They put down thirteen oil wells on the part of the farm they retained, the shallowest being 1,050 feet deep. The oil paid greatly at first, but soon fell from \$4 per barrel to 60 cents. They finally quit the operation, and in about 1878 sold out. William Johnston, Jr., realized about \$4,000 out of his portion of the business. He then came West, and again settled down to farming. He is now the owner of 493 acres of land in Wright County, Mo. On February 18, 1862, Mr. Johnston joined the Federal Army, Company F, Second Pennsylvania Cavalry, and was in the army ten months. August 27, 1862, he was wounded in the second battle of Bull Run. His horse was shot through by a piece of shell, and the fragment of shell struck his leg after passing through his horse and disabled him. He received his discharge for disability December 5, 1862, and now draws \$8 per month pension. He was married in 1857 to Miss Mary Adams, a native of County Antrim, Ireland, born April 3, 1837, and to them have been born two living children: William, and Sadie Agnes, wife of John H. Simmons. They had three older children, who are deceased: Alexander Adams, who died at the age of three years and six months; Elizabeth, who died at the age of three months and eleven days, and Ira Lincoln, who died at the age of sixteen months. Mrs. Mary Johnston was but three months old when she came with her parents to America. They first landed in New York, but soon went from there to Carbon County, Penn., thence to Center County of that State, and in 1871 the father moved to

Wright County, Mo., where two of his sons and two daughters had preceded him. He was born in Ireland February 12, 1812, and came to America in 1836. He moved to Wright County, Mo., where he died June 18, 1883; was a prominent member of the Presbyterian Church. Isabella (McAlister) Adams was also born in Antrim County, Ireland, in 1813. She is still alive, and resides in Wright County. The family are of Scotch extraction. The paternal grandfather Adams was of English and the paternal grandmother, whose maiden name was Knox, was of Scotch descent. The paternal grandfather of William Johnston, David Johnston, lived in Pennsylvania; was a native of one of the Eastern States, and was a Revolutionary soldier. He was a farmer by occupation. The maternal grandmother was also a native of Pennsylvania. Mr. Johnston is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and a Republican in his politics.

Rev. Peter Lair, minister of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Brush Creek Township, Wright Co., Mo., was born in Georgia in 1830, and his mother's name was Letty May. She married a man by the name of Nero, who was the father of our subject, Peter Lair. Mr. Lair was sold out of the Weaver family, to whom his mother, by transfer, belonged, and was bought by a family by the name of Lair, hence his name. He lived with them until the time of the emancipation, and was set free in Dallas County, Tex. He then went to work and earned \$2 plowing. He has preached since he was eighteen years of age; has taught school and preached at Springfield. He drove a six-mule team through to Springfield for a man, in order to get his wife through to that city. In 1866 he purchased three acres of land on St. Louis Street, in Springfield, and lived there for seventeen years. He came to Missouri in 1880, and has 160 acres of land. He sold out of three acres, \$2,545 worth of property, and owns about \$1,000 worth of property there yet. Since the war he has preached nearly every week. He has preached in the Kansas City Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and was absent just lately on a tour through a number of the States, but was in Topeka, Kas., for seven weeks. He was married to Miss Fanny Carson, who was a native of Butler County, Ky. Her mother belonged to a family by the name of Carson, and her father to a family by the name of Porter. She was with her husband in Dallas County, Tex., when first set free. She earned her first money by spinning and knitting. They have never had any children of their own, but have several adopted children; one, George Lair, is the nephew of Mr. Lair.

Dr. Thomas Lane, Jr., of Mountain Grove, Mo., son of G. C. and Cynthia (Harris) Lane, was born on the 10th of August, 1858. He attended school in Mountain Grove Academy and at Blackburn University, Carlinville, Macoupin Co., Ill., for some time, and afterward studied medicine under Dr. I. R. Lane, an old and successful practitioner of Springfield, Mo. He entered the Missouri Medical College at St. Louis, Mo., in 1884, from which institution he graduated in 1886. He then located in Mountain Grove, Mo., where he commenced the practice of his profession, and has met with unusual success in town and vicinity. He was married on the 29th of September, 1884, to Miss Emma Dora McCurston, who bore him two

children: Otto Ray and Gertrude May. Mrs. Lane is the daughter of George W. McCurston, of Mountain Grove, Mo. Dr. Lane, pleasant and agreeable in his manners, is one of the rising young men of Mountain Grove, and the prospect of the future is bright before him.

J. A. Lee, of the drug firm of Ellis & Lee, at Mountain Grove, Wright Co., Mo., was born in Perry County, Mo., March 9, 1847, being the son of John B. and Elizabeth (Simmons) Lee, and the grandson on his mother's side of John Simmons, who was a native of Louisiana, but who settled in Tennessee, and afterward came to Missouri, where he died in Wright County. He was a captain in the War of 1812 under Jackson. John B. Lee was born in North Carolina, and immigrated to Middle Tennessee, where he was married. He afterward came to Missouri (about 1845 or 1846), lived in Perry County for a time, and then came to Wright County, where he died when forty-five years of age. His wife, Elizabeth (Simmons) Lee, was born in Tennessee in 1817, and grew to womanhood in that State. By her marriage to Mr. Lee she became the mother of ten children (four boys), two living, J. A. and J. C. Mrs. Lee is still living, and resides in Mountain Grove. The family is of Irish origin. J. A. Lee was reared in his native county, and during the war went, in 1860, to Arkansas. After peace was declared he returned to Missouri, and followed agricultural pursuits and traded in stock until 1881, when he and W. C. Ellis built a room and put in a stock of drugs. Their average sales equal \$8,000 per year, and they keep one or two clerks. Mr. Lee has continued to deal in stock in connection with his drug business, and aside from this is the owner of 140 acres of land. He is a Cleveland Democrat; a member of the I. O. O. F., and is treasurer of the Widow' and Orphans' Fund in the I. O. O. F. Mr. Lee was married in 1870 to Miss N. M. Finley, of Moniteau County, Mo., born in 1844. Seven living children were the result of this union: James F., John R., Annie B., Emaline, Robert, Mary E. and Essie.

Prof. William H. Lynch, principal of Mountain Grove Academy, Mountain Grove, Wright Co., Mo., was born in Texas County, Mo., in 1839. He is the son of David and Pollie Ann (Fourt) Lynch. David Lynch was a good old native of Kentucky, born in 1803, and immigrated to Missouri in pioneer days. He located in what is now Texas County many years before that county was formed, and followed milling on Piney River, which business he operated until the time of his death. In his early years he taught school, and in his later years was a patron of education. He was a member of the county court in Texas County, and the first circuit court ever held in the county was held at his house. Mrs. David Lynch was a native of Missouri, and became the mother of seven children, Prof. William H. Lynch being second in order of birth. Mrs. David Lynch died at the age of thirty-eight, and when the subject of this sketch was a child. The paternal grandfather was also a native of Kentucky, and immigrated to Missouri. When Prof. William Lynch was seventeen years of age he was sent by his father to Boone County, Mo., where he attended the public schools, and afterward Lathrop Academy. He then returned to his home, and taught school in his native county for some time. He was then

appointed county clerk of Texas County, and served in that capacity until August 10, 1862, when he resigned the clerkship and joined the Federal army, Thirty-second Missouri Volunteers. He entered as a private, but his energy and education soon gained recognition, and at St. Louis, Mo., he was promoted to the rank of sergeant. At Arkansas Post he was promoted to first sergeant, then commissary-sergeant, then in Georgia, he was promoted to lieutenant, and afterward was promoted to regimental quartermaster. In 1865 he was promoted to the rank of captain, and was discharged with that title. Years of rough experience, in which he had distinguished himself, had taught him the value of education, and so eager was he to further pursue his collegiate course that he returned at once to the State University at Columbia, and there attended school another year. He then returned to his favorite pursuit, teaching. He officiated as principal at Steelville Academy four years; St. James Seminary, Phelps County, one and a half years; Salem, Dent County, twelve years; West Plains, Howell County, three years, and in 1887 he was elected principal of Mountain Grove Academy, at a salary of \$175 per month, which position he is still occupying. Prof. Lynch's life as an educator has been one continual round of success, until he now stands in the front rank of a few leading educators of Missouri. C. I. Filley, of St. Louis, Mo., visited Mountain Grove, and pronounced Prof. Lynch second to no educator in the State. Hon. R. P. Bland also stated in public here that he had known Prof. Lynch for many years, and that "he is the best organizer of schools in the State." The author of this sketch, as a Normalite, can bear witness that Prof. Lynch's methods of teaching are in harmony with the methods adopted in the leading teachers' training schools of the country. In twenty-five years of work as an educator Prof. Lynch has lost only one and a half days' time. Commissioner of Education at Washington says that "this is the most faithful time on record." Prof. Lynch was married, in 1871, to Miss Mary Cook, a native of Tennessee, born in 1848, and the result of this happy union was the birth of two children, one only, Florence, now living. Prof. Lynch is a member of the Presbyterian Church, affiliates with the Republican party, is a Master Mason and a Royal Arch Mason.

J. M. McKee, justice of the peace of Pleasant Valley Township, Wright Co., Mo., was born in Frederick County, Va., in 1830, and is a son of Joel and Rebecca (Kline) McKee, who were born in Virginia, in 1800, and died in 1835 and 1880, respectively. The paternal grandparents were Virginians, and there spent their lives, but the maternal grandparents were of Irish descent. J. M. McKee grew to manhood in Virginia, and was educated in the common schools of that State, and after reaching a suitable age began traveling through his native State and Tennessee, in the employ of T. J. Doyle & Co., of Fredericksburg, Va., selling farming implements. At the age of thirty years he was married, in Scott County, Va., to Miss Elizabeth Grubb, who was born in Sullivan County, Tenn., in 1837. She is a daughter of Curtis A. Grubb, who was one of the early emigrants from Virginia to Tennessee. His wife, whose maiden name was Mary Ann Curtis, was born in Virginia, and is still living, and makes her

home with her only surviving child, Mrs. McKee. Mr. McKee left Virginia in 1863, and moved to Kentucky, where he remained until 1869, having entered the Federal service, but at the end of eighteen months was mustered out of service at Lexington, Ky. In 1869 he went to Kansas, but two years later located in Missouri, residing in Douglas County until about four years since, when he retired from active life, and came to Mansfield. He owns a good residence and two town lots in Mansfield, and for some time has held the offices of notary public and justice of the peace. He is a member of the Missionary Baptist Church, the G. A. R., and in his political views is a Republican.

James J. McMullin. Among the prosperous agriculturists of Wright County, Mo., may be mentioned Mr. McMullin, who was born in Roane County, Tenn., in 1827, and was there reared and educated. He learned to read and write unaided, and the rest of his education was received in the old subscription schools. When about twenty years of age he was married, and soon afterward went to Iowa, and at the end of four years went to Lee County, Iowa, and from there moved to Scott County, Mo., and in 1857 took up his abode in Wright County, where he has since made his home. He was in the Federal service, in the Sixteenth Missouri Cavalry, during the late war, and was out three years, being mustered out of service at Springfield. He owns a good farm of 280 acres, and is considered one of the successful agriculturists and stock men of the county. He is a member of the A. F. & A. M., is a Democrat in politics, and he and family are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. He was married to Miss Eliza J. Breazeale, who was born in Roane County, Tenn., July 4, 1830, and thirteen children, nine of whom are living, were born to their union: Samuel, Mary, Maude, Joseph, Frances, Laura, James, Jesse and Pearl. Three children died in infancy, and Martha at the age of fourteen years. Mr. McMullin's parents, James and Rebecca (Mattock) McMullin, were married in Tennessee, whither the father had moved from his native State, North Carolina, when a young man. He had been previously married in Pennsylvania to a Miss McDonald, who died in Roane County, Tenn., leaving four children. His union with Miss Mattock was blessed by the birth of nine children. After his death, which occurred in Tennessee, his widow married John Turner, and moved to Missouri, and died in Scott County, having borne Mr. Turner one child. James McMullin was a soldier in the War of 1812.

