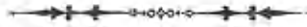


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FLETCHALL TOWNSHIP.

L. ADDINGTON,

of the firm of Addington & Scott, liverymen, is a native of Randolph County, Indiana, where he was born April 15, 1848. He was there reared to manhood and received his education, following the occupation of farming. In 1868 he emigrated to Worth County and embarked in farming and school teaching. In 1878 he was elected to the office of sheriff of Worth County, which position he served very acceptably for one term. In 1880 he became occupied in the livery business at Grant City with Mr. Harrison, they doing business together but two months, when Mr. A. continued it alone for one year. After this time the firm became Addington & Scott. They have a well equipped barn, and are doing a full share of the livery business of Grant City. Mr. A. was married April 7, 1870, to Miss Angie Scott, a native of Indiana. They have one child, Albert M.

I. AINSLIE & CO.,

dealers in hardware, lumber, wood, coal, agricultural implements, furniture, etc., are by far the heaviest dealers in this city. They represent a capital stock of \$50,000, and are engaged in more branches of business and carry larger stocks in each branch than any firm in northwest Missouri. Mr. Irwin Ainslie, the gentlemanly manager of the establishment, is a native of Guernsey County, Ohio, and was born February 26, 1848. He there resided till 1857 when, with the family, he emigrated to Gentry County, Missouri, where he was reared to manhood in the occupation of farming. In 1869 he began his mercantile career in Grant City with D. C. Kent, starting in the dry goods and grocery trade. In this he remained for one year. Mr. A. then became engaged in the drug business, which he continued till 1879, and during this time he was also occupied in the implement trade. To this he gave his undivided atten-

tion until 1880, when, in connection with Goodsell Bros., he organized the present firm. Mr. A. was united in marriage January 29, 1871, to Miss Elizabeth Youngman, a native of Iowa. They have three children: Bertha, Charles G. and Mable. He is a member of Grant City Lodge No. 185, I. O. O. F., and has past the various chairs in that order. Mr. A. is an excellent business man, and one of the most enterprising citizens of this place.

WILLIAM S. AUSTIN.

Among the oldest and most prominent contractors and builders of this city, the subject of this sketch deserves special mention. He is a native of Genesee County, New York, and was born October 8, 1826. At the age of seventeen years he emigrated to La Porte County, Indiana, and began the trade which he now follows. In 1869 he removed to Worth County, Missouri; was one of the first contractors in Grant City, and has built most of the large buildings of this place. He was united in marriage November 8, 1855, to Miss Mary L. Russ, a native of New York. They have been blessed with five children, Albert D., Frank, George, Hattie and Charles. Mr. Austin has been president of the town board of Grant City for five terms, and is the present incumbent of that position.

HENRY B. BOYD

section 4, post office Grant City, is a native of Hartford County, Maryland, and was born November 5, 1824. At the age of ten years he removed with the family to Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, where he resided, engaged in agricultural pursuits, till sixteen years of age, when he began learning the trade of wagon and carriage making, at Burdenband. This he continued three years, after which time he returned to Columbia, Pennsylvania, where he was interested in working at his trade for a period of two years. From there he removed to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and in this city he resided till 1848, when he emigrated to Greene County, Illinois. He followed his chosen calling, in Carrolton, till 1855, and then removed to Macoupin County, Illinois. Four years later he became engaged in farming in Morgan County, Illinois, and in two years thereafter he came to this county, and started farming on his present place. He has 240 acres of land that will compare favorably with any in the county; 160 of which are under cultivation. Mr. Boyd was united in marriage, August 6, 1846, to Miss Mary Shank, a native of Pennsylvania. They have had five children, three of whom are now living: John H., Thomas H. B. and Mary J. Mr. B. is a member of the Masonic order, and is also P. G. in the Odd Fellows Frater-

nity, and a member of the Encampment. He is the present school director of his district, which office he has held for several different terms, and he was one of the parties who were the means of having money returned in their district.

WILLIAM H. BRIGHT

is the popular editor of the Worth County Times, at Grant City. The subject of this sketch was born in Rockingham County, Virginia, June 28, 1853. He was reared to manhood in his native county, following the occupation of farming. In 1870 he emigrated to Montgomery County, Ohio, and engaged in farming and school teaching, and in 1872 he began a tour of the United States, which lasted three years. Upon returning to Ohio he resumed teaching, and in 1879 he was one of the board of examiners and principal of the schools of Dayton, Ohio. In 1880 he came west and embarked in the printing business in the office of the Record, at Mt. Ayr, Iowa, and after a year's residence there he came to this city and purchased the times, of which he is now the editor. Mr. B. was married to Miss Anna V. Musselman, February 1, 1876. They have had four children, of whom Clyde S., Walter H. and Homer are living, and Edith is deceased. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. order. He and family belong to the M. E. Church. Mr. Bright is a man of recognized ability as a journalist, and publishes an interesting and spicy sheet, full of news, and one which is both a credit to the editor and an honor to the citizens whose cause it so ably advocates.

WILLIAM H. CAMPBELL,

Circuit Clerk of Worth County, is a native of Shelby County, Indiana, and was born October 25, 1842. He is the second son of Alfred and Mariah Campbell, who were old settlers of Gentry County, having moved with the subject of this sketch to that county in 1844. William was there reared to manhood and received his education, spending his early years in the occupation of farming. In 1868, he accepted a position as clerk in the store of Campbell & Colvin, at Ellenorah, Missouri, and after remaining there two years, he removed to Denver, this county, where he was occupied in a like capacity till 1874. At this time he was called upon by the citizens of Worth County to occupy his present responsible position, and which he fills to the satisfaction of all. Mr. C. is largely interested in the welfare of the county, and is a landholder to the extent of 320 acres, besides owning property in Grant City. He was married January 8, 1879, to Miss J. DeWitt, who was also born in Indiana. They have one child, William.

WILLIAM H. CANON,

stock dealer, is a native of Jackson County, Tennessee, and was born August 6, 1842. At the age of ten years he was taken by the family to Missouri, settling in Greene County, and after a residence there of ten years he removed to Gentry County, where he was engaged in farming and stock raising. In 1866 he came to Worth County and entered into his present business. He has a large and valuable stock farm of 300 acres, well stocked and watered, making one of the finest for stock purposes in this county. He has just completed this year (1882) a handsome residence in Grant City. Mr. Canon has been twice married, first to Miss Mariah Ross, January 4, 1866. Her death occurred October 7, 1867. He was again married August 6, 1869, to Miss Sarah Ridenhour. They have had three children, only one of whom is now living, John A. Mr. Canon is a member of the I. O. O. F., and also of the A. O. U. W. fraternities. He enlisted in 1863 in Company E, Fourth Missouri Cavalry, and served till the close of the war.

JOHN F. COLBURN,

cashier of the Worth County Bank, of Grant City, is a native of Henry County, Indiana, and was born December 26, 1838. He is the sixth child of John R. and Elizabeth Colburn. In 1841 he emigrated with the family to Andrew County, Missouri, settling in Savannah. John F. was here reared to manhood and received his education. In 1861 he became deputy clerk of the county court, which position he maintained till 1864, when upon the death of R. T. Wilson, then clerk of the county court, he was assigned to discharge the duties of that position. He held the office one year. In company with others Mr. C. organized the Savannah Savings Bank and was identified with that enterprise till 1869, when he engaged in merchandising till 1874. In October, 1875, he came to Grant City. In April, 1876, he, with other stockholders, organized the Worth County Bank, of which he has been cashier since its opening. In 1861 he enlisted in the State Militia and was first lieutenant of Company A, Forty-First Missouri State Militia. Mr. C. was married January 19, 1865, to Miss Clara McLean, a native of Ohio. They have four children, Richard R., Clara M., Anna L., James G. He is a member of the M. E. Church. Mr. Colburn is a man remarkably well adapted for his office, is an excellent financier, and perfectly straightforward in his business transactions.

JOSIAH CONKLE,

section 24, post office, Grant City. The subject of this sketch is a native of Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, and was born December 22,

1819. When eighteen months old he was taken by the family to Morgan County, Ohio, where he spent his youthful days on a farm. In 1867 he emigrated to Union County, Iowa, there residing till 1881, after which he came to Worth County, and settled on his present farm. He has 98 acres of good average land, all of which is under fence. He was married January 1, 1839, to Miss Sarah A. Rex, a native of Ohio. They have four children living: Jonathan C., William C., John S. and Mary J. While in Iowa, Mr. Conkle held the office of township trustee for three terms, road overseer two terms, and school director nine terms.

STOCKLEY C. DAVIDSON,

dentist, was born January 14, 1852, in the State of Pennsylvania. He was reared to manhood in Fayette County, and in 1869, he emigrated to Lucas County, Iowa, where for five years he was engaged in agricultural pursuits. Sometime later he began the study of his chosen profession, under the instruction of Dr. Perry, of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. After prosecuting his studies till 1881, he commenced to practice with his tutor, and in November, 1881, he came to Grant City, here opening an office. He has neatly fitted rooms, and is working up an excellent reputation for skill and a thorough knowledge of his calling. Dr. D. was married September 21, 1881, to Miss M. Eva Wright, a native of Ohio. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., and also of the Knights of Pythias. He has held all the offices within the gift of the Odd Fellows' lodge. He belongs to the Presbyterian Church, and takes a prominent interest in the Sunday School and work of the church.

JOHN C. DAWSON,

is the present incumbent of the office of clerk of Worth County. Among the prominent officials of this county who have held with honor the positions to which they have been called by the people may be mentioned the subject of this sketch. He is a native of Casey County, and was born July 4, 1846. At the age of five years he was brought by the family to Gentry County, Missouri, where he was reared to manhood, spending his youthful days on a farm. From the time he was thirteen years old until he reached his majority he was engaged most of the time in clerking for his brothers in Denver, and Allendale. In 1868, under the firm name of Brumfield & Dawson, he was interested in merchandizing, at Denver, Worth County, for one year, after which he removed to Grant City, and resumed the mercantile business. This he continued, with Mr. Costin as a partner, for fifteen months, and in 1871 he was elected to the position of county clerk. This office he has since held, to

the great satisfaction of all parties interested. In 1881, with Mr. Winslow and others, he established the Citizens' Bank, in which he is at present largely interested. He is a representative man of Grant City, and one honored by all.

BENJAMIN E. DRUMMIND,

section five, post office Grant City. The subject of this sketch was born in Pickaway County, Ohio, January, 1828. He was there brought up, receiving his education from the schools of that district. In 1851 he emigrated to Missouri and settled in Buchanan County, where he resided one year. Upon moving to Andrew County he lived there one year, after which time he came to this county and located on the place where he now resides. He was the second settler in what is now known as Honey Grove. His estate consists of 620 acres of good average land, 385 of which are under cultivation, or fence. Mr. Drummind was united in marriage March 15, 1849, to Miss Sarah Hurst, a native of Ohio. They have nine children, Thomas, Harrison, Mary J, Charles A., Florence, Hattie, Sada, Joseph G. Mr. D. is a member of the United Brethren Church, and is one of the original members of the Honey Grove Church. He has held the office of justice of the peace for two years, also school director, and was road overseer for 15 years. He is a leading pioneer of this county.

HON. LEONARD J. FARWELL,

the subject of this sketch, was born in Watertown, New York, on the 5th day of January, 1819. The rugged road of poverty and orphanage were his lot, but he came from a solid and reliable stock. His father was Captain James Farwell, of Massachusetts, and his mother, whose maiden name was Rebecca Cady, was born in Vermont—two states whose population have done so much and probably more than any other to give permanent impress to the character and civilization of the continent. The mother died in 1824, and the father in 1830, so that at the early age of eleven Leonard and his brother George were left alone in the world. George Farwell moved to the west at a very early day, and died in Chicago in 1844. Leonard remained for some years in his native village. His first effort to gain a livelihood was in the capacity of a clerk in a dry goods store, in which he remained about one year, but feeling what every American boy should feel—the importance of learning a useful trade—he then became an apprentice to a tinsmith, and followed that occupation until the age of nineteen, diligently improving his leisure hours, in not only fitting himself to become a competent clerk but in mastering the elements and secrets of business success.

Having thus prepared himself, and obeying an impulse common to young men of that time to penetrate into the mysterious wilds of a new country, and with a capital so modest that it would astonish many of the youth of the present, he emigrated to the west to seek an opening for trade, where he might establish himself. His first venture was at Lockport, Illinois, with a small stock of hardware and a few tools of his trade. In January, 1840, he sold his stock and located in the new village of Milwaukee, in the Territory of Wisconsin, and embarked in business on a much larger scale. By careful management and industry he was in a few years at the head of one of the largest wholesale houses in the west. Ten year later he embarked in enterprises of a different kind. In 1846 he made a trip to Cuba and the West India Islands in pursuit of health and recreation. In September, 1847, he visited England, Ireland, France, Italy, India, Turkey, Egypt, and many other countries, returning to the United States in the spring of 1849. Having purchased real estate in Madison, Wisconsin, in 1847, he became a resident of that place after his return, and aided in all the enterprises which advanced the interests of the town or state. At the Whig state convention in 1851 Mr. Farwell received the unanimous nomination for governor, and was elected, being the only person elected on the state ticket of his party.

Among the most important measures carried out during his administration were the adoption of a state banking system, for the first time; a geological survey; the creation of a separate supreme court, and the completion of a system for the sale of state lands, to secure a farm to every worthy and industrious settler; to which should be added, more stringent legislation to protect the interests of the public in the Fox and Wisconsin River improvement, and the state university in its landed endowment. His recommendations on many other subjects, have, by their accomplishment, passed into history. The repeal of the fugitive slave law, which he strenuously urged, was at the time regarded as almost a breach of political faith by the more timid partisans. The improvement of the rivers and harbors of the state; the opening of the St. Lawrence for the navigation of ocean shipping; the judicious encouragement of railroad enterprises; the laying out of new state roads, so as to connect wide spread settlements; the establishment of increased mail service, and the protection of the pioneer settler by prohibiting the entering of lands in large quantities for purposes of mere speculation, were among the most important local and public questions of that day, and the lapse of time has fully demonstrated the sagacity and forethought that urged them at so early a period. A plan which he originated, and which was approved by the legislature, of putting two hundred thousand new emigrants into the state within two years, at a

cost not exceeding ten thousand dollars, was carried out to the fullest extent, and paved the way for multitudes who now occupy the soil. This system of emigrant agencies adopted by other states, has already planted millions of population in the northwest.

On the 20th of September, 1853, Mr. Farwell was united by marriage with Miss Francis A. Corss, daughter of General A. N. Corss, of Madison, Wisconsin. They had a daughter and two sons. Mrs. Farwell died in Washington, District of Columbia, April 15, 1868.

In 1859 he was elected to the Legislature of Wisconsin. In the spring of 1863 he was appointed an assistant examiner in the patent office at Washington, and afterwards was made principal examiner of inventions. He was vice-president of the association for the relief of Wisconsin soldiers. In March, 1872, Governor Farwell came to Worth County, Missouri, and settled in Grant City. He and H. B. Munn, under the firm name of Munn & Farwell, went into the real estate business, in which business they are now engaged. The Governor is still an active, enterprising man, and has assiduously devoted his time, talents and money to the building up of Worth County, and through his exertions much has been done to advertise Northwest Missouri and to bring the emigrant to this section of the state.

JUDGE JOHN M. FERGUSON,

section 23, post office, Grant City, is one prominent among the successful farmers of Worth County who have been called to preside at the probate bench. He is a native of Knox County, Tennessee, and was born January 17, 1815. He grew to manhood in his native county and received his education from the schools of that vicinity. At the age of eighteen years he began clerking in the dry goods business at Knoxville, Tennessee, at which occupation he continued for two years. Later he attended the law school of the East Tennessee University for one year. He then became engaged in clerking on the Tennessee River steamboats, and part of the time acted in the capacity of both clerk and pilot, continuing so occupied till 1847, in which year he emigrated to Warren County, Illinois. Here he embarked in farming and the practice of law, making it his home till 1856, when he removed to Taylor County, Iowa. He devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits till 1863, in which year he removed to this county, and in 1870 settled where he now resides. Mr. Ferguson has been twice married, first, to Miss Nancy Rudder, in 1839. They had by this union two children, Casandra and Robert. His wife's death occurred in 1843. He was again married in 1849, to Miss Martha Giles, a native of Ohio. They have seven children, John C.,

Mary A., Sarah F., Leota P., Josepnene E., Tecumseh, Winona E. Mr. F. was elected judge of the probate court in 1866, and served with credit to the county and honor to himself, for four years. He was also township treasurer for four years and served as school director for several terms. He was elected justice of the peace in 1870, but did not accept the office. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

JOHN FLETCHALL,

section 14, post office Grant City. The subject of this sketch is the pioneer citizen of this township, and was one of the first settlers of this county. He was born in Chester County, South Carolina, July 23, 1800. At the age of six years he was taken by the family to Christian County, Kentucky, where he resided till 1816, in which year he emigrated to Posey County, Indiana. Here he was engaged in farming till 1844, when he moved to Platte County, Missouri, and two years later he came to Worth County, and settled on the farm where he now resides. He has 125 acres of good average land, 40 acres of which are under cultivation. This township was named in honor of Mr. Fletchall, and no man in this community is more deserving of the honor conferred upon him. He was married March 9, 1820, to Miss Sarah Montray, a native of North Carolina. They had thirteen children, ten of whom are living: Betsy, George, James, William, Polly, John, Ply, Lucy A., Jane, and Jacob. Mr. F. is a member of the Christian denomination. His wife's death occurred June 7, 1882.

GABRIEL W. FRAKES,

proprietor of livery and sale stable at Grant City. The subject of this sketch is an old pioneer of this county, and a man who has been closely identified with the interests of the county from an early day. He is a native of Vigo County, Indiana, where he was born August 26, 1826. At the age of ten years he emigrated with the family to Porter County, Indiana, where he was reared in the occupation of farming. In 1857 he came to Worth County, Missouri, and settled on the land where Grant City now stands, and which he cultivated till 1861, when he made a present of part of the town plat to the town incorporation. He soon engaged in the butchering business, at which he continued till 1879. During this time he was interested in the first restaurant in Grant City. In that year he embarked in the livery business, and this he now follows. He keeps a good stock of horses, carriages, teams, etc., having a profitable patronage. He was one of the first justices of the peace of this township, serving in this capacity for seven years. In 1861 Mr. F.

enlisted in Company B, Missouri State Militia, and served in the six months call. He was a member of the State Militia till the close of the war. Mr. Fakes was married October 11, 1848, to Miss Rebecca Miller, a native of Ohio. They have had six children, only one of whom is living, Arthur L. Those deceased are: Amanda R., Mary K., John A., William O. and Maud W.

AMOS T. FRAKES,

proprietor of the Oriental Hotel, is prominent among the old pioneers who have done much toward developing the resources of this county. He was born in Vigo, Indiana, October 18, 1830. At the age of six years he removed with the family to Porter County, Indiana, where he was reared to manhood, following farming as an occupation in life. In March, 1850, he emigrated to California, and there resided until 1857, engaged in mining. Returning after that time to the states, he settled in Indiana, and some months later came to Worth County and followed farming for six years. He was occupied in the mercantile business two and a half miles east of Grant City till 1863, and in that year he built and completed the first house in Grant City and transferred his store to that point. After devoting his attention to that occupation till 1865 he began in the hotel business near where his present commodious hotel now stands. After managing this for some little time he made a store-room of his building and opened a general store, which he conducted till 1867, when he erected a building, now a part of the present one. This he opened as a hotel, and to the original structure he has added from time to time till he has a large, roomy house, and he is doing a good business, as he richly deserves. Mr. F. was married August 4, 1858, to Miss Georgia E. Cox, a native of Indiana. They have one child, Mary E. (Austin.) Mr. Frakes is a member of the Masonic fraternity.

CHARLES W. FRY,

dealer in drugs, medicines, school books, stationery, etc., is an enterprising young business man of Grant City. He was born in Zanesville, Ohio, September 30, 1856. At the age of two years he was brought by the family to Worth County, Missouri, where he was carefully reared to manhood, and received his early education from our county schools. In 1876-7, he attended college at Oskaloosa, Iowa. Returning to this county he became engaged in the drug business with Irwin Ainslie, they continuing the business till 1880, when Mr. F. became sole proprietor. He has a fine store room and cellar well stocked with goods, and is doing a large share of the drug trade of this part of the county. Mr. F. is a

man who started in life with nothing but his hands, and has worked his own way up the path of life, and has been successful.

HON. ELIAS S. GARVER,

Grant City. Prominent among the well known and popular young men of this county may be mentioned the subject of this sketch, who is a native of Center County, Pennsylvania, where he was born, March 30, 1850. He was there reared and educated, spending his youth in the occupation of farming. At the age of nineteen years he became engaged in school teaching in his native county, which he continued for a period of three years, and afterwards he began learning the art of printing, at Center Hall, Pennsylvania, following it till 1874. While so engaged, he attended evening school in order to complete his education. In September of that year he came to this county, and together with Mr. Meyer, purchased the Worth County Times, Mr. Garver acting as editor. While in this capacity he became well and favorably known. In 1877 he was full proprietor of the Times, which he continued alone till 1878, when he disposed of this journal, and in 1879 he was interested in the Oriental Hotel. Eighteen months after he disposed of his share in the hotel. In November, 1880, he was elected the representative of this county in the State Legislature, and the term previous had been the nominee, but withdrew from the field. Mr. G. has held many other positions of trust in this locality, discharging his duties with honor and credit to himself. He was deputy collector one term and mayor of Grant City for a like season. He was appointed census enumerator of this section, and received the award for having executed the best and most correct work in the district. He was chairman of the Democratic central committee four years. Mr. Garver was united by marriage, December 19, 1875, to Miss Mary Frakes, a native of this county. They have two children, Henry H. and Nellie.

JAMES B. GOFF,

section 6, post office Grant City. The subject of this sketch is a native of Worth County, Missouri, where he was born December 27, 1856. He was here reared to manhood, and now resides within a very short distance of the old homestead. He received his education from the schools of his district. He is a member of a family of very old settlers, who have been identified with the interests of this county from an early day. Mr. G.'s farm consists of fifty-eight acres of well improved land, all of which is under fence. He was married December 22, 1876, to Minerva

Keeling, an estimable lady, a native of Iowa. They have two children: Thomas L. and Carl F.

JOHN B. HAND,

dealer in dry goods, clothing, boots and shoes, etc., was born in Rappahannock County, Virginia, August 20, 1846. At the age of eleven years he with the family, emigrated to Lincoln County, Missouri, where he was reared to manhood and received his education. In 1860 he was engaged in mercantile pursuits at Flint Hill, St. Charles County, Missouri, there remaining until 1861. He was afterwards a resident of Wentzville, Missouri, a few years, and later he removed to St. Louis, where he was occupied in the commission business till 1864. He remained in that city till 1866, when he returned to St. Charles County, Missouri, and embarked in the dry goods business. This he continued till 1874, when he went to Troy, Lincoln County, and became a member of the firm of Woolfolk & Hand, in the same calling. In 1878 the firm became Hand & Jackson, who continued the business till July, 1881, when Mr. H. disposed of his interests in the house, and after an extended trip, the object of which was to find a location, he finally in December, 1881, opened his present store in Grant City. He carries one of the largest stocks in the city, and is doing a good business. Mr. H. is a member of the Masonic fraternity.

DAVID D. HARDING, M. D.,

druggist and proprietor of the Harding House, Grant City, is among the representative citizens of this county. He is a native of Ripley County, Indiana, and was born February 7, 1842. At the age of ten years he was taken by the family to Jefferson County, Indiana, of which locality he was a resident till 1858. He then removed to Dearborn County, Indiana, remaining there till 1860, and in 1861, he enlisted in Company K, Twenty-sixth Indiana Regiment, serving three years. In 1864, he was issuing clerk of the commissary department of the Army of the Rio Grande. In the same year he returned to Ripley County, Indiana, and began the study of his profession under Dr. O. S. Harding, at Pierceville, Indiana, remaining under his instructions for three years, during which time he attended a course of lectures at Nashville, Tennessee. In 1867, he began the practice of his profession with his preceptor, and in 1869, he immigrated to this county, commencing to practice in Grant City. On his arrival here he had but a little over eight dollars in money, and was compelled to go in debt for a horse with which to attend to his country practice. Ever since then the doctor has

had a large patronage, and is considered one of the ablest physicians in this county. In 1873-4, he attended a course of lectures at Rush Medical College, of Chicago. In 1875, he associated himself with Mr. Hunter, under the firm name of Harding & Hunter, in the drug trade, and after a year's successful management of the business, Dr. Harding became sole proprietor, and is still continuing that business, in his large hotel building. He has at different times been interested in other mercantile firms. In 1872-3, he was associated with Dr. Houser in the practice of medicine, and in 1879, he was a partner with Mr. France in the dry goods business for one year. In 1881, he completed his large hotel, which he opened to the public in November of that year. As a landlord the doctor is very popular, and the patronage he receives in this latest venture far surpasses his expectations. He was united in marriage April 16, 1865, to Miss Mary Stephenson, a native of Indiana. Dr. H. is a member of Grant City Lodge, No. 185, I. O. O. F., and has held all the offices within the gift of the lodge.

CHRISTIAN HARRISON,

proprietor of livery, feed and sale stable, is a native of Cambria County, Pennsylvania, and was born July 17, 1832. He was reared to manhood and received his education in that vicinity, following the occupation of school teaching till 1861, when he embarked in mercantile pursuits at Fairview, Pennsylvania. There he was engaged in business five years, at the expiration of which he emigrated to Blackhawk County, Iowa, and commenced farming. After a season of five years he removed to Grant City, where he was interested in the grocery business for one year, then forming a partnership with Mr. D. C. Wright. This was continued one year, when he gave his attention to the conducting of a meat market, in connection with the grocery, and two years later he closed out his stock of groceries and continued the meat trade exclusively till 1879. At this time he embarked in his present business. He has good livery teams, and is doing his full share of the livery business in the place. Mr. H. was married, July 17, 1857, to Miss Caroline Watson, a native of Wayne County, Ohio. They have seven children: Anna M., William H., Laura E., Clifford M., Emma V., Elizabeth L. and Ella A. Mr. H. was deputy sheriff of this county for one term, and city marshal for a like period. He is a member of the A. O. U. W., of this city, and Mrs. H. belongs to the Presbyterian Church.

PHILLIP HASS,

section 15, post office Grant City, is a native of Germany and was born July 17, 1837. When three years old he was brought by the family to

America, they settling in Holmes County, Ohio. Here our subject was carefully reared to manhood and received his education, being raised in the occupation which he now so successfully follows. In 1858 he emigrated westward and located in Worth County on the place where he now resides. His landed estate consists of 482 acres of as fine land as there is in the county, 360 of which are under fence. Mr. Hass was united in marriage March 20, 1856, to Miss Margaret Ross, a native of Ohio. They have a family of five children: Armelia, Louis H., Mary E., Frank R. and Monroe B. Mrs. H. is a member of the Christian Church. Mr. H. has held the office of school director of his district, and also that of road commissioner.

HOLLINGSWORTH & CO.

are extensive dealers in dry goods, clothing, boots, shoes, etc. This firm have a large and complete stock of goods, and are doing their share of the trade in this line of business. Robert L. Hollingsworth, the senior member and manager of the firm, is a native of Van Buren County, Iowa, where he was born December 11, 1846. He was reared to manhood in his native county, and in 1864 he enlisted in Company G., Forty-third Missouri Regiment, serving till the close of the war, and obtaining his discharge June 13, 1865. He then returned home, and in 1866 attended college at Plattsburg, Missouri, one term. He again went home and was engaged in teaching school till the next year, when he attended college at Trenton, Missouri. The following spring he removed to Linnville, Iowa, and became interested in the drug business, and while so occupied he was studying for the medical profession. After a year's hard work and study, this calling not being suited to his tastes, he came to this county in 1869 and began farming, which he continued for three years. He then removed to Davis County, Iowa, turned his attention to merchandising for two years, and then returned to this county, and in company with his father started the present business. Mr. H. was married January 21, 1875, to Miss Ida Hopkins, a native of Davis County, Iowa. They have had two children, one of whom is living. Earl is deceased. Mr. H. is a member of the Masonic fraternity.

FREDERICK HUBBARD,

proprietor of the Grant City Mills, was born in the State of Indiana, November 18, 1815. At the age of fifteen years he removed to North Carolina, and after a residence there of five years he returned to Dearborn County, Indiana, where he became engaged in farming. In 1840

he emigrated to Jefferson County, Iowa, and followed agricultural pursuits till 1852. He was a citizen of Jasper County, Iowa, for a period of six years, he subsequently went to Pike County, Iowa, and after living there three years he removed to Shelby County, Iowa, where he remained till 1869. In this year he came to Worth County, Missouri, followed farming till 1879 and then, in partnership with a Mr. Dawson, entered into the milling business. This was carried on under the firm name of Dawson, Hubbard & Co. for two years, when the firm was changed to Hubbard & Dunn. After one year's time Mr. H. became sole proprietor. He has a large mill, in good running order, and is doing an excellent business, turning out a fine grade of flour. Mr. Hubbard has been twice married, first, January 20, 1838, to Miss Jane Dunn, a native of Indiana. They had six children, Samuel, Mary J., Martha, John, Solomon, Rebecca. His wife's death occurred in 1854. In 1859 he was again married to Miss Phebe J. Miller, a native of Ohio.

WILLIAM JOHNSON,

physician and surgeon, the subject of this sketch, was born in Clarke County, Iowa, February 11, 1857. He was there reared to manhood, receiving his primary education from the schools of that vicinity. In 1873 he was what is known as an "extra" telegraph operator, (the most expert in that profession,) and filled for short seasons most of the offices of the middle division of the C., B. & Q. R. R. He was engaged in that business for three years, and then came to this city and began the study of medicine under Dr. Harding, which he continued till 1877. In that year he attended a course of lectures at the Ohio Medical College, Cincinnati, Ohio, and in 1879 he entered the Rush Medical College, of Chicago. In the spring of 1880 he became a graduate of that institution. Returning to Grant City, he entered into a partnership with Dr. Harding, and commenced practicing. They now have as large and successful a practice as any physicians in the county, and are recognized as being among the best in their profession.

JAMES M. KERR

is proprietor of the Grant City Creamery. The large creamery now owned and managed by the above mentioned gentleman was established in June, 1881. The building is 20x30 feet, with large basement, and story above, and an icehouse attached. It has a capacity of 1,000 pounds of butter daily. Mr. Kerr is a native of Hartford County, Maryland, and was born March 21, 1830. At the age of fifteen years he removed to Belmont County, Ohio, where he resided till 1848, during which time he

was engaged in farming. In that year (1848) he served as deputy auditor of Belmont County, and filled this position for the following three years. He was then employed in clerking on the Ohio River steamers for four months, and was for eight months succeeding occupied in civil engineering in Ohio. Coming west, he resumed work in the same capacity on the survey of the Fort Scott and Little Rock Railroad. He returned east after six months' time, and clerked in Eliford & White's car works till 1855, when he again engaged in steamboat clerking. The next spring he went to Iowa and settled in Buchanan County, embarking in farming. There he resided till 1861, when he enlisted in Company L, First Iowa Regiment, and served till March, 1866, in which year he located in Macon County, Illinois. He devoted his time to farming till 1876, when he came to Worth County and resumed farming and stock raising, which he continued till he established his present business. Mr. Kerr was married August 20, 1867, to Miss A. Shay, a native of Illinois. They have five children: Lucy G., Etta M., Emma A., Everett I. and Lydia D. He is a member of the A. O. U. W.

