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OF

LEADING CITIZENS

OF

MACOUPIN COUNTY

ILLINOIS



“Biography is the only true history.”—Emerson



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Preface.

Having brought to a successful termination our labors in Macoupin County in compiling and editing the sketches herein contained, we desire, in presenting this Biographical Record to our patrons, to make a few remarks, necessarily brief, in regard to the value and importance of local works of this nature. We agree with Ralph Waldo Emerson that "Biography is the only True History", and also are of the opinion that a collection of biographies of the leading men of a nation would give a more interesting, as well as authentic, history of their country than any other that could be written.

The value of such a production as this cannot be too highly estimated. With each succeeding year the haze of Obscurity removes more and more from our view the fast disappearing landmarks of the past. Oblivion sprinkles her dust of forgetfulness on men and their deeds, effectually concealing them from the public eye, and because of the many living objects that claim our attention, few of those who have been removed from the busy world remain long in our memory. Even the glorious achievements of the present age may not insure it from being lost in the glare of greater things to come, and so it is manifestly a duty to posterity for the men of the present time to preserve a record of their lives and a story of their progress from low and humble beginnings to great and noble deeds, in order that future generations may read the account of their successful struggles, and profit by their example.

A local history affords the best means of preserving ancestral history, and it also becomes, immediately upon its publication, a ready book of reference for those who have occasion to seek biographical data of the leading and early settled families. Names, dates and events are not easily remembered

by the average man, so it behooves the generations now living, who wish to live in the memory of their descendants, to write their own records, making them full and broad in scope, and minute in detail, and insure their preservation by having them put in printed form. We firmly believe that in these collated memoirs will be found as faithful a record of Macoupin County as may be obtained anywhere, for the very sufficient reason that its growth and development are identified with that of the men who have made it what it is to-day—the representative, leading men, whose personal sketches it has been a pleasure to us to write and give a place in this volume. From the time when the hand of civilized man had not yet violated the virgin soil with desecrating plough, nor with the ever-ready frontiersman's ax felled the noble, almost limitless, forests, to the present period of activity in all branches of industry, we may read in the histories of the county's leading men, and of their ancestors, the steady growth and development that has been going on here for nearly a century and bids fair to continue for centuries to come. A hundred years from now whatever records of the present time are then extant, having withstood the ravages of time and the ceaseless war of the elements, will be viewed, with an absorbing interest, equaling, if not surpassing, that which is taken to-day in the history of the early settlements of America.

It has been our purpose in the preparation of this work to pass over no phase or portion of it slightly, but to give attention to the smallest points, and thus invest it with an air of accuracy, to be obtained in no other way. The result has amply justified the care that has been taken, for it is our honest belief that no more reliable production, under the circumstances, could have been compiled.

One feature of this work, to which we have given special prominence, and which we are sure will prove of extraordinary interest, is the collection of portraits of the representative and leading citizens which appear throughout the volume. We have tried to represent the different spheres of industrial and professional activity as well as we might. To those who have been so uniformly obliging and have kindly interested themselves in the success of this work, volunteering information and data which have been very helpful to us in preparing this volume, we desire to express our grateful and profound acknowledgment of their valued services.

Chicago, Illinois, May, 1904.

THE PUBLISHERS.

NOTE.

All the biographical sketches published in this volume were submitted to their respective subjects or to the subscribers, from whom the facts were primarily obtained, for their approval or correction before going to press; and a reasonable time was allowed in each case for the return of the type-written copies. Most of them were returned to us within the time allotted, or before the work was printed, after being corrected or revised; and these may therefore be regarded as reasonably accurate.

A few, however, were not returned to us; and, as we have no means of knowing whether they contain errors or not, we cannot vouch for their accuracy. In justice to our readers, and to render this work more valuable for reference purposes, we have indicated these uncorrected sketches by a small asterisk (*), placed immediately after the name of the subject.

They will all be found on the last pages of the book.

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GEN. JOHN I. RINAHER.

This eminent patriot and jurist, whose portrait is shown on the opposite page, was born in Baltimore, Maryland, in 1830, and by the death of his parents was thrown upon his own resources at a very early age. In 1836 he came to Illinois and lived with John T. Alden in Sangamon County until 1840, after which he was employed on a farm near Franklin in Morgan County, attending the common schools a part of each winter. For a time he was a student at Illinois College at Jacksonville and in 1850 he began a scientific course at McKendree College at Lebanon this State, where he was graduated in 1851. In order to defray his expenses in obtaining this higher education, he earned the means by his work on the farm and by teaching school at intervals. In the winter of 1852 he became a resident of Carlinville and a student of law in the office of John M. Palmer. In 1854 he was admitted to the bar and at once entered upon the practice of his profession, in which he continued until the breaking out of the Civil War. In 1862 he raised a regiment which was organized in August at Camp Palmer at Carlinville, Illinois, being the 122d Reg., Illinois Vol. Inf. He was elected and commissioned colonel. The regiment was mustered into the United States service September 4, and Colonel Rinaker served until the close of the war. He was wounded at the battle of Parker's Cross Roads, December 31, 1862. He was appointed brigadier-general by brevet for gallant and meritorious service in the field to take rank from the 13th of March, 1865.

After the close of the war, General Rinaker resumed the practice of the law. He early rose to prominence in his profession which he has ever since maintained. He established an enviable reputation as an effective speaker both before court and jury and came to be recognized as one of the best political speakers in the State. In politics he was a Democrat until 1858 when he united with the Republican party, although the new party was in the minority in the State and had in its ranks less than one-third of the voters of Macoupin County, in which he resided; in fact, it was in the minority in all of the counties south of Springfield. At that time it seemed evident in his mind that the Democratic party was being used simply a bulwark of slavery: that the principles of Jefferson and Jackson were no longer respected by the party leaders and that the party organization was controlled by the advocates of nullification and secession. Therefore he did not hesitate to abandon the dominant party. He has long been honored with offices of trust and responsibility in his locality and also in the service of the State and has declined others that have been tendered him, among which was that of United States district attorney for the Southern District of Illinois. In 1872 he was presidential elector on the Republican ticket for the district in which he lives, and in 1876 he was chosen as elector at large from the state. In 1874 he accepted the Republican nomination for Congress in a district hopelessly Democratic and was defeated. It may be mentioned in this connection as an evidence of his popularity in the section where he is best known, that in opposition to the candidacy of William R. Morrison he ran several hundred votes ahead of his ticket. In Macoupin County in 1880 he was the choice of a very large following in the Republican party for the office of Governor of the State of Illinois, and in the nominating convention after a prolonged contest was defeated for the nomination by the thoroughly organized force of Governor Cullom, then the chief executive. In 1885 (without solicitation) he accepted at the hands of Governor Oglesby the position of railroad and warehouse commissioner and served as such for a period of nearly four years. In 1894 General Rinaker was elected to the 54th Congress as a Republican from the Sixteenth Congressional District of Illinois.

On October 16, 1855, General Rinaker was married to Clarissa Keplinger of Franklin, Morgan County, Illinois and they have four sons living: Thomas, Samuel, John L., Jr., and Lewis. These are all graduates of Blackburn University. Thomas and Lewis are graduates of the law department

of the University of Michigan. Samuel attended the law department of Yale University and John I. graduated from the architectural department of the University of Illinois.

General Rinaker is a member of Dan Messick Post, No. 339, G. A. R., and has served as its commander. He is also a member of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States. He was made a Mason in Mount Nebo Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Carlinville in 1862, is a member of the chapter and commandery, and is also a member of the I. O. O. F.

CAPT. W. B. DUGGER.

CAPT. W. B. DUGGER, who has been prominently engaged in the real estate and loan business for some years, is one of the best known citizens of Carlinville, Macoupin County. He was born in this city July 26, 1835, and is a son of Joseph and Phoebe A. (Barton) Dugger, the former a native of Tennessee, and the latter of North Carolina.

The parents of our subject were married in Lebanon, St. Clair County, Illinois, in 1833, and in the fall of that year removed to Macoupin County. Here Joseph Dugger entered a tract of land which he improved and farmed until 1849, when he sold out to engage in the mercantile business, in which he continued until 1865. One year later he died at the age of 56 years. He and his worthy wife became the parents of eight children, five of whom are now living. Mrs. Dugger died in 1870, aged 58 years. Both were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Capt. W. B. Dugger received a common school education, which was supplemented by a course of study in McKendree College at Lebanon, Illinois. When a young man he engaged as a clerk in his father's mercantile establishment and in 1856 went into business on his account, and so continued until the Civil war was in progress. On August 9, 1862, he enlisted in the 122d Reg., Illinois Vol. Inf., and was chosen captain of Company A. In October of that year he went South with his company, the regiment being assigned to the 16th Army Corps. In June, 1864, he was made provost-

marshal. He served throughout the entire war and made an honorable record. His record of service is given in detail in the "History of the 122d Regiment." He was discharged at the close of the war, on August 8, 1865, and returned to his home in Carlinville. Here he erected a three-story brick building and engaged in the dry goods business with great success until 1872. In that year he purchased a small tract of land in the vicinity of Carlinville, and engaged in the breeding of Jersey cattle and Poland-China hogs. In 1886 he was elected county clerk of Macoupin County, and discharged the duties of that office in a most satisfactory manner until 1891. He has since engaged in the real estate and loan business with a high degree of success, and is at the present time one of the most active and enterprising men of the city.

In political belief, Captain Dugger has always been an enthusiastic Republican and has frequently been called upon to serve in an official capacity. He was president of the board of trustees before the town of Carlinville was chartered as a city, and has since served twice as mayor of the city. He was supervisor of the township four terms, city alderman six terms, and a member of the Board of Education one term. He has been a notary public since 1891. Fraternally, he is a member of Mount Nebo Lodge, No. 76, F. & A. M.; the Royal Arch Chapter and Commandery of Knights Templar. He is also a member of Daniel Messick Post, G. A. R., and has been its commander five times. He is a very public spirited man, and many of the public improvements enjoyed by Carlinville to-day are the results of his efforts.



CHARLES H. SAWTELL.

Among the distinguished and progressive farmers who have been successfully engaged in the pursuits of agriculture in Macoupin County is the gentleman whose name heads these lines. He resides on his well tilled farm of 100 acres, situated in section 1, Polk township. He was born at Jacksonville, Morgan County, Illinois, in 1858, and is a son of George and Deborah (Palmer) Sawtell.

George Sawtell, who was born in England, came to America in 1857 and located on a farm in Morgan County, Illinois, where he worked by the month. In 1863 he purchased a farm in section 35, Bird township, Macoupin County, where he and his wife still reside. He and his wife were married in England in 1851, and they are the parents of three children, namely: Mary Ann, who married William J. Barrows, now deceased, and has reared two children.—Elmer A. and Roy; Charles H., whose name heads these lines; and Sidney who resides on the homestead farm with his parents.

Charles H. Sawtell began an independent career as an agriculturist on a farm of 100 acres in section 1, Polk township, which was given to him by his father, and he has since been actively engaged in the cultivation of that property. The success that has uniformly attended his labors is in every way well deserved.

In 1886 Mr. Sawtell married Birdie M. Skinner, a daughter of Saxton and Malinda (Hodge) Skinner, the former of Chautauqua County, New York. Mr. Skinner died in 1893, and his wife died in 1898 in Macoupin County, Illinois. They were survived by three children, namely: Clifford H.; Frank G., who resides in Girard, Illinois; and Birdie M., our subject's wife. Mr. and Mrs. Sawtell are the parents of five children, namely: Ostrom, born November 5, 1887; Nelson, born May 24, 1890; Rosa May, born June 9, 1892; Olive Deborah, born August 19, 1894, and Clarence, born May 7, 1901.

Politically our subject is a Republican, but does not take an active interest in political affairs. In fraternal circles he is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America.

THOMAS CAIN.

THOMAS CAIN, formerly deputy sheriff of Macoupin County, Illinois, is regarded as one of the prominent and substantial citizens of Carlinville, where he has made his home for some years past. He was born in Greene County, Illinois, August 19, 1861, and is a son of John and Ann (Winn) Cain.

John Cain was born in County Down, Ireland, and came to America

in 1844, locating in New York City, where he remained a short time and then removed to another section of New York State, where he engaged in the manufacture of brick, having learned the art of brick making and brick laying in former years. Two years later he removed to St. Louis, Missouri; after a stay of two years in that city, he removed to Greene County, Illinois, locating on a farm which he had purchased just north of Greenfield. Not liking that section of the State, however, he sold his farm and removed to Macoupin County, where he purchased another farm in Western Mound township, and there lived and followed farming throughout the remaining years of his life. He died in 1895, the same year in which his wife's death also occurred. His wife, Ann Winn, was a native of County Galway, Ireland. They were blessed with six children, namely: Catherine and Edward (twins), now deceased; Thomas and Joseph (also twins); Agnes and Mary.

Thomas Cain received his preliminary educational training in the common schools of Macoupin County, and later attended the Greenfield High School. After completing his education there he returned to Macoupin County, and purchased a handsome farm, where he was actively engaged in general farming and stock raising until 1900, when he removed to Carlinville. In December, 1902, he was appointed deputy sheriff by Sheriff Dickerson, and proved himself to be well qualified to fill the position. He has studied law, but has never applied for admission to the bar.

In 1887 Mr. Cain was married to Catherine Flannigan. In political belief our subject is a staunch Democrat, and is prominently identified with that party in this section. As a public speaker, he has been in demand since reaching his majority, and is well spoken of as a campaign orator. In fraternal circles he is a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Modern Woodmen of America.



JOHN PITT MATTHEWS, M. D.

JOHN PITT MATTHEWS, M. D., one of the oldest and most prominent practitioners of medicine in Macoupin County, is a resident of Carlinville. He has attained high distinction in medical circles, and is widely known throughout the county. Dr. Matthews was born at "Hampton Court" farm

in Herefordshire, England, September 2, 1835, and is a son of John and Caroline Myra (Cooper) Matthews. He with his father migrated to America in 1844 and soon after located in Mercer County, Pennsylvania, later removing to Sharon, where he was living at the time of his death in 1864. His wife died in 1863.

John Pitt Matthews spent the first 18 years of his life living upon the farm, during which time he spent the winter months in study and attending district schools, the summer months being devoted to work about the farm. At the age of 18 years he attended Sharon Academy and the following year entered Duff's Mercantile College at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and pursued a mathematical course. He then taught school for one year, and during the two succeeding years was in attendance at Allegheny College at Meadville, Crawford county, Pennsylvania. He then removed to Greene County, Illinois, and taught school at Saulsbury one term and at Kane one term. He was principal of Greenfield Academy one and a half years. Having decided to enter the medical profession, he began preparation by reading under the instruction of Dr. P. Fenity of Kane, Illinois, and afterward took a course of study in the medical department in the University of Iowa at Keokuk. He then began practicing in Scottville, Macoupin County, Illinois, and continued there until 1862 when he passed the examination before the State Examining Board and entered the United States Army as assistant surgeon in the 122d Reg., Illinois Vol. Inf. He remained in active service one year, then resigned because of ill health and returned to Carlinville in the fall of 1863. He resumed practice, associating himself with Dr. E. E. Webster in Carlinville, Illinois, in 1863, and subsequently attended a course of lectures and was graduated from Long Island College Hospital, New York. Returning to Illinois, he engaged in practice at Carlinville, where he has since continued with uninterrupted success. He is a thorough student and believes in keeping abreast of the rapid advance being made in medical science. He is a member of the county, State, national and international medical associations, and has had his share in raising the standard of the profession. He was elected 1st vice-president of the Illinois State Medical Society in 1890 and president in 1891, and in 1890 spent three months abroad, attending the International Medical Congress at Berlin, Germany, and the British Medical Association at Birmingham, England, and visiting at the same time many of the leading hospitals in Europe. While abroad, he visited the place of his birth.

In 1865, Dr. Matthews was joined in marriage with Miss Betty Palmer, a daughter of Ex-Governor John M. Palmer of Springfield, Illinois, and to this union have been born the following children: John Palmer, a prominent young physician and surgeon who is associated in practice with his father; Lucy Myra (Mrs. Haydon S. Gaines); and F. Webster, an electrical demonstrator who is now in England and is connected with the Thomas A. Edison Phonograph Indestructible Record Company. In 1858 Dr. Matthews was made a Mason, joining King Solomon Lodge, of Kane, Illinois. He served one term as alderman in the city of Carlinville and has served on the Board of Education. In 1903 Mrs. Matthews spent five months in London, England, the guest of her son, F. Webster Matthews; being a lady of refinement and a talented writer, her letters were most interesting and have been sought for publication by a number of the leading papers. She has devoted much of her energies to literature and is at present employed by a number of the leading periodicals of the country. She is now preparing a work which promises to gain much favor in the world of literature. Dr. and Mrs. Matthews have many friends throughout this section of the State who hold them in highest esteem.

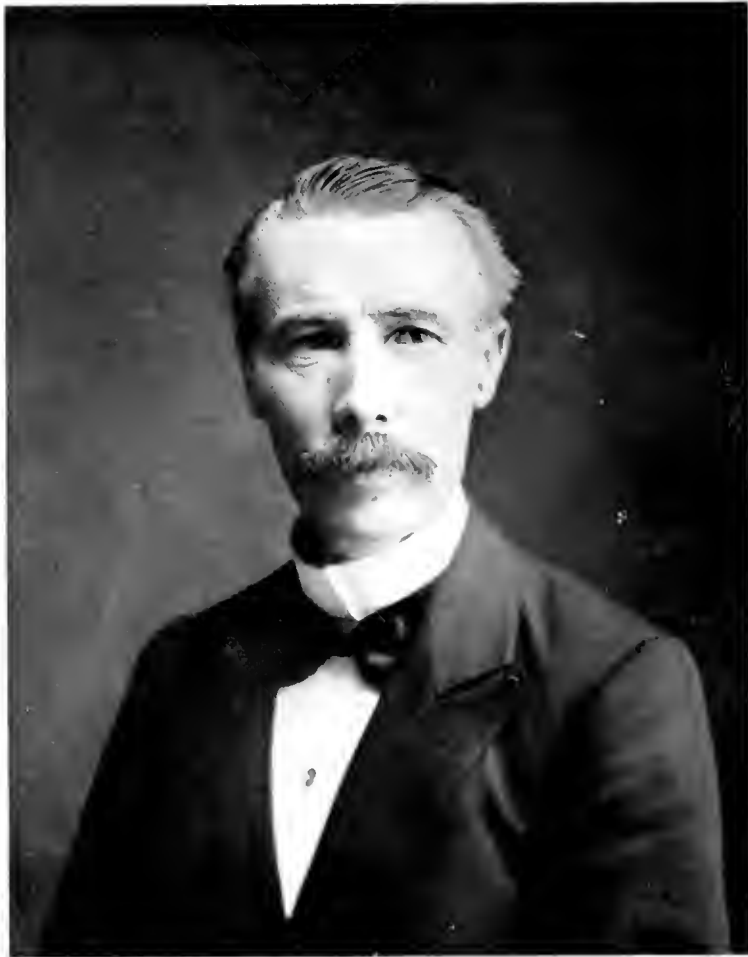


HENRY WOLF.

HENRY WOLF is one of the best known representative farmers of Polk township, Macoupin County, where he resides on his handsome farm of 100 acres, situated in section 1. He was born in Germany, in 1848, and is a son of Anthony and Caroline (Heinemeyer) Wolf.

Anthony Wolf and his wife always lived in Germany, where they successfully followed general farming. Besides our subject, they had one other son, William, who came to America in 1866, locating in Polk township, Macoupin County, Illinois. Here he began the occupation of farming, and proved himself to be a capable agriculturist in every respect. He now lives in Honey Point township.

Henry Wolf came to America in 1869, and engaged in work on the L. B. Corbin farm in Carlinville township, Macoupin County, where he remained four years and three months. After spending one year at Somerville



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he then worked for B. F. Silsby for four years. He then purchased his present farm of John Cape, and began what has proved to be a most successful career.

In 1877 Mr. Wolf married Josephine Christen, a daughter of Louis and Elizabeth (Swanberger) Christen. Mr. Christen, who was born in Switzerland, came to America in his early youth in company with his brother. He engaged at work in St. Louis, Missouri, where he remained for a number of years. After accumulating sufficient money, he purchased a farm in Polk township, Macoupin County, where he remained until 1882, when he retired from farming and removed to St. Louis to spend his remaining days in peace and quiet. He died in 1896 while in his 70th year. His widow, who is in her 66th year, is now living at Carlinville, Illinois. Our subject and wife are the parents of seven children, namely: Fred, born in 1880, now residing on the homestead farm with his parents; Louis, born in 1882, who lives at home; Minnie, born in 1885, who continues to be a member of the home circle; Charles, born in 1887, who lives at home; Christopher, born in 1889; Irene, who died in infancy; and Ernest, who was born in 1896. Our subject and family are members of the Methodist Church.



W. E. P. ANDERSON.

W. E. P. ANDERSON, a prominent attorney-at-law and a representative citizen of Carlinville, whose portrait accompanies this sketch, was born in Shaw's Point Township, Macoupin County, Illinois, May 31, 1850, and is a son of Erasmus and Mary E. (Hogan) Anderson.

The parents of our subject were both natives of Kentucky and came to Illinois in 1835, settling in Macoupin County. The grandfather, Col. James C. Anderson, also came to this county and became one of its most prosperous farmers. Erasmus and Mary E. Anderson were both taken to their eternal reward during the prevalence of the cholera plague in 1851, both being comparatively young.

W. E. P. Anderson, the only child born to his parents, was deprived of their care at the early age of 15 months, and was thereafter a member of the family of his uncle, Crittenden H. C. Anderson, from whom he received a father's care. He attended the common schools and in the meantime did work upon the farm, herding cattle on the prairie and also working out by the month. During the Civil War when the supply of men at home was greatly depleted by the call to arms, the young men and youths were called upon to do the full work of a man. After completing the prescribed course of study in the common schools, our subject attended Blackburn University two years, and later entered Western University at Bloomington, Illinois. He read law in the office of Gen. John M. Palmer of Carlinville in 1870, and took a special course in Philadelphia in the spring of 1871. He then continued his studies under the direction of the late Judge William R. Welch, and was admitted to the bar of Macoupin County, August 31, 1871. However, he continued reading law until he moved to his present location in Carlinville in 1872, and he has been engaged in the practice of his profession in this city ever since. He has established a large and well paying practice, making a specialty of commercial collections, and probate and chancery law. He has been an active worker in the ranks of the Democratic party since reaching his majority, and served as city attorney in 1874 and 1875. In 1877 he served as a member of the Board of Supervisors of Macoupin County and took an active part in funding the Court House debt, his efforts in this capacity meeting with the hearty approval of the public whose interests he had looked after with such zeal. He was master in chancery from 1885 to 1897, receiving the appointment from Judges Welch, Phillips, Fouk and Shirley. In 1884 he was a member of the Democratic State Central Committee from his congressional district. He was also a member of the Board of Education for a period of 10 years, during one year of which time he served as president of the board.

Mr. Anderson was joined in marriage, October 23, 1873, to Nellie D. Hamilton of Bloomington, Illinois, a daughter of John and Rebecca Hamilton, prominent citizens of McLain County, Illinois. By this union, Mr. Anderson became the father of three children, namely: William H., an attorney-at-law, located in Chicago, who is general attorney and superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of Illinois; Crittenden H. C., manager of the Fairview Stock Farm; and Walter S., who is a graduate of the United

States Naval Academy at Annapolis, and is now aboard the flag-ship "Brooklyn," making a European cruise. Fraternaly, our subject is a member of Carlinville Lodge, No. 107, I. O. O. F.; Orient Lodge, No. 95, Knights of Pythias; Court of Honor; and Knights of the Globe. Religiously, he is affiliated with the Methodist Episcopal Church.

WILLIAM H. STEINMEYER.

WILLIAM H. STEINMEYER, one of the pioneer citizens of Carlinville, Macoupin County, was for many years engaged in the general mercantile business in this city, but has been leading a retired life since 1884, when his son Henry succeeded in the business. He was born in Salder, Duchy of Brunswick, Germany, on April 15, 1822, and is a son of Christian and Mary (Von Bocatius) Steinmeyer.

Christian Steinmeyer was born in Foenmalse, Duchy of Brunswick, August 24, 1792, and was an extensive merchant for many years in his native country. He came to this country with his family in 1857, three years after the arrival of our subject, and during the remainder of his life lived in retirement at Carlinville. Two of his daughters now live in Carlinville. He was married in 1821 to Mary Von Bocatius, and to them were born the following children: William H.; Henrietta; Mary (Giesecking); Sophia; and Amelia (Wolf). Religiously, as far back as is known, the family have been German Lutherans. Mr. Steinmeyer died March 29, 1862; and Mrs. Steinmeyer died on February 29 of the same year.

William H. Steinmeyer was educated in the schools of the parish in which he lived, and while still a boy in his "teens" learned the tailoring trade, which he followed with success until 1854 in his native country. On September 1, 1854, he embarked with his wife and three children, from Bremen, Germany, on the sailing vessel "America" and landed at New Orleans on November 1, 1854. He then took a steamer up the Mississippi River to St. Louis, Missouri, where he worked at his trade until 1856. In that year he moved to Carlinville, where he has since resided. He followed the tailoring

trade here until 1868, then embarked in the general mercantile business which he followed with uninterrupted success until 1884, in which year he sold out to his son. He has since lived a retired life, but has always taken a deep and active interest in the progress of the city. In 1884 he visited his native land for a period of three months.

Mr. Steinmeyer was first married in Germany, on September 10, 1848, his wife having been born in that country on February 23, 1827. Mrs. Steinmeyer died March 3, 1865, having given birth to the following children, the three first named being natives of Germany: Herman; Otto; Amelia, deceased; Henry; Mary (Klein); Anna, deceased; Johannes; Mena, deceased; and Martin, who died at the age of 14 days. Our subject formed a second union with Augusta Hauer, by whom he had one child, Arthur, who died at the age of one and a half years. Mrs. Steinmeyer died on March 2, 1869, and he formed a third union on May 22, 1871, with Katherine Klauenberg, who died September 3, 1887. Politically, Mr. Steinmeyer has always been a staunch supporter of the Republican party, but has never been a seeker after political honors. He is a devout member of the German Lutheran Church, as were his parents before him. He has many warm friends throughout Macoupin County, and is held in highest esteem.



JOHN H. TIETJEN.

JOHN H. TIETJEN, an enterprising and successful farmer of Macoupin County, is engaged in cultivating his farm of 140 acres situated in section 17, Shaw's Point township. He was born in the Kingdom of Hanover, Germany, March 17, 1850, and is a son of John H. and Annie (Harms) Tietjen, and a grandson of Peter Tietjen.

Peter Tietjen spent his entire life in Germany, engaged in agricultural pursuits. He was the father of seven children, namely: John H., our subject's father; Claus; Peter; Henry; Annie; Engel and Hammon.

John H. Tietjen, the father of the subject of this sketch, also spent his entire life in Germany, pursuing the occupation of a farmer and merchant.

Although he began in a somewhat lowly station in life, he became one of the leading farmers of his community and was considered very well-to-do at his death. As a business man he was a leading figure in his section. In the War of 1848, he was a private infantryman, and saw service in the field. He married Annie Harms, also a native of Germany, and three children were born to them, namely: John H., our subject; and Annie (Pope) and Sophia, (Ring) who are well-to-do residents of Germany. Both parents died in their native land.

John H. Tietjen, the subject of this article, immigrated to America when 26 years of age, and came at once to Carlinville, Macoupin County. Upon his arrival, he engaged in work as a farm hand by the month, continuing for two years until 1878 when he rented land which he cultivated for 17 years. During that time he accumulated sufficient funds to purchase his present farm, which is one of the best cultivated in his township. He is engaged in general farming and also raises horses, mules, cattle, sheep and hogs. Three acres of the property are devoted to an orchard of apple, peach and plum trees. Our subject's political views adhere to Republicanism, and he has served as a member of the school board.

On March 22, 1879, Mr. Tietjen was married to Emma Pepper, a native of Germany, and three children were born to them, namely: Annie, Emma and John. Religiously, Mr. Tietjen and family are members of St. Paul's German Evangelical Church.



WILLIAM H. SELLS.

WILLIAM H. SELLS, one of the most highly esteemed citizens of South Otter township, Macoupin County, Illinois, and a successful farmer, resides upon a very fine property of 110 acres, situated in section 15. He was born in 1852 in Macoupin County on a farm nine miles west of Carlinville, and is a son of Michael and Sarah (Brown) Sells.

The Sells family originated in Germany, and the first of the name to locate in America settled first in Virginia and then removed as a pioneer to

Indiana. There Michael Sells was born and in turn he became a pioneer in Illinois, locating among the early settlers of Macoupin County. He died on his homestead farm, aged 70 years, and his widow died in 1898, aged 81 years. Six of their nine children survived them, William H., being the seventh in order of birth.

William H. Sells was educated in the district schools and at Blackburn University at Carlinville. He worked on his father's farm until he was prepared to establish a home of his own. Thoroughly understanding the science of farming, Mr. Sells has been very successful in his operations. In 1888 he purchased his present excellent farm which is admirably situated both for the raising of stock and for general farming, and the substantial improvements which he has continued to make have given him a property of great value. While not in the market, its many advantages would make it command a very high price. Mr. Sells deals quite a little in the best grades of horses of which he is a fine judge and keeps nothing but good animals on his place.

In October, 1871, Mr. Sells married Caroline Wright, second child of Basil and Rachel Wright, the latter of whom died in the spring of 1882, aged 69 years. The former is a substantial retired farmer of Bird township now living at Girard. Of Mr. and Mrs. Sells' family of nine children, the eldest, Josephine, born in 1872, died in infancy as did Albert, born in 1881. The others were: Joseph Franklin, born October 7, 1873, who married Adella Baker; Luella, born in 1876, who married Frank Whittaker and they have three children,—Loy, Fern and Fay; John Michael, born in 1879, who married Carrie Welton and have two children,—Carrie Helen and Harold; Elmer, born April 22, 1882; and W. Edgar, born in 1885 and deceased in 1902; Walter Harrison, born September 21, 1889; and Earnest Earl, born October 21, 1897.

No biography of the Sells family and in fact no full record of South Otter township could be written without extended notice of the late W. Edgar Sells, who, although he passed out of life before he had fairly emerged from boyhood, left such an impress on the spiritual life of the neighborhood that its effect will remain long after his body has passed into its original elements. Both in Holy Writ and in profane history are we told of the Holy Spirit working through childish lips for the benefit of others and surely this was the case in the present instance. Frail from childhood, of a highly strung temperament, the religious teachings of his parents fell

on fallow ground. To him there was no doubt about the answer to prayer and it is told that a great baptism of the spirit and conviction of conversion was bestowed upon him while, in perfect faith, he was praying at the bedside of his sick mother, for her restoration. At this time he was but a child of seven years, and from that time, through years of pain and suffering, his faith never wavered. The touching sight is recalled of the brave young spirit, on his bed of pain, telling of the joys of self renunciation and begging his young companions to use their youth and the strength denied him, for good purposes. This pure, unsullied soul passed to its great reward in November, 1902, after six weeks of unusual suffering, at the age of 17 years. For seven years he had been a consistent member of the Hickory Point Baptist Church.

This church is one of the old organizations of South Otter township, having been founded February 24, 1855, by Elder S. B. Culp, S. B. Redman and John Etter. William H. Sells is a deacon in this body and one of the trustees, the whole family being members.

Fraternally Mr. Sells is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and both he and his wife belong to the Court of Honor. Politically he is a Republican. The family is one that is respected wherever known.

W. C. SEEHAUSEN.

W. C. SEEHAUSEN, county clerk of Macoupin County and a prominent citizen of Carlinville, was born in Will County, Illinois, March 8, 1859, and is a son of Christopher and Ellen (Heintze) Seehausen. His parents, who were natives of Germany, came to America in 1856; his father followed the trade of a shoemaker throughout his entire life. They were parents of the following children: Sophia (Forbes); W. C., subject of this biography; Ella; Gustavus C.; Mary; August H.; and Henry, who died at the age of two years. In religious belief the family were Lutherans.

W. C. Seehausen attended the public schools for a time, and then learned the trade of a shoemaker which he followed successfully until 1899. In that year he was appointed deputy county clerk and served with such satis-

faction that in the fall of 1902 he was the unanimous choice of the Democratic party for county clerk, and was elected by a majority of 1121 votes. He is a man of upright character and sterling principles, and is worthy of the hearty support of the people. He has always taken a deep interest in local issues and educational matters in particular. While living in Staunton, Macoupin County, he was a member of the Board of Education and for three successive terms was elected to the office of tax collector. He served one term as a member of the Board of Supervisors, representing Staunton township. He has always been an enthusiastic Democrat and works hard for his party's success. He is deeply interested in the welfare of Carlinville and Macoupin County, throughout which he is well known.

In 1883, Mr. Seehausen was united in marriage with Elizabeth Hassett, a native of Indiana, and they are parents of the following children: Helen; Laura; Minnie, deceased; Walter A.; Agnes, deceased; and Nora. Religiously, our subject and his wife are devout members of the German Lutheran Church.



THEODORE MORSE.

THEODORE MORSE, deceased, was for many years a prominent dealer in agricultural implements at Carlinville, and was a well known resident of Macoupin County, where he settled at an early date. He was a native of Hubbardston, Massachusetts, and was a son of William and Elizabeth (Stone) Morse. His parents were both natives of Massachusetts, and William Morse was a prosperous merchant of Hubbardston.

Theodore Morse was educated in the public schools of Massachusetts and at an early age learned the trade of a tinner. He came to Carlinville, Macoupin County, Illinois, in 1861, and for a short period followed his trade here. He then formed a partnership with Mr. Rourke and engaged in the hardware and implement business. This partnership continued with some success for a few years, and upon its dissolution Mr. Morse continued in the implement business. He was a man of good business ability, and the strictest integrity, and the success which attended his efforts was well merited. He continued at this line of business until his death in 1886, at the age of 45

years. He had stanch friends throughout every part of the county, and his death was mourned as a great personal loss by them. Although not a man of religious tendencies, he took an earnest interest in all worthy causes and gave them his financial support and moral encouragement. He was a Republican in politics and was deeply interested in his party's success, but his business cares were too engrossing to permit of his taking an active part in politics.

In 1870, Mr. Morse was united in marriage with Emma Welton, who was born in Macoupin County and is a daughter of Samuel and Emeline (Stoddard) Welton, her father being an early settler of the county, coming here as early as 1839. She has a brother, Samuel Welton, and had one sister, Anna M., who died in infancy. Our subject and his wife became the parents of two children: Theodore S.; and Alice May, who died at the age of four years. Theodore S. Morse is a civil engineer and is in the employ of the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railroad Company. He was joined in marriage with Grace Munhall of Champaign, Illinois, and they have four children, as follows: Alice Edna; Fred Theodore; Marion Grace; and David Samuel. Religiously, Mrs. Morse is a faithful member of the Presbyterian Church, and devotes a great deal of attention to church work. She united with the church when 15 years of age, and has been an active member since. She is a woman of pleasing personality, and many fine traits of character, which have endeared her to her many acquaintances throughout the county.

L. W. GARDNER.

L. W. GARDNER, manager of the Spot Cash Store of Carlinville, has displayed unusual business ability and, although he has resided but a short time in Carlinville, has gained recognition as one of the most able men of the city.

Mr. Gardner was born in Mansfield, Illinois, October 21, 1879, and is a son of T. F. and Lavinia (Woodruff) Gardner, his father being a native of Wheeling, West Virginia, and his mother of Manchester, England. He was

educated in the common schools of Gibson City, Illinois, and during a part of his time in school was also a clerk in the post office of that town. After leaving school he became clerk in the extensive department store of Frank H. Barber, there learning the rudiments of a business education. He became a first-class salesman and acquired a thorough knowledge of the business in its minute details. His ability impressed itself upon his employer, who is himself a man of great business sagacity, and resulted in Mr. Barber placing our subject in charge of a branch store at Carlinville, in April, 1902. This store was established in the St. George Hotel Building, but under capable management the business grew with such rapidity it became apparent that more commodious quarters must be secured. This was done in September, 1902, the store being moved to its present location in the Burgdorff Building. The dimensions of the store are 108 by 25 feet; it is well lighted and ventilated and provided with modern conveniences. They carry a very complete line of general dry goods and notions, carpets, ladies' furnishings, crockery and light hardware. Four clerks are constantly employed to look after the wants of the customers, and during the holidays as many as 16 clerks are on the pay-rolls. Mr. Gardner has made a name for fair and honest dealing, and the patronage of the Spot Cash Store extends throughout Macoupin and adjoining counties. He has made many friends since locating here, and is firmly established in the good will of his fellow citizens. Religiously, he was formerly a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church of Gibson City, but since moving to Carlinville has become identified with the Methodist Episcopal Church.



JOHN CAVENY.

JOHN CAVENY, one of the representative men of Macoupin County, is superintendent of the County Poor Farm, a position he has filled in a manner to gain the commendation of the people throughout the county. He has been engaged in agricultural pursuits throughout a greater part of his active business life, and owns a fine farm of 120 acres in South Otter township. He is a native of New Hampshire, having been born in the town of Dover,

August 8, 1849, and is a son of Michael and Ann (Coan) Caveny, both natives of Ireland.

Michael Caveny came from his native land to the United States and first located in New Hampshire, where he engaged in railroad contracting as foreman. He was living in Nebraska at the time of his death, dying at the advanced age of 86 years. His widow still resides in that State and, although she has passed the 84th milestone is hale and hearty, enjoying the best of health. The following children blessed their home: John; James; Catherine; Mary; Michael; Thomas; Ellen; and two who died in infancy. Religiously, the members of the family are Catholics. Mr. Caveny was a strong supporter of Democracy but was never a seeker for political preferment.

John Caveny, subject of this biography, was but two years of age when his parents moved from New Hampshire to seek a home and fortune in the West. They located in Missouri and in 1853 removed to Sangamon County, Illinois, where John Caveny received his intellectual training in the common schools. His first experience in the business world was as a farm hand working by the month, and after following that a few years he served an apprenticeship to the trade of a carpenter and plasterer. This trade he followed a short time then returned to agricultural pursuits, which he has followed with uninterrupted success up to the present time. He has engaged in diversified farming, and bought and sold cattle extensively. A man of good moral character, he has always commanded the respect and confidence of his fellow men, and it was not surprising that they should recognize his fitness for so responsible a position as superintendent of the County Poor Farm. He was nominated by the Democratic party in 1902, and his election followed. One has but to visit this institution to ascertain what can be done to relieve suffering humanity, and never in its history has the administration of its affairs met with such hearty commendation at the hands of the public. Many innovations have marked the management of Superintendent Caveny, one of the most important being the freedom given those inmates who are not violent. He encourages them to walk about the farm and take plenty of exercise, which makes them rest well at night and benefits their health. The wards are kept scrupulously neat and clean, and the food is carefully prepared by Mrs. Caveny and their daughter, to both of whom much credit is given.

Mr. Caveny was united in marriage August 10, 1875, with Margaret A.

Carmody, a native of Illinois, and they became the parents of the following offspring: Thomas; Margaret M.; John F.; Theresa; Peter; Malicha; Lawrence; and Annie and James, deceased. In religious attachment, the family are Catholics. Mr. Caveny is a Democrat in politics, and for a period of nine years served as school director and as commissioner of highways.

MANNING M. KESSINGER.

MANNING M. KESSINGER, who has attained prominence by the able manner in which he has discharged his duties as superintendent of the schools of Macoupin County, is a resident of Carlinville. He was born in this county February 7, 1868, and is a son of John and Eliza (Adams) Kessinger. The Kessinger family is of German extraction and was established in this country by two brothers who settled in Pennsylvania. One of these brothers later moved to Kentucky where Lynn Kessinger, grandfather of our subject, was born.

Lynn Kessinger moved from Kentucky to Illinois at an early day and became a prominent agriculturist of Macoupin County. He died in 1895 at the age of 93 years. He married Betsy Peebles, by whom he had the following children: Wilmith (Huskey); Ann (Logsdon); Elizabeth (McKain); Mary (Henry); Frank; Alexander; John; and Bird. Religiously, the family were Methodists.

John Kessinger, father of our subject, was born in Kentucky, where he was reared and lived until he reached the age of 19 years. Leaving his native State, he came to Illinois and located upon a tract of 800 acres of land in Bird township, Macoupin County, becoming one of the county's most prosperous farmers and stock dealers. He was united in marriage with Mrs. Eliza (Adams) Peebles, who by her union with Mr. Peebles, had one son, Horatio Peebles. She died in 1879, aged 54 years and was survived by her husband and the following children: Preston W.; Charles E.; Harriet (Solomon); Manford H.; William S.; Cythia (Sells); Loretta (Wills); J. P.; and Manning M., subject of this biography. John Kessinger, the father,

died in December, 1890, aged 67 years. He was a member of the Masonic order, a loyal Democrat in politics, and held a number of township offices at different times, taking a deep interest in the affairs of the county.

Manning M. Kessinger was educated in the common schools of Macoupin County and attended Blackburn University at Carlinville. Soon after completing his studies he taught school until 1898 when he was elected to the office of county superintendent of schools of Macoupin County. He was elected by a majority of 54 votes and served out the term in most creditable style. He was recognized as the man for the office and was the unanimous choice of his party for a nomination for a second term; in the election which followed he was re-elected by a handsome majority of 441 votes. He is the first county superintendent of schools in the history of the county to succeed himself by a re-election to that office. He is well qualified for the office and has given it his best efforts, gaining the hearty support and cooperation of all citizens.

In July, 1891, Mr. Kessinger was joined in marriage with Elizabeth Edwards, a daughter of Charles M. Edwards of Scottville, Macoupin County, and they have one child, Mary Lazell. Both Mr. and Mrs. Kessinger are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Fraternally, he is a member of the Knights of Pythias.



BENJAMIN WOODS.

BENJAMIN WOODS, one of the successful farmers of Polk township, Macoupin County, Illinois, where he owns a well cultivated farm of 123 acres, situated in section 4, was born March 30, 1850, in Bird township, Macoupin County. He is a son of William and Janett (Hughes) Woods.

William Woods was born in 1810 in Yorkshire, England, and was a son of a sea captain, who was drowned when the son was still young. In 1830 the widow came to America with her children, of whom William was the eldest, and they settled near Whitehall, Greene County, Illinois, where they purchased land. Prior to this, Mr. Woods had prepared himself for the practice of veterinary surgery and this he followed, in connection with farming. He died in Bird township, on the homestead farm, in 1876, aged 66

years, leaving a widow and seven children, as follows: Isaac, deceased; Mary, of Whitehall; Abram H., of Bird township; Benjamin of this sketch; Agnes, wife of William D. Goodell, of Iowa, William E. and Paul. Seven children are deceased of whom Peter, John and Olive, who died previous to the father, were all grown to maturity. The others died in infancy. Isaac, Mary, John and Olive were children by his first marriage to Matilda Wright.

Benjamin Woods was educated in Bird township and was engaged in assisting on the home farm until his majority. He now owns a very fine farm of 123 acres, as noted above, which he has proved to be well adapted to general farming and stock raising. He has one of the very comfortable country homes of the locality, which is in touch with Carlinville by means of the Rural Free Delivery Route No. 1.

In 1878 Mr. Woods married Laura A. Goodell, who was a daughter of Joseph and Calista (Holmes) Goodell, the former of whom was a prominent farmer of Polk township. Mrs. Woods died March 17, 1902, leaving five children, as follows: Lola A., born June 15, 1880; Freddie A., born January 31, 1882; Paul O., born October 10, 1883; Leonard B., born November 10, 1885; and George, born September 30, 1887.

Fraternally Mr. Woods is a Mason and a member of the Modern Woodmen of America. Politically he is a Republican. Mr. Woods is known as a good and useful citizen, one whose many excellent traits of character have won him the respect and esteem of the entire community. His whole life has been passed in the one locality, he has been the witness of many changes and has been closely identified with its agricultural development.



ROBERT WHITELEY, SR.

ROBERT WHITELEY, SR., a prominent retired farmer of Macoupin County, Illinois, the owner of a fine farm of 725 acres, and now a most highly esteemed resident of Carlinville, was born on the river Ouse, within 15 miles of the city of York, Yorkshire, England, in August, 1819, and is a son of Robert Whiteley.

The Whiteley family is one of age and prominence in Yorkshire. The old homestead there has been in the possession of the family for the past 500 years. The father of our subject was thrice married, Mr. Whiteley and a sister being the children of the first marriage. The latter, Ann, married William Thompson, and resides at Maryville, California.

Robert Whiteley came to America in 1844, when 25 years of age, landing at New Orleans and coming up the Mississippi River to St. Louis, thence to Alton, Illinois, and later reached Chesterfield, where he was employed first by Captain Gelder and then by a Mr. Rocklington, remaining with the latter employer two years, at a salary of \$100 per annum. Mr. Whiteley then returned to New Orleans where he secured very lucrative employment at draying, during the winter months, returning to Illinois for farm work during the summers. Thus alternating, he spent seven years. In 1852 he located on a farm in section 9, Bird township, which he had previously operated on shares, and in 1857 he purchased the property. It contained 265 acres, to which Mr. Whiteley later added 200 acres. This farm under his capable management improved year by year and when he retired from its active operation, in 1891, was considered one of the very best farms in the county. Mr. Whiteley rents the property and since 1891 has resided in a very handsome home at Carlinville.

In the spring of 1852, Mr. Whiteley was married to Adelaide Morris, who was born in Macoupin County, of English parentage. Her death took place in December, 1869, three of the family of 10 children still surviving, namely: Mary, who married G. C. Tunison, a farmer near Whitehall, Greene County, Illinois, and they have one child, Ennis; Oello, who married J. E. McAliney, a farmer near Donaldson, Bond County, Illinois, and they have one son, Emmett; and Robert, Jr., who, since 1899, has been engaged in an agricultural implement business at Carlinville,—in 1891 he was united in marriage with Laura Denby, who is a daughter of P. L. and Margaret (Trible) Denby, the former of whom is a retired farmer residing at Carlinville.

In politics Mr. Whiteley is identified with the Republican party. In religious faith he is an Episcopalian.

Few citizens of Carlinville are held in more esteem than is Mr. Whiteley, whose hearty friendliness and pleasant, genial manner makes even the stranger appreciate his hospitality. For many years after becoming a resi-

dent of the United States, he found continued industry a necessity, but this he never regarded in the light of a hardship. In the evening of life he finds himself surrounded with all that makes life desirable,—large means of his own gaining, respect of his fellow citizens which he has earned through upright living, and the care and affection of his kindred.



W. H. UTT.

W. H. UTT, a gentleman widely known throughout Macoupin County, has followed the vocation of an auctioneer for a period of more than 35 years, and has made more sales of personal property than any other man in the county. He was born in Scioto County, Ohio, July 18, 1837, and is a son of Henry and Sarah (Hibbs) Utt, the former a native of Chester County, Pennsylvania, and the latter, of Ohio.

Henry Utt was a farmer by occupation and followed that line of work in his native State during boyhood. At an early day he settled in Ohio, first purchasing a farm in Scioto County, where he lived some years. He later sold this property and removed to Illinois, settling in Jersey County, eight miles south of Jerseyville. He purchased a farm which he cultivated for some years, then sold the property and removed to Christian County, Illinois, where he purchased a large tract of land which he cultivated during the remainder of his life, dying in 1862. Mrs. Utt lived until 1878. To them were born the following children: Priscilla; Catherine; N. B.; George; Mary; Aaron; and W. H. Religiously, they were members of the Missionary Baptist Church. Mr. Utt was a strong Republican in politics and for some years held the office of justice of the peace, besides serving in several township offices.

W. H. Utt was educated in the common schools of the State of Illinois and upon reaching man's estate worked upon the farm for his father. During the Civil War he purchased horses and mules for the United States government, and upon the close of that memorable struggle returned to farming. He also took up the work of auctioneering, work for which he displayed



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great aptitude, and he has continued it ever since. He has an average of four sales a week, has sold more personal property than any other man in the county, and is widely known throughout this and adjoining counties. He followed farming until some 15 years ago when he gave it up in order to devote his entire attention to auctioneering. He now owns a small tract of land one and one-half miles southeast of Carlinville, where he resides.

In 1862, Mr. Utt was married to Martha Jane Lantz, a native of Virginia, and to them were born six children, as follows: Ella; Mary; Josephina; Edward; William; and George. Our subject is a Republican in politics, but his business duties have been too confining to permit him to give much attention to political affairs. He is a man of good character, a representative citizen, and is held in high esteem by his fellow citizens.

HON. J. B. VAUGHN.

HON. J. B. VAUGHN, County Judge of Macoupin County, and a prominent citizen of Carlinville, was born in Jerseyville, Jersey County, Illinois, in March, 1864. He is a son of Erastus and Catherine (Hill) Vaughn, his father being a native of Kentucky and his mother coming of old New England stock. Erastus Vaughn has been a resident of Macoupin County since 1871, and is engaged in farming and butchering near Nilwood. He is a good substantial citizen and business man, and is highly thought of in the community where he resides. Nine children were born to Erastus and Catherine Vaughn, our subject being the oldest child.

J. B. Vaughn, having completed his preliminary education, entered upon the study of the law in the office of Judge Barnes of Jacksonville, and later under the direction of Judge A. N. Yancey. He took a course of lectures in the law department of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. Ever since his arrival at manhood, he has taken an enthusiastic interest in the success of the Democratic party in politics, and from 1890 to 1894 served efficiently in the capacity of county clerk. He was admitted to the bar, January 14, 1895, and immediately thereafter opened up an office for the practice of

his profession in Carlinville, where he has successfully continued up to the present time. He formed a partnership with Andrew J. Duggan in 1896, and this firm continued until 1898. In 1896 he was elected State's attorney. He filled this office for four years and by his efficient discharge of its duties did much toward extending his reputation as a careful and painstaking lawyer. In the trial of cases he gave evidence of brilliancy, and in his preparations for trials showed himself to be well grounded in the law. He possesses a keen, discriminating mind, and a high sense of justice, and it was but natural that in 1902 he should become his party's candidate for the office of county judge. He was elected in November of that year by a flattering majority for a term of four years, and has since discharged the duties of that office. He is a very popular man and has gained the confidence and good will of his fellow citizens, irrespective of their party affiliations.

In 1890 Judge Vaughn was united in marriage with Mary L. Drake, a native of Macoupin County, and they have one child, Margaret L., born in 1897. Fraternally, our subject is a member of Mount Nebo Lodge, No. 76, A. F. & A. M.; Macoupin Chapter, R. A. M.; Ascalon Commandery, K. T., of St. Louis; Mulah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; and Orient Lodge No. 95, K. P., of which he served as chancellor commander two terms. He is also a member of the Eastern Star, of which his wife is a member and past matron. Religiously Mrs. Vaughn is a conscientious member of the Baptist Church. A portrait of Judge Vaughn accompanies this sketch.



W. R. HULSE.

W. R. HULSE, one of the best known citizens of Carlinville, Macoupin County, Illinois, is extensively engaged in the real estate, abstract and insurance business, which he has followed successfully for many years. He is one of the most energetic and enterprising men of the city, and has done much to aid its development and progress. He was born in Palmyra, Macoupin County, December 2, 1860, and is a son of Capt. Abraham C. and Martha

A. (Ross) Hulse, and grandson of W. K. and Hannah (Cox) Hulse, both of the last named being natives of Tennessee. His maternal great-grandfather was a soldier in the Revolutionary War.

W. K. Hulse, the grandfather, was a mechanic and spent many years in constructing flat-boats which were piloted down the river laden with produce for city markets. He served in the Confederate Army, was taken prisoner and sent to Sandusky, Ohio, where he was confined in military prison. He and his wife were parents of the following children: Sarah; John W.; W. A., a physician and surgeon; Caroline; Capt. Abraham C.; Polly A.; Thomas, a soldier in the Confederate Army, who was wounded at the battle of Bull Run and died from the effects of his injury; Elizabeth; Louisa; and Elvira.

Capt. Abraham C. Hulse was born in Eastern Tennessee, September 23, 1835, and there passed his boyhood days. In 1853, he came to Illinois and followed his trade as a blacksmith until the Civil War was in progress, when in August, 1862, he enlisted in Company E, 122d Reg., Illinois Vol. Inf., as a private. He was promoted to 2d lieutenant, and later for meritorious conduct on the field of battle was commissioned a captain. He was serving with that rank when the war closed in 1865, participating in the last engagement of the war at Fort Blakely, Alabama. He again returned to Carlinville where he opened his blacksmith shop and carried on business until 1882. In that year he was elected sheriff of Macoupin County on the Democratic ticket, and served efficiently for a period of four years. After the expiration of his term, he turned his attention to raising standard bred horses, and this he has followed successfully up to the present time. He is a man representative of the best type of citizenship, and has many friends throughout the county. He and his wife reared the following children: Rosella, Catherine, W. R. and R. S.