Thomas Jefferson Mansfield, of the Wright County Mercantile Co., at Mansfield, Mo., was born in Madison County, Mo., in 1858. His father, Robert Mansfield, was born in Tennessee in 1808, and there grew to manhood and was married. He moved to Wright County, Mo., in 1848, thence to Madison County, of the same State, but returned to Wright County in 1868, and about a year before his death moved to Laclede County, where he died in 1887. He was a farmer throughout life, and by his wife, Nancy Spears, had a family of twelve children, seven of whom are living at the present time. Thomas J. Mansfield, whose name heads this sketch, is the seventh of their children, and was reared to manhood in his native State, receiv-

ing his education in a common school in Illinois. Having learned the printer's trade, he returned to Wright County, Mo., where he was engaged in this work until about eight years since, when he entered the mercantile business at Hartville, and has been a member of the present firm for over a year. Their stock is valued at \$10,000, and their annual sales amount to about \$30,000. He was married in Hartville to Miss Susie Lee Perry, who was born in Missouri in 1861, and is a daughter of Rev. John W. Perry, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. They have one child, Marion Pearl. Mr. Mausfield is a Democrat, a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and belongs to the I. O. O. F., Fourth Degree, 992, Mountain Grove Lodge. His paternal grandfather, an Englishman, came to America prior to the Revolutionary War, and assisted the colonists in their struggle against the mother country. He was in the battle of Yorktown.

T. H. Marshall, agent and operator for the Gulf Railroad at Norwood, Mo., was born in Knox County, Mo., October 25, 1849, and is a son of William P. and Sarah A. (Herrington) Marshall. The father was born in Maryland in 1813, and after attaining manhood went to Ralls County, Mo., where he was married, his wife being a native of that county. He began merchandising in Kirksville, afterward farmed on Salt River, in that county, and after residing in Lewis County for some time, moved to St. Clair, where he died in 1872. His union with Miss Herrington resulted in the birth of eight children, T. H. Marshall being their third child. The latter was reared to manhood near Monticello, Mo., and received his education in the schools of that place. After acquiring an excellent knowledge of telegraphy he came to Norwood, where he has held his present position for over six years. He was married in this place to Miss Julia E. Wood, a native of Nashville, Ill., born January 13, 1867, and by her is the father of one child, Ollie. Mrs. Marshall is a daughter of B. F. and L. L. Wood, and a granddaughter of Maj. Wood, who was a soldier in the Mexican War, a pioneer of the State of Illinois, and was at one time a presidential elector for the same. Mr. Marshall is a Democrat in politics, is a man of excellent business qualifications, and thoroughly understands the business in which he is engaged.

H. C. Miller was born in Wilmington, Del., May 10, 1855, the son of E. F. and T. E. (Richmond) Miller. E. F. Miller was born in Saxony, Germany, in 1814, and was a machinist by occupation. He came to America when about the age of thirty years, and located in Philadelphia, but afterward moved to Wilmington, Del. After remaining there a short time he moved to Marshall, Tex., and then back to St. Louis, Mo., where he followed manufacturing for some time, but moved from there to St. Paul, Minn., and then to Rolla, Mo., where he first followed mercantile pursuits, and afterward the livery business. He is now living in Rolla. Mrs. T. E. (Richmond) Miller was born in Baltimore, Md., in 1832, and by her marriage to E. F. Miller became the mother of nine children, six now living, of whom our subject was the second in order of birth. He grew to manhood and was educated in St. Louis and Rolla, Mo. He then clerked from the time he was fourteen years of age until he was twenty-nine, when he engaged in business at Mountain Grove, when there were only

twenty people in the place. He started with a capital of \$300, and carried on merchandising two or three years, when he gradually became interested in the lumber business. He became a partner in the Lake Lily Mills, and helped remodel it. He is now a partner with his brother in the store here, and owns 3,000 acres of land in Cleveland County, Ark. He owns a saw-mill plant on his land, which annually cuts 7,000,000 feet, and they ship 800 car loads of lumber and timber per year. His whole investment there is about \$25,000. In 1881 Mr Miller was married, his wife's birth occurring in Illinois in September, 1861. This union resulted in the birth of two children, Mabel and Minnie. Mr. Miller is a member of the A. F. & A. M., and is a Past Master; is a Republican in politics, and he virtually built the Methodist Episcopal Church building. He is one of the essentially progressive men of South Central Missouri, and has done more than any other one man to build up Mountain Grove. He is a young man of push and energy, and is truly a self-made man. E. J. Miller, who is twenty-eight years of age, is now running the store at Mountain Grove, and has absolute control of the same.

Col. William C. Mings, of Montgomery Township, Wright County, Mo., was born in Madison County, Ky., on the Kentucky River, December 17, 1831, son of George Wolfscale and Pollie (Kanatzar) Mings. The paternal grandfather was born in Charleston, S. C., April 10, 1754, and was one of the pioneers of Kentucky. He was married in North Carolina, and died in Illinois April 14, 1849. He was a Revolutionary soldier; was at the battle of Brandywine, and received a pension from the Government for services rendered. The great-grandfather was born in Scotland, but immigrated to America, and was with the colonial soldiers at Braddock's defeat. He had three sons: Joseph, Alexander and James. George W. Mings was born in Wayne County, Ky., July 16, 1806, grew to manhood in Kentucky and Tennessee, was married in Madison County, Ky., and was by trade a hatter, although he followed agricultural pursuits principally. He immigrated to Illinois, then back to Kentucky, then to Missouri, afterward to Arkansas, but finally settled in Missouri in 1861. He died at the residence of his son December 26, 1886. He volunteered to go to the Mexican War, but his company was not called. His wife, Pollie (Kanatzar) Mings, was born in Kentucky in May, 1810, and is still alive, and resides with her son. They were the parents of eleven children, four now living. Col. William C. Mings went to Arkansas with his father in 1849, and there attained his majority. He cast his first presidential vote for Gen. Winfield Scott, and was married December 21, 1854, to Miss Nancy A. Neel, who was born in Tennessee March 7, 1832. Her people came from North Carolina to Tennessee, and her grandfather was a native of Ireland. Col. W. C. Mings came to Missouri August 10, 1861, joined the Rangers, and afterward the Tenth Missouri Cavalry. He was a non-commissioned officer, and rendered effective and valuable service. He was at one time a candidate for Congress in this district, and previous to the War held several prominent offices in the State of Arkansas. He has held the office of commissioner, assessor, justice of the peace, and has been postmaster at Mingsville, which was named after him. He served two terms of four years each as

county surveyor and eight years as notary public. He has 235 acres of land, and his farm is well stocked. He has five children living: Margaret E., George W., Joseph W., William R., John W., and James, who died at the age of four years. During the war Mr. Mings was elected colonel of a regiment then being organized, but refused to serve.

Prof. Thomas J. Montgomerie. Prominent among the enterprising men and successful educators of South Central Missouri stands the name of Prof. Thomas Montgomerie, principal of Hartville Public Schools. He was born in Wright County, Mo., August 19, 1841, and is the son of Jefferson and Nancy E. (Anderson) Montgomerie. The father was born in North Carolina June 9, 1800, but grew to maturity in Tennessee. At the age of twenty-five he came to Missouri, and in 1828 was married to Miss Nancy Anderson. He was an early pioneer of what is now Wright County, and Montgomerie Township bears his name. He died in Wright County. His wife was also a native of North Carolina, and her people moved to Tennessee when she was a child, and from that State to Missouri, when she was fifteen years of age. By her marriage to Mr. Montgomerie she became the mother of nine children. The paternal grandfather of our subject, John Montgomerie, was a native of Ireland, and after immigrating to America located in North Carolina. The paternal grandmother was a Moore, and died in Tennessee at the age of one hundred and four years. Prof. Thomas Montgomerie was the sixth child in order of birth born to his parents. He grew to manhood in Wright County, and supplemented his common-school education with a course in Mountain Grove Academy, under Prof. Phillips. Consistent with his tastes, he entered the profession of teaching at Springdale Academy, Mo., Rolla High-school, Richland Institute, Pulaski County, and Lebanon Public Schools, these being some of the places in which he has officiated as an educator. After coming to Wright County, although he is a Democrat in his political views, and the county vastly Republican, so strong a hold had he gained upon the affections of the citizens of Wright County that he was elected circuit clerk in 1878, and county clerk at the expiration of this term (1882). He leaves behind him the neatest county record in sixty-nine counties of the Mississippi Valley, besides records in several Western States, and in Chicago and other cities, which are acknowledged by all to be the neatest records ever seen. He was married in 1866 to Miss Elizabeth Bradford, and afterward, in 1878, to Mrs. Mott. Prof. Montgomerie has attained a high reputation in Southern Missouri as an educator, is a proficient mathematician, and a man of culture and high literary attainments. He is now engaged in writing a work, entitled "Logic of Mathematics," which will soon be given to the public.

William L. Murrell, a prominent citizen of Hartville, Mo., was born in Greene County, Mo., in 1844, the son of William and Frances C. (Cobb) Murrell. The paternal grandparents were natives of Tennessee, and the maternal of Germany. William Murrell was born in Tennessee, and there grew to manhood. He was married in that State, was a farmer by occupation, but moved to Greene County, Mo., where he was among the pioneers of that county, locating there about 1830. He organized a company for the Mexican War, was made captain of

the same, and served all through the war. He then returned to Greene County, Mo., where he died in 1848. The mother died in Webster County, Mo., at the age of sixty-two years. They were the parents of nine children, of whom William L. is the youngest. He was taken to Wright County by his mother when about nine years of age, here attaining his growth, and was here educated. When the Civil War broke out he was eighteen years of age, and he joined the Eighth Missouri Cavalry, Federal Army, being in service for three years. He was at the battles of Prairie Grove, Pea Ridge, Little Rock and Pumpkin Bend, on White River. He was mustered out at Little Rock, Ark., and then returned to Wright County, Mo., where he followed farming for several years, and still owns a farm. In 1876 he was elected sheriff of Wright County, and served two years. In 1862 he was elected collector of Wright County, served two years, and then retired from public life. After that time he was engaged on his farm until two years ago, since which time he has lived in Hartville, in order to educate his children. He was married in 1866 to Miss Sarah A. Boiles, a native of Tennessee, born in 1843, and to this union were born six children: Darthulia E., James M., William D., Noah A. and George C. One died in infancy. Mr. Murrell is a member of the Masonic fraternity and G. A. R., a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and is a Republican in politics.

Hon. Thomas H. Musick, attorney at law and proprietor of the *Southwest Republican*, a journal published weekly at Hartville, Mo., was born in Pike County, Mo., May 27, 1834. He attained his growth in his native county, and supplemented his common-school education with a course at Ashley Seminary. He afterward followed the profession of teaching in Pike County for ten years. About this time the Civil War broke out, and he joined the Ninth Missouri Cavalry, and served until the close of the war. Having read law while teaching, he was admitted to the bar at Danville, Mo., and located at Mexico, Mo., and there practiced law until 1880, when he went to Douglas County, of the same State, and there remained one year. He then moved to Wright County, Mo., entered upon the practice of his profession, and was thus engaged until 1885, when he purchased the *Wright County Republican*, which he changed to *Southwest Republican*, and which he still runs in connection with his law practice. Mr. Musick was elected prosecuting attorney of Wright County, Mo., in 1882, re-elected in 1884, and served until 1887. He was a Republican candidate for Congress, Eleventh Congressional District, in 1888, and reduced the Democratic majority from 3,598 to about 400. Mr. Musick was married January 20, 1863, to Miss Lois E. Pickett, who was born in Pike County, Mo., in 1846, and who became the mother of three children, two now living: Ida, now married to J. C. F. Clark, and Shelley. Cyril died at the age of three months. Mrs. Musick died in 1870, and two years later Mr. Musick married Miss Kate Taylor, and by this union became the father of two living children: Ruth V. and Lois E. Mr. Musick is the son of Rev. Lafreniere C. and Jane D. (Hayden) Musick. The law firm of which Mr. Musick is now a member is Musick & McKenney. Mr. McKenney is a man of long years of experience in the practice of law, and has practiced in some of the