JOSEPH C. KIRKPATRICK,

of the firm of Kirkpatrick & Carpenter, blacksmiths and carriage makers, is a native of Noble County, Indiana, where he was born January 24, 1852. At the age of twelve years he accompanied the family to Missouri, and settled in Allendale, Worth County. He was there reared to habits of industry till 1868, when he moved with his father to Grant City, and here he has since resided. In that same year he commenced the trade of blacksmith under his father, and in 1874, he became a partner with him in the shop. Upon the death of his father, in 1880, he took entire charge of the business, which he successfully managed for a short time, and then formed the present partnership. They are doing the most of the trade in their line in this place, and are running two shops, besides having a carriage repository which they keep well stocked with buggies of their own make. Mr. Kirkpatrick was united in marriage May 17, 1873, to Miss Martha Walton, a native of Indiana. They have three children: Eda M., Zella M. and Maud M. He is a member of the M. E. Church.

GEORGE LAMBERT,

section 15, post office Grant City. The subject of this sketch was born in Holmes County, Indiana, November 11, 1847. He was carefully reared to manhood and educated in his native county, and from boyhood he has followed his present occupation. In 1858 he emigrated to Adair

County, Missouri, where he remained till 1865, then removing to Worth County, and settling where he now resides. His estate consists of 313 acres of good land, most of which is under fence. He has excellent buildings, and his improvements generally denote him to be a progressive farmer. Mr. Lambert was united in marriage, February 15, 1856, to Miss A. Hass, a native of Germany. They have five children: Mary, Caroline, William, Barbara, and Hubbard. During the war, Mr. L. was a member of the Missouri State Militia. He has held the office of road commissioner of his district.

JAMES McLAIN,

Treasurer of Worth County, is a native of Morgan County, Ohio, and was born June 19, 1854. In 1859 he was taken by the family to Andrew County, Missouri, where he was reared to manhood and received his education, learning the trade of tinsmith. In June, 1875, he removed to this city and engaged in the hardware and tinning business, which he managed alone for one year. L. J. Howard then became a partner, and the business was conducted under the firm name of McLain & Howard till April, 1881, when Mr. McLain became a member of the firm of I. Ainslie & Co. In 1880 he was elected to the office of treasurer of this county, which position he now holds. He has in a large degree the confidence of the entire community, is a good financier, honest in his transactions and a man to be relied upon. He was married October 28, 1877, to Miss Alice Alexander, a native of Iowa. They have one child, Frederick L. Mr. McL. is a member of the A. O. U. W. of Grant City.

WILLIAM MILLER,

section 34, post office Grant City, is a native of Holmes County, Ohio, where he was born March 1, 1833. At the age of eighteen years he removed with the family to Porter County, Indiana, where he was reared to manhood, following the occupation of farming. From 1853 to 1858 he was engaged during the winter months in school teaching. In 1859 he came to Missouri and settled in Grant City, embarking in the making of brick and farming till 1875, when he turned his entire attention to agricultural pursuits. He then settled on his present place and now has 300 acres of land that will average with any in the county, most of which is under fence. He has on the farm a large orchard of 400 trees, occupying about three acres. Mr. Miller was married May 29, 1856, to Miss Elizabeth A. Gates, a native of Ohio. They have six children, Obidiah, Athiel, Mansfield W., Clay, Wilson and Orr. Mr. M. is one of the original members of the Grant City Christian Church.

WILLIAM MOON,

section 20, post office, Grant City. The subject of this sketch was born in Richland County, Ohio, February 7, 1841. He was there brought up and from boyhood has followed his present occupation. In 1862 he enlisted in Company C, One Hundred and Second Ohio Regiment, and served till the close of the war, after which he came to Worth County and engaged in farming. In 1875 he settled on his present farm. He has 110 acres of good average land, most of which is under fence. Mr. M. was united in marriage September 6, 1866, to Miss Margaret S. Dye, a native of Ohio. They have four children: Harriet L., Delpha S., John L. and Chester A. Mr. Moon is a member of the M. E. Church. He was road commissioner of district No. 3 for four terms.

CHARLES R. MURRAY

is the present affable collector of Worth County. The subject of this narrative, a native of Barren County, Kentucky, was born December 20, 1838. He is a son of Russell W. and Mary (Barber) Murray, their ancestry dating back through a line of the first old Kentucky families, and of Irish descent. At the age of four years Charles was taken by the family to Cole County, Missouri, where he resided till 1855, and then emigrated to the far West, and engaged in stock raising and trading with the Indians. He was one of the second party who arrived in Walker's diggings, at the time of the discovery of gold in Arizona Territory. He continued in that business, with many successes and failures, for about seven years, during which time he took an extensive trip to Mexico and South America, in the interest of his business. In 1861, with loyalty to his native state, he cast his fortunes with the Confederate States, and enlisted and received a commission on the quartermaster's staff. In 1862 he was detailed to the Army of the Gulf, and was stationed in Mexico, remaining in the service till 1865. Returning to the States, he afterwards settled in Texas, and lived there till 1866. Being in ill health, he concluded to come to this state, and in that year he arrived in Jackson County. The following year he removed to Platte County, and located in Platte City, where he engaged in the milling business. After residing there till 1870, he took a trip to California. In 1873 he returned to Platte County, but after remaining a short time he came to this county and embarked in the raising of fine stock. One year after this he purchased a stock of goods at Oxford, and opened a store there, running it till 1881, when he was elected to the office which he now so well fills. Mr. M. was collector of Greene Township one term, and also postmaster

of Oxford for six years, and is now the president of the Grant City Coal Company. He was married April 7, 1870, to Miss Susan J. Elgin, a native of Missouri. Their family consists of three children: Annie L., Nancy L. and Charlie E. Mr. M. is a member of the I. O. O. F. fraternity, and has held all the offices within the gift of the Lodge. He also belongs to the A. F. and A. M.

MACK D. OSBORNE, M. D.

section 24, post office, Grant City. This gentleman is one of the oldest medical practitioners of Worth and Gentry Counties, and a man who is prominently known throughout this section of country. He is a native of Barren County, Kentucky, where he was born May 5, 1815. In 1818 he was taken by the family to Champaign County, Illinois, then known as Edgar County. He was there reared, following the occupation of farming. In 1837 he began the study of medicine under the instructions of Drs. McMurphy and Parsons, at New London, Henry County, Iowa, remaining so engaged for two and one-half years. He then commenced practicing under the direction of Dr. Heath, at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, and after six months he settled in Trenton, Iowa, where he was occupied in practice till 1844. In that year he came to Gentry County, Missouri, and continued laboring at his profession, together with farming, till 1849, when he moved to Bates County, Missouri, stopping in that locality till 1862. While a resident of that county he held, for a season, the office of public administrator, and also the position of justice of the peace for eight years. In 1862 he returned to Gentry County, and in 1867 he came to Worth County and settled where he now resides. He has an excellent farm of ninety-two acres, eighty-five of which are under fence. Dr. Osborne has been twice married; first, December 10, 1837, to Miss Rebecca Wells, a native of Indiana. They had five children, four of whom are now living: Lydia, Samuel W., Anna and Stephen H. His wife's death occurred February 10, 1847. The Doctor was again married December 10, 1849, to Miss Salena Osborn, a native of Illinois. They have six children: Jerome M., Clayborne B., Naomi, David C., James R. and Mary F. During Dr. O.'s residence in the west he has been a minister in the Christian Church and a zealous and faithful worker in the cause of religion.

ELI QUIGLEY,

physician and surgeon, is among the well and favorably known practitioners of this county. He is a native of Davis County, Iowa, and was

born March 29, 1849. He was there reared in the life of a farmer, and in 1874 he began the study of his chosen profession under Dr. Bilby, of Floris, Iowa. He studied for four years, and then for the following two years attended the Keokuk Medical College, from which institution he graduated in the class of 1878. He then returned to his native county, and for one year was engaged in the practice of his profession. Taking up his residence at Elden, he followed his calling, together with the drug business, for six months, and then removed to Hopkins, Nodaway County, Missouri. After remaining there only a short time, he came to this county and settled in Grant City. He has a large practice here, and is considered to be among the best of the profession in the county. Dr. Quigley was married April 27, 1871, to Miss Susan M. Hall, a native of Ohio. They have three children: Harvey, Luda M. and Pearl. The Doctor is a member of the M. E. Church.

GEORGE M. RISDON,

section 3, postoffice Grant City. The subject of this sketch was born in Ontario County, New York, September 14, 1810. At the age of seven years he was taken by the family to Seneca County, Ohio. He was here reared to manhood, spending his youthful days in farming. In 1835 he removed to Porter County, Indiana, where he resided for eight years, after which time he came to this county and settled, where he now resides. He is by trade a carpenter, and built the first house in Grant City, besides having erected many of the houses of the old settlers of this county. His farm consists of forty-five acres of good average land, forty of which he cultivates. Mr. Risdon was married in 1834 to Miss Harriet Keeler, a native of New York. They have three children: Anna M., Olive M. and Harriet. Mrs. Risdon's death occurred in 1850, and Mr. R. was again married in 1854 to Mrs. Deborah Vannater, a widow. Mr. R. held the office of justice of the peace for twelve consecutive years. He is a member of the United Brethren Church.

JOHN SCOTT,

section 25, post office Grant City, was born in Giles County, Virginia, January 29, 1816. He passed his youth and early manhood and received his education in that county, being reared in the occupation he now so successfully follows. When a young man he removed to Boone County, Indiana, where he resided for seven years, after which time he emigrated to Linn County, Kansas, living there one month. He then came to Vernon County, Missouri, and after a residence there of one year he

went to Hancock County, Illinois. Two years later he moved to Richardson County, Nebraska, stopped there two years, and thence to Worth County, Missouri, in 1868, moving on the place where he now resides. He has 160 acres of land that will average with any in the county, 100 of which are under cultivation. Mr. Scott was married November 16, 1836, to Miss Jane Eaton, a native of Virginia. They have nine children living: William B., Thomas C., Albert G., James E., George P., Leonard M., Josephine, Henrietta, and Angeline.

J. M. SHERIDAN,

is an enterprising business man of Grant City, and a dealer in dry goods, groceries, clothing, boots, shoes, hats and caps, etc. He engaged in his present business in March, 1882, and now has a large, new stock of goods, and is doing a fair business. He is a native of Carroll County, Ohio, where he was born October 10, 1830. He was brought up in his native county, and received his education from the schools of that vicinity, and in 1856, graduated from the Newboyerstown Academy. He took a course of law study in that institution, and then under James Tripp, began a course of study, and was admitted to the bar of Jackson County, Ohio. Here he practiced for four years, after which he embarked in mercantile pursuits with his former instructor, which they continued two years. After this time Mr. S. returned to his native county, and embarked in the dry goods trade for the following two years. Thence to Perryville, Ohio, where he resumed the mercantile business for a like period. Moving upon a farm, he followed agricultural pursuits and millwrighting till 1877, when he came to Missouri, and settled in this county. He first devoted his attention to farming, but besides being so occupied he was in winters engaged in teaching and acting as a land and insurance agent. He thus spent the time till he started in his present business. Mr. Sheridan was married May 9, 1857, to Miss Rebecca M. McCaska, a native of Ohio. They have two children: J. Wakefield and Elmer M. He is a member of the M. E. Church.

JONATHAN SIMMONS,

section thirty, post office Grant City, a native of Andrew County, Missouri, was born March 8, 1845. At the age of six years he removed with the family to Worth County, Mo., where he was reared and received his education, following agricultural pursuits. He now has charge of his father-in-law's place, consisting of 240 acres of fine land, including an orchard of some 360 trees, and altogether one of the finest improved farms in the county. Mr. S. has been twice married, first to Miss Eliza-

beth Brown, a native of Ohio, March 18, 1863. They had six children: William J., John E., George W., Minnie S., Esta M. and Robert H. Mrs. Simmons' death occurred December 4, 1869. He was married again May 1, 1881, to Miss Lida B. Hitmer, a native of Pennsylvania. Mr. S. is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. During the war he enlisted in 1863 in Company M., First Missouri State Militia, and was discharged after a year's service, owing to disability.

JAMES H. SINCLAIR

is a prominent farmer on section 16. The subject of this sketch was born in Monroe County, Ohio, July 14, 1855. At the age of two years he was taken by the family to Green County, Wisconsin, where he was reared and educated, following his present occupation. In 1874 he emigrated to Missouri and settled in this county, and in 1876 he located where he now resides. He has forty acres of land that is above the average, all of which is under cultivation. Mr. S. was married August 2, 1874, to Miss Sarah Witmer, a native of Pennsylvania. They have four children: Forister, Charlotta, Delia and Joanna. He is a member of the Baptist Church.

HENRY STABE, JR.,

section 16, post office Grant City. Among the old settlers of this county the subject of this sketch deserves special mention. He is a native of Germany, and was born July 5, 1829. At the age of nineteen years he emigrated to America and settled in Starke County, Ohio, there residing till 1859, when he removed to Worth County, Missouri. He then engaged in farming, on the place where he now resides, and at present has a fine farm of 320 acres of land, 230 of which are under fence. Mr. Stabe was married May 10, 1853, to Miss Barbara Hass. They have had ten children, nine of whom are living: Phœbe, Jacob, Mary, Emma, William, George, Louis P., Albert, and Anna B. This wife's death occurred June 13, 1879. Mr. S. is a member of the Presbyterian Church. During the war he was a member of the State Militia.

MILLARD F. STEVENS,

Deputy County Clerk, is a native of Gentry County, Missouri, and was there born November 16, 1858. He grew to manhood and received his education from the schools of that vicinity, and was raised in the occupation of farming. In August, 1879, he removed to this county and engaged in the dry goods business with Dawson & Co., remaining in their employ for six months, after which time he accepted the position

of deputy county clerk. This office he now holds, discharging his duties with great judgment and care. Besides this he acts as assistant treasurer, and is a valuable man in that capacity.

TIBBLES & STALDER

are extensive dealers in lumber and building material, paints, agricultural implements, etc. Mr. John Stalder, a courteous member of the firm, is a native of Athens County, Ohio, and was born October 19, 1837. He was there carefully reared and received his education from the schools of that district, following the occupation of farming and boating on the river. In 1860 he emigrated to Ralls County, Missouri, and was engaged in farming till the fall of 1861, when he enlisted in the six months call and served in the Missouri State Militia, in the artillery, of J. B. Henderson's regiment. In 1862 he re-enlisted in Company E. Tenth Regiment, Missouri State Militia, and served till 1864, in which year he returned to Ohio. There he resided till the fall of 1866, when he came to Missouri and settled in Audrairie County, making this his home till 1881, when he came to Worth County and became engaged in his present business. Mr. S. was married February 28, 1866, to Miss Sarah C. Tibbles, a native of Ohio. They have three children: Retha B., Flossa B. and Frederick T. He is a member of the Congregational Church.

JOHN WARDEN,

section 5, post office Grant City, is a native of Guernsey County, Ohio, and was born July 17, 1820. He was there reared to manhood and received his education, following the occupation of farming. In 1851 he emigrated to Polk County, Iowa, where he resided till 1865, in which year he removed to Illinois and settled in Richland County. After remaining there but three months he came to Missouri, and for a season of six months was a resident of Nodaway County. At the expiration of that time he removed to Worth County and located where he now resides. His landed estate consists of 300 acres of good average land, the majority of which is under fence. Mr. Warden was married June 25, 1845, to Miss Eleanor Wolgamott, a native of Ohio. They have nine children: Sophia, Margaret, Catherine, Perry, John, Alice, Silas, Joseph and James. Mr. W. is a member of the Christian Church.

WILLIAM D. WINSLOW,

cashier of the Citizens' Bank of Grant City, is a native of Buffalo, Erie County, New York, where he was born December 10, 1844. In 1849, the

family emigrated to Mankato, Minnesota, and there W. D. was reared to manhood and received his education. In 1867, he removed to Missouri, and settled in Maryville, and for the year following his arrival he was book keeper for the firm of Wallerman & Co. He then accepted a position in the same capacity with the Farmers' Bank, of that city, which he filled with credit to himself for seven years. In December, 1881, with Mr. Dawson and others, he helped to organize the Citizens' Bank, of which he is the present cashier. Mr. W. was united in marriage March 12, 1882, to Miss Hattie E. Colby, a native of California. Mr. W. is an excellent financier, a man of quick perception, good judgment and an honored citizen of the place.

SAMUEL WITMER

is a member of the firm of Witmer & Son, dealers in furniture, etc. The subject of this sketch, a native of Lebanon County, Pennsylvania, was born May 11, 1821. He was there reared, following the occupation of farming, and also received his education in his native county. In 1858 he emigrated to Green County, Wisconsin, and engaged in farming and grain buying. There he resided till 1874, when he removed to Worth County and continued his farming operations for three years. He then came to Grant City, and in 1881 he embarked in the furniture business with his son. They are conducting an establishment well stocked with everything in their line, and are doing a remunerative business. Mr. Witmer was married January 15, 1846, to Miss Catherine Bowman, a native of Pennsylvania. They have nine children: Eliza, John H., Mary C., Sarah, Hannah E., Solomon D., Margaret, Joseph G. and Cyrus J. Mr. Witmer was elected to the office of justice of the peace in 1878, and was chairman of the board of township commissioners for several terms. He has one of the finest farms in the county, containing 240 acres of choice land, and everything appertaining to it is of the best quality. He has an orchard on the farm that comprises about 400 trees, occupying nearly three acres of ground.

SAMUEL M. ZELUFF,

postmaster of Grant City, owes his nativity to Ottawa, La Salle County, Illinois, where he was born February 26, 1842. He was brought up and educated in that locality, following the occupation of farming. In 1862 he enlisted in Company F., 104th Illinois Regiment, and served till the close of the war, having participated in the well known battles of Mission Ridge, Lookout Mountain, the Atlanta campaign and with Sherman in his famous march to the sea. After the close of the war Mr.

Z. returned home and there remained till 1868, in which year he removed to this county and engaged in the dry goods business with Mr. France. This continued till 1872, when he embarked in the grocery trade, to which he gave his attention for twelve months. The same year he was elected treasurer of Worth County, and served in a very satisfactory manner. He was subsequently occupied in the real estate and abstract business till December, 1877, when he became editor of the Grant City Star. Of this journal he is still the able manager and editor. In April, 1882, he was appointed postmaster of Grant City. He was united in marriage August 17, 1868, to Miss Emma J. Spencer, a native of Illinois. Mr. Z. has held the office of deputy assessor one term, and was assistant recorder for six months. He is a member of the Grant City Lodge No. 185, I. O. O. F., and is one of the charter members of the A. O. U. W. of Grant City. He also belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic. Mr. and Mrs. Z. are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The former is one of the representative men of this county, and as an editor is recognized as a man of ability. He is widely respected by all.



UNION TOWNSHIP.

ALEXANDER BAKER

was born in Lawrence County, Indiana, February 8, 1826. Armsted Baker, his father, was a native of Culpeper County, Virginia, and his mother, formerly Sarah Wagoner, was also a Virginian by birth. The youthful days of the subject of this sketch were passed on a farm, he obtaining an education at the common subscription schools. In March, 1850, he was married in Lawrence County, Indiana, to Miss Sarah Killgore, daughter of Hiram and Nancy Killgore. She was born in Davis County, Indiana, in 1830. In September, 1853, Mr. Baker moved to Madison County, Iowa, where he lived some thirteen years, coming thence to Worth County, Missouri, in the spring of 1866. He has eighty acres of land, forty of which are fenced and improved, and upon the place is an orchard of ninety apple and other fruit trees. Mr. and Mrs. B. have two children living: Emma J. (wife of Jeremiah Stone) and John N. He and his wife are members of the Christian Church. He resides on section 25, township 66, range 32.

JAMES BOYLE,

a prominent agriculturist of this township, was born in Lee County, Iowa, March 2, 1845, and is the son of Hugh Boyle, a native of Scotland, who, when nine years of age, emigrated with his parents to the United States, and located in Indiana, where he grew to manhood and married Miss Matilda Huston. Some time after, in 1844, he removed to Henry County, Iowa, being among the pioneers there. Subsequently, Lee County became his home, but after living there a short time he returned to Henry County, where he died in May, 1852 at the age of forty-four years. James Boyle spent his youth in attending school and in working in a flour and sawmill. In January, 1864, he enlisted in Company B, Third Iowa Cavalry, and served until the close of the war. He took part in the engagements at Independence, Missouri, Montgomery, Alabama, Columbus, Georgia, and others of less note. After being discharged he returned to Iowa and engaged in the milling business. In 1868 he came to Missouri, locating at Grant City, Worth County, and in the spring of 1869 he moved upon his present farm. He has 300 acres of land, 280 acres fenced, a large dwelling, barn and orchard of 125 bearing apple trees, besides peaches, cherries and other fruits. This place is located on section 15, township 66, range 33. On April 6, 1869, the marriage of Mr. Boyle to Miss Eva Jarrett, daughter of Elias and Fanny Jarrett, occurred in Lee County, Iowa. She was born in North Carolina, January 3, 1842, but moved to Lee County when a child. Mr. and Mrs. Boyle have three children, Maggie M., born May 27, 1870; Hugh J., born January 23, 1875, and Elias, born September 30, 1878. Mr. Boyle is Republican in politics, and the first year after the county adopted the township organization he was appointed assessor of this township. He was afterwards nominated by his party and elected to the position of township clerk. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. fraternity.

LEANDER S. BROWN,

a native of Washington County, Ohio, was born November 10, 1828. His parents, Andrew and Sarah (Cline) Brown, were also of Ohio. In 1830 the family removed from that state and located in Vermillion County, Indiana, where they lived for some six years, and where Andrew Brown died. In 1837 Leander went to Wisconsin and settled in Green County. He passed his boyhood days on a farm, received a common school education, and when sixteen years of age he engaged in the saw and flour mill business, which he followed for ten years. July 5, 1855, he was married in Green County to Miss Amanda Cline, daughter

of Lewis and Sarah Cline. She was born in Monroe County, Ohio, January 26, 1836. After his marriage Mr. B. worked on a farm for a short time, and then entered a steam sawmill. In 1858 he took a trip to Texas and purchased a farm, but was compelled to sacrifice valuable property there and leave just at the breaking out of the war. He returned to Iowa in the fall of 1860, spent the winter in Madison County and in the fall of 1861 commenced laboring in a sawmill in Clinton County, where he lived until the spring of 1863, then going to Wisconsin. He settled on his old farm in Green County, resuming milling and farming, and made it his home until the fall of 1869, when he removed to Taylor County, Iowa, and located at Mormontown. In February, 1870, he came to his present farm on the state line, and now has 160 acres of land, 120 of which are in Iowa and forty and his residence on the Missouri side of the state line. Most of it is under fence, fairly improved and an apple orchard of 150 bearing apples, 100 peach and other trees. He lives on section 35, township 67, range 32.

JOHN L. COY

was born in Indiana County, Pennsylvania, October 9, 1842, and was the son of Adam and Rachel Coy, *nee* Lydia, the former of Bedford County, and the latter of Cambria County, born August 6, 1821. The earliest days of John L. were passed on a farm and attending the common schools. In 1862 he enlisted in the State Militia and served some two months, but in 1865 he re-enlisted in the First Pennsylvania Cavalry and participated in the engagement at Petersburg. He was discharged in July, 1865, after which he returned to his native state. October 8, 1868, he was married in Indiana County, to Miss Mary Jane Woods, daughter of Jacob Woods. She was born in Armstrong County, Pennsylvania, December 29, 1846. In the fall of the year following his marriage Mr. Coy moved to Iowa and located in Monroe County, where he lived something over three years, after which he came to Missouri. In the fall of 1876 he settled on his present farm and now has 130 acres of land, 120 acres under fence, fairly improved. Upon the place, which is in section 12, township 66, range 33, is a young orchard of small fruits. Mr. and Mrs. Coy have five children living: Lucy A., born July 1, 1870; Augustus C., born April 8, 1872; Clinton, born February 15, 1874, died February 27, 1875; Adam E. and Rachel E. (twins) born April 20, 1876; Sarah, born October 4, 1880. They are members of the M. E. Church.

SIMEON DAVIDSON,

farmer and stock raiser, section 12, township 66, range 33, was born in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, July 27, 1833. Mordecai Davidson, his father,

a native of Maryland, was born November 11, 1806, and his mother, whose maiden name was Mary Watson, was born in Pennsylvania, June 28, 1810. The former died in Ohio, April 16, 1846. Simeon passed his youthful days on a farm and in attending the common schools. In 1849, when in his sixteenth year, he went to Jay County, Indiana, where he worked on a farm. He was there married, September 25, 1853, to Miss Elizabeth A. Watson, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Watson. She was born in Ohio, March 10, 1831. For two years after his marriage, Mr. D. resided in Jay County, moving thence in the fall of 1855, to Marshall County, Iowa, where he was engaged in farming and stock raising for ten years. In 1865, he sold his farm and came to Missouri, locating on his present place, in Worth County. He has 1,047 acres of land, 875 under fence, with good improvements, and a fine orchard of 1,200 bearing apple, 75 cherry, and other fruit trees. His first wife died in Marshall County, Iowa, May 12, 1860, leaving three children: Mary C. (wife of Harvey D. Austin), Lewis C. and Joseph V. Mr. Davidson was again married October 25, 1860, to Miss Sarah E. Beck, daughter of Jacob and Anna Beck. She was born in Miami County, Ohio, April 10, 1841. Mr. and Mrs. D. have five children: Della, Minnie, Jennie, Junie and Elsie. Mr. D. is Democratic in politics, and was appointed county collector in 1877. He collected the county tax for two years.

JERRY DAVIDSON,

one of the pioneers of Worth County, was born in Harrison County, Ohio, September 11, 1838, and was the son of Thomas L. and Rebecca Davidson, *nee* Walker, also natives of that county. In the fall of 1838 the family removed to Jay County, Indiana, and resided there for some eighteen years, coming thence to Missouri in 1856, and locating in Worth County. They were among the earliest settlers of this vicinity. The subject of this sketch was reared on a farm and received a common school education. December 9, 1860, he was married to Miss Catherine Barnes, daughter of James and Margaret Barnes. After this, Mr. D. settled on a farm, and in 1869 he moved upon his present place, which consists of 277 acres of land, with 100 acres in the home place. This is improved, with a fair house, and probably the largest bearing orchard in Northwest Missouri, containing 2,000 apple, 1,000 peach, 200 cherry and 50 pear trees, besides a variety of smaller fruits. The farm is located on section 25, township 66, range 32. Mr. and Mrs. Davidson have four children living. They have lost one. They are members of the Church of God.

WILLIAM DENNISTON,

section 12, township 66, range 33. The subject of this sketch, a native of Darke County, Ohio, was born December 5, 1837, his parents, Samuel and Sarah (Wasson) Denniston also being from Ohio. William was brought up on a farm, receiving his education in the common schools. In 1858 he came west, and after spending one year in Logan County, Illinois, he went to Storey County, Iowa, in the fall of 1860. There he was married, December, 9, 1860, to Miss Rachel Miller, who was born in Darke County, Ohio, October 30, 1842. Her father was J. H. Miller, Esq. After his marriage, Mr. D. lived in Storey County for three years, moving thence to Shelby County. There he resided for four years, and in March, 1868, he came to Missouri, locating on his present farm in Worth County. His estate comprises 120 acres of land, fenced and improved, his orchard containing 150 bearing apple and other fruit trees. They have nine children: James F., Sarah E., Rhoda O., Madora Belle, Anna C., Mary J., Edith A., William R. and Clark Melvin. Mrs. Denniston is a member of the M. E. Church.

WILLIAM EMERSON, M. D.,

a leading physician of this county, is a native of Dearborn County, Indiana, where he was born September 26, 1842. His parents, William and Elizabeth Emerson, *nee* Lockwood, were born in England. The subject of this sketch passed his early days on a farm, and received a common school education, which he supplemented with one year's attendance at Wright's Institute, of Dearborn County. In 1861, he enlisted in Company F, Thirty-fifth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and served four years in the war of the rebellion, participating in the engagements at Stone River, Chickamauga, Lookout Mountain, Tunnell Hill, Resaca, Buzzard's Roost and Kenesaw Mountain, besides several minor battles. He was twice wounded at Chickamauga. After being discharged in 1865, he returned to Indiana, and was engaged in the commission business with S. A. Van Horn for one year. In 1865, he went westward to Iowa, and located in Davis County, where he purchased a farm, and followed farming and stock raising five years, during which time he commenced and devoted considerable attention to the study of medicine. In 1873, he commenced studying with Dr. E. J. Shelton, of Bloomfield, Iowa, and in the winter of 1874-5, he attended lectures at Cincinnati, Ohio. In the summer of 1875, he was occupied in practicing his profession at Cromwell, Union County, Iowa. In the winter of 1877-8, he attended lectures at Keokuk, where he graduated in the spring of 1878. In September of

that year he moved to Worth County, Missouri, and has since been interested in the active practice of his chosen calling at Isadora, with good success, being considered one of the ablest physicians of this vicinity. The doctor was married in Davis County, Iowa, February 16, 1870, to Miss N. C. Caldwell, daughter of Dr. M. C. Caldwell. She was born in Lawrence County, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. E. have three children living; William M., Charles C. and Lillie Ellen. One is deceased. Mrs. E. is a member of the Congregational Church, and the doctor belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic.

HENRY FATTIG,

one of the most prominent farmers and stock raisers of the county, was born in Rockingham County, Virginia, December 6, 1831. His father, Jacob Fattig, who was born in 1782, in Pennsylvania, served in the war of 1812. He married Frances Turner, of the same state as himself. In 1837 the family removed from Rockingham County, Virginia, to Henry County, Indiana, where the father died in 1838. Henry passed his younger days in tilling the soil and attending the common schools to some extent, though his education has been obtained mostly by self-application. When nineteen years of age he moved to Iowa City, Iowa, and for some time was engaged in brickmaking in Johnson County. October 17, 1852, he was married to Miss Frankie Hatley, who was born in Vermillion County, Indiana, February 3, 1832. After residing in Johnson County about three years Mr. F. went to Ringgold County in the fall of 1855. Here his wife died, February 1, 1856, and was buried on February 3d, the anniversary of her birthday. In the spring following he returned to Iowa City, and in the fall of 1856 he came to Missouri and located in Worth County, being among the early settlers here. In the spring of 1857, in company with Gregory Bros., and others, he made a trip overland to California, where he arrived September 18, 1857. He was engaged in mining most of the time, and in July, 1859, returned to the states by way of the Isthmus and New York City. March 15, 1860, Mr. Fattig married again, in this county, to Miss Sarah Hagans, daughter of J. M. Hagans. She was born in Platte County, Missouri, December 10, 1845. In the spring of 1860 he settled on his present farm, where he has 311 acres of land, 200 fenced, a good house and improvements, and an orchard containing 100 bearing apple, and 100 peach, pear and plum trees. He resides on section 13, township 66, range 32. Mr. Fattig was for a number of years extensively engaged in feeding and shipping stock. He is Democratic in politics, and was nominated by his party as county assessor, and elected at the general

election of 1870. He made two assessments of the county, and under the township organization was elected township assessor at two successive elections, and made the assessment of his township for two years. Mr. and Mrs. F. have eight children: Frances (wife of David Fry), James M., Charles H., Mary J., Ida A., Andrew J., Deborah A. and Rosetta. Mrs. F. is a member of the Christian Church, and her husband belongs to the Masonic fraternity.