W. R. Hulse, the subject of this sketch, was educated in the common schools of this county and at Blackburn University from which he was graduated in the class of 1884. Prior to entering college, he taught school one term, and upon leaving served as deputy sheriff under his father during 1885 and 1886. He read law in the office of Hon. C. A. Walker and was admitted to the bar in 1887. One year later he formed a partnership with B. M. Burke in the real estate, abstract and insurance business, which continued until 1890, when our subject purchased his partner's interest in the business. He has since carried on this business by himself, and has attained

a high degree of success, particularly in the real estate branch of the business. He has won the title of "Hulse the Hustler," and well may the term be applied, for no man in Macoupin County puts more energy in his work than he. He is well known for his business integrity and the straightforward methods which characterize his every transaction. He represents seven fire insurance companies.

On January 26, 1888, Mr. Hulse was joined in marriage with Mattie L. Mayfield, a daughter of Alfred S. Mayfield, formerly clerk of the Circuit Court for eight years. Mrs. Hulse graduated from the Illinois Female College at Jacksonville, now known as the Illinois Woman's College. She also received a degree from the University of Chicago, for a course in English that she completed. To Mr. and Mrs. Hulse were born two children: Sidney D., deceased; and William M. Religiously, the family are of the Methodist faith. Our subject is a Democrat, and during the last campaign was president of the Carlinville Democratic Club. He is a prominent member of Mount Nebo Lodge, No. 76, A. F. & A. M.



JOHN C. ANDERSON.

JOHN C. ANDERSON, one of the most prominent of Carlinville's enterprising and public spirited citizens, is at the head of the soundest banking institution of Macoupin County, an establishment founded by his father. He was born in this county, August 31, 1854, and is a son of C. H. C. and Mary E. (Cole) Anderson.

John C. Anderson received his early education in the common schools after which he pursued a classical course of study in Blackburn University. After his school days were over, he entered the banking house conducted by his father, and has been identified with this business almost continuously since. He succeeded his father in the business upon the latter's death, and its affairs have been conducted in the same able and honorable manner that marked the course pursued by his father. This bank is not only recognized as a safe institution but is also patronized because of the tried honesty and

uprightness of its officers, and the courtesy with which its patrons are treated. Mr. Anderson is also engaged in various other enterprises, and has been foremost among those who have worked for the development and betterment of the city and county. He is interested in the Carlinville Coal Company, and has large real estate holdings in the county. He is representative of the highest type of manhood and his chief aim has been to gain and retain the confidence and respect of his fellow citizens, in which respect he has succeeded to a marked degree.

Mr. Anderson was married in 1880 to Lucy W. Boddie, who was born in Christian County, Kentucky, and comes of a very prominent family of that State. They have reared the following children: Jessie C., John M., Martha R., Rivers M., Lucile D., Perry B., James C., and Mary. Religiously, Mrs. Anderson is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Our subject has always been an unswerving supporter of the Democratic party, but has never had the time nor the inclination to engage in practical politics.



WILLIAM W. HOUNSLEY.

WILLIAM W. HOUNSLEY, one of the representative farmers of Macoupin County, Illinois, residing in section 7, Polk township, was born in 1858, on the homestead farm which he now occupies. He is a son of John and Sarah (Winson) Hounsley.

John Hounsley was born in 1830, in Yorkshire, England, and came to America in 1851. His parents were William and Ann (Simpson) Hounsley, both of whom died in England. John Housley came to Illinois and in 1855 made his first purchase of land, consisting of 50 acres in Polk township, Macoupin County. He prospered and at different times added other connecting tracts, finally coming to own, in addition to his early purchase, 400 more acres and 320 acres in Chesterfield township. His wife, Sarah Winson, a daughter of Samuel Winson, to whom he was married in 1857, died in January, 1866, in her 29th year. To them were born four children, of whom the two survivors are: William W., of this sketch, and Mary, who is the wife of Joseph Duckels, a farmer of Chesterfield township.

William W. Hounsley was reared on the homestead farm where all the children were born, and has devoted his life to farming. He was educated in the district school of his neighborhood and Blackburn University at Carlinville. He owns 350 acres which join his father's land on the west, 116 acres lying in Chesterfield township, and the remainder in Polk township. This is all good land, producing large crops and is well adapted to the cultivation of the grains and products which have made Illinois a noted agricultural State.

In 1881 Mr. Hounsley was united in marriage with Anna Killam, who is a daughter of Samuel and Margaret Killam. Samuel Killam was born in Yorkshire, England, and came to Illinois, with his parents, in 1829. They settled four miles west of Jacksonville, where the family took up 400 acres of government land, his portion being over 98 acres, and to this he added 160 acres. One of the early pioneers, Mr. Killam was an important factor in the agricultural and educational development of his section, and he spent a long and useful life. His death occurred on his farm in Morgan County, in 1891, in his 82d year. He married Margaret Haxby, who was also of Yorkshire, and came in 1834 to America, with her parents, who located in Scott County, Illinois. She married Samuel Killam on April 13, 1837, and died January 11, 1901, in her 82d year, survived by seven of her nine children.

Mr. and Mrs. Hounsley have six children living, namely: John, Charles, Adelaide, W. Leslie, Thomas K. and Clara A., all of whom are at home. Another child, Harold L., died in infancy.

In politics Mr. Hounsley is a staunch supporter of the Republican party. In religious views he is an Episcopalian. He is a man of upright character and commands the respect and esteem of all who know him, many of these having been his neighbors all his life.



RICHARD T. ROBLEY.

RICHARD T. ROBLEY, a prominent farmer of Macoupin County, who resides upon his well improved farm of 120 acres, situated in section 8, Shaw's Point township, was born March 28, 1847, in Greene County, Illinois. He is a son of Henry G. and Caroline (Griswold) Robley.

Henry G. Robley was born May 2, 1817, at Vergennes, Addison County, Vermont, and was a son of Richard Robley, who was born near Keene, New Hampshire. His grandfather was Richard Robley, who was born in England and settled in New Hampshire prior to the Revolutionary War, in which he took part. His family consisted of four children, namely: Mrs. Mary Tucker; Mrs. Angeline Fessenden; Richard and Henry. The grandfather of our subject, the second Richard Robley, was thrice married, but his children were all born to his first marriage and were the following: Eliza (Brown), Henry, George, Charles, Villeroy, Mrs. Emily Twitchell and Mrs. Mary Brace. Grandfather Richard Robley was left an orphan at the age of 18 years, and with a brother removed from Keene, New Hampshire, to Addison County, Vermont. In 1820 he went to Missouri, which was then very far West, but remained there only one year, then joined his relatives who had settled in Greene County, Illinois, where he lived to be almost 90 years of age.

The father of our subject was only three years old when his parents came to Illinois. He came to this place in 1855, where his death occurred March 26, 1900. He was a man of much industry and accumulated, in agricultural pursuits, an ample fortune, leaving at death a fine farm of 200 acres. In political sentiment he was a Republican. Although he had enjoyed only the advantages of the district schools, he was a man of great intelligence, fond of reading and considered of much consequence in his locality. In 1840 he married Caroline Griswold, who was also born at Vergennes, Vermont, May 8, 1817, and is a daughter of John and Anna (Peck) Griswold, natives of Vermont, of English extraction. She still survives, at the age of 86, in the possession of all her faculties, a beloved member of our subject's household. She became the mother of three children, namely: William V., deceased; Richard T., of this sketch; and Mrs. Helen Z. Welton of Macoupin County.

Richard T. Robley has been a resident of Illinois all his life, with the exception of eight years spent in Grundy County, Missouri. He has always been engaged in farming and came to his present place in 1856. Here, for almost a half century, he has been successfully engaged in farming, stock raising and dairying, the products of the latter industry being shipped to Granite City, Illinois. His land is a great corn producer, averaging 2,500 bushels, and he has made the growing of this cereal and the raising of hogs his leading features. His cattle are high bred Jerseys and are satisfactory

in every way. Mr. Robley is one of the progressive and public spirited citizens of his township and served most efficiently from 1896 to 1899 as highway commissioner. Politically, he affiliates with the Republican party.

On June 1, 1874, Mr. Robley was married to Olive Beebe, who was born in Calhoun County, Illinois, and is a daughter of Aurora and Betty Beebe. Two sons,—Lee and Ward,—have been born to this marriage. Lee is a promising young man of 19 years, who is his father's valuable assistant on the farm. Ward is deceased.



FRANK R. DENBY.

FRANK R. DENBY, a prominent young agriculturist of Carlinville township, Macoupin County, is a native of this county, the date of his birth being May 26, 1870. He is a son of William A. and Narcissa N. (Solomon) Denby, a grandson of Peter and Sarah (Quarton) Denby, and great-grandson of Robert Denby of Yorkshire, England.

Peter Denby, grandfather of our subject, was born in England and came to America in 1835, settling four miles southwest of Jacksonville, Illinois, near the Killam Mound. There he remained about one year, moving in 1836 to Macoupin County, where he lived thereafter until his death. He became owner of some 900 acres of land and was a practical farmer and upright citizen. He and his wife were parents of five children, as follows: William A., father of our subject; Peter L.; Thomas R.; Jonathan; and John. In religious faith, the family were Methodists. Peter Denby died in November, 1863, and his wife in 1849.

William A. Denby was born in South Palmyra township, Macoupin County, March 17, 1837, and was reared upon the old Denby homestead where he remained until 1859. In that year he purchased a farm in Carlinville township, which is still owned by him, and engaged in agricultural pursuits very successfully until he retired from active business life and moved to the city of Carlinville. Mr. Denby was first married in 1858 to Narcissa N. Solomon, a native of Macoupin County, and they became the parents of 15

children, seven of whom are still living, namely: Sarah E.; William E.; May; Frank R.; Jennie; Henry; and Maud. Mrs. Denby died June 14, 1890, at the age of 42 years, and in 1892 Mr. Denby formed a second union, with Sarah Margaret Maze, by whom he has one daughter, Lillie. Fraternally, he is a member of Mount Nebo Lodge, No. 76, A. F. & A. M., of Carlinville.

Frank R. Denby attended the common schools of his native county, and has always engaged in agricultural pursuits. In May, 1903, he took charge of the Denby farm, which is owned by his father. The farm, one of 435 acres, consists of the east half of fractional section 6 and the west half of the southwest quarter of section 5, in township 10 north, range 7 west, and is all devoted to general farming and stock raising. At the present time, he has 106 head of cattle, eight head of horses, and 35 head of hogs, and formerly engaged in sheep raising with some success. He is a man of excellent character and good business ability, and is held in high esteem by his fellow citizens.

On December 31, 1896, Mr. Denby was united in marriage with Maude Allen, a daughter of W. T. Allen, who is well known as one of the old settlers of the county. Three children bless this union: Frank, Clarence, and Evaline. In political belief, he is a strong Democrat; although he has never aspired to office, he consented to serve as school director in his township, taking a deep interest in all educational matters. Fraternally, he is a member of the Court of Honor. His wife is a member of the Baptist Church.

C. J. C. FISCHER, M. D.

C. J. C. FISCHER, M. D., a prominent physician and surgeon of Carlinville, Macoupin County, has been engaged in practice in this city throughout his professional career. He was born in Madison County, Illinois, January 28, 1854, and is a son of John J. and Catherine (Furch) Fischer, both natives of Germany.

Dr. Fischer was educated in the common schools of his native county

and pursued a higher course of study under private tutorage. Having decided to enter upon a professional career, he read medicine under the direction of Dr. A. M. Powell for a period of five years, then entered the St. Louis Medical College, from which institution he was graduated in 1877, with the degree of M. D. He immediately thereafter opened an office in Carlinville, where he has practiced with uninterrupted success to the present time. He has taken several post-graduate courses of study, and is abreast of the great advancement made in medical science in recent years. He has evidenced his skill and ability in many complicated cases, and enjoys the confidence and respect of his fellow citizens to a marked degree. He is a member of the Illinois State Medical Society, and the American Medical Association and has been president of the Macoupin County Medical Society.

Dr. Fischer was united in the holy bonds of wedlock with Sophia Schuricht, a native of Missouri, and they are the parents of three children, namely: C. Eleanor; Elfriede and Otilie. Politically, the Doctor is prominent in the Democratic party, and a number of times has been called to office. He served in the City Council, was mayor of Carlinville, and during President Cleveland's administration was a member of the board of pension examiners.



BENJAMIN H. BROWN.

BENJAMIN H. BROWN, one of the prominent agriculturists of Polk township, Macoupin County, who resides upon his well cultivated farm of 83½ acres, situated in section 4, was born December 17, 1857, in Jersey County, Illinois, and is a son of William and Rhoda L. E. (Bassham) Brown.

William Brown was born January 8, 1829, in Jackson County, Tennessee, and is a son of Henderson and Sarah (Birdwell) Brown. Henderson Brown was born in Virginia in 1802, and was a son of Thomas Brown, who moved to Tennessee when Henderson was six months old. Thomas Brown, our subject's great-grandfather was a large planter, but it is related of him that he never bought but one slave, that being his housekeeper. The family is a notable one for longevity, Thomas Brown living to the age of 96 years, his son Henderson dying August 15, 1898, aged 97 years, and the father of

our subject, still hale and hearty at the age of 75 years. William Brown came from Tennessee to Illinois in 1856, prior to this (in 1852) having married a daughter of Meredith A. Bassham, a prominent farmer of Jackson County, Tennessee. She died November 6, 1886, aged 53 years, leaving three children, namely: Curtis M., born in Tennessee, who married Rebecca Shane and is now engaged in farming in Greene County, Illinois; Benjamin, of this sketch; and John M., residing in Colorado, who married Bella Stultz and has four children. After coming to this State, William Brown engaged in farming until 1882, when he purchased a farm in Kansas, which he sold at a later date and returned to Illinois.

Benjamin H. Brown received his education in Macoupin County and he has passed his life here, engaged in agricultural pursuits. He has occupied his present farm since 1900, it being one well adapted to farming and stock raising, and here Mr. Brown has met with deserved success.

Mr. Brown was married to Maud M. Jackson, who is a daughter of George and Mary (Morris) Jackson. They have one daughter, Minnie, who was born October 5, 1879, and is the wife of George Nixon, who is a son of George Nixon, a very prominent farmer of Bird township, Macoupin County.

Fraternally, Mr. Brown belongs to the Mutual Protective League. In politics he affiliates with the Democratic party. In religious views he is a Baptist. Mr. Brown is an honest, upright citizen and a good farmer, and he commands the respect of all who know him.



ALFRED C. WOOD.

ALFRED C. WOOD, proprietor of Wood Mound Farm, a fine estate of 177 acres, situated in section 30, Bunker Hill township, Macoupin County, was born on this farm, March 4, 1849, and is a son of David B. and Mary A. (Clanton) Wood.

The ancestry of Mr. Wood can be traced as far back as his great-great-grandfather, Richard Wood, a man of great wealth in England, who was the father of seven sons, two of whom settled in America. One of these, Samuel

Wood, born in Leicestershire, England, came to the Colonies in 1750, and later served under Washington in the Continental Army, and also as the great leader's private secretary. James Wood, son of Samuel, was born in South Carolina, went thence to Kentucky, and took part in the War of 1812, came to Illinois in 1832 and died in 1850. His seven children were: Sarah, John T., Samuel, Thomas, James, David B. and Naomi.

David B. Wood, father of our subject, was born May 11, 1814, in Cumberland (now Clinton) County, Kentucky, and in 1832 accompanied his parents to Illinois, where his life was spent and his death occurred January 9, 1898. He first entered 120 acres of land and at a later date added to this until he at one time owned 350 acres, and still possessed 235 acres at time of his death. He built the log cabin in which our subject was born. All his farm cultivation was done with ox teams and these also carried his produce to and brought back supplies from the nearest markets—St. Louis and Alton. Like other pioneers he engaged in hunting, the abundance of game for a long time being a constant encouragement to sportsmen. In his earlier years he was a member of the local rifle corps, under Simeon Jones, and held a commission prior to the Mexican War. Although deficient in book knowledge, he was a man of great natural intelligence and, although suffering from blindness himself, for some years was able to heal others afflicted in this way. This gift of nature, his son, our subject, has inherited and, through study, has perfected and is known as a successful oculist in his neighborhood. In politics David B. Wood was a staunch Democrat, a man of decided convictions and unswerving integrity. He served as highway commissioner and was a good official. For more than 40 years he was a member of the Baptist Church. He married Mary A. Clanton, who was born in North Carolina, and was a daughter of James and Mary Clanton. Three children were born to this union, viz.: Alfred C., of this sketch; Mrs. Emily J. Hillyard, of Woodburn, Macoupin County; and George W., of Bunker Hill township.

Alfred C. Wood has been engaged in farming for many years and has also been an extensive raiser of fine stock, particularly Poland-China hogs. His fine place is known as Wood Mound Farm, and is situated one and a half miles south of Woodburn, on the Alton road. He here raises the finest Mambrino colts in the county. He makes corn and hay his leading crops, but has devoted much of his land to fruit culture, having 1,200 peach, 50 pear and many other trees in bearing. For pleasant location, productiveness

of soil or excellence of management, this farm can scarcely be equaled in the county.

Mr. Wood was married in 1872 to Fannie D. Littell, who was born in Virginia, a daughter of William and Rebecca Littell. They had these children: Mrs. Annie D. Phillips, of Woodburn, who has two children, Myrtle E. and Nellie; Samuel J., of Brookings, South Dakota; Mary M.; William B., of South Dakota; and Alfred Clarence, who died July 20, 1902. Mr. Wood married as his second wife Elizabeth Stockwell, who was born June 9, 1861, in Bunker Hill, Macoupin County, Illinois, and is a daughter of Thomas and Jane Stockwell, natives of Warwickshire, England. The three children of this union are: Cecil Vaughn, David Benjamin and Dean Warwick, all living at home.

Mr. Wood has been prominent in political circles, a Populist in political sentiment, and was honored by his party with a nomination for Congress. For many years he has been associated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and is an active member of Charter Oak Lodge, No. 258, of Bunker Hill.

Mr. Wood traveled as an oculist during 1869 and 1870 and has continued to practice. The fame of his father's cures reached over many States and Mr. Wood has met with equal success.

JOSEPH MONTGOMERY, JR.

JOSEPH MONTGOMERY, JR., deceased, was actively engaged in the pursuits of general farming in Macoupin County from 1872 until the time of his death, June 23, 1898. He was born in 1815, near Wheeling, Virginia (now West Virginia), and was a son of Joseph and Mary (Gray) Montgomery.

Joseph Montgomery was a native of Ireland, and came to America with his wife about 1810; having followed farming in his native country, he again engaged at that independent calling. He and his wife, who were members of the Methodist Church, died in the seventies.

Joseph Montgomery, Jr., received his education in the schools of Virginia, and remained on the homestead farm while in the early years of manhood. Later he learned the millwright's trade, which he followed for some time; however, it was not to his liking and he again engaged in the pursuits of general farming. In 1837 he came to Illinois, locating near Scottville, Macoupin County, where he purchased a farm which he cultivated until within a few years of his death. He was possessed of more than ordinary energy and good judgment. He was well known and most highly esteemed by his fellow citizens. Politically, our subject was a staunch Democrat, using his utmost influence in the promotion of that party's interests, although he never aspired to any political office.

In 1839 our subject was married to Elizabeth Sharp, who was born in Tennessee, October 23, 1820; to them 14 children were born, two of whom are still living, namely: Henry H., an attorney of Carrollton, Illinois, and Winnie (Hicks), widow of William Hicks, who now resides near Nilwood, Illinois. Mrs. Montgomery, our subject's widow, is a member of the Missionary Baptist Church, of which her husband was also a member. She is still an active woman and undertakes remarkable tasks for one of her age.



W. H. BEHRENS.

W. H. BEHRENS, mayor of the city of Carlinville, is secretary of the Carlinville Coal Company and one of the city's most influential citizens. He was born in Carlinville, Macoupin County, December 30, 1861, and is a son of Wilhelm and Henrietta (Liekefett) Behrens, both natives of the Kingdom of Hanover, Germany.

Wilhelm Behrens followed the trade of a miller in his native country but after coming to the United States engaged in the mercantile business at Carlinville until the time of his death. He and his estimable wife were parents of two children: W. H., our subject; and Anna W. Mrs. Henrietta Behrens is now living at an advanced age and is a member of the German Evangelical Church. Wilhelm Behrens was a Republican in politics, and

took an interest in all that pertained to the welfare and development of Carlinville.

W. H. Behrens was educated in the parochial and public schools in Macoupin County, and later received a university training. This was supplemented by a course of study at Braunschweig, Province of Brunswick, Germany. He then served five years as clerk in the Post Office at Carlinville, after which he was elected on the Republican ticket to the office of city clerk of Carlinville. He held the office during the years 1886, 1887 and 1888. In the meantime he became proprietor and editor of the *Carlinville Republican*, a publication which appeared weekly, and conducted its affairs until 1890. The Carlinville Coal Company was incorporated in 1891 with W. G. Bartles as president; William L. Mounts, secretary; and John C. Anderson, treasurer. In 1894, Mr. Mounts resigned as secretary and was succeeded to the office by Mr. Behrens, who has since served in that capacity. He is a first-class business man in every respect, and has attained a high degree of success. In 1903, he was elected mayor of Carlinville on the Republican ticket, and in the handling of the city's affairs has displayed marked ability. His administration is meeting with the heartiest approval of the citizens. He has for six years been a member of the Board of Education, and served two years as president of that body. He has been a member of the Republican Central Committee of Macoupin County for several years, and is very active in party politics.

In 1889, Mr. Behrens was united in marriage with Jeanette B. Floyd, who is a native of Illinois, and to their union were born two children: Henrietta, deceased; and Will Floyd. Fraternally, our subject is a member of Mount Nebo Lodge, No. 76, A. F. & A. M.; Chapter, R. A. M.; Orient Lodge, No. 95, K. P.; Knights of the Globe; Royal Circle; A. O. U. W.; and Royal Arcanum.



ELIJAH F. WOODMAN.

ELIJAH F. WOODMAN, one of the prominent citizens and extensive farmers of Macoupin County, Illinois, now residing on a farm of 405 acres, situated in sections 15, 21 and 22, Bird township, was born near Carrollton,

Illinois, January 8, 1840, and is a son of Nelson and Zerelda (Boiles) Woodman.

Nelson Woodman was born in Vermont, July 12, 1815, and removed to Greene County, Illinois, in 1821, being one of the early pioneers of that section. He married Zerelda Boiles, who was born in 1825, near Lexington, Kentucky, and they reared a family of 12 children, our subject being the second member of the family. Nelson Woodman died in 1884.

In the fall of 1852, Elijah F. Woodman accompanied his parents to Montgomery County, Illinois, and remained with them until he was 17 years of age, when he left home to make his own way in the world. His educational opportunities had been few, but after he began to earn money for himself by teaming and breaking up prairie land he used a portion of it to educate himself. In 1859 he rented a farm of 40 acres and in 1860 made a purchase of 40 acres, this being the nucleus of his present large land possessions. Mr. Woodman now owns 1,200 acres of land in Montgomery, Greene and Macoupin counties. In 1864 he secured the position of government auctioneer and made the trip to Nebraska, from Ottumwa, Iowa, by coach. During this trip, to reach Fort McPherson, now North Platte Junction, teams of cattle were driven. He located there for three years and during the 13 months he was in the government employ he sold thousands of dollars worth of condemned government property. While there he dealt also in real estate, carried on a mercantile and contracting business and returned to Illinois well pleased with his financial success.

On December 28, 1871, Mr. Woodman was married at Litchfield, Illinois, to Annie Shaw, who was born at Lyons, New York, February 15, 1854, and was a daughter of Joseph and Betty M. (Woodruff) Shaw. Two children were born to this union: Loy Legrand, now living near Los Angeles, California; and Commodore Beecher, now manager of the "Comer Store" at Comer, in Bird township. Mrs. Woodman died April 27, 1881. In November, 1886, Mr. Woodman was married to Rejena M. Adams, who was a daughter of Austin and Maria (Anderson) Adams. Austin Adams, who was born in Kentucky, was a large farmer and stock raiser. He died in 1891 in his 66th year, his wife having passed away in the preceding year. The children of the second marriage are: Elijah F., Jr., born September 6, 1887; Josie M., born August 4, 1889; Annie Lena, born June 4, 1891;



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Lolah Tena, born February 3, 1895; Gratia Pauline, born April 10, 1897; and Jessie M., born March 10, 1900.

In March, 1887, Mr. Woodman removed to Macoupin County and located on his wife's farm of 190 acres, to which he has added 200 acres. Here he has successfully engaged in general farming, but is preparing to retire from active labor in order to enjoy the ease and comfort which a long and industrious career has entitled him to.

Mr. Woodman is a school director in his district and is active in demanding many reforms for the present school system. Fraternally he is a Master Mason and Knight Templar and a representative member of those bodies. Mrs. Woodman is a consistent member of the Baptist Church.



EDWARD G. DUCKLES.

EDWARD G. DUCKLES, one of the prominent and substantial farmers of Polk Township, Macoupin County, where he owns a fine farm situated in section 4, was born in 1842 in Chesterfield township, Macoupin County and is a son of William and Frances (Garlick) Duckles.

William Duckles was born January 19, 1805, in the West Riding of Yorkshire, England, and was a son of Thomas Duckles who was a prosperous tenant farmer of the Southern family of that locality. William received fair educational training and assisted his father in farming until he decided to find a new home in America. With his wife and infant daughter, he left England on May 20, 1834, taking passage in a sailing ship bound for Quebec, Canada. His objective point was Morgan County, Illinois, but after reaching his destination he did not feel entirely satisfied, and in February, 1835, removed to Macoupin County and settled in Chesterfield township, in section 14. Here he first entered 160 acres of land, 80 of this being in timber, and on the other 80 he erected his first home. Although Mr. Duckles was much more fortunate than many of the early settlers, having brought means with him from England, it required much of the persevering industry, for which his race is noted, to bring this wild prairie land under cultivation.

This he gradually accomplished and added largely to his first purchase, and at the time of his death, in 1891, he owned 700 acres of land in Macoupin County, part of it lying in Polk township and part in Chesterfield. All is arable, well watered, finely located land, and this farm is included among the best in the county. Mr. Duckles was a man of robust physique and was endowed by Nature with those qualities which commanded the respect of those with whom he came in contact, making him a natural leader in his locality, and much of the educational development of his section as well as its agricultural may be attributed to his influence. In early life a Whig, his opposition to slavery made him a strong supporter of the principles of the Republican party, when it was organized.

In September, 1830, in his native village, Mr. Duckles married Frances Garlick, and a family of 10 children were born to them, the surviving members being the following: Sarah Ann, born in England, who is the wife of Judge T. L. Loomis, of Carlinville; Thomas, who resides at Jacksonville, Morgan County; Edward G., the subject of this sketch; Eliza, who married John W. Armstrong of Polk township; Victoria, who married John Simms, now of Colorado Springs; and Joseph R., who resides in Chesterfield township, Macoupin County. William, the eldest child, and Grace (Carter) are deceased.

Edward G. Duckles attended the local schools and found plenty of work on his father's farm until the outbreak of the Civil War. In 1862 he offered his services to his country, enlisting in the 122d Reg., Illinois Vol. Inf., and served faithfully until mustered out at Springfield, in 1865. He participated in innumerable skirmishes and the following serious engagements: Parker's Cross Roads; Tupelo; Town Creek; Nashville; and the last engagement of the war, which took place at Fort Blakely. At Parker's Cross Roads he was slightly wounded.

After his return from the army, Mr. Duckles resumed work on his father's farm and continued there until 1869, in which year he was married to Emma L. Lawson, who is a daughter of Z. B. and Louisa (Williams) Lawson. The Lawson family is an old settled one in Herkimer County, New York, from which section the father of Mrs. Duckles came to Illinois, a pioneer, and located first at White Hall, later in Polk township, and died in 1877 in Chesterfield township, aged 63 years. Mr. and Mrs. Lawson had a family of six children, two of whom died in infancy. Edwin, the eldest son,

died in 1869, from the effects of a wound received in the army. William, another son, became a civil engineer, located at Denver, Colorado, and died there in 1900, survived by two children. Mrs. Duckles has one sister, Lucetta, who resides with her. For 20 years Miss Lucetta Lawson had charge of the orphans' home located at Chattanooga, Tennessee, and at Atlanta, Georgia.

Mr. and Mrs. Duckles have these children: Emma Fay, who married W. A. Hoblit, now resides at Jacksonville, Illinois; William L., the cashier of the Bank of Chesterfield, who married Cora Snell, a daughter of Silas and Annie Snell of Polk township; Myron E., formerly engaged in teaching in the city of Mexico, but now an assayer, who married Grace Murdock, formerly of Jacksonville, but for many years a resident of Mexico with her parents; Perry, who served in the 5th Illinois Regiment, in the Spanish War,—he married Kitty Phelps, a daughter of Jeremiah Phelps of Chesterfield, and resides at home; and Frederick, who is attending school at Jacksonville. Lewis L. died in infancy.

In politics, Mr. Duckles is a Republican. In religious views he is a Congregationalist. Fraternally he is a Mason and a member of the Modern Woodmen of America.

Mr. Duckles is a man of sterling business qualities, a factor in shaping political and public movements in his locality, and one who is active in promoting the general prosperity of the community. His portrait accompanies this sketch.



ANDREW COSTLEY.

ANDREW COSTLEY, one of the successful farmers of Macoupin County, owning a farm of 90 acres situated in section 5, Polk township, and 10 acres in Western Mound township, was born in 1853, in Jersey County, Illinois, and is a son of John and Nancy (Neeley) Costley.

John Costley was born in Greene County, Illinois, where he engaged in farming until his death, in 1853, at the age of 30 years, leaving a widow and two children, our subject, then a babe of six months, and his older sister Elizabeth, who married Richard Henson and now resides at East St. Louis,

Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Henson have five children, namely: Fanny, Emma, John, Sarah and Bessie.

To his great-uncle, Joshua Neeley, Mr. Costley is indebted for his rearing, education and the fine farm he owns. This uncle never married, but gave a father's care to 21 children, belonging to his relatives. At the age of 19 years he came to Illinois from North Carolina, driving a four-horse team, and settled in Jersey County. Scarcely had he located when he learned of the death of his brother, Richard Neeley, and immediately the heads of his horses were turned in the direction of the Old North State. The return journey was made with the seven fatherless children of his brother, one of whom was the mother of our subject. When her son was left fatherless, it was this kind uncle who again extended the helping hand and reared him as one of his own. The death of Joshua Neeley took place January 20, 1887, at which time he was one of the richest men in this part of the State. He owned 2,004 acres of finely improved farm land located in Jersey, Macoupin and Montgomery counties, and land in the limits of Jerseyville, estimated to be worth \$80,000. Mr. Neeley not only provided a home for his nephews and nieces, but made a will leaving his property to them. It was slightly contested, but stood the test. He was a man of sterling traits of character, of quiet, unobtrusive ways, and was well and widely known through this section.

Mr. Costley received his farm of 100 acres from this kind and generous uncle, to whom he gave the assistance and obedience of a son. Here he has been engaged in general and successful farming ever since. He also devotes considerable attention to stock raising, in which branch of agriculture he has met with much success.

In 1873 Mr. Costley was married to Fanny Cope, who is a daughter of Nathan Cope, of English township, Jersey County, and to this marriage these children have been born: Maggie, born November 26, 1877, who married Leonard Walton and lives in Chesterfield—they have two children, Claude and Byron; Daisy, born July 14, 1878, who married Frank Goodell, a farmer of Iowa, and they have one child, Clarence; John M., born November 1, 1880, who is a school teacher in Polk township; William Clay, born August 4, 1882, who follows the barbering business; Ernest C., born April 13, 1884; Nathan Timothy, born April 17, 1886, who lives in Iowa; Gladys, born

March 26, 1888; Una, born February 27, 1894; and George, born May 30, 1895.

Fraternally Mr. Costley is a member of the Yeomen of America. In politics he is a Democrat. In his religious connection he is a Baptist.

EUGENE MARTIN.

EUGENE MARTIN, for many years one of the best known and most highly esteemed citizens of Carlinville, Macoupin County, died at his home in this city on March 6, 1902, his death being mourned sincerely as a loss to the community. He was born near Leon, France, February 14, 1834, and was a son of Epolite and Julia Martin. His father was a mill owner in that country and a prosperous man, although his death occurred at a very early age.

Eugene Martin was but seven years of age when his father died. He obtained his intellectual training in the schools of Paris, then learned the trade of a miller which he followed in his native country until 1854. In that year he came to the United States, being the only member of his family to locate in this country. He landed in New Orleans, then came up the river by boat to St. Louis, Missouri. On account of ill health he returned to France, but again came to this country during the Civil War. As transports were not allowed up the Mississippi River to St. Louis, Mr. Martin was compelled to remain in New Orleans. He obtained employment as an engineer and continued at that work until the war was at an end, then immediately came up the river to St. Louis. There he met and married Amelia Forney, and they continued to reside in that city for two and a half years. Mr. Martin during this time following engineering. They later moved to Trenton, Illinois, where they lived little more than a year, and in 1868 came to Carlinville, where he thereafter lived until his death. For a period of 20 years he was engaged as engineer for the Weir Milling Company, the plant being later acquired by the firm of Yeager & Cupless. It was while in the employ of the last-named firm he met with an accident, which was ultimately

the cause of his death. He was a man much respected by all who knew him, and was highly skilled in his line of business, always having the confidence and good will of those who employed him and were associated with him. Although a Republican in politics, he was broad and liberal minded, and in local politics was free to vote for the man best qualified for the particular office, irrespective of politics.

Mr. Martin was a prominent member of Mount Nebo Lodge, No. 76, A. F. & A. M., and his last wishes were that he be buried under the auspices of that order. His relict who now resides in her pleasant home on West Main street is a woman of many virtues and is well loved by her many friends in Carlinville. She is a devout member of St. Mary's Catholic Church. To Mr. and Mrs. Martin was born one son, Oscar E. S., who died while his parents were living at Trenton, Illinois. They adopted a son, George Lenhart, who now bears the name of Martin. He married Minnie Clark, a native of Macoupin County. He is a traveling salesman and is also manager of the Carlinville Opera House, and is a young man who has many friends in this section of the State.

WILLIAM M. HUSON.

WILLIAM M. HUSON, one of the prominent farmers of South Otter township, Macoupin County, who owns and operates a fine farm of 120 acres in section 16, was born in 1838, in Eastern Tennessee, and is a son of John B. and Margaret (Riddle) Huson.

John B. Huson was a farmer in Tennessee and prior to his early death, in 1840, at the age of 35 years, was a large slave-owner. His widow survived him many years, dying in 1892, aged 83 years. In 1852, with her six children, she came to Illinois and located at Palmyra, in Macoupin County. Here her son William M. was reared and educated. His business has been agricultural all his life and although approaching the time when many men retire from activity, he is still hale and hearty enough to continue his interest in and his successful operation of his large and well improved farm.

In 1859 Mr. Huson was married to Elizabeth Jane Hollingsworth, who died in 1862, leaving one daughter, Effie, who married George Shutt, a

farmer located two and a half miles northeast of Virden, and has five children—William, Audrey, Milton, Ruth and Beulah. On October 22, 1863, Mr. Huson married Parmelia Braden, who died in 1876, leaving four children: Sarah, who married Edgar Stephens, of Joplin, Missouri, and has two children, Claudia and Eva; Burdella, who married Peter Marie, of Peoria, Illinois, and has two children—Louis and Clara; Ida, who married George Phillips of Denver, Colorado, and has one child—George; and Viola, who married Joseph Le Marr of Colorado, and has three children, Paul, Beulah and Mildred. The third union of Mr. Huson took place March 6, 1878, to Julia Bradley, who died November 23, 1893, leaving two children: Lauretta, who married Asa Surber, and has one son—Clarence; and William Milton, who remains on the homestead farm, assisting his father. Mr. Huson's present wife was formerly Mrs. Jane (Crawford) Surber, widow of Levi Surber, who at death in 1893 left these children: Noah, Rebecca, George, Asa, Alexander, Burton and Henry.

In politics Mr. Huson is identified with the Republican party. Both he and his wife are valued members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.



SAMUEL M. WELTON.

SAMUEL M. WELTON, one of the substantial citizens of Macoupin County, and a prominent farmer and successful stock raiser of South Otter township, owns a fine farm of more than 150 acres which is located in section 21. Mr. Welton was born in 1845 in Bird township, Macoupin County, Illinois, and is a son of the late Samuel and Emeline (Stoddard) Welton.

The parents of Mr. Welton were both born in Connecticut, and came to Illinois at an early date, locating in Bird township with the pioneers. Here their worthy lives were spent, both attaining great age, the father dying in 1898, aged 93 years, and his widow one month later, aged 85 years. Some years previous to 1898, they continued farming and moved to Carlinville, where they led a retired life. They were survived by two children: Emma, who is the widow of Theodore Morse of Carlinville, and the mother of one son, Theodore; and Samuel M., of this sketch.

Samuel M. Welton attended the schools of Carlinville township and through work on his father's farm grew up to be a practical agriculturist. At the outbreak of the Civil War he loyally offered his young life in defense of his country and two years later, in 1863, although still but a youth, he was accepted when he enlisted in Company F, 133d Reg., Illinois Vol. Inf., with which regiment he served until mustered out in 1865. After these years of faithful and arduous service, followed by an honorable discharge, he returned to the homestead farm. About the time of his marriage he bought a tract of 80 acres in section 16, to which he added 80 acres more in 1873. In 1883 he purchased his present fine farm in South Otter township, where he is engaged in extensive farming and stock raising, and has proved himself as capable an agriculturist as he was a faithful soldier.

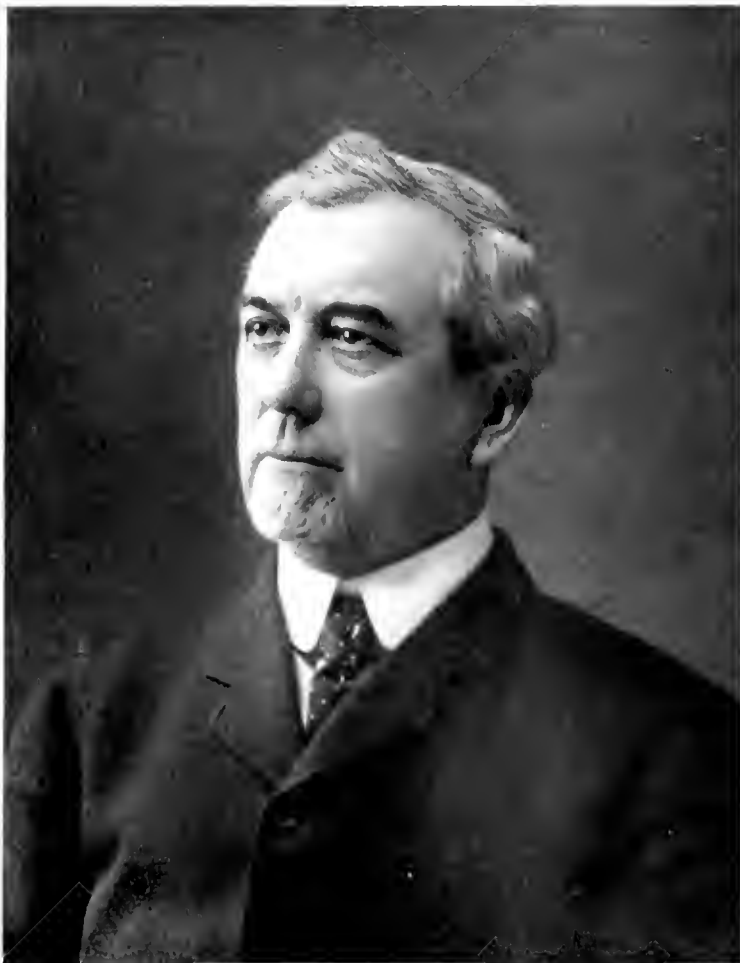
In 1869 Mr. Welton married Helen Robley, who is a daughter of the late Henry Robley who was a prominent farmer of Shaw's Point township, Macoupin County, and eight children have been born to this marriage. The family record is as follows: Neva, who married William Johnston, has three children,—Theodore, Perry and Luke M.,—and lives in Oregon; Charles, who married Mary Ford and is engaged in farming in South Otter township; Frederick, who resides in Rockford, Illinois; Carrie, who married John Sells, a farmer of South Otter township, and has two children; Samuel, who is still attending school; and William, Grace and an infant, who are deceased.

In his political attitude, Mr. Welton is a staunch supporter of the Republican party, although in no sense a politician. In his religious belief he is a Baptist. Mr. Welton is a man of exceptionally good business ability and his judicious investments have made him one of the capitalists of his part of the county. As a representative of one of the old pioneer families of Macoupin County, as well as a survivor of that noble body of men who were heroes in the greatest strife the world has ever known, who fought for principle and not for conquest, his name should be included among the leading ones of this portion of Illinois.



HENRY STAATS.

HENRY STAATS, deceased, was one of the most popular, energetic and progressive business men of Macoupin County, where he was engaged in the manufacture of brick. He was born in Braunschwic, Germany.



HON. ROBERT B. SHIRLEY

Our subject came to the United States when but 13 years of age, in company with his parents, who located in Carlinville, Illinois, where he entered the public schools. After completing his education he learned the brick-maker's trade, which he followed for some time. He was engaged in various occupations and spent a short time working in a coal mine. In 1874 he married Anna Schmidt, who was born in Germany in 1854, and to them three children were born, namely: Henry, Anna and George H. He and his family were members of the German Evangelical Church. Our subject met his death while engaged in a coal mine, having worked about three months when the accident occurred by the falling of the mine roof. After the death of her first husband, Mrs. Staats married John Staats, who died in 1901.

George H. Staats the youngest child born to our subject, is prominently identified with the agricultural interests of the county, being the owner of a 90-acre farm which he devotes to general farming and stock raising. This farm was left by will to our subject by his step-father, John Staats. Although young in years, he has established a reputation for ability and business integrity and enjoys the full confidence of his fellow citizens and neighbors.

George H. Staats married Anna Burger, a native of Macoupin County, and they are the parents of a daughter, Nellie, born February 8, 1903, who is the pride of the household.

HON. ROBERT B. SHIRLEY.

HON. ROBERT B. SHIRLEY, a prominent resident of Carlinville, Macoupin County, and judge of the Seventh Judicial District of the State, whose portrait accompanies this sketch, was born in Madison County, Illinois, October 9, 1850, and is a son of Hon. William C. and Mary J. (Hoxsey) Shirley. His family has long been one of prominence in Southern Illinois.

William C. Shirley was born in White County, Tennessee, November 20, 1823, and at an early day removed to Illinois, where he located in Madison County and engaged in farming for some years, and was there married. He later moved to Staunton, Macoupin County, and there engaged in mercantile business for a period of years. He also engaged in government contracting in 1861, and was a prosperous business man. He was a member of

the Illinois State Legislature in 1858 and voted for Judge Douglas in the celebrated Lincoln-Douglas contest for United States Senator. In 1867 he was elected a member of the State Legislature, and was a very active participant in the actions of that body. He procured the passage of an act chartering the Decatur & East St. Louis Railroad Company, now the St. Louis Division of the Wabash, and afterward built the road. His wife, Mary J. Hoxsey, was born in Madison County, Illinois, August 17, 1825, and was a daughter of Dr. Archibald Hoxsey, who was born in Christian County, Kentucky, and was a pioneer settler of southern Illinois, locating on Silver Creek in Madison County in 1817.

Robert B. Shirley attended the common schools of Madison and Macoupin Counties, and received a good common school education. In 1873, he entered upon the study of law in the office of William R. Welch at Carlinville, Macoupin County, and was admitted to practice July 4, 1876. In 1878 he entered into partnership with Hon. S. T. Corn, now chief justice of the Supreme Court of Wyoming, and they continued together with success until 1885, when our subject began practicing alone. He has always been an active worker for the success of the Democratic party, and has frequently been called to offices of public trust. He has served as chairman of the Democratic Central Committee, held the office of city attorney of Carlinville three terms, was master of chancery from 1885 to 1887, and was a delegate to the National Democratic Convention held at Kansas City in 1900. In 1893 he was his party's nominee for judge of the Circuit Court in the Fifth Judicial District to succeed Hon. Jesse J. Phillips, who had been elected to the Supreme bench, and he was elected the following July without opposition. He was nominated by acclamation in the same district in 1897, and when the districts were changed and Macoupin County was placed in the Seventh Judicial District, he was nominated as judge of the Seventh District and elected by a large majority. He was re-elected to the office in 1903 for a term of six years and now serves in that capacity. In 1900 he was a leading candidate for the Supreme bench of the State but failed to receive the nomination. Judge Shirley's record on the bench is above reproach and redounds greatly to his credit. Possessing essentially a judicial mind, his many years of experience in practice before the courts have well fitted him for so important an office, and in the discharge of his official duties he has gained not only the good will of the entire bar but of the citizens of the Seventh Judicial District

as well. Of keen, discriminating and impartial mind, he knows no parties to the actions brought before him and adjudicates all matters according to their legal light, tempered with a high sense of justice.

On October 16, 1879, Judge Shirley was joined in marriage with Etta W. Burton, a daughter of Henry W. Burton, an honored resident of Carlinville. Fraternally he is a Mason and Knight Templar, and a member of the Knights of Pythias and Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

ATISON BATES.

Among the prosperous and well-to-do citizens of Macoupin County, the subject of this brief notice occupies a prominent position as an esteemed and successful agriculturist. He is president of the Macoupin County Agricultural Association, a position which he efficiently fills. He resides on his well cultivated 220-acre farm in Bird township, not a foot of which is not tillable. He was born in Macoupin County July 1, 1848, and is a son of William J. and Martha Jane (Mays) Bates, and a grandson of Hampton Bates, who was named after Wade Hampton.

William J. Bates, who was a native of Tennessee, came to Illinois in 1819, locating in Greene County, where he remained for some time and then removed to Macoupin County, where he rented land from the government and cultivated it until 1852. In 1852 he removed to Bird township, where he owned 1,000 acres of land which was later divided among his children. He was prominently identified with the leading stockmen of southern Illinois, having bought as high as three car-loads a year of feeding stock. Politically he was a Democrat, but never took an active part in any political affairs, devoting his time to his business. He attained a high position in his community and his word was considered as good as his bond. He married Martha Jane Mays by whom six children were born, namely: George W.; Sarah J., who married John Morris; John H.; James C.; Francis M., and Atison. She was a native of Tennessee. Religiously they were members of the United Baptist Church of which church he was a deacon. The father was

in his 73d year at the time of his death; the mother was in her 82d year when she was called to her reward.

Atison Bates received his education in the common schools of Macoupin County, and after reaching the years of manhood engaged in the pursuits of general farming and has continued in that independent calling all his life. He now owns a well cultivated and well watered farm, and takes pride in keeping his property in the best condition possible. Mr. Bates is a Democrat, and has served as a school director.

On November 26, 1873, Mr. Bates was married to Ella B. Carr, a daughter of Abram and Nancy (Keller) Carr, natives of Greene County, Illinois, and Grayson County, Kentucky, respectively. Mrs. Carr came to Macoupin County, Illinois, in 1834 with her parents, who settled on a farm in Western Mound township. She was a daughter of Jacob and Levina (Davis) Keller, and a granddaughter of George and Sarah (Hedges) Keller, the former a native of Switzerland and the latter of English descent. George Keller was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, being recruited in the Continental service from Cecil County, Maryland. Mr. and Mrs. Bates are the parents of two children, namely: Flora A., who is a successful music teacher; and Leroy C.



EDGAR W. HAYES.

EDGAR W. HAYES, a prominent member of the Macoupin County bar, a surviving hero of the Civil War, and a leading business citizen of Bunker Hill, was born in 1837 in Franklin County, Pennsylvania, and is a son of David and Nancy (Colwell) Hayes.

The Hayes family was founded in 1728 in Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, by Patrick Hayes, who came from the North of Ireland. His son David was born there and served as an officer in the Revolutionary War. Wilson Hayes, son of David Hayes and grandfather of our subject, was also born in Pennsylvania where he reared his family. His son, David, the father of Edgar W., was born in Franklin County, where he died in 1877, aged 67 years, leaving a large estate. In his early political life he was a Whig and later became a Republican. Both he and his wife were members of the

Presbyterian Church. His marriage to Nancy Colwell, a daughter of John and Nancy Colwell, allied him with an old and prominent Cumberland County family, whose ancestry and religious leanings were the same as his own. Our subject is the eldest of his parents' family, as follows: Edgar W.; Mrs. Martha Orr of Chambersburg, Pennsylvania; John C., a retired farmer of Litchfield, Illinois; James Hamilton, who died in 1868 in Madison County; David D., a physician of Shippensburg, Pennsylvania; Robert A., who died in July, 1889, at that time being principal of a school; Elizabeth, who married Benjamin M. Need, a lawyer of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; and Joseph S., a farmer residing in the vicinity of Bunker Hill.

Edgar W. Hayes was reared on his father's farm and was given excellent educational advantages, including an academic course at Shippensburg and a classical course at Lafayette College, at Easton, where he was graduated in 1858. At the outbreak of the Civil War he was engaged in teaching school. In May, 1861, he enlisted for the service of his country, and was connected with Company A, 7th Pennsylvania Reserve, of which Colonel Harvey of Wilkesbarre was the first colonel. It was his fortune to be associated with that branch of the army upon which fell much of the hard work and danger of the great struggle, and he participated in the battles of Yorktown, the Second Battle of Bull Run, South Mountain, Antietam and Fredericksburg. His regiment was with General McClellan in the Peninsular campaign. An attack of typhoid fever closed his army career and he was discharged for disability, after a most arduous and faithful service of two and a half years.

After regaining his health, Mr. Hayes entered upon the reading of law with Caldwell & McClure, at Carlisle, Pennsylvania, and in the fall of 1865 was admitted to the bar. After two years of practice in Missouri, he removed in 1867 to Bunker Hill, Macoupin County, where he has been identified with a number of business enterprises. He was one of the directors in the nail factory, which at one time was one of the important industries of the place, and was also a director of the cemetery association, and for a number of years was president of the School Board. He is a man of great public spirit and the town owes much to his activity in advancing its interests. In politics he is a Republican, which party would be glad to honor him with office, were it not in the minority.

In 1870 Mr. Hayes married Margaret F. Heck, daughter of Jacob and

Margaret (Sturgeon) Heck, and they have had six children, of whom five survive: Edgar H., of Bunker Hill, who is being educated in the law school at Valparaiso, Indiana; Mrs. Margaret G. Grant of Staunton, Illinois, who has three children,—Charles, Margaret and Ralph H.; Mrs. Bertha Sanford, who has one child, Edgar Noble; Ralph H., who is clerking in Bunker Hill; and Joseph A., who is still in high school. Mr. Hayes and family belong to the Congregational Church.

Fraternally Mr. Hayes is a valued member of the Grand Army of the Republic, belonging to J. M. Hubbard Post, No. 721, of Bunker Hill. He is a man of acknowledged ability, with mind enlarged and broadened by travel. His vacations have been spent in various parts of the Union, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and one interesting trip took him to Panama, Central America. He is held in very high esteem in Bunker Hill and is considered one of the representative men of this progressive little city.



ALEXANDER B. LOVELESS.

ALEXANDER B. LOVELESS, a prosperous general farmer and stock raiser of South Otter township, Macoupin County, who owns one of the finest farms in his section of the county, consisting of 80 acres in section 29 and 80 acres in section 28, was born in 1860 in Bird township, Macoupin County. He is a son of William J. and Mary E. (Sells) Loveless, and is a worthy representative of one of the honored old pioneers of Bird township.

William Loveless, the grandfather of Alexander B. died at the village of Reader on Thursday morning, July 28, 1900, his death removing one of the two remaining pioneers of the western section of Macoupin County. "Uncle Billy Loveless," as he was familiarly and affectionately called, was born in 1804 in Blount County, Tennessee, and removed to Illinois in 1832. The hard conditions and great deprivations met with in the wilderness into which they had come, produced a sort of homesickness, and after trying for a time to overcome it the family returned to Tennessee, living in the old neighborhood until 1843, when Mr. Loveless returned to Illinois, came to

Macoupin County and settled in Bird township, which was his continuous home thenceforward until his death. Prior to coming to Illinois on the first occasion, he had married Jennie Bell and 11 children were born to them, eight sons, and three daughters: John H., Samuel L., Hugh F. and Marion F., who are residents of this county; William J., of Morgan County; Charles M., of Fayette County; George W., of Missouri; Mrs. Mary E. Bumgarner of Nebraska; Zadock; and Matilda and Elizabeth, who have been dead many years. After the death of his wife in 1880, the grandfather made his home with his children, his descendants numbering more than those of any other pioneer of the county. A grandson, Prof. Milo J. Loveless, has compiled an interesting record which shows 182 direct descendants, 132 of whom still survive. Mr. Loveless believed in slavery all his life, according to his early teaching, although during the Civil War his sons William J., Samuel L. and Zadock as well as his elder brother, were not only Union men but were also abolitionists.

William J. Loveless, our subject's father, was born March 10, 1836, in Tennessee, and remained with his father until he attained his majority when he married Mary E. Sells, who was born August 16, 1842, and died October 8, 1891, aged 49 years. They had these children: Gabriella, born September 23, 1859, deceased September 9, 1866; Alexander B.; Horace Monroe, born September 2, 1862; S. Everett, born July 30, 1864, deceased; Emerson and Emeroi (twins), born March 8, 1866, both deceased; Maurice, born November 11, 1868; Alvin Ira, born December 22, 1870; Viola, born September 27, 1876; and Truman Landon, born October 12, 1881. Mr. Loveless still resides in North Otter township, Macoupin County.