highest courts of the country. Mr. Musick has been a consistent member of the Baptist Church for thirty-six years; has always been strictly abstemious, and an advocate of temperance and other reformatory measures. He is in favor of the equal rights of all before the law, and, as might be expected, is in favor of a strict enforcement of the law. Politically he was a Whig prior to 1860; since then he has been a steadfast, active and aggressive Republican. During his term as prosecuting attorney he was vigorous in his prosecution of criminals, but withal he was so just and kind in the discharge of his official duties that, contrary to the general experience of vigorous prosecutors, he made but few enemies by enforcing the law. Mr. Musick is a fluent and effective speaker, and pays more attention to bringing out the strong points than to mere oratory; yet, when he wishes, he can be very ornate in his language. He is a man of very cool, even temper, never permitting himself to be drawn into a quarrel, nor does he ever become perceptibly excited. But, notwithstanding this, his experience has proved that having a cool, even temper, and avoiding quarrels, will not always shield a man from the rough corners in life, for while he resided in Douglas County there was a most dastardly attempt made to take his life. He was sitting one evening, a little after dark, in his house in Ava, the county seat of Douglas County, with a babe on each knee, one of them being three years old and the other eleven months, when the would be assassin, in a stealthy, cowardly manner, slipped up and fired at him through the window. The ball struck him in the breast, and followed a rib round for about four inches, then glanced off and went through his right arm above the elbow, fracturing the bone down to the elbow. It also passed through the wrist of the youngest child, shattering it in a fearful manner. The child, had it lived, would have been a cripple, but it died about six months after. Mr. Musick's wounds were so severe that he was not really in a proper condition to attend to business for six months after receiving them, yet, such was his energy that he went into court in about four weeks after he was shot and tried a murder case with success. The only cause known for the dastardly act is the fact that Mr. Musick had been employed to prosecute the claim of an old blind man, on a plain promissory note, against his sons, who had scheduled against it, and it is supposed that he was shot to prevent his doing so. While Mr. Musick enjoys a large, laborious and lucrative practice, he finds time to devote himself assiduously to literary and scientific pursuits, for which he has a strong liking. He controls the county paper in such a manner that it has a circulation of something over 1,000 in this sparsely populated country. In addition to this he has written a monogram of fifty-six pages on the "Conservation of Forces," a deep and intricate subject, yet treated by him in such a way that any scientist can read it with pleasure and profit. He is now engaged in re-writing, revising and enlarging it, and it is thought by scientific men that when the revised edition appears it will attract an enlarged attention. William H. H. Musick, a younger brother, born on the 26th of June, 1840, edits the *Southwest Republican*, making it not only a good newspaper but an able and fearless investigator of all current public questions, as well as a journal of high literary merits, consider-

ing its rural location. He is a gentleman of indomitable energy and industry, correct habits and stern integrity.

Dr. Lewis E. Musick, physician and surgeon at Mountain Grove, Mo., and brother to Thomas H. and William H. Musick, was born in Montgomery County, Mo., January 27, 1836. The genealogy of the Musick family is traced back several generations to its origin in George Musick, who was picked up when a child as the only survivor of a shipwreck on the coast of Wales, and was called Musick because of his musical talents. Growing to manhood in that country, he had five sons: Alexis, George, David, Abram and Ephraim, all of whom immigrated to America, and settled in Spottsylvania County, Va., early in the eighteenth century. Thomas R. Musick, son of Ephraim, who married a Roy, was born in Spottsylvania County, Va., in 1757. He united with the Baptist Church, and entered the ministry at seventeen years of age. Soon after he immigrated to North Carolina, where he enlisted in the army, served through the Revolutionary War, was twice a prisoner to the British, and was at the surrender of Cornwallis. After the war he removed to Kentucky, where he married Mary Nevel. About 1801 he came to Missouri, and preached the first Protestant sermon west of the Mississippi. He was for many years pastor of Fee Fee Baptist Church, in St. Louis County, and was buried there in 1843. Capt. Lewis Musick, son of Thomas R., and grandfather to the subject of this sketch, was born in Kentucky about 1783. He married Mary Fitzwater, whose maternal grandfather was a Bean. Lewis Musick was a captain in the military service, fighting the Indians in Missouri from 1811 to 1815. He died in California in 1849. Rev. Lafreniere C. Musick, the father of Dr. L. E. Musick, was born in St. Louis County in 1815, and is now living in Audrain County, Mo. Dr. Musick's mother, Jane D. Hayden, daughter of Elisha, Jr., and Mary W. Hayden, was born in Todd County, Ky., in 1815. Elisha, Jr., was the son of Elisha Hayden, Sr., who married Jane Donaldson, the daughter of Samuel Donaldson. Her mother was a Bailey. Mary W. Hayden was a daughter of Joshua and Susannah Harrison, and was born in South Carolina. Joshua was born in Virginia, and his mother was Mary Elza. Elisha Hayden, Sr., was born in Virginia, and was the son of William Hayden, who married Mary Ann Waller. Elisha, Sr., was a Revolutionary soldier. The Haydens originally spelled the name Headen, and the family was of Irish extraction. Jane Donaldson's maternal grandmother was a Clayton. Susannah Harrison was a sister to Elisha Hayden, Sr. The Harrisons were related to Gov. Ben. Harrison of Virginia, and the Donaldsons, a branch of the family of that name distinguished in the history of Tennessee. Dr. Lewis E. Musick is a man of more than average natural endowments, and laid the foundation of a good English education in the common schools. He took sides with the Union during the Civil War, entered the service in 1861, and served until May 15, 1865, when failing health forced him to abandon his post of duty. He served as sergeant, lieutenant and captain. Dr. Musick was married in 1864 to Miss Margaret H. Lewis, a native of Missouri, born in 1850, and to them was born one child, Ada, wife of E. L. Shinkle, of Pittsburg, Kas. Mrs. Musick is the youngest child of the second

husband of Rebecca H. Lewis, whose first husband was her full cousin, and was named Walpole. The Walpoles are of English extraction, and related to the family of Sir Robert Walpole. Dr. Lewis E. Musick graduated from and took his degree in the American Medical College, St. Louis, Mo. He came to Mountain Grove in 1881, and here found an extensive business awaiting him. Dr. and Mrs. Musick are well preserved people for their years. He attributes this remarkable preservation of youthful vigor to a strict observance of nature's laws and superior hygienic treatment. He is a member of the G. A. R., and is a Republican in his politics.

Mrs. Mary Newton, widow of Andrew Newton, was born in Kentucky in 1827, the daughter of William and Huldah (Young) Rippey, natives of Virginia. They were married in Kentucky, and afterward moved to Indiana, when the subject of this sketch was a child. The father was a farmer by occupation, and died in Indiana, where the mother also passed the remainder of her days. The paternal grandfather died in Wright County, Mo., and the maternal grandfather died in Kentucky. Mrs. Newton was left an orphan at an early age, and was reared by an aunt, who took her to Missouri, and settled in Wright County. Here she grew to womanhood, and was married to Mr. Newton in 1843. To them were born fifteen children, ten now living: James, William, Sarah, wife of Thomas Montgomery; John, Frances E., wife of William W. Edington; George W., Mary, wife of Rufus Scott; Julia A., wife of C. J. Crain; Jesse A. and Barney. Those deceased are: Rettie, who died at the age of eleven years and five months; Huldah, who died at the age of nineteen months; Clementine, Susan, who died at the age of four months, and an infant son. Andrew Newton was born in Kentucky in 1819, and died February 27, 1881, at the age of sixty-two years. He was reared in Indiana, and came to Missouri in 1839, where he homesteaded 400 acres, which is still in the hands of the family. George, Jesse and Barney are at home.

Jeremiah Newton, assessor of Wright County, Mo., was born in Lawrence County, Ind., in 1837, being the son of Alexander and Sarah A. (Henderson) Newton. Alexander Newton was born (probably) in Virginia in 1812, and reared principally in Kentucky. He moved to Indiana before he was grown, and in 1839 moved to Missouri, settling in this county, and there died in 1878. He was a farmer by occupation. Sarah A. (Henderson) Newton was born in Indiana in 1815, and died in Missouri in 1888. They were the parents of twelve children, ten of whom grew to maturity. The paternal grandfather was born in Virginia, was a farmer, and had a brother who fought in the War of 1812, and was never afterward heard of. Jeremiah Newton was next to the eldest child in order of birth. He was but a child when his parents moved to Missouri, and although he never attended school, he has a good knowledge of books by his own personal application. He was reared on his present farm, and in 1865 he was united in marriage to Miss Harriet J. Wynn, a native of West Tennessee, born in 1844. Eight children were the result of this union, only two now living. The children are named as follows: Rufus L., who died at the age of one year; Robert A., who died at the age of five years; John A., died at the age of four; Adella, when three years of age, and

Ida, died when an infant; Franklin is living; Docia E. and Julian. The mother of these children died in 1880. In 1876 Mr. Newton was elected to the office of county assessor, and was re-elected in 1878. After being out of office for four years he was elected, in 1884, and again in 1886, to the assessor's office, which he has filled in a capable and efficient manner. He has about 180 acres of good land, and is a successful farmer. Of the six brothers of the Newton family all are members of the Masonic fraternity. Mr. Newton is an excellent citizen, and has the respect of all who know him. During the fifteen years spent with his wife not one word of disagreement has passed between them.

Mrs. Mary J. Nichols, widow of Lazarus Nichols, was born in the "Blue Grass State," and is the daughter of Pleasant and Elizabeth (Cowden) McClure, also natives of Kentucky. They came to Missouri when our subject was about grown, settling in Webster County, near Waldo Post-office, and there passed their last days. The mother died in 1866 or 1867, and the father in 1886. Mrs. Mary J. Nichols was married to Mr. Lazarus Nichols about the close of the war, and to this union were born seven children: Laura, wife of Alexander Barnett; George, Narcissus, wife of J. G. Piatt; J. C., Lola, wife of A. N. Allen; Hattie and Charley. The youngest son accidentally received a gunshot wound, which terminated fatally for him eight days after the accident occurred. After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Nichols moved on the farm where Mrs. Nichols is now living, and there the family was reared. Mr. Nichols was a native of Kentucky, and was an early settler of Missouri. He was a man of industry, who accumulated much wealth in Wright County, and left to his family 800 acres of good land. He died in this county in 1877, and his son George is living on the farm and taking care of his mother, and looking after the interest of the farm. He was born in 1866, and received his education in the district schools and at Hartville, Marshfield and Seymour. J. C. Nichols attended the Christian Brothers College in St. Louis, and also attended the school at Marionville. The mother and all her daughters are members of the Baptist Church.

William C. Odell, a successful farmer and stock raiser of Union Township, Wright Co., Mo., was born in Pulaski County of that State in 1837, and is the son of Samuel and Mary L. (Devashier) Odell, and grandson of Enoch Odell, who was born in Virginia, and who was an old soldier in Jackson's war. He married and lived in Tennessee, and was the father of three sons and five daughters. He moved to Missouri, where he died. The paternal great-grandfather was a native of Virginia. The Odells were of Irish descent, and the Devashiers were of German, Grandfather Devashier coming from Germany. Samuel Odell was born in White County, Tenn., October 30, 1800, and attained his growth in his native State. He was married in White County, Tenn., to Miss Cynthia Walker, who bore him seven children. They afterward moved to Illinois, but six years later moved to Missouri, locating in Pulaski County, and lived on the Osage Fork of the Gasconade until 1881, when he received his final summons. He was one of the pioneer men of this section of the country. His second wife, Mrs. Mary L. (Devashier) Odell, was born in Maury County,

Tenn., in 1815, and died in December, 1888; she became the mother of nine children by her marriage, eight of whom grew to manhood. Abraham, one of the sons, was a Federal soldier, and was killed in the battle of Pleasant Hill, La. William Odell was married in 1858 to Miss Mary Randolph, who bore him eight children: James S., Enoch B., Mary A., wife of Thomas Colton; A. F., a young man, who has not attained his majority, but who weighs 203 pounds, and has traveled all over the United States; Isaac, Jacob, Billy and Cynthia. Mr. Odell was a member of Company B, Forty-sixth Missouri Infantry, and received his discharge at Springfield, Mo. He is a successful, enterprising farmer, and is the owner of 200 acres of land. He is a member of the Missionary Baptist Church, is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and is a Democrat in his political views.

W. W. Oliver, of Wright County, Mo., was born in Guilford County, N. C., November 7, 1833, the son of Allen and Mariah (Williams) Oliver, both natives of Rockingham County, N. C., and born in 1812 and 1814, respectively. The father died in his native county January 1, 1875, and the mother in North Carolina in 1858. W. W. Oliver was married in Guilford County, N. C., in 1852, to Miss Unica Calhoun, who bore him four children: Mariah, wife of Floyd M. Todd, and the mother of six children; James A., a native of Guilford County, N. C.; William H., born in Putnam County, Ind., and R. P., who was also born in Putnam County, Ind. Each of Mr. Oliver's children are well provided for, and are on farms of their own. Mr. Oliver moved to Indiana in 1856, and after remaining there for about ten years, where he rented land and followed agricultural pursuits for a livelihood, moved to Wright County, Mo. He here purchased a farm, and went to work with a determination to succeed, which by his industry and enterprise he eventually did. He now has about 500 acres, and has provided well for his children. Mr. Oliver started life without a cent, and is a fair example of what can be accomplished by push and energy. He is the model farmer of the county, and for neatness and economy has no superior anywhere. While in Indiana, and during the war, Mr. Oliver was a member of the State Militia. He is a charter member of the Masonic fraternity, a Master Mason, a member of the Missionary Baptist Church, and is a Republican politically.