JOHN W. FLOREA

was born on the 13th of August, 1842, and is a native of Adams County, Ohio, in which county his parents, John and Elizabeth Florea, *nee* Smalley, were also born. The youth of John W. was spent on a farm at his birth-place, his education being principally obtained through his own efforts, though he attended the common schools a short time. November 7, 1861, he was married, in Adams County, Ohio, to Miss Cynthia Ann Powell, daughter of George W. and Lucinda Powell. She was born in that county, February 11, 1841. After his marriage, Mr. F. followed farming for about two years, and then engaged in teaching and attending a high school. In the fall of 1864 he moved to Rush County, Indiana, where he was occupied in farming during the summer seasons, and teaching during the winter months, for about seven years. In the fall of 1871 he came to Missouri, settling in Worth County, where he has since resided. Since coming here he has resumed farming and teaching. In February, 1879, Mr. F. took the contract for carrying the mails from Hopkins to Grant City, and since July of that year he has run a hack line between these places daily, making the trip each way. Politically he is Democratic, and he was nominated by his party and elected one of the county judges at the general election of 1876. He served in this capacity for one term. Mr. Florea has forty acres of land, all in cultivation, and resides on section 24, township 66, range 33. They have seven children: John W., born June 5, 1864; Charles E., born April 2, 1866; Amanda A., born July 7, 1870; Albert T., born December 28, 1871; Alvin D., born November 25, 1873; Cyrus N., born November 5, 1875, and Samuel V., born May 15, 1879. Mr. and Mrs. Florea are members of the Christian Church.

CHARLES FREEMYER,

a leading agriculturist of the township, was born in Washington County, Ohio, January 22, 1831. His parents were George and Martha (Shreves) Freemyer, the former a native of New York, born January 21, 1794, the

latter was born January 22, 1794, in Pennsylvania. Charles spent his youth in tilling the soil and attending the common schools. In the spring of 1852 he went to Jay County, Indiana, where he resided for six years. There he was married February 17, 1853, to Miss Jane Mitchel, who was born in Jay County, June 27, 1835, being a daughter of John Mitchel, Esq. In the fall of 1858 Mr. Freemyer moved from Indiana to Missouri, and located in Worth County. In 1860 he settled on his present farm in section 20, township 66, range 32, and which contains 250 acres of land; of this, 230 acres are fenced, and upon it a fair house and barn, and a bearing orchard of 275 large and 330 young bearing trees. Mr. and Mrs. F. have a family of eight children: Amos, Andrew, Daniel, John H., Martha E., Joshua, Charles W. and Samuel. Mrs. F. is a member of the Christian Church.

ANDREW J. FREEMYER,

one of the early settlers of Worth County, was born on April 8, 1838, and is a native of Washington County, Ohio. George Freemyer, his father, was born in the State of New York January 21, 1794, and his mother, whose maiden name was Martha Shreves, was born January 22, 1794, in Pennsylvania. In 1850 the family removed to Indiana and located in Jay County, where they lived for about seven years, moving thence to Missouri in 1857. The youth of the subject of this sketch was passed on a farm, his education being such as the common schools afforded. January 28, 1864, his marriage to Miss Nancy J. Alkire, daughter of Michael and Margaret Alkire, occurred in Holt County, Missouri. Mrs. F. was born in St. Charles County, Missouri, December 13, 1844. Her family removed to Holt County in 1853, being among the earliest pioneers there. After his marriage Mr. F. settled on his present farm in section 32, township 66, range 32, which contains 315 acres. Of this, 265 acres are fenced, with a good house, barn, other improvements, and an orchard of 300 bearing apple trees upon the place. He makes a specialty of raising and feeding fine stock. During the war he served in the state militia. Mr. and Mrs. Freemyer have three children living: Margaret Frances, born December 8, 1868; Gilbert Holman, born August 7, 1871; and William Wilber, born August 5, 1874.

JACOB L. FRY,

farmer and stock raiser, section 24, township 66, range 33, is the son of John Fry, a native of Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, who married Mary Bucklew, a native of Maryland. Jacob was born June 27, 1833, in Holmes County, Ohio. In 1843 he accompanied the family to Allen

County, Indiana, living there until 1854; when he moved to Hancock County, Illinois. The youth of young Fry was passed on a farm, his education being principally obtained after coming to years of maturity. January 28, 1858, he was married, in Hancock County, to Miss Mary Harding, daughter of Felix Harding, Esq. She was a Kentuckian by birth but was raised in Hancock County, Illinois. After this event the subject of this sketch was engaged in farming and stock raising in Illinois till 1875, when he removed to Worth County, Missouri, and located on his present farm. He has eighty-nine acres of land, eighty-five in his home place, all improved. His fine orchard contains 160 apple trees and a variety of other fruits. Mr. Fry served in the war of the rebellion, enlisting in October, 1864, in Company E, Twenty-Eighth Illinois Infantry. He served until the close of the war, being discharged in 1865, after which he returned to Hancock County, where he resided until he came to Missouri in 1875.

JAMES HENNEGIN,

farmer and stock raiser, section 20, township 66, range 32, is an enterprising citizen of Worth County. He was born in Ripley County, Indiana, September 12, 1835, his parents being George and Susan Hennegin, *nee* Montgomery. The former, a native of Onondaga County, New York, was born October 17, 1803, and the latter was a Kentuckian by birth, born in Henry County, January 18, 1804. James divided his time in youth between working on the farm and attending the common schools. In October, 1855, he went to Iowa, and located in Wapello County, where for some twelve years he was engaged in farming and stock raising. February 21, 1861, he was married in Mahaska County, Iowa, to Eliza J. Jones, daughter of Henry Jones. She was born in Harrison County, Ohio, November 4, 1842. In October, 1865, Mr. H. came to Missouri, and settled on his present farm in Worth County. He has 370 acres of land, 330 acres under fence, fairly improved, and a bearing orchard of 200 apple and other trees. Mr. and Mrs. Hennegin have five children living: Henry Montgomery, born September 22, 1866; Roscoe Sherman, born April 2, 1872; William Edward, born March 7, 1875; Tacy D., born March 28, 1878, and Tilla E., born December 13, 1880. In February, 1864, Mr. H. enlisted in Company F, Seventh Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and participated in the fight at Lee's Ferry, and all of the engagements of Sherman's march to the sea. He was discharged in July, 1865. Mr. H. is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic.

SAMUEL K. HIBBS,

a prominent farmer and stock raiser of this county, was born in Adams County, Ohio, March 30, 1818, and was the son of Aaron and Doratha (Zink) Hibbs. The former was a native of Ohio, and the latter was a Virginian by birth. Samuel was brought up on a farm, obtaining his education mostly by self-application. June 10, 1838, he was married in his native county to Miss Julia Ann Ogle, daughter of Daniel Ogle. She was born in that county June 27, 1818. In 1853 Mr. Hibbs moved to Knox County, Illinois, and lived there some three years, coming thence to Missouri in 1856, and settling on his present farm in Worth County. He was one of the pioneer settlers here, and now owns 550 acres of land, 400 of which are fenced, with a good house, barn, and other improvements. Upon the place is a fine orchard of 200 bearing apple trees, besides peaches, cherries and small fruits. He resides on section 3, township 66, range 32. Mr. and Mrs. Hibbs have a family of ten children: Leonidas R., Alvira (wife of William Morris), Thomas W., Robert B., Doratha (wife of A. Zink), Samuel F., Lydia J., (wife of Silas Clark), Dorcas C., (wife of George Peterson), Gilbert R. and Clara Belle.

JUDGE W. C. HUDSON,

the subject of this sketch, was born in Franklin County, Ohio, April 18, 1829. Joshua Hudson, his father, a native of Maryland, was married to Mary Tracy, who was born in Pennsylvania. In 1834 they removed to Indiana, locating in what afterwards became Jay County. They were among the pioneers of that county, and the second family in the township in which they settled. Joshua Hudson died in an adjoining county in 1837. W. C. spent his youth in a tanyard, and for a while attended the common schools, but the principal part of his education was obtained by self culture. He was married in Indiana, March 2, 1859, to Miss Elma Millikan, daughter of Jesse and Lydia Millikan. She was born in Jay County, in January, 1842. After his marriage, Mr. H. followed the tanner's trade at Mt. Pleasant, Indiana, until he moved to Missouri, in 1872, when he located on a farm in Worth County. He came upon his present place—section 13, township 66, range 32—in 1875, and now owns 125 acres of land in his home place, well improved, his orchard containing 100 bearing trees. Mr. H. is a staunch Republican, and on account of his ability he was nominated by his party as one of the county judges, and elected to that position at the general election of 1876. He was re-nominated and re-elected at the general election of 1880. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity. Judge and Mrs. H. have two children, Mary (wife of Albert Shuffleton) and Millard F.

JOHN W. JENKINS,

the subject of this sketch, was born in Wales, February 19, 1842, and was the son of William and Margaret (Griffith) Jenkins, who were also natives of Wales. In 1852 the family emigrated to the United States, landing in New York in the spring of that year. They located in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, where they lived for three years, moving thence to Lucas County, Wisconsin. John W. passed his younger days mostly in the public schools, and after going to Wisconsin was engaged in working on a farm. In the spring of 1858 he went to Minnesota, locating in Blue Earth County. In the summer of 1862 he enlisted in Company E., Ninth Minnesota Volunteer Infantry, and served three years during the war, participating in the battle of Guntown in 1864; the day after this engagement he was taken prisoner and was confined in Andersonville and other prisons for ten months. After being discharged Mr. J. returned to Minnesota, thence to Wisconsin, and from there to Pennsylvania, finally engaging in the iron business in Jefferson County, Ohio. This occupation he followed for four years, when in the spring of 1871 he came to Missouri, settling on a farm in Worth County. In 1872 he moved upon his present place in section 7, township 66, range 32, which contains ninety-six acres of land, eighty-seven acres being in his home place, all improved and with a young orchard and vineyard. Mr. Jenkins was married in Columbiana County, Ohio, in November, 1868, to Miss Emily Runyon, daughter of David Runyon. She was born in that county December 5, 1844. Mr. and Mrs. J. have five children: William D., born August 19, 1870; Lewis P., born December 12, 1872; John H., born March 9, 1875; Lucy H., November 5, 1877; and Margaret E., August 8, 1881. Politically Mr. Jenkins is a Republican. He received the nomination of township clerk by his party, and was appointed to that position at the election in 1876.

JAMES T. JOHNSON

was born in Monroe County, Ohio, January 19, 1845. Samuel Johnson, his father, was born in Belmont County, Ohio, while his mother, whose maiden name was Margaret Simmons, was a native of Pennsylvania. James T. spent his youth on a farm and was educated at the common schools. He came west in the fall of 1864 and located in Adams County, Iowa, where he lived some nine years. He was married in Worth County, Missouri, January 20, 1867, to Miss Catherine Wine-miller, daughter of Jacob Winemiller. She was born in Monroe County, Ohio. After his marriage, Mr. Johnson lived on a farm in Adams

County some six years, moving from there to Taylor County in the fall of 1873. In the fall of 1877 he came to Worth County, Missouri, and located on his present farm. He has eighty acres of land, seventy fenced, with fair improvements, and a young bearing orchard of apple and peach trees with some small fruits. He resides on section 7, township 66 and range 32. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have five children, Della May, Jesse R., Homer, Roy and Evaline. They are members of the Church of God.

JOSEPH A. MANGAN

is one of the young men of ability and prominence of Worth County. He is the son of Francis Mangan, who was born in Ireland, April 10, 1816, and who married Sarah Doyle, also a native of Ireland. Joseph A. was born on Long Island, New York, January 18, 1859. In 1860 he accompanied the family to Wisconsin, where they resided until coming to Worth County, Missouri, in 1868, at which time they located in Union Township. Here Francis Mangan died February 18, 1879, leaving, besides his wife, six children to mourn his loss: Mary A. (now the wife of Anthony Kraen), Catharine (now Mrs. James P. Graves), James, Frank M., Sarah Jane and Joseph A. The latter, the subject of this sketch, was brought up on a farm, receiving a common school education, which he supplemented with two years' attendance at the college of Atchison, Kansas, where he obtained a very liberal education. Since leaving school in 1878, he has been engaged with his brother, Frank M., in farming and stock raising on the home place, teaching school during the winter months. The homestead consisted of 270 acres of land, with 180 acres in the home place, all fenced, fairly improved and a good bearing orchard. He resides on section 25, township 66, range 33.

DAVID MILLS

was born in Warren County, Ohio, September 27, 1829. His father, Michael Mills, was also born in Ohio. His Grandfather Mills, with a company of others, made the first settlement where the city of Cincinnati now stands. He served under General Wayne as a scout. He was cotemporary with and an intimate acquaintance of Daniel Boone. Elizabeth Whitaker, the mother of David, was born in Warren County, Ohio. Her family were Quakers and were of English descent. The youth of the subject of this sketch was spent on a farm in Jay County, Indiana, whither his parents moved in 1837. He was educated in the common schools but spent one term at the Portland High School. He was married in Jay County, Indiana, January 1, 1852, to Miss Maggie

Wells, daughter of Jonathan R. Wells, one of the pioneers of and prominent citizens of that county. She was born in Chester County, Pennsylvania, February 5, 1832. After his marriage he located on a farm in Jay County, and in August, 1862, enlisted in Company H, One Hundredth Indiana Volunteer Infantry. He was detached from his regiment at Indianapolis and was steward of hospital supplies at Camp Morton during almost the entire service. After he was discharged he returned to Jay County, where he was engaged in teaching and farming until he moved to Missouri, in the fall of 1871. He located in Worth County, coming on his present farm in the spring of 1873. Mr. Mills has eighty acres of land in his home place and 120 acres in Sumner County, Kansas. He has fair buildings and improvements on his home place, with a young bearing orchard of 400 apple, some 500 peach, 60 cherry trees and a variety of small fruits. He resides on section 8, township 66, range 32. Mr. Mills is a Republican in politics, and was nominated and elected township trustee at two successive elections. He and his wife are members of the M. E. Church. He was ordained a minister of the gospel in the Freewill Baptist Church, 1855, and joined the Methodist Conference in 1879, but has not been devoting his time to the ministry for the last two years. Mr. and Mrs. Mills have seven children: James M., Cyrus L., Charles O., Howard, Jonathan R., Oliver P. M. and Harlan P., living, and Edgar O., deceased.

WILLIAM A. NIGHSWONGER,

section 7, township 66, range 32, was born October 16, 1852, and is a native of Pike County, Illinois. His father was a Virginian by birth, and his mother came originally from Ohio. In 1857 the family moved from Pike to Marshall County. William passed his youth on a farm, receiving an education such as the common schools afforded. In the fall of 1873 he removed to Missouri and located in Worth County. Here he was married, January 18, 1874, to Miss Elizabeth J. Bohart, daughter of Jacob Bohart. She was born in Andrew County, Missouri, January 11, 1854. After his marriage Mr. N. lived in Worth County some five years and then moved to Daviess County, where he lived for about one and one-half years, after which here turned to Worth County. In January, 1880, he came upon his present farm, and now has 120 acres of land, eighty acres fenced, with improvements. His orchard contains 110 trees of different varieties, and some smaller fruits. Mr. and Mrs. Nighswonger have three children: Nancy C., born November 4, 1874; Christa A., born October 4, 1878, and Mary Jane, born February 11, 1882. Mrs. N. is a member of the Christian Church. Her husband belongs to the I. O. O. F.

REV. ABNER NORMAN.

The subject of this sketch was born in Vermillion County, Indiana, February 3, 1830. Charles Norman, his father, was born in Old Virginia and his mother, whose maiden name was Parthenia Arrasmith, was a native of Bourbon County, Kentucky. In 1834 the family moved from Indiana to Illinois and located in Henry County, afterward going to Mercer County. Abner Norman divided his youth between attending the public schools and working on the farm. His education was obtained mostly by self culture. He was married in Rock Island County, Illinois, January 18, 1855, to Miss Mary Jane Christ, daughter of William Christ. She was born in Indiana, April 26, 1835. In August, 1862, Mr. N. enlisted in Company H, 112th Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and served until the close of the war, participating in the siege of Knoxville, Georgia campaign and the engagement at Atlanta, besides numerous other important conflicts. After his discharge he returned to Henry County. In the fall of 1879 he moved from Illinois to Missouri, and located in Worth County on his present farm. Mr. Norman has two farms in Worth and one in Gentry County, making in all 247 acres of land, and all in cultivation. The home place consists of eighty-seven and one-half acres of land, with fair improvements and a young orchard, and is located in section 15, township 66 and range 33. Mr. and Mrs. Norman have four children: John, Armina (wife of Abram Cox,) Lydia E. (wife of John Montany,) and George Elwer. Mr. Norman is a member of the United Brethren Church, and is a minister of that denomination. He was ordained in the fall of 1870, but has been preaching since 1867. He is located the present year on the Grant City Circuit.

GEORGE H. ORR,

a native of England, was born August 25, 1833, his parents being Nicholas and Elizabeth Orr *nee* Heller, also of England. The early life of George H. was passed in a flour mill, and he was also a student at the common schools. When seventeen years of age, he emigrated to the United States, landing in New York in June 1850, after which he settled in Syracuse; there he was employed in a flour mill for four years and at other places in the state for the same length of time. He was married at Chittenango, Madison County, New York, January 1, 1855, to Miss Sarah L. Barnard, who was born in Madison County, September 23, 1838. She was the daughter of Charles O. and Lena Barnard. In 1857, Mr. Orr went to Janesville, Rock County, Wisconsin, where he followed the flouring business for a year, then going to Belleville, Dane County,

Two years later he moved to Mount Vernon of the same state, and was there interested in the milling business for about ten years. Adamsville next became his home, he devoting his attention to his trade for five years, thence to Mineral Point, Wisconsin, but soon after he visited Iowa, embarking in business at Watson's Mill in Montgomery County for nine months. In January, 1877, he came to Defiance, Worth County, Missouri, and purchased what is known as Winemiller's Mill. He has since been engaged at his trade at this place, and now has one of the best water mills in Worth County. Mr. and Mrs. Orr have four children living, George W., born October 23, 1857; Effie Wynona, born November 4, 1862; Edward W., born November 4, 1864, and Mable Estella, born December 17, 1872. Anna V. was born in Chittenango, New York, October 16, 1855, and died December 2, 1856. Freddie J. was born at Mount Vernon, Wisconsin, October 15, 1860, and died September 23, 1865. Mr. Orr is a member of the Masonic order. In the summer of 1866 he made a trip to England and was absent four months, visiting not only the land of his nativity, but Ireland, Scotland and the various cities of interest.

DANIEL W. POORE

was born in Jackson County, Indiana, May 1, 1839, and was the son of Wendell Poore, a native of Tennessee. In 1854 the family emigrated to Iowa, and located in Ringgold County. Daniel W. spent his youth on a farm, attending the common schools. He was married March 2, 1857, in Allendale, Worth County, Missouri, to Miss Mary Warfford, daughter of Mahlon Warfford. She was born in Rochester, New York, August 17, 1839. After his marriage Mr. P. settled on a farm in Ringgold County, where he was engaged in farming and stock raising until the fall of 1873, when he moved to Missouri and located on his present farm in Worth County. He has 240 acres of land, 120 under fence, a good house, a young bearing orchard, and some small fruits. In August, 1861, the subject of this sketch enlisted as a private in the Fourth Iowa Infantry, and served six or seven months, being discharged on account of sickness. He re-enlisted in the spring of 1862 in the Twenty-ninth Iowa Infantry and served till the close of the war, participating in the battles of Pea Ridge, Vicksburg, Arkansas Post, Helena, and numerous others. He was promoted to captain just at the close of the war. After his discharge he returned to Iowa. Mr. Poore has a family of six children: Mahlon, Elizabeth C., Elmer B., George, Grant, and James Rolla. Mr. and Mrs. P. are members of the M. E. Church. The former belongs to both the Masonic and Odd Fellow fraternities.

ELIHU ROWEN,

a pioneer of Worth County, was born on the 28th of April, 1820, near Cincinnati, in Butler County, Ohio. His parents were Andrew and Elizabeth (Trullinger) Rowen, the former a native of Ohio, and the latter of New Jersey. In 1824, the family removed to Indiana, and located in Parke County, where they lived some four years, moving thence to Fountain County, of the same state. This was their home for eight years. In 1837, they went to Vermillion County. The subject of this sketch grew to manhood on a farm, receiving a common school education. January 16, 1840, he was married in Vermillion County, to Miss Cynthia Hatley, daughter of John Hatley, Esq. After his marriage, Mr. Rowen lived in Indiana until the fall of 1847, when he came to Iowa, settling in Johnson County. There he resided till 1856, when he removed to Missouri, locating on his present farm in Worth County. He has 209 acres of land, of which 160 are improved, with a good house and orchard of 250 fine apple and 30 peach trees, besides other fruits. He resides on section 12, township 66, range 32. Mr. and Mrs. Rowen have nine children: Elizabeth (wife of W. B. Ray), Lysander, Nursiffa (wife of C. O. Harris), Anderson, Henry, Melissa (wife of Levi Campbell), Ellen, Hiram S. and May H. Mr. R. makes a specialty of raising fine stock.

WILLIAM L. STONE.

The subject of this sketch was born in Greene County, Indiana, November 25, 1829. John R. Stone, his father, was born in Virginia, in 1803, but was raised in Kentucky, and his mother, whose maiden name was Martha Miller, was also a Kentuckian by birth. William L. Stone spent his youth on a farm, and was educated in the subscription schools. He was married in Lawrence County, Indiana, September 13, 1849, to Miss Celestine Mayfield, daughter of Reuben Mayfield. She was born in Indiana. After his marriage, Mr. Stone was engaged in farming in Greene and Lawrence Counties, until the fall of 1854, when he moved to Jefferson County, Iowa, where he resided some two years. Gentry County, Missouri, next became his home, but when it was divided it left him in Worth County. He was among the earliest settlers of these counties. He lived on his farm near the Iowa State line until 1859, when he moved to Oxford and engaged in merchandising, and was also carrying on a farm and buying and shipping stock. He continued business at this place six years. In the fall of 1865 he went to Hawleyville, in Page County, Iowa, and was interested in the same line of business there for six years. Returning to Worth County in 1874, he located at Defiance,

where he has since been extensively occupied in merchandizing, and now carries one of the largest general stocks of any house in the county. He is extensively occupied in buying and shipping stock. Mr. and Mrs. Stone have three children: Mrs. Amma Yates, John M. and Daniel M. They also have one grandchild, Amma Frances Yates. They are members of the Christian Church, and Mr. Stone belongs to the Masonic and Odd Fellow Orders.

CUMBERLAND WALL,

a well known citizen of this township, was born on September 30, 1821, in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. His father, John Wall, was born on the same farm. He married Mary Cumberland, a native of Butler County, Pennsylvania. The early life of young Wall was divided between working on a farm and attending the common schools. February 29, 1845, he was married to Miss Jediah Job, daughter of James Job. She was born in Mercer County, Pennsylvania, August 18, 1824, but was reared in Westmoreland County. After his marriage Mr. W. embarked in farming and stock raising in his native state. In the fall of 1853 he moved to Iowa, locating in Dallas County, where he followed farming for three years. In the spring of 1856 he came to Missouri and settled in what was then Gentry, now Worth County. At that time he moved upon his present place, being among the pioneers of the county and has 690 acres of land, with 550 acres fenced, a good dwelling and barn, and an excellent orchard of 450 bearing apple trees and a large variety of other fruits. He resides on section 14, township 66, range 32. Mr. and Mrs. Wall have six children living: James T., Theodore, Theophilus, Benjamin F. Florence and Orretta J. They are members of the Christian Church, Mr. W. is a Republican in politics and was nominated by his party and elected at the general election of 1872 as county assessor. He did not qualify, as his business prevented him from making the county assessments.

GEORGE WATSON,

farmer and carpenter, section 29, township 66, range 32, is a native of Columbiana County, Ohio, and was born October 2, 1830. He is a son of James and Elizabeth (Manfull) Watson, who were born in England. In 1837 the family removed from Ohio to Indiana, and located in Jay County. George passed his younger days on a farm, receiving an education such as the common schools afforded. October 30, 1851, he was married in Randolph County, Indiana, to Miss Mary Ann Shoemaker, who was born in Columbiana County, Ohio, being a daughter of William

Shoemaker. Mr. Watson was a citizen of Jay and Randolph Counties until the fall of 1854, when he went to Marshall County. In August, 1855, he came to Missouri and settled in Worth County, where he lived until 1858, then going to Kansas. There he made his home until 1860, when he returned to Worth County, locating on his present farm in 1865. He has 106 acres of land, eighty acres of which are fenced, fairly improved; upon the place is a good orchard of 200 bearing apple, 200 peach and some other fruit trees. In July, 1861, he enlisted in the state militia, in which he remained until 1864, where he enlisted in Company I, Forty-Eighth Missouri Volunteer Infantry, serving until the close of the war. While in Indiana Mr. W. learned the carpenter's trade, which he has followed to some extent since coming west. Mr. and Mrs. Watson have eight children: Emeline A., Vernemon L., Ella D., Nevada G., Orlantha A., Philena I., Bertha M. and Willis C. They are members of the Christian Church.

JOHN A. WEST.

The subject of this sketch was born in Adams County, Ohio, November 4, 1848. James K. West, his father, was born in Virginia, but was raised in Adams County, Ohio, and his mother, whose maiden name was Margaret Clark, was a native of Adams County, Ohio. John A. was raised on a farm and was educated in the common schools. He was married in Highland County, Ohio, August 11, 1864, to Miss Susan Smart, a native of that county, and a daughter of Wm. Smart. In October, 1864, Mr. West enlisted in Company F, 183d Ohio Volunteer Infantry and served until the close of the war. He participated in the engagements at Franklin and Nashville, and was discharged May 29, 1865, after which he returned to Ohio and engaged in farming and stock raising. In 1868, he moved to Missouri and located on his present farm in Worth County. James K. West, in company with another gentleman, drove in a buggy from Adams County to Worth County, Missouri, and bought the land now owned by the subject of this sketch. John A. owns 380 acres of land, 320 of which are under fence, with a fair house, barn and improvements, and a splendid orchard of 450 bearing apple and some cherry and peach trees, and a variety of small fruits. He resides on section 2, township 66, range 32. Mr. and Mrs. West have six children: Mary M., Cora A., William L., Elmer E., Lewis L. and Rose E. Mr. and Mrs. W. are members of the Christian Church.

JOHN WHITTEN,

a leading business man and merchant of Isadora, was born near Smithfield, Jefferson County, Ohio, April 16, 1828. Nathan Whitten, his

father was a native of Harrison County, Ohio, as was also his mother, formerly Sarah E. Watts. While John was a child the family removed to Tuscarawas County, where he passed his youth on a farm, and attended the common schools. In 1844, when in his seventeenth year, he commenced learning the carriage maker's trade, and followed this business some five years. Shortly after the breaking out of the gold excitement, in the spring of 1849, in company with George N. Allen and others, he started overland for California. His company fell in with Captain Eberts at Fort Smith, and this company was the first to make the trip via the southern route to the land of gold. They arrived at Santa Clara October 12, 1849. Mr. W. remained in that country until July, 1853, engaged in freighting and merchandising. After returning to Ohio he spent six months on a trip through the west, and retraced his steps to Ohio in February, 1854. February 16, 1854, he was married at Port Washington to Miss Catharine N. Fry, daughter of Daniel and Sarah Fry. She was born in the same county, October 8, 1832. In March following Mr. Whitten moved to Pike County, Illinois, where he resided for one year, occupied in a blacksmith and wagon shop. In the spring of 1856, he came to Missouri and located in Union Township, Worth County, where he embarked in farming and stock raising. In March, 1882, he commenced merchandising at Isadora, where he is now doing a remunerative business. Mr. and Mrs. W. have six children: Alice Jane, Adela, Amelia, Josephine, Laura Belle and John Curtis. He and his wife belong to the M. E. Church, and Mr. W. is a member of the Masonic and Odd Fellow fraternities.

JACOB WINEMILLER.

was born March 27, 1816, in York County, Pennsylvania, as was also John Winemiller, his father. His mother's maiden name was Catherine Zeller. In 1823 the family moved from York County to Ohio, and located in Belmont County, where they resided some five years, going thence to Monroe County, of the same state. Jacob spent his youth on a farm and received a common school education. He was married in Monroe County, Ohio, in 1836, to Miss Elitha Carpenter, daughter of Joseph Carpenter. She was born in that county. Mr. Winemiller has three children by this marriage: Joseph, John and Lydia Ann (wife of Lewis White). Mrs. W. died in Monroe County in 1849. The subject of this sketch was again married to Clarinda Tuttle, in 1850. This wife is a daughter of John Tuttle. In March, 1858, Mr. W. moved to Iowa and located in Adams County, where he was engaged in farming and stock raising for seven years. He came to Worth County, Missouri, in 1865, and settled at Winemiller's Mills, since named Defiance, where he

engaged in the saw mill and lumber business. He followed this business for three years and then entered into the flouring business at the same point; hence the original name of this town was called after Mr. W. and his mill. He was the first postmaster at the place, and still acts in that capacity. Mr. Winemiller sold out his mill some five years ago, and has since been engaged in farming and stock raising. He has 554 acres of land, 500 enclosed and 300 in cultivation. He resides in Defiance, and has a good dwelling and barn, and a good bearing orchard of apple and other fruits. There are four children by this last marriage: Catherine (wife of James T. Johnson), Benjamin, Walter and Henry. Mr. and Mrs. W. are members of the M. E. Church, and he belongs to the Masonic order

JOSEPH WINEMILLER,

one of the prominent farmers and stock raisers of the county is a native of Monroe County, Ohio, where he was born May 10, 1840. He is the son of Jacob and Elitha Winemiller, *nee* Carpenter, the former of York County, Pennsylvania; the latter was born in Monroe County, New York. In the spring of 1858 the subject of this sketch removed to Iowa with his father, locating in Adams County. He passed his early life on a farm and received a common school education. In October, 1861, he enlisted in the Fourth Iowa Cavalry, and served four years during the war, participating in the battles of Raymond, Jackson, Champion's Hill, Siege of Vicksburg, Guntown and Selma, besides other engagements. At Guntown he received a severe wound. While he was in the service his father had removed to Missouri, and hither he went, after receiving his discharge in August, 1865, locating in Worth County. On the 29th of April, 1866, the marriage of Mr. Winemiller to Miss M. Thomas, daughter of Isaac and Jane Thomas, occurred in Adams County, Iowa. She was born in Grant County, Indiana, March 2, 1846. After this event he settled on his present farm in section 13, township 66, range 33. He has 160 acres of land, all fenced, with a young orchard of 200 apple, 150 peach and 40 cherry trees, besides smaller fruits. Upon the place is a fair house and other improvements. Mrs. Winemiller died April 11, 1873, leaving two children: Francis, born May 9, 1867; Jennie, born December 9, 1869. Mr. W. was married the second time in Worth County, April 1, 1874, to Miss Sarah Jane Pickens. Her father was Levi Pickens, and she was born in Davis County, Iowa, February 19, 1852. By this union there is one child, Charles, born September 15, 1875. Mr. and Mrs. Winemiller are members of the M. E. Church. After coming to Worth County he was engaged in teaching, and since then he has taught ten terms of school. He is a Republican in politics and was

elected a justice of the peace of Union Township at the election of 1872. Since that time he has been re-elected and has acted continuously in that capacity for ten years past.



SMITH TOWNSHIP.

PLEASANT AND JAMES ADAMS.