Alexander B. Loveless was reared and educated in Bird and South Otter townships, and at Blackburn University at Carlinville. Until he came of age, he assisted on the home farm and then began to teach school, a profession he followed for 12 years in South Otter township, farming during the school vacations. In 1895 he purchased a tract of 30 acres and soon after another of 50 acres, in section 29, South Otter, to which he added in July, 1902, 80 acres in section 28, all of which he devotes to farming and the raising of stock, in which he has been eminently successful.

In 1889 Mr. Loveless was married to Laura D. Adcock, who is a daughter of Henry and Martha (Swift) Adcock. Henry Adcock, who was born in Tennessee, accompanied his parents to Illinois, and is now engaged in

farming in section 8, South Otter township. His family consists of 11 children, Mrs. Loveless being the sixth in order of birth.

Mr. and Mrs. Loveless have had these children: Otis, born in 1890, deceased in 1892; Mary, born May 28, 1893; Ireda, born July 3, 1896; Herbert Alexander, born May 20, 1898; and Ernest, born May 10, 1902.

In politics Mr. Loveless is identified with the Republican party. For a long time he has been a leading member of the Hickory Point Baptist Church. He is a man who stands well with all who know him, is honest and fair in all his dealings and can always be depended upon in any emergency that arises in his township, which requires the exercise of good judgment.



ELMO ETTER.

ELMO ETTER, chairman of the Board of Supervisors of Macoupin County, is a representative citizen of Western Mound township, where he has lived and engaged in agricultural pursuits throughout his entire life. He was born August 21, 1875, and is a son of George and Mary (McCoy) Etter. He is a grandson of Henry and Asbereen Elizabeth (Davidson) Etter and great-grandson of Henry Etter.

Henry Etter, Sr., our subject's great-grandfather, was born in Wythe County, Virginia, and at the age of 23 years moved to Eastern Tennessee where he was married to Elizabeth Parks, a native of that State but of New England ancestry. Twelve children were born to them. About 1826 they removed to Greene County, Illinois, settling three miles southeast of Greenfield, at a time when that section was sparsely settled.

Henry Etter, grandfather of our subject, was born in Andrew County, Tennessee, May 14, 1820, and was six years of age when he accompanied his parents to Illinois, here receiving a meagre educational training in the public schools. He lived with his parents until his marriage on November 14, 1844, to Asbereen Elizabeth Davidson. She was born in Barren County, Kentucky, May 12, 1824, and was a daughter of E. Davidson and Margaret Wright, and granddaughter of John Davidson, who emigrated from Scot-



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land to America. Henry Etter began farming in Western Mound township on a farm adjoining that of his father, and in 1845 moved to a farm in section 16, South Palmyra township, where he acquired 480 acres of land (all of which went to his children), and where he still resides. He is a Democrat in politics, as was his father before him, and cast his first vote for Polk in 1844. Four children were born to him and his wife: George, James, Smith and Elijah.

George Etter was born in South Palmyra township, and was educated in the common schools of the county. With the exception of four years spent in teaching school, he has always farmed, and at the present time owns 160 acres in Western Mound township, and 40 acres in Bird township. He married Mary C. McCoy, who was born in Missouri and came to Illinois with her parents. They have four children: Elmo; Horace; Myrtle and Herbert. In politics he is a Democrat and has served as township supervisor and township assessor several terms. He is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America.

Elmo Etter received the rudiments of an education in the common schools, after which he completed a course in Blackburn University at Carlinville. He then engaged in teaching for a period of six years, since which time he has followed farming with a high degree of success. He has always taken a deep interest in politics, and is enthusiastic in his support of the Democratic party. He was elected assessor of his township in 1900, and supervisor of Western Mound township in 1901 and again in 1903, being made chairman of the Board of Supervisors in June of that year. Although young in years, Mr. Etter has won the confidence and esteem of the people to a marked degree and his future is an exceedingly bright one. Fraternally he is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, and the M. P. L.



CAPT. GEORGE J. CASTLE.

CAPT. GEORGE J. CASTLE, one of the foremost men of Macoupin County, the present postmaster of Carlinville, was born in Watertown, Litchfield County, Connecticut, March 22, 1839, and is a son of John and Clarinda (Welton) Castle, both of whom were natives of Connecticut.

Capt. Isaac Castle, grandfather of our subject, was a native of Connecticut of Scotch parentage, and was a soldier of the War of 1812. John Castle, our subject's father, died in 1847. George J. Castle was the only child born to his parents. His mother formed a second union with Samuel Holt and is now living at the advanced age of 85 years, her home being in New Haven, Connecticut.

George J. Castle was reared in Litchfield County and attended the public schools there until he reached the age of 13 years when he came west to Illinois to live with an uncle, Samuel Welton. He continued here until 1859, during most of which time he attended public school, then returned to his Eastern home, where he attended Watertown Academy during the winter months for two years.

On August 22, 1861, he enlisted as a private in Company D, Connecticut Squadron. The regiment to which he belonged, known as the 2d Reg., New York Vol. Cav., or Harris Light Cavalry, and commanded by that dashing cavalry officer Kilpatrick, was composed of companies from Connecticut, Indiana, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York. The Harris Light Cavalry was known for its dash and won for its colonel, Kilpatrick, a general's star. It was in every raid of importance in the Army of the Potomac and stands third in the list of killed and wounded. In the fall of 1863, when he had attained the rank of orderly sergeant, he was transferred to Company A, 13th Reg., New York Vol. Cav., and promoted to 1st lieutenant, and was active in organizing and drilling it for active service. In February, 1864, he was promoted to be captain of Company H. The 13th Regiment was engaged with Sheridan in the Shenandoah Valley; during that fighting Company H and three other companies under Captain Castle captured Mosby's artillery on Little Cobbler Mountain; and with the same companies he escorted General Sheridan through the mountains to Piedmont three days before the latter's great ride. In February, 1865, he resigned on a surgeon's certificate of disability. He then returned east and remained home one month, after which he came west to Carlinville, Illinois. He engaged as a clerk in the employ of J. D. Weaver, a grocer, and continued with him for one year, when he engaged in farming on account of poor health. He followed that line of work until 1873 in Carlinville and Brushy Mound townships, then returned to the city of Carlinville where he engaged in the livery business and breeding of standard bred trotters until 1890. In

the latter year he was appointed postmaster of Carlinville by President Harrison, and served as such until the beginning of President Cleveland's administration. He was reappointed by President McKinley on May 28, 1898, and has served in that office continuously since that time. He is a staunch Republican and an earnest advocate of the principles of his party. He served a term as mayor of the city and was also a member of the Board of Aldermen. In 1884, he was elected a member of the 34th General Assembly of Illinois, and was an enthusiastic supporter of Logan during that spirited contest. Since 1873 he has been very active as a member of the Macoupin County Fair Association, of which he was president for a time and is now secretary. He has for several years been a member of the Macoupin County Republican Central Committee, and president of the Republican Club of Carlinville.

In September, 1868, Mr. Castle was united in marriage with Emma B. Fishback, daughter of William H. Fishback, a prominent farmer and former sheriff of this county. They are the parents of four children, as follows: William H.; Louise R.; George J.; and Claribel, who died in November, 1888, aged seven years. Religiously, our subject is a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church, of which he was vestryman for some years. He is a prominent member of the Grand Army of the Republic. Fraternally Mr. Castle is a member of Mount Nebo Lodge, No. 76, A. F. & A. M.; Orient Lodge, No. 95, K. of P., of Carlinville; and is venerable consul of Camp No. 125, Modern Woodmen of America. He has always taken an active interest in the welfare of the city of Carlinville, and is one of the city's best known business men. His portrait accompanies this sketch.

FORREST D. GORE.

FORREST D. GORE, one of the most prominent and influential farmers of Macoupin County, is living on the old Gore homestead in Carlinville township. He was born October 1, 1854, in Chesterfield township, Macoupin County, and is a son of David and Cinderella (Keller) Gore.

Michael Gore, grandfather of our subject, was born in South Carolina, but early in life moved to Kentucky. He was a farmer, race horse breeder and cattle dealer. He removed to Madison County, Illinois, in 1830, and entered land which he improved and farmed until his death in 1843. He married Elizabeth Mitchell, a native of Kentucky, and five children were born to bless their union, namely: Zerilla; Eliza; David; Michael and James. In religious belief, the grandfather was a Methodist, and his wife a Baptist. She died in 1851.

David Gore was born in Trigg County, Kentucky, April 5, 1827, and moved to Madison County, Illinois, in 1833, his father not bringing the family to the new home until that year. During his youth, he attended the old log school house in his district, and labored on the home acres, his parents dying before he became of age. He enlisted for service in the United States Army during the war with Mexico, and served one year in the quartermaster's department, until the war closed. He then returned to Madison County, and later located at Plainview, Macoupin County, where he at different times purchased large tracts of land, improving, in all, four farms. In 1850, he laid out the town of Plainview, and served as postmaster of that village during the administration of President Buchanan. He left Plainview in the spring of 1861 and located three miles north of Carlinville, in Carlinville township, buying three-quarters of a section of improved farm land, in addition to an 80-acre timber tract. He was at one time owner of 800 acres of land and was one of the most extensive farmers of the county. He remained upon the home property until the fall of 1889, when he retired from agricultural pursuits and moved to Carlinville where he has since resided. He is a strong Democrat in politics, and has been an important figure in local and State politics. He was a member of the State Senate of Illinois for two terms, and was State Auditor from 1892 to 1896. He was a member of the State Board of Agriculture for 20 years, and was president of that body at the time when Carlinville was chosen as the location for holding the State Fair. It was largely due to his efforts that Carlinville secured this attraction, in the face of petitions from many larger cities in the State, including Chicago, Peoria and Bloomington. Although well along in years, Mr. Gore is a very active man and is a credit to the community in which he has labored so long and with beneficial results. In 1853, Mr. Gore was joined in marriage with Cinderella Keller, a native of Kentucky, and they became the

parents of seven children, as follows: Forrest D.; Truman K.; Victor M.; Adelia; Thaddeus V., deceased; Edward E.; and Cinderella, deceased.

Forrest D. Gore was educated in the common schools of Macoupin County, and in Blackburn University at Carlinville. He then engaged in agricultural pursuits which he has followed throughout his entire career. He purchased a farm of 120 acres in Nilwood township, which he owned and conducted for 12 years, selling it in 1897. In that year he took possession of the old homestead, which consists of 320 acres located in section 9, Carlinville township. He has met with a high degree of success in general farming and stock raising, in 1902 his farm producing 3,500 bushels of wheat, 4,000 bushels of corn, 1,000 bushels of oats, and 150 tons of hay. At the present time he has 60 head of cattle, and also a tract of five acres devoted to the raising of fruits of all kinds.

In 1880, Mr. Gore was married to Carrie I. Bird, a daughter of Joseph Bird, one of the old settlers of Macoupin County. Six children have blessed this union, namely: Forrest B.; Victor M.; Joseph H.; Gladys I.; Hazel L.; and Hugh Lee. Our subject is a Democrat in political affiliation, and has filled a number of local offices, among them that of school director. He and his family are active church members, and his eldest son is preparing to enter the ministry, attending Shurtliff College at the present time.



JOHN T. COLE.

JOHN T. COLE, one of the most highly respected citizens of South Otter township, Macoupin County, owning some of the best farming land in the township, 200 acres in section 15 and 160 acres in section 22,—was born in August, 1820, in Tennessee. He is a son of William and Susan (Brown) Cole.

The Cole family is an old and honorable one in Tennessee, where it has grown and prospered for generations. William Cole was a son of William Cole, and was born in Sullivan County, Tennessee, where he followed farming as had his father and grandfather before him. He married Susan Brown, a member of an equally prominent family of Washington County, Tennessee.

The venerable subject of this biography attended the schools in his neighborhood during his boyhood days and grew up on his father's farm, where he remained until 1850. On November 14, 1845, he married Elizabeth Baird, who also still survives, through all these years having been a cheerful, helpful companion. She is a daughter of Thomas and Jane (Hall) Baird, also natives of Tennessee. With his wife and young children, Mr. Cole came to Macoupin County in 1850 and located in Barr township, where he purchased a farm, upon which he lived for 15 years. In 1865 he disposed of that property and came to his present farm which is advantageously situated within three and a half miles of the bustling little village of Nilwood. Mr. Cole, during his years of active life, devoted himself to general farming and stock raising, attaining great success, raising some of the finest crops and the best horses and cattle in the county. For some years he has delegated the active labor of the farm to younger hands but still enjoys looking over the fertile lands he so long cultivated, and in noting the development of the fine stock in which he has always taken an interest.

Mr. and Mrs. Cole became the parents of 11 children, all of whom but two have been spared to them, and now they are the center of a large circle of loving and obedient grandchildren. The family record is as follows: Jane, who married John Whittaker, and had two children, Frank and Albert,—her second marriage with John Johnson, resulted in a daughter, Dora; Samuel, who lives in Carlinville, engaged in the stock business, married, as his first wife, Julia Olbert and they had four children, Emma, Cora, Frank and Dollie,—his second marriage was contracted with Belle Hayes of Carlinville; Thomas, who is a farmer on his father's land in section 22, married Sarah Ross, and they have these children,—Harry, Oscar, Charles, Truman, Clyde, Grace, Fred, Blanche, Opal, Howard and John; Oscar, who farms his father's land in section 15, married Susie Ross and they have two children, Bernard and Marie; Ruth, who married Ballard H. Woods, resides on the home farm; Wesley, who farms in section 22, married Minnie Caynor; Lulu, married, first, W. Conley, and second, R. C. Adams, and had one child, Lois who is deceased; Everett, who farms in section 22, married Ida Bates and they have four children, Birdie, Coy, Lola and Lela; and Ida, who married Frank Huber, a grain dealer of Nilwood. The two deceased were Emaline and Christina.

Mr. Cole has been a life long Democrat of the old school. He has lived

to see many wonderful changes in governmental affairs and in his earlier years took an active part in the campaigns. For a long period he has been a valued member of the Methodist Church. Time has touched both Mr. and Mrs. Cole with a gentle hand and even in advanced age they are blessed with health as well as the affection of kindred and the esteem of the community.

AUGUSTUS ZAEPFFEL.

Among the well-to-do and enterprising citizens of Carlinville, the subject of this brief notice occupies a prominent position as an esteemed and worthy member of the community. He is one of the leading manufacturers of Carlinville, where he is engaged in the manufacture of carbonated beverages of various kinds. He was born in Alsace, France, May 14, 1839, and is a son of John and Mary Ann (Blumstein) Zaepffel.

John Zaepffel was among the leading wine merchants of France, where he owned large vineyards.

Augustus Zaepffel received his education in his native country, and after completing his education engaged in work in the vineyards of his father, where he continued until 1857, when he left his native country and came to America, landing in New Orleans, where he remained three years, after which he removed to St. Louis, Missouri. After living in the Mound City a short time, he removed to Brighton, Illinois. In 1861, he enlisted in the United States service in Company D, 2d Reg., Illinois Vol. Cav., under Colonel Marsh, this regiment being assigned to the Army of the Tennessee. At the end of the term of his enlistment, he was discharged at Columbus, Ohio. He then returned to Brighton, Illinois, where he remained from 1866 till 1869, and then removed to an 80-acre farm that he had purchased, where he engaged in farming for one year. He then sold his farm and removed to Carlinville and engaged in a business, which he sold several years later, and in 1874 engaged in the manufacture of carbonated beverages of various kinds. He has the reputation of being an excellent business man, and of manufacturing carbonated beverages of a very superior quality. He has in past years

greatly enlarged his business and is constantly improving the methods of his works. Besides operating this plant he has represented several large brewing companies as agent and collector and has proved himself to be a man of much ability. At the present time he is a wholesale dealer in the keg and bottled beers of the Reisch Brewing Company, of Springfield.

Mr. Zaepffel was united in marriage December 28, 1870, to Sophia Mack, a native of France, and they are the happy parents of six children, whose names are as follows: Mary, who is the wife of Joseph Westmeyer; Gus J.; Clara, who married Julius Barrick; Adelaide; Louisa; and John, who died in infancy. Our subject is a staunch Democrat, active in politics; he has served in the City Council of Carlinville and at present is a member of the Board of Education. Fraternally, he is a member of Orient Lodge, No. 95, Knights of Pythias.



ROBERT E. BLEY, M. D.

ROBERT E. BLEY, M. D., one of the leading physicians of Bunker Hill, Macoupin County, and a prominent and representative citizen, was born on a farm in Scott County, Iowa, December 2, 1855. He is a son of Dr. George and Elizabeth W. (Lavis) Bley.

Dr. George Bley was born in 1821 at Dettingen, Wurtemberg, Germany, and died at Staunton, Illinois, in August, 1887. At the age of seven years he accompanied his parents, John George and Sophia (Miller) Bley, to America. John George Bley had been a farmer and wine grower in Germany, and he settled in Berks County, Pennsylvania, where he lived to the age of 96 years. Dr. George Bley was the eldest of his five children. When the latter had finished his local schooling, he was apprenticed to the drug business in Philadelphia for five years and then became a student and a graduate of the old Philadelphia College of Medicine, which now, as an institution, has passed out of existence. Dr. Bley practiced all his life, sometimes combining with it a little farming and frequently operating a drug store in connection. He was a very successful physician. His knowledge of drugs was thorough and his handling of them careful and scientific. He married a daughter of David and Mary Lavis, the former of whom was

born in England, and the latter in New Jersey. They had six children: Mrs. Ellen Wurtz, of Jerseyville, Illinois; Mrs. Elizabeth W. Blair, who died at Staunton in 1901; Dr. George, of Beardstown, Illinois; Dr. David L., of Staunton; Dr. Robert E., of this sketch; and Mrs. Mary L. Dripps, widow of Dr. Calvin T. Dripps of Staunton, Illinois.

Dr. Robert E. Bley accompanied his parents in childhood from the Scott County farm to Davenport, Iowa, thence to Rock Island, Illinois and from there to Randolph County, Illinois, where his father was located for three years, finally settling at Staunton, Illinois, in October, 1861. Here our subject was educated and began his study of drugs in his father's store, the careful supervision of the elder physician being of the greatest advantage to him. From the age of 16 years until 1875, when he was prepared for entrance into Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia, Dr. Robert applied himself closely. He was graduated at that fine old medical school which has sent out some of the most eminent men in the profession, in March, 1877, receiving his degree of M. D. His practice was inaugurated at Staunton, a partnership being formed with his father, under the firm name of George Bley & Sons, and he continued there for the succeeding 12 years. In 1888 he located in Bunker Hill, where he has continuously practiced to the present time.

Dr. Bley was married, first, December 2, 1886, to Mary L. Hall of St. Louis, Missouri, who died in August, 1894, leaving a son, Robert E. In December, 1897, he was married to Jessie A. Boswell, of Madison County, Illinois.

Dr. Bley is identified with the Republican party as was his father. He takes an interest in local matters and is a member of the Board of Education.

AUGUST HACKE.

AUGUST HACKE, who resides in section 20, Brushy Mound township, Macoupin County, is an extensive agriculturist and one of the influential men of the township. He was born in Braunschweig, Germany, October 9, 1841, and is a son of Hartwig and Augusta (Burgdorff) Hacke.

Hartwig Hacke and his wife left Germany on October 9, 1852, and arrived at New Orleans, Louisiana, in November of that year, having with them their three children: August, Henry and Harmon. They arrived at St. Louis, Missouri, on January 1, 1853. Two weeks later Hartwig Hacke moved with his family to Carlinville township, Macoupin County, Illinois. He purchased a farm north of the Litchfield, Carrollton & Western railway station, which property is now included in the city limits. He lived upon it for four years, then sold out and purchased a tract of 200 acres, one-half mile east of Carlinville in the same township. He had followed the trade of a cabinet-maker in his native country, but after coming to the United States always engaged in farming. He died in 1856, at the age of 57 years; his wife survived him many years, dying in 1893, at the age of 72 years. Two children were born to them after coming to this country, namely: Gustav and Joanna. Religiously, they were members of the German Evangelical Church. Mr. Hacke was a Republican in politics, and although deeply interested in its success was never an active party worker.

August Hacke attended the common schools of his native country, and of Illinois after his arrival in this country. He continued to live on the home farm until the breaking out of the Civil War, when he enlisted in Company A, 122d Reg., Illinois Vol. Inf., on August 9, 1861. He was in the service for a period of three years, and during that time was never absent from roll call except when duty required him to be away. He served in all the engagements in which his regiment and company participated in a most creditable manner, and was discharged at Mobile, Alabama, and mustered out at Springfield, Illinois. He now receives a pension of \$8 per month. After the close of the war, he returned to his home and again took up the pursuits of farming. When the home estate was divided, he sold his interest to his brother Henry, and in 1871 purchased his present property of 120 acres. Fortune has smiled upon him in a business way, and at the present time he is the owner of more than 640 acres of fine farm and grazing land. He follows general farming but makes a specialty of stock raising, feeding on an average of one carload per year. He is one of the progressive men of the township, and is held in highest esteem by his fellow men.

In May, 1866, Mr. Hacke was united in marriage with Margaret Drew, who was born in the Kingdom of Hanover, Germany, and with the exception of one brother was the only member of her family to come to the

United States. The following children were born to bless this union: Edward, deceased; Amelia; William; Adolph; Charles; Fred; Bertha; Arthur; Theodore; Dorothy, deceased; and Harrison, deceased. Mr. Hacke is a member of Dan Messick Post, G. A. R., and has served as its commander. He attended the National Encampment at St. Louis, Missouri, in 1888. In politics, our subject is a Republican and has served as justice of the peace, school trustee, and supervisor, having held the latter office at intervals since 1882. He has always taken a deep interest in all matters pertaining to education and the betterment of our public schools.

GEORGE W. WILLSON.

GEORGE W. WILLSON, a prosperous farmer of Brushy Mound township, Macoupin County, resides upon the old Willson homestead in section 19, where he was born April 12, 1862. He is a son of John M. and Catherine (Wheeler) Willson, and grandson of Isaac and Rebecca Willson, who were natives of Kentucky.

John M. Willson was born in Kentucky in 1819, and came to Macoupin County, Illinois, with his parents when about 14 years of age. Isaac Willson, his father, purchased and received a patent from the government for the land known as the Willson homestead, which is now owned by our subject. Here John M. Willson resided until his death on October 10, 1880. His wife died in 1862. He was a Republican in politics, but never held any office except that of school director. He and his wife were parents of four children, as follows: Virginia, deceased; Elizabeth, wife of Frank Rice, whose only child living at the time.—Clarence—was killed in a cyclone which swept down upon this community in 1883, leaving devastation and death in its wake; Clarence; and George W., our subject. Mr. Willson also reared Frank Wadsworth from the time he was three weeks old until his marriage at the age of 23 years. He was a kind and liberal hearted man, and many were his quiet benefactions which never became known.

George W. Willson received his education in the common schools of

Macoupin County, and has always lived upon the home place. Upon the death of his father, he became possessed of one-half of the home estate, which consisted of 600 acres of valuable land, and has followed general farming and stock raising. He raises large crops of corn, oats and wheat, and feeds on an average 100 head of hogs and a large number of cattle. He has displayed good judgment in business affairs, and is one of the substantial and reliable business men of Brushy Mound township.

In 1883, Mr. Willson was united in marriage with Cora B. Clark, a daughter of John Clark, an early settler of Macoupin County, by whom he has one daughter, Clara M., who is attending Monticello Seminary at Godfrey, Illinois. Religiously, our subject is a member of the Baptist Church. He is a stanch Republican in politics, and served for several years as a school director. Fraternally, he is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America.



JOHN W. JOHNSTON.

JOHN W. JOHNSTON, deceased, who was one of the most highly respected citizens and good farmers of South Otter township, Macoupin County, was born September 12, 1830, in Kentucky, and was a son of Isaac B. and Elizabeth (King) Johnston.

The parents of the late Mr. Johnston moved from Kentucky to Illinois in 1836, settling first on a property at American Bottoms. On account of malarial conditions superinduced by the low location of the land, they left this fertile locality and removed to North Palmyra township, where they purchased a farm, but later removed from that to the one in North Otter township, where our subject's mother died. The father married again and also died on this farm.

The late John W. Johnston was educated in the district schools in his neighborhood, and as soon as he was old enough he began to materially assist his father in farming. This occupation he followed all his life with much success. In 1859 he married Samantha M. Etter, a daughter of William Etter, who was a prominent farmer located within one mile of the farm, operated by Mr. Johnson. William Etter was born in Virginia and came to

Illinois in 1837 and died in 1879, aged within a few months of 80 years. He was survived by his widow until March, 1899, when she died, aged 85 years.

The death of Mr. Johnston occurred April 8, 1901. He is survived by his widow and seven children, named as follows: James Franklin, now a resident of Missouri, who married Susan Stanley of Nebraska, and has one son, John Emery; Nancy Ellen and Elizabeth Helen (twins), the former of whom married Charles Barnes, a farmer of South Otter township; Francis Newton, a resident of Nilwood, who first married Elizabeth Weller and they had these children—Jessie, Myrtle, Mary, Roy, Coy and George.—his second marriage was with Minnie Campbell; William B., a resident of Oregon, who married Neva Welton, and they have three children,—Theodore, Perry and Luke M.; Katie, who married William Barnes and at death left two children,—Gertrude, now deceased, and William, who is living with his grandmother; and Wesley C., who married Daisy McReynolds, and has two children.—William and Ada.

Mr. Johnston was a very intelligent man and was thoroughly respected by all who knew him, while in his family he was much beloved and looked up to. In politics he took only a good citizen's interest, voting the Republican ticket, but he would never listen to any suggestions of office holding. The only office he was willing to accept was that of deacon in the Baptist Church, which honorable position he held for a long period. He was a good man, one who will long be missed. His estimable widow very capably manages the large farm in section 22, and is also very much esteemed in the locality.

WILLIAM T. BARNETT.

WILLIAM T. BARNETT, one of the substantial citizens and successful farmers of Macoupin County, resides on his farm of 80 acres, situated in sections 36 and 26, in Shaw's Point township. Mr. Barnett was born in that township, and is a son of George W. and Lucinda (Nichols) Barnett, and a grandson of the late William Barnett.

William Barnett was born in Kentucky and until advanced in life made

that State his home. His death took place in Shaw's Point township, after so exemplary a life as to call forth the assertion by his friends and neighbors that he had been one of the best men who ever lived. His children, who have also all passed away, were: Abner, Mrs. Delilah Nichols, George W., Mrs. Candace Grovers, Stephen B., Thaddeus C., Temple W. and William Thomas R.

George W. Barnett was born in Christian County, Kentucky, and died in Macoupin County at the age of 71 years. He came to Illinois in 1835 and settled in Shaw's Point township, Macoupin County, in 1837, becoming one of the most prominent figures in its political and public life. Although but poorly educated, his natural ability brought him success in business and a leadership in public affairs. In politics a Whig, he supported the Republican party at a later date and during the Civil War made many speeches in behalf of the government. He was elected to almost all the local offices and after the erection of the present Court House served as a member of the Board of Supervisors. Opposed to the tax imposed, he was one of 17 who resisted it and was fined \$1,000 for contempt of court. Many times elected a justice of the peace, he was a stern and impartial judge, doing his whole duty to every one to the best of his ability, winning even from those who opposed him politically, the respect accorded an upright character. He took a deep interest in education and religion and was one of the founders of the Shaw's Point Christian Church. He married Lucinda Nichols, who was born in Kentucky, and they had 15 children born to them, eight of whom lived to maturity, viz: Mrs. Ulrica Cramer, deceased; George W., of Montgomery County; B. Stuart, of Shaw's Point township; William T., of this sketch; James A., a Civil War soldier, who died in a rebel prison in Texas; C. Gertrude, wife of Capt. H. T. Richardson of Carlinville; Mrs. Lucinda E. Wilson of Carlinville; and Mrs. Marcella A. Wilson, a widow, of Carlinville.

Our subject has spent his whole life in Shaw's Point township with the exception of three and a half years in Eureka, to which place he removed for a time for the better education of his children. He has followed farming and made a specialty of stock raising. The family own nearly 300 acres of land, Mr. Barnett having given his sons 208 acres, 80 acres being reserved for himself. He has filled a number of the prominent local offices in the gift of the Republican party, having been twice highway commissioner, and at present is a member of the School Board.

On September 29, 1867, Mr. Barnett was married to Elvira J. Johnson, who was born in White County, Illinois, and is a daughter of Edward W. and Sarah (Crabtree) Johnson. The two sons of this marriage who are now living are: William C., who was educated at Eureka College, married Bertha C. Wagner and is a farmer of Shaw's Point township; and Charles E., who was also educated at the above mentioned college, married Bertha E. Studebaker, has one son, Neville Everett, and lives on the homestead. Those deceased are: Thomas Edgar, Walter Floyd, Lolah Mae and Alva Leon. The religious connection of the family is with the Christian Church in which Mr. Barnett was formerly an elder. His fraternal connections have been with the Odd Fellows and the Farmers' Benefit Association of which he has been president.

HENRY C. LOTT.

Among the men who have begun life in a lowly station and by free and careful use of the talents with which they were endowed by the hand of Nature, have won their way to the top ranks in the business circles of Macoupin County, we may mention the gentleman whose name heads these lines, and who resides on his farm situated in section 15, Carlinville township, consisting of 160 acres of finely tilled soil. He was born in Baden, Germany, September 29, 1844, and is a son of George and Theresa (Heisler) Lott.

George Lott was a native of Germany, and there was very successfully engaged in farming and wine making. In 1853 he came to America and engaged in farming in Macoupin County, Illinois, which occupation he continued for many years. After a long life of unceasing activity, he retired and passed the sunset years of his life in ease, dying in 1889 at the age of 68 years. He served one year in the Union Army in the war between the sections. Previous to the war, he was a Democrat, but after the war he became a member of the Republican party. He married Theresa Heisler, who died in 1866 at the age of 43 years, and they were the parents of nine children, four of whom are now living. He was a member of the Catholic Church.

Henry C. Lott came to America in 1853 in company with his parents,

and he attended the common schools of Macoupin County, but his educational advantages were limited. At an early period in his life, he was compelled to assist his father on the farm, and has since followed agricultural pursuits. He left the home farm finally in 1864 to work by the month for David Gore, and receiving \$22 a month for his services, his wages being later raised to \$28 per month; after six years of hard work, he was in a position to purchase a team and wagon and to engage in what proved to be a most successful career. Besides farming, our subject is engaged in buying and selling mixed breeds of cattle, in which enterprise the results have been very satisfactory. Politically our subject is a member of the Democratic party, but has never taken any active interest in political affairs.

In 1873 Mr. Lott was married to Lena Wundle, who died two years later, leaving one daughter, Theresa Della, who married Peter Leritz,—Mrs. Leritz died in 1899, leaving one son, Ralph. In 1875 Mr. Lott was married to Mary Meyer, and to them were born 13 children, as follows: Albert, who married Bessie Morris; Elizabeth; Anna, wife of William Dunn, Jr.; Sophia; Edward, who married Florence Karnes; Joseph; Lewis, deceased; Rose; Robert; Leonard; Lucile; Janette, deceased; and an infant, deceased. Our subject is a member of the Catholic Church.

GABRIEL WILLARD JOHNSON.

GABRIEL WILLARD JOHNSON, a well known farmer residing in Carlinville township, Macoupin County, was born July 31, 1857, and is a son of R. Z. and Rebecca (Wilson) Johnson, natives of Clark and Sullivan Counties, Indiana, respectively

After his marriage, R. Z. Johnson came to Macoupin County, Illinois, in the spring of 1855, locating on a farm in South Otter township, where he resided until his death. He was a very successful farmer and at the time of his death was the owner of 400 acres of valuable farming land. He was one of the county's substantial citizens, and his death was a loss to the community in which he lived. He took an active part in local politics, and held a



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number of township offices. He and his wife were parents of eight children, as follows: Gabriel Williard, subject of this sketch; Isabel, who married N. G. Wiggins and has four children,—Truman, Frank, Estella and Roy; Lafayette, who married Emma Marco and has the following children,—Grover, Nellie, Maude, Alma and Florence; Alice, who married James R. Richie and has two children,—Marvel and Gail; Zepheniah, who married Annie Marco; Walter, who married Ida Conlee and has two children,—Mamie and Edna; and Minnie, who married James R. Richie, and has one son,—Jay. Religiously R. Z. Johnson was a Universalist, and his wife a Methodist. He died February 15, 1901, and her death occurred December 28, 1902.

Gabriel Willard Johnson was educated in the common schools of Macoupin County, and remained on the home farm until he reached the age of 24 years. He now owns the home farm, and is successfully engaged in general farming and stock raising. At the present time he has about 50 head of cattle, and about 20 head of horses, and also raises considerable fruit.

In 1882, Mr. Johnson was united in marriage with Julia C. Conlee, and they are parents of eight children: Oscar, Oliver, Charles, Nettie, Susan, Ada, Alden and Carl. Fraternaly, our subject is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America. He is a Democrat in politics but has never sought for political honors. He is a representative of the highest type of manhood, and his sterling qualities have gained him friends wherever he is known.

CHRISTOPHER RIEHER.

We take pleasure in presenting to the readers of this biography one of the most enterprising and substantial agriculturists of Macoupin County, Illinois, who has for the past 40 yeasers been actively engaged here in the cultivation of the soil, and as a reward for his unceasing toil has become the owner of a handsome farm, consisting of 436 acres, situated in section 19. He was born in Marnitz, Mecklenburg-Schwerin, Germany, March 2, 1840, and is a son of Voohim and Sophia (Galof) Rieher.

Voohim and Sophia (Galof) Rieher were both natives of Germany, and remained in the fatherland all their lives. They were the parents of five

children besides our subject, namely; William, Frederick, Lena, Sophia and Henry. In religious belief they were members of the German Evangelical church.

Christopher Rieher came to America in 1865, landing in New York City on October 10th, and immediately came to the State of Illinois, locating at Macoupin Station. He then engaged in work with his half-brother, William, who had been in this country since 1849, and after a few years rented a farm and began what has proved to be a most successful career. After nine years of industrious work on the farm which he had rented, he purchased a tract of 80 acres that is now included in his present farm, 16 acres of the property being cleared. On this pioneer farm he engaged successfully in agricultural pursuits and in a few years purchased another piece of land, consisting of 60 acres. Gradually he has continued to increase his real estate holdings until he now owns 436 acres, which he has under a high state of cultivation. He raises some of the finest corn, oats, and wheat to be seen in his county, producing annually from 3,000 to 4,000 bushels of corn and about 2,000 bushels of wheat. Our subject also devotes much time to raising stock, and in former years raised large droves of sheep each year. He is widely known for the skilled manner in which he conducts his farm.

Mr. Rieher was married September 15, 1865, to Lena Shultz, who is like himself a native of Germany, and they are the parents of four children, namely: Henry, Mary, Augusta and William. Mr. Rieher and family are members of the German Evangelical Church. He is a Republican and quite active in the politics of his township. He held the office of township commissioner for three terms and served as school trustee for three years. Portraits of Mr. and Mrs. Rieher accompany this sketch.



WILLIAM H. PERRINE.

WILLIAM H. PERRINE, an honored resident of Brushy Mound township and an early settler of Macoupin County, was born in New Jersey, August 12, 1835. He is a son of Ezekiel and Lydia (Thompson) Perrine,

and a grandson of Henry Perrine, a French Huguenot who fled from France to the United States because of religious persecution and settled in New Jersey. He was a farmer by calling and followed agricultural pursuits throughout his entire life.

Ezekiel Perrine, father of our subject, was also a farmer by occupation and a prominent man of his day. He farmed in New Jersey until 1846, then moved to Indiana where he lived during the succeeding five years. He then sold his farm and moved to Greene County, Illinois, where he lived one season. Upon coming to Macoupin County, Illinois, in 1852, he purchased a tract of 170 acres of farm land in Brushy Mound township, upon which he lived for some years. He then sold this property and moved to Montgomery County, Illinois, where he bought a farm of 270 acres and followed farming there for 10 or 12 years, after which he made his home in Girard until his death in 1895. He was a very influential man and was known for his strict integrity and upright character. He was a Whig in politics, until the organization of the Republican party, with which he was thereafter affiliated. He married Lydia Thompson, and their union was blessed by the birth of the following children: Zelphia; Mary A.; Susan; Eliza; Georgiana; William H.; Enoch; Charles; Washington; and Ezekiel. Mrs. Perrine was of the Presbyterian faith and was an active church worker. Her death occurred in 1853.

William H. Perrine was about 16 years of age when he came to Macoupin County, Illinois, and here he attended the common schools of Brushy Mound township. His education in the schools was very limited, but by contact with the world it became extended and practical. He took to agricultural pursuits at an early age, and began by working at the meagre salary of \$10 per month. He worked hard and lived frugally and year by year his financial condition became better until he came to be considered one of the substantial men of his community and of the county. He has some 700 acres of land, two-thirds of which he cultivates and the remainder he devotes to pasture. He raises a yearly average of 150 head of cattle and 150 hogs, and is said to have never sold a bushel of grain or a ton of hay, feeding it to his own stock. He is a man of ability, foresight and good judgment, and the success which has come to him is due solely to his many years of steady industry and capable management of his affairs.

In 1857 Mr. Perrine was united in marriage with Sarah J. Anderson, a

daughter of Silas Anderson, and the following children were born to them: Ellen; Anna; Ada; Frank; William; and John. Politically, Mr. Perrine was a Republican for some 30 years, but is now a Democrat, having supported Grover Cleveland and, later, William Jennings Bryan for the presidency.

ROBERT JARMAN.

ROBERT JARMAN, a prominent and substantial farmer of Shaw's Point township, Macoupin County, owning a magnificent farm of 400 acres, situated in sections 23, 24 and 27, has long been one of the leading men of his section of the county. Mr. Jarman was born May 2, 1833, in Devonshire, England, and is a son of Phillip and Elizabeth (Sloman) Jarman.

Phillip Jarman was born in England and spent his whole life in that country. He learned the mason's trade and was employed almost all his life on one of the big Devonshire estates. He was almost 90 years of age at the time of his demise and had been for years a consistent member of the Church of England. He was the father of eight children, namely: William, of Alton, Illinois; Phillip, of Devonshire, England; Mary, who died in England in youth; Margaret (1) and Margaret (2), both of whom died young; Robert, of this sketch; John, who died at Pana, Illinois; and Isaac, who died at Carlinville.

Robert Jarman was reared in what is probably the most beautiful part of England, but it did not offer sufficient business opportunities for such a young man as was our subject at the age of 20 years, and he decided to cross the ocean in search of better conditions. Taking passage in the sailing ship "Rose of Plymouth," bound from Plymouth to Quebec, he finally reached his destination after a voyage of seven weeks and two days, being detained on the shores of Newfoundland for 21 days by dense fogs. Before finally settling in Macoupin County, Mr. Jarman visited a number of places and engaged in various employments. From Quebec he went to Montreal, thence to Ogdensburg, New York, thence in turn to Buffalo, Detroit and Chicago. When he landed at the last named town, at that time rather uninviting, he possessed \$15. He soon secured farm work at Waukegan, Illinois, and then

pressed on as far into the agricultural regions as Alton. There he was engaged in a butcher shop for two years and then engaged again in farming, passing 10 years in Jersey County. In 1860 Mr. Jarman came first to Macoupin County and bought a farm in Honey Point township, but four years later purchased 120 acres in Shaw's Point township, to which he has added until it now aggregates 400 acres. This is unquestionably one of the finest farms in the county and all its valuable improvements have been placed here by Mr. Jarman. It is known as the Hill Stock Farm and its products are known over a wide extent. Mr. Jarman has been much interested in the breeding of fine horses and at one time kept three thorough-bred stallions. Recently he has made an addition to his stables of a fine stallion for which he paid \$500, although it is but 11 months old. His present stable includes 13 head of horses and two mules. He keeps from 80 to 100 head of Shorthorn cattle, 100 head of Berkshire hogs and many Oxford-Down and Cotswold sheep. He feeds all his own stock and cultivates 100 acres of corn, 40 acres of wheat and 25 of oats. Mr. Jarman farms in a scientific manner and thoroughly understands agriculture in all its branches. With intelligent, successful agriculturists like Mr. Jarman, farming is much more than the holding of the plow, planting, and reaping, and his wonderful success may in part be attributed to the close study he has given to soil, drainage, climate and the kindred subjects, included in prosperous agricultural operations.

In the fall of 1864, Mr. Jarman enlisted for service in the Civil War, in Company K, 144th Reg., Illinois Vol. Inf., under Captain Usted, and until ill and sent to the hospital at St. Louis, he did guard duty at Alton and St. Louis, being mustered out May 24, 1865.

On March 4, 1861, Mr. Jarman was married to Selinda McDow, who was born April 28, 1835, in Jersey County, Illinois, and is a daughter of Thomas and Mary (Lindsey) McDow, natives of North Carolina and Kentucky, respectively. Nine children were born to this union, of whom the following have been reared: Maggie M., who married William Rose, of Shaw's Point township, and has two children, Mary E. and Robert R.; Elmer E., a resident of California, who married Emma Ebert and has three children, Eddie, Fred and Flossie; Carrie Eliza, who died at the age of 20 years in 1888; Laura, who married William Helfer, of Jacksonville, Illinois; Charles O., who married Sophia Helfer, and has four children—Blanche, Fern, Robert E. and Dale; and Myrtle, who married Hurley Herselman and

resides in Montgomery County, Illinois. Mrs. Jarman is a consistent member of the Christian Church of Shaw's Point and is a lady very generally esteemed.

Mr. Jarman is a member of the Shaw's Point H. T. D. S. and the Farmers' Mutual Benefit Association. He belongs to the local G. A. R. Post and attended the late National Encampment held at San Francisco, California. During his absence from home Mr. Jarman took occasion to travel extensively through the West, and visited many points of interest. He is one of the most progressive and valued citizens of Macoupin County, and sustains the reputation of being at all times ready to aid, financially or otherwise, the benevolent or public spirited enterprises of his community.



JOHN REICHMANN.

Among the distinguished and progressive farmers who have been successfully engaged in the pursuits of agriculture in Macoupin County, is the gentleman whose name heads this personal sketch, who resides on his handsome farm of 70 acres in section 30, Carlinville township. He was born November 18, 1858, and is a son of John and Catherine (Hoffman) Reichmann.

John Reichmann, Sr., who was a native of Germany, came to Illinois about 1850, and purchased a farm in Carlinville township, where he farmed for many years, and finally accumulated a competency, enabling him to pass the remaining days of his life in retirement. He then removed to Carlinville, where he died in September, 1898. He was married to Catherine Hoffman, who was also a native of Germany, and they were the parents of seven children, namely: Jacob, deceased; John, the subject of this sketch; Maggie; Charles; Edward; Henry, and one child who died in infancy. In his political belief he favored the Democratic party, and at one time held the office of school trustee. In religious belief he was a member of the German Evangelical Church.

John Reichmann received his education in the common schools of Ma-

coupin County, and has led the life of a farmer. After reaching the years of manhood, he rented a farm and began what has proved to be a most successful career. Having operated the rented farm for some years, he was enabled to purchase his present farm, which he has successfully tilled since 1901. He also devotes considerable attention to stock raising, and is prominently identified with the stock raisers of his community. Politically our subject is a member of the Democratic party, and is at present serving as school trustee. In fraternal circles he is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America.

In 1889 Mr. Reichmann married Mary Silvertson, and they are the parents of two children,—Frederick and Theodore. Our subject and his family are members of the German Evangelical Church.



JACKSON HALL.

JACKSON HALL, a prominent farmer of Shaw's Point township, Macoupin County, who owns a well improved farm of 90 acres, situated in section 28, was born in 1827, in Washington County, Tennessee, and is a son of Thomas and Peggy (Hall) Hall.

Thomas Hall was a son of James Hall, who had a family of six children, namely: James, Thomas, Than, Peggie, Eliza and Samuel. His ancestors were from North Carolina. The family was a prominent agricultural one of Eastern Tennessee and there Thomas Hall followed farming all his life, at Baker's Falls, dying at the age of 80 years. He married a distant relative, also a native of Washington County, Tennessee, and they reared these children: John, James, Jackson, Polly and Betsy (twins), Sarah Alexander, Amos, David, Martha, Eliza, Emaline and Samuel. In politics Mr. Hall supported the Democratic party. For many years he was a leading member of the Presbyterian Church in his locality. About 1858 the mother of our subject was killed and several of the family were injured in a tornado that destroyed their house.

Jackson Hall was educated in the local schools in his native place and was a young man of 23 years when he came to Illinois, locating first in

Greene County, at a later date, settling on his present farm in Macoupin County. Through energy, industry and enterprise, Mr. Hall has made his property very productive and valuable and has improved it with two dwellings and suitable barns and outbuildings for both. He has given attention to a general line of farming, raises about 2,000 bushels of corn annually and has 30 acres devoted to wheat, sometimes renting land for the cultivation of the latter grain. Mr. Hall has found it profitable to raise swine and keeps about 50 head, and also raises a number of good horses and mules.

Mr. Hall's first marriage was to Martha Sullens, who was born in Tennessee, and who at death left one child,—Margaret, wife of Robert Garrison, who lives in Macoupin County. Mr. Hall's second marriage was to Mary Millhorn who was born September 2, 1844, in Sullivan County, Tennessee, and is a daughter of Jackson and Ann Millhorn, who passed their lives in Sullivan County. Two children have been born to this union, namely: John, born May 9, 1884, and Susie, born October 19, 1885, both of whom are at home.

In politics Mr. Hall is a Democrat, but has taken no very active part in public affairs, having no desire to hold office. The prosperous condition of his farm shows that he has given it careful and intelligent attention, and he is ranked with the substantial men of his township.



RANDOLPH P. ANDERSON.

RANDOLPH P. ANDERSON, a well known and honored citizen of Carlinville, Macoupin County, now living retired from active business, comes of Irish and Scotch ancestry. He was born February 25, 1832, on a farm near Newark, New Jersey, the son of Robert and Nancy (Moore) Anderson.

Robert Anderson was born in Ireland, of which country, so far as known, his father, James Anderson, was also a native and a lifelong resident. Robert Anderson was reared in his native land, and when a young man, with three of his brothers, came to America, locating in New Jersey, while his brothers settled in the Southern States. He was a brick molder by trade and followed that business in New Jersey for 15 years. He then

bought a farm near Newark upon which he resided until 1838 when he removed to Indiana and settled in Randolph County where he was a pioneer. He bought a tract of timber land near the Ohio State line and built a log house on the place. He split boards for the roof and puncheons for the floor; the chimney was built of earth and sticks. At that early day there was an abundance of game—deer and turkeys were very plentiful. For some years there were no railways and Piqua, 37 miles distant, was the nearest market. The merchants would pay for grain and hay in merchandise only. At that time but little value was placed upon lumber, and when clearing land huge logs were rolled together in heaps and burned. The father of our subject developed a farm from the wilderness, which he sold at an advance, and bought another tract of timber land, a mile distant from his first purchase. This he also built upon and cleared the land but finally sold it. He then purchased a small piece of land, erected a comfortable home and there dwelt until his death. His wife, who was a native of Scotland, came to this country with her father, Isaac Moore. Her death took place upon the home place in Randolph County. Both she and her husband were devoted Christians and members of the Baptist Church. They reared a family of 13 children to useful lives.

Randolph P. Anderson was but six years old when his parents removed to Indiana, and in that State he was reared and educated. He early attended school in a primitive log school house, and as soon as he was able commenced to assist in the duties of the farm, residing with his parents until he was 14 years old, when he began to do farm work by the day or month for others. He received 10 cents a day for his labor, and by the month was paid \$4 or \$5, and had to work hard from daylight until dark. He continued working out until he was 17, and then served three and one-half years in Union City, Indiana, to learn the trade of blacksmith. After that he did "jour" work in that State until 1855, when he came to Carlinsville, Macoupin County, commencing here as a journeyman and finally opening a carriage and general blacksmith shop, in which he continued until 1884, when he retired from active business. He was very much prospered, and succeeded in accumulating a valuable property, the possession of which places him among the moneyed men of Macoupin County. He has purchased farm land from time to time, some of which he has sold but he still owns upward of 500 acres, all of which is located within a convenient distance of Carlinsville.

On October 30, 1862, Mr. Anderson was united in marriage to L.

Helena McGinnis. She was born in North Otter township, Macoupin County, and is a daughter of G. Martin McGinnis, who was born in Wayne County, Missouri. Mrs. Anderson's great-grandfather was born in Ireland, and immigrated to this country. His son James, the next in line of descent, was a pioneer farmer of Missouri; from that State he came to Illinois, and his death took place in Madison County. The father of Mrs. Anderson was quite young when his parents took up their residence in this State. After his marriage with Elizabeth B. Haines, a daughter of James Haines, he located in Macoupin County and was an active pioneer of Bird township. He purchased a tract of land, partially improved, and engaged in agriculture, and there he spent his last days, his death taking place August 19, 1895. His wife's death took place April 26, 1852. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson are the parents of two children. Anna A. Anderson, the daughter, married Lee Dusenberry, and has three children—Earl R., Fenton E. and Myrtle H. Robert R. Anderson, the son, who is a prominent farmer of Macoupin County, married Nettie Hunter, who was born in Greene County, Illinois, and they have one child, Martha E., who was born in February, 1900. The term "self-made" may most properly be applied to Mr. Anderson, for through life he has had to depend entirely on his own exertions, but with a determination to succeed he worked earnestly and constantly, and now at his advanced age can rest from all care and anxiety, with the consciousness that his present prosperity is due to his own industry and ability, ably seconded by the cooperation of his faithful wife.



WILLIAM RONKSLEY.

WILLIAM RONKSLEY, deceased, was born in Sheffield, Yorkshire, England, in 1829, and died in Macoupin County, Illinois, in 1890, leaving a farm of 240 acres in section 35, and one of 78 acres in section 26, Western Mound township.

The father of the late William Ronksley was James Ronksley, who came with his family to America in 1844. They remained in Illinois a few years, but finally returned to England, where James Ronksley died. In 1855

our subject returned to Illinois and located for one year in Morgan County, but in 1860 he removed to Macoupin County and settled in Chesterfield township, where he remained until 1869, when he purchased the valuable farms in Western Mound township, of which he was the owner at the time of his death. He followed an agricultural life and took a prominent place among the farmers of this section of the State.

In 1856, at Jacksonville, Morgan County, Illinois, Mr. Ronksley married Mary Roberts, who was a daughter of Richard Roberts, who came to Illinois from England as one of the pioneer settlers of Morgan County. She died in 1897, aged 71 years, leaving four children, viz: Fanny, who is engaged in the dressmaking business in the village of Chesterfield; George, a resident of Kansas City, engaged in postoffice cabinet work, who married Sarah Albin, daughter of William Albin, a farmer of Missouri, and has one child—Ona Mildred; Hannah, who married Oliver Carter, foreman of the chair department of the Joliet State Penitentiary, and has three children—William Robert, George Oliver and Ethel Fay; and Nellie, who married James O. Bates and has one child—Evelyn Ruth. James O. Bates rents and operates the homestead farm.

In politics Mr. Ronksley was a Republican. He was a quiet man, a kind husband and father and good neighbor, and was always held in esteem for his high character. He did his part in building up the various enterprises which have developed this section, and he left a family that is everywhere respected.

WILLIAM J. HART.

WILLIAM J. HART, a prominent farmer of Honey Point township, Macoupin County, owning a fine farm of 160 acres, situated in section 29, was born August 31, 1832, in Morgan County, Illinois, and is a son of Capt. Washington and Mary (McDonald) Hart.

Capt. Washington Hart, so called on account of his rank in the Illinois State militia, was born at Nashville, Tennessee, and was the sixth son of David Hart, the other sons bearing the names of: Solomon, David, Charles, Anderson, Nathan, Daniel and Caleb. Of this family all came to Illinois

except one who remained in Tennessee and one who settled in Missouri. The Hart brothers settled on the prairie near Jacksonville, giving the name of Hart's Prairie to that locality. There Washington Hart was reared and in his younger days was a drover and stock dealer, later becoming a merchant at Hornsby where he built the first house, locating there in our subject's childhood. He was a man of considerable prominence in politics and was widely known on account of his connection with the militia. His death took place in 1865, at the age of 54 years. In religious connection he was a member and liberal supporter of the Christian Church. He married Mary McDonald, who was born at Nashville, Tennessee, a daughter of John McDonald, and they became the parents of four children, namely: William J.; John, who is in a real estate business at Lincoln, Nebraska; and Mahala and Martha, both of whom died young.

William J. Hart attended the local schools during boyhood, and has resided in Macoupin County since he was six years of age. His vocation has always been farming and the raising of stock, and he is one who has met with much success. He has made a leading feature the raising of high grade cattle and stock, favoring Poland-China and Chester White swine, on several occasions having animals of the latter breed that weighed 800 pounds. Formerly Mr. Hart raised much wheat but has entirely given up wheat growing, raising now more corn and oats than any other products. He is comfortably and conveniently located and well situated to enjoy all the blessings which attend the independent life of the Illinois farmer.