Col. R. Boone Palmer. Prominent among the enterprising and successful citizens of Wright County, Mo., and among those deserving special recognition for their long residence in the county, stands the name of the above-mentioned gentleman, who was born in Pickens District, S. C., in 1816. He is the son of John and Nancy (Boone) Palmer, and the grandson, on his mother's side, of Ratcliff Boone, a relative of Daniel Boone. The paternal grandfather was a native of Virginia, and one of the pioneers of South Carolina. John Palmer, so far as known, was a native of South Carolina, and in that State was married to Miss Nancy Boone, who was also a native of South Carolina. After marriage he moved to Georgia, where he farmed until his death. They were the parents of eight children, six now living, of whom Col. Palmer is next to the eldest in order of birth. He moved with his parents to Georgia, there grew to manhood, and there, at the

age of nineteen, was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Nix, who bore these children: William, Benjamin and Joseph; three died, two in infancy. One, Lucinda, was married to Noah Claxton, and before her death bore him two children. Col. Palmer moved to Missouri in October, 1840. He intended going to Texas, but finally located in what is now Wright County, where he purchased land, and was one of the pioneers of the place. Early in 1840 he was elected associate judge of the county court, and finally elected president. During one of his terms of office county warrants were raised in value from 50 to 95 cents on the dollar. He served as county judge for a period of four or five years. In the spring of 1849 he left Hartville and went overland to California, there following mining, and made \$3,000 cash. He also followed ranching in that State, and in 1853 he returned by Panama and New Orleans to his family in Wright County, Mo., where he farmed until the opening of the war. He was then appointed colonel of the Seventy-third Enrolled Missouri Militia, to guard home properly. In 1862 he was elected to the Legislature, and was re-elected in 1864 for two years more. He remained with that body until the close of the war. After that event he made a race for State senator, but was counted out. In 1870 he ran for the State Senate on the issue of enfranchisement, and was elected, serving four years. He was a member of the committee on education, and visited Kirksville Normal, and School of Mines and Metallurgy at Rolla. He is the author of the original bill in Missouri for the regulation of carrying concealed or exposed weapons. In 1879 Col. Palmer was elected as an Independent Democrat to the State Legislature, and served two years. He is official reporter for Wright County to the Agricultural Department of the United States. He is independent in his political views as well as in his religion, and is one of the leading men of the county. He has sold \$5,000 worth of land, and has much on hand still. He is a member of the Wright County bar, being the oldest member, with one exception, in the county. In June, 1888, he traveled all through Illinois, Kentucky, Ohio and Indiana, and visited Lexington and the monument and homestead of Henry Clay, and although his early education was rather deficient, he has, by experience gained in traveling, and by his close application to study between business hours, become a well-informed man on any subject. He is now seventy-two years of age, is hale and hearty, and occasionally goes on hunting expeditions with his pack of hounds.

Judge T. H. Patterson, of Mansfield, Wright County, Mo., was born in Indiana, on the 9th of April, 1826, and was there reared to manhood and educated in the common schools, becoming, in after years, a popular local educator of Clark County. On the 17th of March, 1859, he was married to Miss Elizabeth Hunter, who was born in Pennsylvania, in 1831, but was reared in Indiana. She was also a successful teacher in the public schools of that State, and has taught one term of school since coming to Missouri. Of a number of children born to them, only one is known to be living at the present time, Hannah Florence. Thomas A. left home, and has not been heard from for five years. Those deceased are George W., aged three years; Margaret, an infant; Robert R., aged fourteen years; John, aged

ten years, and Mary E., who was a public school-teacher of Wright and Webster Counties, and while visiting friends in another portion of the State took sick, and died quite suddenly. Her birth occurred in September, 1863, and her death July 24, 1888. The mother of these children died December 13, 1878. During the late war Judge Patterson served in Company C, Forty-fourth Indiana Infantry, and after the cessation of hostilities came to Missouri and located in Newton County, where he lived three years, and was engaged in pedagogueing. In 1871 he came to where Mansfield now is, where he followed the same occupation, and was also engaged in tilling the soil. He has held the office of justice of the peace for a number of years, and has also served one term of four years as presiding judge of the Wright County Court. He was a high license man for several years. He is a Republican in politics, a member of the Christian Church, and owns a good farm of 160 acres. His father, Robert Patterson, was a native of County Down, Ireland, and was born about 1789. After leaving there he lived in Scotland some time, and in 1811 came to America, and joined the United States troops in the War of 1812. He located in Maryland, and was there married to Miss Hannah Hill, and soon afterward moved to Kentucky, thence to Indiana, dying in the latter State, on Christmas Day, 1852. His wife was born in Maryland in 1797, and died in Clark County, Ind., in 1884. They were the parents of three sons and four daughters. Two of the daughters and one son are now living.

John T. Pope, attorney at law and prosecuting attorney-elect of Wright County, Mo., was born in Davidson County, N. C., January 25, 1849, son of Thomas and Mary A. (Hale) Pope. The father was also born in North Carolina, in November, 1819, and was a tiller of the soil. To his marriage were born seven children, four now living. Mr. Pope is still living, and is a resident of North Carolina. His wife, Mrs. Mary A. (Hale) Pope, died in 1862, at the age of thirty-seven years. The Pope family are of Pennsylvania Dutch descent, and the grandfather, Isaac Pope, was born in Maryland, and immigrated to North Carolina at an early date. He was one of the early settlers of that State, and was a farmer by occupation. The maternal grandfather, John Hale, was of Scotch descent. Edward Hale, uncle of subject, published the *Fayetteville Observer*, at Fayetteville, N. C., and his son is Hale, the publisher at New York City. John T. Pope left North Carolina at the age of nineteen years, and came direct to Wright County, Mo., where he located and received a good common-school education in Davidson and Bethany Academy, North Carolina. He taught school, read law at the same time, and when his term of school was over, he commenced the practice of law. He served as superintendent of public schools from 1870 to 1872, and then county attorney for four years. He was elected prosecuting attorney of the county, and re-elected in 1878. He has dealt extensively in real estate in Wright County, and now owns more than 1,000 acres with good titles. He was married, in Wright County, to Miss Mattie A. Bryant, a native of Phelps County, Mo., who bore him six children: Charles E., Guy C., Otto D., Thomas A., Alith, and Ruth,

who died at the age of four months. Mr. Pope is a Republican politically, and one of the representative men of the county.

S. E. Pope, attorney at law at Hartville, is a native of Davidson County, N. C., born October 17, 1861, and entered Trinity College in 1878, joining the Sophomore class, but left two years later on account of failing health. He came to Missouri, and afterward went to Tom Green County, Tex. In 1884 he returned to Missouri, locating at Hartville, in Wright County, and there he has remained ever since. He was admitted to the bar, and became a practicing attorney at the September term of the circuit court in the year 1888. He was married August 2, 1888, to Miss Fannie Hart, and has one child, Emma Leigh. Attorney Ed. Pope, as he is familiarly called by the people at Hartville, is one of the self-made and rising men of whom Wright County can justly be proud. On being admitted to the bar he became a member of the firm in which he had studied, the firm becoming known as Mansfield & Pope, and he is also a member of the real estate firm of Pope & Stewart. This last named firm have the only complete set of abstract books in Wright County. Mr. Pope is an attorney of unusual ability, and does a large business in the county. He is the son of Thomas and Mary A. (Hale) Pope. The maternal grandfather, John L. Hale, was a native of North Carolina, and the maternal grandmother's maiden name was Hunt.

Hon. Joseph P. Raney, at present a retired merchant of Mountain Grove, Mo., was born in Pulaski County, Ky., in 1833, the son of William and Lucy (Graves) Raney, and is the grandson, on his mother's side, of Robert Graves, who was a native of North Carolina. The paternal grandfather was a native of Ireland, and after immigrating to the United States settled in North Carolina. The maternal grandmother, who was a Leighton, was of Carolina stock. William Raney was a native of Era, Ky., and was a farmer by occupation. He was married in his native State, and came to Macon County, Mo., in 1839, where he followed agricultural pursuits until 1854, when he received his final summons. Mrs. Lucy (Graves) Raney was born in 1803, and died in Shelby County, Mo., in 1874. William Graves, an uncle of Hon. Joseph P. Raney, has been a minister in the Baptist Church for over sixty years, and is now in his eighty-sixth year. He rides on horseback, and is still active in his ministerial duties. Hon. Joseph P. Raney grew to maturity in Macon County, Mo., and his early school advantages were limited. This he improved materially by his own individual efforts, and is considered a well-informed man on every subject. He was married in 1867 to Miss M. E. Grass. She was born in Indiana, and died in 1861. One child, who is now deceased, was born to this union. In 1862 Mr. Raney enlisted in the Union Army, Company M, First Arkansas Cavalry Volunteers, at Springfield, and was in service from July 22, 1862, to February 27, 1865. He participated in the battles of Prairie Grove, Fayetteville, and was in several severe skirmishes. He entered the service as a private, but was immediately promoted to the rank of orderly-sergeant, and later to first lieutenant, at Berryville, Ark., in March, 1864. He was mustered out as lieutenant February 27, 1865, because of disability, and now, for diseases contracted in the army, he receives a pen-

sion of \$7 per month. After the war Mr. Raney located in Barry County, Mo., and was the first sheriff of that county after the war, being elected in 1865. He served one term, and then entered the saw-mill business, which he continued until September, 1867. He then left Barry County and moved to Wright County, Mo., locating one and a half miles east of Hartville, and was there engaged in tilling the soil. Later he engaged in merchandising with William Young, of that place, but abandoned that in the fall of 1870, and was elected to the Missouri Legislature. He served out that period, and later was elected to the position of treasurer, which he filled for two years. In 1882 he was re-elected to the Legislature, served that period, and then moved to Mountain Grove. He engaged in merchandising here in 1882, and entered the firm of J. P. Raney & Co. In 1884 the firm title changed to Robertson, Raney & Co. John Cundee became a member of the firm in 1885. Mr. Raney retired, sold to Dr. J. R. Carson, and remained out of business until November, 1885, when he engaged in business at Hartville, but later moved his stock to Mountain Grove, and became associated with J. Raine & Co. He sold out in 1888, and is now retired. He was married to M. M. V. Quigg (Weaver), and six children were the result of this union, five now living: William, Lucy M., Dorcas P., James and Joseph H. The one deceased was named Guy, who died when young. Mr. Raney's second wife died in October, 1884, and he was married in May, 1888, to Miss Nancy W. Thomas, who was born in Shelby County, Mo. Mr. Raney is a member of the A. F. & A. M., and also the G. A. R. He is a member of the Baptist Church.

J. W. Rippee, druggist at Cedar Gap, Wright County, Mo., was born in Webster County, Mo., in 1850, the son of John and Catherine (Newton) Rippee, and grandson of William Rippee, who died when John Rippee was small, and hence no account of him. John Rippee was born in Kentucky in 1822, and grew to manhood in Indiana. He came to Missouri in 1837, locating in what is now Webster County, but then Pulaski, and is one of the pioneer men of the place. He is still alive; was married in Pulaski County, and is still a resident of Webster. His wife, Catherine Newton, was born in Indiana in 1833, and by her marriage became the mother of ten children, eight now living, and J. W. Rippee being the eldest in order of birth. He was reared in Webster County on a farm, and remained on the same until June 19, 1888, when he was united in marriage to Miss Melissa Potter, of Douglas County, Mo., born in 1869, and the daughter of William Potter, one of the early settlers. Mrs. Rippee received a common-school education, and is a refined and much esteemed lady. Mr. Rippee embarked in the drug business in May, 1887, and owns a half interest in the establishment. He also owns forty acres of land in Barry County, Mo. In politics, he is a Republican.