Among the early settlers of this county are these brothers, who are deserving of more than a passing mention. Pleasant, the elder, as well as the first settler, is a native of Missouri, and was born May 21, 1817. At the age of eight, he, with the family, emigrated to Jackson County, where he was reared in the occupation he has followed through life. In 1845 he removed to Worth County, and settled on his present farm. He has 170 acres of good land, 90 acres of which are under fence. He was married, April 18, 1839, to Miss Patsy Powell, a native of Tennessee. They have three children now living: Isaac T., Martha F. and Nellie A. James Adams, the younger brother, was born in Jackson County, Missouri, May 10, 1827. His life there was spent in farming till his eighteenth year, when he followed his brother's example and came to the then unsettled portion of country now known as Worth County. On arriving here he settled on section 23, near where he now resides. He has a good farm of 268 acres, that will compare favorably with any in the county, 100 acres of which are under cultivation. Mr. Adams has been married three times. First, June 26, 1850, to Miss Labina Allen, a native of Illinois, who died October 15, 1850. He was again married, December 8, 1853, to Miss Rebecca Douglass. They had one child, Lavina J. Mrs. Adams' death occurred December 22, 1855. June 21, 1858, Miss Ruth W. Cowen, a native of Illinois, became his wife. They have eleven children: William J., Willis W., Mary E., Margaret E., Cordella E., Argus B., Phoebe J., Adina A., Mahalia C., James H. and Winnie. Mr. A. is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and also belongs to the Baptist Church. He held the office of school director for two years, and was road commissioner for a like period.

MICHAEL BOLL,

farmer, section 18, township 66, range 30, is a native of Franklin County, Pennsylvania, and was born January 15, 1830, being a son of Frederick

and Charlotte Boll. They were natives of Germany, and came to America at an early day. The subject of this sketch, with his parents, moved to Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, in 1847, and was engaged in the cooper business till 1855. He was married January 15, 1855, to Miss Sarah Truter, a native of France, born April 15, 1833. She came to America when a child. Mr. and Mrs. Boll subsequently settled at Pittsburg, moving thence to Bartholemew County, Indiana, and living on a farm some six years. Crawford County, Indiana, was their home for two years, after which they came to Worth County in 1866, settling near where he now resides. They have a family of six children living, Elizabeth, born May 26, 1858; Fred., born January 11, 1860; Emma, born May 27, 1863; Sarah, born October 26, 1866; Mary, born June 27, 1867, and Lydia, born August 27, 1869.

A. H. BUTLER,

section 1, post office Allendale, is prominent among the old settlers and successful and progressive farmers of Worth County. He is a native of Gallia County, Ohio, and was born November 15, 1825. He was there carefully reared to manhood in the occupation he now follows, receiving his education from the schools of that district. In 1855 he emigrated to Missouri and settled in Worth County, where he now resides. He has an excellent tract of land of 620 acres, and has upon the home place one of the finest residences in the county, splendidly situated and nicely furnished; also one of the largest and best barns in Northwest Missouri. His improvements generally are as good if not the best of any in this township. In connection with his farm he has an orchard of ten acres, containing 800 trees and a vineyard of 500 vines. Mr. Butler was united in marriage August 12, 1847, to Miss E. Mosbarger, a native of West Virginia. They have had fourteen children, seven of whom are now living: Eliza E., Flemming, Rebecca A., John M., Elizabeth, William K. and Seth. Mr. B. is a member of Lodge No. 198, A. F. and A. M., of Allendale. He is a member of the Protective Association, and belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was school commissioner of his district for several years. In 1862 he enlisted in Company G, Thirty-fifth Missouri Regiment, and was first lieutenant of that company, serving for some time during the war.

JESSE CAIN.

Among the oldest pioneers of this vicinity, who, from an early day, were closely identified with the farming interests of Missouri and this county, and one who was most highly respected, was Jesse Cain, now

deceased. Mr. Cain was a native of Tennessee, and was born in 1831. While yet a child he was taken by the family to Platte County, Missouri, which at that time was very thinly settled, and it was here that he was reared to manhood among the pioneer sons of that locality. In 1856 he came to this county and moved on the farm where his family now resides. He there made his home until the breaking out of the late war, when he enlisted, and while with the army at Helena, Arkansas, he was taken sick. His illness resulted fatally and he died in May, 1864. He was married March 24, 1856, to Miss Letetia Jackson. They had three children, James D., Harriet E. and John W. Since his death, Mrs. Cain, assisted by her sons, has successfully managed the estate, consisting of 422 acres of land. With the help of her son John she is now conducting a farm on part of that estate.

LEROY COFFMAN,

section 18, post office Allendale. The subject of this sketch was born in Washington County, Kentucky, November 15, 1810. At the age of eight years, with the family he emigrated to Adams County, Illinois, they being among the early settlers there. After making it his home for ten years, he removed to McDonough County, Illinois, where he resided till 1838, then coming to Missouri and settling in Buchanan County. He was engaged in farming for five years, after which time he moved to Gentry County, Missouri, being an early settler of the vicinity near where Albany now stands. He there lived till 1863, when he came to Worth County, and in 1875, located where he now resides. He has forty acres of land, thirty of which are under cultivation. Mr. Coffman has been twice married: first, in 1829, to Dorcas Groshong, a native of Missouri. They had one child, now deceased. Mrs. C.'s death occurred in 1878. In the same year he was again married to Mrs. Alcy Farr, whose maiden name was Daniels. She has been three times married, and has had by her other husbands eight children. Mr. C. is a member of the Baptist Church.

A. L. CONN,

farmer, section 21, township 66, range 30, is a native of Cattaraugus County, New York, and was born May 6, 1843. His parents were Henry and Permelia Conn, and with them he moved to Hancock County in 1846, and to DeKalb County, Illinois, in 1851. There he was educated. He began life as a farmer, and January 4, 1864, enlisted in Company I, Fourth Regiment Illinois Volunteer Cavalry, serving in the department of the Gulf. He was discharged March 4, 1866. Mr. Conn

was married January 19, 1866, to Miss Maria Kidney, a native of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, born November 14, 1843. She was a daughter of O. and Betsy Kidney, natives of Ohio. The subject of this sketch and his wife came to Worth County, Missouri, in 1866 and settled where they now reside. They have a family of two children: Altha, born July 2, 1869, and Marilla, born January 6, 1871. They are both members of the Baptist Church.

W. H. CONN,

editor of the Mineral Springs Chronicle, is a native of Hancock County, Illinois, born November 4, 1849, and is a son of Henry and Permelia Conn, who were originally from New York. In 1844 they moved to Illinois, afterwards settling in Lee County in 1851. The subject of this narrative was educated in DeKalb County, Illinois, and spent some two years in Chicago completing his musical education. He taught school many years in that state, and in 1865 came to Worth County, Missouri, engaging in teaching at Allendale for a long period. He has served a number of years as superintendent of public schools in Worth County. Mr. C. is now occupied in publishing the Mineral Springs Chronicle, a live and interesting sheet, and which, under his able management, is building up a good patronage.

JOHN S. COWAN,

section 2, post office Allendale. The subject of this biography is a Kentuckian by birth, having been born in Bourbon County, August 3, 1806. When but an infant, eight weeks old, he was taken to Champaign County, Ohio, where he resided until twenty-five years of age. Removing to Jersey County, Illinois, he made his home there for six years, coming thence to Dent County, Missouri. Three years after he went to Platte County, and one year later to Clinton County, where he lived for eight years. Subsequently he came to Worth County, and, in 1853, settled on the farm he now owns. Mr. Cowan was married, March 22, 1827, to Miss Phebe Farnsworth. They have eight children living: Joel, Miles, Nancy J., Mary and William (twins), Ruth, Margaret, and Argus B. Mr. C. is a member of the Baptist Church. He was postmaster at Lot's Grove for ten years.

WILLIAM K. COWAN,

section 33, post office, Allendale, is one of a family of old settlers who have been identified with the farming interests of Worth County from its first settlement. He is a native of Ohio, and was born April 8, 1836.

When two years of age the family emigrated to Jersey County, Illinois, there residing for six years, after which time they removed to Missouri and settled in Crawford County. After a residence there of three years they went to Platte County. There they stayed one year, went to Clinton County and lived for eight years, after which they came to this county. He has been three times married: first to Miss Elizabeth Calhoon, May 20, 1860. Her death occurred February 22, 1861. After this he concluded to return to Illinois, which he did, remaining six months. He again came back, and the following spring took a tour through the west, which occupied his time till the following November, when he returned home. He was again married to Mrs. Jane Griffin, a widow. They had three children, one of whom is now living, Mary V. Mr. C. also lost this wife by death. His third marriage was February 1, 1871, to Miss Mary A. C. Williams. Mr. C. is a member of the Baptist Church. His landed estate consists of 180 acres of good average land, all of which is under fence.

GEORGE W. CUNNINGHAM,

of the firm of Cunningham & Miner, grocers, Allendale, is a native of McMinn County, Tennessee, and was born December 2, 1847. At the age of five years, he was brought by the family to Gentry County, Missouri, and there among the early pioneers he was reared to manhood. His father, Marshall W. Cunningham, is well remembered as an old pioneer of that county, and one who did much toward advancing its interests. His death occurred in 1868. In that year George emigrated to Colorado, and was engaged in freighting for three months, after which time he returned home and resumed farming. He subsequently entered the store of his brother in Albany, in the capacity of clerk, there remaining for eighteen months. He went to Allendale to fill a like position for one year, after which time he was occupied in the sewing machine business. This he continued for one year. In 1873, he removed to Wichita, Kansas, residing there one year, when he returned to Missouri and embarked in farming in Gentry County. In the summer of 1874, he became interested in the grocery business with Mr. Lamhart as a partner, they managing the business six months. Mr. C. was so engaged with another partner for a term of six months. He then came to Worth County, and with his brother followed farming two years, continuing the same alone two years. He soon settled in Allendale, and branched out in his present business. Mr. Cunningham was married October 12, 1877, to Mrs. Catharine Golding. They have two children: Purdy M. and Frank. Mrs. C. has a child by her first marriage, Fannie S. Golden.

ROBERT A. CUNNINGHAM,

was born in McMinn County, Tennessee, July 7, 1841. At the age of eleven years he came with his father's family to Gentry County, Missouri, where he was reared to manhood, following the occupation of farming. From 1858 to 1862, he was engaged in carrying the mail on horseback from Albany to Winterset, Iowa. In 1863, he emigrated to Denver, Colorado, there remaining for nine months. He then returned to Gentry County, and enlisted in Company K, Eighteenth Missouri Regiment, serving till 1865, in which year he came home, and in 1868, he located in Allendale. There he was occupied in teaching school, and in the following spring he embarked in the drug business at that point. After two years of successful trade in that line, he began the dry goods business, continuing the same two years. He then returned to Albany and was employed in clerking for sixteen months. Mr. C. taught school in that neighborhood for the following year, then again came to Worth County. He drove a stage from Allendale to Maryville three months, and resumed teaching till the spring of 1875, when he started in farming on his present place.

O. C. DAWSON,

merchant at Allendale, is a native of Casey County, Kentucky, and was born April 17, 1835, being a son of Benjamin and Milly (Coffee) Dawson. The subject of this sketch was raised and educated in his native state, and in 1852 he moved to Gentry County, Missouri, settling on a farm near Denver. There he remained till 1864, when he entered the mercantile business at Allendale. He was married October 23, 1862, to Miss Nancy J. Hymer, a native of Schuyler County, Illinois, born February 23, 1842. Her parents were E. D. and Nancy (Pope) Hymer, natives of Kentucky. Mr. and Mrs. D. have three children living: Alfred, Eddison, and Frankie. They lost two, Julia and Ida. Mr. D. is a Master Mason. They are both church members.

ALEXANDER H. DEHART,

section 10, post office Allendale, the subject of this sketch, is one of the early settlers of this county, and was born in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, May 2, 1811. At the age of six years he removed with the family to Pickaway County, where he resided for six years, after which he emigrated to Indiana and settled in Fountain County, there remaining for six years. Then he went to Clarke County, Indiana, where he made his home for twelve years. He located in what is now known as Douglas

County, Illinois, which was his home till 1855, in which year he emigrated to Worth County, settling on the section where he now lives. He has 165 acres of land that will average with any in the county, sixty-five acres of which are under fence. Mr. Dehart has been twice married, first to Miss Julia A. Neil, a native of Kentucky. They had six children, four of whom are now living: Rephella, George, John and Joseph. Mrs. D.'s death occurred July 6, 1851. He was again married January 18, 1852, to Miss Lucinda Price, a native of Illinois. They have had six children, five of whom are now living: Mary, Americus, Almira, Grant, Sherman. Mr. D. is a member of the Christian Church. He held the office of coroner of this county for two years, and also the position of constable of Smith Township for a like period. He has been school director and road commissioner in his township. In 1862 he enlisted in Company E, First Missouri State Militia, cavalry, and served till his discharge.

JOHN EWING,

section 3, postoffice, Allendale, was born in Gallia County, Ohio, April 30, 1826. He was there reared to manhood and received his education, following as his occupation farming in the summer and teaching during the winter months. In 1864 he came to Missouri and settled in Harrison County, remaining there six months, after which time he removed to Worth County and located where he now resides. He has 123 acres of land that will compare favorably with any in the county, sixty acres of which are under fence. Mr. Ewing has been twice married: First, in 1849, to Miss Caroline Roath, a native of Ohio. They had two children, Josephene and Clay. This wife's death occurred October 20, 1854. Mr. E. was again married, February 18, 1857, to Miss Mary McLeish, a native of Scotland. They have seven children living: Almira C., Margaret M., Elizabeth, Andrew, John, Eugene, and Ernest. Mr. E. was justice of the peace of his township and served four years. He was also school director of his district for several terms.

JOHN W. FROST,

section 6, post office, Grant City, is a native of England, where he was born May 29, 1824. He there resided till twelve years of age, when with the family he emigrated to America and settled in Patterson, New Jersey. One year later he removed to Ohio, where he resided seven years, thence to Schuyler County, Illinois, being engaged in farming for four years, after which he returned to Ohio and located in Pickaway County, there remaining three years. In 1847 he enlisted for the Mex-

ican War, in Company H, Fourth Ohio Regiment, and served till July 1, 1848, and after returning to Cincinnati to obtain his discharge, he went to Circleville, Ohio, where he resided till 1852. In that year he went to Sangamon County, Illinois. In 1864 he came to Worth County, Missouri, and settled west of Grant City, and in 1866 moved on his present farm. He has over 137 acres of good average land, eighty of which are under fence. Mr. Frost was married November 24, 1850, to Miss Barbara Brown, a native of Ohio. They have ten children living: Mary, Martha, John, Rosetta, Jacob, Fannie, Marion and Byron, (twins), James, and Charlie. Mr. F. is a member of the M. E. Church.

JOSEPH HAMMER,

merchant at Allendale, is a native of Linden County, Virginia, and was born November 8, 1843. His parents were Charles and Mary A. (Wilkey) Hammer, natives of Germany, who came to America, where they were married, January 1, 1843. Soon after they settled in Virginia, moving to Linn County, Iowa, in 1856, and then to Hardin County, Iowa. When Joseph Hammer was seventeen years of age he enlisted as a private in Company C, Sixteenth Regiment Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and served all through the late war, participating in Sherman's march to the sea. He was mustered out as second lieutenant at Louisville, Kentucky, in August, 1865. He returned to Iowa, and in 1867 came to Worth County, Missouri, and entered the employ of Calvin Tilton, as a clerk. He is now one of the partners in the establishment. Mr. Hammer was married, April 2, 1868, to Miss M. A. Carr, a native of New York, born December 17, 1850. She was a daughter of Andrew and Sarah A. Carr. Mr. and Mrs. Hammer have five children: George E., Clarence A., Zeneth H., Marion, and Pearl P. Two are deceased, Adna F. and Islotta. Mr. H. is a Mason.

JUDGE F. HARDRICK,

a resident of Smith Township, living on section 19, township 66, range 30, is a native of Virginia, and was born June 20, 1819. He was a son of Gabriel and Mary (Allen) Hardrick, the former a Scotchman by birth, and the latter a native of England. With his parents he moved to Fairfield County, Ohio, in 1832. He received a good education and started out in life as a farmer. He was married, October 1, 1840, to Miss Eleanor Neeley, a native of Fairfield County, Ohio. She died in 1856, leaving four children: James M., Mary J., Rebecca E. and John F. In 1868 Mr. Hardrick went to Cumberland County, Illinois, and was engaged in building the Vandalia and Terre Haute Railroad, and in 1870 he moved

to Macon County, Illinois. There he embarked in the live stock trade, and in 1872 settled in Worth County, Missouri. He was elected to his present position as judge of the county court in April, 1877, the duties of which he has ever continued to faithfully discharge. He resides with his son John F., who is a farmer by occupation. He was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, August 27, 1848. He there spent his boyhood days, and was educated, after which he went to Illinois. He was married August 1, 1872, to Miss Rebecca Fletcher, a native of Fairfield County, Ohio, born May 2, 1850. They have two children, Ella May and Marion Medill.

GEORGE HASS,

section 9, post office, Allendale, was born in Holmes County, Ohio, January 27, 1842. He was there reared and educated, following, as an occupation, agricultural pursuits. In 1862 he enlisted in the Union army, in Company A, One Hundred and Second Ohio Regiment, and served till 1865. At the battle of Athens he was taken prisoner and was confined at Castle Morgan for six months. He was one among the few saved who were on board the ill-fated Sultana at the time of her explosion near Memphis. He was blown into the river and swam, or floated, eight miles before being picked up. After obtaining his discharge Mr. H. returned to his home, and the following year he emigrated to this county and settled on the farm where he now resides. He has a fine place of 120 acres, seventy-five of which are under cultivation, or fence. He was married December 25, 1868, to Miss Barbara Weimer, a native of Ohio. They have five children: Albert R., Charles F., George C., Sarah B., Eva M. They are members of the Lutheran Church. In 1876 Mr. Hass was elected and served as presiding judge of this county for two years. This office he held with credit to the county and honor to himself.

HENRY HASS,

section 14, post office Allendale, the subject of this sketch, is a native of Holmes County, Ohio, where he was born December 4, 1845. He was there reared to manhood and received his education at his birthplace, following as an occupation farming and teaching vocal music. In 1865 he emigrated to Worth County and engaged with his father in farming, during the summer seasons and in winter teaching, till 1872, when he settled on the place where he now resides. He has a nicely improved farm consisting of 120 acres, sixty-five of which are under cultivation. Mr. Hass was married December 31, 1871, to Miss Martha J. Frost. They have two children: Stanley M., Stella E. He is a member of the

Methodist Episcopal Church. In 1868 he was elected county superintendent of schools of Worth County, which position he held to the satisfaction of all for one year. He was also township clerk for four years. Philip Hass, Sr., the father of the subject of this sketch, was born in Germany, December 30, 1807. He was there reared, making it his home till 1840, when he emigrated to America and settled in Holmes County, Ohio. Here he resided till 1865, in which year he removed to Worth County, Missouri, and in 1866 made the farm upon which he now lives his home. He has seventy-six acres of land that will average with any in this locality, part of which is under cultivation. Mr. Hass was united in marriage in November, 1832, to Miss Mary E. Collman, a native of Germany. They have the following children: Philip, Magdaline, George, Henry, Michael, William and John J. Mr. H. is a member of the Lutheran Church.

CHARLES A. HERN,

section 12, post office Allendale. The subject of this sketch was born in Gallia County, Ohio, September 22, 1836. He was there reared till he attained his fifteenth year, when he removed to Cincinnati, Ohio, and engaged in the trade of bricklayer, serving for three years. He subsequently went to Louisville, Kentucky, and after one month to Memphis, Tennessee, from whence, in three weeks, he moved to St. Louis, Missouri. After residing there four months, St. Joseph became his home, and there he burned one of the first kilns of brick that was used in the erection of the present World's Hotel building. He was engaged at his trade on that structure, at the time of its being built. Upon living there eighteen months he made a trip to New Orleans, and remained six weeks. Returning north he settled in Geary City, Kansas, and burned the first kiln of brick ever made in that county. He then emigrated to Marion County, Arkansas, where he was occupied in farming till 1863, when he returned to Worth County, and in 1864 he located where he now resides. He has 250 acres of good land, 180 under fence. Mr. Hern was married, December 6, 1857, to Miss Elizabeth Fletcher, a native of Ohio. They have two children living, Harry and Daniel W. In February, 1865, Mr. H. enlisted in Company C, Fifty-first Missouri Infantry, serving till the close of the war.

JOHN A. HUNT,

the present affable proprietor of Hunt's Hotel, at Allendale, is a native of Union County, Indiana, where he was born July 22, 1827, being a son of William and Elizabeth Hunt, natives of North Carolina, who early

went to Indiana, and subsequently settled in Union County, later moving to La Porte County, Indiana, where John A. was raised and educated. He was married in 1849, to Miss Sarah A. Davison. She was born in Ohio, but accompanied her parents when they moved to Michigan. John A. Hunt enlisted in September, 1862, in Company K, Seventy-fifth Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and was in the Perryville and Stone River battles. He was mustered out in March, 1863, at Nashville, Tennessee, on account of disability. In 1865, he moved his family to Allendale, Worth County, Missouri, purchasing his present hotel. They have two children living: Mary (wife of J. N. Williams), and Nancy (wife of A. D. Jones). They have lost one child. Mr. Hunt is quite popular as a landlord, being thoroughly conversant with the wants of the guests, and doing all in his power to make it agreeable and comfortable for his patrons.

CHARLES M. HUNT,

section 31, post office Grant City, was born in LaPorte County, Indiana, November 23, 1831. He was there reared to manhood and received his education, following the occupation of farming. In 1852 he removed to Lee County, Illinois, where he was engaged in agricultural pursuits till 1856, in which year he emigrated to Worth County and settled on the place where he now resides. His landed estate consists of 700 acres of choice land, 410 of which are under cultivation. His home farm is finely improved, and the appearance of it is characteristic of the industry of the owner. Mr. Hunt has long been classed among the most prominent men of this county, and he is a man whose popularity is not confined alone to this county. To know him personally is but to respect him the more. He was united in marriage November 23, 1854, to Miss Anna Rumsy, a most estimable lady, a native of Pennsylvania. They have to bless this union five children living: Richard F., James H., Alson, George R. and Sarah E. In 1872 Mr. Hunt was elected sheriff of Worth County, which office he filled with great honor for three terms. In 1864 he was elected to the position of justice of the peace of Smith Township for four years. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity.

E. R. HYMER,

merchant, Allendale, was born in Brown County, Illinois, in 1850, and is a son of E. D. and Nancy (Pope) Hymer, with whom he moved to Kansas in 1859. In 1873 he came to Worth County, Missouri. His father died in February, 1881, aged sixty-three years, and the mother still survives, at the age of sixty-three years. The subject of this sketch passed

his boyhood days and received a good education in Kansas. After coming to Missouri he spent some two years in the hardware business at Denver, and in 1875 he located at Allendale, engaging in business there with O. C. Dawson, general merchant. In the spring of 1882 he took an interest in the establishment of Tilton & Co., as junior partner. Mr. Hymer was united in marriage May 23, 1874, to Miss Lucy Staton, a native of Perry County, Illinois, born December 22, 1852. Her parents were John and Eliza Staton, natives of Illinois, who moved to Dade County, Missouri, in 1873, and to Worth County in 1874. Mr. and Mrs. Hymer have two children living, Gertrude and Clara, having lost one, Mary. They are both members of the M. E. Church.

JAMES JACKSON,

section 4, post office, Allendale. The subject of this sketch is a native of Adams County, Ohio, and was born May 3, 1828. At the age of six years he was taken by the family to Highland County, where he resided till 1854, in which year he emigrated to Brown County, Illinois. After remaining there till 1857 he came to Worth County, Missouri, and in 1859 settled where he now lives. He has a fine farm of 234 acres of land, 125 of which are under fence. He has a good house on his place and his improvements generally are excellent. Mr. Jackson was married April 25, 1858, to Miss Margaret Washburn. They had three children: Mary A., John, and Melissa. Mrs. Jackson's death occurred December 8, 1870. Mr. J. is a member of the Masonic Fraternity. He was a first lieutenant in the state militia during the war.

W. C. JONES,

druggist at Allendale, was born in Perry County, Illinois, March 7, 1851, his parents being Judge P. W. and Rachel (Keith) Jones, natives of Tennessee, who after being married settled in Illinois. The subject of this sketch accompanied them to Worth County in April, 1869, and was educated in this county. In the spring of 1874, he went to Nevada, where he devoted his time to herding stock, remaining there till 1877. Returning to Worth County, he farmed till the fall of 1879, when he entered into the drug business. Mr. Jones married Miss Agnes Wilson, November 7, 1877. She is a native of La Fayette County, Missouri, born in June, 1851, and is a daughter of Allen and Ann (Harker) Jones, natives of Marshfield, England. Mr. and Mrs. Jones have three children living: Maud L., Garfield F. and Clarence E. One, Dora B., is deceased.

E. W. LYNCH,

farmer, section 18, township 66, range 30 is a native of Claiborne County, East Tennessee, was born March 20, 1826, and is the son of John and Lucinda (Waters) Lynch, who were natives of Grange County, Tennessee. Young Lynch, with his parents, moved to Morgan County, Illinois, and thence to Cass County, from there to Jackson County, and finally to Platte County, Missouri, in 1837. In 1846 they came to Worth County. Here Mr. L. started out for himself. He was married September 27, 1846, to Miss Elizabeth Fletchall, a native of Posey County, Indiana, born February 10, 1823. Her parents were John and Moultrely Fletchall, and with them she went to Platte County, Missouri, in 1844, and to Worth County, Mo., in 1846. Mr. and Mrs. L. have five children living: John A., Lucinda, Polly Ann, E. W., Jr., and Joshua. They are both members of the Baptist Church. His farm consists of eighty acres of finely improved land.

THOMAS D. McQUIGG,

merchant, Allendale, was born in Muskingum County, Ohio, November 12, 1848. James McQuigg, his father, a native of Ireland, was married to Margaret Dunlap, also of Ireland. They came to America when quite young, and were married in Philadelphia, after which they settled in Ohio. Thomas spent his boyhood days and received a good education in his native state. In September, 1861, he enlisted in Company D, Sixteenth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was in the battles of Cumberland Gap, Arkansas Post, Magnolia Hill, Champion's Hill, Vicksburg, and Jackson, Mississippi. He was mustered out at Columbus, Ohio, and after serving over four years re-enlisted in the Eighth Regiment United States Infantry, April 12, 1865. He was mustered out April 12, 1866. May 22, 1866, Mr. McQuigg went to Delaware County, Iowa, where he remained till 1867, thence going to Clinton County, Iowa. In 1869 he returned to Ohio and soon came to Worth County, Missouri. He was married March 6, 1872, to Miss Mollie McElvain, a native of Perry County, Illinois, born March 11, 1850. She was a daughter of Judge McElvain. Mr. and Mrs. McQuigg have a family of three children: Maggie, born April 6, 1875; Mable, born April 3, 1878, and Maude, born September 15, 1880. He is a Master Mason.

RILEY M. MOTSINGER,

section 8, post office Allendale. Among the prominent farmers of Smith Township, the subject of this memoir is worthy of special mention. He

is a native of Washington County, Indiana, and was born August 23, 1831. He was reared to manhood at his birth-place; was there educated, following agricultural pursuits. In 1852 he removed to Tippecanoe County, Indiana, where he resided four years, at the expiration of which time he emigrated to Harrison County, Missouri. After a residence there of three years he came to Worth County. His farm consists of 330 acres of land that will compare favorably with any in the county, 200 of which are under cultivation. His improvements generally are among the best in the county. Mr. Motsinger was united in marriage April 23, 1871, to Miss Mary K. Cowan, a native of Ohio. They have two children, Edward R. and John P. Mr. M. has held the office of school director of his district. During the late war he was a member of the State Militia.

JOHN G. MOTSINGER,

section 5, post office, Allendale. The subject of this sketch first saw the light in Washington County, Indiana, December 19, 1835. He was there brought up till he attained his eighteenth year, at which time he removed to Tippecanoe County, Indiana. There he resided, engaged in farming, till 1875, when he came to Missouri and settled where he now resides. He has one of the finest farms in the county, consisting of 200 acres which is well improved. Mr. Motsinger was married October 23, 1862, to Miss Martha Coleman, a native of Indiana. They have six children: Williard, Lizzie, Alice, Harvey and Harry, (twins), and Katie.

C. H. OEHLER,

farmer, section 19, township 66, range 30, a native of Prussia, was born September 3, 1833. He was raised and educated in his native country, and came to America when twenty-five years of age. Locating at Massillon, Ohio, he worked at his trade, that of a blacksmith, for some five years, and then went to Marshall County, Illinois. He married Miss A. A. Wilson, May 6, 1858. She was born in April, 1834, and died September 6, 1873, leaving three children—Henry C. and Mary, living, and one, J. F., deceased. Mr. Oehler was married the second time October 25, 1874, to Miss Kate Perdue, a native of Germany, who removed to America when a mere child. She was raised in Chicago. They came to Worth County in 1870. Their family consists of three children: Louis F., George W. and Grace M. They are both members of the Baptist Church.

THOMAS J. SMITH,

physician, surgeon and druggist, Allendale, is a native of Breckinridge County, Kentucky, where he was born August 19, 1847, being a son of

Hercules and Mary E. (Leeman) Smith, natives of Hardin County, Kentucky. His father was born January 7, 1821, and his mother in 1822. They are now residents of Scotland County, Missouri. Thomas, with his parents, came to Missouri in 1849. After receiving a good common schooling, he completed his education at the state normal school, at Kirksville. During the years of 1872 and '73, he read medicine under Dr. W. W. Moore, of Memphis, Missouri, and graduated at the Keokuk, Iowa, College, June 14, 1877. He subsequently began the practice of medicine at Albany, but soon after located at Allendale, Worth County. January 15, 1879, he entered the drug business. He is a Royal Arch Mason. Dr. Smith is a man of pleasing address, one well versed in his profession, and in both his medical and drug business is having a successful patronage.

CAPTAIN CALVIN TILTON,

merchant, and president of the Worth County Bank, is one of the most enterprising and popular citizens of this county, and is an old resident of Allendale. He was born in Kennebec County, Maine, April 26, 1829. His parents were Ira and Rebecca Tilton; the former was born February 24, 1802, and died May 30, 1879, the latter who was born October 14, 1807, is now a resident of Athens, Somerset County, Maine. Calvin received an excellent education in his native state. In 1849 he entered into the mercantile business as a clerk at Norridgewock, continuing as such till December, 1851, when he went to California. There he remained till 1854, when he visited his native place. Returning to the Pacific slope he resided there till 1859, when he again retraced his steps to Maine. The fall following he came to Worth County, Missouri, and settled at Eagleville, Harrison County, Missouri, in 1860, there opening a drug store. In August, 1862, he enlisted in Company A, Thirty-Fifth Regiment, Missouri Volunteer Infantry, as second lieutenant and did service in Kentucky and Arkansas, and was mustered out as captain in June, 1864, being unfit for duty on account of poor health. He returned to Eagleville and in August, 1865, moved to Allendale, Worth County, where he now resides. September 4, 1854, Mr. Tilton was united in marriage to Miss Martha W. Hale, a native of Somerset County, Maine, born April 22, 1832. She was a daughter of Artimus and Didana Hale. Mr. and Mrs. T. have two children living: John, born November 5, 1861; and Edwin, born March 1, 1869; having lost five: Willie, A. L., H. G., Albert and Lottie. Mr. Tilton is a member of the Baptist Church. He is a Mason and a member of the I. O. O. F. fraternity.

MICHAEL VOLLNOGEL,

section 33, post office Allendale. The subject of this sketch was born in Mahoning County, Ohio, August 19, 1826. He was there brought up, receiving his education from the schools of that vicinity, and was raised in the occupation he now so successfully follows. In 1851 he removed to Gallia County, Ohio, and was there engaged in saw milling and farming till 1867, in which year he came to Missouri, and settled on his present farm. He has 320 acres of land that will average with any in the county, 290 of which are under cultivation, or under fence, and his improvements generally stamp him a successful and progressive farmer. Mr. Vollnogel was united in marriage in November, 1856, to Miss Elvira Hutchinson, a native of Ohio. They have three children: John A., Harriet, and Susan. Mrs. V.'s death occurred September 14, 1873. Mr. V. is a member of the M. E. Church.