On September 30, 1851, Mr. Hart was married to Sarah J. Mitchell, who was born November 16, 1831, in Kentucky, and is a daughter of Elisha and Elizabeth (Coffee) Mitchell, both of whom were natives of the Blue Grass State. Five children were born to this union, namely: Mahlon E., who at death left a widow and two children,—Bessie and Ora; Sylvester, a resident of Honey Point township, who has eight children,—Samuel, Sylvester, Verne, Orvil, Vergie, Icy, Myrtie and Ross; Walter C., also a resident of Honey Point township, who has six children,—Larkin, Myrtle, Gertrude, Hattie, Washington and Daisy; William W., a resident of Hilyard township, who has one son,—Edward; and Ida J., who resides at home. Mr. Hart has also one great-grandchild, little Sybil Hart, daughter of Larkin Hart.

In politics Mr. Hart, like his ancestors, has always supported the Demo-

cratic party, but has never accepted any public office except that he served as a member of the School Board for 12 years. Both he and his wife have been consistent members of the Baptist Church for more than 50 years. They are well known all through Honey Point township and are among its most respected residents.

JOSEPH PENNINGTON.

Among the self made men of Macoupin County, farmers by vocation, who have succeeded through their own energy and perseverance, and to-day are proprietors of fine and productive farms, who are able to pass the sunset of life in the enjoyment of a competency obtained through years of honest toil and economy, is our subject whose name heads this notice. He is pleasantly located on his farm of 160 acres, situated in sections 4 and 9, Bunker Hill township. He was born on his present farm, August 12, 1851, and is a son of James T. and Cynthia (Bullman) Pennington. The Penningtons are of Scotch descent.

James T. Pennington was born at Liberty Corner, Somerset County, New Jersey, May 26, 1818, and came to Illinois in 1839, taking up from the government the farm now belonging to our subject. When he located in this county the country was yet unsettled and he built his house by splitting out logs. James T. Pennington passed through the toils and hardships of pioneer life but finally succeeded in attaining a high position among the prosperous business men of his locality. He was also a skilled hand at the carpenter's trade, having been an apprentice to that trade when 17 years of age. In political circles, Mr. Pennington was an active member of the Democratic party, and was the choice of that party many times for various offices. He first served in the capacity of justice of the peace for one year. In 1871 he was chosen the first supervisor of Bunker Hill township, and in 1872 was chosen as county sheriff, being later reelected to that office, serving two terms. Previous to that time, in 1860, he had been elected a member of the State House of Representatives, and had helped to pass many bills in support of the war. Mr. Pennington was also interested in the mercantile business. Fraternally he was a member of the Masons. Mr. Pennington was married to

Cynthia Bullman, who was a native of New Jersey, and five children were born to them, namely: Elias, a resident of New Mexico, where he is interested in stock raising; Idel (Ament), a resident of Texas; James W., a prominent farmer of Bunker Hill township; Joseph, our subject, and Lawrence, who died at the age of 27 years. Mr. Pennington died on the homestead farm in Bunker Hill township in 1894.

Joseph Pennington has always resided on his present farm, and has continually cultivated the place. He devotes his farm to general farming and stock raising and has proved himself to be a skilled hand at both. He also owns 114 acres in Hilyard township. Politically, Mr. Pennington is a member of the Democratic party, but takes only a citizen's interest in political affairs.

On February 24, 1879, Mr. Pennington was married to Mary E. Ament, who is a native of Missouri, and the estimable daughter of James E. and Emily Ament, natives of Tennessee and Illinois, respectively. Mr. and Mrs. Pennington are the parents of one child, Chester, who is a graduate of the Bunker Hill High School.



HENRY SCHOENEMANN.

HENRY SCHOENEMANN, who is an esteemed resident of Bunker Hill, is a well known retired farmer of Dorchester township, Macoupin County, where he owns a fine farm of 156 acres, situated in sections 3, 4 and 5, and is also a survivor of the great Civil War, in which he served as a faithful soldier for three long years. Mr. Schoenemann was born in Brunswick, Germany, June 23, 1840, and is a son of Henry and Charlotta (Long) Schoenemann.

The parents of our subject were both born in Germany. In 1870 they came to America and joined their son Henry. Here the father died, two years later, aged 63 years. The mother survived until 1900, dying at the age of 82 years. They had a family of eight children, and two of the daughters and three of the sons found homes in the United States.

Henry Schoenemann was 19 years old when he left the port of Bremen,

on a slow sailing vessel, for the United States. After a long voyage of two and a half months, the craft cast anchor at New Orleans in December, 1859, and as Illinois was the State in which our subject desired to settle he came up the Mississippi to St. Louis, and proceeded thence to Madison County, where he immediately found farm work, by the month, and was making fair wages at the time of the outbreak of the Civil War. On August 15, 1861, he enlisted as a private in Company I, 8th Reg., Illinois Vol. Inf., under Col. Richard Oglesby, afterward Governor of the State. This regiment under its gallant commander took a conspicuous part in the campaigns of the Army of the Tennessee, starting from Cairo, Illinois, taking in all the movements at different points in Missouri, participating in the terrific battles at Fort Henry, Fort Donelson, Shiloh and Corinth. The regiment won distinction wherever its fighting quality was tested. It then went to Jackson, Tennessee, thence to Meaton Station, to Bolivar and La Grange, to Hollow Springs and Oxford, Mississippi, and other points where the railroads required watching and guarding, then to Memphis, Lake Providence and Milliken's Bend, Louisiana, and then to Vicksburg, meeting the fleet of Admiral Farragut and acting in conjunction with it. The whole history of this regiment of gallant men includes the battles which did much to preserve the nation's life at that critical juncture. Every day from May 18 to July 4, 1863, the notable day of the surrender of Vicksburg, Mr. Schoenemann, with his brave companions, was under fire, his last work prior to the expiration of his term of service being an expedition to destroy bridges and to prevent the advance of the enemy's army. He was honorably discharged in August, 1864, having escaped both wounds and capture, although his clothing was riddled with bullets.

Upon his return to civil life, Mr. Schoenemann came to Macoupin County and after working for three years on a farm, by the month, he bought 85 acres in Shelby County, which he operated for three and a half years. He then came to his present excellent property in Dorchester township, and engaged in its cultivation and improvement until 1891, when he retired to Bunker Hill, where he and his wife reside in great comfort.

On February 23, 1868, Mr. Schoenemann was married to Georgiana Wohlert, who was born in Holstein, Germany, and accompanied her parents to America in 1866.

Mr. Schoenemann is not a pensioner of the Civil War, but he is a

valued member of J. M. Hubbard Post, No. 721, G. A. R., of Bunker Hill, and also of the Harugari, a German order. In politics he is a Republican.

CHARLES W. YORK

CHARLES W. YORK, the present supervisor of Honey Point township, Macoupin County, and the owner of a fine farm of 200 acres, situated in sections 9 and 16, was born in this township on September 1, 1866, and is a son of William C. and Mary (Wallace) York.

Joel York, the grandfather of Charles W. York, was a native of Tennessee, and was one of the early pioneers who joined the movement to Illinois when the latter State began to offer lands to those who wished to better their condition through honest industry. He settled in Morgan County, but died soon after, leaving five children, namely: Joseph, Nimrod, William, Wesley and Mrs. Nancy Scott.

William C. York was born in Tennessee and accompanied his father to Illinois. He began life with very limited means, but when he settled in Honey Point township, Macoupin County, he began to accumulate land and at his death in 1873 he left a well cultivated and improved farm of 270 acres. He was a man of considerable prominence in his section, holding many of the local offices within the gift of the Democratic party, serving at one time as a deputy sheriff of the county. He was a man of sterling character and his name is remembered with expressions of respect. Fraternally he was a Mason. Religiously he was a Baptist. William C. York married Mary Wallace, who was born in Illinois, and nine children were born to them, three of whom were living when the parents both died within a few days of each other, and but two of whom survived to maturity. Walter lived to be 18 years old. Lucetta died at the age of 24 years, the wife of Daniel Hutton, to whom she left two children—Charles and Eugene.

Charles W. York, the only survivor of the above mentioned family, has always made his home in Honey Point township. His large farm is devoted to stock raising and to the production of wheat, oats, corn and hay. High grade Durham cattle are raised here, Poland China hogs and many fine horses.



HON. W. L. MOUNTS.

In 1887 Mr. York married Mary E. Nimmons, who was born in Montgomery County, Illinois, and is a daughter of John and Maria Nimmons. Three children have been born to them, namely: Mabel C., Ernest John, and Oren C.

Mr. York has always been more or less interested in politics, is a staunch Democrat, and is serving his second term as township supervisor. He has most efficiently filled other offices and is regarded as one of the leading members of the party in his section. He is not only one of the township's best farmers, but he is also one of its most wide-awake and public spirited citizens.



HON. W. L. MOUNTS.

HON. W. L. MOUNTS, one of the most prominent public men of Macoupin County, whose portrait accompanies this sketch, is a member of the legal profession and has been a lifelong resident of Carlinville. He was born August 31, 1862, and is a son of Leander W. and Elizabeth (Davis) Mounts.

Mr. Mounts is descended from French Huguenot stock. His great-grandfather, William Mounts, who was a native of Virginia, removed to Warren County, Ohio, as early as 1792. There Watson Mounts, our subject's grandfather, was born, being the first white child born in that county. Leander W. Mounts was born in Warren County, Ohio, November 30, 1829, and came to Illinois in 1856, locating at Fayette, Greene County. He removed to Carlinville, Macoupin County, in 1857, following his trade as a carpenter there for some years, but having earned a competency retired in early life. His death occurred February 8, 1900; he was survived by his widow who lived in Carlinville until her death, January 13, 1904. Leander W. Mounts was united in marriage with Elizabeth Davis, who was born in Grayson County, Kentucky, February 1, 1825, and to this union were born the following children: Emma, who died at the age of 14 years; Flora G., wife of A. H. Bell of Carlinville; Nannie, who died at the age of 14 months; W. L., the subject of this biography; and Walter S., who died in 1896, aged 27 years. Mrs. Mounts was a member of the Methodist Church for many

years. Mr. Mounts was a Christian in every sense of the word but was a member of no church organization. Politically he was a staunch Democrat.

W. L. Mounts, the fourth child born to his parents, received a preliminary educational training in the public schools, after which he attended Blackburn University, from which he was graduated in 1881. He taught school from the time of his graduation until 1884, then read law for two years with the firm of Anderson & Bell of Carlinville, and on August 25, 1885, was admitted to the bar. He engaged actively in practice for some years and numbered many of the leading citizens and business firms of the community among his clients. He was frequently elected by the Democratic party to positions of public trust, serving from 1886 to 1887 as city treasurer. He served efficiently in the capacity of city attorney and in 1890 was elected mayor of Carlinville by the largest majority ever given a candidate for that office, also being the youngest executive the city has ever had. He was elected to the General Assembly of Illinois in the fall of 1892, was renominated by acclamation and elected in 1894, and in 1896 was nominated and elected State Senator. In 1898 he received the unanimous instruction of the Macoupin County delegation for member of Congress, and lost the nomination by only one vote. In 1900 his name was again placed in nomination for member of Congress, and it was only after the hardest fight ever made in a convention in this district that he was defeated. There were 2,555 ballots taken, and the session lasted for two weeks. In 1898 he was selected as member at large of the State Democratic Central Committee, and on its organization was elected secretary, in which capacity he now serves. He was also chairman of the State committee on speakers during the campaign of 1900, with headquarters in Chicago. He was appointed by Governor Yates as one of the Democratic members of the St. Louis World's Fair Commission to represent the State of Illinois. He has always been enthusiastic in his support of Democratic principles, and is a power in his party.

On June 18, 1884, Mr. Mounts was united in marriage with Effie M. Anderson, a daughter of C. H. C. Anderson of Carlinville, and they have three children: Bruce H., Marion E., and William W. Mrs. Mounts is a member of the Methodist Church, and he is a liberal supporter of various churches and enterprises. He is a member of Mount Nebo Lodge, No. 76, A. F. & A. M.; Carlinville Chapter, R. A. M.; St. Omar Commandery, K. T., of Litchfield; Moolah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; Orient Lodge No. 95, K. of P.; and the Lodge No. 654, B. P. O. E., of Litchfield, Illinois.

Mr. Mounts has been practically retired from the practice of law since 1890, and has devoted his attention to looking after his extensive and varied business interests. He is interested in the banking house of C. H. C. Anderson, has extensive farming interests, and is president of the Carlinville Gas & Electric Light Company. He is a most enterprising and public spirited citizen, and has lent his hearty support to all measures calculated to benefit and develop the city.

WILLIAM E. TAYLOR.

WILLIAM E. TAYLOR, a prosperous farmer residing in section 22, Brushy Mound township, Macoupin County, is a native of this county, born in Gillespie township, on July 26, 1837. He is a son of Arthur and Sarah A. (Rose) Taylor, and grandson of William Taylor, who was a native of North Carolina. The Taylor family is of Scotch-Irish descent and was established in North Carolina in the colonial days.

Arthur Taylor, father of our subject, was born in South Carolina, and was there reared to manhood, working as a farm laborer when a boy. In 1832 he came to the State of Illinois and received a patent to a tract of land in Gillespie township, Macoupin County, where he lived the remainder of his days. He died in 1872, aged about 66 years. He was a Whig, and later a Democrat in politics. He was united in marriage with Sarah A. Rose, who was born near Princeton, New Jersey. She died in 1882, aged 68 years. They were of the Baptist faith.

William E. Taylor received his educational training in the old log school houses which characterized this county in the early period of its development. He took to agricultural pursuits at an early day, and has followed this vocation with marked success all his life. Working hard and living frugally he was enabled to acquire property of his own, and at the present time owns a valuable farm of 280 acres in Brushy Mound township. He follows general farming and stock raising, his farm being well stocked with animals of a high class.

In 1864, Mr. Taylor was joined in marriage with Eliza Blue, who died the year following without issue. In 1868, our subject was married

to Martha Kiltner, whose parents were among the early settlers of Macoupin County. Six children were born to bless this union, namely: Lucy (Beam) and Lydia (Whitworth), twins; Anna (Whitworth); William; Ella; and Roy. The family are Baptists in religious attachment. Politically, Mr. Taylor is a staunch Democrat and takes an active interest in local politics. He has held the offices of township supervisor, commissioner of highways, overseer, justice of the peace, and has served as a member of the School Board in his district for the past 15 years. He has also served on the Democratic Central Committee, in which capacity he rendered valuable assistance to his party.

JACOB T. SARGENT.

JACOB T. SARGENT is one of the representative men of Macoupin County. He came from New Hampshire in 1857 and has since resided on his farm north of Carlinville with the exception of two years spent in Nebraska. He is an enterprising and progressive farmer, striving to enrich and beautify his farm rather than reap great gain therefrom.

Mr. Sargent was born July 28, 1832, his parents being descended from the old Puritan stock. He inherited from his "Yankee" forefathers a vein of ingenuity which made him the inventor of several practical appliances to be used on farms for the most part.

In 1857 Mr. Sargent was married to Maria L. Braley, also a native of New England. Five children were born of this union, four of whom are living. While not remaining in Macoupin County, each one is a worthy addition to the place chosen for his home. Capt. Herbert H. is a United States Army officer and a military author of marked ability. Charles E. of Chicago is a mechanical engineer—the inventor of the "Sargent Gas Engine" and several other mechanical devices which have brought him some fame in his profession. Grace Venus is a teacher in the Chicago public schools and a progressive student. Edith M. is the wife of Roy B. Peebles, a successful business man of Chicago. Mr. Sargent's family is an honor to him and he is well repaid for his determination to educate his children even though it was a struggle in the early days.

Mr. Sargent's marked interest in Christianity, temperance, education and charity has won for him a place in the hearts of all who know him.

JOHN TITCHENAL.

JOHN TITCHENAL, one of the well known citizens and successful farmers of Bunker Hill township, Macoupin County, who owns a well cultivated farm of 160 acres, situated in section 31, was born in Culpeper County, Virginia, July 20, 1835, and is a son of Andrew and Nancy (Ogden) Titchenal.

David Titchenal, the grandfather of our subject, settled in western Virginia in early days on a farm so intersected with mountain spurs, that it was described as having 57 corners. However, on this farm David Titchenal prospered and was accounted the only wealthy man of his neighborhood. Both he and a son served in the War of 1812. His children were: William, John, Andrew, Moses, Daniel, David and Mrs. Margaret Little.

Andrew Titchenal, father of our subject, was born in 1800 in Virginia on his father's farm in Harrison County, and died in 1855, in Madison County, Illinois. Although he owned land and did considerable farming, he was more inclined to live the life of a hunter and trapper, preferring log cabins in the woods where he could enjoy a life near to nature. He made a good income from the sale of deer and other game, being a fine shot. He was reared in Democratic principles and, like his father, always took an interest in politics. He married Nancy Ogden, who could trace her ancestry to Lord Ogden, an English peer. She was born in Virginia and died in Macoupin County, Illinois, in 1876, aged 69 years. William Ogden, the maternal grandfather of our subject, was 12 years of age when his father enlisted for service in the Revolutionary War. Andrew Titchenal and wife had 13 children: Julia A., William R., David, Mary L., Martin V., Phoebe, John, Melissa J., Thomas B., Virginia, George W., Rebecca, and a babe which died in infancy. Julia A., now 82 years of age, married John Johns and they moved to Salem, Oregon, in 1850; and there her brother William R. died in 1857, aged 21 years. David, who is a farmer, lives in the State of Washington. Mary L. married Elias W. Wilder and died in 1865. Martin V. went overland to California in 1853 and died in Oregon in 1858. Phoebe (Mrs. Harris) died in 1865, at Litchfield, Illinois. Melissa J. (Mrs. Williams) lives in Madison County, Illinois, where Thomas B., who is a farmer, also lives. Virginia (Mrs. Hill) is also a resident of Madison County, Illinois. George W. went to Kansas City and is a contractor there. Rebecca (Mrs. McGovern) resides in Madison County, Illinois.

Our subject was four years of age when his parents settled at Alton, Illinois, later they removed to Alton township, Madison County. For a number of years the family resided in various neighborhoods. In 1870 our subject came to Macoupin County and has resided here ever since. In early manhood he learned the cooper's trade which he followed from 1854 until 1867, with the exception of 1862, which he spent in the army. He enlisted in Company G, 150th Reg., Illinois Vol. Inf., under Captain Swift and served in Tennessee and Georgia, and as a teamster in Missouri. Mr. Titchenal has carried on general farming and stock raising, but for some years has given the operation of the farm to his son Frank.

In 1869 Mr. Titchenal married Katherine Loyd, who was born in Madison County, Illinois, March 15, 1835, and died at the home in Bunker Hill township, Macoupin County, February 19, 1899. She was a daughter of James and Elizabeth (Dooling) Loyd, natives of Ireland. Three children were born to this union: Mary L., who married James Taylor of Alton and has three children—Ethel, Allen and Chester; Frank M., who married Daisy Spencer and has four children—Oscar E., Gladys M., Spencer and Samuel E., all residing with our subject; and Thomas Edwin, who is connected with a business house at East St. Louis.

Mr. Titchenal is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. He is well known in Bunker Hill township and is very highly esteemed. He very distinctly recalls pioneer days in this locality and many of his reminiscences, if collected, would make interesting pages in a history of those times.



ASA CLINTON MITCHELL.

ASA CLINTON MITCHELL, one of the prominent and progressive farmers of Honey Point township, Macoupin County, owning a fine farm of 120 acres in section 15, has always lived in Macoupin County, where he was born August 26, 1865. He is a son of Elijah and Hannah (Hollensworth) Mitchell.

Elijah Mitchell was one of the early pioneers of Macoupin County, where he entered land in 1825, coming to the State from Kentucky. Although a man of no book learning, he was successful in business and prominent in the affairs of the township. At his death, which occurred August

17, 1877, at the age of 77 years, he owned 3,000 acres of land, all of which he had accumulated through his own exertions. In politics he was a staunch Democrat. In religious views he was a Baptist. His first marriage was to Jane Moore and a family of 12 children were born to this union, two of the well known survivors in this locality being William T. Mitchell and Travis Moore Mitchell. His second marriage was to Hannah Hollensworth, who was born in America of English parentage. The children of this marriage were the following: Mrs. Mary Perrine of Brushy Mound township; Ansel J., of Arizona; Archibald H., of Honey Point township; Mrs. Matilda Anderson, deceased; Asa Clinton, of this sketch; Ira, of Honey Point; Mrs. Henrietta Baughman of Honey Point; and two who died in infancy.

Our subject was 12 years of age when his father died. His boyhood was passed in attending the local schools and in assisting on the home farm. His interests have always centered in agriculture and his fine farm of 120 acres shows the results of intelligent management. Mr. Mitchell has taken a great interest in the raising of fine cattle and hogs, preferring in the former the Red Polled strain and in the latter the Poland-China breed. He devotes 40 acres to corn and the same acreage to wheat, having the rest of his land in grass, with the exception of one acre of apple and peach orchard. His land is well situated and ranks with any other farming land in the township.

In 1885 Mr. Mitchell was married to Pearl Hull, who was born in Missouri, and is a daughter of Joseph Hull. Twelve children were born to them, namely: Clement, Elizabeth, Della, Harvey, Ruth, Stephen, Nora, Myron, and Homer Elijah, all of whom are being prepared for the duties of life; and Charles Ira, John C. and Willard Guy, who died in infancy.

In politics Mr. Mitchell is a Democrat, but has never accepted public office, devoting his attention exclusively to his farm. In religious connection he is a Baptist. He is a man known to be honest and upright, progressive and intelligent, and he is respected and esteemed by all who know him.



REV. SAMUEL LUTHER STIVER, A. M., B. D., PH. D., D. C. L.

REV. SAMUEL LUTHER STIVER, A. M., B. D., PH. D., D. C. L., one of the many educators of the State of Illinois, and superintendent of the Bunker Hill Military Academy, was born at Potter's Mills, Center County,

Pennsylvania, November 1, 1848. He is a son of Thomas J. and Mary F. Stiver.

The Stiver family is of German extraction but has been settled in America for many generations. The patriots of the Revolutionary War included Michael and Samuel Stiver—the great-grandfather and the grandfather of Professor Stiver—who served under Gen. James Potter, and later settled at Potter's Mills, where Thomas J. Stiver was born. The latter was a successful farmer, and one of the reliable men of his neighborhood, instinctively selected to fill the responsible offices in county and township. He belonged, in his early manhood, to the State militia of Center County, Pennsylvania. A man of intelligence and good judgment, he took a deep interest in educational matters and served frequently as a school officer. Being Presbyterian in religious belief, his life was ordered in consonance with that faith. He married Mary F. Beuch, who was a daughter of William and Hester Beuch, and a granddaughter of John M. Beuch, a very prominent man of affairs in the early history of Center County, his name appearing on many public documents on record at the county seat, who married Christina Moser, a daughter of Philip Moser. The father of the latter (Burkhart Moser) came from Germany in 1740 and settled in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, and became the owner of the great body of coal lands which embrace the city of Tamaqua and adjacent regions.

Eight children were born to the parents of Dr. Stiver, namely: Samuel Luther, our subject; William B., a physician at Freeport, Illinois; Maggie H., Center Hall, Pennsylvania; Pery O., editor and proprietor of the daily and weekly *Democrat*, Freeport, Illinois; Roland J., a physician at Lena, Illinois; Mary L., wife of Dr. J. E. Ward of Bellefonte, Pennsylvania; Thomas J., a physician at Lena, Illinois; and David S., a dentist in Chicago.

Dr. Stiver passed his boyhood on his father's farm and attended school in the neighborhood and subsequently Penn Hall and Jacksonville academies. He then taught school and secured a State certificate at the age of 18. In 1870 he entered Lafayette College, at Easton, Pennsylvania, and graduated in the classical course in 1874, being the salutatorian of his class and bearing off prizes in physics and astronomy. During his college life he was also engaged in newspaper work, was editor of the college monthly and was a contributor to other college publications. After leaving Lafayette, he passed one year as vice-principal of the Chambersburg Boys' Boarding Academy, and during this period he also studied law. In 1875 he went to

New York City and entered Union Theological Seminary where he was graduated in 1878, with distinction. While in New York, he was engaged for two years in teaching in Dr. Sach's Collegiate Institute and for a time had charge of one of Dr. John Hall's missions. For one year after graduation from Union Theological Seminary, he was pastor of the High Street Presbyterian Church in St. Louis, Missouri. In the fall of 1879 he came to Bunker Hill and became the pastor of the Congregational Church for two years, and then saw a new field of usefulness opening before him in the possibilities of the Bunker Hill Academy.

Since Dr. Stiver took charge of this institution, 21 years ago, many changes have been made in it. He converted it into a boarding school and added a military department, and as the years have gone by the increasing reputation of this school has shown the wisdom with which Dr. Stiver planned as well as the ability with which he has carried out his plans. The course of study followed at the Bunker Hill Military Academy fits students for entrance into any college in the United States, and gives also a practical education that prepares a young man for almost any line of activity.

Our distinguished subject leads a busy life, confined entirely to intellectual lines, including preaching, lecturing, teaching and a considerable amount of literary work. He is interested in reform movements and has served as a delegate to county, State and national conventions. During the Spanish-American War, his support and sympathy were given the Republican party. His fraternal connections are with the Odd Fellows and his college fraternity, Delta Kappa Epsilon.

On January 26, 1882, Dr. Stiver was united in marriage with Carmelite W. Hornsby, who is a daughter of the late Dr. Robert J. and Cordelia Hornsby. These children were born to them: Mary Cordelia, a graduate of Monticello Seminary; Robert Thomas, a most promising youth just ready to enter college, when he died from an operation for appendicitis, at the age of 14 years; Kenneth Hornsby, who died of pneumonia, aged one year; and Gladys, Helen and Perry, still in school.

In 1900 Dr. Stiver and his wife visited the old family home in Center County, Pennsylvania, where members of the family still reside. While in Pennsylvania he also secured many items of interest from records concerning the coal lands of the Lehigh Coal & Navigation Company, which formerly belonged to his mother's family and passed out of their possession before they realized their value, among these a family genealogy, from the

title-books of the Lehigh Coal & Navigation Company in Philadelphia, tracing his mother's ancestors back to 1740 when Burkhart Moser, Sr., came from Germany to Philadelphia and soon after took up the coal lands above mentioned, and now in litigation for restoration of title to the Moser heirs, involving many millions of dollars.

GEORGE COWELL.

GEORGE COWELL, J. P., a well known resident of Brushy Mound township, Macoupin County, is engaged in agricultural pursuits and is an extensive stock raiser and dealer. He was born in Douglas, Isle of Man, March 30, 1836, and is a son of George and Margaret (Kennell) Cowell.

George Cowell, Sr., father of our subject, was born in the Isle of Man in 1800, and was reared on a farm until he reached the age of 14 years. He there learned the trade of a tanner and currier which he followed there until he came to America, bringing with him his wife and five children. He landed in Quebec, Canada, and shortly after removed to New York City, where he plied his trade and resided until 1857. In that year he came west to Carlinville, Illinois, purchasing a farm on which he lived for three or four years. He then settled upon a 40 acre tract now owned by the Burton estate, and still later purchased the property now owned by our subject, on which he lived until his death in 1876, at the age of 76 years. He and his worthy wife were parents of eight children, as follows: George; Margaret, deceased; Robert; Kittie; Mary; Charles; Sophia; and Elizabeth. In religious belief, they were Methodists.

George Cowell, the subject of this article, was reared in New York City and obtained his intellectual training in the public schools. He learned the trade of a tanner and currier and worked with his father for some years. Since coming to Illinois, his attention has been exclusively devoted to farming. He has been very successful as a farmer and stock raiser and owns a valuable farm of 120 acres in Brushy Mound township. He has made a specialty of well bred Poland-China and Berkshire hogs, and has registered boars.

In August, 1861, Mr. Cowell enlisted in Company C, 32nd Reg., Illinois Vol. Inf. as a private and saw much service in the Army of the Tennessee, being in the battle of Shiloh and many minor engagements. He was mustered out August 31, 1864, after serving over three years. He was disabled in the service and draws a pension of \$8 per month. After his discharge from the service, he was employed as government teamster, driving ox teams from Fort Scott, Kansas, to Fort Gibson, Indian Territory, being employed eight months at \$60 per month and rations.

Mr. Cowell is a man of exceptional business ability and possesses many fine traits of character, which have gained for him the good will and respect of his fellow men. In politics, he is a staunch Republican, and has been called upon to fill numerous local offices, among them supervisor, town clerk, assessor, collector, and justice of the peace, serving in the last mentioned capacity at the present time.



SAMUEL PAUL SANNER.

SAMUEL PAUL SANNER, president of the Shipman Banking Company, of Shipman, Macoupin County, and for many years one of the leading agriculturists of Bunker Hill township, was born February 25, 1836, in Madison County, Illinois. He is a son of Samuel and Barbara (Paul) Sanner.

Samuel Sanner was born September 12, 1803, in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania, and was a son of Jacob and Sarah (Hanna) Sanner. The family is of German extraction, and was founded in America prior to the Revolutionary War by the grandfather of Samuel Sanner, who was a physician. The Hanna family was of Irish origin and has many representatives through the Western States. Samuel Sanner was born on the old homestead farm about four miles from Northumberland, Pennsylvania, attended the local subscription schools and remained at home until 20 years of age, when he learned the harness maker's trade. This industry he followed for six years at Northumberland. In May, 1833, he started with his family for Illinois, crossing the Alleghany Mountains, and then proceeding down the Ohio River to St. Louis. He located in Madison County, Illinois, where

he bought 400 acres of land as his initial purchase. At a later date he owned 3,000 acres in Shelby, Macon and Moultrie counties, having purchased the greater part of this from the Illinois Central Railroad Company. After giving his children farms and selling a part of this great body of land, he still owned at death, April 19, 1880, as much as 1,000 acres.

In 1827 Samuel Sanner married Barbara Paul, who was born February 28, 1810, and died January 6, 1896. They had 12 children: Sarah, deceased; Mrs. Elizabeth Huestis, deceased; Jacob H., of Shelby County; William H., who died at the age of 18 years; Samuel P., of this sketch; Elijah P. L., deceased; Edward B., of Shelby County; David G., of Shelby County; Mrs. Tillie Johnson of Decatur, Illinois; Shields H., of Shelby County; Francis, deceased; and John W., of Decatur, Illinois.

Our subject resided in Madison County, where he was reared and educated, until 1862, when he removed to his present farm, situated in section 6, Bunker Hill township. His father gave him 110 acres of this to which he continued to add, until it aggregated 800 acres. A large portion of this has been divided among his children. When Mr. Sanner settled here, he erected a plank shanty, which remained the family home for some years. All the fine improvements now so noticeable have been placed on the property by Mr. Sanner, and to his energy and excellent methods may be attributed the condition of his farm, which is generally considered one of the most fertile in the county. He has engaged in general farming and stock raising. His is one of the few really productive grain farms of this section, and for many years he gave his attention principally to wheat.

In addition to his large farming interests, Mr. Sanner has been financially interested in the Shipman Banking Company, which was organized at Shipman, Illinois, May 15, 1895, with a capital of \$15,000. Of this institution, Mr. Sanner is president; Adam Deahl, vice-president; and James D. Metcalf, cashier. This concern has met with much prosperity, the trustworthiness and high standing of its officials attracting business over a wide extent of territory.

Mr. Sanner was married April 8, 1860, to Margaret Calvin, who was born in Madison County, Illinois, November 13, 1837, and is a daughter of Philip S. and Jane C. (Clarke) Calvin. The Calvins came to Illinois in 1836 and settled in Madison County in the spring of 1837, and lived there all their lives. They had four children: Mrs. Martha E. Hammil, of Shelby

County; Margaret (Mrs. Sanner); Mrs. Susan M. Keown, deceased; and Robert William, of Missouri.

Mr. and Mrs. Sanner have nine children: Jesse Frank, a farmer of Brighton township, who has five children—Rufus C., Lona M., Flossie M., Joe P. and Laura Pauline; Anna Belle, who married Rev. J. G. Miller, of Butler County, Ohio, and has four children—Julia B., Nettie B., Margaret M. and Lucy H.; Lucy Margaret, who died aged 16 years and six months; Sophia May, who married E. J. Burton of Bunker Hill township, and has three children living—Charlotte Amy, Elroy Clarke and Dorothy F.—and one deceased—Archie N.; Samuel C., who died at the age of eight months; Nellie and Harry, both living at home; and Jacob Otto and Julia F., who are students at Blackburn University, Carlinville.

Mr. Sanner is identified with the Republican party, and cast his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln. He has been one of the township's most active men for many years in pushing public enterprises and has been a factor in the educational as well as the commercial advancement of his locality, a man truly representative of its best class of citizens.



WALTER D. AND ARTHUR A. OWEN.

WALTER D. AND ARTHUR A. OWEN, who make up the firm of Owen Brothers, are the owners and proprietors of a large estate in section 12, Bunker Hill township, Macoupin County, which is known far and wide, as the Maple Dale Stock Farm. It consists of 120 acres which is operated exclusively as a stock farm. Both brothers were born on a farm near Redbud, Randolph County, Illinois, the former on August 5, 1858, and the latter on January 29, 1863. They are sons of William and Amanda (Durfee) Owen.

It is probable that the Owen family originated in Wales, and its first settler in America located in Rhode Island. One branch removed to Ohio, where Charles Owen, grandfather of the Owen Brothers, was born. He came to Randolph County, Illinois, one of that brave vanguard of pioneers who faced the hardest conditions in the earliest settlement of the southern

portion of this great State. When the magnificent city of St. Louis, which has the eyes of the world centered upon her at present as a fit metropolis in which to hold a world's exposition, had but two dwellings, William Owen was a trader there, reaching that frontier post in his ox-team conveyance. He grew to manhood accustomed to his Indian neighbors with whom he appears to have been on friendly terms. The life of Charles Owen, the father of William, was mainly devoted to trapping and hunting. His six children were: William, James, Harrison, Robert, Augustus and Mrs. Harriet Harlow.

William Owen, father of Arthur A. and Walter D. Owen, was born in Randolph County, Illinois, December 14, 1819, and died at the Maple Dale Stock Farm, June 6, 1903, aged 83 years. He came to Macoupin County in 1865 and engaged in farming, prior to that time having followed the trade of plasterer in addition to farming. He was a Democrat in his political belief. During the Civil War he was a supporter of the administration, and sent a substitute to represent him in the army, his family of small children preventing his going. In his early years he was an active worker in the Baptist Church, of which he was a member until the close of his life. He was much respected and was noted for his quiet, peaceful disposition. On February 14, 1849, he married Amanda Durfee, who was born October 22, 1822, in Rhode Island, and was a daughter of Aaron and Ruth (Cook) Durfee, of Fall River, Massachusetts. The eight children of this marriage were: Ellen Amelia, born at Waterloo, Monroe County, Illinois, who resides at the present home of the subjects of this sketch; George H., who is a contractor and builder at Clondercroft, New Mexico; Mrs. Hattie May Bainum, who resides at Olney, Illinois; Walter D., unmarried, who is one of the firm of Owen Brothers; Arthur A., a member of the firm of Owen Brothers; Annabelle R., who resides at Bunker Hill; Herbert, who died at the age of 16 years; and Ada, who lives at home.

Walter D. and Arthur A. Owen moved to the Maple Dale Stock Farm on June 7, 1865, and both have resided here ever since. They raise only high grade stock, either registered or eligible to register, making specialties of Shropshire sheep, and Poland-China hogs, keeping some 80 of the former and 50 of the latter. Their annual fall sales are looked-for events and are largely attended. They have done much to raise the standard of stock in their vicinity.

Arthur A. Owen married Anna M. Milne, who was born in London,

England, and is a daughter of Alexander and Emma Milne, natives of Scotland and England, respectively. Two sons have been born to this union, William and Eugene. Mr. Owen has held a number of the local offices. He is a Republican, while his brother, Walter D., is a Democrat.



WILLIAM B. TRABUE.

WILLIAM B. TRABUE, owner and operator of the justly noted Cloverdale Stock Farm, which includes 352 acres, situated in sections 19 and 20, Gillespie township, Macoupin County, belongs to one of the oldest pioneer families of this portion of the State. He was born October 29, 1854, in Brushy Mound township, Macoupin County, and he is a son of Joseph H. and Martha A. (Parks) Trabue.

The Trabue family is of French extraction, and its American founders came across the Atlantic in colonial days. Haskin Trabue, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Virginia and took part in the War of 1812. He came to Macoupin County at an early day and died in Brushy Mound township, at the age of 60 years. His nine children were: Fenland, Stephen, Joseph H., Benjamin, Edward, John, Hodgens, Mrs. Eliza J. Boggess, and Mrs. Mary Baily.

Joseph H. Trabue, our subject's father, was born in Kentucky and in childhood accompanied his parents to Macoupin County, when they settled in Brushy Mound township, near the present Trabue graveyard. He followed farming all his life, finally removing to Crawford County, Kansas, where he died at the age of 62 years. He was an active member of the Baptist Church and a man of high moral character. In politics he was a Republican. He married Martha A. Parks, who was born in Kentucky, and was a daughter of James and Mary (Harlan) Parks, who came to Macoupin County in pioneer days and hauled the lumber with which to erect their dwelling all the way from Alton. The children of Joseph and Martha Trabue were: Mrs. Elizabeth Evans, of Crawford County, Kansas; Walter, who died aged 18 years; William B., of this sketch; James, of Crawford County, Kansas; Annie, of Girard, Macoupin County; Edward, of Greene

County, Illinois; Josephine, who is preparing to practice osteopathy, in Crawford County, Kansas; and Agnes, also a resident of Crawford County, Kansas.

William B. Trabue passed four years of his life in Greene County, and two years in Kansas; with these exceptions his home has always been in Macoupin County. One year he conducted a hardware business at Raymond, but his interests have mainly centered in farming and stock raising. In 1876 he came to his present farm and in 1897 he purchased 180 acres of it and in 1903 an adjoining 172 acres, all of which he devotes to raising cattle, sheep and hogs.

On June 15, 1898, Mr. Trabue was married to Estella Tunnell, who was born January 28, 1869, near Plainview, Macoupin County, and is a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Brown) Tunnell. Three children have been born to them: Tunnell Benjamin, James Edward and Lucius Boyle.

Mr. Trabue is not very actively interested in politics, but votes with the Republican party. He declines to accept any office but takes an active part in public matters affecting the welfare of the township. Both he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church.



HON. A. N. YANCEY.

HON. A. N. YANCEY, deceased, for some years judge of the Macoupin County Court, was one of the most prominent professional men in the county and an esteemed citizen of Carlinville. He was born at Montpelier, Orange County, Virginia, March 24, 1844, was a son of James E. and Mary E. (Waller) Yancey, and grandson of Chandler Yancey, a native of Virginia. His great-grandfather Yancey was a captain in the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War.

A. N. Yancey was 13 years of age when he removed with his parents to Oldham County, Kentucky. His early educational training was obtained in the academy at Hilton, Virginia, which he attended two years and also in the public schools. He entered Dartmouth College at Hanover, New Hampshire, and later took up the study of the law in Louisville, Kentucky.



HON. JOHN McAULEY PALMER.

He was graduated from the law department of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor in 1867, and immediately after engaged in the practice of his profession at Bunker Hill, Illinois. He soon attained local prominence as a lawyer of ability and numbered among his clients some of the best interests of the community, serving as attorney for the Indianapolis & St. Louis Railroad Company. Upon his removal to Carlinville, his practice continued with unabated success. He was well grounded in legal principles, possessed a keen, discriminating and practical mind, and was a powerful advocate at the bar. In 1880 he was elected on the Democratic ticket to the General Assembly of Illinois, and so well did he represent his constituents that he was returned to that body in the election of 1882. He served on many important committees, and was the author of and secured the passage of a number of good laws. From 1890 to 1894, he served with distinction as county judge of Macoupin County, and it was frequently remarked that no more able nor satisfactory judge ever presided in that court. He was always enthusiastic in his support of the Democratic party, and no campaign passed without his voice being heard in the interest of his party's success.

In 1867, Judge Yancey was joined in marriage with Lettice Belle Bryan, a native of Kentucky, and to their union were born the following children: Mrs. Walter S. Mayo, of Carlinville; James, of New York City; Archie; Lillian; and Ray. In religious faith, the subject of this sketch was an Episcopalian. Fraternally, he was a member of Bunker Hill Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and was a member of the committee on appeals and grievances of the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois.



HON. JOHN MCAULEY PALMER.

HON. JOHN MCAULEY PALMER, deceased, who was Governor of Illinois from 1869 to 1872, and later United States Senator from Illinois and in 1896 candidate of the gold wing of the Democratic party for President of the United States, was born on Eagle Creek, Scott County, Kentucky, September 13, 1817. His father, who had been a soldier in the War of 1812, removed when his son was an infant to Christian County, Kentucky, where lands were

cheap. There the future Governor of Illinois spent his childhood and received such schooling as the new and sparsely settled country afforded. To this he added materially by diligent reading, for which he evinced an early aptitude. His father, an ardent admirer of Andrew Jackson, was noted for his anti-slavery sentiments, which he thoroughly impressed upon his children. In 1831 the Palmer family moved to Madison County, Illinois, where the labor of improving a new farm was pursued for about two years, when the death of our subject's mother broke up the family. About this time Alton College was opened, on the "manual labor" system, and in the spring of 1834 young Palmer with his elder brother, Elihu, entered this college and remained 18 months. Then, for over three years, he was variously employed at coopering, peddling and as a school teacher.

During the summer of 1838, John M. Palmer formed the acquaintance of Stephen A. Douglas, then making his first canvass for Congress. Young, eloquent and in political accord with Mr. Palmer, Douglas won the latter's confidence, fired his ambition and fixed his purpose. The following winter, while teaching near Canton, Mr. Palmer began to devote his spare time to a desultory reading of the law and in the spring entered a law office at Carlinville, Macoupin County, making his home with his elder brother, Elihu, who became a learned clergyman of considerable originality of thought and doctrine. On the next meeting of the Supreme Court of Illinois, he was admitted to the bar, Stephen A. Douglas being one of his examiners. He was not immediately successful in his profession, and would have located elsewhere than in Carlinville had he been possessed of the requisite means. His early poverty was probably a blessing in disguise, for much of the success of his life must be attributed to his continued residence in this county.

While diligently pursuing his profession he participated more or less in local politics from the time he located in Carlinville. In 1843 he became judge of the Probate Court. In 1847, he was elected to the State Constitutional Convention and there took a leading part. He was elected to the State Senate in 1852 and at the special session of February, 1854, true to the anti-slavery sentiments bred in him, he took a firm stand in opposition to the repeal of the Missouri Compromise, and when the Nebraska question became a party issue, he refused to receive a renomination for the Senatorship at the hands of the Democracy, issuing a circular to that effect. A few weeks afterward, however, hesitating to break with his party, he participated in a convention that nominated T. L. Harris for Congress against Richard Yates

and that unqualifiedly approved the principles of the Kansas-Nebraska Act. Later in the campaign, however, he ran for the State Senate as an Anti-Nebraska Democrat, and was elected. In the session of the following winter, he nominated Mr. Trumbull for the United States Senate and was one of the five men who continued to vote for Mr. Trumbull until all the Whigs came to their support and elected their man.

In 1856 Mr. Palmer was chairman of the State Republican Convention at Bloomington, which was the first State convention held in Illinois by that party. He ran for Congress in 1859, but was defeated. In 1860 he was a Presidential Elector for the State at large on the Republican ticket, and in 1861 he was appointed as one of the five delegates (all Republicans) sent by Illinois to the Peace Congress at Washington.

When the Civil War broke out, Mr. Palmer offered his services to his country, and was elected colonel of the 14th Reg., Illinois Vol. Inf., and participated in the engagements at Island No. 10; at Farmington, where he skillfully extricated his command from a dangerous position; at Stone River, where his division for several hours on December 31, 1862, held the advance and stood like a rock, and for his gallantry there he was made major-general; at Chickamauga, where his and Van Cleve's divisions maintained their position when they were cut off by overpowering numbers. He participated in the Atlanta campaign, being assigned to the 14th Army Corps under General Sherman. At Peach Tree Creek his prudence did much to avert disaster. In February, 1865, General Palmer was appointed by President Lincoln Military Governor of Kentucky, which was a delicate post, as that State was about half rebel and half union, and even those of the latter element were daily fretted by the loss of their slaves. Although given extraordinary power over the persons and property of his fellow men as Governor, he exhibited great caution in the execution of the duties of his post and received the commendation of all good citizens.

General Palmer was nominated for Governor of Illinois by the State Republican Convention which met at Peoria, May 6, 1868, and his nomination would probably have been made by acclamation had he not persistently declared that he would not be a candidate for the office. The result of the ensuing election gave General Palmer a majority of 44,707 votes over John R. Eden, the Democratic nominee.

On the meeting of the State Legislature in January, 1869, the first thing

to arrest public attention was that part of the Governor's message which took broad State's rights ground. This and some minor points, which were more in keeping with the sentiment of the Democracy, constituted the entering wedge for the criticisms and reproofs he afterward received from the Republican party and ultimately resulted in his entire alienation from the latter element. This session of the Legislature was noted for the numerous bills which were introduced in the interest of private parties, which were embarrassing to the Governor. Among the public acts passed was that which limited railroad charges for passenger travel to a maximum of three cents per mile; it was passed over the Governor's veto. Over his veto was also passed the "tax-grabbing" law to pay railroad subscriptions, the Chicago Lake Front bill, etc. The new State Constitution of 1870, a great improvement on the old one, was a peaceful "revolution" which took place during Governor Palmer's term of office. The suffering caused by the great Chicago fire of October, 1871, was greatly alleviated by the promptness with which Governor Palmer met the exigencies of the situation.

After retiring to a private life in 1872, Governor Palmer continued to be a prominent figure in State politics and was finally sent to the United States Senate in 1890. When the National Democratic Convention of 1896 nominated William Jennings Bryan at Chicago for President, Governor Palmer was selected by the Gold Democrats to head their ticket with Simon B. Buckner as Vice-President. The putting of this ticket into the field undoubtedly assisted in the defeat of Bryan, as many Democrats voted for Palmer who would otherwise have voted for Bryan on account of not wishing to be termed deserters to their party.

Governor Palmer always adhered very closely to the profession of the law, although many years were given up to the public service. Few excelled him in an accurate appreciation of the depth and scope of its principles. The great number of his able veto messages abundantly testify, not only this, but also a rare capacity to analyze the measures vetoed and to show his reasons for his action. He was a logical and cogent reasoner, and while not a fluent or ornate speaker, was interesting, forcible and convincing. Without brilliancy, his dealings were rather with facts and ideas than with passions and prejudices. He was a patriot and a statesman of very high order. Just before his death, he edited and published a book entitled "The Story of an Earnest Life." His portrait accompanies this sketch.

CLINTON DAVIS.

CLINTON DAVIS, a highly respected farmer of Brushy Mound township, Macoupin County, was born at Reynoldsburg, Ohio, May 21, 1850, and is a son of Thomas and Lovina (Lazell) Davis. His grandfather was David Davis, a soldier in the British Army.

Thomas Davis was born in South Wales and came to America in 1842. He served in the United States Army throughout the Mexican War, and thereafter received a pension from the government. After the close of the war he purchased a farm in Ohio but later sold out, and in 1856 came to Macoupin County, purchasing the Bluehouse farm in Carlinville township. This farm was later sold by him and he located on the farm now owned by the Davis heirs. This property was purchased by his wife, and upon her death in 1859 he acquired a life interest in the estate. He spent the remainder of his life on this farm and became one of the substantial men of the township. He died March 16, 1903, at the age of 77 years. He married Lovina Lazell, who was born in Columbus, Ohio, but whose people came from Worcester, Massachusetts. They had five children as follows: Clinton; Jeanette; Frances; Bathsheba; and Lovina. Mrs. Davis was a Universalist in religious belief, and her husband, a Baptist. Mr. Davis was three times married, his third union being with Arminda York, by whom he had the following children: Alfonso, John, William, Isabel, Lydia, Cora, David and Edward. Mrs. Davis is still living on the old homestead.

Clinton Davis received his educational training in the common schools of Macoupin County, and at Blackburn University. After graduating from the latter institution, he engaged in teaching for a period of 11 years and was very successful at that vocation. He then engaged in working out as a farmer, and finally purchased a tract of 50 acres. He now has 55 acres of valuable farming land, which he devotes to general agriculture. He is a man of good business ability, excellent judgment in managing his affairs, and has merited the success with which he is meeting.

In 1885, Mr. Davis was united in marriage with Ellen Perrine, a daughter of William H. Perrine, and they are the parents of five children, namely: Elsie, deceased; Harriet; Nellie; Ida; and Ernest, deceased. Religiously, Mrs. Davis and her daughters are faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In political affiliation, Mr. Davis is a Democrat and has efficiently held a number of township offices, among them town clerk, justice

of the peace, supervisor, assessor, and at the present time is school director, taking an active interest in educational affairs. He has been school director for 14 years, and has materially assisted in improving the schools of the district. Fraternally, he is a member of the Loyal Americans and the Mutual Protective League.

HARRY R. BUDD.

HARRY R. BUDD, a very prominent member of the Macoupin County bar, ex-mayor and leading citizen of Bunker Hill, was born on a farm in Brighton township, Macoupin County, Illinois, September 14, 1855. He is a son of the late William and Elizabeth (Cage) Budd.

The Budd family is of English extraction, and the father of our subject was born in England of prominent and wealthy parentage. The son enjoyed educational and social advantages and came to America as a traveler and student. The great agricultural possibilities of Illinois attracted him and after his marriage in Virginia, he settled in Macoupin County where he became an extensive land-owner and large farmer, owning at one time 1,500 acres. After 25 years of residence he started on a journey to Brazil, South America, with the intention of investing \$100,000, but succumbed to fever and died in 1868, at the age of 70 years. He was a man of remarkable business faculty as well as one whose trained intellect fitted him for any profession he might have chosen. He was very active in the Masonic fraternity and was a member of the Alton lodge. In politics he always defended the principles of the Democratic party. In religious connection he was an Episcopalian.

Of the family of 10 children, these survive: James W., of Kansas City, traveling auditor for the Pacific Express Company; Harry R., of this sketch; William N., a prominent druggist of Bunker Hill; Mrs. Emma Lane, of Kansas City; Katherine, of Kansas City; and George, of Arkansas.

Until he was 14 years old, our subject remained on the home farm pursuing his studies in the local schools and constantly inspired to effort by his father and was prepared at this early age to enter Rugby College, where he was graduated in 1872, having taken the elective course. After studying law for a year and a half with Palmer & McMillen, at Carlinville, he located

in Bunker Hill where he was elected the first city attorney, when but 19 years of age. Serving out his term of one year, Mr. Budd then went to Missouri and was admitted to the bar after the necessary examinations. Upon his return to Bunker Hill, Mr. Budd became associated with his brother in the drug business and they established a store at Bunker Hill and another at Gillespie, and later bought the Delano drug store, which he conducted for three years. After disposing of this business, he entered upon the active practice of his profession in which he has been successively engaged ever since, his clientage extending through Macoupin and contiguous counties.

Mr. Budd was reared to believe in and uphold the principles of the Democratic party and he has consistently followed his early teachings. With his brother, he shares the honor of being one of the only two mayors of his political faith that Bunker Hill has ever had, and he bears a fine record of consistency to the party of his choice. On several occasions he has been his party's chosen candidate and is one of the most influential workers in his section of the county.

On June 19, 1894, Mr. Budd was married to Anna Delano, who was born in Bunker Hill and is a daughter of Dr. John A. Delano, an old medical practitioner of Bunker Hill.

Fraternally Mr. Budd is a Master Mason, being a member of the Bunker Hill lodge, and belongs also to the Knights of Pythias and the Modern Woodmen of America.



WALTER S. MAYO.

WALTER S. MAYO, one of the most successful farmers of Brushy Mound township, Macoupin County, was born in Carlinville, Macoupin County, Illinois, November 17, 1869, and is a son of Samuel T. and Elizabeth A. (Palmer) Mayo.

Samuel T. Mayo was born November 24, 1818, in Albermarle County, Virginia, and is a son of Lewis and Susanna (Price) Mayo. He left his native State in 1835 for Kentucky, where he remained but a short time,

then came to Illinois, locating at Carrollton, in Greene County. In 1843, he came to Carlinville, Macoupin County, where he engaged in general merchandising. He continued in this business successfully until 1851, then sold out and engaged in the real estate business until 1882, which year marked his retirement from active business duties, although he continued in the management of his farming interests. He at one time owned about 2,200 acres of excellent farming property, all of which still remains in the possession of the family. In 1845, Samuel T. Mayo was united in marriage with Elizabeth A. Palmer, a sister of Ex-Governor John M. Palmer, and they became the parents of the following children: Virginia, Florence, Elizabeth, Louisa, Carrie, Samuel T. and Walter S. Religiously, the family is Methodist. Mrs. Mayo died in 1899, at the age of 74 years. Mr. Mayo was a Whig in politics during his early life, and has since been a Republican. He still resides in Carlinville.