Mrs. Nancy Robinett, widow of James H. Robinett, was born in Tennessee in 1841, the daughter of Johanan and Sarah (McRoberts) Smith. The father was born in Tennessee in 1812, and came to Missouri in 1853. He has followed agricultural pursuits all his life, and is yet living. He is residing with his daughter. The mother was born in Tennessee in 1812, and is also alive, and resides with her

daughter. They were the parents of five children, two now living, Mrs. Nancy Robinett and Francis Smith. The paternal grandfather, Johanan Smith, was a native of North Carolina, was a farmer by occupation, and died in Tennessee in 1857, at the age of eighty-three. He was of Irish descent. James H. Robinett was born in North Carolina in 1827, went to Tennessee with his parents when a boy, and when still quite young moved with them to Missouri. They settled in Wright County in 1838, and there his father, Jesse Robinett, entered land. The mother was Mrs. Frances (Jones) Robinett. Jesse Robinett was one of the pioneers of the county, and accumulated a great many acres of land during his life. He was for years one of the leading men of the county, and was judge of the county court. He was also appointed sheriff of the county, which position he held during the war. He was in the Federal army, and was a member of the Eighth Missouri State Militia. He died in Wright County, Mo., in 1881. He was the father of twelve children, all now living: James H., John, Charlie, Jesse A., Winfield, Lincoln, Frances, Nancy, Wilson, Avi, Cleo and Rebecca. There are now 1,300 acres of land in the Robinett estate. Mrs. Robinett is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and is of Irish extraction. The Robinetts are of French. The voters of the family are Republicans in politics. Winfield Robinett attended school at Drury College, Springfield, Mo., and Jesse Allen, Charles and John also attended the same institution. James is a graduate of Eastman's Business College. Winfield was born February 11, 1868, and took a three years' course in school. He traveled through Kansas, Nebraska, Illinois, North Dakota and the Dominion of Canada, and was absent a year and a half.

J. H. Robinett, of the general mercantile firm of I. L. Hart & Co., of Norwood, Mo., was born on the 3d of August, 1861, and is a son of Judge J. H. Robinett, a short history of whom is given in the sketch of Nancy Robinett. Our subject received a high-school education, and completed his business course in the Eastman National Business College at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and has a life membership in the same. He returned to Wright County, Mo., in 1882, and farmed one year, after which he engaged in the mercantile business with C. Lehman & Co., at Norwood. After being associated with that firm for about one and a half years, he withdrew, and went to Mountain Grove, where he was occupied in business for two years. His eyes had been troubling him for some time, and one year was then spent in having them treated. He was married to Miss Sarah N. Lee, who was born in Wright County in 1855, and their union has resulted in the birth of four children: Mabel, Oliver L., Annie and Nena. Mr. Robinett is one of the rising young men of Wright County, and is a shrewd and successful business man. He is a Republican in politics, and belongs to the A. F. & A. M. fraternity.

G. J. Roote is an extensive manufacturer and dealer in railroad lumber at Mansfield, and was born in Waukesha County, Wis., in 1845, being a son of Eleazer and Laura (Jenkins) Roote. The father was born in Columbia County, N. Y., March 6, 1802, and graduated from Williams College, Massachusetts, in 1821, being admitted to the bar

of the supreme court of New York three years later. He was then engaged in practicing law until 1830, but was then compelled to go to a warmer climate on account of his health. From that time until 1845 he made his home in Virginia, then moved to Waukesha County, Wis., where he became the chief promoter and founder of Carroll College. In 1847 he was elected a member of the Second Constitutional Convention from his county, and was substantially the author of the present educational article in the constitution for the State of Wisconsin, as well as that providing for and founding a State University. In 1848 he was elected superintendent of public instruction, being re-elected to the office in 1852 and 1854, but at the latter date ill-health again forced him to return South, and, having taken orders in the Protestant Episcopal Church, he was for three years rector of Trinity Church, St. Augustine, Fla. He was first married to Miss Hannah Dayton, of Hudson, N. Y., and secondly to Miss Laura Jenkins, who was born in New York City in 1815. She became the mother of four children, and died in 1876. Mr. Roote died July 25, 1887, at St. Augustine, Fla. His father was a native of Connecticut, and was a physician by profession. He was a descendant of Thomas Roote who emigrated from England at an early day and settled in Northampton, Mass. The maternal great-grandfather of our subject, Thomas Jenkins, was born at Nantucket, Mass., and amassed a great deal of wealth. He was a large ship owner, and was one of the chief founders of Hudson, N. Y. His son, Gilbert, was also a ship owner, and for over thirty years was a collector of the port at Hudson, N. Y. The latter's daughter, Laura, was the mother of the gentleman whose name heads this sketch, G. J. Roote. The latter was educated in Ripon College, Wis., but in 1863 left his studies to enter the Federal army, and was a faithful soldier until 1866. His literary and other mental endowments were soon recognized, and he became a clerk in the adjutant-general's office, under Maj.-Gen. Thomas. His ability as a clerk was very remarkable, and during all his wearisome routine of duty not one of his records was returned for correction. At the close of the war he wrote the history of the Fourteenth Army Corps. For several years after the war he was in the employ of different publishing companies, and then engaged in the real estate business in Jefferson County, Mo., but after some time went to Alabama, where he and a brother established the *Tuscumbia Chronicle*, a weekly journal, but sold out in 1874, returned to Missouri, and located in Wright County in 1884, where he engaged in prospecting and mining. In 1885 Mr. Roote became editor of the *Wright County Republican*, but the following year embarked in his present work, and does an annual business of \$30,000. He is an uncompromising Union man, a strong Republican, and was the prime mover in establishing the G. A. R. post at Mansfield, and has been its Commander since its organization. He was married in 1872 to Mrs. Elizabeth Fotheringham, nee Bryan, who was born in Ste. Genevieve County, Mo., in 1844. Mr. Roote was the Republican candidate for the Legislature from Wright County in the late election.

Andrew Ross, judge of probate court of Wright County, Mo., was born in Polk County, Mo., April 27, 1841, the son of Henry and Mary

E. (Tarbutton) Ross, and grandson of Samuel Ross, who was a native of Kentucky, was a farmer by occupation, and received his final summons in his native State. The maternal grandfather was also a native of Kentucky, also a farmer by occupation, and died in Wright County, Mo. Henry Ross was born in Kentucky February 21, 1816, and left his native State at the age of sixteen, and in 1836 moved to Wright County, Mo., settling in the western part of the county. He remained there until 1868, when he moved to Polk County, Mo., and there he still resides. During the Civil War he was on the Federal side, in the Eighth Missouri State Militia, but only served one year. He was also in the Indian War. His wife, Mary E. (Tarbutton) Ross, was a native of Kentucky, born in 1824, and remained in her native State until sixteen years of age, when she came to Polk County, Mo. Here she married Mr. Ross, and to them were born nine children, eight of whom grew to maturity. Mrs. Ross died April 4, 1860. Judge Ross attained his growth in Wright County, Mo., on a farm, and secured a rather limited education in the common schools. This he greatly improved by individual study, and is considered a well-informed man on any subject. He was married to Miss Marjery Newton, daughter of William and Nancy Newton, and the result of this happy union was the birth of eight children, six now living: John H., Nancy E., Arthur A., Flora A., Mary A. and Naomi J. Those deceased are Jesse A., at the age of two years, and William N., at the age of three months. Judge Ross was in the Federal army, first in Phelps' regiment and afterward in Company L, First Missouri Cavalry Volunteers. He enlisted in August, 1862, and was discharged June 17, 1865. October 10, 1867, he lost his hand and half way to his elbow, just after the war, in a cane-mill. In 1868 he was elected assessor of Wright County, and re-elected in 1870. He was elected justice of the peace several times, and in 1884 was elected probate judge, and is the present incumbent. He owns 178 acres of land four miles north of Cedar Gap, and is a successful farmer and a prominent citizen. Judge Ross is a member of the Baptist Church, was ordained a minister in the same about six years ago, and has acted as a local preacher ever since. He has had charge of Pleasant View and Mansfield Churches. He is a Republican in politics; is a member and Chaplain of the G. A. R. at Mansfield.

A. J. Rudd, postmaster at Mountain Grove, Wright Co., Mo., was born in Greene County of the same State in 1864, and is the son of P. W. and Delilah (Messimar) Rudd, and grandson of William A. Rudd, who was a native of Scotland. He immigrated to America and located in North Carolina. The maternal grandfather, Peter Messimar, was a native of Germany, and immigrated to America at an early date. He located in Tennessee, but afterward moved to Georgia, where he now resides, and, although ninety-seven years of age, enjoys excellent health. P. W. Rudd was born in Cassville, N. C., but immigrated to Georgia, where he married Miss Messimar. He was a farmer by occupation, also a dealer in real estate and a merchant. He came to Missouri in 1859, and located in Greene County in 1866, but left that county and went to Washington County, Ark. After remaining in that State for a year he returned to Missouri, locating at Hart-

ville, Wright County, and there followed the law and real estate business. He came to Mountain Grove in 1884; was appointed postmaster August 30, 1885, and served until his death, which occurred January 21, 1888. To Mr. and Mrs. Rudd were born nine children, seven of whom are now living, A. J. Rudd being the eldest son. He was married February 24, 1884, to Miss Jennie L. Rippee, who was born in 1863. She is now the mother of two children, Audrey L. and Ada. Mrs. Rudd is still in school, though married and a mother. She attended school at Richmond, Mo., before marriage, and was a teacher in Tennessee at the time of marriage. She is of a decidedly literary taste, and contemplates completing a classical course and still further pursue the business of teaching. Mr. Rudd, besides being postmaster, is a full partner with F. M. Garner in the hardware firm of Rudd & Garner. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. lodge, and is a decided Democrat in his political principles. Mrs. Rudd is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Rev. John A. Russell, minister of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, of Brush Creek Township, Wright Co., Mo., was born in Alabama in 1851, the son of Samuel C. and Sarah G. (Crawford) Russell, and the grandson on his mother's side of Joseph Crawford, who was a minister in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Coffee County, Middle Tennessee. He was man of much ability, had a good English education, and became preceptor to many young men who entered the ministry. He died at the advanced age of over ninety years. The maternal great-grandfather was of Scotch-Irish descent, and was born in the Emerald Isle. He came to America about the first of the present century, and was the father of ten children, seven sons and three daughters. Of the seven sons, four are ministers, and one a physician. Samuel C. Russell was also a native of Alabama, and was married in Tennessee to Sarah G. Crawford, who bore him five children, of whom Rev. John A. Russell is the eldest. The parents moved to Tennessee in about 1852, and from there to Missouri in 1857 or 1858, locating in Wright County, two miles south of Hartville. Here the father died May 17, 1864. He was all through the Mexican War. His wife followed him to the grave June 18, 1864. The Russells are of Irish descent. Rev. John A. Russell was reared on a farm, and educated in Wright County and in Arkansas. He commenced studying for the ministry in 1878, and joined the church October 12 of that year. He was licensed to preach March 30, 1879, on the first essay he wrote, and was ordained in October, 1880, at Mount Moriah Church, Wright County, Springfield Presbytery. He preached for seven years at Norwood, and from 1883 to 1888 at Phillipsburg Church. He is the owner of 250 acres of land, but expects to devote his whole time to the ministry. He was married in November, 1875, to Miss Tennessee McClannahan, who was born in Tennessee May 25, 1854, and who is the daughter of Philip McClannahan. Her father came to Missouri about 1872, and died about 1874, at the age of sixty years. He was a successful tiller of the soil. To Mr. and Mrs. Russell were born six children: Floyd, Elmer E., Holan, Cora I., Vance E. and De Witt T. Mr. Russell followed the teacher's profession for about ten years, and was school commissioner of Wright County for four

years. He is a member of the Wheel, a member of the Masonic fraternity, and is a Democrat in his political views.