R. P. WILKINSON,

blacksmith and dealer in agricultural implements, is a native of Highland County, Ohio, was born in October, 1832, and is a son of William and Jane (Butcher) Wilkinson, natives of North Carolina. The subject of this sketch, with his parents, early moved to Jo Daviess County, Illinois, and settled on a farm. He commenced working at his trade when at the age of sixteen years, and has since followed the same occupation. Mr. W. was married October 15, 1856, to Miss Mary Goble, a native of Jo Daviess County, Illinois, born in 1840. Her parents were Joseph and Ruth (Blue) Goble, natives of Maine, who moved to Sangamon County, Illinois, in 1840. In 1863 Mr. W. and family moved to Clayton County, Iowa, and to Allendale in 1867. During the years 1852-3 he spent his time in California. They have five children living: Martha, Alva, Alice, Eva and Georgie. They are both members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

R. W. WILSON,

manufacturer of harness, etc., is a native of LaFayette County, Missouri, where he was born, July 21, 1845. His parents were Allen and Ann (Harker) Wilson, natives of England. The subject of this sketch was reared and educated in his native county, and when twenty-three years of age learned his present trade, at which he worked till 1875. He married Miss Sarah E. Knox, a native of Ohio. They came to Worth County, Missouri in 1865. By this union Mr. and Mrs. Wilson have four children: Orin D., Oda L., William and Tilton L. Mr. and Mrs.

W. are members of the church. The former is an excellent workman, and commands a large and increasing patronage from the people of this county.

CHARLES W. WILLIAMS,

physician and surgeon, owes his nativity to Gentry County, Missouri, having been born there September 26, 1856. He is a son of E. D. and Sarah J. (Dean) Williams, who were Kentuckians by birth. The father died February 8, 1881, at the age of fifty-four years, but the mother is still living. Young Charles spent his boyhood days, and received a good education in Gentry County. He read medicine under Dr. George Perry, of Albany, and graduated at the St. Louis Medical College with honors, March 4, 1881. He located at Allendale the following September, and is now enjoying quite a fine practice. He is a deserving young man, and thoroughly merits his success.

H. M. YOUNG,

farmer, section 34, township 66, range 30, was born in Montgomery County, Kentucky, in 1824. When four years of age he moved with his parents to Davis County, Indiana, and there he received a good education. He was married in 1848 to Miss Nancy Haines, a native of Indiana. She died in 1851. Mr. Young was married the second time, in 1853, to Miss Eliza Williams, a native of Davis County, Indiana. In 1861 he moved to Henderson County, Illinois, where he remained till 1867, then settling where he now resides. He has held many offices of trust since living in this county, and is a citizen highly respected by all. His family consists of six children: Sarah E., Alonzo, Malissa, Mary E. and H. M., Jr.



ALLEN TOWNSHIP.

WILLIAM T. ALLEN,

druggist and grocer, Denver, was born in McDonough County, Illinois, May 16, 1836, and in 1843 came with his father to Missouri, settling in what is now Allen Township, Worth County. He remained with his father until of age, assisting him in clearing a timbered farm and making good improvement. His education was of a necessity neglected in his youth, but he has been a diligent student all his life, and has

become possessed of more than ordinary knowledge. He entered some land on section 14, where he lived for several years, then sold it, but again bought it, and finally, in 1869, he came to Denver, and in 1871 entered into the drug and grocery business. He disposed of his interest in 1873, and was in trade at Lone Star for one year. Selling out, he returned to Denver and has since resided here. He married Sarah Ann Fletcher, daughter of Thomas Fletcher, in 1859. She died in October, 1863, leaving two children, Minerva Catherine (now Mrs. William H. Robertson), and Mary Jane, who died in infancy. His second wife was Jerusha Margaret Allen, daughter of Albert Allen, whom he married in 1864. By this union they have four children living: Ida May, Nettie Alice, William Chester and Benjamin Franklin. Mr. Allen, in 1871, joined the Masonic Lodge, and has been its secretary for many years. In 1874 he became a member of the Odd Fellows Order, in Denver, and has filled its several stations, and was N. G. for several years. In 1866 he was elected justice of the peace, and was re-elected for twelve years. Mr. Allen commenced life by doing any kind of work to obtain money enough to buy his land. Since getting a start he has been successful in his business. Although Republican in politics, his popularity has been sufficient to give him a high position in a Democratic town. He served as justice with signal success, showing his peculiar fitness for the position. He is one of the early pioneers here, and as a man has the entire confidence of the whole community, and is one of the most popular men in the county. He has built up a liberal patronage in the drug and grocery business, and is doing a successful trade. Aaron Mott Allen, the father of William T., was born in Cayuga County, New York, May 23, 1802, and came to Missouri in 1843, locating in this township, and from him, and in his honor, the name of Allen Township was given it. He married Miss Desdèmain Farrington, in 1829. They had seven children: Ezra Grover, William Twitchill, Chester Gorbet, Mary Jane, Eliza Ann, Francis Marion and Thomas Jefferson. Mrs. A. died April 11, 1845. His second wife was Jane Roach, whom he married in 1850. They have six children: Luther, Elizabeth, Almira, Jerusha, Ethan and Paulina. Mr. A.'s father was of Scotch ancestry.

HENRY AUSTRY,

hardware merchant and dealer in agricultural implements, Denver, is a son of Henry Austry, a native of Germany, and was born in Butler County, Ohio, in 1833. He received a good education, having attended an excellent select school at Oxford. He then went to Hamilton and learned the shoemaking trade, at which he worked until twenty-two

years old. Coming to Illinois, he labored in different places, and finally entered into trade in Macoupin County in 1857, and in July, 1862, he joined Company G, of the One Hundred and Twenty-second Illinois Regiment Illinois Infantry. Nearly all of his service was with General A. J. Smith, whose marches were 5,000 miles, and he shared in all the battles of that celebrated fighting general, and at last was wounded at the siege of Fort Blakely, in April, 1865. He was mustered out and received an honorable discharge. In 1867 he moved to Worth County, Missouri, locating in Grant City, where he embarked in the boot and shoe business, and also dealing in agricultural implements. In 1870 he formed a partnership with Benjamin Prugh in the hardware trade, selling out his boot and shoe business. In 1873 they divided their business, Mr. A. continuing the implement part of it until 1875, when he came to Denver and started a hardware store, purchasing the stock of Doctor Garrison. December 24, 1858, he married Miss Elizabeth Shank, who was born in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, and a daughter of John Shank, of Greene County, Indiana. Her mother was formerly Mary Zink, of Chester County, Pennsylvania. They have four children: Mary E., William C., George B. and Horace Edgar. In 1880 he started an agricultural house in Grant City with James H. Verbeck, under the firm name of Austray & Verbeck. Mr. A. is a Republican in politics, a very devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and superintendent of the sabbath school. He also belongs to the I. O. O. F., and has several times represented this district in the grand lodge, having passed the various chairs. Few men in the community stand higher in the estimation of the people. He is honest, candid and reliable in all his transactions, and makes his word as good as his bond. He has become a good workman in the tin shop, doing all branches of the work. By his great industry and economy he has been successful in his business, and is increasing his trade from time to time.

JESSE BENSON.

attorney and county surveyor, is the son of Chauncey and Nancy J. (Hughey) Benson, the former of Vermont and the latter of Ohio, and was born in Wapello County, Iowa, December 27, 1854. In 1856, his father, who afterwards died in 1876, moved to Worth County, Missouri, where he bought a farm, and here young Jesse was brought up to work on the farm. When ten years old he attended a good common school, and by a thorough course of study at home has become a most excellent scholar. At the age of eighteen years he commenced to teach school,

and has followed it as a profession for seven years with great success. He commenced his law studies while teaching, and in 1880 he was elected county surveyor, and in October, 1881, was admitted to the bar to practice law. He formed a partnership with E. Miller, Esq., in Denver, where they are now receiving a good patronage, having their share of the practice in this locality. Mr. Benson early formed a taste for the law, and has bent all his energies in that direction, and while he commenced poor, and was obliged to educate himself, and prepare for teaching, surveying, etc., he has shown himself worthy for the responsible position which he has been called to fill. Jesse Benson is a Democrat in politics, and an Odd Fellow. He is a capable young man, endowed with rare business faculties, is industrious and bound to succeed.

JUDGE G. F. BRAM,

farmer, carpenter, builder and notary public, the son of John C. and Doratha Catherine (Stahl) Bram, who was born in Wittenberg, Germany, 1838, and in 1853 came to the United States with his father, settling in Delaware County, Ohio. Four years after the family moved to Harrison County, Missouri, the senior Bram entering a farm from the government, which he improved, living upon it until his death, in 1874. Gottlieb learned the carpenter's trade while in Ohio and after coming to this state he followed it as his occupation. He has been a leading builder here and has erected some of the best dwellings and other structures in the community. He received an excellent education in Germany, and after emigrating to America qualified himself in our language for teaching and all kinds of business. Few men have a better education, or have a more practical way of using their knowledge in all the affairs of life. In 1862 he commenced teaching and taught several terms in Harrison County. In 1863 he enlisted in the Missouri State Militia, cavalry. Their services were needed in the state, where they spent most of the time after General Joe Shelby. He was in a severe battle at Marshal and many other engagements, and was mustered out in July, 1865, at Benton Barracks, St. Louis, receiving an honorable discharge. After the war closed Mr. Bram came to Worth County, and settled in Denver in 1865. He entered in trade with Dr. Garrison, with whom he did business for two years when he bought the doctor's interest and was alone until 1871. He then sold out and embarked in the furniture business, continuing it for six years, when he disposed of it. In 1871 he built his present dwelling house, and with his various other occupations has kept his farming work in successful operation. He has accumulated 200 acres of land and has a good place and residence in town. In 1868

he was elected county judge and served for five years very acceptably. He also has been many years a notary public. He married Miss Elizabeth Abplanalp, in January, 1837. They have three children: Frederick Augustus, John Peter and Rudolph Jacob Andrew. Mrs. Bram's father was Peter Abplanalp and the maiden name of her mother was Anna Barshane Stachli. Judge B. is a Republican and a leading member of the Evangelical association. He has been the architect of his own fortune, is intelligent, candid and an unassuming man, and reliable in all his promises and agreeable in his intercourse with the world. He is a leading man of his party in the town and county, and is ably qualified for any position to which he is called.

JOSEPH BREWIT.

section 2, post office Allendale. The subject of this sketch is a native of Perry County, Illinois, and was born October 10, 1842. He was reared to manhood and received his education in his native county, following farming as an occupation. In 1871 he emigrated to Missouri, and settled in Worth County, two miles west of Allendale, and in 1876 he located where he now resides. He has 245 acres of land that will average with any in the county, 135 acres of which are under fence, and his improvements are of the highest order. Mr. Brewit was married in October, 1867, to Miss Rachel Keith, a native of Union County, Illinois. They have three children: Olive M., Charles O. and Carl E. Mr. B. is a member of Gender Lodge, No. 220, I. O. O. F., of Allendale. In 1862 he enlisted in Company I, First Missouri Regiment, serving for two years. In 1864 he re-enlisted in Company F, Thirteenth Missouri Cavalry, and served till the close of the war.

MARION C. BROWN.

proprietor of mill and factory, was born in Ottumwa, Iowa, in 1852. He received an excellent education, which he completed at the Macon City College and at the Wesleyan University, of Mount Pleasant, Iowa, each of which he attended one year. He subsequently taught school several terms. His work from youth up has been in a mill, factory and store. His intention was to study law, but finally he gave it up. He married Miss Wilhelmina Crouch, December 26, 1876. They have two children: George L. and Guy. Mrs. Brown was the daughter of William Crouch, of Kentucky, and Mary Jane (Connett) Crouch, of Ohio. In 1878, Mr. B. commenced business in a saw and grist mill in Isadora, Worth County, operating a mill for three years, then moving it to Denver, where he had entered into the grocery business. In January, 1882, he sold his grocery

business, and his brother, R. Brown, Jr., became a partner in the mill and factory. They purchased a building, set up their mills and carding machine, and the next season expect to add a full woolen factory, which will be a great addition to the business of the town. The brothers are experts in all branches of the mills and factory, and understand the wants of the community. Rinaldo Brown, Jr., was born in Plattville, Taylor County, Iowa, in 1857. He received good school advantages in his youth, and clerked in his father's store until he was seventeen years old, when he entered as a freshman in the Missouri State University. After remaining there one year, he entered into business with his father in Grand River, Gentry County, continuing one year. He then sold out to an unclé, who gave him an interest in the mill. Mr. B. afterwards became occupied in teaching, and has taught the same school for four years, hearing over 10,000 recitations. He assisted in organizing the first normal institute in this county, and has attended every one since, with one exception. In 1880, he attended the Iowa Agricultural College for one year. These brothers commenced in this city under the firm name of Brown Brothers, and are now running a saw and flouring mill and carding machine, and are also grinding the new mineral paint for the paint company. When their building is repaired and the mill enlarged, and factory put into operation, Denver will have one of the most complete establishments in the state. The citizens are indeed fortunate in having such acquisitions to their business interests, and society for young men so cultured and capable of entering into the enterprises of the town, and aiding in the moral and intellectual growth of the city. Rinaldo Brown, the father of these brothers, was born in East Troy, New York, in 1819. He obtained a very fine education from his stepfather, Mr. Anderson. He married Miss Nancy McCrady, near Ottumwa, Iowa, in 1847. They had ten children: Susan F., William A., Marion, Marietta, Rinaldo, Sarah Evaline, Willie, Franklin, Annie. Alphonzo died in 1878, when eighteen years of age, at Isadora. He was a good scholar and a young man of great promise. Mrs. Brown died December 26, 1874. Mr. B. married for his second wife Miss Lizzie Roberts, in 1876. They have by this union two children: Mary and Loraine. At the age of ten years young Brown was bound out, and after two years he ran away, going to his mother, who had married the second time, and living in Niagara County, New York. At the time the mother parted from her first husband (a man of very intemperate habits) there were five boys living, and all were bound out. Two of them soon died, while Alphonzo, Rinaldo and John T. ran away, and at the time agreed to stay together. The three boys entered in the Mexican War. Rinaldo was with General Taylor through all of his famous battles. When he enlisted

he was chopping wood in the timber. Placing his ax in a stump, he left for the post, without telling his mother anything about it, and he did not see her for twenty-five years. After the war he received an honorable discharge and a land warrant of 160 acres. He located his land near Ottumwa, Iowa, and improved a fine farm. Taking the California fever, he sold his large place, bought eight yoke of cattle, two wagons, and a perfect traveling and mining outfit, and with four children started for California. On arriving at Plattsville, Iowa, he was induced to purchase a mill, in 1857. He had \$2,500, which he invested, gave up his California trip, and engaged in milling. He remained there for seven years, and then removed the mill to Worth County, where he still lives. He bought large tracts of land, and improved several good farms, doing an extensive business in the mill, sawing, grinding, and running a large woolen factory for fifteen years, and at the same time started a store. In 1865, and for fifteen years after, he gave merchandising his principal attention. He gave the mill to his second and third sons, Marion and Rinaldo. In the years of 1870, '71 and '72, he was the heaviest taxpayer in the county. In 1862, he was captain of the home militia guards, at Plattsville, Iowa. He was also promoted to captain in the Mexican army for his bravery in mounting the cathedral at Buena Vista, and tearing down the Mexican flag and placing the stars and stripes in their place. He has made a record of which he should be proud, and has a good name among his neighbors.

MICHAEL FLOYD DANFORD

was born in Monroe County, Ohio, June 20, 1836. His father was a farmer by occupation, and young Michael was brought up to work, then having no opportunities for acquiring an education. In 1845 his father, Peter Danford, died and left six sons, of whom Michael F. was the fourth. He soon resolved upon obtaining an education, and began to study by himself, and at the age of seventeen years he commenced teaching. After about a year he entered a store, and was with three different firms, until the war broke out. In 1861 he enlisted in the Twenty-fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, Company H, and was sworn into the first three years company gotten up in the county, on his twenty-first birthday. His first year was spent in West Virginia. The regiment was called the Millroy Independent Mounted Rangers, and he was in nearly all the important battles from Greenbriar, Cheat Mountain, etc., of 1861. In 1862 he was with Fremont, and participated in the second battle of Bull Run, and the battles of Chancellorville and Gettysburg, where he received seventeen wounds, and was reported killed. After partially

recovering from his wounds, he was appointed ward master at the hospital on Governor's Island, etc., and was discharged in October, 1864. On his return he went on to a farm in Morgan County, Ohio, and in 1870 came to Missouri, and settled in Denver, teaching winters and farming during the summer months. January 1, 1875, he bought the Grant City Star, and conducted it, with his son, Homer A., until 1878. During this time he was principal of the city schools. He located in Denver in 1878, and was principal of the schools there for four years. In March, 1881, he started the Denver New Era. He is of acknowledged ability as a journalist, and a good editor. In April, 1882, he sold a one-half interest to D. R. Foreman, who has since been associate editor and publisher. Mr. D. was married in Guernsey County, Ohio, to Miss Eliza Law, January 1, 1857. They have four children: Homer A., Leslie R., Edna Maude, and Robert G. Living with them is Agnes W. Williams, an adopted daughter. Mr. D.'s father was Peter Danford, of Belmont County, Ohio, who was born in 1804. Samuel Danford, his grandfather, settled in Ohio while it was a territory, coming there from Maryland. His mother was formerly Rebecca Joy, of Belmont County, Ohio, born in 1808. She died in Nodaway County, Missouri, in 1881. Her father entered the land upon which a portion of Wheeling, West Virginia, now stands, and subsequently entered the land in Morgan County, Ohio, where the great oil works are now located. His son has since sold the place for \$40,000. He came to Nodaway County, Missouri, and died in 1879, aged ninety-four years. Mr. Danford, B. Ragan and W. B. Forden, under the name of W. F. Danford & Co., are manufacturing the new paint lately discovered here, which promises to be a most valuable article. Mr. D., politically, is a Republican. He is an Odd Fellow, has passed the various chairs of that order, and has several times represented his lodge in the Grand Lodge. David Ray Foreman is assistant editor and publisher of the New Era. His parents were John and Sarah Foreman, *nee* Raymond, and he was born in Centre County, Pennsylvania, July 16, 1860. He received an academic education, and taught school for one year. In July, 1881, he came to Albany, Missouri, learned the printing business in the Ledger office, and afterward bought a one-half interest in the Denver New Era. He has shown, since managing its mechanical department, that he is thoroughly conversant with the details of that department, is a brilliant writer, and in his editorial duties is succeeding admirably. He is a Democrat in politics, and was brought up in the German Reformed Church. He is a young man of great ability, good character, and is managing the paper very satisfactorily.

CHRISTOPHER R. DAWSON,

farmer, merchant and stock dealer, was born in Casey County, Kentucky, November 1, 1831. His father was Benjamin Dawson and his mother's maiden name was Millie Coffee, of Kentucky. Christopher was brought up a farmer, and in March, 1851, he came to Missouri and settled near Albany. After returning to Kentucky and remaining for six years he again came here, locating in this town, where he bought a stock of goods, commencing as a merchant in Denver, 1858. His store was small yet he had a large and increasing trade. John C. Dawson, now the efficient county clerk, was fourteen years old at this time, and began his successful career as clerk in his brother's store. C. R. Dawson has started four of his brothers in business life, first as clerks, then as partners, and now some of them are doing business alone and others are yet in company with him. He has a store at Grant City which is conducted under the firm name of C. R. Dawson & Bro., and is doing a large business there. This store was destroyed by fire at the time Grant City was burned in August, 1882. They have since erected a fine brick structure. In 1880 Mr. D. sold his store in Denver to his brother Benjamin, after having been in partnership with him for three years. He bought his farm in 1861 and has made several additions until now he has 400 acres well improved. He married Miss Pamela Jane Squier, daughter of Daniel Squier, of Ohio, November 29, 1859. They have seven children living: William T., John L., George S., Charles B., Osborn H., Dolly M. and an infant. In politics Mr. D. is a Democrat, and belongs to the Christian Church. He has been postmaster at Denver for many years, was appointed agent by the county to negotiate the county bonds to pay the county debt. He is an active Mason. Mr. and Mrs. Dawson are the oldest citizens of Denver. The former, when twenty-one years old, was worth nothing. He went to work determined to gain a start, which he did, and soon opened a store. The people respected him and by his accommodating manner gained their confidence, which he has ever held. While he has been successful in all his undertakings yet he has been obliged to pay over \$10,000 in cases where he has been on the bonds of friends. With all his losses he has amassed a large property and is doing a lucrative business. He deals considerably in stock, raises and feeds to some extent, and is a useful citizen. He has a large intelligent family of children all brought up to business and work. His oldest son took a thorough commercial course at Bryant's College, of St. Joseph, in 1882. His second son is now in the store at Grant City with his uncle. Mr. D.'s father, Benjamin Dawson, was born in Casey County, Kentucky, January 8, 1808. He married Millie Coffee, in 1831, in Ken-

tucky. They had thirteen children: Christopher R., Mary E. (who was married twice and who died in 1861, leaving one child, Mary), Martha F., (now Mrs. John D. Stevens,) Osborn C., Susan C. (wife of Amon Brumfield), Jesse B., Margaret J. (who keeps house for John C.), Sarah C. (who married Charles Kent, she died in 1873), John C., Cordelia, Benjamin and Millie (the latter the wife of William T. Spainhower), and Joseph. Mr. Benjamin Dawson died December 27, 1855. Mrs. Dawson died in January, 1879. The father of Mrs. C. R. Dawson died in May, 1858, two weeks after he arrived here, so Mrs. Squiers and her daughter were left alone for some time. After the daughter's marriage her mother lived with her until her death which occurred December 23, 1873. Mr. Dawson's enterprise has done much for Denver and Grant City. He has always been active in helping to improve the country as well as the towns. He is out spoken and frank yet kind in his dealings with men. He is a good citizen and his example is worthy of imitation.

BENJAMIN DAWSON,

general merchant, Denver, was born in Casey County, Kentucky, June 30, 1849. His father, Benjamin Dawson, came to this county in 1851, and consequently the subject of this sketch has spent mostly his whole life in this county, working for his mother on the farm, as his father died in 1854. He received a common school education, and studied very hard at home, becoming a thorough scholar. At the age of twenty-one years he embarked in teaching, and followed it for five years with excellent success. In 1876 he purchased a one-half interest in the store of his brother, C. R. Dawson, and at once helped to build up a large business, which continued for two years, when, in 1878, he bought his brother's interest. Since that time he has conducted his business with perhaps as much success and business ability as any merchant in the county. He married Miss Hannah Spain, in 1876. She died in 1877. In November, 1879 he married Miss Elizabeth McCord, daughter of William McCord, of Oxford, Worth County. They have two children, Alta and Ethel. Politically, he is a Democrat. He belongs to the Christian Church, and is an Odd Fellow. Mr. Dawson is among the live business men of this locality, is self-made, and a great student. With the influence of his brother, so long a successful merchant here, Benjamin has a trade which he can depend upon, and from his uniform kindness to his customers, and the fair dealing with which he treats them, he is bound to be fortunate. In his intercourse with society he is kind, affable in his manners, and accommodating, and thereby gains the confidence of all who come under his influence.

ISAAC DILLON.

farmer, is the owner of 160 acres of land on section 22. He was born in Monroe County, Ohio, in 1835. He first came to Worth County in 1859, and in 1861 he was connected with the militia until General Penick's regiment was raised, and which he joined, remaining with it until mustered out fourteen months afterward. He then entered the Second Kansas Cavalry, and served with them until the close of the war, when he received an honorable discharge. He was taken prisoner by Price's army and confined for thirteen months in different prisons. He was wounded at Poison Springs, through his elbow, at the time he was taken prisoner. He was reported dead for over a year, and to obtain his discharge was obliged to prove that he was alive. After his return from the army he went to Iowa and taught school for six months. He then settled on the land he bought in 1861 in this county and commenced to improve the place where he now lives. Mr. Dillon married Miss Jane Rapp in August, 1867. They have three children: John Sherman, Exie Avonia and Greta Ethel. Mr. D. has a fine farm and is a good agriculturist. He is improving his stock, and is very systematic in all his transactions. He is a Republican, and in everything he does acts up to his convictions of right without regard to consequences. He is honored by everybody for his independent mind, his honesty in every department and his obliging disposition. His son John is a young man of great thought and is quite intelligent, and lives for a good purpose. Mrs. D. is an excellent manager of household affairs, and does her part to make home happy and life desirable.

HON. LAWRENCE DRY.

section 2, post office Allendale, the subject of this sketch, is one of the most prominent men of Worth County. He is a native of Jackson County, Illinois, where he was born April 4, 1822. At the age of four years he removed with the family to Perry County, Illinois, where he was reared to manhood, receiving his education from the district schools. From the year 1853 until 1855 he was engaged in merchandising, and on July 27th of that year he settled in this county, on the place where he now resides. His landed estate consists of 415 acres of valuable land, 345 acres of which are under fence. He has an orchard on his place consisting of 100 trees, and his improvements are most excellent. Mr. Dry was married February 27, 1842, to Miss Margaret McElvain, a native of Perry County, Illinois. They have seven children living: Daniel, Robert, Barbara, Rebecca, Rachel, Mary and Lydia. In 1864

Mr. D. was elected representative to the legislature from this county, and served for one term. He was again elected to fill that important office in 1872. In 1866 he was one of Worth County's judges, serving for two years. He is a man highly respected in this community, and his popularity is evinced by the flattering positions of honor to which the people have elected him. To meet with him is to wish for a more extended acquaintance.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN FOUTS.

farmer and stock dealer, is the possessor of 695 acres of land, his residence being on section 24. He is the son of Absalom and Nancy (Hedges) Fouts, Virginians by birth, and was born in Morgan County, Ohio, April 17, 1822. He learned the blacksmith trade in his youth and followed it until he came to Missouri, living in Morgan County for awhile. He married Eliza Cuddington, of Morgan County, November 4, 1847. Her father was Zachariah Cuddington, born in New York, and her mother's maiden name was Theodocia Fuller, of Vermont. They have three children: Alexander Franklin, Mary Evaline and Addie. Mary E. married William Okey in April, 1870. He died January 13, 1878, and left four bright, active children: Jeremiah Franklin, Wilbur Carlton, Cora Edna and Addie Eliza. Mr. Okey had a good farm in Iowa, where he lived after marriage. He was a thorough business man, a kind husband and father, a good farmer and had a happy home. After his death his widow came with her children to her father's, where she now remains. Mr. Fouts enlisted in 1861 in the West Virginia Cavalry as blacksmith, and served with General Sheridan in West Virginia. He remained through the war, was taken prisoner at Witville and was confined for five months in Bell Island Prison. He was released and received an honorable discharge. His services were very highly appreciated, as but few men in the army were well qualified mechanics. In 1868 Mr. F. moved to Iowa, and after eighteen months' stay he came to Missouri and settled on his present farm, making improvements on the 160 acres where his house now stands. He brought his tools along for his own accommodation, and set them up in the grove near his house, and the result was that he was obliged to work at his trade more or less for several years. He has been prosperous in improving one of the largest and best stock farms in the county. He is a Republican in politics and an Odd Fellow. He was very poor when he first settled here, borrowed a cow to commence with and managed in the most economical manner. He had had some experience in Ohio in dealing in stock, and with the experience which his son, Alexander F., possessed, they began nine

years ago in dealing in stock, which they have since continued, in connection with farming, and very successfully. Alexander spends the most of his time in buying and shipping. Their reputation stands very high as honorable dealers, and this gives them great advantages over those unknown. He has met with many disappointments, but has overcome all of them, and now looks back with a sort of satisfaction to his earlier struggling days. He has just built and moved into his new residence, which is one of the best now in the county, and the situation and surroundings render it a most desirable home.

BENJAMIN JOSEPH FOXWORTHY,

harnessmaker and justice of the peace, Denver, was born in Callaway County, Missouri, July 3, 1850. His father was Alexander Foxworthy, of Kentucky, a farmer by occupation. His mother was formerly Emily Bryan, also a Kentuckian by birth. They were pioneers of Callaway County, having emigrated there in 1836. When he was eighteen years old his mother's father had come to Callaway County, in 1828. Benjamin's parents removed to Gentry County in 1876, and settled in Wilson Township. They now have a good farm, and also have a very vivid recollection of the incidents of pioneer life, and the raising of a family in this new country. They had five children: Benjamin J., Susan Emily (now Mrs. John Monkeas), Laura Ellen (wife of Richard Best, living in Oregon), Alexander Linn and Maude M. At the age of twenty-six years Benjamin J. learned the saddle and harness trade and started a shop in Alanthus, where he did business until coming to Denver in August, 1878. He has built up a very good trade, and his business is constantly increasing. His work is well made, and finds a ready sale. He is a natural mechanic, as was his father before him, though a blacksmith by calling. Mr. F. married Miss Sophronia Catharine Miller, daughter of Elijah Miller, of Alanthus, Gentry County, in 1877. They have one child, born in June, 1881. In 1880 he was elected justice of the peace, and is the acting justice of the town, and his duties are discharged with good judgment and with great accuracy, and he is giving very general satisfaction to all parties, save criminals. Politically he is a Democrat, and he belongs to the Christian Church. Mr. F. is a worthy citizen, and one of the leading men in the town, and highly respected by all. He is self-made, and depends upon his ready observation and good judgment to aid him in all his duties and business of life.

ISAAC BUCKINGHAM GARRISON, M. D.,

postmaster and groceryman, was born in Greene County, Pennsylvania, January 13, 1834. In 1836 his father, George Garrison, emigrated to

Woodford County, Illinois, bought his farm from the government and improved it. Isaac worked on the farm, went to school at home, and also attended the Wesleyan School at Peoria. He studied medicine with Dr. Derastus Thomas, and became thoroughly acquainted with his profession, after which he attended the Cincinnati College of Medicine and Surgery, and graduated with honor in 1856. After practicing in Brown County, Illinois, for some time, he came to DeKalb County, Missouri, in 1858, and settled in Osborn, being the first physician who located in the place. In May, 1861, he came to Denver, and was the practicing physician for a very large scope of country. In the same territory where he practiced there are now (1882) twenty-one physicians. He has now given up practice except among old friends, and for counsel. In the spring of 1882 he bought a stock of groceries, in which trade he is now engaged. In 1878 he was appointed postmaster of Denver, and has proven himself an accommodating and efficient officer. He was the first to open and test the Mineral Springs, and became their proprietor. He built the first bath-house, and started the business in 1881, but sold out to Dr. Reagan, who erected the present one, and made other improvements. Dr. Garrison married Miss Sarah Ann Hymer, of Brown County, Illinois, June 14, 1860. Her father was Edison D. Hymer, of Centralia, Kansas, who died at the Doctor's house, January 18, 1881. Her mother was formerly Martha Pope, born in Kentucky. The father and mother of Mrs. G. died in 1851, only one month apart. He has four children living: Cora, Nora, Maggie, and Charley Buckingham. He is a Republican in his political faith, and an active member of the M. E. Church. The Doctor is one of those men who know how to depend upon their own resources and make the best of everything. In the practice of their chosen profession he relied much upon his judgment in diagnosing disease and applying proper remedies. During his studies and college course he endeavored to be practical and to understand the origin of disease, and assist nature in throwing it off. He is foremost in assisting in the church and the benevolencies of the day, and in trying to make the community and society more elevated and refined. His children are receiving a good education. The Doctor is doing a fine, respectable grocery business, having the entire confidence of the public.