Walter S. Mayo, our subject, was educated primarily in the public schools of Macoupin County, after which he took a course of study in Blackburn University at Carlinville, from which he was graduated in 1888. He has displayed superior business ability, and in January, 1900, moved upon his present farm of 210 acres in section 1, township 9, range 7. He devotes his attention to stock raising, principally hogs, and in this particular line has attained unusual success.

On January 24, 1896, Walter S. Mayo was united in marriage with Lola Belle Yancey, a daughter of Judge A. N. Yancey, a record of whose life appears elsewhere in this work. This union has been blessed with three children, namely: Samuel T., Jr.; Walter S., Jr.; and Elizabeth L. Mr. Mayo is a strong Democrat in politics, but has never sought office. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, while his wife is a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Carlinville.



ENOCH DOOLEY.

Among the progressive farmers who have been successfully engaged in the pursuits of agriculture in Macoupin County is the gentleman named above, who resides on his farm of 80 acres situated in section 25, Brushy

Mound township. He was born June 20, 1861, on the old Dooley homestead, and is a son of Elihu and Susan (Bagby) Dooley.

Elihu Dooley was born in White County, Tennessee, in 1818, and came to Macoupin County when 17 years of age. Upon his leaving Tennessee, he first located in Greene County, Illinois, where he engaged as a farm hand working by the month. After accumulating a sufficient sum he purchased the land on which our subject now lives, which then consisted of about 900 acres. He married Susan Bagby, who was born March 14, 1837, and to them 10 children were born, namely: Daniel; William; Harriet; George; Charles; Eveline; Enoch, our subject; Thomas; Mildred; and Benjamin, deceased. Elihu Dooley was a Republican. He died August 12, 1901, the death of his wife having occurred about two years previous—July 24, 1899.

Enoch Dooley received his education in the common schools of Macoupin County, and remained with his parents until 22 years of age when he removed to the farm which he now owns and operates. He has since been actively engaged in the cultivation of this farm, which is acknowledged to be the best in the county. He is numbered among the most prominent and most highly respected citizens of his township, and is highly esteemed by all who have the pleasure of his acquaintance. He is a Republican and is at present serving as school director with the utmost capability. Religiously, our subject is a member of the Baptist Church.



HENRY GRIFFEL.

We take pleasure in presenting to the readers of this Biographical Record of Macoupin County the gentleman whose name heads these lines. He is one of the most prominent and influential agriculturists of the county, and resides on his well cultivated farm of 280 acres, which is situated in sections 10, 11, 14, 15 and 16, Brushy Mound township. He was born May 28, 1845, in Hanover, Germany.

Mr. Griffel came to America in 1874, first locating in Baltimore, Maryland, where he remained but a short time, removing the same year to Ma-

coupin County, Illinois, where he rented a farm. Although he began at a lowly station in life, he at once rose in the ranks of the business world. He continued in the pursuits of general farming upon the rented farm until he had accumulated a sufficient sum to purchase a farm and in 1893 he purchased his present property, which then consisted of 240 acres, to which he has since added 40 acres. By his shrewd business methods and unceasing hard work he has accumulated considerable property, and has established his true and honest character throughout the county. He is also prominently identified with the leading stock raisers of Macoupin County, raising cattle, horses, sheep and hogs quite extensively. Our subject's political views make him a Republican, but he has never taken an active position in any political affairs.

Our subject was first married to Caroline Wehrenberg, and to them were born seven children, namely: Helena, Fred, Mary, Charles, Henry, William, and John. His first wife died in 1901. He then was wedded to Mrs. Mary Ziegemeier, a native of Germany, who had been a resident of Menard County, Illinois, for 33 years. She had four children by her first marriage, as follows: Lena, wife of Carl Kreis, of Menard County, Illinois; Mary, deceased, who was the wife of Carl Schrimp, of Menard County, Illinois; Minnie, deceased; and Hilda, who still resides with her mother. Mr. Griffel adheres to the German Lutheran Church of which Mrs. Griffel is also a member.

THOMAS F. SCHROEDER.

THOMAS F. SCHROEDER, one of the highly respected and very substantial citizens of Bunker Hill, Macoupin County, was born April 7, 1841, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and is a son of the late Francis Arnold and Dorothy (Schuerhoff) Schroeder.

The father of our subject was born February 8, 1806, in Westphalia, Germany, and died in February, 1882, at the home of his son, in Virden, Illinois, aged 76 years. His wife, also a native of Germany, born in 1811, died at Bloomington, Illinois, aged 66 years. They had a family of 14 children, the four survivors being Mrs. Josephine Schuerhoff, of Pierce City, Missouri; Thomas F., of this sketch; Frank J., a survivor and pensioner of

the Civil War, now a resident of Philadelphia; and Mrs. Justine Schaeffer, of Oklahoma Territory.

Francis Arnold Schroeder came first to America at the age of 28 years and bought a farm of 200 acres, near St. Charles, Missouri. Two years later he was recalled to Germany to settle his father's estate, and then married. Upon his return to the United States, he purchased a farm in Mercer County, Ohio, but later removed to New York City and still later to Philadelphia, where he was engaged in business when the Civil War broke out. In July, 1861, he offered his services to his adopted country, enlisting in Company D, 2nd Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery, under Captain Saddle, and was transferred to the Army of the Potomac, where he saw hard and continuous service, participating in all the battles from Bull Run to Appomattox Court House, and was honorably discharged in July, 1865, having established a record for great bravery. He returned to Philadelphia and became a member of our subject's family. In the years of his residence in Missouri he was a Democrat, but he later became a Republican. Both as Mason and Odd Fellow, he lived up to every requirement of those organizations.

Our subject obtained an excellent common school education in Philadelphia, at the age of 14 years beginning to work at the blacksmith's trade. On August 4, 1862, he enlisted for service in the Civil War, entering Company H, 5th Reg., Pennsylvania Vol. Cav., under Captain Bailey, which was placed in Gen. Phil. H. Sheridan's corps. This statement is sufficient to students of the history of that time, to indicate the kind of life Mr. Schroeder and his comrades led through the years until he was honorably discharged on May 19, 1865, including as it did Bull Run, Manassas, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Spottsylvania, Wilderness, Cold Harbor, and all the operations around Richmond. His last picket duty was on the night of April 2, 1865, on the Newmarket road in the vicinity of Richmond. With a noble record Mr. Schroeder returned to his work after the war and within 10 days was quietly occupying his old position, just as if he had not been risking his life almost every hour during the preceding three years. Working at blacksmithing and the butchering business, at Bloomington, Illinois, at Anderson and Logansport, Indiana, he was busily employed until the great railroad strike threw him out of employment. In 1867 he engaged in the painting business at Virden and continued to work in that line until 1902, when he retired to Bunker Hill, where he has a comfortable home and many friends.

Mr. Schroeder was married in 1869, to Helen C. Cahill, who was born in Oneida County, New York. Of the four children born to them, a son and daughter, Agnes and Frank, are deceased, while two daughters are living, namely: Mrs. Katherine Anderson of Bunker Hill, who has two children—Helena and Thomas W.; and Marie, who lives at home. Mr. Schroeder belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic and the Modern Woodmen of America. Politically he is a Republican, and while living at Virden was a member of the Board of Education.



WILLIAM P. DICKIE.

WILLIAM P. DICKIE, postmaster at Bunker Hill, Macoupin County, and one of the prominent citizens of the place, was born at Bunker Hill, October 14, 1859. His home always having been here, he is widely known and a very popular official, having been the choice of his fellow citizens for many responsible offices in the past. He is a son of Robert and Mary (Patrick) Dickie.

Robert Dickie was born in Scotland and, after the death of his father, with his mother took passage in a ship for America. The ship was wrecked and, although their lives were preserved, they lost all their belongings, and when they reached Alton, Illinois, were poor indeed. He soon found work at his trade of carpenter and later moved to Bunker Hill, where he operated a wagon shop until his death, in 1870, at the age of 35 years. He married Mary Patrick who was born in Scotland and accompanied her parents to Alton and thence to Bunker Hill, where they died. Our subject is the oldest of their family of six children, the others being: Mrs. Elizabeth M. Harland, of Madison, Illinois; Robert, a jeweler of St. James, Missouri; Mary E., assistant postmaster at Bunker Hill; John S., a carpenter of Bunker Hill; and Edward, who died at Bunker Hill, aged 21 years.

After completing the common school course at Bunker Hill, Mr. Dickie spent one year at the local academy, and then learned the jewelry business with I. W. Camp, with whom he remained five years. He then conducted a business for himself until February, 1898, when he was appointed postmaster.

In politics a staunch Republican, Mr. Dickie has been elected to many offices in the gift of the party. He has served with the greatest efficiency as city treasurer, as member of the City Council and also on the Board of Education. He has been very active in politics, for 12 years has been a member of the Republican Central Committee, and as delegate to county and State conventions has proven his leadership. He is a strong party man and took a very conspicuous position in the convention which nominated Governor Richard Yates.

In 1880 Mr. Dickie married Mary H. Tirrill, who was born in St. Louis, and is a daughter of Henry and Louise Tirrill, natives of New York. They have four children: John T., with the Graham Paper Company of St. Louis; Chester O., a member of the class of 1904 of the Bunker Hill High School; Lawrence P., also attending the Bunker Hill High School; and Mary Louise, who is in school.

Fraternally, Mr. Dickie belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America and the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and is a Master Mason, being a member of Bunker Hill Lodge, No. 151, A. F. & A. M.



ISRAEL CHAPPELL.

ISRAEL CHAPPELL, one of the prominent retired farmers of Macoupin County, Illinois, the owner of 340 acres of fine land in section 4, Honey Point township, and sections 33 and 21, Shaw's Point township, has been a resident of the county since 1852. He was born February 5, 1825, in Devonshire, England, and was a son of Bartholomew and Grace (Green) Chappell.

Bartholomew Chappell was born in Devonshire, England and died in Jersey County, Illinois, at the age of 86 years. He came to Illinois in 1833, one of the early pioneers, and settled in Jersey County, where he owned at one time 1,000 acres of land. He entered two half-sections in Honey Point township, Macoupin County. In politics he affiliated with the Republican party upon its formation. In religious belief he was a Methodist. Bartholomew Chappell was twice married, our subject being the third member of the family born to his second union, the others

being: Mrs. Lucinda Lofton, of Audrain County, Missouri; Solomon, of Macoupin County; Ephraim, deceased; Mrs. Thirza Noble, deceased; Mrs. Mahala Buckles, a resident of the old homestead in Jersey County; and Richard, deceased.

Israel Chappell was seven years old when he accompanied his parents to America, and he was reared in Greene (now Jersey) County, Illinois. In 1848 he entered 160 acres of land in Honey Point township, Macoupin County, but did not settle on it until 1852. In the spring of 1850 he made the trip across the plains to California, in company with eight companions, with a team of mules. The journey which now requires but three or four days, then consumed four months. Mr. Chappell remained in the gold mines some two years, being fairly successful. Upon his return he settled on his farm in Macoupin County, which was then unbroken prairie, and here he has been engaged in agricultural pursuits for over a half century. He has become the owner of a large amount of land both in Honey Point and Shaw's Point townships, aggregating 340 acres, thus divided: 160 acres in section 33, Shaw's Point township, and 20 additional acres of timber in section 21, and 160 acres in section 4, Honey Point township. He has engaged very successfully in general farming and the raising of first class stock. For some time he has not been actively engaged, his sons and son-in-law managing the property and relieving him of all care.

On March 30, 1854, Mr. Chappell was married in Genesee County, New York, to Sophia Hunt, who was born in Devonshire, England, and removed with her parents to New York State in 1849. Seven children were born to this marriage, of whom the following are living: Israel Watson, who has two children living and one deceased; George M., of Shaw's Point township, who has three children living and one deceased; Mrs. Sophia Grace Dugger, of Shaw's Point township, who has three children living and four deceased; James Richard, of Boone County, Illinois, who has two children; and Mrs. Cora Mae Groves, who has two children. Mr. and Mrs. Groves reside on the home farm which Mr. Groves manages.

In his early political life, Mr. Chappell was a Whig, but has been identified with the Republican party ever since its formation and still upholds its principles. His first vote for President was cast for Gen. Zachary Taylor. He has long been a consistent member and liberal supporter of the Methodist Church. Until he began to feel the weight of years, he was active in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Mr. Chappell has lived a long and

useful life and has in every way in his power contributed to the development and betterment of his locality. He is widely known and universally esteemed.

On March 30, 1904, Mr. and Mrs. Chappell celebrated their golden wedding in their spacious home, where were gathered most of the children and grandchildren, besides a large number of their neighbors and acquaintances. They were the recipients of many valuable and useful presents. Mr. Chappell made each of his children a present of a handsome gold ring on this occasion. They were recently made from gold that he dug in California while there in 1850-52. In addition Mrs. Chappell made her eldest daughter a present of a gold ring which has been an heirloom in her family for over 200 years.



HENRY C. SCHELDT.

HENRY C. SCHELDT, a farmer and stock raiser of Bunker Hill township, Macoupin County, who owns and operates the Clover Hill Farm, a fine property of 183 acres situated in section 29, was born in Madison County, Illinois, June 23, 1864. He is a son of Philip and Christine (Bausch) Scheldt.

Philip Scheldt was born in Darmstadt, Germany, November 3, 1830. His mother died when he was 11 years of age. When he was 21 years old, he came to America, and after working two years went back to Germany and brought with him his father, who later died at his son's home in Madison County, Illinois, aged 75 years. Philip Scheldt married Christine Bausch, also a native of Germany, who now resides in Chicago, Illinois. His death occurred on his farm in Macoupin County in 1895. He was an active worker in the Presbyterian Church, of which he was an elder for many years. In politics he was a Republican, and he held a number of township offices. Although he began life with few advantages, by energy and thrift he accumulated a large property. His children were: Susan Gabrielle, who died at the age of 21 years; Jacob T., a lumber man in business in Chicago; Henry C., of this sketch; and Lizzie, Amelia and Kate, all residents of Chicago.

Our subject was six months old when his parents settled on the present farm, on which he has lived ever since. He has here very successfully

carried on general farming and stock raising, and has a herd of Jersey cattle, eligible to register. He makes a specialty of Poland-China hogs which are also eligible to register, his boar "Romeo" being one of the best in this State. He raises large crops of wheat and corn, but of late years has been directing his efforts more in the line of fruit culture, and has set out 1,400 pear trees and 100 apple trees. On account of the favorable situation of his land and his careful methods, there is no doubt but that Mr. Scheldt will reap large harvests of choice fruit.

In 1891 Mr. Scheldt married Mary Kreig, who was born in Madison County, Illinois, October 2, 1868, and is a daughter of John and Barbara Kreig, both natives of Germany. They have one son, Roscoe, a bright boy now attending school. In politics, Mr. Scheldt is identified with the Republican party in which he is held in such esteem that he is often called upon to fill official positions. He has been a school trustee for a long period and for nine years served as highway commissioner, much credit being due him for the excellent conditions prevailing throughout the township. He is a leading member of the Presbyterian Church and one of the trustees, as well as one of its most liberal supporters.



F. L. HARRIS.

F. L. HARRIS, whose personal sketch we herewith present, is a prosperous and enterprising citizen of Brushy Mound township, Macoupin County, where he operates a sawmill. He was born in Michigan, December 23, 1861, and is a son of Joseph and Amanda (Watson) Harris.

Joseph Harris was by trade a bridge carpenter, which trade he followed during his entire active period, residing the greater part of his life in Michigan. He removed to Linn County, Kansas, and later to Coffey County, Kansas. He died in Kansas City. To this couple were born seven children, namely; F. L., the subject of this sketch; Isabel; Irene; Lulu; Charles; Catherine; and one who died unnamed in infancy.

F. L. Harris came to Illinois in the fall of 1883, and located in Honey Point township, Macoupin County, where he remained but one year, and then



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LUCINDA H. CORR, M. D.

removed to his present location and purchased the property. Our subject has proved himself to be a man of great ability. Besides operating his saw-mill, our subject owns and operates a threshing machine, which has also proved to be very profitable. Our subject is a Democrat in his political belief, and has taken an active part in many political affairs, and has served as commissioner of the township.

Our subject was wedded in 1883 to Angeline Jackson, a native of Macoupin County, Illinois, and they reside in a comfortable home which our subject owns and takes pride in keeping in good repair and as modern as possible.



ALBERT CAMPBELL CORR, A. M., M. D.

ALBERT CAMPBELL CORR, A. M., M. D., deceased, was for many years one of the foremost physicians and surgeons in Southern Illinois, being located at Carlinville nearly the entire period of his professional career. Owing to ill health resulting from general practice, he made a careful study of diseases of the eye, ear and throat and confined his energies to practice as a specialist. He and his estimable wife, Dr. Lucinda H. Corr, conducted The Home Hospital, a retreat for invalids, which they established in 1878. The death of Dr. Corr was an irreparable loss to the community, in which he was held in the highest esteem.

Dr. Albert Campbell Corr was born near Honey Point, Macoupin County, Illinois, February 10, 1840, and was a son of Rev. Thomas Corr, whose father was of English birth and came to this country with his brother, locating in Virginia. Thomas Corr was born in King and Queen County, Virginia, in 1800, and at a very early age moved to Kentucky. At the age of 17 years he was united in marriage with Preshea Wood, who died in Monroe, Iowa, October 9, 1888, at the advanced age of 86 years. In 1834, Thomas Corr removed to Illinois, and was residing in Macoupin County at the time of his death in 1852. He and his wife were the parents of 12 children; three sons made honorable records of service in the Union Army during the Civil War.

Albert Campbell Corr during his younger days attended the old log school house in his district, and while not at school assisted in the work about

the farm. He was desirous of obtaining a superior education and laid his plans accordingly, but he was destined to disappointment in this ambition. His elder brother enlisted for service in the Union Army and the care of the paternal acres fell upon the young shoulders of our subject for the time being. However, in 1863 he entered Blackburn University at Carlinville. But, imbued with a spirit of patriotism, he sacrificed his personal ambitions for the time and in 1864 enlisted in Company F, 133rd, Reg., Illinois Vol. Inf. He served for a period of four months, during which time he paid \$21 per month to a man to take his place on the farm.

After the close of the war, our subject returned home and devoted his spare time to the study of medicine, pursuing a three-years' course in the Chicago Medical College. He was graduated from that institution on March 4, 1868, and was the first in Macoupin County to take such an extensive course of study in a medical college. In 1865, Dr. Corr was united in marriage with Lucinda Hall, a native of Macoupin County who was at that time teaching school. She continued teaching after marriage, having a school near the home of our subject's mother, in order to look after the latter until the graduation of Dr. Corr. He was always a firm believer in equal rights and privileges to women, and it was his wish as well as Mrs. Corr's that she pursue a course of study in medicine and become a companion to him in his professional work. She entered the Woman's Hospital Medical College, and was graduated with honors in March, 1874, being the first woman from Macoupin County to graduate in medicine.

Dr. A. C. Corr first engaged in practice at Chesterfield, and seven years later became established at Carlinville, where he continued in practice until his death. It was at his instigation that the Macoupin County Medical Society was organized in 1873 and during the first 10 years of its existence he served as its secretary. He was chosen president in April, 1880. As a result of ill health he gave up the general practice of medicine and devoted his attention to a careful study of diseases of the eye, ear and throat, taking post-graduate work in New York, Baltimore and Chicago. From 1886 until his death, his time was devoted exclusively to the treatment of those diseases, attaining a high degree of success. His wife has been equally successful in the treatment of nervous diseases and diseases of women. Dr. Corr was a writer of considerable prominence in the medical world and was editor of the eye and ear department of the *Southern-Illinois Journal of Medicine and Surgery*. He was a member of the Illinois State Medical Society for over

30 years, and in 1897 was elected president of that body. He was also elected president of the Army and Navy Medical Society, a society which originated in the Illinois State Medical Society, and in which he was associated with Dr. E. P. Cook and many other prominent medical men of the State. He also was a member of the board of pension examiners for Montgomery and Macoupin counties. At the instance of Governor John R. Tanner, Dr. Corr was made a member of the Illinois State Board of Health, serving out the term of a deceased member, and was elected its president. He was chosen by Governor John P. Altgeld as one of the delegates from this State to the first Pan-American Medical Congress. On account of his continued scientific pursuits and successes, he was given the degree of Master of Arts by Blackburn University in 1893. He was a man of broad and liberal ideas, always a friend of the poor and needy, and was welcomed into the best homes of the county. Portraits of Dr. Albert Campbell Corr and Dr. Lucinda H. Corr accompany this sketch, being presented on a foregoing page.



COL. JOHN HELFENSTEIN SIMMONS.

COL. JOHN HELFENSTEIN SIMMONS, one of the prominent citizens of Bunker Hill, Macoupin County, and a survivor of the Civil War, now lives in easy retirement, surrounded by all that makes advanced life pleasant. Colonel Simmons was born February 26, 1831, at Frederick, Maryland, and is a son of Zacharia Taylor and Louisa C. (Helfenstein) Simmons.

Zacharia Taylor Simmons, father of our subject, was born at Frederick, Maryland, and died at St. Louis, Missouri, aged 71 years. He was a son of Col. John H. Simmons, who won his rank at Fort Henry, during the War of 1812, and was a prominent and wealthy farmer of Maryland, a Democratic politician and long a member of the State Senate. Zacharia Taylor, who was one of his father's family of eight children, married a daughter of Rev. John Helfenstein, who was a minister in the German Reformed Church at Frederick, Maryland. They had five children, namely: John H., of this sketch; Mrs. Mary E. Glenn, deceased; Mrs. Harriet Rebecca Gee, of Wis-

consin; Albert, who died young; and Edward C., who is at the head of the Simmons Hardware Co. of St. Louis, which is the largest wholesale and retail concern of its kind in the world. Until his health failed, the father of this family engaged in farming and merchandising, removing to Philadelphia in 1841, and to St. Louis, in 1844. He was a man of exemplary character and was firm in his convictions of right and wrong. In politics a Democrat of the old school, he boldly upheld the principles of that party. The religious associations of the family away back to his grandfather, who was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, have always been with the Protestant Episcopal Church, in which our subject is a licensed lay reader.

Colonel Simmons was 11 years of age when the family removed to Philadelphia, and remained at the home in St. Louis until 1877, as the eldest of the children, having many responsibilities on account of his father's delicate health. For 20 years he engaged in the mercantile and commission business at St. Louis, but in the latter part of 1861 enlisted in the Confederate service, in which he remained through the war, during the greater part of the time being connected with General Price at headquarters. After the close of the war, Colonel Simmons returned to St. Louis and embarked in the manufacture of machinery with the G. & W. Todd Company for two years and then took an interest in the foundry and machine business of Smith, Beggs & Company. In 1877 he went to Lake City and Leadville, Colorado, where he was engaged for a time in gold mining and then returned to Bunker Hill and was engaged in merchandising until he retired.

In 1879 Colonel Simmons was married to Lucy D. Pierce, who was born in November, 1853, at Belleville, Illinois, and died in Bunker Hill in February, 1902, aged 48 years. Her death was induced by nervous prostration and pneumonia brought on by the burning of the family home. She was a daughter of John Orrin and Clarissa D. Pierce, the former of whom was born in St. Clair County, Illinois, and the latter in Tioga County, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Pierce had six children, viz: Lucy D.; Mrs. Clarissa Adelaide Jardine of Denver, Colorado; Mrs. Cynthia J. Milton of Bunker Hill; Mrs. Jessie M. Richards, who died June 21, 1898; John Orrin of Denver; and Mary, of Bunker Hill. Mrs. Pierce was a Floyd and her grandmother was Lucy S. Tozer, who was born June 5, 1796. Her father, Julius Tozer, was a Revolutionary soldier, and thus, on both sides of the

family. Colonel Simmons' two charming daughters are eligible to the society of the Daughters of the Revolution. They bear the names of Garrie Adel and Jessie Floyd.

WILLIAM N. CULP.

WILLIAM N. CULP, one of the leading citizens and extensive farmers and stock raisers of Macoupin County, president of the Honey Point Horse Company, was born October 1, 1839, in Macoupin County, which has been his home all his life. He is a son of Samuel B. and Gabriella (Finley) Culp.

The grandfather of our subject was Hon. Thomas Culp, who was born in Kentucky and removed to Missouri in 1815, where he served in the State Legislature. He died in Izard County, Arkansas, in 1848, leaving one child, Samuel B. The latter was born in Nicholas County, Kentucky, in 1813, and died in Shelby County, Illinois, in 1893. He came to this State at the age of 21 years and located at Greenfield, where he conducted a shop and worked at his trade of tailoring. He was a man of most exemplary life, a worthy member of the Baptist Church in which he was a preacher for many years, giving his service to the Hickory Grove Baptist Church, with little remuneration, for forty years. He owned a small farm in Bird township, Macoupin County, where his industry and frugality secured him a competency. In politics he supported the Democratic party. He married a daughter of William Finley, of Kentucky, and four children were born to them, namely: William N.; James F., a large fruit grower of Mississippi, having 10,000 peach trees; Columbus, who was accidentally killed at the age of 24 years, while on a hunting excursion in Kansas; and Mrs. Emma A. Hibrier of Mississippi. The mother of this family died in Shelby County, Illinois, in 1890, at the age of 79 years.

William N. Culp attended the common schools and the education thus secured was supplemented by one term at Blackburn University. During 12 winters he taught the local district schools. He owns 585 acres of land located in sections 17, 18 and 19, Honey Point township, Macoupin County. He is engaged in general farming, making his leading crops hay and corn, and extensive stock breeding and raising, keeping only high grade stock.

Annually, he sells 100 head of hogs, 100 head of cattle and averages 15 head of horses. He has taken great interest in advancing the quality of stock of all kinds in this section and is serving as president of the Honey Point Horse Company, being one of eight extensive breeders who organized the company in June, 1892. He owns an interest in one of the company's imported Percheron stallions, which was brought from France at a cost of \$1,600.

Mr. Culp has been a lifelong Democrat and is a man of influence in his party in this locality. He is most highly esteemed by the community and has served five terms as township supervisor, for 30 years as a member of the School Board, and for a long period as a justice of the peace. Religiously he is a member and liberal supporter of the Baptist Church.

In 1862 Mr. Culp married Rachel E. Frazier, who was born in Macoupin County, Illinois, and is a daughter of William C. and Malinda Frazier, the former of whom was born in North Carolina and the latter in Tennessee. Mr. and Mrs. Frazier came to Macoupin County in 1833. The seven children born to Mr. and Mrs. Culp are as follows: Flora A., a graduate of Elmira College, who is principal of the Virden schools; Carrie B., who married Dr. John N. English of Mississippi, and has one son—Thomas; Samuel H., who operates the home farm; Rev. Franklin H., a Baptist clergyman, a graduate of the Western Normal School, engaged in fruit growing in Mississippi, who married Lizzie Luckey; Mabel C., who married Merle Karnahan of Kansas, and has one child—Hazel; Claudius C., associated with his brother Franklin H. in fruit growing, who is a graduate of Blackburn University and much interested in scientific studies; and Martha M., who is also a graduate of Blackburn University, and resides at home. The family is one of exceptional ability and Mr. Culp has afforded each one of his children a college education.



JOHN BRANDENBURGER.

JOHN BRANDENBURGER, who is one of the respected residents and substantial citizens of Bunker Hill, Macoupin County, and is deserving of the esteem in which he is held as a survivor of the great Civil War, was born

at Krietzner, Germany, November 16, 1826, and is a son of Andrew Brandenburger.

The father of our subject was born in Germany in 1795, where he followed an agricultural life, owning a large estate, which he left in 1862 and came to America, his death occurring in the same year at Belleville, Illinois. He had served three years in the army, as the law of his country demanded, and was a man who commanded respect wherever he was known. His five children all came to the United States, and all except our subject have passed away, namely: William, who died at Belleville in 1892, aged 79 years, leaving a fortune made in coal mining, which was estimated at a half million; Mrs. Christiana Ryman, who died in Belleville aged 70 years; and Andrew and Jacob.

John Brandenburger attended school in his native land until he was 16 years of age and then spent three years learning the shoemaker's trade, serving then three years in the Prussian Army and participating in the revolution of 1848. In 1851 he came to America to join his brother at Belleville, where he remained until 1853, when he moved to Bunker Hill. Mr. Brandenburger was without means when he located in Bunker Hill, but being equipped with an excellent trade he immediately engaged in business and through his industry, energy and perseverance soon became prosperous. However, when the tocsin of war sounded, in 1861, he was willing to respond and do battle for a country which had welcomed him and had offered him support in making an honest livelihood. He enlisted for service in Company B, 1st Reg., Missouri Vol. Cav., under command of General Curtis. His army service covered three years and two months and included the battles of Pea Ridge, Pilot Knob and Prairie Grove, and almost continuous skirmishing through Arkansas and Missouri. It was shortly after he enlisted that he was seriously injured in a cavalry charge, by having his horse fall on him, two broken ribs landing him in Sedalia hospital for two months and entitling him to a present monthly pension of \$24. After making an admirable record for bravery, he was discharged in December, 1864. Then he returned to Bunker Hill and resumed work at his trade. In the years following he became very prosperous and is now a man of capital. For some years, with the assistance of his late estimable wife, he conducted a first class boarding house in Bunker Hill.

In 1854 Mr. Brandenburger was married to Christina Fohnger, who was also born in Germany, and died in 1901, at Bunker Hill, aged 67 years.

They had these children: Mrs. Louisa Lee, of Bunker Hill, who has five children; Mrs. Margaret Hanagan, of Alton, who has three children; John, a member of the St. Louis police force, who has one child; Mrs. Mena Gosch, of Bunker Hill, who has one child; and Lily, widow of Dr. Glan of Bunker Hill, who has one child. Mr. Brandenburger has lived to see all his children comfortably settled in life and to have grandchildren gathering about his knee, and also to see the country for which he risked his life one of the greatest in the world.

Mr. Brandenburger cast his first presidential vote for General Fremont in 1856, and has been a staunch Republican ever since. He is a valued member of the Grand Army of the Republic, a body of men deserving of the greatest consideration from the present generation.



GILES ADAMS.

GILES ADAMS, a retired farmer of Macoupin County, is a self made man in every respect the word implies, as well as a respected and honored citizen. He resides on his handsome farm of 120 acres of highly cultivated land situated in section 31, Brushy Mound township. He was born in Tennessee May 9, 1825, and is a son of William C. and Margaret (Ward) Adams.

William C. Adams, who followed the occupation of a farmer, came to Macoupin County when our subject was one year old, and although he was a hard and industrious worker he never amassed any great wealth, but was a man who had countless friends and was known throughout the county for his honest and upright methods of doing business. He was married to Margaret Ward, a native of Tennessee, and 12 children were born to them, namely: Giles, whose name heads this personal sketch; Moses; Sarah E. (Rusher), who married William Rusher and had 16 children, five of whom are still living, namely—Elmira, Robert, Giles, George and Annie; John; Elizabeth, now deceased, who was the wife of John Sanders; James; Nancy, deceased, whose first husband was Peter Newell, her second John Dowdle, and her third John Conrad; Jesse; Daniel; George; Francis M. and Jane. In religious belief William C. Adams and wife were members of the Baptist Church. They both died many years ago.

Giles Adams was reared and educated in Macoupin County, attending the old-fashioned school houses of the early days. After reaching the years of manhood, he worked upon the farm which he now owns. He has met with success in all enterprises which he has undertaken. Our subject was very active in former years but is now living a retired life with his nephew Giles Rusher. He is a well preserved man of good character, and is a highly respected citizen. Our subject never married, preferring to support and care for his widowed mother.

MRS. HELEN FLETCHER.

MRS HELEN FLETCHER, widow of the late Samuel Anson Fletcher, is one of the most highly esteemed residents of Bunker Hill, Macoupin County, and is a representative of a family which was established here more than a half century ago. The birth of Mrs. Fletcher took place in the little village of Larne, in County Antrim, Ireland, in probably the most picturesque and beautiful section of the northern part of the Emerald Isle. She is a daughter of Stewart and Eliza (Blair) McCambridge.

The original home of the McCambridge family was Scotland, whence they removed into Ireland, generations ago, on account of religious persecution. Malcolm McCambridge, the great-grandfather of Mrs. Fletcher, settled in County Antrim and there acquired lands to which additions were made by his descendants. His son Daniel succeeded him and reared a family of eight children, bearing the names of John, Daniel, Alexander, Archibald, Frank, Sarah, Margaret and Stewart. The last named, the father of Mrs. Fletcher, was born in County Antrim, March 8, 1802. In the schools conducted by the Catholic clergy of the locality, he was well educated but he never became a convert to their faith, in later years being confirmed by Bishop Manse in the communion of the Protestant Episcopal Church. In Ireland he learned the tanning business, for, while his father was a man of large wealth, the property was entailed and he being the youngest child was forced to seek his own fortune. He married Eliza Blair, who was born in Ireland and was a daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth (Knox) Blair, and,

with wife and children, migrated in 1849 to America. The vessel left its freight and passengers at New Orleans and there the family remained a few months and then came up the Mississippi River to Alton, the objective point being the rich farming lands of Macoupin County. After the purchase of a beautiful farm of 120 acres had been made by Mr. McCambridge, the family drove out to the new home and there Mrs. Fletcher lived until about 40 years of age. There her father died in March, 1884. In appearance and in manner and temperament, Mr. McCambridge was a typical Irishman, hospitable, generous, witty and home-loving. In politics he was a Democrat. Six of his family of 12 children lived to maturity: Daniel, Frank, Alexander, Elizabeth, Fannie, Helen and Blair. Daniel was a physician and died in New Zealand. Frank and Alexander both served in the Civil War as members of Mahone's Brigade, 3rd Alabama Regiment, Confederate States Army. The latter was wounded at Seven Pines, was in the battle of the Wilderness and was one of the prisoners taken by General Grant at the siege of Vicksburg. Later, while under parole, he was arrested at St. Louis, but was released upon the payment of \$100 to his guards. He then accepted a position as station agent with the Chicago & Alton Railway at Alton. Frank also went into railroad work and at the time of his death, at Venice, Illinois, was captain of a ferry boat. Alexander died at Bunker Hill, Macoupin County, in 1866, of cholera. Elizabeth is Mrs. Compton and lives in St. Louis. Fannie died at the age of 19 years and rests in the Bunker Hill cemetery. Blair is a prominent Democratic politician at Venice, Illinois.

Mrs. Fletcher was born June 9, 1844, and was five years old when the family reached New Orleans, old enough to recall the leading features of the long trip. In the city of New York, March 30, 1886, she was married to Samuel Anson Fletcher, of Bunker Hill, who was born at Antrim, New Hampshire, in 1824, a son of Hon. Samuel Fletcher, who served 16 years in the New Hampshire Legislature. Mr. Fletcher was a man of fine education and in early life was a school teacher. In 1857 he came to Bunker Hill, where for many years he stood very high in public esteem. As a stock buyer he was very successful, carrying on extensive operations. He was the first mayor of Bunker Hill and was a member of the City Council for 12 years. In politics he was an influential member of the Republican party. He attended and was a liberal supporter of the Congregational Church in which his father had been a deacon. Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher had one daugh-

ter, Elizabeth Blair, who is still at school. By a former marriage, Mr. Fletcher had three children. He died in June, 1893, his decease being a distinct loss not only to his family, but to the community which had so long benefitted by his liberality and his continued public spirit.



VINCENT SMITH.

VINCENT SMITH, whose death occurred February 28, 1904, had been a resident of Bunker Hill for more than half a century, and for some time previous to his decease was considered as the oldest citizen of Macoupin County. He was universally regarded with the reverence due his advanced age, as well as with the respect and esteem accorded those who have lived useful, helpful lives. Mr. Smith was born June 7, 1808, in London, England, in the year in which James Madison was elected President of the United States, and 11 years before the birth of that gracious lady and sovereign, the late Queen Victoria. He was the only child born to his parents, Vincent and Hannah (Ridgley) Smith.

The Smith family was one of distinction in England, only three generations removed from the crown, and upon their coat-of-arms is inscribed the stag and seven stars. An uncle of our venerable subject once served as lord mayor of London and other prominent offices have been held by his kindred. The father of Mr. Smith died when he was three years old, and when Vincent was eight years of age, his mother brought him to America, in 1816 accompanying her parents, Thomas and Lydia Ridgley, to Boston, Massachusetts. They settled on a farm at Spott's Pond, 16 miles from the Atlantic Ocean. Some years later Mr. and Mrs. Ridgley and family removed to Illinois, where Lydia Ridgley died, her husband then going to St. Louis, Missouri, and making his home subsequently with his son, Richard Ridgley, a brother of Hon. Stephen Ridgley, who was a member of the Missouri Legislature and a man of wealth and prominence. Stephen Ridgley was the founder of the Ridgley Library which is now in course of construction at Washington University. Stephen and Richard Ridgley made large fortunes in the manufacture of an illuminating fluid. The other children of the

Ridgley family were: John, a sailor, who lost his life at sea; George, who died on the plains on his way to California, in 1849; Mrs. Rhoda Bird; Mrs. Eliza Richards; Thomas, a farmer, who died at Bunker Hill; and William, who was also engaged in farming. Richard Ridgley died in Bunker Hill.

The mother of our subject died soon after reaching America, at Baltimore, Maryland, and the orphan boy found a home with his uncle, Lazarus Haskell. He has the kindest recollections of his good uncle and aunt, the latter being a sister of his mother, and he recalls many interesting circumstances connected with those days. Mrs. Haskell was employed in the family of John Quincy Adams, in the capacity of seamstress, but seems to have been regarded with affection, Mr. Smith having in his possession a gold shawl pin which was presented to his aunt by Mrs. Adams. With this aunt he attended the inauguration of President Adams, and can recall many incidents of that august occasion.

Mr. Smith was about 25 years of age when he accompanied the family in its migration to Ohio, and settlement at Yellow Springs. A few years later, he came to Illinois, on the way passing through the city of Indianapolis, when that beautiful capital of Indiana was represented by four dwellings and a blacksmith shop. Mr. Smith located near Monmouth, Illinois, entering land in Warren County. As but two years had elapsed since the Black Hawk War, the country was still in an unsettled state, and he passed the first winter in a blockhouse—a frontier fort used for protection against Indians. Later he improved a farm and built the first frame house erected between Monmouth and Chicago. In 1851 he removed to Macoupin County and settled in Bunker Hill township. The old homestead still stands but has not been occupied for the past 25 years.

Mr. Smith was married January 25, 1840, to Rhoda Bird, who was born at Dorchester, Massachusetts, December 19, 1824, and is a daughter of Lemuel and Rhoda (Ridgley) Bird. Of the 12 children born to them, these survive: Stephen, who is in the real estate business at Wyndmere, North Dakota; Haney V., who resides in Bunker Hill township; Mrs. Hannah Boswell of Shipman, Macoupin County; Katherine E.; Lemuel B. and Edward L.—all of Bunker Hill township. The deceased were: Ella M. Lucy, Anna, Clivius, Hattie and Mary E., who died five months after her marriage with Henry Parker.

Mr. Smith always filled a prominent place in the affairs of his com-

munity and was foremost in the establishment of many of the local enterprises. He was one of the first trustees of the Bunker Hill Military Academy, and was one of the most liberal supporters of McKendree College. For more than 60 years he was a member of the Methodist Church, uniting with it in its early days in his section, and was of the utmost assistance in the erection of the first Methodist church structure at Bunker Hill. Later, when a new building was proposed, he again gave generous assistance. In early days he was an abolitionist and during the Civil War upheld the arms of the government to the best of his ability. He was always a temperance man and for some years performed his part in advancing the principles advocated by the Prohibition party.

Mr. Smith's declining years were surrounded with all the comforts dear to age. His wife passed away in July, 1899, at the age of 75 years, but an affectionate and devoted daughter was ever at his side during the three and a half years that intervened between the loss of his wife and his own removal from the scene of his labors, and his sons kept him in touch with the world. His life covered the most wonderful epoch in the earth's history, and it was the oft expressed wish of his friends that he might be permitted to round out the century. This was not an unreasonable hope, as all who have had knowledge of his wonderful vitality and his vigor of body and mind can testify.



HANEY V. SMITH.

HANEY V. SMITH, who, with his brothers, Lemuel B. and Edward L., form the firm of Smith Brothers, proprietors of the Bird Hill Fruit Farm, consisting of 102 acres, situated in sections 14 and 11, Bunker Hill township, Macoupin County, was born April 29, 1847, in Warren County, Illinois. He is a son of Vincent and Rhoda (Bird) Smith, the former of whom at the time of his death, February 28, 1904, was the most venerable citizen of Macoupin County.

Our subject is one of a family of 12 children born to his parents, the survivors being: Stephen, born January 5, 1841, is in the real estate business at Wyndmere, North Dakota; Haney V., of this sketch; Mrs. Hannah Boswell, of Shipman, Macoupin County; Katherine E., who resides with her

brothers; and Lemuel B. and Edward L., members of the firm of Smith Brothers.

Our subject was four years of age when he accompanied his parents to the present farm, which formerly belonged to his maternal grandfather, Lemuel Bird. Mr. Bird was born in Maine and there learned the business of manufacturing paper in the early days when much of the work now accomplished by machinery was done by hand. Later he went to Massachusetts, where he married, and in 1836 came with his family to Warren County, Illinois, and in 1848 to Macoupin County. His last years were passed in the home now occupied by our subject. His family consisted of eight children, namely: Rhoda, who married Vincent Smith and became the mother of our subject; Thomas, deceased, who is in the wholesale paper business in St. Louis, Missouri; Richard, now a farmer near Vandalia, Missouri, who graduated at Dartmouth College and was prevented from entering the ministry on account of ill health; John, now a farmer near Vandalia, Missouri, who made the trip to California in 1849; Katherine, who is the wife of Dr. T. C. Patterson, of Monmouth, Illinois; Leander, a member of Company A, 97th Reg., Illinois Vol. Inf., who died in a military hospital at Memphis, Tennessee, in the Civil War; Mrs. Eliza Brown, a resident of Decatur, Illinois; and Samuel, also a member of the 97th Reg., Illinois Vol. Inf., who gave up his life for his country, dying at Jefferson Barracks, two weeks after the death of his brother Leander.

Our subject has lived on the beautiful Bird Hill Fruit Farm practically all his life. On account of its favorable soil and location, he with the assistance of his two brothers, has converted it into a fruit farm exclusively. A specialty is made of the growing of fine pears, the pear orchard including 5,000 trees of the Kieffer variety, 700 of Dutchess, 500 of Orange quince, 200 apple trees, and 300 peach trees. In addition, a sorghum and a canning factory is operated, the output from the latter being 30,000 cans of tomatoes a season from home-grown stock. They have a very complete equipment for an extensive canning business and the demand for the goods is constantly increasing on account of their uniform excellence.

On January 26, 1902, Mr. Smith was married to Henrietta Hennessey, who was born February 22, 1857, at St. Louis, Missouri, and was left an orphan at an early age.

Mr. Smith is a member of the Prohibition party and has been very active in advancing its principles. Since he was eight years of age, he has

been a member of the Methodist Church. His fraternal association is with the Modern Woodmen of America. Mr. Smith is one of the best known men in the southern part of Macoupin County, where the family has been prominent so many years. He is a progressive, reliable business man and in every way a first class citizen.



NATHANIEL DALBY.

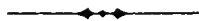
Among the prominent farmers of Macoupin County, Illinois, who have achieved success through the cultivation of the talents endowed upon them by the hand of Nature, is the gentleman whose name heads this personal sketch. He resides on his farm of 100 acres which is situated in section 34, Brushy Mound township. He was born in Yorkshire, England, about 1842, and is a son of Mathias and Rebecca (Lightfoot) Dalby.

Mathias Dalby was born in England, where he remained during his entire life, spending many years in the pursuits of general farming. His wife, Rebecca Lightfoot, was also a native of England, and she also spent her entire life in that country.

Nathaniel Dalby received his education in England, and although he did not have the educational advantages of the American boy, he has become very prominent in the educational circles of his county. He was raised upon a farm in his native country and in 1881 came to America on the steamship "Averrill," landing in New York City, where he remained about two days and then came to Bunker Hill, Macoupin County, Illinois, where he secured work on the farm of William Gill, whom he had known in his native country, and who had persuaded him to come to this country. After working upon the farm of Mr. Gill for some time, he rented a farm from Mr. Reynolds, and remained on that farm for 17 years. In 1901 he purchased his present farm, where he is meeting with success in the carrying on of general farming and stock raising operations. In political belief our subject is a staunch Republican, and as his reason says that no man living in the part of England from which he came could believe otherwise. He is also much interested in the educational affairs of his county; he feels his own lack of

educational training, and consequently has given his children a good common schooling.

In 1876 our subject was married to Frances Harrison, also a native of England; she is a daughter of John and Jane (Chapman) Harrison, who were both natives of England. Five children were born to them, namely: Albert, Harry, Matthew, Rebecca (deceased), and William. Our subject and family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. and Mrs. Dalby have been hard working people, and what they have to-day has come as the result of unceasing toil.



EDWIN S. MILTON, M. D.

EDWIN S. MILTON, M. D., one of the well known medical practitioners of the city of Bunker Hill, Macoupin County, was born February 18, 1832, at Eliot, Maine, and is a son of Charles Milton, who was born at Kittery, Maine, where his father had settled upon coming from England.

The father of Dr. Milton spent his whole life at Kittery, following the trade of ship carpenter. There he died of typhoid fever at the age of 40 years, leaving his widow with a family of five children, our subject being then two years of age. The other members of the family were: Mrs. Susan Lakin, who died aged 72 years at her home in Massachusetts; James, a man of education and of poetical ability, a contributor to many periodicals, who was apprenticed to the latter's trade, but who never followed it, and died in Massachusetts, aged 65 years; Augustus, a carpenter at Chelsea, Massachusetts; and Elbridge, who died in Massachusetts, aged 36 years. The family was intensely loyal during the Civil War and all the sons desired to enter the army. By lot they selected our subject as the one to remain at home to look after home interests. They all served in a Massachusetts regiment of infantry and remained until the war was over, much of their service being under General Banks at New Orleans. Although none was taken prisoner or wounded, all suffered from exposure which was the direct cause of the death of the youngest.

Dr. Milton obtained his early education in the Eliot Academy and was 20 years of age when he left home and removed to Cincinnati. He there en-



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tered the American Medical College, also the College of Physicians and Surgeons, completing the prescribed course in both institutions in 1858. He then located at Bunker Hill, Macoupin County, where he has continued in practice ever since.

In 1852 Dr. Milton married Ann Dixon, who was born at Eliot, Maine, and who was a daughter of William and Martha Dixon. Mrs. Milton died at Staunton, Macoupin County, Illinois, July 2, 1900, aged 66 years. Three children were born to Dr. and Mrs. Milton, the two survivors being: Caroline, wife of Alvin Godfrey of Staunton; and Francis, a farmer, who married Julia Pierce of Bunker Hill township, and has four children.—Pierce, Elsie, Floyd and Delphine.

In politics Dr. Milton is identified with the Republican party. For the past six years he has been on the Board of Education and is one of the city's representative men.



E. T. RICE.

E. T. RICE, county treasurer of Macoupin County and one of the substantial residents of Gillespie township, whose portrait accompanies this sketch, was born in this county August 14, 1853, and is a son of Hugh and Christina Rice, natives of Ireland and the State of Ohio, respectively

Hugh Rice came from Ireland to this country in 1837, and in 1843 located at Alton, Illinois, where he resided four years. He enlisted for service in the United States Army during the Mexican War, and his record as a soldier was an honorable one. In 1849 he went to the gold fields of California, and upon his return to Illinois in 1851 purchased a tract of land in Cahokia township, Macoupin County, where he was engaged in agricultural pursuits and in raising and dealing in live stock during the remainder of his life. He was one of the good substantial residents of the county, and his death, which occurred in August, 1898, at the age of 81 years, was regretted by every one who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. Mrs. Rice, who was born October 3, 1831, died December 21, 1880, at the age of 49 years. They were the parents of the following children: E. T., subject of this biography; Mary (Steidley); H. W.; J. P.; E. A.; Catherine (Zenor); Laura (Ganey);

Mae, deceased; W. H.; and Maud (Ibbetson). Mr. Rice was a Democrat in politics, but never accepted office of any kind.

E. T. Rice was educated in the common schools of Macoupin County, and in Blackburn University at Carlinville. After the completion of his schooling, he turned his attention to farming, in which business he has engaged continuously up to the present time. He has 160 acres of valuable land in Gillespie township, which he devotes to general farming and stock raising. He has been successful at this vocation, and is one of the prosperous business men of the community. He has always been unwavering in his support of the Democratic party, and was elected to township offices a number of times. In 1903 he was elected county treasurer of Macoupin County by the handsome majority of 750 votes and has since discharged the duties of the office in a most satisfactory manner.

On February 20, 1879, Mr. Rice was united in marriage with Miss R. E. Francis, a native of Macoupin County, and this union has resulted in the following offspring: Pauline C.; Stewart P.; Mary E.; Mae; Frances; and Charles. Fraternally, Mr. Rice is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America.



GEORGE MORRISON.

GEORGE MORRISON, one of the prominent agriculturists of Hilyard township, Macoupin County, residing in section 13, where he owns a farm of 200 acres, belongs to an old pioneer family of the State. He was born December 22, 1840, in County Derry, in the north of Ireland, and is a son of Henry and Martha (Taylor) Morrison.

The Morrison family is of Scotch-Irish descent. George Morrison, the grandfather of our subject, spent his whole life in Ireland, where he possessed enough means to give each one of his children a start in life. Two of his sons, Henry and James, came to America. The latter was a school teacher and always made his home with his brother Henry, dying at the latter's residence, November 27, 1894, aged 83 years. Henry Morrison was born June 7, 1808, in Ireland, came to America in 1845 and died in his home in Macoupin County in 1897, aged about 90 years. He lived one year in Genesee County, New York, prior to removing to Alton, Illinois, where

he first rented a farm and then removed to Macoupin County in 1847. He first entered a tract of 40 acres, but this was continually increased until he owned a very large body of land, amounting to about 900 acres, which he divided among his children. Mr. Morrison was one of the honest, upright, industrious men who contributed much to the early development of Hilyard township. In religious belief he was a Presbyterian and was ever ready to aid in moral and educational work. His long life was one filled with creditable achievements. The mother of our subject was Martha Taylor, who was born in 1820, in County Derry, Ireland, and who still survives, a member of the family of her son Joseph. The children of Henry and Martha (Taylor) Morrison were eight in number, namely: George, of this sketch; Joseph and Henry, of Hilyard township; Mrs. Margaret Howell, of St. Clair County, Missouri; Mrs. Martha Ellen Calloway, of Hilyard township; Rebecca, who lives with her mother and tenderly cares for her; and Samuel and Robert, both deceased, the former while young, and the latter in 1903, at the age of 41 years, leaving a widow and five children.

Our subject was four years old when he accompanied his parents to America, and he was reared in Macoupin County, under pioneer conditions. He readily recalls the days when all this smiling farming land was but a wilderness, broken by but a few burned clearings and an occasional log cabin. Farming presented many difficulties in the days of his young manhood and a very serious drawback to its success was the lack of transportation facilities. No railroads had yet been constructed and the ordinary highways were in bad condition. The nearest market, at Alton, was 25 miles away. There were few schools or churches and, outside of the family, almost no social life for a long period. Mr. Morrison became a practical farmer and now owns much fine stock and large bodies of land. In addition to his 200 acres in Hilyard township, he has 20 acres of timber in Gillespie township.

In 1867 Mr. Morrison married Rebecca Jones, who was born October 22, 1847, in Allen County, Kentucky, a daughter of Ambrose and Mary Jones, who came to Illinois in 1851 and settled first in Greene County, removed later to Jersey County and finally located in Macoupin County. Mr. and Mrs. Morrison have these children: Mary A., who married W. W. Dillard of Hilyard township, and has two children,—Lois and Jesse; Jessie, who married Lee Dillard, of Gillespie township, and has two children,—Morrison and Meryl; and George J. and Flossie R., who live at home.

Mr. Morrison is a Republican, an intelligent voter and a man of influence in political affairs. He has served on the School Board. He belongs to the local Grand Army post, having been a soldier in 1864, serving under Captain Edwards, in Company G, 133d Reg., Illinois Vol. Inf. He was stationed at Rock Island, engaged in guarding prisoners. Fraternally he belongs to Plainview Lodge, No. 461, A. F. & A. M. With his family, Mr. Morrison is a Presbyterian.

HENRY BOCK.

The death of Henry Bock, which took place March 31, 1903, at his home in Girard, Macoupin County, removed from this locality a man who was valued in business, political and fraternal life. Mr. Bock was born in Hanover, Germany, July 25, 1842, hence was aged 60 years, eight months and six days, at the time of his decease.

Mr. Bock came to America in 1856 and for a few years worked on the farm of Samuel Thomas, east of Girard, and then made his home at Girard, with his brother, F. W. A. Bock. While there, he learned the trade of cooper, and was working at that when the call came for volunteers, at the opening of the Civil War. Among the brave youths who came forward and offered their young lives in defense of the Stars and Stripes, was this German boy, then only 19 years old. Through the years of peril, battle and imprisonment, which followed, his faithfulness never wavered, and to the full extent of his power he did a soldier's duty.