Samuel O. Shields, collector-elect of Wright County, Mo., was born in Pulaski County, Mo., in 1849, the son of Arnett and Nancy (Richardson) Shields. Arnett Shields was born in Roane County, Tenn., February 14, 1816, was a farmer by occupation, and came to Missouri in May, 1837, locating in what is now Wright County, and died there February 3, 1888. He was one of the associate judges of Wright County Court during the war. He enlisted for the Mexican War, but his company was not called out. During the Civil War he was a member of the Twenty-fourth Missouri Regiment Volunteers, but was discharged on account of being too old. He was married twice, in Missouri, his second wife being Miss Nancy Richardson, who bore him eight children, who grew to maturity. There were three children by the first wife, one of whom is now alive. Samuel O. Shields grew to manhood in Wright County, and has acquired a limited education by personal application. He was married at the age of twenty-one years to Miss Sarah J. Smith, who bore him four children, three now living: John, Arnett and Charles. The one deceased was named David. Mr. Shields has been engaged in farming, and for the past six or eight years has been occupied in trading in stock, shipping and driving cattle. He is the owner of 460 acres of land. He is a Democrat in politics, and was elected collector on the Labor ticket. His paternal grandfather was a native of Tennessee, and came to Missouri in 1837, where he died in Webster County, at the age of sixty-five years. He was a soldier in the War of 1812. The paternal great-grandfather was a native of Ireland, who immigrated to America, and located in Tennessee. The Richardsons were originally from Tennessee. Mr. Shields is one of the enterprising, progressive men of the county, and is respected, and esteemed by all who know him.

James A. Simpson, mayor of Mountain Grove, Wright County, Mo., and proprietor of Mountain Grove Marble Works, was born in Cannon County, Tenn., September 7, 1846, being the son of John A. and Margaret (Cherry) Simpson, and grandson of Valentine Simpson, who was a native of North Carolina, and was a farmer by occupation. He moved from his native State to Tennessee, and there resided until an old man, when he immigrated to Oregon County, Mo., and here received his final summons. He was born in 1790, and died in 1865. He was said to have been a soldier in the Black Hawk War. The paternal great-grandfather, Peter Simpson, was a native of North Carolina, and immigrated to Tennessee, where he died. The name Simpson is purely English. The maternal grandfather was born in North Carolina, and also immigrated to Tennessee, where he died. The maternal grandmother, Sarah Cherry, was a descendant of English ancestors. John A. Simpson, father of subject, was born in Tennessee February 27, 1821, and there grew to manhood and was married. He immigrated to Missouri in 1851, and located in Lawrence County, removing in 1861 to Randolph County, Ark., where he died in 1865. He was in the Confederate service during the late war, and participated in a number of battles. Margaret (Cherry) Simpson is still living, and resides in Lawrence County, Mo. She is the mother of eight children, of whom

James A. Simpson is the eldest. He was reared to man's estate in Lawrence County, Mo., received a common-school education, and came to Wright County, Mo., in 1873, where he was married to Miss Helen R. Ellis, a native of Wright County, Mo., born in 1852. Seven children were the fruits of this union: Loren E., Margaret E., Verona J., Annie V., John W., Francis Edward and James Arthur. Mr. Simpson followed farming until 1883, and then engaged in the marble business, which he has since continued, and does all his own work. He is also the owner of three houses and lots. He was elected justice of the peace of Mountain Grove Township in 1886, elected mayor in 1887, and filled the office of city treasurer for one year, previous to being elected to the position of mayor. He is a Democrat in politics, and is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, being a trustee of the same. Mr. Simpson comes of long-lived ancestors on both the paternal and maternal sides, having seen all his grandparents except the grandmother on his father's side, and in infancy was held in the arms of his great-grandparents on his father's side.

Mrs. Margaret Smith, widow of Henry Smith, of Pleasant Valley Township, Wright Co., Mo., was born in Roane County, E. Tenn., in 1826. She is a daughter of Daniel and Jane (Mattox) White, the father having lived all his life in Tennessee, where he was engaged in farming. After his death his widow with her six children came to Missouri. Margaret Smith grew to womanhood in Tennessee, and was married there, in October, 1851, to Henry Smith, who was a native of the "Old North State," born in 1824. He was taken by his people to Tennessee when a boy, and there grew to manhood. While a young man he served in the Mexican War, and after his return he and Mrs. Smith were married, came to Missouri in 1852, and located in Webster County, but at the end of two years came to Wright County, and located on their present farm. Mr. Smith entered the Union army, Company B, First Missouri Cavalry, and served about three years. His health at this time became very much impaired, but he has never applied for a pension. After his return home he was engaged in farming until his death, in 1880. He left a valuable 500-acre upland and bottom farm, which is still in possession of the family, with the exception of twenty-seven acres, which were sold for \$50 per acre. Mrs. Smith became the mother of six children, five of whom are living: Eliza, wife of John A. Hensley; Houston, Huldah E., wife of Gid. M. Hensley; William J. and Samuel Lafayette. Her oldest child, Alexander, was born in 1852, and died in 1881, leaving a wife and three children. The family attend the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Smith was a Republican in politics.

J. C. Spence, a prominent merchant of Mansfield, Mo., was born in Roane County, E. Tenn., in 1830, and was the sixth child born to the marriage of Robert and Margaret (Alexander) Spence, who were early immigrants to Tennessee, where they were married and reared their family of eight children. In 1853 they immigrated to Wright County, Mo., where they were engaged in farming and spent the remainder of their days. The father's ancestors, paternal and maternal, who were of Scotch and Irish descent, immigrated to America prior to the Revolutionary War, and served in that conflict, the latter being

in the battle of King's Mountain, where he had his "bee gum" hat pierced by seven bullets. The hat was kept in the family as a relic for many years. J. C. Spence, whose name heads this sketch, was the first of his father's children to leave the paternal roof to seek his fortune. While they were still residents of Tennessee he came to Missouri (in 1852), having been previously married to Miss Sarah E. Osborn, a native of Tennessee. She only lived two years after her marriage, their only child dying the same week that his mother did. Soon after this sad event Mr. Spence went to California, and remained on the Pacific slope for eleven years, and finally, after mining without success for several years, turned his attention to stock dealing, in which business he was quite successful. In 1868 he returned to Wright County, and engaged in merchandising, farming and stock trading, but after a time gave up the two latter employments, and since 1882 has been a resident of Mansfield, and has given his attention to merchandising. The first year of his residence in the town he built a barn and was occupied in the livery business, but soon sold out, and has since given his attention to his store. On invoicing his stock of goods January 1, 1889, it amounted to about \$10,000. He has good town property, and is considered one of the wealthy citizens of the county. He is a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and is a Democrat in his political views.

Edward H. Stewart, attorney at law and member of the real estate firm of Pope & Stewart, of Hartville, Mo., was born in Buffalo, Dallas Co., Mo., in 1865, and was reared and educated in that State. He received more than average educational advantages from his earliest childhood, and being of a literary turn of mind, coupled with a studious temperament during his college course at Marionville Collegiate Institute, graduated with honors from that institution in 1884, having laid the foundation of a good English education. After leaving school he went to Texas County, Mo., where he engaged in the profession of teaching. He afterward became editor of the *Record*, a journal published at Cabool. Hard study at college caused Mr. Stewart's eyes to become affected, and he went to Wichita, Kas., where he joined a corps of civil engineers then in the employ of the Missouri Pacific Railroad Company, and helped locate 4,000 miles of railroad, in Kansas and Colorado. He afterward left the employ of the company, and engaged at a better salary with the Denver & Rio Grande Railway Company. He worked through Colorado, New Mexico and Utah Territories. Having regained his health, Mr. Stewart returned to Missouri in October, 1887. Having previously studied law, he was admitted to the bar at Hartville, Mo., in September, 1888. Since that time he and Attorney S. E. Pope have organized the real estate firm of Pope & Stewart. They are doing an extensive land, insurance and loan business. Mr. Stewart is a genuine Democrat by conviction, his ancestors having been Republicans. During the campaign of 1888 he stumped Wright County in favor of Grover Cleveland's administration. His efforts on the stump signalized his ability, and have been the cause of his being offered various honorable and remunerative positions outside of Wright County. Mr. Stewart is the son of A. J. and Anna (Gay) Stewart, and

the grandson on his mother's side of William Gay, who was a native of Kentucky, and who was a colonel in the Creek and Seminole War. He became a pioneer of California, and lived near Oroville, where he amassed considerable property, and where he spent his declining years. He died in 1875. The maternal great-grandfather was a native of England, and the maternal great-great-grandfather was a native of Germany. Mrs. Anna (Gay) Stewart was born in Indian Territory in 1835, and is now living in a comfortable home in Barry County, Mo.

S. T. Talcott, editor of the *Mountain Prospect*, a weekly journal at Mountain Grove, Wright Co., Mo., is a native of Vernon, Tolland Co., Conn., where he was born in 1829, being a son of Samuel S. and Harriet S. (Smith) Talcott. Talcott is an English name, and the ancestors of the present family came from England to America at an early date. The paternal grandfather was a farmer and mechanic, and died in Connecticut, his native State. The maternal grandfather was a Revolutionary soldier, and was full of humor. At one time, while in the army, and when the soldiers were rationed on horse flesh and told that it was beef, he secured a horse's tail, fastened it to a pole, and started through the camp, crying "Beef! beef!" He came very near getting court-martialed for this bit of humor. Samuel S. Talcott was born in Vernon, Conn., in 1793, grew to manhood and died in that town in his ninetieth year. He was a farmer and manufacturer by occupation. He was first selectman and justice of the peace for several years, and also represented the county in the Legislature one year. His wife, Harriet (Smith) Talcott, was also a native of Connecticut, born in 1800. They were the parents of six children, three now living, and S. T. Talcott being the fifth in order of birth. He attained his growth and was educated in Connecticut, having in addition to his common-school education attended the graded schools for some time. He assisted his father on the farm, and worked in the paper mill belonging to his father until twenty-two years of age, when he married Miss Louisa Woodford, daughter of Romantia Woodford, a farmer in the town of Avon, Conn. One child was the result of this union. Arthur C., who died at the age of nine years. Mrs. Talcott died in 1859, and Mr. Talcott, in 1861, married Miss Sabra C. Bushnell, who was born in Norwich, Conn., and was educated at Norwich Free Academy. One child, Minnie L., was born to this union; she died at the age of two years. Mrs. Talcott was for several years a teacher in Mountain Grove Academy, and is a regular correspondent for the *Missouri and Kansas Farmer*. She now supervises the printing department of the office of the *Mountain Prospect*. She was very popular as a teacher at Mountain Grove. After marriage Mr. Talcott followed paper manufacturing for a number of years, when his health failed, and he traveled for some time. During the late war he enlisted in the Federal army under Hancock, Twenty-seventh Connecticut Volunteers, and was out nine months. He was at the battles of Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville, and was for a time in Libby Prison. After the war he returned to Connecticut, and was for a time engaged as a traveling salesman. He left Connecticut in 1869, and came to Texas County, Mo., where he took up a homestead. In 1874 he went

to Colorado on horseback; was in Kansas, Colorado, Wyoming Territory, Iowa, and back through Missouri to his home in 1875. He remained on his homestead until his health broke down, when he changed business, and manufactured shingles, also superintended the building of a steam saw and grist-mill in the wilderness of Texas County. In 1877 he came to Mountain Grove, and has been here since. In 1882 he became editor of his present paper, and the same year was made mayor of the town. The year previous he was appointed justice of the peace. Mr. Talcott is a genial gentleman, of much push and enterprise, and in connection with his paper he does a large real estate business. The *Mountain Prospect* is devoted to the interests of South Central Missouri, and has a circulation of 600. Mrs. Talcott is a lady of much culture, and is thoroughly conversant with all topics concerning South Central Missouri.

James A. Tate, treasurer of Wright County, and one of its leading citizens, was born in that county September 25, 1859, being the son of John L. and Turzy J. (Quick) Tate, natives of Tennessee, and grandson of James Tate, who was born in Virginia, going from there to North Carolina, from there to Tennessee, and finally to Newton County, Mo., where he received his final summons. He was a fier in the Revolution on the side of the Colonists, and in a fight at Norfolk, Va., had the life shot out of his mouth, and was himself disabled. There is in the family a box which family tradition says was handed down from the ancestors in Scotland. The paternal great-grandfather was born in Ireland, but was of Scotch descent. John L. Tate was born in North Carolina, and moved with his parents to Tennessee when a child, and afterward in 1839, or when he was nine years of age, moved to Missouri, and was one of the pioneer settlers of Wright County. He was married in that State, was a farmer by occupation, was elected county surveyor, afterward sheriff, and died in Wright County November 20, 1880. The mother is still living, and resides in Hartville. They were the parents of five children, two now living: James A. and Thula (Murrell). James A. received a good, liberal education in the common schools of Wright County, and followed agricultural pursuits until November, 1884, when he was elected county treasurer of Wright County. He was re-elected in 1886, and, now that he has served as long as the law permits, has retired from public office for the present. He has also been one of the popular educators of the county. He is a member of the A. F. & A. M.; is a Republican in politics, and is one of the native young men of whom Wright County may justly be proud. He has gained the confidence and esteem of the people of the community, and has made a worthy officer. He lost in a fire at Hartville over \$1,500 worth of drugs.