FRANCIS M. HALL,

an enterprising farmer, lives on section 23. His father, James Hall, was a Kentuckian by birth, and his mother, formerly Julia McPherson, was also born in that state. Francis was born in Platte County, Missouri, in 1841, and in 1842, moved with the family to Buchanan County, where

his father has since lived, there improving a good farm. In 1871, young Hall came to this county and bought the farm he now owns, on which he has made the most of the improvements. He married Miss Mary Jane Tyler in 1865. She died in 1871, leaving three children: James, Susan and William. In 1873, he married for his second wife Miss Savannah Maria Finley, daughter of John and Sarah Ann (Walters) Finley, the former of Kentucky, and the latter of Tennessee. They have five children: Alice, Benjamin, Victor Seth, Sanford A., Pamela Ettie. He is a Republican in politics, and belongs to the Christian Church. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity. In 1861, Mr. H. enlisted in the six months service, and at the expiration of this time received his discharge. He was then in the militia for a few months, and afterwards joined the Fifth Kansas Cavalry as first lieutenant, serving as such in that regiment through the war, following General Price in all his desperate struggles, and engaging in all of his battles, until he was driven from the state. He then returned from the Arkansas campaign to Kansas, where he remained over winter. In the spring they were ordered to Fort Laramie, Kansas, to fight the Indians. They were sent back in 1865, and mustered out at Fort Leavenworth, where he received an honorable discharge. He was a faithful officer, always performing his arduous duties to the satisfaction of the men and officers in command. He passed through many battles, gaining much distinction. Many times men were cut down by his side. John Miller, first sergeant of his company, and brother to Henry Miller, of this township, being one example. Mr. Hall commenced life poor, and whatever he has gained as being a business man, a good farmer, and a name respected for honesty and frugality, is due to his hard, steady work, and uniform kindness with those with whom he has come in contact. He is one of the leading men in every enterprise he undertakes, his judgment being founded upon principle. His mother died in 1878. He owns 110 acres of land.

PROF. GEORGE MARTIN HULL,

farmer and stock raiser, is the possessor of 355 acres of land and lives on section 30. He was born in Columbia County, Ohio, September 3, 1827. William Hull, his father, was a native of Laurel Hill, Virginia, and his mother was formerly Hannah Norris, of Baltimore, Maryland. George attended a common district school for a time, there laying the foundation of his education. He was a student for a short time at an academy but his main studies, though of a scientific nature, were given at home. At the age of twenty-two years he commenced to teach and his mind was so impressed with the love of science and his vocation that at times

his instruction seemed almost like inspiration. He was a teacher for thirteen years, and was also a great student during the time. He has been a public lecturer and traveler through several states during thirty years. In many places classes were formed and occasionally he delivered his scientific courses before schools and colleges. In 1856 he came to Missouri and settled near Denver, where he now lives. He soon purchased his farm and has made the best of improvements. He has ten miles of good fence, a fine orchard and buildings and a beautiful residence. His farm is a good one, situated one mile north of Denver, is under a fine state of cultivation, perhaps more so than any farm in the county for wheat culture. His wheat has averaged for twenty-one years thirty bushels per acre, some seasons yielding forty-one and one-half bushels per acre. He has 185 acres of timothy meadow, and keeps a large herd of cattle. Professor Hull married Miss Mary Jane Dennison, in 1852. She was the daughter of Elias Dennison, surveyor of Guernsey County, Ohio. Her father died in California in 1882, having gone there for his health; her mother died here in 1875. They have three children living: John Hershell; Anna Frances, eighteen years old; Grant, fourteen years old. Mr. H. is a Republican in his political preferences. He has been county surveyor and also county assessor. He is a self-made man and has acquired those qualities which render him one of the most thorough of educators. In his farming operations he is very systematic and understands thoroughly the profits of his fields. He is well posted on the general topics of the day and is a good conversationalist. He has broad and well matured views upon the philosophy of things, is well versed on astronomy and chemistry, and practical upon all practical subjects. John Hershell Hall, his eldest son, is in the lumber business with his father. He has a yard in Denver and is doing a very thriving business. He was born in Lawrence County, Ohio, in 1853, and came with his father to Missouri. He was brought up to work, and attending the district schools till 1874, when he entered Richmond College, remaining one year. He was then a student at the State University of Iowa one year. He subsequently followed teaching for five years, and from that time was on the farm for three years. In June, 1881, he started this lumber yard and is making a success of it. He married Miss Amanda Alden, of Ray County, Missouri, daughter of Willis Alden, Esq., in March, 1878. Her father was born in Tennessee. They have three children: George Frank, Mertie May, and Lulie Beatrice. Mr. Hull, like his father, is an excellent scholar and a good business man. He is building up a very fair patronage and has the confidence of the community to a great extent.

JONATHAN HURST,

farmer and carpenter, was born in Adair County, Kentucky, in 1816. With his father he moved to Bedford County, Tennessee, where he lived for nine years, then going to Morgan County, Illinois, where the family grew up. The subject of this sketch married Miss Jane Murphy, of Kentucky, in Morgan County, Illinois in 1837. They had a family consisting of: Nancy Jane (now Mrs. George Friend, of Harrison County), Sarah Ann (wife of Thomas Grinstead, of Harrison County), Francis (now Mrs. Elias Richardson), Mary (now Mrs. Thomas Canada, of Albany), Elizabeth (now Mrs. Jacob Poush), and Jonathan, who married Miss Summy. Mrs. Hurst died in April, 1863. His second wife was Mrs. Sarah (Spainhoad) Helms, whom he married in 1866. They have one child, Nettie. Mr. H. subsequently rented his place and moved about for several years. In 1853 he went to Poweshiek County, Iowa, and entered 160 acres of land, going to work and improving it. This was the first land he ever owned. He broke and fenced twenty acres and built a small house, living there four years, when he sold it and came to Missouri, in 1857. He settled in Harrison County, and bought a farm and lived on it eleven years, when he was deprived of his wife by death. Downhearted and discouraged, he sold out one of the best farms in the place and then came to Gentry County, Missouri, here purchasing a place on which he lived eight years. This he disposed of, and in 1875 moved to Worth County, buying and improving his present farm of seventy acres, a fine one, adjoining the town of Denver. His residence and situation are very fine, and he has one of the best orchards to be found. Politically, he is a Democrat. He is an Odd Fellow, and endeavors to enjoy life as he goes along. Mr. Hurst commenced life alone, with no one to help, learned the carpenter's trade, and has worked at it occasionally. He has made what he has by his own exertions, has seen hard times, and struggled with adversity, but has overcome all obstacles. His opportunities for acquiring an education in youth were limited, yet he has been a student all his life, and in the art of writing he has become quite an expert. He has taught penmanship considerably in former years. He is a kind man, a good neighbor, and all enjoy his society.

DAVID C. KENT,

merchant, Denver, was born in Edgar County, Illinois, April 4, 1848. In 1857, he came to Missouri with his father, David Kent, who settled in Denver, where he improved a good farm, dying there December 9, 1881, aged seventy-seven years. His mother's maiden name was Nancy Wil-

liams. She died in Edgar County, Illinois, in 1854. They left five children, all of whom are dead except Charles Homer and David C. The last named remained at home, attended school, and became a good scholar, afterwards engaging in teaching for several terms. In 1870, he commenced the dry goods business in Denver, and is the oldest one now in business here. He started on a very small scale, having nothing but what he saved until he was twenty-one years old. But he has increased his business from year to year, until we now find him one of the leading and successful merchants in the county. Mr. Frank D. Norton has been with him for some years, and is one of the best business men in this locality. Being a professional book keeper, he takes charge of the books, and in looking them over one can soon see a large amount of business done for a retail store. Their discount account is also large, and in this alone they save enough to pay all natural expenses. Mr. Kent once visited California and other western places, and returned to Denver perfectly satisfied to remain. He married Miss Jennetta Ainslie, of Gentry County, February 27, 1870. They have two children: Rosie Orpha and Lilla Evalina. Joseph Ainslie, her father, died in 1863. Her mother was formerly Hannah Tanner, of Ohio. Mr. Kent is a staunch Republican. Mrs. K. is an excellent lady, active in every good word and work, and is calculated to make home pleasant and attractive.

DANIEL WIGHTMAN LAMB,

retired farmer, surveyor, etc., is the son of Daniel and Hannah (Culver) Lamb, both of Groton, Connecticut, and was born in Groton, New Lebanon County, February 5, 1809. He received a good common school education, attended an academy for awhile and has been a student all his life at home. He studied surveying thoroughly, and it has been his profession for many years. He worked on a farm in summers and taught school during the winter months for several years. In July, 1834, he went to Cook County, Illinois, from whence, after a short time, he moved and settled in DeKalb County, making a claim of 160 acres of land, which he improved. He built a small log house and remained in DeKalb until 1866. During that time he was county surveyor for fourteen years, and worked at the profession most of his time. He sold his farm in 1866, and moved to Taylor County, Iowa, where he resumed his former calling, and bought a new farm, unimproved. After camping out all summer, he built a small board house and went to work clearing his land and making improvements, while his wife was occupied in teaching school. After a period, they had a good farm, and in the meantime Mr. L. had been elected county surveyor, and served one term. In 1876

he traded places with Amon Brumfield, thereby obtaining his present farm of 160 acres, after which he located upon it and commenced its cultivation. He has built a substantial brick residence, and made many desirable improvements. The starting of the celebrated Denver Mineral Springs brought some fifty acres of his farm into market, and it is now an addition to the village of Denver. He married Miss Julia Maxfield, of Fairfax, Franklin County, Vermont, in 1838. She was born November 10, 1817, and died June 26, 1881, leaving seven children living: Hannah (now Mrs. B. F. Harroan), Anna S. (now Mrs. Fred. K. Cheesbro), Mary (now Mrs. A. T. Ormsby), Julia, Permelia, Fremont and Daniel W., Jr. Daniel Austin died in 1848, aged three years. James H. died in the army at Alton, Illinois, July 12, 1864. Clarinda, who married J. A. Kelly, moved to St. Joseph, and died October 12, 1869. Mr. L. is a Republican, and belongs to the Advent Church. He is also a member of the Masonic fraternity. Mrs. Lamb's father was Harvey Maxfield, born in Fairfax, Vermont, January 29, 1797. He was a volunteer at the battle of Plattsburg, in the war of 1812. Her mother was formerly Sophia Ingersol, of Middletown, Connecticut, born January 8, 1800. She now draws a pension and lives with Mrs. Lamb, her daughter. Mr. Lamb is called in Missouri a genuine Yankee. He is one of our best men and citizens, learned and intelligent, a great reader, and is calculated to make society and the world better for his having lived in it. He has met with many reverses, but has been resolute, and has now a beautiful home, a valuable farm and a plenty wherewith to end his eventful life in peace and quiet.

DANIEL LIPE,

section 3, post office Allendale, the subject of this sketch, is a native of Perry County, Illinois, and was born December 15, 1830. He was there reared to manhood and received his education, following his present occupation till 1852, in which year he emigrated to California. He was engaged in mining till 1857, when he returned to Illinois, residing there till April, 1864. In that month he came to Missouri and located in Gentry County. Two years later he came to Worth County and settled where he now resides. He has a fine farm of 160 acres that will compare favorably with any in the vicinity, 110 of which are under cultivation and fence, and his improvements are excellent. Mr. Lipe was married October 4, 1864, to Miss Laura C. Harrison, a native of Illinois. They have five children: Flora B., Oscar G., Viola M., Cora E. and Effie M. Mr. Lipe is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and also of the Protective Association. In 1876 he was one of the township trustees.

HON. ANDREW J. McELVAIN,

section 3, post office Allendale. The subject of this sketch is a native of Jackson County, Illinois, having been born August 23, 1818. When two years old he was taken by the family to Perry County, Illinois, where he was carefully reared, following his present occupation. In 1839 he began learning the trade of wheelwright, and was engaged in that and farming as his occupation for a number of years. In 1852 he came west on a trip through California and Colorado, returning to Illinois December 26, 1853. In 1855 he emigrated to Worth County, Missouri, and settled on the place where he now resides. He has one of the finest tracts of land in the county consisting of 690 acres, 500 of which are under fence and in cultivation. His improvements generally denote him to be one of our most successful and progressive farmers. Mr. McElvain was married October 29, 1844, to Miss Deborah Coombs, a native of Tennessee. They have five children: Catherine M., Cyrus, Mary E., Joseph H. and Margaret. In February, 1861, Mr. McElvain was appointed one of the judges of the county court, and was also elected a short time afterward to the same office, holding the position for two and one-half years. From 1868 to 1870 he represented this county in the legislature, filling the office again from 1878 to 1880. In 1859 he served a short term as justice of the peace of Allen Township. His life has been a remarkable success, and no one in Worth County has done more for the county's advancement. He is a man respected by all, and one who richly merits the honor which has been given him.

WILLIS MARRS, M. D.,

Denver, was born in Iowa August 9, 1839, and came to Missouri with his father in October of the same year. The senior Marrs made his claim in the township of Howard, Gentry County, where young Willis grew to manhood. He attended a school for several years taught by A. B. Ross, Esq. His first teacher was Judge G. W. Lewis, of Albany. He studied medicine with Doctor Todd, of Albany, from whom he received many practical lessons, and had become well qualified to attend lectures, when the war commenced. This interfered with his plans to some extent. After practicing in the vicinity for some time he came to Denver in 1866 and has since had a very large and successful practice. As a physician he has the confidence of the entire community. In his intercourse with society and the sick he is kind, sympathetic and honest. He married Miss Ann Elizabeth Magee, daughter of Tolbert Magee, in December, 1866. They have seven children living: James Tolbert, Alice Fran-

ces, Lewis Riley, Amanda Ellen, Mary Jane and Bulah. George Orson died when two years old and John died in infancy. The Doctor has grown up in this community, and in this respect is a pioneer. Wherever he is known he is highly respected. He is an active Mason and belongs to the Christian Church. At the organization of the Pioneer Society, on the 10th of August, 1882, he was honored by being their first president, and was very active in promoting its organization and advancing its future interests.

PERRY MAUPIN,

proprietor of livery and feed stables, was born in Estill County, Kentucky, June 28, 1834, and in 1841, came to Missouri, settling in Caldwell County, with his father, Thomas Maupin, who was born in Albemarle County, Virginia, but brought up in Madison County, Kentucky. His mother's maiden name was Sally Ward, a native of Kentucky, born in 1805. Mr. M. came to this county in 1853, and entered the farm where the mineral well is now located. The father was in ill health, and Perry as the eldest son, was required to devote all his time at home, not being able to attend school. He married Miss Emily A. Cadle, June 3, 1855. She was the daughter of David C. and Esther Cadle, *nee* Lynch. From this union there are ten children living: Maria F. (now Mrs. Charles A. Brown), Sarah Ellen (now Mrs. O. S. Saunders), Mary Alice, Emma F. (wife of Everett Foster), William T., Sherman, Perry Elvis, Willis Coffee, Rosa and Edna Myrtle. Nora died at the age of seven years, and Rosa McC. died when eighteen months old. Mrs. Maupin died December 4, 1878. His present wife was formerly Mrs. Mary Hinsley Poteet, whom he married in September, 1879. They have one child, Jessie Pearl. Mr. Maupin's father, who died March 29, 1865, when seventy years old, was an early settler in this state and county, and a very prominent politician. He had been twice married. His second wife, who is now seventy-seven years old, is quite active for one of her years. She lives with her children. Perry early entered 160 acres of land, now known as the Lockhart place, and improved it, but sold out to Dr. Mattox, and bought land in Harrison County, where he lived four years. In 1861, he disposed of this and returned to Denver, where he has since lived. He commenced the freighting business for the town, going to St. Joseph, and continued it for fifteen years. In 1878, he built two large barns and started the livery business, and now has them well stocked with good horses and carriages. He was for four years in the state militia during the war. He is an active and leading Democrat, and has belonged to the Christian Church for thirty years. He is also an Odd Fellow. Mr. Maupin is one of the leading, enterprising citizens of Denver, and has the esteem

of the citizens to a great extent, being one of the most honorable business men that can be found.

ELIJAH MILLER

was born in Buchanan County, Missouri, in 1839. He came to this county with his father in 1845, locating two miles east of Denver. His early school advantages were neglected, but being determined to obtain an education he afterwards attended the common schools. In 1857 he started in life for himself, and after working two years he went to California and remained two years. Returning, he traveled through Texas, Arizona, New Mexico, etc., being connected with the army. After coming back, in 1865, he was engaged in farming for several years, and in 1870 he commenced the dry goods business, and devoted a part of his time to the study of law. Thus he continued to be occupied until 1876. He had during this time practiced considerable, and in 1878 he was examined for admission to the bar and was admitted to practice. In 1874 he bought land two miles northeast of town, where he has a good farm. He also has a law office in Denver. He married Miss Elizabeth Bridges, October 10, 1865. She was the daughter of Ivy Bridges, formerly of Illinois. They have four children living: William Ivy, Mary Jane, Jennie and James. John Henry died December 12, 1881, aged fifteen years. Charles died in 1874, when fourteen months old. Mr. Miller early formed a taste for the practice of law. He put forth every effort to receive an education, and though poor and obliged to labor for himself he finally obtained what he desired, and taught school until circumstances were more favorable, continuing his study of law. He has become a good counselor and successful practitioner. He is an excellent example of what a young man can do where energy and will are combined. Henry Miller, his father, is a pioneer of Andrew, Buchanan and Worth Counties, and knows much of pioneer life. He was born in Greene County, Illinois, in December, 1823. He came with his father to Missouri in 1838, and located in Andrew County, being one of the first settlers there. After making claims and improvements, they sold out, in 1845, and moved to Worth County and settled near Denver. Henry Miller married Isabel Laster, in July 1839. She died in 1849, leaving four children: Elijah, Rachel, Mary and George. His second wife was Mrs. Phiebe (Covey) Barber, whom he married in 1850. They have three children: John, Elizabeth and Jasper. Her children by her first marriage were Lavina, Elaman and Andrew Barber. Mr. M. now lives on section 27, where he has a beautiful farm and home. In 1881 he dug a stock well and found it was something similar to the Siloam

well. After being analyzed it was found to be possessed of medicinal properties, and has performed many important cures. He had no opportunities for acquiring an education when a boy, but has been a student all his life, and is now a great reader. In 1848 he was elected justice of the peace, and held the office eighteen years. He has read law and practiced in justices' courts for many years. He is a Democrat, and has been an Old School Baptist since 1842. In 1846 he received a license to preach, which profession he has since followed more or less. He once had a contract to move Indians to Kansas, which he did to the satisfaction of all. His father, L. G. Miller, married Mary Metcalf, of Kentucky. They came to Illinois and then to this state. Mr. M. died in Kansas, October 13, 1881, aged eighty-seven years, and his wife also died there in 1858. They left twelve children. Henry is the only one living in Missouri. Three were killed in the army. George L. and William J. were with General Price, and John was with General Curtis, and was killed when fighting General Price. After the death of John, the wife being dead, Mr. M. took the six children and cared for them, and obtained a pension for them. Mrs. Miller is a very capable woman, and thorough in everything she undertakes. As a farmer, a justice of the peace, a counselor or as a preacher, he was full of energy, and always used excellent judgment. He is a good citizen and neighbor, and a live member of the pioneer organization.

CHRISTIAN LEOPOLD NEIGER,

farmer, is the owner of 120 acres of land on section 33. He was born in Canton Berne, Switzerland, in 1840, and in 1861 emigrated to the United States, settling first in Dearborn and then Marion County, Ind. During the war he kept a small stationery store in Indianapolis, previous to which he was at work in the Blind Asylum. In 1869 he came to Missouri and located in this county, and bought the farm he now occupies. When he landed in Indianapolis he had nothing, and was owing an older brother fifty dollars for passage money, but after a while he paid his debts and subsequently obtained money to buy his land. He received a good education at home, and has been a great student since coming to this country. He married Miss Margaret Abplanalp, of Dearborn County, Ind., in 1865. They have seven children: Ida Margaret Elizabeth, Henry Casper, Annie Barbara, Emma Amanda, Mary Helen, Laura Magdalena and Flora Margaret. Peter Abplanalp was drowned May 12, 1873, aged two years and two weeks, and Lizzie C., an infant, died July 15, 1876. They took a nephew, August Leopold, to bring up when two years old. He is now nineteen years of age, and an active and steady

young man. John Zacheinger was a refugee from Baden, Germany, in 1848, with Schultz and others, and was the father of August Leopold. He died in Indianapolis, Indiana, in 1881. The mother died also in 1865 in the same place. Mr. Neiger's father, Melchion Neiger, died in Switzerland in 1866. His mother was formerly Annie Von Bergen. She died in 1848. Mrs. Neiger's mother's maiden name was Barbara Staler. Her father was Peter Abplanalp, from Canton Berne, Switzerland. He came to this country in 1833 and settled in Dearborn County, Indiana, and in 1874 they moved to Daviess County, Missouri, where he died in 1879. Her mother is now living in Daviess County and is eighty-five years old. Mr. N. is a Democrat in politics, and a very active and influential member of the Evangelical Association Church. In 1880 he bought a portable steam sawmill, for which he paid \$1,800, and in eighteen months it was blown up at almost a total loss. One man was killed and great damage done otherwise. He purchased another and operated it six months, when he sold out at a great loss. With all his trouble and loss, Mr. N. now has a fine farm, well improved, and is a respected man and good citizen. Few foreigners, coming as he did, have done better. He has an excellent wife and family, and all do their part in making home happy and life enjoyable.

JUDGE LEWIS ROSWELL NORTON

was born in Ashtabula County, Ohio, November 20, 1825. His father, John Norton, was born in Hampton County, Massachusetts; as also was his mother, whose maiden name was Dolly Loveland. The former died in September, 1831, leaving three children: John M., Lewis R., and Celia L., who died when 21 years old. The mother married Mr. David Squires in the fall of 1834. They had two children: Aurilla S., who died when four years old, and Pamela Jane, now the wife of C. R. Dawson, a prominent business man of Denver. After his father's death Lewis went to live with a Mr. Roswell Smith, of Loraine County, where he remained until 20 years of age. He was reared a farmer and received a good common education, which he has improved by study and reading throughout his whole life. He left Ohio on horseback for Massachusetts, working his way the best he could, to begin work in a factory for his uncle, Freegrace Morton, with whom he continued for four years becoming the dyer of the large establishment. He returned to Ohio and engaged in a steam sawmill, which venture did not prove a success. He afterwards entered a hotel and in a short time exchanged it for land in Michigan, Hillsdale County, whither he moved in January, 1863. He improved his lands, made a good farm, and in 1867 came to Missouri

and settled in Denver, where he embarked in the dry goods business with his brother-in-law, C. R. Dawson. In 1870 he bought Mr. Dawson's interest and continued business alone one year. He married Miss Amaretta L. Arnold, of Summit County, Ohio, February 12, 1851. She was the youngest daughter of Josiah and Phebe (Smith) Arnold, the latter a sister of Roswell Smith, who was the foster father of Judge Norton. They have two children living: Frank D., and Herbert E., one died in infancy. His mother, Mrs. Squires, died at her daughter's residence in December, 1874. Mr. Norton has held several offices of trust in the township and proved himself to be so competent in the discharge of the duties of his office and his own business that he became a general favorite with all. In 1879 he received the nomination and was elected judge of the probate court, and has filled the office with marked ability, being the right man in the right place. He is a Republican, and was a charter member of the Odd Fellows Lodge. Mr. Norton commenced life poor, has been engaged in various branches of business, and as a rule has succeeded in every enterprise. He has a fine farm which he is working and has been improving for many years, and also has been improving and carrying on a farm belonging to an eastern brother. He is to quite an extent engaged in raising and feeding stock. He was one of the prominent movers in building up the school buildings in Denver, and also the churches and other enterprises of the town. Frank D. Norton, his eldest son, is a successful merchant and clerk of the probate court. He was born in Summit County, Ohio, May 10, 1854. He received a good education and has been in a store since 1875. He took a regular course at Fellows and Bigelow's Commercial College, Cleveland, Ohio, (one of Bryant and Stratton's chain) and graduated in 1875. He commenced business with D. C. Kent in 1879, and has since remained with him. His set of double entry books will compare favorably with those of any business house in the state. He is a capable young man and has hosts of friends.

JAMES H. REED,

section 4, post office Allendale. The subject of this sketch is a native of Clark County, Indiana, where he was born May 12, 1837. At the age of sixteen years he removed to Tippecanoe County, Indiana, there residing engaged in farming till 1879, in which year he went to Saunders County, Nebraska. There he remained six months, and afterwards came to Worth County, Missouri, and settled where he now resides. He has a nice farm of 212 acres of land, 120 of which are under fence. Mr. Reed was united in marriage April 17, 1869, to Miss Nancy B. Coombs, a native of Indiana. They have six children: Harrod, William, Mary,

James, Sarah and David. During 1871 and 1872 Mr. R. was engaged in steamboating on the St. Joseph River, from St. Joseph, Michigan, to the head of navigation. He is a penman of excellent reputation, and is engaged in teaching that art during the winter months.

WILLIAM RICHMOND,

farmer, is the possessor of 140 acres of land on section 19. He was born in Whitley County, Kentucky, October, 1828. His father, John Richmond, died in 1829. His mother, whose maiden name was Sarah Smith, was a Kentuckian by birth. William came to Missouri with his mother in 1830, and settled in Osage County, where they built a tent to live in during the first winter. In 1831 his mother married Valentine Branson, who came to this county with the family, in 1845, locating on section 19. They improved a farm, and there young William grew up, helping the family, more or less, until he was married. He worked out and made himself useful, and afterwards entered a piece of land near his father's, which he improved. In 1853, he married Miss Mary Fuget, a native of Kentucky. She died May 29, 1877, leaving ten children, seven of whom are now living: John Francis, William Henry, Mary Jane, Sarah Sophina (now Mrs. George L. Murray), Margaret E., Rebecca, and Noel Thornton. James S. died in 1881, aged twenty-five years, and two died in infancy. Mr. Richmond sold his first farm, and entered his present one from the government, on which he has made a desirable home since living upon it. Politically he is a Democrat. He is a member of the Baptist Church. His stepfather, Valentine Branson, died in 1855, and his mother died in 1878. Mr. Richmond is one of the reliable and desirable men, such as every community needs. He is a neighbor and friend indeed, and though having struggled hard to start in life, he has overcome every obstacle and is now a good farmer. He is a kind father, and a friend to the friendless.

JUDGE JAMES ALLEN ROBERTSON,

section 19, was born in Campbell County, East Tennessee, November 26, 1823. In 1837, his father came with the family to Missouri, and settled in Ray County, remaining there four years. In the spring of 1842, they moved to Worth County, and made a claim on section 29, of this township, built a log house and broke twelve acres of land, which was planted with corn during the first year. Mr. R. with his four sons made excellent men for opening a new farm. James A. later returned to Ray County and worked for eight dollars per month, until he was twenty-four years old. In 1847, he enlisted in the Mexican War, in Colonel

Rawls' Third Volunteer Cavalry Regiment. They went into what is now New Mexico, and remained eighteen months. Mr. R. has visited very much of our western territory, bordering on New Mexico. He returned to the states at the close of hostilities, having received an honorable discharge. Subsequently he bought eighty acres of the farm he now owns, which was the first land entered in the county. He married Miss Margaret Schooler, in January, 1849. They have eight children living: William A., Sarah Jane, Charles Franklin, Rachel Ellen, John Fletcher, James Henry, Clara Elizabeth and Pattie Evaline. There were three who died in infancy, and Mary Ann, who married T. N. Spillman, died in 1870, leaving one child. After being married, Mr. R. began to cultivate his land. He has made excellent improvements, has been fortunate in his farming and business operations, and has increased his lands until now he has a valuable estate, containing 320 acres, well cultivated. He has a good dwelling and barns, orchard, small fruits, etc. He has been the architect of his own fortune. Gaining his education by himself and starting poor, what he now owns has been earned by good management and hard work. He understands every phase of pioneer life, and was early deprived of every enjoyment and comfort of society. Politically he is a Democrat and a leading member of the Baptist Church. He was elected county judge in 1878, and re-elected in 1880, and the interests of the county are safe and well cared for in his hands. He judges every question from a business standpoint, and gives his decision as merit deserves. Mrs. R.'s father was Charles H. Schooler, of Kentucky. Her mother was formerly Hannah Page. Joseph Robertson, the father of the judge, was born in Virginia, in 1793. He was married in Tennessee, in 1818, to Mary Clark, of Virginia. In 1837, he came to Missouri, and in 1842, to this county. They had four children: Henderson, James A., Jesse and Doctor Franklin. Lost three in infancy. In 1814, he entered the war, with General Jackson, and was all through the Indian struggles until the war closed. He died in 1853. Mrs. R. died in 1854.

ISAAC MARK ROBISON,

general merchant at Denver, was born in Licking County, Ohio, September 24, 1855. He was raised on a farm and attended the common schools, and when sixteen years of age commenced teaching. He attended the Normal School at Lebanon for three years, became a thorough scholar and was well qualified for teaching. In 1876 he moved to Iowa, and taught in Henry County one year. He then went to the State of Oregon and immediately commenced teaching a high school, remaining there for two years with excellent success in his calling, and

gaining an enviable reputation as a teacher. Being a farmer's boy and ambitious in making money, his vacations in the summer were spent in the harvest field and with a heading threshing machine. He measured in four weeks 14,376 bushels of grain with a one-half bushel and sacked it. Returning to Ohio he resumed his studies in the Normal School, and in 1879 he came to Denver and entered Mr. Tipton's store. In January, 1882, he built the present large store where the firm of Tipton & Robison are now doing business. They moved in April 12, and formed the partnership of McIninch & Co. Mr. R. married Miss Emma Hess, daughter of Jacob Hess, of Denver, in March, 1881. They have one child, Bessie Mabel. Mr. Robison is a Republican and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is one of the live business men of the place, is an excellent salesman and very polite in his manners, always representing goods as they are. He is building up a large trade.

REESE BOWEN TANDY,

druggist, Denver, was born in Allen Township, Worth County, Missouri, October 26, 1857. He was brought up on a farm, receiving a good common school education, and in 1878 he attended the Grand River College at Edinburg, Grundy County. He was also a student at schools in Albany and Grant City. After completing his education he taught one year; and in 1880 he commenced the drug business with Dr. Harding, of Grant City, with whom he remained until May, 1881, when they opened a store in Denver, with Mr. Tandy in charge. After thus continuing five months, he bought the Dr.'s interest, since which time he has been doing business alone and is working up an excellent trade. His father, Henry Tandy, was born in Kentucky in 1818. In 1837 he settled in Lexington, Missouri, and in a short time moved to Trenton, Grundy County, where he started a harness shop. After conducting it several years he sold out and bought a farm, which he improved. In 1849, when the gold fever broke out, he went to California with others and worked there for four years, his efforts being crowned with success. After he returned he came to this county, in 1853, and located 1,800 acres of the choicest lands in Gentry and Worth Counties. He settled on a farm three miles north of Denver, where he died January 27, 1871. Mrs. Tandy now lives on the old homestead. Her maiden name was Narcissa B. Perry, and they were married in 1841. They had eight children: Jackson T. (now county assessor), Jennie C., Frances M., Benjamin E., Arch P., Samuel M., Reese B. and Lucy E. Mr. T. was a Democrat, and an ardent worker in the Baptist Church. At one time he owned quite a number of slaves, and was a man of wealth and influence. He

raised a large family of intelligent children, was a leading citizen, full of enterprise, and left many friends to mourn his untimely death. For fourteen years previous to his death he was afflicted with chronic rheumatism, from which he suffered great pain.