Mr. Bock, on May 25, 1861, was enrolled in Company C, 14th Reg., Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and was discharged January 4, 1864, at Camp Cervan, Mississippi, by reason of reinstatement as a veteran volunteer, and, as such, was then enrolled as a veteran private in Company F, 14th Reg., Illinois Vol. Inf., which was then known as the 14th and 15th Illinois battalions. He was discharged from the service of the United States, September 16, 1865, at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, by reason of Special Order, No. 26, given by Major-General Pope, and he took part in the grand review in the city of Washington.

Company C, of which Mr. Bock was an honored member, was organ-

ized at Girard, Macoupin County, April 24, 1861; rendezvoused at Jacksonville, Illinois, May 11, 1861; joined the 14th Regiment, on its original organization in the State service, and on May 25, 1861, was sworn into the United States service for the term of three years, unless sooner discharged. From that date the history of the company was identical with that of the regiment. Cyrus Hall was colonel and Augustus H. Cornman was captain. In the printed list of members of Company C, the sixth name on the roll is Henry Bock. The regiment was detained at Camp Duncan, Jacksonville, until the latter part of June and then proceeded to Quincy, thence to Missouri, where, with the 16th Illinois, it assisted in keeping down the spirit of rebellion. The Confederate force, under Martin E. Green, was dispersed and Senator Green was captured, but later paroled. The regiment accompanied General Fremont on his memorable campaign to Springfield, Missouri, in pursuit of General Price, and then went into winter quarters at Otterville. In February, 1862, the regiment was ordered to Fort Donelson, where it arrived the day subsequent to its surrender; went then to Fort Henry, embarked on transports and proceeded up the Tennessee River to Pittsburg Landing. In the sanguinary engagements of April 6th and 7th, the loss in killed and wounded was fully one-half of the command engaged. In the grand charge on the evening of April 7th, which was the consummation of that splendid victory, the 14th Illinois was in the advance and in the official report was praised for its gallantry. The regiment took an active part in the battle of Shiloh and siege of Corinth. It constituted the right wing of Grant's army in the march into Mississippi, through Holly Springs, later went into winter quarters at Lafayette, Tennessee. Early in the following spring, the command was ordered to Vicksburg, where it took part in all the operations there which resulted in the fall of that city on July 4, 1863; went then to Jackson, Mississippi; then to Natchez and formed a part of the body which marched across the swamps of northeastern Louisiana to Harrisonburg, captured Fort Beauregard and then accompanied General Sherman on his Meridian raid. Later, as a veteran regiment, it formed a part of the army in its advance on Atlanta. The regiment was a part of the body detailed to guard the railroad communications at and near Ackworth, Georgia, a dangerous duty, as this was the only route by which General Sherman could supply his immense army. It was with General Sherman on his celebrated "March to the Sea." During the long and weary march through North and South Carolina, the regiment was on duty, day

and night, and the battalion was the first to enter Cheraw, South Carolina, Fayetteville, North Carolina, and also took part in the battle of Bentonville. After the capitulation of Johnston, the 14th Regiment marched to Washington, D. C., to take part in the grand review. During its four years and four months of arduous service, the regiment marched 4,490 miles, traveled by rail 2,330 miles and by river, 4,490 miles, making an aggregate of 11,670 miles.

Mr. Bock, while he shared in the glory which the achievements of this regiment won, did not escape some of its misfortunes. He endured several terms of imprisonment, being captured at Moon Station, Georgia, and taken to Andersonville. After three months of wretchedness at that awful military prison, he managed to escape and, after many dangers, reached the Union lines and rejoined his company.

In the year following his return from the army, on December 25, 1866, he was united in marriage with Bertha Bajohr, a daughter of Bernard Bajohr. Three children were born to this marriage: Pauline, who is the wife of Jacob Guth, of Girard; Emma, who is the wife of Henry C. Rathgeber, of Girard; and Fred B., one of Girard's leading merchants, whose sketch appears in this volume.

Although the late Mr. Bock never sought public honors, he was so eminently fitted for the same, that his fellow citizens elected him to many responsible positions. He was elected town trustee in 1873, 1874, 1875 and was again elected in 1878. In 1878 he was elected alderman, and was re-elected in 1884 and served continuously until 1887, and was again elected in 1901 and in 1902. The confidence thus shown was never violated. While he was a man of great public spirit, he was also careful and cautious, and his advocacy of public measures was always tempered by good judgment. Upon the news of his death, the city council of Girard immediately adopted resolutions of respect, one paragraph reading as follows:

"WHEREAS, By the death of Henry Bock, the council and city have lost one of the most honored, valued and esteemed members and citizens, one who has been repeatedly called by public voice and demand, to serve in the same official capacity as held by him at the time of his death, and whose capacity, fidelity and unswerving integrity to the duties of his office and to the citizens, was such as to endear him to the hearts of all."

Mr. Bock was the oldest member of Girard Lodge, No. 192, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and this lodge and branches passed resolutions

of respect and esteem. Mr. Bock was also an honored member of Luke Mayfield Post, No. 516, G. A. R., and of Greenridge Local Union, No. 763, United Mine Workers. These organizations took charge of the funeral, and, with the city council, followed his remains to their last resting place in Girard cemetery. In addition to these bodies, the concourse was so great, that it seemed as if almost every dwelling in the city had sent a representative to assist in paying a last token of respect to one who was so universally esteemed.



JOSEPH J. DUFNER.

JOSEPH J. DUFNER, deputy sheriff of Macoupin County, Illinois, and a prominent citizen of Carlinville, was born in 1864, at Springfield, Illinois, and is a son of the late Joseph and Amelia (Fehr) Dufner.

Joseph Dufner, whose death took place on his fine farm of 240 acres, in section 14, South Otter township, July 6, 1894, was one of the most highly respected citizens of this part of the county. Born in Germany in 1831, at the age of 22 years he came to America, where through his industry and thrift, he soon secured enough capital with which to send for a younger brother and sister, in order that they, too, might enjoy the wider advantages offered in the United States. After two years spent at Cleveland, Ohio, he removed to Springfield, Illinois, where he was engaged for farm work by Gen. John Williams, with whom he remained many years. Steady, plodding, reliable, the young man was advanced to a responsible position on the Williams estate. In 1858 he returned to Germany in order to bring to his home his aged mother.

In 1862, when Mr. Dufner married Amelia Fehr, he united with his life an estimable woman, who, like himself, had unselfishly remembered the claims of kindred, assisting her mother for years. Mrs. Dufner was born in Germany and came to America in 1854, with her mother and seven other children. For six months the family lived at Louisville, Kentucky, moving from there to Madison, Indiana, and 18 months later to Missouri. Amelia then removed to Alton, Illinois, where a brother was located, and to that place she brought her mother and, after seeing her installed as her son's housekeeper, secured work for herself. This was the admirable woman Mr.

Dufner married and who became the estimable mother of his nine children, namely: Joseph J., deputy sheriff of Macoupin County; Caroline, wife of Joseph Barch of Salt Lake City; Alfred, who resides with his widowed mother and attends to the farm; Frank, a resident of Carlinville; Helen, who married Frank Klaus and died February 21, 1903, leaving a son,—Paul; Henry, who resides at home; Mary, who married James Cooper of Carlinville, and has two children,—Mildred and Cyril Oswald; and Amelia and William, both of whom reside on the home farm. In politics Mr. Dufner was a Democrat. After his marriage, he and wife remained at Springfield, where he worked after the close of the war, engaged in hauling for the United States government, until he was prepared to purchase his farm in South Otter township. He was a man of the highest integrity and was a prominent member of the Catholic Church.

Joseph J. Dufner, the eldest son of the late Joseph Dufner, was educated in Macoupin County and worked on his father's farm until after his marriage, when he went to St. Louis and for a time was associated with his father-in-law in business. He has always taken an active part in politics and has held many responsible positions. From 1887 to 1888 he was collector for South Otter township and for a number of years has been a member of the Democratic Central Committee. He has served as deputy sheriff since December, 1903.

Mr. Dufner married Annie S. Warner, who was a daughter of Charles H. Warner, a merchant of St. Louis. She died May 26, 1898, aged 32 years, leaving two children,—Robert, born in August, 1891; and Amelia Marie, born in September, 1895. Mr. Dufner is a member of the Catholic Church



JAMES L. TIETSORT.

The death of the late James L. Tietsort, at his pleasant home in Girard, Illinois, removed from this city a citizen whose presence had lent added importance to the place on account of his sterling traits of character. Mr. Tietsort was born January 30, 1822, on a farm in the vicinity of Middletown, Butler County, Ohio, and was a son of William and Sarah (Huff) Tietsort.

The Tietsort family is of Holland extraction and was founded in America by the grandfather of our subject, who spent his whole life in New Jersey. There William Tietsort was born, but later removed to Ohio, and in Butler County married Mrs. Sarah Huff, who was born in Virginia, and was a daughter of James Law, who was one of the early settlers of Butler County.

When the late James L. Tietsort was about 10 years of age, his parents decided to remove to what was then the wilds of Michigan. The only means of transportation available at that time was by horses and strong wagons, and thus the long journey was made and the family and household effects carried. Mr. Tietsort was one of the earliest settlers in Volinia township, Cass County, and there he spent the remainder of his life. He came to be recognized as one of the leading men of his township and he accumulated a large property there, where he passed away in 1872. His estimable wife survived him but one year. She was a most admirable woman, and became the mother of a large family, worthily rearing to maturity 14 children.

Our late subject passed his boyhood in hard work and his schooling was necessarily limited. His treats were trips to St. Joseph, 30 miles away, when he was permitted to accompany his father to market. Game was so abundant in the vicinity at that time, that no provision of any other kind of meat was necessary, and hunting and fishing were the diversions of the region, although somewhat dangerous on account of the presence of roving bands of Indians, who were not always friendly. The large family were reared in habits of industry, the parents setting the example. The out-door life and the bracing climate of the locality developed a strong and sturdy constitution, which kept Mr. Tietsort until the close of his life vigorous and alert in both body and mind. He always loved to recall the pioneer days of his youth in Cass County and his reminiscences could always claim interested listeners.

By the time he was prepared to begin his own domestic life, he was already a good farmer, and for two years after his marriage he continued to manage the homestead farm for his father. In 1856 he decided to remove to Illinois, a less rigorous climate in the more southern State, with other advantages, attracting him and causing the severing of old ties. After farming as a tenant for 10 years, Mr. Tietsort purchased a tract of 80 acres of good land situated within two miles of Girard, and to this he later added an adjoining 80-acre tract. This farm, through continued improvement and

intelligent cultivation, is now justly considered one of the most desirable in Macoupin County and is now under the management of Mr. Tietsort's son, Melvin Harvey. In 1887 the late Mr. Teitsort left the farm and bought a comfortable residence in Girard, where he resided until his death, August 16, 1903.

Mr. Tietsort was united in marriage on November 30, 1854, with Harriet E. Gould, who was born February 11, 1838, in White Lake County, Michigan, and is a daughter of James Harvey and Elizabeth (Quimby) Gould, both of whom were born in Massachusetts, the latter being a daughter of a Revolutionary patriot. Later Mr. and Mrs. Gould moved to White Lake County, Michigan, and while Mrs. Tietsort was still an infant moved to New York State and still later to Cass County, Michigan, where the father died in 1864 and the mother in 1876. Mrs. Tietsort still survives. Her interests are carefully looked after by her son, Melvin Harvey Tietsort, who is a most highly esteemed citizen of Girard. He married Edna Thacker, who is a daughter of Zachariah Thacker, a prominent citizen of Macoupin County for many years. They have two children: James H., who is chief bookkeeper of the People's Bank of Girard; and Nona E.

The late Mr. Tietsort had been a member of the Masonic fraternity for many years, and belonged to both Blue Lodge and Chapter and both he and his wife were members of the Eastern Star. Early in life they united with the Baptist Church and both have been generous in its support. They were accorded a long life of companionship and it was sweetened by mutual affection, love of kindred and the warm friendliness of all who knew them.



JACOB Z. BECHTOLD.

JACOB Z. BECHTOLD, one of the well known business men of Girard, Illinois, where he conducts a real estate and renting agency, is a citizen whose business capacity and enterprising spirit make him valued in the town's commercial circles. He was born October 15, 1868, near Mount Joy, Pennsylvania, and is one of a family of seven children born to his parents, William and Elizabeth (Brubaker) Bechtold.

Our subject attended the common schools in his native locality and in 1881 accompanied his mother to Illinois. She settled in Girard, where she died January 18, 1882. In 1889 Mr. Bechtold came to Macoupin County, where he followed farming during the daytime and completed his education in the night schools.

In 1894 our subject came to Girard from Divernon, Illinois, and engaged in the grocery business in partnership with J. W. and J. F. Stutzman, continuing until 1898. In December, 1898, he became the manager of a business enterprise known as the Model Grocery, which he conducted until 1901. In the following year he began to deal in real estate and on December 23, 1903, opened his present convenient offices in Girard. Mr. Bechtold has a wide acquaintance and a circle of friends who have known him in a business way for years. He has their confidence and esteem and has had much encouragement in his present enterprise. He handles both city and country property, rents, sells, buys and exchanges, and some of the choicest city and farming lands have been profitably placed in his hands.

Mr. Bechtold was married October 9, 1895, to Barbara Catharine Pefley, who was born December 18, 1869, and is a daughter of Daniel B. Pefley. Mrs. Bechtold's father was born September 14, 1819, in Virginia and died at his home in Girard, February 7, 1879. He married Aneliza Wrightsman, who was born in Virginia, October 6, 1829; she resides with our subject in Girard. Our subject and wife have three children, viz: Paul F., born August 17, 1896; Ray H., born April 22, 1898; and Frank, born February 6, 1900. The family belong to the German Baptist Brethren Church. They have a pleasant home in the northwest part of the city, where they have many agreeable social connections. In politics, Mr. Bechtold is a Prohibitionist.

JOSEPH LANCASTER.

JOSEPH LANCASTER, an experienced and successful general farmer and extensive breeder of fine stock, owns one of the finest farms of Bunker Hill township, consisting of 220 acres in section 1. Mr. Lancaster was born in Cohokia township, Macoupin County, Illinois, and is a son of Francis and Elizabeth (Collins) Lancaster.

Francis Lancaster was for many years one of the most prominent men and largest land-owners of Macoupin County, although he came here with little capital. He was born in 1813 in Buckinghamshire, England, and came to America in the early part of 1841. He located first in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, and came to Macoupin County in August of that year. He was a man of great energy and business foresight and soon had established a brick-yard and aroused interest in other enterprises which served to benefit the community as well as himself. In September, 1856, he purchased the farm now occupied by his son, and added to his first purchase until he owned 900 acres in Bunker Hill township, all of which is still in the possession of his heirs. Francis Lancaster moved on the farm now occupied by our subject in 1857 and improved the whole body of land. He made extensive improvements, building the handsome brick residence his son occupies, and all the surrounding substantial buildings. He devoted 20 acres to an apple orchard and 10 acres to small fruits and shade trees. He enjoyed the comforts of this beautiful home he had provided until his death, November 2, 1895. In political sentiment, he was a Democrat, but he always refused to accept office, although few men in his township were better qualified. He married Elizabeth Collins, who was born in England, and died on the homestead, May 12, 1882, aged 69 years. They had seven children: Francis W., who died in May, 1883, in St. Louis, Missouri, leaving a family; William who died December 4, 1898, at Girard, Macoupin County, leaving a large family; Mrs. Elizabeth (Mercer) Weis, who is a widow living at Bunker Hill; Joseph, of this sketch; Mary M., who is the wife of Dr. Asaph H. Barnes, a dentist of Girard, Macoupin County; Matilda, who is Mrs. J. H. Brown, of Milton, Kansas; and John, who died January 14, 1895. In addition to the seven children named above, Francis Lancaster had three who died in infancy.

Joseph Lancaster was reared in Macoupin County and remained at school until he was 20 years of age, finally completing the high school course at Bunker Hill. He then went into business, buying feed and shipping live stock, in which he continued until May 6, 1876, when he made a trip to Texas and Indian Territory, in the same line, and in 1879 went into the live stock commission business, at Kansas City, Missouri, where he remained for eight years. This experience fitted him for his next work, that of buyer for a packing house in that city, and three years later he became financially interested in a packing house at St. Joseph, Missouri. During his five years'

residence there, he bought a ranch in Nebraska, on which he lived for a time and then returned to his early home to settle down permanently. In February, 1896, Mr. Lancaster took possession of his present farm, which he devotes mainly to stock raising and feeding and to the breeding of Short-horn and Durham cattle, taking a great interest in making them eligible to registration. In addition to his own agricultural labors, he has the management of 600 acres belonging to his sisters.

Mr. Lancaster was married June 2, 1869, to Almira Parmenter, who was born near Bunker Hill, a daughter of Charles A. and Mary M. (Barnes) Parmenter, natives of New Hampshire, who came to Illinois in 1836. Six children have been born to them: Delbert, a traveling salesman living in Nebraska; Milton, a farmer and stockman living in Franklin County, Nebraska; William Francis, a traveling salesman, whose home is in Nebraska; John F., who is living at home; Morton H., who is attending college at Manhattan, Kansas; and Helen E., who is a student in the Bunker Hill High School, of which her brothers are graduates.

Mr. Lancaster has always taken an active part in public matters in Bunker Hill township, and is now a commissioner. In politics he is identified with the Republican party.



GEORGE LEE.

GEORGE LEE, a well known citizen who is now retired from active participation in agricultural pursuits of Carlinville, Macoupin County, has performed his part well in life's battle. He is one of that splendid body of men that defended the Union in the struggle between the States 40 years ago. He was born November 3, 1843, at Killam's Mound, Morgan County, Illinois, and is a son of George and Mary (Audas) Lee.

George and Mary (Audas) Lee, both natives of Yorkshire, England, came to America in 1830 and located in Morgan County, Illinois, where they were married February 24, 1835. The mother died in 1855, when the family moved to Macoupin County, and our subject's father purchased a 100-acre farm in 1861, which is now owned by his son, John A., the brother of our

subject. He proved to be very successful at farming and accumulated a comfortable competency while engaged at his vocation. There were five children in the family, namely: Sarah A., deceased April 10, 1891; Thomas; Elizabeth, deceased November 1, 1893; George, our subject; and John A. In religious belief both parents were members of the Methodist Church and up to the time of their death were much interested in the work of that religious body. George Lee, our subject's father, died April 20, 1882. Our subject was reared and educated in the district schools of Morgan County, and after taking full advantage of the opportunities for instruction that were offered, engaged in farming and so continued until the Civil War broke out. On August 19, 1862, he enlisted in Company A, 122d Reg., Illinois Vol. Inf., and served until July 14, 1865, when he was mustered out at Mobile, Alabama. He received his discharge at Springfield, Illinois, in August, 1865. He was wounded at Tupelo, Mississippi, July 14, 1864, and endured many hardships while in the service. In 1865 he returned to Illinois and engaged in farming, which occupation he continued until 1877, when he retired and has since resided with his brother, John A., who married Lena Kline, and has three children, namely: George D., Clarence A. and Clara I. Our subject has never married and has always lived a quiet and peaceful life. He has friends who have been attracted to him by his manly, fearless, and resolute character. Politically our subject is a member of the Republican party but has never taken any active interest in political affairs. He is a member of the G. A. R.



MRS. FREDERICA FAHRENKROG

MRS. FREDERICA FAHRENKROG, widow of the late Henry Fahrenkrog, who was one of the successful farmers and valued citizens of Hilyard township, Macoupin County, is a lady who is well known in her locality and is most highly esteemed for those virtues which go to make up a good mother, kind neighbor and faithful friend. The birth of Mrs. Fahrenkrog took place in Holstein, Germany, January 28, 1841, and she is the youngest of seven children born to her parents, Detlef and Frederica (Luhr) Herbst. The other members of the family were, Detlef; Ludwig, who was killed in the revolution of 1848; Ernest, who died in Ohio; William, who died in

Bunker Hill, Macoupin County; Mrs. Dorothea Appel, who died in Bunker Hill, Macoupin County; and Katherine.

Mrs. Fahrenkrog was 16 years old when she accompanied her older sister, Dorothea, to America. They sailed from Hamburg on the sailing vessel "Howell," and reached New York after a passage of six weeks, coming immediately to Bunker Hill, where they joined a brother. In 1858 she was united in marriage with Henry Fahrenkrog, with whom she lived through 38 happy years, separated then by his death, which occurred on February 12, 1896.

Henry Fahrenkrog was born in Holstein, Germany, June 30, 1831, and came to America in 1854. He located first at Cleveland, Ohio, and then came as far west as Bunker Hill, Illinois. He had but little capital, but he was very industrious and after operating rented land for a time bought the present home farm in Hilyard township, consisting of 160 acres, situated in section 36. He was a man of much industry and had excellent, practical ideas which resulted in the accumulating of much property, which has become of great value. For 28 years he operated a first class dairy, keeping 30 head of cows. In addition to farming his own land, he rented land, and followed such excellent methods that his crops were seldom failures, and he was known as one of the best farmers of his locality.

In politics Henry Fahrenkrog always took a deep interest and voted with the Republican party, but he sought none of the offices. He was reared a consistent member of the Lutheran Church, in which faith his wife was reared; their children were also reared in that faith. In every relation of life he was a good man, always careful for the welfare of his family by whom he was respected and beloved. His parents, Henry and Christine Fahrenkrog, were born in Germany, where his father died. His mother married Henry Kardell and they came to America.

Mrs. Fahrenkrog still resides on the home farm which has been her residence so many years. When she came here with her husband, it was practically unimproved, no buildings having been erected and the land only broken and sowed to clover. All the improvements, including a very fine dwelling, substantial barn and commodious out-buildings, were erected by the late Mr. Fahrenkrog. He also set out the orchard of three acres, which has long been in fine bearing condition. All these things reflect credit upon his memory and show the results of his industrious life. The eight children born to Mr. and Mrs. Fahrenkrog were: William J. H., a farmer of Hilyard

township, formerly sheriff of Macoupin County; Bertha, who died aged one and a half years; Mrs. Augusta Huber, of Bunker Hill township, who has four children,—Henrietta, Clara, Bertha and Anton; Karl, who died aged three and a half years; Dora, who resides at home; Henry, a merchant of Alton, Illinois; Joseph, who operates the home farm; and Amelia, who lives at home with her mother.

JOSEPH DUFNER.

JOSEPH DUFNER, deceased, was for many years a prominent and successful farmer and highly respected citizen of South Otter township, Macoupin County, where he owned a farm of 240 acres, situated in section 14. Mr. Dufner was born in Germany in 1831, and died on his farm in Illinois, July 6, 1894.

At the age of 22 years he came to America to seek his fortune. Industry and thrift soon placed him in a position which enabled him to assist the members of the family still remaining in Germany, and he was joined at a later date by a brother and sister. After spending two years in Cleveland, Ohio, he came to Illinois, and found employment at farm work with Gen. John Williams, at Springfield, with whom he remained many years, the association proving beneficial on both sides. Steady, plodding, reliable, Mr. Dufner was advanced until he filled a very responsible position on the Williams estate. In 1858 he made a visit to Germany, in order to bring to his home his aged mother, this filial act being a fair indication of Mr. Dufner's sterling character.

In 1862 he was united in marriage to Amelia Fehr. This most estimable lady was born in Germany and, with her mother and seven other children, came to America in 1854. The eldest of the family, she assumed much responsibility and for years made the claims of kindred her first consideration. For six months the Fehr family lived at Louisville, Kentucky, then passed 18 months at Madison, Indiana, and then moved to Missouri. Later, after making her mother comfortable, Miss Fehr located in Alton, Illinois, and secured work for herself. This was the admirable woman who became the wife of Mr. Dufner and the mother of his nine children, viz: Joseph J., deputy sheriff of Macoupin County; Caroline, wife of Joseph



EDWARD H. DICKERSON.

Bartch of Salt Lake City, Utah; Alfred, who resides with his widowed mother and attends to the farm; Frank, of Carlinville; Helen (Mrs. Frank Klaus), who died February 21, 1903, leaving a son,—Paul; Henry, who lives at home; Mary, who married James Cooper of Carlinville, and has two children,—Mildred and Cyril Oswald; and Amelia and William, both living at home.

After his marriage, Mr. Dufrer remained for some years at Springfield, and after the close of the Civil War was engaged in hauling for the government. Later he purchased the fine farm where he died and where his widow still resides. In politics he was a staunch Democrat and was prominent in party affairs. He was noted for his integrity of character and was a prominent member of the Catholic Church.

EDWARD H. DICKERSON.

EDWARD H. DICKERSON, one of the best known men of Carlinville, whose portrait accompanies this sketch, is sheriff of Macoupin County, in which capacity he has served most efficiently and to the entire satisfaction of the people. He is a native of this county, born in Girard township, August 7, 1858. He is a son of Martin M. and Mahala (Harlan) Dickerson, natives of Kentucky and Virginia, respectively.

Martin M. Dickerson came to Illinois when a young man and first located in Carlinville where he followed the carpenter's trade for one year. After his marriage he purchased a farm in Shaw's Point township, and followed general farming and stock raising. He later purchased a farm in Nilwood township where he resided until his death. He and his wife were the parents of the following children in addition to Edward H., the subject of this article: George W.; Thomas R.; Mary C.; and Erastus M. Mr. Dickerson died in 1878, aged 68 years, and his widow died in 1893, aged 78 years. Both were faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Fraternally, Mr. Dickerson was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Edward H. Dickerson attended the common and high schools of Girard,

and remained at home until he reached his majority, when he married. He then located on the old home farm in Nilwood township and followed farming and general stock raising with considerable success, also buying and selling horses and mules. He continued at this until the fall of 1902 when he was elected to the office of sheriff of Macoupin County on the Democratic ticket, by a majority of 500 votes. He is well qualified for the office he so capably fills, and is a popular official who commands the confidence and respect of every one. He has always been an untiring worker for the success of the Democratic party, and has been frequently called upon to fill minor offices. He served for a time as school director, as highway commissioner, and represented the township on the County Democratic Central Committee.

In 1881, Mr. Dickerson was joined in marriage with Ida M. Langley, who was born in Pennsylvania and with her parents, J. W. and Elizabeth E. Langley, came to Illinois. Her father is deceased and her mother lives at Girard, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Dickerson have three children, as follows: Ethel R.; E. Roy; and Harvey L. Fraternally, our subject is a member of the Knights of Pythias and the Modern Woodmen of America. He is not a member of any church organization, but is liberal in his support of various religious bodies.



JOHN G. LIPPOLDT.

JOHN G. LIPPOLDT, one of the successful agriculturists of Macoupin County, is comfortably located on his farm of 160 acres in section 35, Hilyard township. He was born in Saxe-Weimar, Germany, February 2, 1825, and is a son of Christopher and Marie (Breaves) Lippoldt.

Christopher Lippoldt, who was a native of Germany, came to the United States in 1853, locating at Brighton, Macoupin County, Illinois, where he died two years later. He was married to Marie Breaves, also a native of Germany, and five boys and four girls were born to them, seven of whom are still living, and residents of this country. Mrs. Lippoldt, our subject's mother, died about 1858 at the age of 65 years.

John G. Lippoldt in 1854 sailed on the ship "Helmond" from Bremen, Germany, landing at New Orleans after a seven weeks' voyage. Mr. Lippoldt then came up the Mississippi River to Alton, Illinois, and purchased a

farm near Brighton, Illinois, where he remained for 17 years, actively engaged in agricultural pursuits. He then removed to his present farm and has since cultivated that place. At one time, soon after coming here, he owned 515 acres of land, the greater part of which he has sold. At one time he had 300 acres of wheat destroyed by hail storms. Mr. Lippoldt in former years devoted much time and care to the raising of fine cattle, and at one time had as many as 125 steers on his place. In political circles Mr. Lippoldt is a member of the Democratic party.

In 1854 Mr. Lippoldt was married to Henrietta Lippoldt, a distant relative, who was also a native of Germany. They were blessed with four children, namely: Theodore, who resides in Hilyard township, and is the father of three children: Fanny (Bartels), who resides in Hilyard township; Annie (Shacabie), who resides in Bunker Hill township, and Herman, who lives on the homestead farm. Mrs. Lippoldt was born in 1831, and died in 1899. Mr. Lippoldt and family are members of the German Methodist Episcopal Church.



JOHN R. ASH, M. D.

JOHN R. ASH, M. D., a representative member of the medical profession in Macoupin County, and a practicing physician at Brighton, was born here, November 27, 1867, and is a son of the late distinguished Dr. John Ash and Mary E. Loveland, his wife.

The Ash family is of German extraction and was founded in America by Joseph Ash, the great-great-grandfather of the present Dr. Ash. He settled in the city of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, prior to the Revolutionary War, married there and then removed to a farm in Chester County, Pennsylvania, where he died at the age of 97 years. He possessed the strong constitution of sturdy German stock, and but a few years before his death took part in the harvesting of the grain on his fields. At the time of burial, his pall-bearers were four great-grandchildren, one of whom was the late Dr. John Ash. His wife lived to the age of 95 years. Both were members of the Lutheran Church.

William Ash, the great-grandfather of our subject, was reared in Chester

County, where he died in 1850, aged 70 years. He married Nancy Stepler, a member of the Society of Friends.

Joseph Ash, their son, and grandfather of Dr. Ash, was born and reared in Chester county, and there married Elizabeth Zigler, also of German extraction. In 1853 Joseph Ash and wife located in Brighton, Illinois, where the latter died at the age of 66 years. Joseph Ash survived until the age of 92. In Pennsylvania both he and wife were members of the Baptist Church, but after coming to this locality both united with the Methodists, and until the close of their lives were faithful and consistent members.

Dr. John Ash was the second in order of birth of their family of six children, and was born in West Caln township, Chester County, Pennsylvania, November 29, 1818, and died January 31, 1903, in Brighton, Macoupin County, where he had ministered so long to the sick and suffering. He secured a good, public school education and then entered the Pennsylvania Medical College at Philadelphia, and was there graduated in 1851, prior to this having attended the Strasburg Academy for two years. He then came to Illinois, locating first at Delhi, Jersey County, removing then to Piasa, Macoupin County, where he remained until locating in Brighton, in 1853. He continued to make his permanent home at Brighton, where his years of devotion to the public in the following of his profession is so well known. His loss is too recent for it to be yet fully appreciated, but he left behind, in the person of his son, our subject, one whose professional skill and sterling character worthily supplement all his efforts. During the Civil War, Dr. Ash served in the capacity of surgeon at Memphis, Tennessee. He was a member of the Macoupin County and State Medical Societies. Dr. Ash married Mary E. Loveland, who was born in 1830, in Rhode Island, and in childhood accompanied her parents, Leonard and Elizabeth Loveland, to Illinois, locating in Brighton township, Macoupin County. Mrs. Ash was a lady of culture and refinement, a graduate of the Monticello Seminary and Jacksonville Female College. The four children of the late Dr. Ash were: Charles, who died in childhood; Lena, a graduate of Monticello Seminary; Dora, also a graduate of Monticello Seminary and now the wife of Dr. James Mason Barcus, a leading dental surgeon of Carlinville; and John R., of this biography.

Dr. John R. Ash was afforded very excellent educational advantages and secured his medical degree at the Beaumont Hospital Medical College at

St. Louis, Missouri, where he was graduated in 1889. He began practice with his father at Brighton and has been engaged here continuously with the exception of three sessions which he spent at the Marion Simms College of Medicine at St. Louis, having charge of the nose and throat clinic. Dr. Ash has met with much success and has won the confidence of the public and enjoys a cordial relationship with his brother physicians.

In 1896 Dr. Ash married Mabel Martin, who is a daughter of the late Dr. Frank Martin, of Greenfield, Illinois, a son of Hon. Henry F. Martin. One son, John Loveland, has been born to Dr. and Mrs. Ash.

Fraternally, Dr. Ash is a Mason, his father having been a Knight Templar, connected with Belvidere Commandery at Alton. He belongs also to the Modern Woodmen of America. Politically he is identified with the Republican party. Dr. John R. Ash is a member of the Macoupin County Medical Society and has served as its president. He is a member of the board of trustees of the village of Brighton.

FRED B. BOCK.

FRED B. BOCK, the leading retail grocer of Girard, Illinois, and one of the city's progressive and public-spirited business men, was born in Girard, November 16, 1869, and is one of a family of four children born to Henry and Bertha (Bajohr) Bock.

The late Henry Bock, father of our subject, came to Illinois from Germany, when about 14 years of age. He had his own way to make in the world, and the success which he attained and the honor and respect with which he was long regarded, are facts well known in the city where he so long made his home. In addition to taking a very prominent part in civic life, being again and again elected to public office, he was honored as a survivor of the great Civil War, in which he spent more than four years. He participated in a number of the most notable battles of the war, suffered at Andersonville, and was spared to share the triumphs of the grand review at Washington City. Until his death, Mr. Bock was an interested member of Luke Mayfield

Post, No. 516, G. A. R., where he was valued and beloved. An extended sketch, including his military career, will be found in another part of this volume.

Fred B. Bock was educated in the common schools of Girard, and at the age of 12 years learned the trade of cooper from his father. He worked 12 years as a coal miner and spent two years with the Eureka Mercantile Company, and was connected for one year with the firm of Dodson & Sheppard. Mr. Bock had then accumulated, by his own efforts, a sufficient knowledge of the mercantile business to enable him to embark in a grocery business, and he entered into a partnership with Mr. Lindner, the firm name becoming Lindner & Bock. This was succeeded by Bock & Gill, which continued until 1903. On January 1, 1904, Mr. Bock opened up a fine store in his own name, his goods including a complete line of first-class groceries and table delicacies, and, in addition, queensware and mining supplies. The value of his stock comes not much under \$3,500. His upright business methods and obliging manner, combined with the superior quality of his goods, have brought him very satisfying returns.

In 1893 Mr. Bock married Sophia Holland, who is a daughter of Frank Holland, and they have two children, viz.: Cecil H., born in October, 1894, and Crystal, born in October, 1904. Mr. and Mrs. Bock are members of the Christian Church.

In politics, Mr. Bock is a Democrat, and has served as town clerk, and for several years was town collector. Fraternally he is an Odd Fellow, belonging to Lodge No. 192, of Girard, and he is also connected with its auxiliary, the Rebekah lodge. The family has long been a prominent one in Girard.



REV. FRANCIS H. ZABEL, D. D.

REV. FRANCIS H. ZABEL, D. D., one of the most distinguished members of the Catholic clergy in the Alton Diocese, Illinois, dean of that body, and for the past 24 years the beloved and revered pastor of the Catholic Church at Bunker Hill, Macoupin County, was born February 9, 1839,

at Erbeviller, Lorraine, France. He is a son of the late Francis Stephen and Mary (Midon) Zabel.

Father Zabel comes of Swiss ancestry, the founder of the family having located in Lorraine at the time the province had been desolated by war and pestilence, and, although a poor watchmaker, he was thus enabled to secure a very large tract of land which in later days became very valuable: Both the Zabels and Midons have been consistent Catholics. The Midon family, especially, has contributed many faithful sons to the service of the church. Joseph Zabel, the grandfather of Father Zabel, was wounded while serving in the army at the siege of Mainz, and two of his brothers perished during the disastrous campaign of Napoleon in Russia. Fair Lorraine has figured so conspicuously in the various wars on the Continent, that its dwellers have been called upon to bear many hardships and their various experiences were often tragic. Father Zabel's maternal grandfather was the mayor of Eulmont at the time of Napoleon's invasion and was the only man who remained at his post of duty in the hour of danger. At this time the mother of Father Zabel was but a little maid of seven years, but the impressions made then were never forgotten by her. She died in her old home, in 1896, at the age of 89 years. She was a woman of great force of character, a most admirable wife and mother, and a deeply devout member of the Catholic Church. The father of Father Zabel was born August 24, 1807, in the same house which was his son's birthplace 32 years later, and there his useful, worthy, virtuous life ended on June 1, 1884. His pursuits had been entirely agricultural and he owned a large estate which is now managed by his youngest son, Charles A., who is an educated man and a practical farmer. The family consisted of but three sons, Father Zabel being the second in order of birth. The eldest, Rev. Joseph Zabel, is a Catholic priest now in charge of a church at Maron near Nancy, Lorraine.

Until he was 19 years of age, Rev. Father Zabel remained in his native place, attending the municipal schools until the age of 11 years, having private instruction for one year and then was placed by his devout father in the seminary at Pont-a-Mousson, where he continued the study of Latin, and where he remained for seven years, completing the classical and scientific courses. Thus prepared, he was accepted as a student in the great seminary at Nancy, where he was grounded in philosophy for one year. Leaving France, he went to Ireland, and at All-Hallows College, in Dublin, spent

two years in the study of philosophy and theology, going thence to Rome. There two years were passed in the Roman College in the study of theology and the Roman University for the study of canon law, and graduated at both institutions in 1862.

In America Father Zabel sought a field of usefulness. The way was opened to a Western diocese and in November, 1862, he reached Alton, Illinois, and in May, 1863, was appointed to a charge at Springfield. In July, 1864, he was transferred to East St. Louis and given charge of St. Patrick's Church, where he remained until December 1, 1873, when he took charge of St. Patrick's Church at Cairo, Illinois, where he was continued until November, 1869, when he came to Bunker Hill.

Father Zabel's long pastorate has been productive of great results, his efforts not only resulting in the erection of convents and church additions and adding to the financial prosperity of his various charges by good business management, but also in spiritual things. During all these years he has gone in and out among his people, administering to all alike in brotherly love, and showing forth on many occasions the same spirit which so recently excited the admiration of the country, when a prelate of his church risked his life offering Catholic consolation to perishing creatures hemmed in by fire. Such was the brave attitude of Rev. Father Zabel during the fearful epidemic of yellow fever, in Cairo, in 1878, when, regardless of self, his services were given to all who suffered.

On various occasions, Rev. Father Zabel has been honored by his church. He represented the Alton Diocese in the Baltimore Council, taking the place of the bishop of the diocese, the latter being sick. He is a member of the board of examiners of the clergy and counsellor to the bishop and is censor of books. In addition to his clerical labors and priestly offices, he is one of the church historians and his work issued in April, 1900, is a complete history of the Alton Diocese, including all bishops, congregations and all matters pertaining to this diocese.

At Bunker Hill where he is so well known and where the result of his labors is so apparent, few men are held in higher esteem. By education admirably fitted for his work, he possesses also all the attributes which go to fill up the ideal of a true pastor. The energies of his life and the gifts of his intellect have been given to his fellow men, and that many more years may be added to his beneficent life is the sincere wish of all who know him.

LEWIS C. DECK.

LEWIS C. DECK, one of the prominent citizens and successful business men of Girard, mayor of the city in 1889 and 1890, and identified with its affairs in many directions, belongs to one of the old pioneer families of Illinois. He was born August 6, 1848, in Palmyra township, Macoupin County, and is a son of Jacob and Nancy (Steele) Deck, and a grandson of Isaac Deck.

The grandfather of our subject was born in Virginia, moved to Tennessee and later, with the early pioneers, came to Illinois, locating for some years near Upper Alton. He came to Macoupin County with the early settlers, purchasing a partly improved farm in the vicinity of Bunker Hill, where he died in 1872.

Jacob Deck, father of Lewis C. Deck, was born in Madison County, Illinois, August 25, 1825, and lived there until after the death of his first wife, when he removed to Macoupin County, located first in Palmyra township and then removed to North Otter township, where he acquired a farm of 160 acres, in the improvement of which he passed the remainder of his life. His death took place March 3, 1882. He married Nancy Steele as his second wife. She was born in South Carolina, a daughter of Moses and Nancy (Watts) Steele, and died June 13, 1899. The six children of the family are: Lewis C., William B., Mary E., Melissa A., John A., and George M.

Lewis C. Deck obtained his education in the schools of North Otter township and Girard, and at the State Normal School at Normal, Illinois, and subsequently at Kentucky University, at Lexington, Kentucky. During the years that he spent in thus cultivating his mind and training his faculties, at intervals he engaged in teaching and became well known through the county as one of the best qualified educators. In 1884 he gave up the profession in which he had met with such success, in order to enter upon a mercantile life, forming at this time a partnership with B. F. Clark. The firm of Clark & Deck became a leading one in Girard, their well appointed store being devoted to the handling of drugs, groceries, books and stationery. The business methods of the firm secured and kept patronage, and the house continues to stand for excellence of goods, honest prices and courteous treatment. Since January 5, 1895, Mr. Deck has been in the drug business alone. He carries a fine stock, worth at a conservative estimate about \$5,000.

On December 27, 1883, Mr. Deck was married to Mary Josephine Long, who was born in Mercer County, Kentucky, and is a daughter of Joseph and Mary J. Long. Two sons have been born to this marriage: Harry L. and Lewis W. The family home is one of those handsome ones for which Girard is noted, and it is often the scene of social functions.

Politically Mr. Deck is a Democrat and upon many occasions he has been elected by his party to offices of responsibility. In 1888 he was elected clerk of the city, and in 1889 he was elected mayor, a position he filled with dignity and efficiency during that and the following year. Many reforms were inaugurated under his administration and many civic improvements were carried out. Although he is a keen business man, his cultivated intellect and cultured tastes lead him to encourage all that goes to make up the higher life of the city, and he is ever a friend of advanced education, art and music, believing these things should go hand in hand with practical advancement, such as he wishes his city to make. He is one of the directors of the Girard Building & Loan Association. In religious belief, he is a member of the Christian Church. Fraternally he is a member of the Mutual Protective League.



WILLIAM J. H. FAHRENKROG.

Hilyard township, Macoupin County, has its full share of capable, intelligent and successful citizens, and one of these is William J. H. Fahrenkrog, former sheriff of Macoupin County. He is also one of its excellent farmers and owns a fine property of 160 acres in section 35, Hilyard township. Mr. Fahrenkrog was born September 27, 1859, on a farm near Bunker Hill, Macoupin County, Illinois, and is a son of Henry and Frederica Fahrenkrog, both of whom were born in Holstein, Germany. The chief facts in the life of the late Henry Fahrenkrog may be found in the sketch of his widow which appears elsewhere in this work.

Our subject has always made his home in Macoupin County. His primary education was secured in the district schools and he spent three years in the Bunker Hill Academy. His occupation has been that of a farmer and stock raiser. His purchase of his present fine, well cultivated farm, was a recent one, and the improvements which he has placed thereon,

including one of the finest dwellings of this locality, have advanced its value very materially.

Since attaining manhood, Mr. Fahrenkrog has been an important factor in township and county politics. In political sentiment he is a Republican, and, although his party in many sections is in a minority, he has been elected to office many times. He served twice as collector of Hilyard township, one term as assessor and was then made deputy sheriff of the county, under P. B. Davenport, and served in that office from 1894 to 1898, when he was elected sheriff of Macoupin County. During his four years of service, he so faithfully performed the duties that he met with general approbation. He was noted for a courteous manner, close attention to detail, sterling integrity and a dignity well befitting a responsible position. He retired to private life in 1902, with the respect and esteem of his fellow citizens, and since then has been devoting himself to the development of his farm.

On November 23, 1898, Mr. Fahrenkrog was united in marriage with Dora Tietje, who was born December 27, 1878, in Bond County, Illinois, and is a daughter of Claus and Mary (Kuhne) Tietje, both of whom were born in Germany, but have passed the greater part of their lives in Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Fahrenkrog have one daughter,—Esther F. M. The family religious connection is with the German Lutheran Church.



B. M. BURKE.

B. M. BURKE, president of the Carlinville Telephone Company, is one of the most enterprising and progressive citizens of Carlinville, Macoupin County. He was born in Washington County, Missouri, December 27, 1863, and is a son of Hon. Beatty T. and Martha J. (McGready) Burke, and a grandson of Thomas Burke. Thomas Burke was born in Ireland and upon coming to this country located in Virginia. He married Ann Thompson, who was of Scotch parentage.

Hon. Beatty T. Burke, father of our subject, was born in Jefferson County, Virginia, September 12, 1806, and upon arriving at the age of 14 years removed to the town of Harper's Ferry, where he resided until he was

29 years old. After completing a common school education he was employed for a time in the United States Armory at Harper's Ferry. He was compelled to leave Virginia on account of ill health, and in May, 1835, arrived in St. Louis, Missouri, where he conducted a mercantile establishment for some time. He soon disposed of this business and moved across the river to Zanesville, Illinois, where in addition to carrying on mechandising he conducted an inn and engaged in farming. After the death of his wife he sold out his interests and removed to Carlinville, Macoupin County, where he grew to be one of the county's most influential citizens. He followed the mercantile business here from 1836 to 1838, when he was elected sheriff of Macoupin County for one term. In 1847 he was appointed by the Governor as public administrator of the county, and in 1850 was elected to represent his district in the State Legislature. He was again elected sheriff of the county in 1852, and two years later was nominated by the Democratic party for the State Legislature but was defeated. He was renominated for the office in 1856 and elected by a good majority. In 1868, he was again nominated and elected to the State Legislature, and in 1871 was elected to the State Senate for a term of four years. He was also elected supervisor of his township in 1871, and served in that capacity until his death in 1876. He was a man of many virtues and sterling qualities, and his death was considered by his fellowmen as a sad loss to the community. He was first married in 1830 to Harriet Jackson, a daughter of John Jackson of Jefferson County, Virginia, by whom he had one child. He subsequently married Martha J. McGready, who was born in Missouri and was the mother of our subject.

B. M. Burke was educated in the common schools of Macoupin County, and in the schools of Wisconsin, Missouri and New York. Upon his return to Macoupin County, he engaged in agricultural pursuits and stock raising with much success for a period of eight years. Then in connection with W. R. Hulse he engaged in the real estate and insurance business, and this partnership continued until 1901, when Mr. Burke turned his attention to the telephone business. The Carlinville Telephone Company was incorporated with B. M. Burke as president; W. R. Hulse, vice-president; and A. L. Burke, secretary. This company operates 250 miles of telephone toll lines, and operates in Macoupin, Montgomery and Jersey counties. They have a direct connection with the Central Union and Long Distance telephone systems; and also connect with the Jerseyville and the Montgomery telephone lines, doing an immense business. He is an ardent Democrat in politics, and

for eight years has served as supervisor. He is a member of Mount Nebo Lodge No. 76, A. F. & A. M.; Commandery No. 30, K. T., of Litchfield; Orient Lodge, K. of P.; B. P. O. E.; and a number of fraternal insurance orders.

In February, 1885, Mr. Burke married Alfred L. Mayfield, and they have six children: Bertie M., Martha L., Beatty T., Kathleen; Gertrude and Lillian. Religiously, Mr. Burke and family are consistent members of the Protestant Episcopal Church.



HENRY MORRISON.

One of the old pioneer families of Macoupin County is worthily represented in the person of Henry Morrison, a well-known farmer, residing on his brother Joseph's farm of 160 acres in section 24, Hilyard township. Mr. Morrison was born in this township, October 29, 1847, and is a son of Henry and Martha (Taylor) Morrison.

Henry Morrison, the father, was born in County Derry, Ireland, July 7, 1808, and with his brother James came to America in 1845. They remained a year in Genesee County, New York, and then removed to Alton, Illinois, in the vicinity of which town Henry Morrison rented a farm. In the spring of 1847 he came to Macoupin County and settled in Hilyard township, where he lived until his death, March 6, 1899, at the age of 90 years, eight months and 29 days. He left a large estate, all of which he had accumulated by his own industry. From the date of the nomination of Abraham Lincoln for the presidency, he was identified with the Republican party. He was a man who contributed much to the developing and civilizing of this locality, urging the building of churches and schools, the improvement of the highways and the raising of good stock. He married Martha Taylor, who was also a native of County Derry, Ireland, who now resides with a son. They had these children: George, of Hilyard township; Joseph; Henry; Mrs. Margaret Howell, of St. Clair County, Missouri; Mrs. Martha Ellen Calloway, of Hilyard township; Rebecca, who lives with her mother; Samuel,

who died in 1864, aged five years; and Robert, who died July 6, 1903, aged 41 years, leaving a widow and five children.

Mr. Morrison owns a farm of 120 acres in section 18, Gillespie township, and another of 40 acres in section 13, Hilyard township. He carries on general farming and stock raising, and has met with deserved success.

On Thanksgiving Day, 1885, Mr. Morrison was married to Esther Cline, who was born in Montgomery County, Illinois, and is a daughter of William and Sarah Cline. Eight children have been born to them: Nellie May, Harry, Earl, Bessie, Lawrence, Fern, Craig and Franklin Edgar.

In political sentiment, Mr. Morrison is, like his father, a staunch supporter of the Republican party. He has taken an active interest in township matters and has had much responsibility thrust upon him in the way of its development. He served as township supervisor for five terms, and received the nomination for a sixth term. His public service increased the general esteem in which he has long been held by his fellow citizens. Fraternally he is a Master Mason, belonging to Plainview Lodge, No. 461.



O. C. HARTLEY.

This worthy and esteemed citizen, who is classed among the progressive and enterprising business men of Carlinville, is a gentleman greatly respected for his sterling worth, and is one of the representative men of Macoupin County, Illinois. He was born near Uniontown, Pennsylvania, September 19, 1868, and is a son of James and Elizabeth (Schmatterly) Hartley, both natives of Pennsylvania, the former of Scotch and the latter of Pennsylvania Dutch descent.

James Hartley came to Macoupin County in 1882, and at once engaged in farming, which he has followed up to the present time. Three children were born to him and his wife, of whom one died in infancy. The others are Robert L., and O. C., the subject of this sketch. Politically Mr. Hartley is a Democrat. Fraternally he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

O. C. Hartley, the subject of this personal sketch, received his prelimi-

nary educational training in the common schools of Macoupin County, and from 1889 to 1894 attended the Bushnell Normal School. After completing his course in that institution, he engaged as a school teacher for several years, during the winter months. His political views favor the Democratic party, and he is prominently identified with that party, having been elected county clerk in the fall of 1898, receiving a majority of 400 votes over his opposing candidate, J. R. Duckles. He efficiently filled that position for four years. He then engaged as traveling salesman and collector for Swift & Company, of East St. Louis, Illinois, and after a time was assigned to Kentucky territory, remaining there until February 23, 1903, when he resigned on account of trying to recover from an accident which befell him while in the employ of that company. After a short vacation he engaged with the recently-formed corporation, known as the International Harvester Company of America, combining the best known companies in the United States, and he is acting as salesman and adjuster and has met with much success. His territory covers the counties of Montgomery, Macoupin, Greene, Jersey, Scott, Calhoun and Pike. In fraternal circles our subject is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Knights of Pythias.

Mr. Hartley was married in 1894 to Florence M. Childs, and they are the happy parents of two children, Gladys L. (deceased), and Beatrice C. In the spring of 1902 he was a candidate for Representative, but was defeated.



MAJ. FLETCHER H. CHAPMAN.

MAJ. FLETCHER H. CHAPMAN, one of the best known citizens of Carlinville, ranks among the leading attorneys and business men of Macoupin County and is held in high esteem by the people of his community. He was born April 15, 1828, in Macoupin County, Illinois, and is a son of Richard and Celia (Davenport) Chapman.

Richard Chapman was a native of North Carolina, as was also his wife, our subject's mother, and came to Illinois in 1818, being a pioneer of

the State. He first located in St. Clair County, where he remained one year and in the following year (1819) he removed to Macoupin County and remained here until 1824 when he removed from Dorchester to what is now called Staunton township and remained there until 1857. Celia (Davenport) Chapman, mother of our subject, died five years previous to the removal of our subject's father from Staunton township. They were the parents of 12 children, of whom our subject was the youngest son.

Our subject received his education in the district schools of Macoupin County, and engaged as a school teacher and so continued until 24 years of age, during which time he spent his leisure hours in the study of the law. In the fall of 1852 he engaged in land surveying and meeting with success at that enterprise was elected county surveyor and was later reelected and held that office until 1859 when he resumed his study of the law, in which he continued until the Civil War broke out. He then enlisted as a private in the 14th Reg., Illinois Vol. Inf., and remained in the service until July 14, 1865, when he was honorably discharged. In 1862 he was detached from his regiment and took command of Company L (artillery) as captain and in April his company was consolidated with Company D, 2d Illinois Light Artillery, and he was promoted to the rank of senior 1st lieutenant and in 1863 was promoted to be captain of his company. In 1865 he was brevetted major for meritorious services rendered during the war.

Major Chapman is a staunch Republican and is a leading politician of his county and State. During his political career he has filled several high positions. He began his political record as a candidate for county judge upon his return from the war but was defeated by a small majority. Later he was a candidate for police magistrate and was elected; he filled this position so efficiently and with so much capability that in 1869 he was elected county superintendent of schools, which position he filled until 1873, when he began the practice of the law, having been admitted to the bar in 1869. Meeting with deserved success and attaining a high rank in the legal profession, his practice increased to such an extent that he chose a partnership with the late Governor John M. Palmer. Our subject still practices law and is also engaged in land surveying. He holds a high position among the leading men of his county and is held in high esteem by all who know him. He is at present serving as justice of the peace.