John Turner, farmer and stockman of Wright County, Mo., was born in Roane County, Tenn., in 1820, and was there reared to manhood and married. He immigrated to Missouri in 1849, and in October, 1860, took up his abode on his present farm in Wright County. He first married Rebecca McMullin, and by her had the following children: Sarah (Mrs. Hanks), Elizabeth A. (Mrs. Odell), Margaret (Mrs. Bell), Nancy (Mrs. Moore), Mary (Mrs. Ridgway), Frances

(Mrs. Bumont), Laura (Mrs. Henson) and John J. Those deceased are Jason, who died during the Civil War, and James, at the age of fifteen years. Mr. Turner took for his second wife, Miss Elizabeth White, and their children are as follows: Jesse, who married Sarah J. Hensley, and is the father of one child, Lillie; Triphena, wife of Will Hight; Joseph C., who married Ary L. Crippen, and has one child, John Andrew; John, and Fisher C., who was killed by accident when four years of age. John married Tennessee Evans, but since her death has lived with his father. Mr. Turner was in the Federal service during the late war, serving in a Missouri Company. He owns a good farm of 286 acres, and is well fixed financially. He is a Republican, a member of the G. A. R., and belongs to the Baptist Church. His parents, John and Sarah (TaLee) Turner, were married in New Orleans, whither the father had come from his native land of Ireland after he had attained manhood. He soon after moved to Tennessee, where he lived until his family grew to maturity, and in 1849 located in Scott County, Mo., where he died in 1889. He was a soldier in the War of 1812, and he and his sons, John, whose name heads this sketch, and Sterling, were in the Florida War. The father and Sterling held commissions as lieutenant. The latter was a captain in the late war on the Confederate side, and was killed at the battle of Vicksburg. Joseph, another son, held the rank of major under Gen. Sherman, in the United States army, and was at the siege of Vicksburg, where his brother was killed, and after the surrender found his brother dead. Besides this brother he had another brother, two nephews, and a brother-in-law in the surrender. John Turner, the father, and his wife were the parents of eight sons and three daughters, and after the mother's death he married a Mrs. McMullin, whose maiden name was Matlock. To them were born two children. The paternal grandfather immigrated with his large family from Ireland to America, and located in North Carolina, where he died at a very old age.

Judge Marion Ward, associate judge of the Southern District, Wright County Court, of Missouri, was born in Jefferson County, Tenn., in 1843, and is the son of James and Nancy (McKinney) Ward. James Ward was born in Virginia, and moved from that State to Tennessee, where he passed his last days. His father, John Ward, was one of the early settlers of Tennessee, from Virginia, and was of Irish descent, his father having been born in Ireland. Nancy (McKinney) Ward was born in Tennessee, and by her marriage to Mr. Ward became the mother of eight children, three now living. She died in Jefferson County, Tenn. Judge Marion Ward, the youngest of the above-mentioned family, received a common-school education, which he increased materially by individual study in later years. He moved to Missouri in 1860, locating in Wright County, and although only seventeen years of age, began working for himself, first by farming. When the war broke out he abandoned that business and joined the Federal army, Company H, Eighth Missouri Cavalry, and was with this company one year. He was wounded at the battle of Lone Jack, being shot five times, and was disabled from duty from 1863. He ran a confectionery house in Rolla until August, 1864, when he joined the Sixteenth Missouri Cavalry, and served until the close of the war. He

was mustered out at Springfield, Mo., in June, 1865, and still has both of his discharges. He received his pension about 1879—\$8 per month. Mr. Ward settled in Wright County after the war, and made his home in Gasconade Township, where he has remained ever since. He was elected judge of the county court in 1886, and after serving two years was re-elected in 1888. He was married to Miss Margaret L. Newton in September, 1864. She was born March 27, 1843, and by her marriage became the mother of eleven children, all now living: Ira E., Sarah (wife of E. C. F. Hickman), Jasper N., Robert N., Nancy M., John M., Bedie I., Ora V., Addie, Ollie and Otis E. Mrs. Ward is the daughter of Nevells Newton, one of the earliest settlers of Wright County, Mo., and a native of Indiana. Judge Ward is the owner of over 244 acres of land, and lives six miles due west of Hartville. He is a Republican in his political views, and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

W. H. Wells, proprietor of Lake Lily Roller Mills, of Mountain Grove, Mo., is a native of Indiana, born in 1855. He grew to manhood in his native State, receiving a good common-school education, which he improved materially by attending college in Sullivan County, Ind. He was married at the early age of nineteen to Miss Rose Wesner, his junior by two years, and the result of this early and happy union was four children, only one now living, Edith. Of the three deceased but one lived to be three years of age. After his marriage Mr. Wells followed agricultural pursuits in Indiana for two years, and then, becoming convinced that some other pursuit in life would be more congenial to his tastes, and perhaps more remunerative in the outcome, he purchased a share in the Augusta Mills, at Augusta, Ind. He remained a partner in the mills for three and a half years, when he sold out his milling interest there and made a trip to Texas. He, however, remained in the Lone Star State but a short time, when he returned to Illinois, locating at Butler, Montgomery Co., and consistent with his taste, leased a mill, which he ran for nine months. He next went to Stanton, Ill., where he worked in a mill for five months. Previous to his milling at Stanton he was engaged for a short time in running an engine for the Litchfield Car Machine Co., at Litchfield, Ill. In 1882 Mr. Wells moved to Missouri, and settled at Hartville, Wright County, where he ran a water mill on the Gasconade River for one year. In 1883 he came to Mountain Grove, and was a partner with James Archer in a mill on the site of the old town of Mountain Grove. When the railroad came through Wright County this partnership was dissolved, and Mr. Wells purchased an interest in the mills, and finally became sole proprietor. In 1886 he changed the old stone process of the mill for a full roller process, with a capacity of ninety barrels per day. The total cost of machinery and property was \$12,000. Mr. Wells now does an extensive merchant and exchange milling business, and ships flour as far as Memphis, Tenn. It is claimed by him that the superior quality of the flour ground by Lake Lily Mills is due not only to the excellent care and facilities for grinding, but to the superior quality of the native wheat as well; is the best he has ever ground in any country. Mr. Wells is abstemious; is a Democrat in politics, and is a member of the Christian Church. He is the son of

Andrew J. and Mary J. (Perkins) Wells, and the grandson of Frank Wells, who was born in Kentucky, and removed to Indiana, where he died. He was a farmer by occupation, and a soldier in the Revolutionary War. The parents of the subject of this sketch were both natives of Indiana, but the father's people were from Kentucky. The mother died in 1868. They were the parents of eight children, two now living. Andrew Wells followed various pursuits, viz.: merchandising, milling, farming, and owned considerable real estate. He went to Texas, and now lives in Palestine of that State, engaged in merchandising.

Moses White is one of the prosperous farmers and stockmen of Wright County, Mo., and deserves much credit for the success which has attended his efforts, as he started in life a poor boy. He was born in Roane County, Tenn., in 1829, and was the first of the family to leave home and fight the battle of life for himself. In 1848 he came to Wright County, Mo., having walked the most of the way, and on his arrival here had just \$1. He worked by the month as a farm hand for three years, then returned to Tennessee, and brought his mother, brothers and sisters back to Missouri with him. He then entered a good piece of land, but sold his claim soon after, and bought 160 acres at the head-waters of the Gasconade River. This land he also sold, and bought his present property, which proved a good investment, and on which he located in the fall of 1858. On the 8th of March, 1855, he wedded Miss Amanda Freeman, who was born in Roane County, Tenn., in 1846, and five of their ten children are living at the present time: Robert Jason, Samuel, Louella (wife of Ralph Simmons), Minnie and Eva. Those deceased are Joseph, Alonzo, Emma, Sadie (wife of M. G. Henslee) and Martha (wife of C. C. Hensley). When the Civil War broke out Mr. White joined the Home Guards, then the Enrolled Militia, serving six months in each. He was taken prisoner by Marmaduke's men, but was afterward exchanged. Since the war he has been successfully engaged in farming. His farm consists of 230 acres, and is well adapted to raising the cereals or stock. He is a Republican, a member of the A. F. & A. M., and he and family worship in the Baptist Church. His father, Daniel White, was a native of North Carolina, and went to Tennessee with his parents when a boy, where he was reared, educated and married, the latter event being to Miss Jane Mattox. He was a farmer by occupation, and died in Tennessee. His wife died in Missouri in 1863. Five of their eight children are now alive. The paternal grandfather was probably born in North Carolina, and was married in Tennessee to a Miss Hawkins. She came with her children to Missouri, and died in Wright County at the age of seventy-two years.

J. W. Williams, lumber merchant at Mountain Grove, Mo., was born in Indiana, Spencer County, in 1850, the son of William and E. M. (Whitton) Williams. William Williams was born in England, and immigrated to America at an early date. He was married in Indiana, and lived in Spencer County of that State for many years, engaged in agricultural pursuits. He was born in 1828, and died in 1863. Mrs. Williams was born in 1822, in Kentucky, is still living, and is a resident of Mountain Grove, Mo. J. W. Williams was the eldest of three

children. He was but fourteen years of age when his father died, and he began traveling around. He traveled over thirteen States and three Territories. He first worked on a steamboat between Pittsburg and New Orleans for over six years, and then became freight clerk on a boat, where he remained for some time. He then came to Missouri, and became a carpenter, a joiner, and a millwright. He followed the saw-mill business for four years in Douglas and Howell Counties, afterward sold out, and erected a planing-mill in Mountain Grove in June, 1877. He ran a large lumber yard, \$5,000 of lumber invested. Mr. Williams has just returned from a trip through Arkansas, Georgia, Texas, Indian Territory and New Mexico. He has now determined to remain in Mountain Grove, and is the owner of considerable town property. He has been the owner of as much as 1,700 acres of land, and is the owner of eighty acres now. He was married in June, 1871, to Miss E. H. Huffman, who has borne him two children, Fred and Addie. Mrs. Williams is the daughter of James and Melvina (Lundy) Huffman, the father being a native of Virginia, and of German extraction. Mr. Williams affiliates with the Republican party in his politics. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and also a member of the A. F. & A. M.

Dr. I. S. Wilson, secretary and general manager of Spring River Lumber Company, Cedar Gap, Wright Co., Mo., was born in Belmont County, Ohio, in 1845, and attained his growth on the farm. He took his first course of medical lectures in Cincinnati, Ohio, and graduated in New York City, when about twenty-one years of age, under the great Dr. Flint. After graduating he enlisted in the Federal service, as surgeon in Brown's staff, in March, 1865. He remained in the employ of the Government until 1871, when he returned to Ohio. He resided for a year and a half in Illinois, Henderson County, and came to Missouri in 1873. He located in Webster County when the Gulf Railroad came through, in 1882; later he moved to Cedar Gap; was made postmaster, and still holds that position. He was elected surveyor of Webster County two terms, and when he had served his term nearly out, resigned. He stumped the county for the Greenback nominee for representative. He practiced medicine at Waldo for about nine years, and then, in 1882, embarked in the lumber business at Cedar Gap, Mo., gradually withdrawing from active practice. May 7, 1886, he took a partner in the lumber business, G. W. Freeman, and this firm is worth \$50,000. Dr. Wilson was married in Waldo to Miss Naomi Dixon, of Webster County, born in 1862 (now deceased), and one child (also dead) was the result of this union. His parents, Avery and Sarah (Hayes) Wilson, were both natives of Belmont County, Ohio, and both born in the year 1818. Avery Wilson was a farmer by occupation. He is now deceased. The paternal grandfather, Caleb Wilson, was a native of Ohio, and the paternal grandmother, whose maiden name was Mills, was a native of North Carolina. She was a Quaker, and was a member of Millwood Church in Ohio. The great-grandfather Wilson was also a native of Ohio. Dr. Wilson is the owner of a farm and some town property in Webster County. He was called to the chair of mathematics in Mountain Dale Seminary for one scholastic year.