ELIJAH JAMES TIPTON,

of the firm of Tipton & Robison, general merchants, was born in Coshocton County, Ohio, August 19, 1842. He was reared a farmer, being educated in the common district school. He worked with his father until 1861 when he left for the army. He joined the Eighty-Seventh Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, which was consolidated with the One Hundred and Twenty-Fifth, Colonel Opdyke commanding. He was in many hard fought battles, among which were Lookout Mountain, Chickamauga, Knoxville, Mission Ridge, Dalton, Kenesaw Mountain, Lovejoy, Franklin and Nashville, and many others of less note. In 1865 he had passed through some of the most severe engagements of the war and had been slightly wounded several times. He was mustered out at Camp Irwin at the close of the war and received an honorable discharge. Returning home in 1867 he came to Missouri and settled in DeKalb County. He opened a store at Winslow and not long after went to St. Joseph, when he became engaged in business with Mr. McIninch, and since then he has been doing business with and for him. In 1878 he came to Denver, where he has been enjoying a very large trade. After Mr. Robison built his large store they entered into business together, moving into the new building. They are now in partnership with Mr. McIninch, of St. Joseph. Mr. Tipton has been twice married. His first wife was Deborah Robison, whom he married in 1866, in Licking County, Ohio. She died in 1874 leaving two children: Lillie Bell, born in 1867; and J. A., born in 1871. His second wife was Miss Julia Robison, sister of his former wife. They were united in marriage in Licking County, Ohio, in 1878. Mr. T.'s father, Absolom Tipton, died in 1874. His mother was formerly Rachel Harrod, daughter of Live Harrod, who was the first settler in Knox County, Ohio, having located in Mt. Vernon. He entered 600 acres of land, and his family are among the prominent ones of the county and state. Mrs. Tipton's father was John Robison and her mother's maiden name was Rachel Gardner. Rev. George Gardner, a brother, was ordained an elder in the first M. E. Conference ever held in Ohio, and is now ninety-six years old. Mr. Tipton is a Republican in politics, and belongs to the M. E. Church. He is a member of the Masonic and Odd Fellow fraternities. Among the many persons who are mentioned in this work none have done better

or preserved a better name than E. J. Tipton. Commencing poor he has, by industry, made a start in business and is now one of the prominent merchants of the county. No firm are better qualified or better able to suit the people than Tipton & Robison. They are honorable and reliable in their dealings and have hosts of friends.

WILLIAM VOESTE,

farmer, has in his possession eighty acres of land, his residence being on section 28. He was the son of Henry and Catherine (Russe) Voeste, and was born in Hanover, Germany, in 1841. In 1859 he emigrated to the United States, settling in Ohio. He learned the wagon making trade in his native country and worked at it until 1861, when he enlisted in the Ninth Ohio Regiment, and was assigned to the Army of the Cumberland. He was in West Virginia with Rosecrans one year, and then with General Thomas, with whom he remained through the war, sharing in all the hard-fought battles, until he received a discharge, in 1862, for disability. In 1863 he again enlisted for one year in the One Hundred and Sixth Ohio, and served his time, when he received an honorable discharge. He was a brave soldier, and made a record which time will never efface, and which will be handed down to his children as an heirloom of their father's loyalty. After his return, Mr. V. located in Ripley County, Indiana, resumed work at his trade, also bought a farm, and commenced to till the soil. He was married in Indiana, in 1865, to Catharine Staehli. They have five children: Margaret Ann, Jacob Charles, Emma Elizabeth, Matilda, and William Frankie. Mrs. Voeste's father was Casper Staehli, and her mother was formerly Elizabeth Schneider. After residing in Indiana one year, Mr. V. sold out and came to Missouri in 1874, purchasing the farm where he now lives. He works at his trade and also cultivates the land, and is doing well. He is a Democrat, and belongs to the Evangelical Association, of which he is an active member. He built a very comfortable residence in 1882, and now has a good home and a family who can enjoy it.

ABRAHAM WILLIAMS,

farmer and stock raiser, is the owner of 360 acres of land on section 23. He was born in Indiana, August 12, 1818. He was brought up a farmer and when twenty-one years old he bought eighty acres of land in Union County, which he partially improved. This he lost, therefore in 1845 moved to Monroe County, having five cents left with which to begin again. He married Frankie Atchison, of Jackson County, Illinois, in 1842. They have five children: Benedict, who married Julia

Clark; Andy Allen, who married Wrena Prather; Solomon Vincent, who has a small store at Shenandoah; Stephen A. Douglas, who married Matilda Elizabeth Moreland, of Indiana; and Everett Irvin. One died when five years old and three died in infancy. Mr. W. has taken two children to bring up: Anna Mary Allen, nine years old, and William Elliott Williams, aged five years. Mrs. W.'s father was Willis Atchison, of Virginia, and her mother was formerly Nancy Ann Barnet, of the same state, but who was raised in Tennessee. Mrs. Abraham Williams was born in Wickley County, Tennessee. After working hard to obtain some money, Mr. W. entered 160 acres of land, on which he made some improvements. Subsequently he sold out, and in 1869 came to Missouri and settled in Worth County, where he bought a fine tract of land. On this he lives to-day, and has everything around him to make life desirable. He is a good farmer, has excellent judgment in all his arrangements and success has crowned his efforts. His five cents has indeed brought him rich returns, and his industry which characterized him as a boy has adhered to him since. He has a fine orchard of apples and peaches, and a good vineyard of grapes. He has helped several of his children to farms, and they are now settled about him. His life has been a busy one, but he has been a useful citizen and neighbor. He is a Democrat and a member of the Christian Church. Richard Williams, (deceased,) the father of the subject of this sketch, was a farmer by occupation, and had 120 acres on section 24. He was born in Franklin County, Kentucky, in 1799. He married for his first wife Nancy Underwood, of Kentucky. They had three children, Abraham being one of these. He was married the second time in May, 1839, to Nancy Goodnight, who was born in Gillis County, Tennessee, in December, 1818. They had four children: Eli, Mary Ann, Theodore and Jacob. Mr. Williams came to this county in 1857. He was a very industrious man. He made a good farm and left a better record. He died in 1870.



MIDDLE FORK TOWNSHIP.

DANIEL M. ANDERSON

was born in Indiana County, Pennsylvania, May 6, 1833. A. J. Anderson, his father, was born in that state, and his mother, whose maiden name was Isabella Trusle, was a native of Ireland. In 1843, the family moved to Illinois, locating in Hancock County, where they resided some twenty-four years. In 1867, they came to Missouri and settled in Worth County, moving on his present farm some two years later. Daniel M. spent his youth on a farm and was educated in the common schools. He was married in Hancock County, Illinois, April 1, 1866, to Miss Harriet Virginia Gerow, daughter of Andrew Gerow. She was born in Indiana. Mr. A. has eighty acres of land, all fenced, with a good house and a bearing orchard. He resides on section 12, township 65, range 31. They have six children: Marion, Charles F., Ettie May, Maggie Belle, John E. and Albert G. Mrs. Anderson is a member of the Free Will Baptist Church. In the fall of 1864, he enlisted in the Twenty-eighth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and served until the close of the war, participating in the engagements at Spanish Fort, Mobile, Fort Blakeley, and several others of an important nature.

JAMES BARNES.

one of the pioneers of Worth County, was born in Estill County, Kentucky, February 12, 1838, his parents, Benjamin and Rebecca (Larison) Barnes, also being Kentuckians by birth. James moved to Missouri with his father in 1839, and located in Buchanan County, where they lived some thirteen years, coming thence to Worth County (at that time a part of Gentry) in 1852. They settled in the southern part of the county, and were among the pioneers there. James passed his early youth on a farm, obtaining a common school education. He was here married, in December, 1865, to Miss Elizabeth E. Bressler, daughter of William H. Bressler. She was a native of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. After his marriage, Mr. Barnes located on his present farm, in Middle Fork Township. He has 100 acres of land, fenced, with a good orchard of 300 apple trees, peaches, cherries, etc., and a good house, located on section 25, township 65, range 32. They have seven children: Benjamin F., William H., Francis M., Ira, Sarah Isabelle, O. E. and John B. April 9, 1862, Mr. Barnes enlisted in Company E, of the Mis-

souri State Militia, and served three years in the war of the rebellion. He participated in the engagements at Big Blue River and Independence. After receiving his discharge he returned to Worth County. Mr. and Mrs. B. are members of the United Brethren Church.

JOSIAH F. BEAUCHAMP,

a prominent man of Worth County, was born in Vermillion County, Indiana, August 29, 1834. David Beauchamp, his father, who was born in Delaware, married Doretha A. Juvenall, of Ohio. Josiah spent his youth on a farm; and was educated in the common schools, supplemented with two years at the Hartsville University. He was married in Bartholomew County, Indiana, March 11, 1860, to Miss Margaret A. Flora, daughter of John Flora. She was born in Harrison County, Indiana. After his marriage Mr. B. was engaged in teaching in Indiana for two years. In the spring of 1864 he moved to Missouri and located in Denver, Worth County, where he resumed teaching for about two years, and was also improving his farm, on which he now resides. He is Republican in politics, and was nominated by his party and elected superintendent of schools at the election of 1866, serving two years in that capacity. Since coming to the state he has been identified with the educational interests of Worth County and has taught in the public schools of the county for a number of terms. He moved on his farm in 1866, and now has 150 acres of land, 120 acres fenced, with a good house, orchard and improvements. He resides on section 35, township 65, range 31. Mr. and Mrs. B. have six children: May, Lula, E. Clay, H. Ohio, Bertha F. and Myrtle W. They are members of the United Brethren Church. Mr. Beauchamp is a strong advocate of the temperance cause.

JOSEPH M. BLACK,

section 24, township 65, range 31, is the son of Robert Black, a native of Pennsylvania, who married a Miss McSparran, of that State, and was born in Armstrong County, Pennsylvania. His youth was divided between working on a farm and attending the common schools. He was married in his native county, August 14, 1860, to Miss Margaret Thompson, of Pennsylvania, and a daughter of Elijah Thompson, Esq. In August, 1861, Mr. Black enlisted in Company B, Seventy-eighth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and served three years, taking part in the battles of Murfreesboro, Chickamauga, Chattanooga, the engagements during Sherman's march to the sea, and at Atlanta. After receiving his discharge he returned to his home, where he resided until coming to Missouri, in the spring of 1870, when he located in Livingston County. Upon

raising one crop he sold out and moved to Worth County, locating on his present farm of 160 acres. He has a good new dwelling, and an orchard which contains eighty apple trees and some other fruit. Mr. and Mrs. Black have a family of six children: Emerson E., Zelotes, Ida A., Mary Jane, Lilly Belle, and Bertie O. They are members of the Church of God.

WILLIAM H BRESSLER.

The subject of this sketch was born in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, July 23, 1841. His parents were Henry and Martha M. Bressler, *nee* Matchet, both natives of Pennsylvania. In 1849 the family removed from there to Iowa, and located in Muscatine County, where they lived but one year, going thence to Linn County. This was their home for nine years, and in 1857 they came to Missouri, settling in Gentry (now Worth) County, of which they were pioneers. William's early life was spent on the farm, and he received an education such as the common school afforded. October 18, 1861, he enlisted in Company I, Fourth Iowa Cavalry, and served nearly four years, participating in the siege of Vicksburg, battle of Jackson, Mississippi, and other important conflicts. After his discharge he returned to Worth County, where he was married October 18, 1865, to Miss Sarah L. Hathaway, a native of Indiana and a daughter of S. B. Hathaway. They have a family of five children: Saretta M., Mary E., Elmer M., Walter C. and Lizzie D. After his marriage Mr. Bressler farmed for some two years, after which he removed to Grant City, and for four years he was engaged in the livery business at that place. In May, 1873, he came upon his present farm, in section 2, township 65, range 32, which includes 120 acres of land in cultivation with ten acres of timber. Upon the place is a fine orchard of 280 young bearing apple trees, besides other fruit. Mr. and Mrs. Bressler are members of the United Brethren Church.

JOHN COSTIN,

a prominent farmer and stock dealer of Worth County, was born in Jefferson County, Kentucky, September 18, 1832. Lewis Costin, his father, and also his mother, formerly Catherine Smock, were Kentuckians by birth. In 1843 the family moved to Indiana and located in Owen County, but afterwards went to Morgan, an adjoining county. John spent his youth on a farm and has received the most of his education by self-culture since becoming of mature years. He was married in Cumberland County, Illinois, April 13, 1852, to Miss Louisa Asher, daughter of Lewis and Alice Asher. She was born in Warren County,

Indiana, August 24, 1835. After his marriage, Mr. Costin lived in Morgan County two years, and then in the fall of 1854 moved to Iowa, Decatur County, but lived there only to make one crop, when he sold out and came to Missouri, in the fall of 1855. He located in Worth, then a part of Gentry County. He now has something over 1,400 acres of land, 930 in his home place, all fenced, with a fine large residence and good improvements. He resides on section 13, township 65, range 32. Mr. and Mrs. Costin have five children: Mrs. James Martin, Mrs. Reuben Swim, Zula May, John D. and Nicholas F. Mr. Costin is Democratic in politics, and was nominated by his party and elected county treasurer in the fall of 1864. In 1868 he was elected sheriff and collector and was re-elected to the same position in 1870, making eight years in succession, during which he has served in an official capacity in the county. After retiring from public life he moved back on his farm in Middle Fork Township. Mrs. Costin is a member of the Christian Church. He belongs to the Masonic and Odd Fellows orders.

JOHN W. FREELAND,

a native of Henry County, Indiana, was born March 4, 1826, and was the son of John and Sarah (Ramsey) Freeland, who were born in Pennsylvania. In 1839 the family removed to Missouri and located in Platte County, being among the earliest settlers of the Platte Purchase. The early life of John W. was passed on a farm, his education being received in the common subscription schools. In 1855 he went to Kickapoo, Leavenworth County, where for four years he was engaged in mercantile pursuits. April 19, 1857, he was married in Clinton County, Missouri, to Miss Sarah J. McClintock, of Calloway County, Missouri, and a daughter of A. McClintock. After closing out his business in Kickapoo Mr. Freeland was occupied in farming in Atchison County some three years. In 1864, with his family, he returned to Clinton County. He once went to Montana in company with Captain Kercheval and others, where he remained about fourteen months, occupied principally in freighting and the lumber business. Returning to Missouri in the fall of 1866, he located in St. Joseph, and the following spring entered into the livery business there. In the spring of 1868 he began farming in Buchanan County, where he resided till the spring of 1874, when he came to Worth County, settling on his present farm in section 1, township 65, range 33. He has 655 acres of land, of which about 600 acres are fenced, and upon it is a good residence and a young bearing orchard. Mr. and Mrs. F. have five children: Robert H., John A., Edwin W., Laura D. and Benjamin F. They are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Mr. Freeland belong to the Masonic fraternity.

LAFAYETTE GARRETT,

the subject of this sketch, was born in Richland County, Ohio, April 8, 1836. Amos Garrett, his father, was a Virginian by birth, and his mother, whose maiden name was Mary Shaffer, was a native of Pennsylvania. The family moved from Richland to Fulton County in 1836, where they lived until 1850. In the spring of 1850 they went to Wisconsin and located in Green County. Lafayette Garrett spent his youth on a farm, and was educated in the common schools. He was married in Green County, January 1, 1862, to Miss Nancy M. Dickison, daughter of Francis and Mary Dickison. She was born in the state of New York. After his marriage he resided in Green County until he came to Missouri, in June, 1869, when he settled on his farm in Worth County. He has 170 acres of land, all fenced, with good house, orchard and improvements. He resides on section 36, township 65, range 32. In the winter of 1864 Mr. Garrett enlisted in Company I, Forty-sixth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, and served until the close of the war. They have had eight children, seven of whom are living: Albert L., Anna Laura, Emma C., Nettie, Charles L. (deceased), Bettie, Amanda and May J. Mrs. Garrett is a member of the United Brethren Church.

JOSEPH L. HALL,

a native of Adair County, Kentucky, was born November 22, 1845. His father, George B. Hall, and his mother, formerly Mary Higgenbotham, were also born in Kentucky. In 1852 the family moved to Illinois, and located in Schuyler County, where they lived some twelve years. In the fall of 1864 they settled in Fremont County, Iowa. Joseph L. spent his youth on a farm and received a common school education. He was married in Fremont County, Iowa, April 14, 1867, to Miss Laura R. Million, daughter of John T. and Harriet Million. She was born in St. Clair County, Illinois. After his marriage he made his home in Fremont County some four years. In the fall of 1871 he came to Gentry County, where he lived until moving to Worth County, in the spring of 1876, when he located on his present farm. He has 160 acres of land, all fenced, with a good house, orchard and improvements. His place is located on section 27, township 65, range 32. Mr. and Mrs. Hall have three children living: Emery P., born August 11, 1869; John F., born August 17, 1878, and Charles E., born July 31, 1880. One is deceased, Gracie, who was born February 28, 1875. She died July 25, 1877. Mr. and Mrs. Hall are members of the United Brethren Church.

JUDGE J. ROSS MAGEE

owes his nativity to Warren County, Indiana, where he was born January 23, 1842. His parents were Josiah B. and Sarah Magee, *nee* Morrison, both natives of New Jersey. The former was born in 1800. J. Ross divided his life between laboring on the farm in summer and attending the common schools during the winter months until he was fourteen years of age. After this he worked as a farmer until September, 1861, when he enlisted as a private in Company D, Tenth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, serving for three years during the war; he was promoted to corporal and then to first duty sergeant, and as such participated in many battles, among which were the siege of Cornith, Champion Hill, Chickamauga, Mission Ridge, Resaca, Sherman's campaign and others including the siege of Atlanta. After being discharged he returned to Indiana. On January 31, 1865, the marriage of Mr. Magee to Miss Martha H. Chenoweth, daughter of Uriah Chenoweth, occurred in Warren County. She died October 21, 1865. In December of that year he moved to Illinois and located at Westfield, where he was engaged in mercantile pursuits for about a year. He then spent one year in study at the Westfield College. In the fall of 1868 he came to Missouri and settled on his present farm in section 11, township 65, range 32. He owns 129 acres, all under fence, a good orchard, etc. September 5, 1867, he married for his second wife Miss Harriet Andrews, in Vermillion County, Indiana. She is a daughter of John Andrews, Esq., and was born in that county. Mr. and Mrs. Magee have three children: Curtis E., born June 15, 1868; Claude O., born June 11, 1871; and Ollie Myrtle, born April 28, 1879. Mr. M. is a Republican in politics and was nominated by his party and elected one of the county judges at the election of 1872. He was again elected under the township organization and received the nomination by his party for judge at large, being defeated by only one vote. In the spring of 1881 the judge moved to Grant City and was occupied in the carpenter business one year when he returned to his farm. Mrs. Magee is a member of the M. E. Church.

JOSEPH MORGAN,

a pioneer of this county, is a son of Zachariah Morgan, a Kentuckian by birth, and Sarah (Dickson) Morgan, a native of Georgia, and was born near Louisville, in Greene County, Indiana, March 17, 1840. In 1845 or 1846 Joseph accompanied the family on their move to Scott County, Iowa, where they resided for some thirteen years. In 1858 they came from Iowa to Missouri, and located in Worth (then Gentry) County,

where they were among the first settlers. Joseph passed his early life on a farm, receiving a common school education. In the winter of 1861 he spent his time in Scott County, Iowa, and in the spring of 1862, in company with George Stafford and others, he went overland to Oregon, spending about five years on the Pacific coast. Most of the time he was occupied in freighting and farming. In the fall of 1867 he returned to Missouri. Mr. Morgan was married in Worth County, April 10, 1870, to Miss Kate Trump, a native of Ohio, and a daughter of John Trump. She died December 23, 1878, leaving five children: Mary O., Sarah E., Eliza E., Josie R. and Katie L. March 18, 1879, Mr. M. was married a second time to Miss Ella Trump, a sister of his former wife. There were two children by this union, of whom William Garfield is living and Maudie is deceased. After his marriage he located on a farm in Worth County, coming on his present place, section 28, township 65, range 31, in the fall of 1871. He has 150 acres of land, 140 acres in his home place and ten acres of timber. He has a good residence, orchard of 100 apple trees, mostly bearing, besides peaches, cherries, etc.

HENRY B. MOORE,

the subject of this sketch, was born in Somerset County, New Jersey, September 12, 1824. His father, Thomas Moore, was a native of England, but died in New Jersey when the son was a child. His mother's maiden name was Elizabeth Moss, of Massachusetts. After his father's death, Henry lived with an uncle until twelve years of age, after which he worked one summer on the canal, and then for three years was employed in a chair factory in Philadelphia. While working here he attended night school, and acquired an education in the common English branches. In 1841, he went to Lancaster County, labored on a farm one year, and thence to Richmond, Indiana, where he was occupied in laying brick and plastering for about four years. March 4, 1854, he was married in Calhoun County, Illinois, to Miss Lydia F. Turner, daughter of Samuel Turner. She was born in Ralls County, Missouri. After this Mr. M. settled on a farm in Calhoun County, but also resumed the brick-laying and plastering trade. In 1871, he came to Worth County, Missouri, locating on his present farm in section 20, township 65, range 31, and which contained 100 acres. His home place consists of eighty acres, all fenced, with a fair house and improvements. A new orchard is just beginning to bear. Mr. and Mrs. Moore have one child, Sumner Moore, and an adopted daughter, Florence Walker.

JESSE L. PHILLIPS.

section 23, township 65, range 32, a native of Wood County, Virginia, was born March 29, 1838. Jesse Phillips, his father, married Miss Sarah Devese. They were both Virginians by birth. In 1849 the family moved to Iowa and settled in Davis County, where they resided until the fall of 1852, then going to Decatur County. After living there four years, in the fall of 1856, they came to Gentry County, Missouri, and located in that portion of the county afterwards included in Worth, and being among the pioneers of this section of country. The senior Phillips settled on land obtained with a land warrant, which he received for his services in the war of 1812, and which the subject of this sketch now owns and occupies. He spent his youth as a farmer's boy, receiving the most of his education by self-application, after reaching his mature years. He was married in this county May 16, 1858, when twenty years of age, to Miss Mary Jane Barnes, who was born in Buchanan County, Missouri, January 1, 1840, and a daughter of Benjamin Barnes. After this Mr. P. located on a farm here, and in the spring of 1866 moved upon his present place of seventy-five acres of improved land. He has a good orchard of 200 apple trees, and a variety of other fruits. Mr. and Mrs. Phillips have had eight children, of whom seven are living: Ralph H., Rufus P., Elizabeth E., John W., Lewis J., Leander and Rebecca. Benjamin is deceased. They are members of the United Brethren Church.

GEORGE W. REED,

section 31, township 65, range 31, is the son of Jacob Reed, a native of Germany, but who was raised in Pennsylvania, and who married Mary Walker, a Kentuckian by birth. George was born in Hardin County, Kentucky, February 5, 1816. In 1822 he accompanied the family to Indiana and located in Clay County. He was brought up on a farm, obtaining a common school education. In the fall of 1848 his marriage to Miss Elizabeth Eddy occurred in Clay County, Indiana. The year following he came to Missouri, settling in Buchanan County, where he remained for two years, when he returned to Indiana in the spring of 1852. In the spring of 1853 he again came to Missouri, this time locating in Gentry County. Mrs. Reed died in May, 1853, leaving three children, one who married Wm. McQuigg, one the wife of Francis Carl and the other is now Mrs. Wm. Smith. Mr. Reed moved back to Buchanan County in the following fall and stayed one year, when he was married to Mrs. Elizabeth Armstrong, daughter of Eli Bennett. She was born in Wood County, Ohio. In the spring of 1855 he again returned to Gentry County, and the same year came upon his present

farm. He has 263 acres of land, with a fair house and improvements. Mr. and Mrs. Reed have three children, one the wife of Geo. W. Brandt, Levi A. and Ulysses S. Mrs. Reed has one child by her first marriage, George A. Armstrong. In the spring of 1862 he enlisted in Company E., First Missouri Cavalry, under Colonel James McPherrin, and served fifteen months, participating in numerous skirmishes. He did much scouting service, and on account of disability was discharged. Mr. and Mrs. Reed are members of the United Brethren Church.

TRUMAN SALMON.

The subject of this sketch was born in Clark County, Illinois, on the 29th of August, 1832. He is the son of John and Ruth Salmon, *nee* Butterfield, the former a native of New York, and the latter of Vermont. Truman was reared on a farm, his education being such as the common schools afforded. In the spring of 1856, he went to Vermillion County, Illinois, where he resided until coming to Missouri, there being engaged in farming and stock raising. He was married in Vermillion County April 1, 1856, to Miss Mary A. Howard, daughter of Gideon Howard. She was born in Illinois. In the fall of 1872 Mr. Salmon settled on his present farm in section 1; township 65, range 32. He has 240 acres fenced, good buildings, &c., and an orchard upon the place. He has a farm of 80 acres in another tract. He is Republican in politics, and was nominated by his party and elected collector of Middle Fork Township during the time the county was working under the township organization. Mr. and Mrs. S. have six children. The oldest is now Mrs. Porter Simpson; Virginia, Luella, Dora, Ellsworth and Ocee. They are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

JOSEPH SIMMONS

was born on August 10, 1828, and is a native of Licking County, Ohio. His father, Van Simmons, who was born in Rockingham County, Virginia, in 1798, moved to Ohio with his parents in about the year 1812, and was among the earliest settlers of Licking County. The mother of Joseph was formerly Sarah Butcher, originally from Augusta County, Virginia. Young Simmons spent his boyhood days at home, and was educated in the common schools. He was married in his native county, August 22, 1849, to Miss Ann Wells, daughter of N. and Eda Wells. She was born in the same county as himself. After his marriage he resided there for some ten years, engaged in handling and shipping stock. In 1859 he moved to Hancock County, Ohio, which was his home

for seven years. In the fall of 1866 he went to Michigan, and located in Barry County, residing in that state some fifteen years, occupied in farming and the stock business. Coming from Barry County, Michigan, to Missouri, in 1881, he settled on his present farm, on section 2, township 65, range 31, which embraces 100 acres of land, all fenced. He has fair improvements, a good bearing orchard of 150 apple, peach and cherry trees, beside small fruit. Mr. and Mrs. Simmons have eight children living: Van, Samuel, one now Mrs. C. Millern, one married to Frederick Lentz, Elizabeth, John, Joseph and Emma. Two are deceased: Melissa, who, with four others, was drowned in Jordan Lake, Michigan, aged sixteen years, and Sarah, the wife of H. Smith. Mr. and Mrs. Simmons are members of the M. E. Church. The former belongs to the Odd Fellows.

ORLANDO S. SPEIR,

farmer and stock raiser, section 11, township 65, range 32, is a native of Mercer County, Pennsylvania, where he was born May 9, 1850, his parents, Seth and Casandana (Bean) Speir, having been born in the same county. The early life of Orlando was divided between working on a farm and attending the common schools. In 1870, he came to Missouri and located in Union Township, Worth County. Ten years after this, in the spring of 1882, he settled on his present farm of 220 acres. Of this 160 acres are under fence, well improved, and adorned with a good house and orchard. Mr. Speir was here married, April 4, 1874, to Mrs. Rosetta Adams, daughter of Samuel Adams. She was born in this county. They have three children: Gracie Evaline, born December 22, 1876; Ernest D., born September 26, 1879, and Zelma Pearl, born December 18, 1881. Mr. and Mrs. Speir are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

WALTER TAYLOR,

a pioneer of this locality, was born on January 28, 1828, and is a native of Greene County, Illinois. He was the son of Walter Taylor, of Tennessee, who married Miss Nancy Rollins, a Kentuckian by birth, but who was reared in Illinois. The early life of Walter was spent on a farm. His education has been received entirely by self-application. September 11, 1853, he was married in Greene County, Illinois, to Miss Sarah Drummond, of that county, and a daughter of Benjamin Drummond. After this event Mr. Taylor lived in Greene County for about two years, coming thence to Missouri in 1855, and locating in what is now Worth County. In the fall of 1867 he moved upon his present farm in section 23, township 65, range 31, and at present has 160 acres of land in his

home place and twenty acres of timber. He has fair improvements, orchard, buildings, etc. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor have had nine children, of whom seven are living: Mrs. L. C. Weigart, Olie, Laura, Albert, Oscar, Sylvester and Benjamin P. Two are deceased, Martha J. and Newton J. Mrs. Taylor and daughter Olie are members of the Missionary Baptist Church.

EDWARD TURNER,

farmer and stock raiser, section 1, township 65, range 32, was born in England, November 24, 1840. His parents, George and Rachel Turner, *nee* Rear, were natives of Leicestershire, England. In the spring of 1851 the family emigrated to America and settled in Orange County, New York, where they lived two years. Thence to Wayne County, of the same state, remaining there until 1865, when they went to northern Iowa. Edward was brought up on a farm and attended the common schools. He was married in Jo Daviess County, Illinois, July 4, 1867, to Miss Frances S. Rick, daughter of Edward Rick. She was born in Jo Daviess County. Some time after, Mr. Turner located in Lafayette County, Wisconsin, and continued to live there for nearly eight years. His wife died October 14, 1871, leaving three children: George E., Frank D. and Ella Z. Mr. T. was again married in Grant County, Wisconsin, November 24, 1874, to Miss Mary Fox, of Wisconsin, and a daughter of the Rev. George H. Fox. In November, 1866, he came to Missouri, settling in Worth County, on his present farm of fifty-two and one-half acres, which is well improved, with a fair house, etc. By this latter union Mr. T. has three children: Fanny L., Bessie E. and Alfred Fox. He and his wife are members of the Free Methodist Church.

WARREN W. WALKER,

the son of Daniel and Melinda (Welch) Walker, was born in Clay County, Indiana, May 30, 1827. His father was born in North Carolina, but was brought up in Kentucky. His mother was a Kentuckian by birth. Warren passed his earlier years on a farm in his native county, receiving an education in the common schools. He was married October 29, 1849, to Miss Ruth Ann Thomas, who was born in Clay County, Indiana. Her father was James P. Thomas, Esq. After his marriage Mr. Walker lived in Clay County some three years, moving thence to Missouri in the fall of 1851, when he entered land in what is now Worth (then Gentry) County, and located on his present farm; section 36, township 65, range 32, where he has lived for thirty-one years. He has 300 acres of land in a body, with 200 fenced, and upon the place,

which is well improved, is an orchard of 100 bearing apple trees and some peach and cherry trees, beside a good vineyard and small fruits. In April, 1862, Mr. Walker enlisted in Company D, Fourth Missouri Cavalry, under Colonel Hall, and served for more than three years; he participated in the battle at Newtona, Missouri, and Marshalltown, and in other important engagements, including Springfield, Big Blue River and Osage Springs. After being discharged he returned to Worth County. Mr. and Mrs. Walker have twelve children: Morris T., Eliza M., Marvin E., one is now Mrs. David Britton and one married William Gladstone, Walter E., James L., Lewis G., Nancy, Ida, Mahala and Willie. Mr. and Mrs. Walker and their son Marvin are members of the Baptist Church.