Major Chapman was married to Sarah McCreery in 1854. At her decease a few years later, he was left with two children. In 1862 he was mar-



JAMES THOMAS KEPLINGER.



MRS. SARAH E. KEPLINGER.

ried to Cecelia C. Burns; one child has been born to them.—Charlotte E. Mrs. Chapman is a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church. The Major is a member of Dan Messick Post, No. 339, G. A. R.

JAMES THOMAS KEPLINGER.

JAMES THOMAS KEPLINGER, one of the leading agriculturists of Macoupin County for many years and still the owner of large and valuable tracts of land in Honey Point and Brushy Mound townships, was born January 22, 1840, in Morgan County, Illinois, and is a son of Peter and Sarah E. (Harris) Keplinger.

Peter Keplinger was born August 7, 1815, in Washington County, Tennessee. His grandfather, Jacob Keplinger, removed as a pioneer from Pennsylvania to Tennessee. There was born his son John, our subject's grandfather, who on December 18, 1806, was married to Elizabeth Rubel. Nine children were born to them, the fifth member of the family being Peter, the father of our subject, who was 15 years old when his parents came to Illinois. The long trip was made with a five-horse team, and they located first in Morgan County, near Jacksonville. Peter Keplinger remained with his parents until he was 21 years of age, when he married and engaged in farming for himself, becoming a large land-owner. On February 28, 1839, he was married to Sarah E. Harris, born May 10, 1820, at Elizabethtown, Carter County, Tennessee, a daughter of Benjamin Harris, who was born in Maryland and was a soldier in the War of 1812. They had five children born to them, namely: James T., Ann M., John B., Lucian and Sarah E. Ann M. married T. J. Willhite and died September 17, 1869, leaving no issue. John B. served two years in the Civil War, then took sick and was finally brought home from the hospital, and died in 1866. Sarah E. married J. L. Wylder of Jacksonville, Illinois.

James T. Keplinger has been a resident of Honey Point township, Macoupin County, since 1843, when his parents settled here as pioneers. He grew up on the farm but had but few educational advantages. When the Civil War broke out, he signified his desire to go, but was so opposed by his

solicitous mother that he gave way to her pleadings, and thus was subjected to the draft of September 23, 1864. He was one of the drafted who recruited Company I, 32nd Veteran Reg., Illinois Vol. Inf. under Lieutenant (later Captain) Droke. This company was attached to the 17th Army Corps and participated in Sherman's campaign. On the way to Buford, South Carolina, the regiment encountered a severe storm on the ocean. After this experience he was mainly connected with the quartermaster's department, and was discharged at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, September 16, 1865. Mr. Keplinger has a record for fidelity to duty that many a soldier might envy. Although entitled to a pension, he has never applied for one.

After the close of the war, he returned to Illinois and resumed farming. He has owned large bodies of land in the locality where he has made his home so many years, at one time holding as much as 450 acres in Honey Point and Brushy Mound townships, but he has sold some and has given his children 160 acres. His present holdings include 120 acres in sections 31 and 32, Honey Point township, 60 acres of timber in section 20, Honey Point township, 80 acres in section 19, Honey Point township, and 130 acres in sections 1 and 2, Brushy Mound township. He has been an extensive farmer and stock raiser, but has now retired from active farming and devotes his time to the buying and feeding of stock more for a slight occupation than for anything else, as he has not been in robust health since 1891.

On April 25, 1867, Mr. Keplinger was married to Sarah L. Entrekin, who was born April 22, 1850, in Chester County, Pennsylvania, and is a daughter of Ephraim R. and Lavina Entrekin, natives of Pennsylvania, who came to Illinois in 1853. Our subject and wife have had seven children, namely: Effie J., who married J. H. Myer of Honey Point township and has one daughter—Leda J.; John W., who resides in Honey Point, married Laura Duncan and has two children—Orin C. and Florence M.; Peter R., a Methodist clergyman, of Camden, Hillsdale County, Michigan, married Jennie Akin and has one son—William Thomas; Luther, who died at the age of 25 years, was also a minister in the Methodist Church—his wife was Ida Fuller; Clara A., who is the widow of William Hammond, resides with her parents and has three children—Marvel W., Milo L. and Merris E.; Mabel M., who married Harry Wilson, and resides in Honey Point township; and Mildred E., who married Larkin Hart of Honey Point township and has one child—Sybil Irene.

Mr. Keplinger has given all of his children liberal educational ad-

vanages, always regretting his own limitations in this direction. He has taken an active part in promoting educational movements in his locality and has served for a long time as school director. He is an ardent temperance man and for some years voted the Prohibition ticket, but is now identified with the Republican party. During the Civil War he was a member of the Loyal Union League. Since 1868 both he and his wife have been members of the Methodist Church, in which he is one of the stewards. Several of his sons have entered its ministry and Mr. Keplinger has been liberal in his support of this religious body, but he is not a prejudiced man and can see good in every Christian effort and has assisted other organizations also.

With the exception of the year 1863 when he traveled in Minnesota for his health, and during his army service, Macoupin County has been our subject's home. Here he is known and esteemed, meeting old friends and new, seeing in all that kind consideration which his honest, helpful life has given him the right to expect. While by the passing away of the old pioneers many of the most solid, substantial, upright men of the land are removed, in some of their descendants we recognize the same honorable attributes which made them what they were. Mr. Keplinger worthily represents his pioneer ancestry. Portraits of Mr. and Mrs. Keplinger accompany this sketch.



CYRUS OTIS LOVELESS.

CYRUS OTIS LOVELESS, who has a fine farm of 240 acres of land in Brushy Mound township, Macoupin County, is one of the substantial residents of his community. He is a business man of unusual ability, and has attained a high degree of success in the occupation of farming. He was born in Bird township, Macoupin County, Illinois, March 16, 1867, and is a son of John H. and Rhuhamy (Brown) Loveless, the former of whom was a native of Tennessee, and the latter of Indiana.

John H. Loveless was eight years of age when he accompanied his parents to Illinois, and here he resided the remainder of his life. He was united in marriage with Rhuhamy Brown, who was born January 1, 1826, and died September 23, 1902. They became the parents of the following children: James, deceased, and William (twins); Matilda; George; Emma; Eman-

uel; Robert; Cyrus Otis; John B.; and two who died in infancy,—Jennie and Betsey. Mrs. Loveless was a faithful member of the Baptist Church. Mr. Loveless is a Democrat in politics, and has served as school director and road commissioner.

Cyrus Otis Loveless was educated in the common schools of Macoupin County, after which he worked for his father until his marriage. He then located upon his present farm in Brushy Mound township and has since continuously followed general farming and stock raising. In 1895 he built his present home, which is a model of convenience and equipped with modern improvements.

On January 13, 1892, Mr. Loveless was united in marriage with Sarah F. McReynolds, a daughter of John and Lydia J. (Davis) McReynolds, and they have had the following children born to them: Cyrene C.; Lincoln A.; Lydia Dell and Jane Bell (twins); George E.; and Sarah A. Religiously, our subject and his wife are members of the Shiloh Baptist Church. In politics he is independent.



HON. PHILIP FLOOD.

HON. PHILIP FLOOD, mayor of Girard, Macoupin County, and one of the city's most prominent business men, is the senior member of the progressive firm of Flood & Lowe, dealers in lumber, lime, cement, sash, doors and blinds, and doing business under the name of Flood & Lowe Lumber Company. Mr. Flood was born December 29, 1832, in Dublin, Ireland, where his grandfather, an Englishman, had previously located. His parents were also born in Dublin, and his mother died at Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1848.

Perhaps not a little of the great business success which Mr. Flood enjoys, as well as the public esteem in which he is held, may be traced to the environments which made him, almost from childhood, to be unselfish, self-reliant and resourceful. At 12 years of age, he was assisting in the support of the family; at 16 he was finding ways and means to transport him across the Atlantic, so that he could join neighbors and friends who were finding business opportunities in America, which he could never hope to secure in Ireland. It was on October 2, 1848, that the ambitious Irish lad took passage, on the steamer "Sir Charles Napier," and reached the city of New

Orleans, Louisiana, after a voyage of 13 long weeks without a cent in his pocket. He obtained deck passage on a boat to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he had an uncle Irving, expecting to get the amount of \$3 to pay his passage from him as he had told the captain he would do so. He met with a chilly reception from his uncle and without breakfast he started out for work and, after a tedious tramp in which he met with many rebuffs, Robert Mitchell, a leading furniture manufacturer of the Queen City, took him in and consented to teach him the upholstering business and hence he was bound out for three years at \$3 per week with which to board and clothe himself. There he remained until 1855 when Mr. Mitchell sent him to St. Louis with a brother, William Mitchell, to start a branch furniture store and he remained in St. Louis from June, 1855, to the fall of 1879, his salary gradually increasing until he commanded a salary of \$3,500 per year. To his knowledge he has never yet met the Cincinnati uncle.

Mr. Flood's interest in the lumber business at Girard dates from 1872, but he did not make his permanent home here until 1879, when he took charge of what is now known as the Flood & Lowe Lumber Company, an enterprise which has annually grown in importance and is known all over Illinois and its products sent to other States. This is one of the ablest represented houses in the lumber trade in this section. The yard is provided with ample buildings and sheds for the successful prosecution of the business. The stock carried is very large, comprising all kinds of dressed and undressed lumber, posts, shingles, etc., together with a full line of sash, doors, blinds, moldings, etc., in addition to lime and cement and hardware. They are very large dealers in agricultural implements and carry a full stock of these goods from a garden rake to a threshing machine. Their list includes reapers, mowers, binders, cultivators, sulky plows, hay rakes, tedders, feed cutters, corn planters, corn shellers, etc. The headquarters of the business remain Girard, but successful branches have been also established at Virden, at Thayer and at Farmersville. With untiring industry, Mr. Flood combines unusual business ability, as shown by the facility with which he handles his large interests.

On January 1, 1853, Mr. Flood was married to Mrs. Christina (Case) Robbins, who was born in Butler County, Ohio, and died April 11, 1891. His second marriage took place on December 29, 1892, to Mrs. Amy E. Metcalf, who is a daughter of Randall Benion, who was born in England. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Flood is one of the many beautiful ones in

Girard, and is the center of much hospitality, and the scene of many delightful social functions. Both our subject and wife are members of the Christian Church, in which they are valued, both for their remembrance of their religious obligations, and their engaging personalities.

Mr. Flood was elected in April, 1903, by the Prohibition party, to the highest municipal office by the gratifying plurality of 100 votes over his opponent, Hon. Jacob Bowersox. His administration can not but satisfy the good people of Girard, for it is progressive while also clean, moral and economic. The same administrative qualities which have made him so successful a man at the head of his own concerns, have proved of equal value when handling the affairs of the public. He has long been prominently identified with the leading fraternal organizations, becoming a member of the Pride of the West Lodge, No. 179, A. F. & A. M., in 1873. He is now a member of Girard Lodge, No. 171, A. F. & A. M.; Girard Chapter, No. 132, R. A. M.; St. Omar Commandery, No. 30, K. T.; and the Council at Springfield. He is also a member of Security Lodge, No. 44, A. O. U. W., and the Odd Fellows.

The mayor of Girard is one of the busiest men of his city, but he finds the time to travel a little to keep in touch with the world's great movements, to enjoy his fine library and still hold the reins of city government, and seldom, indeed, is too occupied to admit to his genial presence one of his admiring fellow citizens.



J. GEORGE BENNER.

J. GEORGE BENNER is one of the extensive farmers and prominent citizens of Bunker Hill township, Macoupin County, Illinois, where he owns 870 acres of fine land, situated in the best portions of Bunker Hill and Brighton townships, his residence being on a tract of 240 acres in section 20 in the former township. Mr. Benner was born March 29, 1836, in Germany, and is a son of John and Barbara Maria (Urbach) Benner.

The parents of our subject were both born in Germany, in which land John Benner served several years in the German army, and after completing his term of military service engaged in farming. In 1848 he came with his family to America, where he engaged during the remainder of his life in

carpenter work and at general labor. He was a man of good habits, fair education, and, while not accumulating much property, was much respected for his honesty and integrity. In politics, he identified himself with the Democratic party. He was a consistent member of the German Evangelical Church. His death took place at Utica, Indiana, in 1862, at the age of 62 years. His six children were: Mrs. Christina Froehlich, of Alton, Illinois; Philip, who died in 1856 in Indiana, aged 21 years; Annie, who died of cholera in Indiana, in 1852; Reinhart, who also died of cholera; John W., who is engaged in the butchering business at Jeffersonville, Indiana, and our subject, who was the third in order of birth.

J. George Benner was 12 years of age when his parents decided to migrate to America, and he can well recall the incidents of their embarking at Bremen, on the sailing ship "Colmonia," the long journey across the ocean, the landing at New Orleans and the trip up the mighty Mississippi River and the Ohio River to Louisville, Kentucky. Many strange sights met his view and in themselves proved of great educational value. Before finally locating in Macoupin County, Mr. Benner lived at Louisville, Kentucky, spent one year at New Albany, Indiana, three more years at Louisville, some time at Utica, Indiana, and in 1864 came to his present home. During the Civil War he belonged to the Indiana Home Guards until he came to Macoupin County. He owns a farm of 240 acres in section 20, Bunker Hill township and two others in the same township, and one in Brighton township aggregating 870 acres. The foundation of his fortune was laid while in the butcher business in Indiana. Industry and thrift and the business capacity which made him invest wisely have done the rest. Mr. Benner engages extensively in general farming and stock raising. He has made so many substantial improvements on the property, including a fine home and other buildings, that this farm is justly ranked with the best in the southern section of the county.

In 1857 Mr. Benner was married to Charlotte Wilhelmina Bartels, who was born in Germany in 1840, and came to America with her parents in 1852. They landed at New Orleans and later went to Galveston, Texas, where they had expected a brother to meet them, but found when they arrived there that he had died of yellow fever. They then went to Louisville, Kentucky, and then to Utica, Indiana, where Miss Bartels was married to Mr. Benner. She is one of the four children of Ludwig and Dorothy Bartels, the others being: Ludwig, and Charles A., of Bunker Hill township;

and Herman, of Hilyard township. Mrs. Bartels died at our subject's home in 1891, aged 94 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Benner have had these children: Mary W., wife of John H. Dillon, deceased in January, 1884, leaving two children,—Mrs. Esther Johnson of Texas, and Lewis G., who lives with his grandfather; Charles C., of the hardware firm of Benner Brothers, of Bunker Hill, who has four children.—Carl, Pauline, Kenneth and Dale; Theodore S., of the hardware firm of Benner Brothers, who has four children.—Vera, Theo. George and Ralph Eugene; Ella, a music teacher, a graduate of the Alton Conservatory of Music, in the class of 1899, who resides at home; Lydia who married H. J. Heal of Bunker Hill township; Emma, who married T. B. Luken of Dorchester township; William J., a graduate of Washington University, who is a physician at a Baptist sanitarium in St. Louis; and George, a promising young man, who died at the age of 20 years, May 8, 1891, just prior to graduating from the Bunker Hill High School.

Mr. Benner has taken a deep interest in the advancement of education, has served in a number of school offices, and has given his family many advantages. In politics he supports the Republican party. He has served the township officially on many occasions and has been highway commissioner several times. He is an active member and an elder in the German Presbyterian Church, of which he is a very liberal supporter.

Mr. Benner began life with little capital, but he faced every difficulty with courage, depending upon industry, honesty, temperance and economy, to forward his fortune. The result may be seen in his large accumulation of wealth and in the esteem and regard in which he is held by his fellow citizens.



MARTIN H. HEAD, M. D.

MARTIN H. HEAD, M. D., is the oldest practicing physician and surgeon of Macoupin County, Illinois, and has been a resident of Carlinville since the beginning of his professional career. He was born at Middletown, 12 miles east of Louisville, in Jefferson County, Kentucky, May 3, 1827, and is a son of Benjamin and Margaret N. (Brengman) Head. His father

was born in Virginia of Welsh parents, and his mother came of German parentage.

Benjamin Head in early life moved from Virginia to Kentucky and made a comfortable fortune in the mercantile business. He later disposed of this business and purchased a farm, upon which he spent the remainder of his days. He was honored with an appointment to the office of magistrate, the appointment at that time lying with the Governor and being indefinite as to the length of time the incumbent should serve. It was customary for the oldest magistrate of the county to be honored with the office of sheriff, and this honor was also conferred upon him. He was a man of the highest principles, an old line Whig in political affiliation, and a man who had the confidence and good will of his fellow citizens almost without exception. He died at the age of 56 years, in 1837, and was survived many years by his widow, who died in 1891, aged 86 years and five months. They were the parents of four children, namely: Margaret A., Benjamin A., Samuel R. and Martin H. Although reared to the Lutheran faith, Mrs. Head became a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Martin H. Head was educated in the private and subscription schools of Kentucky, also in the college at Lagrange, Kentucky. Having decided upon a professional career, he read medicine under the direction of Dr. James M. Bemiss of Middletown, with whom he continued until his graduation from the Kentucky School of Medicine in the spring of 1851. In October of that year, he came to Carlinville, Macoupin County, his first field of practice, and has continued here up to the present time. He became well established in practice and has had a most active career. In April, 1861, he was appointed assistant surgeon of the 14th Reg., Illinois Vol. Inf., with which he continued for one year. He then entered Overton Hospital at Memphis, Tennessee, as assistant surgeon in the United States Army, and served three years until the hospital was closed. Dr. Head was then transferred to Crittenden Hospital at Louisville, Kentucky. His duty was to transfer soldiers as they became able to their respective homes, and he continued to perform this service until the institution was closed in 1865. After the conclusion of the war, he returned to Carlinville and resumed active practice. He is one of the best known men of the county, and numbers among his patients many of its prominent citizens. He has the confidence and respect of the people and of his brother practitioners.

In 1853, Dr. Head was joined in marriage with Margaret I. Blackburn,

granddaughter of the famous Gideon Blackburn, who founded Blackburn University at Carlinville. Two sons were born to bless their home, namely: Eugene S., M. D., who is practicing medicine in Carlinville; and Hadley B., a prominent citizen of Carlinville. Our subject joined the Masonic fraternity in 1848, and is a member of Harry Hudson Lodge, No. 76, A. F. & A. M., at Middletown, Kentucky. Religiously, he is a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church.



MRS. EMMA J. LANCASTER.

MRS. EMMA J. LANCASTER is the widow of the late John Lancaster, who was one of the sturdy tillers of the soil of Macoupin County, as well as a highly esteemed citizen and a gentleman of creditable interest in the building of the township of Bunker Hill. Mr. Lancaster up to the time of his death, which occurred January 14, 1895, resided on his beautiful farm, located in section 11, which consisted of 235 acres.

Mrs. Emma J. Lancaster was born August 22, 1852, at Bunker Hill, Illinois, and is a daughter of Charles A. and Mary M. (Barnes) Parmenter. Charles A. Parmenter was born at Antrim, New Hampshire, March 10, 1806, and was one of the pioneer settlers of Bunker Hill, there being very few dwellings in the township at the time he made his settlement. Mr. Parmenter devoted the greater part of his time to farming, although he was also engaged in the carpenter's trade. Politically he was a member of the Republican party and an abolitionist. When the Civil War broke out, it was the desire of Mr. Parmenter to join the ranks but owing to his age he was not accepted. Religiously he was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, on whose church structure in Bunker Hill he did a large part of the carpenter work. He was also a very active church worker and did much to gather a large congregation. Fraternally he was a member of the Masons and Odd Fellows and took much interest in the work of both. For many years he held offices and for his valuable services received from the I. O. O. F. lodge a fine cane which he prized very highly. Mr. Parmenter's ancestors were French Huguenots, who were driven from France on account of their

religious views. Mr. Parmenter was married, May 10, 1831, to Mary M. Barnes, who was born in New Hampshire, January 31, 1809, and was the daughter of William and Abigail (Parker) Barnes. Mr. and Mrs. Parmenter were the parents of seven children, namely: Mary, who died at the age of nine years; Sarah K. (Cash) who died June 9, 1866, at the age of 25 years; Leona (Pennington) of Orange, New Jersey; Almira (Lancaster), who is a resident of Bunker Hill township; Laura A. (Linbarger), who resides in Missouri; Emma J. (Lancaster), the subject of this article, and Charles J., a resident of Oakland, California. Mr. Parmenter died October 5, 1898, in Bunker Hill township.

Emma J. Parmenter was wedded to John Lancaster, June 23, 1875, in Bunker Hill township, where he resided until his death. Mr. Lancaster was born in Bunker Hill township, Macoupin County, Illinois, January 13, 1854, and always resided in the township, having in early years engaged in farming, purchasing a farm of 315 acres in section 11, which he cultivated for many years with successful results. Mr. Lancaster was a self made man in every respect the word implies, having entered upon the cares of a business man when very young and as a result of careful methods and energy well directed attained a high position among the business men of his community. John Lancaster was a son of Francis Lancaster, born in 1813 in Buckinghamshire, England, who came to America in the early part of 1841 and located in Macoupin County in August of that year after a short stay in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. His wife and three children were left in England until he could earn a sufficient amount of money to remove his family to his new home; it was not long before they joined him. Francis Lancaster at one time owned more than a section of land and accumulated considerable property during the active days of his life, which ended November 2, 1895, having reached the age of 82 years. He married Elizabeth Collins, and they had seven children, namely: Francis W., who died in St. Louis, Missouri, in May, 1883, leaving a family; William, who died at Girard, Illinois, leaving a large family; Elizabeth (Mercer) (Wise), who is a widow living at Bunker Hill; Joseph, of Bunker Hill; Mary M., who married Asaph H. Barnes, a dentist of Girard, Illinois; Matilda (Mrs. J. H. Brown) of Milton, Kansas, and John, who was the husband of our subject. There were also three children who died in infancy.

John Lancaster politically was a member of the Republican party, and religiously was a member of the Congregational Church. Mr. Lancaster

was survived by his wife (the subject of this sketch) and five children, namely: Ernest J., of East Alton, who is married and has two children.—Ruth N. and Perry C.; A. Mariam (Barnes), a resident of Akron, Ohio, who has one child,—Harold W.; Harry, who resides on the homestead place; Myra C.; and Willis E., who also lives at home.

THOMAS S. BAKER.

THOMAS S. BAKER, J. P., a well known citizen of Girard, Illinois who has been engaged in life insurance business at this point for the past 16 years, representing the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, was born in Maury County, Tennessee, April 24, 1841. He is one of a family of 10 children born to his parents, Richard B. and Nancy J. (Blair) Baker, who were both natives of Tennessee. In 1847 they came to Macoupin County, and lived in the vicinity of Medora until 1858, when they removed to Carlinville. Richard B. Baker has been engaged in mercantile pursuits and in farming.

Thomas S. Baker was six years old when he accompanied his parents to Macoupin County. He secured his education in the local schools and at Blackburn University at Carlinville, where he was graduated in 1860. As a painter and decorator, he became well known, his taste and skill making his work far above the average, but after 20 years of application to this business, he found his health failing and was obliged to abandon a calling for which he had decided talent. Since then he has devoted his attention to the life insurance business, being the representative of the old and reliable company above mentioned.

In 1861, immediately after the outbreak of the Civil War, he presented himself for army service, but was rejected by the examiner on account of want of robust health. While not being able to serve his country on the field, he used his influence at home and then, as now, has always been a good and public spirited citizen. He is now serving his fourth term as a justice of the peace, a position for which he is eminently qualified. His official acts have given general satisfaction and his integrity has never been brought in question. He has been a valued resident of Girard since 1882.

Mr. Baker has been twice married. In 1862 he married Mary Hughes, and five children were born to them, the four survivors being: Frank F., a business man of East St. Louis, Illinois; Mary Baker of St. Louis, Missouri and Anna and Frances, who live at home. Mrs. Baker died in 1879. In 1889, Mr. Baker married Mary Venable, who is a member of an old Ohio family. Her parents settled in Illinois some 30 years ago.

ROBERT W. ENGLISH.

There is none better qualified to represent the agricultural interests of Macoupin County than the gentleman whose name heads this brief notice. He resides on his farm of 70 acres situated in sections 27 and 34, Shaw's Point township. He was born in Pike County, Missouri, May 5, 1856, and is a son of Levin N., and Mary (West) English.

Levin N. English was a native of Jersey County, Illinois, where he spent the greater part of his life actively engaged in the pursuits of general farming. He began in a somewhat lowly station in life but through his hard and industrious work accumulated considerable property and became a highly respected citizen, interested in many projects to benefit his community. His parents, who were from Kentucky, had eight children, namely: Nelson, Robert, Levin, Richard, Betsy (Brown), Nellie (Fullington), Allie (Roundtree) and Nancy (Oaff). Levin N. English formed a matrimonial alliance with Mary West, who was, like him, a native of Jersey County, Illinois. She was a daughter of Edward West. They were the parents of five children, namely: Robert W., whose name heads these lines; Levin N., of Shaw's Point township; Ella (Allen), of Shaw's Point township; Mary (Stoddard), of Carlinville; and Dr. John N., of Bucatunna, Mississippi. He died August 7, 1896, at the age of 65 years. He was a Democrat, and held a number of township offices, such as supervisor and highway commissioner.

Robert W. English came to Macoupin County when five years old in company with his parents, and has resided here since. He has been actively engaged in farming and stock raising and has proved very successful at that independent calling. He devotes 40 acres of his farm to the raising of

corn, 20 acres to the raising of oats, and the remainder to his cattle, raising a very high grade of Shorthorn cattle. Our subject's political views are such as to make him a Democrat. In fraternal circles he is a member of the Court of Honor. Mr. and Mrs. English are both adherents of the Christian Church, attending divine services at Shaw's Point Christian Church, which is only one-half mile distant. Mr. English is an elder in the church.

Mr. English was married November 20, 1887, to Edna L. Johnson, who was born in Shaw's Point township, Macoupin County, Illinois, April 2, 1857, and is a daughter of Edward and Sarah (Crabtree) Johnson, natives of Kentucky. Our subject has no children.



E. ALFRED BLEULER, M. D.

E. ALFRED BLEULER, M. D., who stands in the front rank among the most successful practitioners of medicine in Macoupin County, has been a resident of Carlinville almost from the beginning of his professional career. He was born in Zanesville, Ohio, May 25, 1856, and is a son of Charles and Matilda (Mickel) Bleuler. His father was a native of Switzerland, and his mother of Germany.

Charles Bleuler, father of our subject, came to America in 1845 and settled in New York City where he followed his business as an expert engraver, being employed by the United States government in the engraving of bonds and contracts. He removed to Philadelphia in 1847. Later he returned to New York City and in 1849, with many others, he started for California, going by sailing vessel around Cape Horn to San Francisco, the trip consuming 179 days. After reaching his destination he engaged in gold mining in the placer regions for several years, then returned East by the Isthmus of Panama route, coming up the Mississippi River from New Orleans to St. Louis, where he arrived in 1852 during the prevalence of cholera and soon after went by boat to Cincinnati where he remained for five months. He was married at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, in 1855, and after remaining there a short time the young couple removed to Zanesville, Ohio, near which town he purchased a tract of land. He followed farming there for a period of

three years and in 1858 sold out and moved to Quincy, Illinois. He shortly after removed to Jacksonville, Illinois, where he became professor of German and French in the Illinois and Bethany College, being very proficient in those languages. In 1860 he bought a large tract of land in Morgan County, Illinois, on which he lived during the following 20 years, finally returning, in 1880, to Jacksonville to spend the remaining years of his life in retirement. He died February 28, 1901, at the ripe old age of 89 years.

E. Alfred Bleuler attended the public schools, Illinois College and the Jacksonville Business College, during which time he also read medicine. He matriculated in Rush Medical College, Chicago, in 1882, and subsequently was graduated from the St. Louis Medical College. In 1898 he located in Carlinville, where he has since been continuously engaged in practice. He made special study of diseases of the ear, throat and nose, taking a post-graduate course in Berlin and Vienna in 1902, and makes a specialty of these branches. He has met with a high degree of success, and enjoys the confidence and highest respect of his fellow citizens and brother practitioners. He is a member of the Macoupin County Medical Society, the State Medical Society, and the American Medical Association. He is assistant surgeon for the Chicago & Alton Railway Company, and examining physician for the Federal Life Insurance Company and several fraternal insurance companies.

In October, 1889, Dr. Bleuler was joined in marriage with Helen Thompson, a native of Petersburg, Illinois, and they have one son,—Frank. Both are members of the Methodist Church. Fraternally, our subject is a member of Mount Nebo Lodge, No. 79, A. F. & A. M.; Orient Lodge No. 95, K. P.; and Carlinville Lodge, I. O. O. F.



MRS. D. CORNELIA DAVIS.

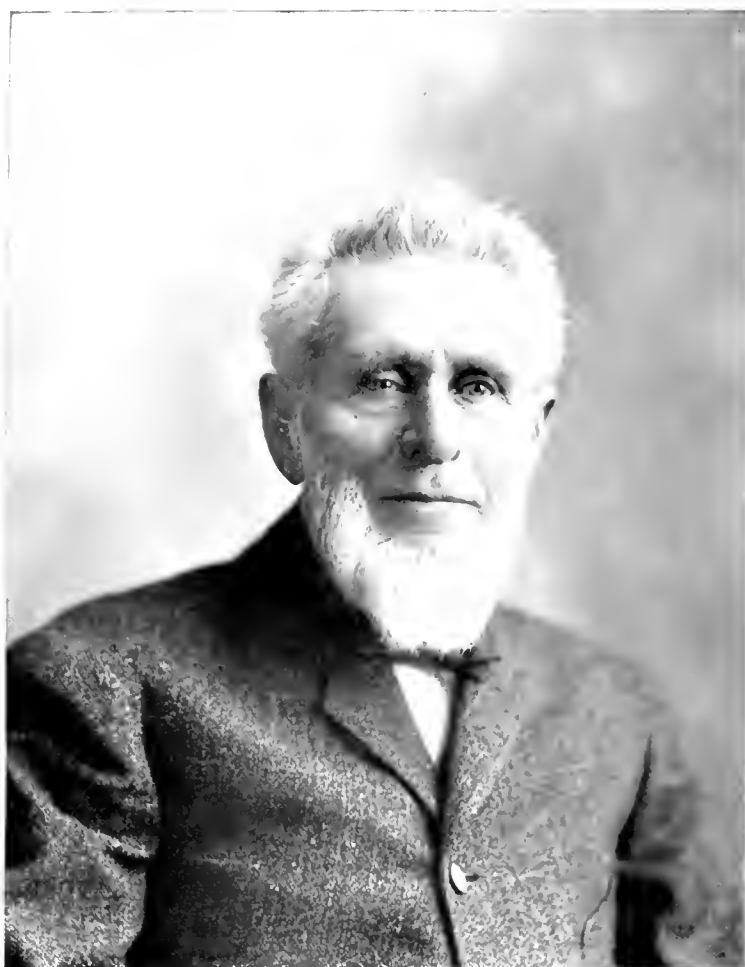
MRS. D. CORNELIA DAVIS, owner of the fine farm of 223 acres, in section 24, Bunker Hill township, Macoupin County, known as Woodside Farm, is the widow of the late John Andrews Davis, who for many years was a prominent agriculturist of the southern section of the county. Mrs. Davis was born February 22, 1830, in Hunterdon County, New Jersey, and is a daughter of the late Moses and Permelia (Slack) Warford.

The parents of Mrs. Davis removed to Livingston County, New York, when she was small, and she grew to womanhood in Geneseo, where both parents died, each aged about 70 years. They reared nine children, viz: Mrs. Agnes Robinson, deceased; Mrs. Matilda Stout, deceased; Thisby, who married a relative named Warford; Wilson B., who served through the Civil War, as captain of a company of the 133d Reg., New York Vol. Inf., now a resident of Coldwater, Michigan; Stacy B., who served through the Civil War as a private in a New York regiment; James Scott, of Coldwater, Michigan; Mrs. Harriet Young, of Belfast, New York; Mrs. Amelia Locke, of Coldwater, Michigan, a widow of a Civil War soldier; Mrs. D. Cornelia Davis, our subject; and a babe who died in infancy.

In Geneseo, New York, December 14, 1854, our subject was united in marriage with John Andrews Davis, and to this union these children were born: J. Elroy, who with his daughter, Gladys B., resides on the home farm, which he superintends, his wife is deceased; Scott Fletcher, who lives at home; Frank Jackson, who died at the age of 10 months; Mrs. Sarah Ophelia Meriwether, born December 28, 1864, who died at Alton, Illinois, October 7, 1895, survived by two children,—Katherine Edith and Sarah D.; Susannah E., at home; and Mrs. Katherine J. Badlay, of Marianna, Arkansas, who has one child—Payton D.

The late John Andrews Davis was born February 6, 1826, at Ischua, Cattaraugus County, New York, where he resided until he removed to Bunker Hill township, Macoupin County, in 1871. His death took place December 11, 1903, on the farm which he had occupied more than 30 years. He was the second son of Jonathan Davis, born July 11, 1790, in Massachusetts, and died in July, 1878, who could trace his ancestry through Revolutionary stock, back to the "Mayflower." His grandfather and grand-uncle, Jonathan and Edward Davis, are the two Davises mentioned in New England history as having gone disguised as Indians on the ships in Boston harbor, and assisted in throwing the cargoes of tea overboard.

Mr. Davis spent his boyhood in Cattaraugus County and attended school at Alfred Academy in Allegany County, and through life was a man of intelligence, who kept not only well posted on current events, but accumulated a private library as well. He owned a farm of 500 acres in New York, which is now occupied by his brother Edwin F. After coming to Illinois, where his intelligent foresight saw greater agricultural possibilities, Mr. Davis purchased the fine property now the home of his widow, which



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he successfully operated for so many years, being engaged in dairying as well as in farming. The handsome buildings and superior improvements which he placed on the property fully entitle it to be considered one of the handsomest homes of the county. This home has always been noted for its hospitality and both Mr. Davis and his estimable wife delighted to welcome their friends over its threshold.

Mr. Davis always took an intelligent interest in politics and voted with the Republican party. While bound by no religious creed, he was liberal in his support of all religious bodies and moral measures and by his influence furthered the cause of education and of morality. He had many friends, for he was a man who deserved them,—honest, kind and helpful. Mrs. Davis is held in the highest esteem.



PLUTARCH H. DORSEY.

The name of Dorsey needs no introduction to the citizens of Macoupin County, Illinois, as for years it has been representative of one of the most numerous, progressive, wealthy and prominent families of this portion of the State, and Plutarch H. Dorsey is its oldest member. He was born on November 8, 1833, in Jefferson County, Kentucky, and is a son of Elias and Martha (Booker) Dorsey.

Elias Dorsey was born June 7, 1796, near Frederick, Maryland, and in childhood accompanied his parents to Kentucky. During the War of 1812 he served as a private soldier and received a pension for his services. He devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits, and, although in straitened circumstances during his early manhood, by the exercise of a natural business capacity acquired a large tract of fine blue grass land within eight miles of the city of Louisville. There he engaged in the favorite occupation of the Kentucky farmer—the raising of fine horses for market. His farm consisted of 600 acres of land and prior to the Civil War he owned some 30 slaves. These he subsequently freed. For many years he lived the life of a typical planter, “Eden Farm” being the center of general hospitality and social gaiety, many of the most distinguished members of the polite, business and political world being lavishly entertained there. At an early date Elias Dorsey, with the

business instincts which made all his operations successful, purchased 13,000 acres of land lying in Madison and Macoupin counties, Illinois. His death took place in 1873 at Bunker Hill, Macoupin County, Illinois, in the 77th year of his age. He was a consistent supporter of Democratic principles all his life. He was a man of generous nature, was devoted to his large family and assisted each one of his 13 children by the gift of a farm of 1,000 acres.

In 1815 Elias Dorsey married Martha Booker, who was a daughter of Col. Richard Booker, and a member of a very prominent family of Shelby County, Kentucky. They were the parents of the following 13 children: John W., Richard E., Leavin L., Benjamin L., Basil H., William Montjoy, Mrs. Cordelia Hornsby, Mrs. Ann C. Winchester, Elias L., Mary Matilda and Orlean O., all deceased; Plutarch H.; and Mrs. Martha Shields of Kansas.

Plutarch H. Dorsey's mother died when he was four years old, and he remained in Kentucky to enjoy the excellent educational opportunities offered him there. He finished his education with a three-years course at Shurtleff College, at Alton, Illinois. He came to Macoupin County in 1853 and settled on his present farm of 420 acres situated in sections 25 and 26, Gillespie township, land which was included in the large tract which his father had entered. He has lived on this farm continuously since 1853, with the exception of 15 years—from 1871 to 1886—when he resided in Bunker Hill in order to give his children the best of educational advantages.

While Mr. Dorsey has raised large crops of wheat and corn, his attention has been more closely given to the raising of fine cattle and stock and particularly to the breeding of high grade horses, these being mainly of "Gold Dust" stock, of which he has annually bred 50 head and at the same time from 50 to 100 head of mules. He is also an extensive breeder and shipper of cattle, sheep and hogs, but has given the closest attention to horses. He has bred a number of fine animals which have sold for \$5,000, and he has received as much as \$1,000 for a yearling thoroughbred. In addition to his farming and grazing lands, Mr. Dorsey has a fine orchard of 120 acres, one of the most productive in this section.

In 1891 Mr. Dorsey sold his coal right to the firm of H. S. Dorsey & Company, a rich vein of coal probably underlying a large portion of this farm. The discovery of coal on the Dorsey lands, in 1886, was something of an accident, but after 12 years of prospecting, hard work and expenditure of much money the great deposits of the black diamonds are being brought to the

surface, bringing untold wealth to the family and giving activity to the section and employment to hundreds of laborers. A new town in the heart of the coal regions is now being built up which is expected to hold a population of 6,000 people within two years. To this town the name of Benld has been given, which is a contraction of Benjamin L. Dorsey, named in honor of the nephew of our subject, as was the town of Dorsey named in honor of the family upon its establishment 40 years ago.

Benjamin L. Dorsey, the pioneer prospector for coal on his own lands, was born August 31, 1857, in Macoupin County, Illinois, and is a son of Benjamin L. Dorsey and a nephew of Plutarch H. Dorsey. The family has sold 40,000 acres of coal land to the Northwestern Railroad, through the Superior Coal Company of Chicago, and a connecting line, the Macoupin County Railroad, is being rapidly pushed to completion. This road will erect a fine brick depot at the new town, while capitalists from the neighboring cities are making contracts for the erection of blocks of stores, the establishment of a bank and the putting into operation all the organizations which American enterprise and progressiveness so quickly accomplish. Where once waved fields of yellow grain, now are seen the derricks and machinery of successful coal mines and another great industry has been added to the business life of Macoupin County. The Dorsey family has greatly profited by this discovery and all its members are men of large capital. They are also men of high character and well represent the best citizenship of this section of the State.

In March, 1854, Plutarch H. Dorsey married Olivia Williams, who was born September 25, 1834, in Washington, D. C., and died on the farm in Macoupin County, July 26, 1902. She was a daughter of John and Maria E. (Wells) Williams, both of whom were born in Washington. Eight children were born to this marriage, as follows: Mrs. Eugenia Robinson, of St. Louis, Missouri, who has two children—Edward and Mary; Plutarch H., Jr., who resides with his wife on the farm of our subject in a residence of his own; Mrs. Harriet Hornsby, of Bunker Hill, who has two children—Lawrence and Marie; Marie L., who resides at home; Oscar L., who with his wife resides on the old homestead; Ada, who died at the age of two years; Cora, who died at the age of eight years; and Wells Mayo, who with his wife resides on a farm in Cahokia township, Macoupin County. Mr. Dorsey's children are among the most highly esteemed residents of their various communities.

Like his father, Mr. Dorsey has been identified with the Democratic party

all his life, ardently supporting its old-time principles. He is serving as the present supervisor of his township and is regarded as one of the best officials the township ever had. In him the honorable old family of Dorsey has an honorable representative and Gillespie township a citizen who has materially aided in all movements designed to promote the general welfare. His portrait accompanies this sketch, being shown on a preceding page.



JAMES L. CALLAWAY.

JAMES L. CALLAWAY, one of the well known citizens and prominent farmers of Gillespie township, Macoupin County, the owner of a well improved farm of 130 acres situated in section 18, was born on a farm in Randolph township, Jersey County, Illinois, March 14, 1846, and is a son of George W. and Elizabeth Ann (Smith) Callaway.

George W. Callaway was born in Giles County, West Virginia, February 4, 1810, and removed to Jersey County, Illinois, in 1837, as a pioneer, and died in the home of our subject in 1893. His father was American born, his mother was a German and he was one of a large family of sons and was left an orphan at an early age. He engaged in farming all his life, and although he never accumulated a large estate, he was a man of great industry and of the most exemplary character. For many years he was a local preacher and filled many pulpits of the Methodist Church in Missouri and Illinois. Early in life he was a supporter of the Jacksonian principles of Democracy, but later became a Republican.

George W. Callaway married first Keziah Ray and five daughters were born to this marriage. His second marriage was to Elizabeth Ann Smith who was born in Scioto County, Ohio, February 2, 1820, and 14 children were born to them, 11 of whom survived infancy: Mrs. Sarah Van Cleve of Olney, Illinois; Mrs. Mary F. Kelley, deceased; Melvin, who died in April, 1903; James L., of this sketch; Mrs. Olive Cramp, of Macoupin County; John D., of Milton, Kansas; Daniel, deceased; George, of Macoupin County; Mrs. Ann Burdsal, of Gillespie; Mrs. Antoinette Perrine, deceased; and Mrs. Kate Hackney, deceased.

Our subject was about seven years of age when his parents came to Macoupin County and he has been a resident here ever since. Since 1878 he has been located on his present farm, 50 acres of which is in timber, and here he has most successfully engaged in general farming and stock raising. He makes his leading crops corn and wheat, and in live stock has a preference for Red Polled cattle and Poland-China and Berkshire hogs.

When Mr. Callaway came to his present farm, it was still a wild tract, covered with brush and timber. His first log house was soon succeeded by a larger and more comfortable one, and the improvements which he started in to make he has continued to the present day, the result being one of the most comfortable, attractive and valuable homes of the township.

In 1870 Mr. Callaway married Emily Dewhirst, who was born in Dekalb County, Illinois, November 24, 1849, and died February 14, 1902. She was a daughter of George and Judith Dewhirst, natives of England and Canada respectively, who located in Illinois. Five children were born to them, namely: Elizabeth, her father's capable housekeeper; Leroy, deceased; Charles M., a farmer of Montgomery County; Minnie, wife of Noel Taylor of Granite City, Illinois; and James, who lives at home.

In politics Mr. Callaway is identified with the Republican party. For many years he has been a member of the Methodist Church.



ROBERT WADE MCKNIGHT.

ROBERT WADE MCKNIGHT, postmaster at Girard, Illinois, a prominent citizen and leading Republican politician of Macoupin County, was born in Taylorville, Christian County, Illinois, November 26, 1873. He is the only surviving son of the late distinguished Col. Sargeant and Virginia A. (Bogges) McKnight.

Mr. McKnight accompanied his parents to Girard in March, 1882, and this city has been his place of residence ever since. He enjoyed exceptional educational advantages. After completing the public school course at Girard, he attended Morgan Park Military Academy at Chicago, the University of Illinois at Champaign, and the Metropolitan Business College at

Chicago. From 1895 to 1897, he served as city attorney of Girard. On February 1, 1898, he was appointed postmaster by the late President McKinley, and on March 14, 1902, was reappointed by President Roosevelt.

Mr. McKnight was married in Carlinville, Illinois, February 14, 1901, to Gertrude Elfrieda Fischer, who is a daughter of Dr. C. J. C. Fischer of Carlinville. They have one little daughter, Dorothy Virginia, who was born August 21, 1902.

Mr. McKnight has taken a very active part in politics and has served as the secretary of the Girard Republican Club and as delegate to various conventions. Fraternally he is a Mason and a Knight of Pythias.

BENJAMIN F. SHEPPARD.

BENJAMIN F. SHEPPARD, the owner and successful operator of a fine, well improved farm of 120 acres, situated in section 20, Gillespie township, Macoupin County, was born December 8, 1835, in Cumberland County, New Jersey, and is one of eight children born to Nathan and Sarah (Rose) Sheppard.

Nathan Sheppard and wife were both natives of New Jersey and passed their lives on a large and profitable farm. Their children were: Mrs. Hannah Sheppard, deceased, whose husband had the same name, but was of no blood kindred; Mrs. Sarah Thompson, deceased; Mrs. Harriet Dare, deceased; Nathan L., connected with railroad affairs at Camden, New Jersey; William, deceased; Mrs. Cornelia Lore, of Philadelphia; Benjamin F., of this sketch; and Martha, who died in infancy. In politics Nathan Sheppard affiliated with the Democratic party. Both he and his wife were valued members of the Presbyterian Church.

Benjamin F. Sheppard was reared in New Jersey and remained in his native locality until 1857, when he came to Macoupin County, Illinois. What is now his farm was then the property of Silas Harlan, for whom he worked as a farm hand by the month for three years. After the death of Mr. Harlan, he rented the farm and some 10 years later purchased it. It is a well located piece of property and is splendidly adapted to general farming

and stock raising. Under Mr. Sheppard's capable management it gives large crops of wheat, corn and clover.

In 1865 Mr. Sheppard married Susan Harlan, who was born in Macoupin County, Illinois, and is a daughter of Silas and Sarah (Wilson) Harlan, both of whom were born in Kentucky and came as pioneers to Illinois. Mrs. Sheppard's maternal grandfather, Isaac Wilson, was one of the first settlers in Brushy Mound township, Macoupin County. Seven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Sheppard, viz: Mrs. Margaret Le May, of Laveta, Colorado, who has one child,—Mary; Silas Harlan, his father's assistant on the farm; Franklin, also at home; Daisy; Charles, deceased; Susan and Harrison.

In politics Mr. Sheppard is a Republican, but takes no very active interest in politics. He is one of the substantial, reliable men of his community and commands the esteem of all who know him.



FRANCIS M. ADAMS.

FRANCIS M. ADAMS, who is engaged in extensive farming and stock raising operations on his fine farm of 484 acres, situated in sections 17 and 20, Gillespie township, Macoupin County, was born in this township, July 1, 1833, and has spent his whole life in his boyhood home. He is a son of Giles M. and Elizabeth (Taylor) Adams.

The Adams family ranks with the old and honorable ones of Virginia and claims Welsh, Irish and French ancestry. Daniel Adams, the grandfather of Francis M., was born in Virginia and died in Illinois, at the age of 74 years. Giles M. was one of his family of eight children.

Giles M. Adams was born in Virginia in 1801, removed with his parents to Kentucky and thence to Tennessee. In 1829 he migrated to Madison County, Illinois, accompanied by his wife and two children, and two years later settled on what is now our subject's home farm. He entered a small portion of it at first, as his means were very limited, but made many additions, and through industry and energy accumulated a property of 300 acres. He found it necessary to build his own log house and clear his own

land, but he prospered through all the hardships of those early days and died at the age of 68 years, a man of large capital. In politics he was a Democrat. For a considerable period he was a justice of the peace and did much in those early times to peaceably adjust difficulties and to promote movements intended for the well being of the whole community.

Giles M. Adams married Elizabeth Taylor, who was born in South Carolina, April 19, 1809. The five children born to them were: William W., born September 28, 1826, who lives in Montgomery County, Illinois; Daniel, born July 27, 1827, deceased; Mrs. Nancy Ann Dillard, born April 14, 1829, a resident of Gillespie township, Macoupin County; Francis M., of this sketch; and James, deceased.

On February 2, 1864, our subject was married to Elizabeth K. Grimes, who was born at Carlinville, Macoupin Count, Illinois, February 27, 1841, and is a daughter of William and Nancy (Wagner) Grimes. William Grimes was born January 13, 1811, in Baltimore, Maryland, was married July 20, 1837, and died February 24, 1897. He was a son of Nicholas Grimes who was born March 7, 1783, and died April 1, 1848. The mother of Mrs. Adams was born April 22, 1820, in Madison County, Illinois, and died May 28, 1856. For some years William Grimes was a blacksmith at Carlinville and then became a farmer, dying a man of large means accumulated by his own efforts. Mrs. Adams inherited 1,000 acres of land, and the combined acreage of Mr. and Mrs. Adams includes 2,160 acres in Macoupin and Christian counties. Mrs. Adams' grandfather, Peter Wagner, came to Illinois from Tennessee as early as 1820. Mrs. Adams is the only surviving child of her parents; her sister, Mrs. Mary A. Beggan, born February 22, 1844, died September 1, 1899, and her brother, Stephen N., born September 2, 1848, died February 24, 1896. Mr. and Mrs. Adams have had six children, namely: William M., born November 24, 1866, deceased February 1, 1870; Mrs. Mary S. Teter, of Hilyard township, Macoupin County, born June 25, 1868, who has three children,—Clarence L., William E. and Kenneth L.; James L., born December 14, 1872, deceased December 27, 1874; Stephen N., born October 26, 1875, deceased September 18, 1878; Oscar N., born November 15, 1877, deceased March 18, 1878; and Mrs. Nancy Virginia Davis, of Gillespie, Macoupin County, born January 10, 1880.

For a period of 26 years Mr. Adams ran a threshing machine and was

interested in a sawmill for some 16 years, in connection with large farming operations.

In politics he is a Democrat and he has filled a number of the township offices, serving four years as a justice of the peace, three years as highway commissioner, one term as township supervisor and has been a member of the School Board for many years. The local school house is situated on his farm. The family is one of great prominence in Gillespie township and Mr. Adams, aside from being one of its largest capitalists, is also one of its best and most reliable citizens.



GEORGE W. HAMILTON.

Among the prominent and progressive business men of Macoupin County, probably none is better or more widely known than the gentleman whose name heads this brief notice, and who is proprietor of a thriving grocery business in Girard. Mr. Hamilton, who is one of the rising young men of the community, was born in Tennessee, October 12, 1872, being one of a family of six children.

Mr. Hamilton was left an orphan when but a child and has been a resident of Girard since he was seven years of age. After reaching the years of manhood, he engaged in the restaurant business with such success that he later embarked in the grocery business, which he has since carried on with the best results. Mr. Hamilton, although he has dealt in groceries only since November, 1902, has at present what is said to be the most complete line of fancy groceries in Girard and carries a stock of \$3,500. Mr. Hamilton is also prominently identified in the political circles of Girard and in 1901 was elected city clerk on the Republican ticket, being again elected to that office in 1903 by the same party. In fraternal circles he is a member of Girard Lodge, No. 192, I. O. O. F. He is also connected with the Girard Knights of Pythias lodge and is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, having served as clerk of the last named organization for four years. Mr. Hamilton takes much interest in social affairs as well as political and has countless friends among the prominent people of his community.

Mr. Hamilton was married May 16, 1894, in Carlinville, Illinois, to

Minnie E. Putty, a daughter of Robert Putty, a resident of Virden, Illinois. They are the parents of three children, namely: Edith, born August 18, 1897; George R., born May 31, 1899, and Zelma, born August 24, 1900.

WILLIAM T. GRIMMETT.

WILLIAM T. GRIMMETT, postmaster of Palmyra, Macoupin County, and a highly respected citizen of the town, was born in 1856 in Palmyra township, and belongs to one of the old and honorable families of the county. His parents were John C. and Martha (Huson) Grimmett.

The grandfather of our subject spent his whole life in Eastern Tennessee, where John C. Grimmett was born in 1825. There he married Martha Huson, and in 1850 they came to Illinois, locating on his present farm in section 36, North Palmyra township, where he lived until he entered the army in 1862. He enlisted in Company E, 122d Reg., Illinois Vol. Inf., and saw hard service, participating in these battles: Parker Cross Roads; Town Creek, Alabama; Tupelo, Mississippi; Nashville, Tennessee; Mobile, Alabama; and Paducah, Kentucky. At the battle of Parker Cross Roads, he was wounded in the right shoulder, but he never left his place in the ranks on this account, merely transferring his gun to his left arm, until the wound healed. His next wound, received at Paducah, Kentucky, was again in the right arm and was of too serious a nature for him to endure with his former Spartan fortitude, as it disabled him for two months. This brave soldier was finally mustered out at Mobile, Alabama, in 1865 and received his honorable discharge at Springfield, Illinois. He was twice married, his second wife being Elizabeth Lair, who is also deceased. Six children were born to his first union (of whom our subject is the youngest) and three to his second.

William T. Grimmett obtained his education in the schools of North Palmyra township, and worked on his father's farm until he was of age. In 1877 he married Tabitha Doss, a daughter of Thomas and Kitty (Cherry) Doss. At death these parents left a large estate and Mr. Grimmett bought the interests of the heirs, and resided on the old Doss farm for 19

years. In 1891 Mrs. Grimmett died, the mother of six children, viz: Ralph Thornton, who died in infancy; Thomas Truman, who died aged 18 months; Mary, who died aged three years; Homer Burnet, who died in his 19th year; Eva Catherine, living at home; and Florence Irene, who assists her father in the post office. The death of Homer Burnet Grimmett brought grief to a wide circle of friends. In August, 1898, he followed the example set him by his grandfather, and enlisted for service during the Spanish-American War. The unaccustomed conditions of living with which he had to contend, broke down his helath while the troops were encamped at Chattanooga, on their way to the coast, and he soon succumbed. His father hastened to his succor, but found the youth too ill to move, and when he returned to Palmyra, it was with his son's lifeless body, which was laid to rest by the side of his mother. Thus was a bright, promising career cut short.