P. R. Worsham, a retired farmer, residing at Mountain Grove, Mo., was born in East Tennessee May 18, 1827, his parents being Joseph and Melvina (Lewis) Worsham. They were born, reared and married in Virginia, after which they immigrated to Tennessee, locating in the eastern portion of the State, where the father died. He was the father of five children, four of whom lived to maturity, and after his death his widow, in company with her son, P. R. Worsham, came to Missouri, and died at her son's home, in Texas County, in 1880, aged seventy-seven years. P. R. Worsham grew to manhood in Tennessee, and was there married to Miss Nancy Scott, who was born in East Tennessee in 1825, and is a daughter of William and Susan (Parker) Scott. Their union was blessed in the birth of eleven children, the following of whom are living: Sarah J., wife of John W. Wallace; Mary E., wife of G. W. Hunter; Henderson, Susan, wife of James Cardwell; Catherine, wife of F. Cardwell; Cordelia, wife of Grant Seburn; Alice, wife of James Mabon, the present treasurer of Wright County. The children deceased are Eliza (Mrs. Mitchell), who died at the age of eighteen years; William, at the age of eleven months; David, at the age of two months, and Oliver, aged fourteen months. Mr. and Mrs. Worsham have also reared a grandson, Columbus Mitchell, who is now a student in Mountain Grove Academy. Mrs. Worsham's father was of Scotch-Irish descent, a farmer by occupation, and in 1841 immigrated from his native State of Tennessee to Missouri, and died in St. Louis County. Mr. Worsham came to Missouri in 1853, locating first in Wright County, afterward in Texas County, making the latter his home until 1886, when he concluded to retire from active business life, and moved to Mountain Grove, but still retains his farm, which consists of 340 acres. He also has thirty-seven acres one mile west of Mountain Grove, but lives in town. He is a Republican in politics, a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Masonic fraternity. For twenty years he was postmaster of Pleasant Ridge, and holds his commission as justice of the peace.

Brown Wyatt, stock trader, of Mountain Grove, Wright Co., was born in St. Clair County, of that State, December 9, 1843, the son of John J. and Christiana (Duckworth) Wyatt, and grandson of John Wyatt, a native of Kentucky, and a farmer by occupation. The great-grandfather was also named John Wyatt. The Duckworth family are of Irish descent. John J. Wyatt was born March 20, 1811, in Kentucky, and died in Wild Cherry, Ark., in November, 1880. He was a merchant by occupation, but was also a minister in the Christian Church. By his own individual efforts he obtained a good education, and became a very prominent minister in the Christian Church in Missouri and Arkansas. He would never accept any money for his services in the church. His wife, Christiana Wyatt, was born in Illinois in January, 1822, and was the mother of eight children, of whom our subject is second in order of birth. He attained his growth in Arkansas, and has acquired by application a fine business education. He was married at the age of twenty-three to Miss Paulina Haughn, a daughter of Peter Haughn, who was born in Germany, and who was a soldier in the War of 1812. By this union Mr. Wyatt became the

father of eight children: Henry Clay, Maggie, Jemima C., John, Dollie, Ada, Oliver and May Leora. These children are now in school. Mr. Wyatt is the owner of 160 acres of land and a residence in town. He ships stock, and has been following shipping to St. Louis for more than twenty years. He is a Republican in politics, and was in the Union army during the war, in Company G, Phelps' regiment, one of six companies organized in Fulton County, Ark.

Pleasant Wynne, who is closely associated with the farming and stock raising interests of Montgomery Township, Wright Co., Mo., is a native of Marion County, Tenn., born in 1829. He is the son of John and Margaret Wynne. John Wynne was born in Virginia in October, 1800, and was a pioneer of Tennessee. He was a great hunter, and spent many enjoyable hours with his gun. He died in 1865. By his marriage he became the father of nine children, three now living, and P. Wynne being the eldest alive, and the fifth child. He was reared in Tennessee, and was there married to Miss Anna Bulhard, who bore him nine children: George Washington, William, Mary, Margaret, Pleasant, Jane, Alabama, Angenetta and Tennessee. The mother of these children died in 1883, when about fifty-three years of age. Pleasant Wynne was united in marriage to Mrs. Long, whose maiden name was Bohannon, and two children were the result of this union: Thomas J. and James Monroe. Mr. Wynne settled on his present farm in 1870. He bought 403 acres of land, and after doing well by his children he has about 300 acres yet. During the war Mr. Wynne was in the commissary department.

Mrs. Julia Wynne, widow of Julian F. Wynne, was born in Gibson County, W. Tenn., in 1854, and is the daughter of William and Julia (Gilbert) Caple. William Caple was born in Middle Tennessee in 1817, was a farmer and stock-trader by occupation, and was also engaged in merchandising. He died in Tennessee in 1862. The mother, Julia Caple, was born in North Carolina. They were the parents of ten children. Mrs. Julia Wynne, the subject of this sketch, was married to Julian Wynne in Arkansas, and bore him seven children: Barbara, Harriet, Ida, Vernie (deceased), Mary (wife of J. P. Box, who died in May, 1887, leaving two children, Blanche and Claude), William, who died at the age of four years, and Thomas, who died when six weeks old. Mrs. Wynne came to her present farm in 1878. This farm consists of 160 acres of land, with 120 acres under cultivation. Julian Wynne was born in Dyer County, W. Tenn., in 1840, and always followed agricultural pursuits. He died in 1881. He was the son of William and Barbara Wynne, natives of East Tennessee, who immigrated to Missouri, and both died in Wright County. Julian Wynne was in the Confederate army during the late war, and served with honor and credit for four years. Mrs. Wynne is a member of the Presbyterian Church, as was also her husband.

Archabal Young, an enterprising farmer of Gasconade Township, Wright Co., Mo., was born in Perry County, Ky., in 1822, and is a son of Samuel and Mary (Newton) Young. The paternal grandparents, so far as known, were born in Ireland, and the grandmother died in Kentucky. Samuel Young was born in North Carolina May 5, 1774, grew to manhood in that State, and there married. He

farmed for many years in Virginia, Kentucky, Indiana and Missouri, moving into the last named State in the fall of 1841, and there died in 1850. His wife, Mrs. Mary (Newton) Young, was born in North Carolina November 10, 1777, and was the mother of ten children, all of whom lived to be grown. She died in Indiana when her son Archabal was six years of age. He remained in Indiana until nineteen years of age, when he moved to Wright County, Mo., and was one of the pioneer hunters of that State. He made hunting a business, and he now says that if all the deer he has killed were alive and turned into one herd, it would astonish people. The woods at that time abounded in many wild animals, and were a hunter's paradise. Mr. Young went to work, and now has an excellent farm. He has been married three times: first, to Miss Frances Rippee, and after her death to Mrs. Cynthia Blankenship, who bore him two children, Cynthia and Angeline. After her death Mr. Young married Miss Elizabeth H. McCain. To the first marriage were born six children. During the Civil War Mr. Young was a member of Company E, Eighth Missouri Cavalry. He is a Democrat in politics, is a member of the Wheel, and has been a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church for forty-five years.

Mrs. A. M. Young, widow of William Young, of Hartville, Mo., was born in Crawford County, Mo., in 1840, and is the daughter of John M. and Elizabeth (Bridges) Gorman. John M. Gorman was born in North Carolina in 1814, and grew to manhood in Crawford County, Mo. He first worked as a collier in that county, saved his money, and afterward engaged in merchandising in a log cabin three miles south of where Hartville now stands. He afterward located in Hartville, and was the first dry goods merchant in the town. There had been, previous to his location in the county seat, one man who had followed the grocery business on a small scale. Consequently Mr. Gorman may be called the pioneer merchant of Wright County. He followed this business in Hartville, and in connection ran a couple of extensive stock farms, until his death in 1854. When the report of his death was spread abroad many of the old people said, "The father of Hartville is dead." He was married in 1834, in Phelps County, to Miss Lizzie Bridges, a native of Tennessee, born in 1820, and the result of this happy union was the birth of eight children, four of whom grew to maturity. Of these Mrs. A. M. Young is the eldest. When her mother, who died in 1851, was about to close her eyes upon the scenes of this world, she turned to our subject, who was then but eleven years of age, and gave her the two younger children. After her death Mr. Gorman married Mrs. Cynthia Tunnel, and the usual result of step-mother curriculum was entailed upon the children. In this case Mrs. Young remembered the dying request of her mother, and in a truly womanly way looked after the interests of her two younger brothers. At the age of fifteen she was married to William Young, and the result of this pleasant union was five children, four of whom are now living: Frank, F. M. (deceased), Mattie, wife, of T. J. Kelly; Harvey and Oscar. William Young, the father of these children, was born in Indiana in 1833, the son of W. F. and Mary (Young) Young, cousins. While he was still a boy his parents immi-

grated to Missouri, locating in the woods on a fork of the Gasconade, and here William grew to manhood among the wild scenes of frontier life. After reaching years of discretion he became a merchant, and followed this business in Hartville for about five years after the Civil War. Just about the time that he was doing a most extensive business, failing health interfered, and he gradually became an invalid. After ten years of sickness he died of consumption, in 1883. During her husband's illness Mrs. Young, with the business trait that always distinguished her, took charge of her husband's affairs, and in 1871 commenced keeping hotel in her present building in Hartville, and in connection with this carried on her domestic affairs. For two years she kept hotel in Mansfield, Wright Co., Mo., but afterward returned to her home in Hartville, where the "Young House" is noted for its good board, general comfort and genial atmosphere. "Aunt Rilda," as Mrs. Young is familiarly called by her friends, is a pleasant faced, ruddy cheeked, stout woman, whose never-failing good humor makes her a favorite wherever she is known. Her paternal grandparents were natives of Ireland, who immigrated to America, settling in Tennessee first, and then became early settlers of Missouri. They settled in what was afterward formed into Phelps County, and there the Gorman family lived long, and were very much respected. A number of large apple trees now mark the site of the Gorman's old homestead. The seeds from which the apple trees were grown were brought by Grandmother Gorman from Tennessee, in the toe of a stocking. William Young's father, W. F. Young, was among the earliest settlers of the Wood's Fork of the Gasconade. In his house the first circuit court of Wright County was held, and also the first church services. W. F. Young was born in North Carolina; his father was also born in that State, but his great-grandfather was a native of Ireland, and immigrated to America in 1790 or 1792, where he became one of the pioneers of North Carolina. Frank Young, the eldest child of our subject, was born in Hartville, Mo., in 1856, and at the age of sixteen he became a page in the Missouri House of Representatives, where he remained two years. On his return home he attended school, and afterward engaged in the profession of teaching for four years, during which time he was also connected with a retail furniture establishment. In 1883 he was appointed treasurer of Wright County by Gov. Crittenden, and served two years. He took charge of the "Young House," a hotel in Marshfield, during 1884 and 1885, after which he went on the road as traveling salesman for Joseph Baum & Co., a boot and shoe house, at St. Louis. His health failed at this time, and he went to California, where he remained a season, and then returned to Hartville, where he has since been engaged in taking care of the Young estate, and also has charge of the livery business. He was elected chairman of the Democratic Central Committee September 20, 1888, and is one of the enthusiastic Democrats of the section; his influence, combined with the efforts of other young men of the county, defeated the most important part of the Republican ticket in Wright County for 1888. A bright future is in store for this young man, and he will no doubt be heard from in the highest circles of

Wright County politics in the near future. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity.

E. B. Young, furniture merchant and dealer in undertakers' goods at Mansfield, Mo., was born in Wright County, Mo., in 1854, and is a son of Fielding M. and Margaret E. (Montgomery) Young, who were born in Indiana and one of the Eastern States, respectively. The father grew to manhood and followed farming and merchandising in Wright County, and there died about 1858. His wife died in 1870, aged forty years, having borne a family of six children. [For paternal genealogy, see sketch of Mrs. A. M. Young, and for the maternal genealogy, see sketch of Prof. T. J. Montgomerie.] E. B. Young grew to manhood in Phelps County, and was educated at Richland, Mo., in the graded schools. He has been dependent on his own resources since the death of his mother, when he was sixteen years of age, and, with the aid of a patrimony which he received, he has been successful in his business ventures. For a number of years he worked at various occupations in Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana and Missouri, and followed saw-milling for two years in Texas. In 1881 he came to Missouri, and went into business in Hartville, the firm being known as E. B. Young & Co., and then came to Mansfield, and entered business in November, 1882, and here has since remained. He has recently taken William Hopper as a partner, and the firm is now styled the Hopper Furniture Co., their stock being valued at \$1,500. Mr. Young owns a good lot and residence, and a half interest in the store. In April, 1886, he married Miss Ada Gorman, a daughter of M. D. Gorman, of Hartville, Mo., by whom he has one child, Virdie Mabel.