JOHN WHARTON,

one of the prominent farmers and stock men of Worth County, was born in Spottsylvania County, Virginia, January 12, 1812. Joseph Wharton, his father, was born in Virginia in 1767, and his mother, whose maiden name was Sarah Age, was also a native of that state. In 1818, the family moved to Kentucky, and located in Lincoln County, where they resided some six years, going to Indiana in 1824, and settling in Monroe County. Joseph Wharton died here in 1833. John was raised on a farm, having but limited opportunities for attending school. He is principally self educated. He was married in Monroe County, Indiana, May 24, 1836, to Miss Margaret Pindell, daughter of Aaron and Sophia Pindell. She was born in Kentucky. After his marriage Mr. W. remained in Indiana until 1854, when he moved to Clarke County, Iowa. In the fall of 1863, he came to Livingston County, Missouri, where he resided three years, and then moved to Worth County. He has 200 acres of land, with a good house, barn, and an orchard of 150 apple trees, besides peaches, cherries and small fruits. He resides on section 14, township 65, range 31. Mr. Wharton lost his first wife in Iowa, June 5, 1859. He was married again to Mrs. Sarah A. Davis, February 14, 1860. She died in Worth County, January 24, 1880. Mr. W. has nine children: Aaron, one daughter (now Mrs. M. H. Lilly), Hannah J., Martha and Moses (twins), John C., America Ellen, Minnie Alice and S. Belle.



GREENE TOWNSHIP.

JOHN ALLEE,

a native of Monroe County, Kentucky, was born December 22, 1822, and was the son of Joseph and Harrfet (Cruse) Allee, both of Virginia. In 1848 the family removed to Indiana and located in Putnam County, where John passed his youth, receiving a common school education. He was married in Hendricks County, of that state, December 22, 1842, to Miss Ann DeHart, who was born in Tennessee, in October, 1822, her father being William DeHart, Esq. In 1842 Mr. A. commenced working at the blacksmith trade, which calling he followed until 1861. On July 14th of that year he enlisted in the Twenty-second Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and was discharged in December following, on account of disability. After his discharge he returned to Indiana, and in the spring of 1866 moved to Missouri, locating on his present farm, in section 10, township 65, range 32. He owns eighty acres of land, in cultivation, fairly improved, and a young, bearing orchard, vineyard, etc. Mr. and Mrs. A. have three children living: William F., John J. and Edward W. One, George W., is deceased. Mr. A., politically, is a staunch Greenbacker.

FRANCIS BODECKER

was born in December, 1839, in Prussia, Germany, in which country his parents, Joseph and Elizabeth Bodecker, *nee* Browns, were also born. Francis passed his time from six until fourteen years of age attending school. Then until he was eighteen years old he worked in a coal mine, at the expiration of which time he had saved money sufficient to pay his passage to America. Accordingly, in 1857, he emigrated to the United States, landing in New York in April of that year, and soon went to Illinois, where he was occupied in working on a farm. July 4, 1861, he enlisted in the First Missouri Cavalry and served during the war, until September 10, 1864. He took part in the engagement at Pea Ridge, three day's fight at Prairie Grove, and the battles of Banks' Red River Expedition, besides numerous skirmishes. After being discharged he returned to Illinois and purchased a farm in the northern part of the state, where he lived for six years. In 1871 he came to Missouri and located on his present farm, which contains 610 acres, of which 480 are in cultivation. Upon this place, in section 22, township 65, range 33,

is a fine dwelling, large barn, and a young orchard of 100 apple trees, 100 grape vines and other fruits. Mr. Boderick was married in Kankakee County, Illinois, January 22, 1866, to Miss Anna Hooveke. They have a family of six children: Mary, Anna, Katie, Henry, Lizzie and John. Mr. and Mrs. Bodecker are members of the Catholic Church.

BENJAMIN R. BONHAM

is a native of Lewis County, Kentucky, and was born March 10, 1826. Nathan Bonham, his father, and also his mother, whose maiden name was Nancy Pell, were Kentuckians by birth. In 1843, the family moved to Ohio and settled in Highland County, where they lived for ten years, moving thence to Indiana, in which state Nathan Bonham died. The youth of the subject of this sketch was divided between working on a farm and attending the common subscription schools. January 10, 1849, he was married in Scioto County, Ohio, to Miss Leah Sheltman, daughter of David Sheltman. She was born July 28, 1824. After this event Mr. B. lived on a farm for one year in Scioto County, and then came to Missouri, settling in Daviess County, where he was engaged in farming and stock raising for nine years. In the fall of 1860, he went to Hancock County, Illinois, which was his home for thirteen years. In 1873, he moved to Worth County, Missouri, and in 1875, located on his present farm. He resides on section 31, township 65, range 32, where he has eighty acres of land fairly improved. Mr. and Mrs. Bonham have eight children: Charles H., Mrs. E. P. Shin, Mrs. Jacob Eshelman, James, Mrs. Erastus Grimes, Isaac, Laura and Amanda.

WILLIAM M. COX, M. D.

The subject of this sketch was born in Platte County, Missouri, January 27, 1845. His father, H. Cox, and also his mother, whose maiden name was Lucina Jacks, were natives of Kentucky. William passed his early life principally in school. In 1861 he enlisted in Colonel Elijah Gates' regiment, of the Confederate service, and served until the close of the war. He was taken prisoner at Big Black River, ten miles east of Vicksburg, and held as such for twenty months. He took part in the engagements of Pea Ridge, Corinth, Grand Gulf, Champion's Hill, and numerous others. After the close of this memorable conflict he remained near Nashville, Tennessee, engaged in teaching for three years. Returning to Missouri in the spring of 1868, he resumed the same profession in Buchanan County, and commenced the study of medicine with Dr. Martin, of DeKalb. Mr. Cox was thus occupied for two years, and in the winter of 1870 he attended lectures at the Medical College in Cincin-

nati, Ohio, where he graduated in the summer of 1871. After receiving his diploma, he began the practice of his profession at Monroeville, near Atchison, Kansas, where he remained but about six months, then going to Hampton, in Platte County. After a six months' practice there he came to Oxford, Worth County, where he has built up a good practice in his profession, and is accounted to be one of the best physicians of the county. The Doctor engaged in the drug business in the fall of 1877, and is still carrying on the trade, in connection with his practice. He is Democratic in politics, and was appointed presiding judge of the county in April, 1875. Dr. Cox was married in Oxford, September 21, 1873, to Miss Maggie McCord, daughter of William McCord. She was born in Pennsylvania. They have four children: Anna L., Jessie E., Thomas M. and an infant daughter.

JOHN FOLAND,

section 9, township 65, range 32, was born in Bath County, Kentucky, May 8, 1831. His father, George Foland, a native of Kentucky, married Miss Mary Smith, of the same state. In 1852, John accompanied the family on their move from Bath County, Kentucky, to Missouri, locating in Platte County, where they lived two years. In the spring of 1855, they came to a part of Gentry County which is now Worth County. The subject of this biography grew up on a farm, his education being such as could be obtained in the common schools. September 10, 1854, he was married in Platte County, to Miss Elizabeth Springer, a native of that county, and a daughter of Gersham Springer. She died in Worth County, August 4, 1876, leaving a family of eight children living. In the fall of 1876, Mr. Foland moved upon his present farm of 100 acres, his home place containing eighty acres, all fenced, a good orchard and improvements. He was married the second time, in Worth County, to Miss Amanda Sharp, daughter of Jackson Sharp. She was born in Iowa. By this marriage there is one child, Hugh. Mr. F. is Democratic in politics, and in 1874, was nominated by his party and elected constable of the township. Since then he has been elected four times in succession. Mr. and Mrs. Foland are members of the M. E. Church.

WILLIAM H. FOLAND

was born in Bath County, Kentucky, November 9, 1840. His parents, George and Mary (Smith) Foland, also being Kentuckians by birth. In 1852, upon leaving his native state, William came with the family to Missouri, taking up his location in Platte County, where he continued to make his home for two years. In the spring of 1855, they came to Gen-

try (now Worth) County, being among the earliest settlers here. William, during youth, worked on a farm and was educated at the common schools. He was married here September 27, 1868, to Miss Narcissis Harris, who was born in Virginia. She was a daughter of Hiram Harris, Esq., and died April 28, 1873, leaving two children: Alwilda and Margaret. Mr. Foland took for his second wife Miss Elizabeth Carroll, daughter of Thomas Carroll, whom he married in this county July 18, 1875. She was a native of Ohio. By this union there are two children: America Ellen and Flora Alice. After his marriage Mr. F. settled on his present farm in section 8, township 65, range 32. He has 240 acres of land, 180 acres fenced, with 114 acres in his home place. This is improved, a fair house and a bearing orchard of 120 apple and other fruit trees being upon the place. He is a Greenbacker in his political faith, and was nominated by his party and elected one of the county judges at the election in 1878. He served for two years. The judge is a member of the Odd Fellows order.

JAMES W. FREEMYER,

a native of Washington County, Ohio, was born December 29, 1835. George Freemyer, his father, was born in New York State, January 21, 1794, and his mother, whose maiden name was Martha Shreves, a Pennsylvanian by birth, was born January 22, 1794. In the spring of 1851, James, with the family, moved to Jay County, Indiana, living there until the fall of 1857, when they came to Missouri and located in what is now Worth County, being among the early pioneers here. The early life of James was passed on a farm, his education being such as the common schools afforded. In December, 1859, his marriage to Miss America Foland, daughter of George Foland, occurred in Gentry County. She was born in Kentucky. After this event, Mr. Freemyer located on a farm in Worth County. In the spring of 1862 he went to Nevada, where he was engaged in mining and carpentering for four years, after which, in the fall of 1866, he returned to Missouri and settled on his present place. He resides on section 7, township 65, range 32, and owns over 247 acres of land, 211 acres in his home place, fairly improved. His young orchard of 300 trees, 150 peach, some cherry, etc., is an excellent one. Mr. and Mrs. Freemyer have a family of seven children: George W., Mary Selinda, Sarah Elizabeth, Jessie M., Frances America, James P. and Alice R. They have lost four by death.

SAMUEL HARRIS,

a prominent merchant and business man of this portion of the county, was born on December 30, 1819, and is a native of Patrick County, Vir-

ginia. He is the son of Elijah and Levina (Terry) Harris, who were Virginians by birth. The former died when young Harris was but a child. After some years Mrs. H. was married to Paul Elgin, and subsequently emigrated to Missouri, locating in Howard County. Samuel spent his youth on a farm, his opportunities for acquiring an education being very limited. He was married in Howard County, September 17, 1839, when in his twentieth year, to Miss Sophia Jacks, daughter of Richard Jacks. She was born in Howard County, Indiana. Some time after this, Mr. H. moved to Platte County, where he lived some eleven years, engaged in farming. In 1850, on leaving there, he came to Worth County, being among the earliest settlers here. After remaining in the county about one year, he went to Gentry County, in March, 1852, there residing until the fall of 1854. He again went to Platte County, and in about two years' time, or in the fall of 1857, he returned to Worth County, where he has since made his home. He first embarked in mercantile pursuits at Oxford in the fall of 1859, and soon started a grocery business, but later put in a general stock, and has since been doing a general merchandise business at Oxford. Mr. Harris is also interested in farming, and has 490 acres of land, mostly under fence, improved and with a good house, barn, bearing orchard, etc. His farm is in both sections 19 and 30, township 65, range 32, but mostly in section 30. Mr. and Mrs. H. have had thirteen children, nine of whom are living.

HENRY KLAAS

was born March 4, 1829, in Prussia, his parents, Henry and Elizabeth (Woltoda) Klaas, also being natives of that country. From the time he was six until fourteen years of age he attended school, and after this was employed on a farm. When nineteen years old, in company with others, he emigrated to the United States, landed in New York, July 3, 1848, and soon located on the state line between Indiana and Illinois. There he was engaged in farming and the dairy business until 1865, when he moved to Scott County, Iowa, resuming the same occupations; he was also interested in the fine stock business to some extent. In 1880 he came to Missouri and in October of that year settled on his present farm in this township, which then was raw land, unimproved. He now owns 400 acres fenced, well improved and with a new dwelling. He resides on section 26, township 65, range 33. Mr. Klaas was married in Lake County, Indiana, December 21, 1853, to Miss Lura A. Irish, daughter of Joseph Irish. She was born in Vermont and died in Indiana in 1856, leaving one child, Augustus E. He was again married in Lake County in 1857 to Miss Ellen E. Irish, a native of Vermont and

a daughter of Elias Irish. Mrs. K.'s death occurred February 9, 1873, the family at that time consisting of eight children: Julius A., Elias F., Eugene J., Noble F., Henry F., Frank J., Freddy J. and Mary Ellen. September 1, 1873, Miss Sophia Hardemartin became his third wife. By this union there are two children, Elizabeth and Anna L. Mr. and Mrs. Klaas are members of the Catholic Church.

CHARLES N. LEONARD,

a pioneer of this county, was born in Portage County, Ohio, July 13, 1841, and is the son of Jacob and Sarah Leonard, *nee* Carter, who were Pennsylvanians by birth. In 1848 the family removed to Iowa and located in Jackson County, coming from there in 1854 to Missouri and settling in what was then Gentry (now Worth) County. Charles N. spent his youth on a farm, receiving a primary education in the common schools, though the most of it has been obtained by self-application. In the fall of 1861 he enlisted in Company D, Colonel Cranor's Regiment, and in January, 1862, enlisted in Colonel Hall's Regiment, Missouri State Militia, serving until the close of the war. He participated in the battles of Springfield, Missouri, Big Blue, and some thirteen different engagements. Nearly one half of the company of which he was a member were killed at the battle of Big Blue in about fifteen minutes. After his discharge he returned to his home in Worth County. He resumed agricultural pursuits as his occupation, and in March, 1869, he came upon his present farm of eighty-nine acres; eighty acres in his home place, with good improvements, house, etc., and an orchard of 150 bearing apple, 100 peach and 50 cherry trees, besides a variety of small fruits. He resides on section 27, township 65, range 32. Mr. Leonard was married in this county December 7, 1865, to Miss Martha A. Vance, daughter of John R. Vance. She was born in Jefferson County, Iowa, June 12, 1839. They have five children living: Rosa B., born September 15, 1866; William Grant, born June 15, 1868; James C., born August 11, 1871; Charles H., born October 13, 1873, and Sarah M., born February 28, 1875. Two are deceased: John B. was born June 22, 1870, and died September 22, 1870; Lottie was born December 19, 1868, and died March 10, 1880. Mr. Leonard and his wife are members of the United Brethren Church, in which he has been a class-leader for fourteen years. He has served for about six years as clerk of the school board in his district.

WILLIAM McCORD,

a substantial farmer and stock raiser of this township, who resides on section 19, township 65, range 32, is a native of Mercer County, Pennsylvania, where he was born August 9, 1842. Robert McCord, his father, and also his mother, whose name before her marriage was Margaret Corns, were born in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania. Robert McCord was born in 1787; his family moved to Mercer County, when he was seven years old and there he lived for seventy years. He served in the war of 1812. In 1864 he came to Missouri and for six years made his home with his son, after which he returned to Pennsylvania. He soon died at the residence of his sister (who lives in Ohio almost upon the state line) in 1870, aged eighty-three years. The early life of William was passed between working on the farm and attending the common schools. After becoming of age he learned the trade of blacksmith, at which he worked for five years. May 8, 1854, his marriage to Miss Eliza Jane Carmichael, daughter of John and Margaret Carmichael, occurred in Mercer County, Pennsylvania, where Mrs. McCord was born. They have had a family of nine children, of whom seven are living. Mr. McC. lived in Mercer County until coming to Missouri in the fall of 1864 and locating in this township. He has over 900 acres of land, mostly fenced, and which is in two farms. Both have good improvements and a bearing orchard.

HUGH McKEAN,

the subject of this sketch, was born in Mercer County, Pennsylvania, May 16, 1821, and is a son of John McKean, a native of Westmoreland County, but who was reared in Mercer County, and who married Elizabeth Crawford, of Pennsylvania. Hugh was brought up on a farm and educated in the common schools. He was married January 29, 1846, to Miss Mary McKnight, who was born in Mercer County, Pennsylvania, February 20, 1821. Her father was William G. McKnight. After this event Mr. McKean resided upon the farm on which he was born, and engaged in farming and stock raising until he came to Missouri in March, 1865. He soon settled on his present farm, section 3, township 65, range 32, which now contains 170 acres of land, with 120 acres in the home place. Upon this are good buildings, and a fine large orchard of apple, peach, cherry and plum trees. In 1876 Mr. McKean received the nomination of and was elected coroner of Worth County by his party. This position he has since continued to fill. In 1878 he was elected justice of the peace of Greene Township, and

has discharged the duties of this responsible office nearly four years. He is a strong believer in and advocator of the principles of the Democratic party. Mr. and Mrs. McKean have raised five children: Mrs. G. M. Spoonmore, Mrs. Mordecai A. Davidson, Lorena E., Emma D. and Albert G.

WILLIAM J. MAHARRY,

was born June 15, 1842, and is a native of County Kaven, Ireland, in which county his parents, John and Sarah (McCutchan) Maharry, were also born, the former on March 10, 1812, and the latter August 15, of the same year. In 1842, leaving his family in Ireland, John Maharry immigrated to the United States, landing in May following, after which he located in Tippecanoe County, Indiana. In 1846, he came to Missouri, and entered 160 acres of land in Worth County. In 1849, during the gold excitement, he went to California, where he spent some three years, returning to Missouri in 1852. In the spring of 1854, his family arrived from Ireland, joining him in this state. William J. Maharry received his education from his mother, a lady of excellent knowledge and rare personal attainments. In 1861, when the first call was made for troops, he enlisted for six months in the infantry service. He subsequently served six months in Colonel Cranor's Cavalry Regiment. In the fall of 1862, on account of disability, he went to Indiana, and was on provost and detached duty. After the war he received an appointment signed by Abraham Lincoln, to the West Point Military Academy, but owing to the opposition of his family, did not accept. Since the war he has spent some time in Indiana, engaged in mechanical pursuits, and for eight years he was in the employ of the Wabash Railroad Company, at Atica and Lafayette. In 1880, he returned to Missouri and has taken charge of his large farm, and the business appertaining thereto. This place, located in section 29, township 65, range 32, consists of 520 acres of land, under fence, with good buildings and improvements. His orchard contains 100 bearing apple, peach, cherry and plum trees. Mr. Maharry is extensively engaged in handling and feeding stock. He has some fine thoroughbred short horn cattle and Percheron and Arabian horses, imported by Virgil & Brown, of Fairbury, Illinois.

HENRY MILLER,

a pioneer of this township, was born in St. Charles, Missouri, September 9, 1845. Adam S. Miller, his father, was born and raised in Germany, and served five years in the army there. He emigrated to the United States when a young man, and located in St. Charles, Missouri, where

he married Miss Elizabeth Myers, also a native of Germany. The family removed from St. Charles to St. Joseph; when there was but one house where the city now stands. After living there two years, they went to Holt County, in 1847, and one year later came to Worth (then a part of Gentry) Country, settling on the place now owned, and until recently occupied by the subject of this sketch. Henry spent his youth on a farm, receiving a very limited education at the common schools. He has principally educated himself since reaching years of maturity. In 1859, when fourteen years old, he commenced to learn wagon and carriage making in St. Joseph, working for two years. In 1861 he began the carpenter business, and for one year labored under an instructor. Since then he has been engaged in both these occupations. In April, 1862, he moved from his farm into Oxford, where he is now interested in his chosen calling. In 1861, Mr. Miller enrolled in the State Militia; in August, 1862, he enlisted in the Thirty-fifth Missouri Volunteer Infantry, Company D, and served for three years, taking part in the battles of Helena, Fort Pemberton, Duval's Bluffs, and those of the Red River expedition, besides numerous skirmishes. He now owns a good farm in the southern part of the county, on section 6, township 64, range 32, consisting of 120 acres, with house, orchard, and other improvements. Mr. Miller was married here, March 31, 1862, to Miss Mary Harris, a native of Platte County, Missouri, and a daughter of Samuel Harris. They have two children, Hiram J. and Lizzie L.

GEORGE T. MORRIS,

a substantial farmer and stock dealer in this township, residing on section 31, township 65, range 32, was born in Mercer County, Pennsylvania, July 12, 1838, and is a son of Alva Morris of Allegheny County, born in 1801, and Catherine Morris *nee* Fruit also of Pennsylvania. The early life of George T. was divided between working on a farm and attending the common schools of his birth place. April 12, 1864, he was married in Warren County, Illinois, to Miss Martha Worford, daughter of George Worford. She was born in the same county as her husband. After his marriage Mr. Morris was engaged in farming in Mercer County until the spring of 1869, when he removed to Illinois, spending one summer in Warren County. In October of the same year he came to Worth County, Missouri, locating on his present farm of 380 acres, of which 330 acres are fenced. This is improved and upon it is a good residence and an orchard containing 150 bearing apple trees and peaches, cherries, etc., besides smaller fruit. He makes a specialty of raising, feeding and handling stock. Mr. and Mrs. Morris have a

family of three children: Curtis Albert, born May 9, 1865; Katie D., born November 30, 1866, and Mary Elvira, born March 1, 1872. Mrs. M. is a member of the Baptist Church.

GILBERT OSBORN,

a native of Casey County, Kentucky, was born September 4, 1819. His parents being Elijah and Polly (Warren) Osborn, the former a native of Greenbrier County, Virginia, and the latter a Kentuckian by birth. The early life of Gilbert was passed on a farm, his education having been mostly obtained through his own efforts in later life, though for a while he attended the common schools. October 23, 1840, his marriage to Miss Polly Hammonds, daughter of John Hammonds, occurred in Pulaski County, Kentucky, where Mrs. O. was born July 10, 1821. After this event Mr. Osborn lived on the old homestead until he came to Missouri in 1864. He then settled on his present farm in Worth County, where he has over 192 acres of land, 135 acres fenced, with fair improvements and a bearing orchard. He resides on section 36, township 65, range 33. Mrs. Osborn died December 21, 1877. They had had ten children, eight of whom are living: Mrs. Jacob Jasper, Gilbert W., Josiah W., Mrs. Thomas Jennings, Elijah J., Newton C., Dora E. and Dona C. Two are deceased, John M. and Elizabeth E. Mr. O. is a member of the Christian Church.

ISAAC PHILLIPS

was born January 28, 1824, and owes his nativity to Washington County, Ohio. Jesse Phillips, his father, was born in West Virginia, and his mother, whose maiden name was Sarah Devise, was a native of Greenbrier County, that state. In 1834 Jesse Phillips moved with his family from Ohio to West Virginia, locating in Wood County. Isaac spent his youth on a farm and attended the common schools, receiving the greater part of his education by self-application. In 1849 he accompanied his father to Davis County, Iowa, where they lived three years, moving thence to Decatur County, in the fall of 1852, where he took a claim which he afterwards entered. He continued to live in that county until the fall of 1856, when he sold out and came to Missouri, locating on his present farm, and being among the pioneer settlers of the county. Mr. Phillips has upon section 15, township 65, range 32, 166 acres of land, 153 acres in his home place, with 130 acres under fence, his fine orchard consisting of 300 bearing trees and small fruits. He has been twice married: First, in Decatur County, Iowa, in July, 1854, to Miss Nancy Hankins, who was born in Indiana, and a daughter of Daniel Hankins.

She died in this county July 14, 1876, leaving nine children: Mrs. O. C. Barnes, Ina (now deceased), Luther, Alexander, Horace, Jane M., Lilly M., Dora B. and Ellen. He was again married here to Mrs. Nancy R. Crawford, a daughter of John Dailey, and who was born in Morrow County, Ohio. Her family moved to Illinois in 1855 and located in Knox County, where she was married, March 23, 1861, to F. M. Crawford. After their marriage they lived in that county until the fall of 1874, when they went to Indiana, and there Mr. C. died, May 4, 1875, leaving four children: Harley W., Elmer E., John W. and Mary G. Mr. and Mrs. Phillips have two children, E. Arthur and Della E. Mr. P. is Republican in politics, and was appointed assessor of the county in 1862, and in fall of 1868 he was elected to the same position. In 1880 he was appointed census enumerator. During the war he served in the militia as second lieutenant, and then as first lieutenant, in Colonel Cranor's Regiment.

JEHU S. SHARPS,

section 19, township 65, range 32, was born in Iowa, December 28, 1838, his parents being L. M. and Mary Sharps, *nee* Parsons, both of whom were Virginians by birth. J. S. passed his younger days in a flouring and sawmill in his native state, receiving an education such as the common schools afforded. In 1865 he came to Missouri and located in Worth County, engaging in the flouring and sawmill business at Oxford, which industry he followed here very successfully for fourteen years. He was married in this county December 27, 1868, to Miss Huldah Wilson, daughter of Greenup Wilson. She was born in Edgar County, Illinois. After his marriage Mr. Sharps settled in Oxford, and in the fall of 1879 he disposed of his mill, since which time he has given his attention to agricultural pursuits. His farm, which is well improved, contains 120 acres of land, with good residence and small bearing orchard. Mr. and Mrs. S. have two children: Millie L., born September 19, 1869, and Floris Ann, born September 3, 1874. They are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Mr. Sharps belongs to the I. O. O. F.

JOHN S. SPEIR,

the subject of this sketch, is a native of Mercer County, Pennsylvania, was born March 22, 1840. His parents were J. H. and Sarah Speir, *nee* Small, the former of the same county as his son, and the mother originally from Westmoreland County. John S. spent his youth on a farm, attending the common schools. He was married in the county of

his birth, June 8, 1861, to Miss Sarah E. Cherry, daughter of Thomas Cherry. She was born in the same county as her husband February 17, 1842. After his marriage Mr. S. was engaged in farming, teaming and the livery business until 1870, when he came to Missouri and located in Worth County on his present farm, section 3, township 65, range 32. He has ninety acres in his home place, all improved. A fair house and an orchard of choice varieties of fruit is upon the place. Mr. and Mrs. Speir have five children: Harry C., born November 1, 1862; John C., born May 4, 1864; Frank E., born December 10, 1868; Nettie L., born October 7, 1870; and Orlo P., born February 10, 1873. They are members of the M. E. Church.

GREEN M. SPOONEMORE,

a pioneer of the county, was born in Schuyler County, Illinois, August 8, 1843. Green B. Spoonemore, his father, who was a Kentuckian by birth, born March 24, 1811, married Miss Elizabeth M. Lair, of Tennessee. In 1859 the family removed to Missouri, locating in Worth County. Young Green grew to manhood on a farm and was educated in the common schools. In the fall of 1861 he enlisted in the Missouri State Militia and served for four months. In September, 1862, he again enlisted, this time in Company D., Thirty-fifth Missouri Volunteer Infantry, serving until the close of the war. He took part in the battle of Helena, Arkansas, July 4, 1863, and other engagements of less note. He was discharged in July, 1865, after which he returned to Worth County, settling on a farm. He now resides in section 25, township 65, range 33, where he has 120 acres of land, eighty of which are under fence, improved, etc., and with a good bearing orchard of seventy-five apple, peach, cherry and plum trees. Mr. Spoonemore was married May 17, 1868, to Miss Nancy E. McKean, daughter of Hugh McKean. She was born in Pennsylvania. This family consists of five children: Olive A., born February 21, 1869; William A., born September 20, 1870; Homer E., born March 18, 1874; Walter E., born January 3, 1879, and Francis M., born December 1, 1881. Mr. S. is a member of the Odd Fellows fraternity.

RUFUS STANTON

is a native of Steuben County, New York, where he was born October 24, 1833, his parents, Hiram and Mary Stanton, *nee* Gillmore, also having been born in that state. In the winter of 1842 Rufus accompanied the family to Washington County, Ohio, from whence, after making it

their home for six years, they went to Illinois, locating in Mason County. The early life of young Stanton was passed as a farmer's boy, his education being received in the common schools. January 22, 1854, his marriage to Miss Elmira Engle, daughter of Levi Engle, occurred in Mason County. She was born in Menard County, Illinois, February 14, 1833. In the fall of 1856 Mr. S. went to Henry County, Illinois, residing there until he came to Missouri in the fall of 1873, when he settled in Worth County. He moved upon his present farm in January, 1877, and is the owner of sixty acres of land in section 22, township 65, range 32. This is improved, and upon it is a good house and a young orchard of all trees peculiar to this climate. Mr. and Mrs. Stanton have a family of five children: Mrs. John Daniel, William E., Mrs. George Williamson, Douglas B. and Jennie. Mr. S. and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He belongs to the I. O. O. F.

RICHARD H. SWANK,

the son of David and Rachel (Wycoff) Swank, the former of Ohio, and the latter of Indiana, was born in Vermillion County, Illinois, August 23, 1840. He grew up on a farm and obtained his education in the common schools. March 3, 1861, he was married in Vermillion County, to Miss Emeline Blakeney, of Illinois, and a daughter of Hezekiah Blakeney. She died January 13, 1865, leaving two children, but one of whom is living, D. A. In the summer of 1862, he enlisted in Company D, One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and served until the close of the war. Some time after his enlistment he was transferred to the Veteran Reserve Corps. Upon his discharge he returned to Worth County, and was again married in Douglas County, to Miss Amanda J. Blake. Her father is Jesse K. Blake, Esq., and she was born and raised in Park County, Indiana. After this marriage Mr. S. resided in Vermillion County, and engaged in farming and stock raising until coming to Missouri in 1870, when he settled in this township. He moved upon his present farm, in section 16, township 65, range 32, in the spring of 1872, and now has 215 acres of land, 170 acres fenced, with fair improvements and a good orchard. He has five children by his last marriage: Ara E., Artie M., Marion K., Hattie E. and Bertha E. Mr. and Mrs. Swank are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

PETER WALTER,

section 31, township 65, range 32, was born November 3, 1823, and is a native of Germany, in which country his father, Daniel Walter, and his

mother, whose maiden name was Christina Stall, were also born. From the time he was six until fourteen years old, Peter spent his time in attending the public schools, and from the age of fourteen to twenty-four years he worked at the stone mason's trade. In 1847 he emigrated to America, landing in Quebec, Canada, in July of that year, but after remaining there a short time, he came to the United States and located in Lawrence County, New York. There he was engaged in working in a furnace, etc., and continued to live there for fifteen years. He was married in Lawrence County, April 11, 1848, to Miss Mary Knie, of Germany, and a daughter of John W. Knie. In 1862, Mr. Walter came to Gentry County, Missouri, and in two years thereafter he came to Worth County, settling on his present farm of 185 acres. He has 125 acres fenced, and upon it is a fair house, small bearing orchard, and other improvements. Mrs. Walter died in this county, October 5, 1880, leaving eight children: Mrs. Martin Zimmerman, Lizzie, John, Mrs. George Brown, William W., Mrs. John McKee, Peter, and Ulysses Grant. Mr. W. is a member of the M. E. Church.

W. T. WILLHITE,

the subject of this sketch, was born in Clay County Missouri, June 6, 1842, and is the son of Simeon and Nancy (Florea) Willhite, both natives of Woodford County, Kentucky, the former born January 18, 1805, and the latter February 13, 1805. In 1827 the family came to Missouri, settling in Clay County and being among the pioneers there. There they lived until coming to Worth County, then a part of Gentry, in 1856, locating on the farm now owned and occupied by the subject of this sketch. Simeon Willhite died May 10, 1872. W. T. passed his youth on a farm, receiving his education in the common schools, supplemented by one term's attendance at the high school of Clay County. He was married in Worth County, July 1, 1866, to Miss Charlotte Marshal, who was born in Perry County, Ohio, being the daughter of Robert and Sarah Marshall. In the fall of 1865 Mr. W. engaged in the mercantile business at Oxford, following this occupation for two years. In the fall of 1867 he moved to his present farm, section 21, township 65, range 32, where he has 565 acres of land, all fenced, with a good dwelling and improvements, including an orchard of 175 apple, peach and cherry trees. He is democratic in politics and was nominated by his party and elected one of the county judges in 1875. He was again appointed in 1877 and thus served four years in succession in a very satisfactory manner. Mr. and Mrs. Willhite have four children: S. Eva, Ambazilla, Joseph Vance and Ethel Blanche. Mr. W. is a member of the Masonic fraternity.