Mr. Grimmett's second marriage was contracted with Clara Deopheid, who is a daughter of Ernest and Rachel Deopheid, the former of whom is a well known mechanic and an owner of real estate in Palmyra. They have one son, Minton Randolph, who was born September 12, 1901.

Mr. Grimmett has been a lifelong Republican and has taken a lively interest in public matters and in political affairs. He was appointed post-master of Plmyra on June 1, 1898, a position he still holds to the satisfaction of his fellow citizens. He is a member of the Christian Church, a religious body with which he has been connected ever since his 19th year.



HON. L. P. PEEBLES.

HON. L. P. PEEBLES, an honored citizen of Carlinville, Macoupin County, has frequently been called upon to fill offices high in public trust during his long and active career. In each instance he served most creditably and in such manner as to win the confidence and respect of his fellowmen. He served 17 years as judge of Macoupin County, and we may safely say that no more able nor impartial judge has ever sat upon this bench.

Judge Peebles was born in Chesterfield, Macoupin County, Illinois, July 13, 1836, and is a son of Jesse and Margaret (Reeder) Peebles. His

father came to Macoupin County from Camden, South Carolina, in 1834, and lived here until his death in 1864. He was a farmer and local preacher of the Methodist faith, and commanded the respect of all. Mrs. Peebles was a native of Tennessee and died in Macoupin County, Illinois, in 1840.

Judge Peebles obtained the rudiments of an education in the common schools of his native county and remained upon the paternal acres until 1861, when he spent the winter in studying law under the direction of William A. Grimshaw of Pittsfield, Illinois. He continued there until the summer of 1862, then returned home. The Civil War being in progress, inspired with a spirit of patriotism and love for his country he organized a company of soldiers at Chesterfield and tendered them to the government. They were accepted and mustered in as Company D, 122d Reg., Illinois Vol. Inf., Judge Peebles being elected captain of the company. He continued in that capacity and served with the regiment in all of its battles until August, 1865, when the company was mustered out, as the war was at an end. He was a valued officer and brave soldier, winning the love and affection of his command and the commendation of his superiors. Returning to his home, he entered the law office of the late Judge William R. Welch, and resumed his preparation for the legal profession. He was admitted to the bar in 1867 but returned to the farm and remained until 1868, when he was appointed deputy sheriff under Sheriff S. B. Wilcox, serving throughout the latter's administration. He then formed a partnership with R. C. Smalley, with whom he was engaged in practice until 1872, when he was chosen by the Governor to complete the unexpired term of Mr. Fishback as sheriff of Macoupin County. Upon the expiration of the term, he served as office deputy for Sheriff Pennington until the fall of 1873, then was elected county judge of Macoupin County. He served efficiently for a term of four years, when his ability and faithfulness received their merited reward by his reelection. His great popularity may be gleaned from the fact that his election was made without opposition. He served two more terms of four years each after his second term, and held over for one year between two of his terms, making a total of 17 years on the bench. Since 1890, Judge Peebles has devoted his time and energies exclusively to his large private practice. He numbers among his clients many of the most substantial business men and corporate enterprises in the county. He has always evinced a deep interest in the welfare and development of his city and county, and has served conscientiously as a member of the city council and as president of

the Board of Education. He is a 3d degree Mason and was formerly active as an Odd Fellow. He is a valued member of Dan Messick Post, No. 339, G. A. R.

On March 1, 1869, Judge Peebles was united in marriage with Sarah E. Odell, a native of Macoupin County. Both have been lifelong residents of this county, and have many friends and acquaintances throughout its limits.



JOHN J. STOWE.

JOHN J. STOWE, one of the leading business men of Girard, Macoupin County, supervisor of Girard township, and owner of a large grocery business, was born December 9, 1861, in Ohio, and is one of a family of seven children born to his parents, Erastus and Lucretia (Whaley) Stowe.

Erastus Stowe was born in 1819, and his wife in 1826, both in Meigs County, Ohio. They had the following children: James, of Meigs County; Charles R., who lives near Greenville, Illinois; Sardine S., who lives in Rutland, Ohio; Addie E., wife of Henry Chase of Columbus, Ohio; Erastus C., a resident of Pomeroy, Ohio; William G., a resident of Rochester, Illinois; and John J., our subject. Erastus Stowe spent his life on a farm, dying on the old homestead, followed by his wife about two years later. The parents were both Universalists in religious faith and Mr. Stowe was a Republican in politics. He served four years in the War of the Rebellion and also had a son, James, in the same company.

Mr. Stowe has been a resident of Macoupin County since he was 22 years of age. His education was secured in Ohio and at a business college in New York. In 1890 he located at Virden, Macoupin County, and became extensively interested in farming, which interest he still maintains, although since 1899 he has resided at Girard, where he opened up a grocery business, including in it the handling of feed and the shipping of hay. This business is conducted under the style of the Model Grocery and Feed Company. Mr. Stowe is probably one of the largest shippers of hay in the State, his business amounting to immense proportions, during the past 15 years amounting to \$75,000 annually. He carries a large and complete grocery stock, valued at \$3,000, selected with a view toward pleasing the most critical

taste of the best patronage of the town. Mr. Stowe has not only been very successful in his commercial relations, but has also prospered in the political field. In 1903 he was elected township supervisor by a vote of 27 over his opponent, S. S. Huber, of Girard, and at the April election of 1904, was reelected by 67 majority, his opponent being Charles E. Burnett, and other honors await him.

On March 7, 1889, Mr. Stowe was married to Lizzie E. Gibson, who is a daughter of C. C. Gibson, a member of an old and prominent family of Tennessee. Both in private and business life, Mr. Stowe stands very high in the esteem of his fellow citizens. He is wide-awake and progressive, while at the same time his methods are such as commend him to the confidence of those with whom he does business. In political sentiment he is a Republican.

BENJAMIN MIZE.

BENJAMIN MIZE, for many years one of the extensive stock raisers and large grain farmers of Macoupin County, Illinois, resides upon his large and productive farm of 280 acres, situated in sections 28, 29 and 33, Dorchester township. He is a worthy representative of one of the prominent old Southern pioneer families of the State. He was born June 10, 1824, in Davidson County, North Carolina, and is the oldest son born to Obediah and Mary (Sweney) Mize.

The Mize family originated in Germany. The great-grandfather fought in the Revolutionary War and lost his life in the battle of Guilford Court House. Benjamin Mize, grandfather of our esteemed subject, was born in South Carolina, and accompanied the family when it came to Illinois, in 1832. His children were: William, who fought in the Black Hawk War; John, who served under General Jackson at New Orleans; Obediah, the father of our subject; and Mary, who became Mrs. Spence.

Obediah Mize was born in North Carolina, and died in Macoupin County at the age of 70 years. In 1832, with family and household goods, he came as a pioneer to Illinois, settled in Madison County, renting a log cabin for immediate shelter, took up government land, and made there a permanent home. His first marriage was to Mary Sweney, who succumbed

to the hardships of the pioneer surroundings in 1833, leaving three children: Benjamin, of this sketch; and William and James, deceased. The second marriage resulted in the birth of one child.—Mrs. Minerva Latham, of Bunker Hill.

Benjamin Mize, our subject, was eight years old when the family came to Illinois, reaching Edwardsville October 1, 1832, near which town his father entered land. At that time the nearest market was at Cairo, 40 miles distant, and St. Louis was only a village. Wonderful indeed are the changes which have come under the immediate view of Mr. Mize. The death of his mother brought with it the usual train of misfortune, for the little lad was then bound out to a hard taskmaster. His indenture papers required him to stay until 21 years of age, but at 16 he rebelled, ran away and joined an uncle in Edwardsville, and was finally released by his father's efforts. In 1840 he came to Macoupin County, after which he enjoyed six months schooling, all he ever obtained, enough, however, to lay a foundation upon which Mr. Mize has continued to build ever since. In 1850 he bought his first tract of land, 120 acres, for which he made a first payment of \$6, all he possessed. It was wholly unimproved. To this tract he continued to add until he owned 320 acres. He has devoted his time to agricultural pursuits exclusively. He has been one of the few really successful grain farmers of this section, and has also made the growing of fine cattle a leading feature, prospering in all he has undertaken and being, through persevering industry, blessed in basket and in store.

During his early manhood, Mr. Mize was a Whig and cast his first vote for William Henry Harrison, and became identified with the Republican party in 1854. He has always refused all public office with the exception of membership on the School Board, his interest in general education making him willing to serve thus.

On December 15, 1843, Mr. Mize was united in marriage with Mary Jane Nesbit, who was born in Indiana and died in 1856. The five children of this union were Mrs. Margaret Teeters, of Kansas City, who has two children.—Roy and Carney; John W., of Denver, who has one child.—Mabel Millimen; George W., of Denver, who is a railroad engineer; Winfield Scott, a farmer of Dorchester township, Macoupin County, who has six children.—Lillian E., Mary E., Alice, Margaret, William and Emma; and Louis Sanford, a farmer of Dorchester township, Macoupin County, who has one child.—Marion B.

On October 8, 1856, Mr. Mize married, as his second wife, Eliza Billyeu, who was born June 8, 1833, in Bond County, Illinois, and is a daughter of Wilson Brown and Sarah (Jenkins) Billyeu, who were early pioneers in the State, coming from North Carolina. Four children were born to this union, namely: Albert C., of Denver, Colorado, who has three children,—Cora E., Gertrude and William B.; Thomas W., who died at Denver aged 28 years, leaving one son, Benjamin Warren; Robert D., who operates the home farm; and James H., a farmer of Dorchester township, Macoupin County, who has four children,—Albert L., Norman R. and Nellie R. (twins) and Ada M.

Since 1845 Mr. Mize has been a member of the Christian Church to which he has always rendered a liberal support. The only secret organization to which he ever belonged was the Union League, during the Civil War. He is a man who occupies a very high position in public esteem. He is widely known in agricultural and church circles especially, and his home is one of the hospitable ones of the locality where friends may always be sure of a hearty welcome.

MRS. SUSAN C. TAYLOR.

MRS. SUSAN C. TAYLOR, one of the well known residents of Gillespie township, Macoupin County, Illinois, owns and occupies a fine farm of 124 acres, situated in section 5. She is the widow of John Taylor, who served in the Civil War. Mrs. Taylor was born in Simpson County, Kentucky, and is a daughter of James and Ann (Solomon) Newell.

James Newell was born in Kentucky and there engaged in farming until he came to Illinois in 1840, when our subject was a little maid of five years. His death took place March 18, 1873, in his 73d year. He was a man devoted to his home and family and left them well provided for. In politics he was a Democrat. In religious belief he was a Baptist. The children of John and Ann Newell were 10 in number, those who grew to maturity being: Mrs. Elizabeth Solomon, deceased; William D., deceased; Mrs. Mary King, deceased; Peter G., deceased; Mrs. Taylor, of this sketch; Mrs. Nancy M. Blake of Warrensburg, Missouri; and Pricilli Ann and Sarah Jane, who both died in girlhood.



DAVID E. PETTENGILL.

When the parents of Mrs. Taylor came to Macoupin County they settled at Eagle Point, but in 1856 they removed to Gillespie where she has lived ever since. In 1854 she married John Smith, who was born in Macoupin County, Illinois. His death was caused by the explosion of a grist mill at Collinsville, Madison County, in 1861, when he was 35 years of age. The two children born to them were: William H., who resides with his mother and is her capable farm manager; and Mrs. Rosa E. Wagener, of Gillespie township, who has three children.—Albert, Jacob D. and Harry. The second marriage of our subject took place in 1868, to John Taylor, who was born in South Carolina and accompanied his parents to Illinois. He followed farming as an occupation, but answered the last call for troops for the Civil War and served for three months as a private in Company G, 154th Reg., Illinois Vol. Inf., and for his services his widow receives a pension. He is survived by three children, namely: Noel, a resident of Granite City, Illinois; Mrs. Minnie Gray, of Gillespie township, who has five children,—Roy, Samuel, Clara, Joseph and Mildred; and Nancy, who resides with her mother and brother on the farm.

Both Mr. Smith and Mr. Taylor were identified with the Democratic party. They were excellent citizens and had many warm friends in this neighborhood. Mrs. Taylor has very successfully carried on farming operations with the assistance of her son. She enjoys a wide acquaintance and is noted in the community for her many excellent and amiable traits of character.

MRS. MARY ANN PETTENGILL.

MRS. MARY ANN PETTENGILL, of Bunker Hill, Macoupin County, is the widow of the late David E. Pettengill, whose portrait accompanies this sketch, who was a prosperous farmer and business man, as well as a worthy and highly esteemed citizen. She is a daughter of George W. and Mary Ann (Workinger) Boosinger, and was born near Akron, in Portage County, Ohio, July 3, 1823.

George W. Boosinger was a native of Virginia, and when 12 years of age moved to Ohio in company with his parents, settling in the Western Reserve, where he had many experiences with the Indians and the wild animals in the dense forests, living the life of a pioneer woodsman. He took an active part

in the War of 1812. Politically he was a member of the Whig party, taking an active part in the government of his community. He was also interested in school and church work, and helped to establish a number of schools and churches in the new country. Mr. Boosinger was one of a family of four boys and six girls. John Boosinger, the brother of George W., died in Ohio, at the age of 100 years. He at one time drove a team for his brother George W. to Missouri, making the journey in seven weeks. Mr. Boosinger was married to Mary Ann Workinger, who was also a native of Virginia, and they were blessed with five children, namely: Mrs. Mary Ann Pettengill, the subject of this article; George F., a resident of Gillespie township; Wesley, who died in Madison County, Illinois; Christie Ann (Rice), who died at Gillespie; and Charlotte F. (Peter), who is a widow and resides in Oregon. George W. Boosinger died near Gillespie, Macoupin County, in 1863, at the age of 77 years.

David E. Pettengill was born in Salisbury, New Hampshire, January 19, 1820, and was a son of David Pettengill. The latter, also a native of New Hampshire, followed the occupation of farming there until 1836, when he migrated to Alton, Illinois, where he engaged in the milling business, continuing at that occupation until his death in 1838. His father, the grandfather of David E. Pettengill, was a Revolutionary soldier. David Pettengill was the father of six children by his first marriage, namely: Caroline, Hannah, Sarah, Perces, Charles and David E.

David E. Pettengill removed in company with his parents, when about 15 years of age, to Alton, Illinois, where he remained for three years and then removed to Bunker Hill, Macoupin County, Illinois, where he spent the rest of his life, following agricultural pursuits. Mr. Pettengill was a man of good business judgment and conducted his business affairs by skilled methods, as a result of which he became a large land-owner, owning a well tilled farm in his home township, 320 acres in Iowa, and three-quarters of a section in Kansas. Mr. Pettengill was a public spirited citizen and did much toward the building up of Bunker Hill, where he located in 1839, before it was settled. A great reader himself, he did much toward the establishing of libraries in his city. Politically Mr. Pettengill was a Republican, but took only a citizen's interest in any political affairs. In 1845 he was married to Mary Ann Boosinger, and they were blessed with two children, namely: Charles, who was born in 1847, and Anna Maria, who died at the age of seven years.

Charles Pettengill, the only son of our subject, was a prominent hardware merchant of Gillespie. He died at that place in 1880, leaving a widow and two children—Mrs. Ella Bower, a resident of Bunker Hill, Macoupin County, and Charles, who is a resident of Memphis, Tennessee. David E. Pettengill, our subject's late husband, died September 8, 1894.

Mrs. Mary Ann Pettengill when 12 years of age removed with her parents from Ohio to Missouri, where the family was established near Lexington, in 1836. There they remained for two and a half years, then removed to Alton, Illinois, and, after a short time, she removed with her parents to Macoupin County, where she has since resided, having lived in her present house since 1845.



HENRY CLAY DUCKELS.

HENRY CLAY DUCKELS, a prominent citizen and successful agriculturist of Western Mound township, Macoupin County, was born in Chesterfield township, Macoupin County, Illinois, in 1855. His parents were Richard and Elizabeth (Morris) Duckels, extended mention of whom will be found in this volume in the sketch of John H. Duckels.

Mr. Duckels was reared on his father's farm and attended the local schools, remaining at home until his marriage. He then settled on a farm in Western Mound township where he remained three years and then engaged in a mercantile business at Chesterfield, returning at the end of one year to farming life again. He then settled on a farm in Chesterfield township, consisting of 120 acres, which he very successfully managed until he removed in 1886 to the Loper homestead, which was the estate of his late father-in-law, Adrian W. Loper. This fine farm is now Mr. Duckels' property and under his most excellent management shows a fine state of cultivation, with substantial improvements of every nature.

In 1877 Mr. Duckels married Ophelia Loper, who was born in Western Mound township and is the estimable daughter of the late Adrian W. and Susan Loper. Adrian W. Loper was born in New Jersey and was a son of James Loper, a seafaring man, who, at the time of the War of 1812, was the owner of two large vessels and lost them in the fortunes of war. He then turned his attention to farming and, accompanied by his wife and two

children, crossed the Alleghany mountains, safely making the journey with a one-horse wagon. They located first at Fairfield, Indiana, but in 1829 removed to Greene County, Illinois. In 1831 they became early settlers in Chesterfield township, Macoupin County. Adrian W. Loper was the second of James Loper's seven children. He married Susan Keller, who was born September 14, 1818, in Crawford County, Indiana, and was a daughter of John Keller, who was born in Maryland, of German parentage. John Keller accompanied his parents to Kentucky where he married, and in 1800 removed to Indiana, and bought a tract of land in Crawford County, where he became one of the first settlers. In 1836 Mr. Keller sold his property, which had then become very valuable, and, again a pioneer, came to Macoupin County, settling in Chesterfield township. This property he also improved into a fine farm. The mother of Mrs. Duckels was 11 years of age when the family removed to Macoupin County and she was not only a witness of but a participant in the many privations, hardships and exciting experiences of the early days of the settling of the township. She was reared in the homely housekeeping duties of the time which, in those days were very comprehensive, including as they did the carding, spinning and weaving of the cloth which clothed the family. She died June 6, 1896, after 78 years of useful life. Mrs. Duckels emulated the many virtues of this most estimable mother. She too passed away, leaving bereaved hearts behind, dying in August, 1896, in her 38th year. The four children surviving are: Thomas W., Gertrude, Reynold and William Elden.

In political sentiment, Mr. Duckels is a Republican. He is fraternally connected with the Knights of Pythias, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Protective League. Like all members of the Duckels family, he is very highly esteemed in his township, for his many sterling traits of character.

GEORGE W. HILLIARD.

GEORGE W. HILLIARD, one of the leading business citizens of Brighton, Macoupin County, resides on the homestead farm in section 17, Brighton township, where he was born in 1840. He is a son of the late Amos Avery and Charlotte (Towne) Hilliard.

Few citizens of Macoupin County enjoyed more prominence than did

Amos Avery Hilliard, who for more than 40 years was identified with almost every public enterprise and successful agricultural or educational movement in his section. He came of honorable New England ancestry, was born in New Hampshire, was reared on a farm and educated in the local schools. Rural environments did not satisfy his ambition, and he soon made his way to Boston, thence to New York and in 1832 made his first trip to the great West. With his capital he formed a partnership with a citizen of Boston in the infant industry of pork packing, locating at Alton, a convenient point from which to ship to the South. The conditions which exist at present were then wanting and the business was unsuccessful and Mr. Hilliard returned to New Hampshire with little in his possession but experience. However, in 1834, he returned to Illinois, this time to engage in farming, and he settled in what is now Brighton township, Macoupin County, where he resided until his death on February 28, 1878. On November 30, 1837, he was married to Charlotte Towne, who was a daughter of Joseph and Sarah Towne, early residents of Hopkinton, near Concord, New Hampshire. She was born August 4, 1802, came to Macoupin County with her brother in 1833, and died August 8, 1845. In 1846 Mr. Hilliard was married to Mrs. Harriet Towne, who died in 1872, and in 1873 he married Mrs. A. S. Everett.

Amos Avery Hilliard possessed at the time of his death 425 acres of valuable land. In addition to general farming, he was early interested in fruit growing and as early as 1845 began a daily shipment of peaches, during the season, by boat to St. Louis, an undertaking which met with much discouragement from neighboring farmers of less enterprise, but which proved remunerative on account of Mr. Hilliard's methods. In later years he discontinued the growing of peaches, as transportation facilities from other points made the business less profitable. He then turned his attention to the making of cider and vinegar and produced these with so fine a flavor that he became widely known in this industry. He was truly one of the pioneer horticulturists of the county, and so excellent were his views and so valuable his suggestions, that he became a regular contributor to the *New York Tribune*, *Colman's Rural World* and the *Prairie Farmer*. In politics a Whig, he later became a Republican. He is survived by one son, the subject of this sketch.

George W. Hilliard has continued the industries which his father founded and, under better conditions, has expanded and improved his products. His plant is of modern construction and his mills produce pure

apple cider, cider vinegar, cornmeal, graham flour, ground feed, and he also deals in hardwood lumber, owning a fine sawmill. Mr. Hilliard owns some 600 acres of land and is one of the county's substantial citizens.

On April 13, 1864, Mr. Hilliard was married to Celia Adelaide Chase, and they have seven children, namely: Charles A., who has one daughter, Marion; Stella C., who married Allen A. Davison, auditor for Swift & Company of Chicago, and has twin daughters.—Dorothy and Florence; Norman Rae and Wenona Rose (twins); Frank Wyman and Fannie Leah (twins); and Gladys. The family belong to the Baptist Church. Politically Mr. Hilliard is a Republican and fraternally is a Mason.



REV. MARTIN V. KITZMILLER.

REV. MARTIN V. KITZMILLER, ex-postmaster of Girard and one of Macoupin County's most venerated citizens, was born in Washington County, Tennessee, January 20, 1826, and is a son of Henry and Elizabeth (Carr) Kitzmiller.

Rev. Mr. Kitzmiller's paternal line of ancestry is of German origin and that of his mother is of a combination of English and Scotch. His paternal grandfather, Martin Kitzmiller, was born in Pennsylvania, where many of the name may still be found among the representatives of the agricultural districts. He was an early settler in Washington County, Tennessee, where he engaged extensively in farming and also carried on wagonmaking and blacksmithing. At a later date he bought a large farm, near to the Falls of the Ohio, which is now included in the corporate limits of the beautiful city of Louisville, Kentucky, but died at his old home in Washington County, at the age of 86 years. His third son, Henry Kitzmiller, became the father of the esteemed subject of this sketch. His life was an entirely agricultural one. After learning the trades of which his father was master, he chose farming as his occupation, and two years after his marriage settled permanently on a farm in Sullivan County, Tennessee, which he operated until his death in 1843. He married Elizabeth Carr, who was also born in Washington County, and died in Sullivan County, in 1891, aged 85 years. The

nine children of this marriage were: Martin V., Martha, Richard C., Mary, Henry, Elizabeth, David, Lovisa and Joseph.

The life of Rev. Mr. Kitzmiller has been a useful one and has been replete with interest from boyhood. His education was secured in the neighboring schools, in Sullivan and Washington counties, Tennessee, and at the age of 15 years his life work was definitely shown him, in his conversion, and later admission into the Baptist Church. Perhaps no better certificate of character or proof of the strength of his convictions could be found, than the fact that two years later he was admitted to the ministry of that religious body. From 1844 to 1856, he continued in the ministry in Tennessee, and then came to Illinois, led to change his residence on account of his anti-slavery principles. He was eagerly welcomed by the faithful little band of Baptist workers who were striving to have a church of their faith established in Girard. He became the first pastor of the Baptist Church, a relation he held for about 30 years, in which time the membership increased from 11 to 188; during this time he baptized and received otherwise over 500 members into the church. He also baptized five ministers of the Gospel in the Girard Baptist Church. He also preached in Auburn, Illinois, alternating with Girard, for about 18 years. The immense amount of clerical and pastoral work crowded into the fruitful years can, perhaps, never be appreciated except by Rev. Mr. Kitzmiller himself, who at last had to reluctantly give up his labors on account of his failing voice. Among the interesting records of these years, Rev. Mr. Kitzmiller recalls the founding of a number of the well established churches in and near Macoupin County, notably those at Carlinville, Greenfield, Hickory Point and Waverly, and also at Chatham and Auburn in Sangamon County. An interesting event was the first time he administered the ordinance of baptism, his young wife being the subject. It must be a source of comfort to this faithful pastor, to recall that fully 1,000 persons were brought by his ministrations to be baptized by him, and that a number of these entered into the ministry of the same church. Although advancing years and ill health have impaired his powers in some degree, he is still considered one of the wise men in council and a worker of no insignificant importance. His whole life has been devoted to the preaching of the Gospel and to doing good. It is an interesting fact, and illustrative of the esteem in which he has been and is still held that he never in his long ministry witnessed a fight or saw a blow struck.

On April 29, 1847, Rev. Martin V. Kitzmiller and Mary Crouch, were

united in marriage. Mrs. Kitzmiller was born in Washington County, Tennessee, and is a daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Keefhaver) Crouch. Of the 10 children born to Mr. and Mrs. Kitzmiller, seven now survive, namely: Joseph H., a graduate of Hahnemann Medical College, of Chicago, who is a practicing physician at Chickasha, Indian Territory; Martha, who is the wife of John Lloyd, an extensive farmer and stock raiser of Franklin County, Kansas; James W., an attorney of North Dakota; Charles M., Laura, who is the wife of G. A. Post, of Girard; David M.; and Eldredge P., who resides at Steele, North Dakota. Those deceased are: Elizabeth V., deceased October 25, 1861; Richard, deceased in August, 1858; William S., deceased October 1, 1866. Mrs. Kitzmiller died at the family home in Girard July 20, 1894. On March 4, 1897, Rev. Mr. Kitzmiller was married to Melvina Lightbourn, daughter of James B. Lightbourn of the West Indies. Mrs. Kitzmiller was an old acquaintance of the family, a member of the same church in Girard, and the same amiable and friendly relations continue between Mrs. Kitzmiller and her husband's children as existed before her marriage. The marriage has indeed proved to be a very happy and blessed one; his children were heartily in favor of it because it was not like taking a stranger into the family. Mrs. Kitzmiller has proved an excellent, devoted wife and has made the declining years of our subject very pleasant through her ministrations, as he has not been in robust health for some years and on account of growing infirmities has been made the subject of considerable attention. The Kitzmiller home is one of the pleasantest in the city, located most beautifully and combining ideally the comforts of city life, with the solid advantages of suburban life.

The formation of the Republican party found Rev. Mr. Kitzmiller a Democrat, but not a satisfied one, and he soon became a staunch advocate of the principles enunciated by the new party. He has been true to this allegiance. On January 20, 1890, he was appointed postmaster at Girard, a selection by President Harrison, which met with universal approval. Other positions of trust and responsibility of a public nature, he has declined, with the exception of membership on the school board, which he held for nine years.

Few citizens of Girard are held in higher esteem by all classes than is the subject of this biography. Much of this regard is personal, for he possesses the kindness of disposition, the gentle interest in the troubles of others and the continual desire to do them good, which endears him to all who

know him. During the long period of his ministerial work, he laid many plans which he can see carried out by others, and has lived to see that his vigorous campaigns against sin, have had a world of influence.



THE SHALE BRICK AND TILE WORKS.

THE SHALE BRICK AND TILE WORKS, of Carlinville, is one of the most important of the industries of Macoupin County. It was incorporated in 1898 with D. T. Michaels as president; H. C. McBride, secretary, treasurer and manager; and D. T. Michaels, H. C. McBride, and J. C. McBride as members of the board of directors. They immediately after began the manufacture of shale brick for building purposes and drain tile from shale, the best grade of tile made in Central Illinois, from 4 to 12 inches in size. They also manufacture building, street paving and sidewalk brick, and eight by eight sidewalk tiling, and the demand in this county for these products is in the main supplied by this company. They have convinced many of the farmers that tiling is necessary to the successful cultivation of a wet piece of ground, and the many who have acted on their advice are now reaping rewards in the increased production of their lands. It was first looked upon as a venture by agriculturists, but has safely passed the experimental stage and hundreds of letters, testifying to the benefits of tiling have been received from farmers throughout this and adjoining counties. This company employs some 18 men during the busy season and has an output of 2,000 12-inch and 10,000 four-inch tile per day. The plant is a flourishing one, in which the citizens of the county take pride.

H. C. McBride, who has attained a high degree of success as secretary and treasurer, and manager of the Shale Brick and Tile Works, was born in Taylorville, Christian County, Illinois, December 26, 1874, and is a son of James C. and Mattie (Wheeler) McBride. The McBrides are of Scotch descent paternally, and were pioneers in the settlement of three States,—Virginia, Tennessee and Illinois. From this family have come hardy and gallant soldiers for nearly every war fought in this country. Two of this family fell at the time of General Braddock's defeat in the French and

Indian War; William McBride participated in the battle of New Orleans during the war of 1812; and Andrew McBride was one of the gallant soldiers who gained independence from Mexico for Texas. There were five brothers and six sisters in the family that lived in Patrick County, Virginia, and of this number James McBride is the one from whom our subject is descended. He was one of the first white men to emigrate from Virginia to Tennessee, going as early as 1754. His grandson, John McBride, great-grandfather of our subject, was born in Tennessee and married Mary Handlin, who was of Irish descent on the paternal side, and of Welsh on her mother's side. Among the children born to them was Thomas W. McBride.

Thomas W. McBride, grandfather of the subject of this biography, was born in Montgomery County, Tennessee, May 27, 1822, and spent his boyhood days at work upon the farm there, attending school during the winter months. When he reached his 16th year he concluded to come to Illinois, and located in Greene County in April, 1838. He engaged in farming by the month for some years, at the same time attending school during the winter months, and in 1842 he began for himself. He put in crops and in the fall of the same year engaged in teaching school, and the two branches of business were combined by him for two years in Barr township, Macoupin County. In 1845 he rented a piece of land and farmed it and was soon, by dint of hard labor and economical living, enabled to enter an 80-acre tract in the east part of Barr township. From this humble beginning he arose to a station of influence in the county, becoming a man of large means. He moved to Carlinville in 1854, and in 1855 moved to Girard where he bought an interest in the first flouring mill erected there. He remained there until March, 1860, when he removed to section 1, Nilwood township, purchasing a farm of 160 acres, which he conducted the remainder of his days. In politics, he was an ardent Democrat, and cast his first vote for James K. Polk for President in 1844. On September 19, 1844, he was united in marriage with Marjorie Wiggins, a native of Kentucky and of English descent. To them were born the following children: James C., father of our subject; Aveline, wife of F. L. Starkey, a farmer living near Girard, Illinois; John, who married Fanny Harrington; Emma Jane, wife of E. S. Terry, now a resident of St. Louis, Missouri; Alice, wife of John Stead; George; Nona, wife of Charles Duff of Bloomington, Illinois; Minnie (Crandall), a widow; and Sophronia. Fraternally Thomas W. McBride was a Mason, having joined the order as early as 1852.

James C. McBride, who is a prominent attorney-at-law of Taylorville, Illinois, was born in Macoupin County, near Barr's Store. He received a careful preparation for the legal profession and was admitted to the bar in this State. He has been very successful as a lawyer and is one of the influential men of Christian County, Illinois. He is a Democrat in politics and fraternally is a member of the Masons and the Odd Fellows. Religiously, he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church. He was united in marriage with Mattie Wheeler, by whom he has four children, as follows: Willis Brammer; Horace Carroll; Elmira, wife of Albert Buckley of Christian County; and Marcella.

H. C. McBride attended the common schools and later the high school of Christian County, Illinois, after which he took a commercial course in the Springfield Business College. In 1898, he became identified with the Shale Brick and Tile Works and has displayed exceptional ability as manager of the company. He is a man of the strictest integrity and by his fairness and honesty in all transactions has gained the highest respect and confidence of the people.

In 1901, Mr. McBride was united in marriage with Isabel Wheeler, a daughter of Jehu Wheeler, who was a prominent farmer of Macoupin County. Two children,—Claribel and Carroll Jehu, were born to bless this union. Mrs. McBride is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Paternally, Mr. McBride is a Mason and belongs to a number of fraternal insurance orders. He is a staunch Democrat in politics, as were his forefathers.



ZACHARIAH J. GIBSON.

ZACHARIAH J. GIBSON, one of the highly respected citizens and successful farmers of Hilyard township, Macoupin County, Illinois, still operates a farm of 80 acres, situated in section 22, this tract being all that he has retained from more than 200 acres that he once owned. Mr. Gibson comes of fine old Kentucky stock. He was born in Hardin County, June 11, 1839, and is a son of John and Elizabeth (Jones) Gibson.

The father of our subject was a resident of Kentucky all his life, and died there in 1842. He had been the owner of farming land in Meade

County, where he also held political office. He married Elizabeth Jones, who was born in Hardin County, Kentucky, and died in Macoupin County. She contracted a second marriage after Mr. Gibson's decease, with a Mr. Greenwood. Our subject is the sixth member of a family of 12 children, born to his parents, namely: Thomas; James; Green; Nathaniel, of Kentucky; Mrs. Maria C. Adams; Zachariah, of this sketch; Margaret; Joseph T.; and four who died in infancy. Our subject and his brother Nathaniel are now the only survivors.

Zachariah J. Gibson was nine years of age when he came to Macoupin County. His education was such as could be obtained in the district schools and his interests have always been of an agricultural nature. While he retained possession of a very large body of his land, he devoted much time to the raising of fine stock, but as he grew older, he sold farm after farm until he has but 80 acres under operation at the present time. This is finely cultivated and well improved and may be considered one of the best farms of Hilyard township. Formerly Mr. Gibson was connected with the Grange movement and was a member of the Farmers' Mutual Benefit Association, but in late years his interests in these directions have lessened. He has demonstrated his capacity as a first class farmer and now, with the assistance of modern methods and machinery, lives in the greatest comfort and independence.

In 1864 Mr. Gibson married Mahala Leach, who was born in Macoupin County, Illinois, and is a daughter of Thomas and Sarah Leach, who are natives of England. The Leach family located in the southwestern section of Macoupin County when Carlinville consisted of but one log house. When they settled in Chesterfield township, their nearest neighbor was five miles away. Mr. and Mrs. Gibson have these children: Tessora, Sarah, Virginia A. and John T., who is a farmer of Hilyard township. Tessora married E. M. Smith, of Alton, Illinois, and has one son—Ralph H. Sarah first married George E. Dey, who is now deceased; one son was born to this union—George E. Dey. Her second marriage was to A. B. Roberts, of Hilyard township; they have one daughter—Sylvia M. Virginia A. married Isaac Combs, of Hilyard township, and has three children—Sarah, Abigail and David H. John T. has one son—George E.

Mr. Gibson has never taken a very lively interest in politics and generally casts his vote according to the dictates of his judgment, selecting the man before the party. He has filled a number of positions on the School

Board, and during his long life in Hilyard township has used his influence in improving the schools and in developing the township in such a way as to benefit all its citizens. For a long time he has been a member of the Masonic fraternity. He was made a Master Mason in Plainview Lodge, No. 445, A. F. & A. M. He is known in his locality as one of its most upright and useful citizens and is held in very high esteem.

JOHN H. DUCKELS.

JOHN H. DUCKELS, whose fine, well improved farm of 200 acres of productive land is situated in section 4, Chesterfield township, Macoupin County, was born in this township in 1850 and is a son of Richard and Elizabeth (Morris) Duckels.

On both paternal and maternal sides, our subject is of English ancestry. Richard Duckels, his great-grandfather, was born in 1734 in Yorkshire, England, where his whole life was spent, his business being that of a blacksmith. His son Thomas Duckels, the grandfather of John H., was born at the village of Goole, Yorkshire, in 1770, and there married Ann Golton, and they reared eight children, three of whom came to America, namely: Nancy, who married John Leach; William, deceased, of whom mention is made in the sketch of E. G. Duckels in this work; and Richard, the father of our subject.

The birth of Richard Duckels took place July 4, 1811, at Goole, Yorkshire, where he grew to manhood on his father's farm. In 1835 he came to America and to the State of Illinois. After a few months passed at Jacksonville, he went to Alton and entered into the employ of Godfrey & Gilmore, general merchants, with whom he remained until 1841, when he returned to England on a visit. In 1842 he came a second time to Illinois, purchasing a farm in Chesterfield township, Macoupin County, on which he resided three years, removing then to another upon which he lived until 1889 when he took possession of his present fine farm in Western Mound township, where he resides, still hale and hearty, at the age of 93 years. He is a large landowner, having some 700 acres, much of it being the most desirable farming land in the western section of the county.

On February 23, 1843, Mr. Duckels married Elizabeth Morris who was born near Thorne, Yorkshire, England, January 18, 1827, and was a daughter of John and Ann (Sexton) Morris, both of whom were natives of Yorkshire, residents of Thorne until 1832, when, with their nine children, they came to Illinois and settled in Western Mound township, Macoupin County, where Mr. Morris bought a squatter's claim to a tract of government land. Mrs. Duckles died March 29, 1897, in her 71st year. She was a woman of beautiful, Christian character, and as she passed away into the sunlight of Heaven, she whispered to those who were left behind weeping: "How sweet is Jesus." The 12 children born to Richard and Elizabeth (Morris) Duckels were: Matilda, deceased at the age of 47 years, who was the wife of Jefferson Lee; George; John; Edwin; Richard; Henry C.; Oscar T.; Anna, wife of Aaron Lovelace; Grant; Laura; Rollin, and Clara, wife of Charles Wilton.

John H. Duckels received his education in his native township and grew to manhood assisting in the operation of his father's farms. In the fall of 1876 he purchased his present farm which then consisted of 120 acres, located in section 4, Chesterfield township, to which he has since added 80 acres, and has here very successfully carried on farming and stock raising.

In 1872 Mr. Duckels married Elizabeth Morris, who is a daughter of the late Felix Morris. The latter was born in England and accompanied his parents to America in his early youth. Until 1862 he assisted his father in the working of his farm in Chesterfield township, enlisting then for service in the Civil War, entering Company G, 59th Reg., Illinois Vol. Inf. On November 22, 1863, he reenlisted and took part in the battles of Chattanooga and Chickamauga, being taken prisoner at the latter engagement. After being incarcerated at Andersonville, he was exchanged and given a furlough home. This was his last visit, for the brave soldier returned to his regiment only to be subsequently killed.

Mr. and Mrs. Duckels have had nine children, namely: Addie, born in 1873, who married Lawrence Ketchum (son of Leonard Ketchum, a farmer of Chesterfield township), who is engaged in farming in Shipman township—they have three children, Edna, Ruby and Hazel; Felix, deceased; Edward, born in 1878, who resides at home; Lois, born in 1881, who married John E. Hall, a farmer of Chesterfield township and has one child, Lethia; Morris R., born in 1885; Clarence, born in 1888; Hayden, born in 1891; Howard, born in 1900, and Grace, born in 1903, all of whom reside at home.

In politics, Mr. Duckels affiliates with the Republican party. In religious views he is a Methodist. Fraternally he belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America.

WILLIAM M. GROSS, M. D.

Every community has its prominent citizens, and one of these in the progressive and prospering town of Gillespie, Illinois, is Dr. William M. Gross, who is also well and favorably known all over Macoupin County. Dr. Gross was born March 24, 1842, in Bollinger County, Missouri, and is a son of Christopher and Sophia (Yount) Gross.

The Gross family is of German extraction, and its founder in America came from the vicinity of Hamburg and settled, in colonial days, in Northampton County, Pennsylvania. There Christian Gross, the grandfather of Dr. Gross, was born, and many distinguished members of the family still reside in that State, a notable one being Prof. Samuel D. Gross of Philadelphia. Christian Gross moved to Lincoln County, North Carolina, and there reared a large family, one son, Christopher, being born there December 5, 1806.

Christopher Gross accompanied his parents to Bollinger County, Missouri, when five years of age and engaged there in farming until 1854 when he removed with his family to Saint Francois County, residing there until the latter part of the Civil War, when he removed to Hillsboro, Illinois. After the close of hostilities, he returned to Missouri and there spent his last years, dying at the age of 76 years. Christopher Gross was a plain, unassuming farmer, and through industry accumulated what in peaceful times would have been considered a competency, but the disturbed condition of the country and the cares of a second family somewhat reduced what was once an ample fortune. He was a man of great self-reliance, one who believed in the right of every man to his opinion, and was a staunch supporter of the Republican party from its foundation, having previously been a Whig. He was equally staunch in his support of the Old School Presbyterian Church. In every walk of life he commanded respect. He married, first, Sophia Yount, who was born in Bollinger County, Missouri, where she died in 1850, aged 33 years, leaving a family of five children, namely: Mrs. Margaret McDowell, deceased; Mrs.

Sarah Ann Dennis, deceased; William M., of this biography; Jacob Amos, who died at the age of 50 years; and Peter, a resident of Gillespie. The children of his second marriage were four sons and two daughters, all of whom with one exception still survive.

When Dr. Gross was 12 years of age, his parents removed to Farmington, the county seat of Saint Francois County, and there he continued his education in the public schools and at Carlton College, where he remained until he had almost completed the classical and scientific courses. Dr. Gross made a specialty of mathematics at Carlton College and mastered the difficulties of differential and integral calculus with extraordinary ease. In the winter of 1863 he made a trip to California, going by way of New York and the Isthmus of Panama, which has been a bone of contention so long and at present is occupying the public attention. A man of his ability and energy soon found work awaiting his hand and brain, and he was fully occupied either in teaching or mining, until after the surrender of General Lee. He then came to Hillsboro, Illinois, where his parents had in the meantime located and here he again began teaching school. In 1866 he entered upon the study of medicine at Walshville, Montgomery County, Illinois, under Dr. M. S. Davenport, and continued his reading with this leading physician, assisting also in the latter's practice, for two years, when he returned to Missouri and located in Wayne County. Some five years later, after a term of very successful medical practice, he went to Keokuk, Iowa, where he completed the prescribed course and was graduated in 1875 at the College of Physicians and Surgeons. Dr. Gross came then to Macoupin County, Illinois, and practiced his profession for three years in the village of Hornsby, removing then to Gillespie, where he has remained ever since.

Dr. Gross is prominently identified with not only the professional but also the business life of Gillespie, and is almost as well known for his ability in business enterprises as for his skill in his profession. Dr. Gross shares with many others a scientific comprehension of the wonders and values of electricity, and, to utilize it on certain lines, in 1896 he organized a company with a capital stock of \$15,000, erected a plant and installed machinery. This industry still continues in successful operation. In July, 1903, he became interested in newspaper work, became part owner of the *Gillespie Herald* and is now the manager and a director of the Herald Publishing Company. So versatile is he in his activities, he has given an impetus to everything in his lo-



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cality to which he has seriously turned his attention. Through his intelligent and well directed energies, the Gillespie schools have attained to a standard of excellence second to none in the State, their graduates being fitted to enter higher institutions without any preliminary preparation. Dr. Gross has made a careful study of electricity and has done much experimenting, and a part of his busy life has been given to lecturing on the subject. His contributions on various scientific subjects are welcomed by the leading periodicals and his opinion bears with it the weight of knowledge and experience.

On April 11, 1867, Dr. Gross was married to Mary C. Sitton, who was born in Montgomery County, Illinois, and is a daughter of the late Rev. A. J. Sitton, a Baptist clergyman. Five children have been born to this marriage, namely: Sarah Sophia, who married Milton Mitchell, a farmer living near Gillespie, and has seven children; Martha Frances, who is the wife of Frederick Opie of Gillespie; Edwin Guy, who married Maggie Hamilton, and resides in St. Louis, Missouri; Herbert, who is a student at Gillespie, in electrical engineering; and Dean, who is attending the public schools.

Politically Dr. Gross is a Republican. He cast his first presidential vote at the second election of Abraham Lincoln. He has consented to fill a number of the minor offices and gave his valuable services to the School Board of which he was president some eight years. Like his father, he is a Master Mason, having joined a Masonic lodge at Farmington, Missouri, at the age of 21 years. In religious belief he is a Baptist.



JAMES JENCKS.

JAMES JENCKS, mayor of the city of Bunker Hill, Macoupin County, and a prominent and representative business citizen, whose portrait accompanies this sketch, was born here, March 9, 1863, and is a son of William O. and Martha A. (Llewellyn) Jencks.

William O. Jencks was born in Rhode Island, September 19, 1824, coming of illustrious ancestry. The founder of the family in America, was James Jencks, who came from England on the "Mayflower," and was later ap-

pointed by King Charles I, governor-general of Rhode Island, to treat with the Narragansett Indians. Joseph Jencks, the father of William O. Jencks, married Esther Tyler, a descendant of James Tyler, who came to America and settled in Rhode Island with James Jencks. Joseph and Esther (Tyler) Jencks had a family of four sons and six daughters, William O. being the youngest. In 1852 our subject's father came to Bunker Hill and engaged in the carriage manufacturing business and later founded the livery business to which his son succeeded 30 years later and which is one of the largest and most complete in this portion of the State.

William O. Jencks is now living a retired life. He possesses a notable record for military service, having held commissions in three wars. He enlisted first in 1845 in the Plainfield Rifles, of Plainfield, Connecticut, under Col. Judson B. Lyon, which took part in the battle at Vera Cruz in the Mexican War, and returned in 1847. In 1859 when the troubles with the Kiowa and Comanche Indians brought on war, he enlisted as a private, remained through the war and returned as a 1st lieutenant. Again, when war clouds arose, this veteran, on April 21, 1861, again offered his services, was commissioned 1st lieutenant of the Bunker Hill Guards, and served three months. He was then given a position of the greatest danger and served three years and nine days as a bearer of dispatches. His military record is one of which he and his descendants may well be proud, while his civil one is no less honorable. He has served as justice of the peace and as supervisor, and in other local offices and has taken an active part in politics. He is a very prominent Odd Fellow and has been a delegate to the Grand Lodge on many occasions. He is a leading member of the Methodist Church. He married Martha Llewellyn of Richmond, Virginia, and the four survivors of their family of eight children, are: John W., Charles D., James and Oscar W., all of Bunker Hill.

James Jencks was educated at Bunker Hill, attending both the Bunker Hill High School and the Military Academy. When about 18 years old he succeeded his father in the livery business. For years he has been one of the leading Republican politicians of the county and has been particularly prominent in his native city. In 1897 he was elected alderman and during his term of six years devoted every energy to the development of Bunker Hill, advocating the introduction of electric lights and cement paving and during his term, as a member of the finance committee, assisted in paying off a large bonded indebtedness. In April, 1903, he was honored by election as mayor,

and his clean, careful and economic administration gives satisfaction to all parties.

On March 6, 1901, Mr. Jencks was married to Laura C. Mercer, who was born in Macoupin County, May 2, 1870.

· Fraternally he belongs to several of the leading fraternal organizations, including the Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias and Modern Woodmen of America, and to social bodies, in which he and his wife are both popular.



CORBIN S. MORGAN.

CORBIN S. MORGAN, an honored and prominent agriculturist of Macoupin County, resides on his handsome farm of 340 acres which is situated in sections 2 and 10, Hilyard township. He was born in Monroe County, Ohio, July 4, 1850, and is a son of Samuel A. and Louisa P. (Jones) Morgan, and a grandson of James Morgan. The Morgan family may with justice term itself American, for it has been established in this country for many generations.

James Morgan was a native of old Virginia and went to what is now West Virginia in company with his parents. On this journey James Morgan's father was killed by the Indians while crossing the mountains. Mr. Morgan was a farmer all his life and was in every way successful in his work as a pioneer agriculturist. James Morgan was the father of nine children, namely: John, Thomas, Samuel A., William, Corbly, Stewart, Nancy (Stein), Amanda and Mary (Simpson).

Samuel A. Morgan was born in Wheeling, Virginia (now West Virginia) in 1817, and migrated to Ohio in company with his parents, being a lad in years when this journey was made. Mr. Morgan followed the occupation of farming and devoted a great deal of his time to cattle buying and shipping, in which he proved very successful, leaving at his death, in 1872, a good farm. When the Civil War broke out, he went to enlist but was rejected. Politically he was a Democrat and served as deputy sheriff of his county and also as

tax collector, besides holding several other offices. In religious circles he was a member of the Baptist Church. Mr. Morgan was married to Louisa P. Jones, who was born in Monroe County, Ohio, in 1818, being the first girl born in that county. She was a daughter of Amos B. Jones. They were the parents of ten children, of whom one died in infancy. The others are as follows: James J., who resides with our subject; Permelia, deceased; Katherine, of Ohio; Augustus L., a resident of Ohio, who is a bachelor; Amanda (Brown), a resident of Marietta, Ohio; Elizabeth, also a resident of Ohio; Corbin S., our subject; and Nathaniel and Mary F. (Elliot), who are residents of Jefferson County, Ohio. Mr. Morgan died in 1872.

Corbin S. Morgan came West in 1870, locating in St. Louis, Missouri, where he remained but a short time in the employ of Henry Jobin, who conducted a nursery. From there he went to Laclede, Linn County, Missouri, remained there until March, 1871, and then removed to Denver, Colorado, where he worked at the carpenter's trade for some time. Next entered the employ of Hitson & Patterson, he worked as a cowboy until the following summer, when he traveled through Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, Mexico and California. Mr. Morgan then returned to Ohio and engaged in work at the shoemaker's trade at Stafford. On July 9, 1874, he came to Macoupin County, Illinois, and worked for six years by the month for W. H. Dey. In 1880 he removed to Montgomery County, Illinois, but after one year's residence returned to Macoupin County and rented a farm in Hilyard township of Mr. Dey. He remained on that farm for 10 years and then purchased his present farm, 320 acres of which is prairie land, the remaining portion being in timber land. Mr. Morgan is a feeder and raiser of stock and has proved himself to be skilled at that occupation. He also raises grain and other farm produce. Although Mr. Morgan started in a somewhat lowly station in life he has attained a high position among the prominent business men of his county. In 1874, when he came to Bunker Hill, he had but \$1.25, and his possessions of to-day are but a reward for his unceasing energies and skilled methods of farming. Mr. Morgan is a member of the Republican party, but takes but a citizen's interest in political affairs. In fraternal circles he is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America.

On February 1, 1880, Mr. Morgan was married to Mary Boyle, who was born at Bornton, New Jersey, April 16, 1853, and is a daughter of William and Margaret (McPhillips) Boyle, both natives of Ireland, raised near Belfast.

Mr. and Mrs. Morgan are the parents of three children, namely: Mabel, James W. and Sarah Jane, all of whom reside at home with their parents. Mr. Morgan and family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.



COL. SARGEANT MCKNIGHT.

The death of the late Colonel McKnight on June 4, 1901, removed from Macoupin County, Illinois, a citizen who was distinguished during the Civil War, who was notable in successful business enterprises after its close, and who was prominent in State military affairs until the end of his long and useful life. Girard, his chosen place of residence, benefitted by his influence and public spirit, and held him as an honored citizen.

Colonel McKnight was a native of Scottville, Macoupin County, born January 6, 1844, the youngest of a family of 10 children. His parents were natives of Virginia, who settled in Green County, Illinois, in 1830, removing to Macoupin County prior to the birth of our distinguished subject, and settling at Girard in 1859, where the mother died in 1864, and the father in 1868. His education was that afforded by the public schools, and he entered upon a business career in 1861, as a clerk in a mercantile establishment at Girard, where there was every chance for advancement. The stirring events of the times aroused in his breast the loyal sentiments which marked his whole after life, and in August, 1862, he offered his services to his country, enlisting as a private in Company H, 122nd Reg., Illinois Vol. Inf., in which he was made 1st sergeant through personal popularity. On December 30 following, he was promoted to a 2nd lieutenant, and rapid promotion followed. His whole career, extending to the closing scenes of the war, shows a fidelity to duty and a loyal faithfulness in all times of stress and danger, very remarkable in a youth not yet out of his teens. This unusual development of manliness and reliability caused his frequent selection for positions involving great responsibility. In 1863 he was made aid-de-camp on the staff of Colonel Mercer, but as the duties were not congenial, at his own request he was relieved and rejoined his regiment at Paducah, Kentucky, where he served as an inspector

on the staff of Colonel Hicks, commander of the post. He participated in the repulse of General Forrest on Fort Anderson, in March, 1864 and afterward served as provost marshal of Paducah. In December, 1864, he was appointed aid-de-camp on the staff of General Garrard; took part in the battle of Nashville, in December following, and for gallant services during the campaign against the city of Mobile was promoted to captain by brevet by the President. In July, 1865, he was mustered out of a service which he had adorned.

Successful on the field, Colonel McKnight soon showed his capacity in private life and ere long was numbered with the prospering business men of Girard. In 1867 he entered into partnership with Barnabas Boggess, A. A. Cooper and John F. Holden, in a mercantile business, which expanded until it was deemed judicious by the company to open up a branch at Taylorville. Colonel McKnight took charge at this point in April, 1870, and retained management until the partnership was dissolved. He continued in business at Taylorville until March, 1882, when he transferred his interests to Girard, where he continued active for some years.

All his life, Colonel McKnight was a staunch supporter of the principles of the Republican party and had a wide and intimate acquaintance with its prominent men, among these being the late President McKinley and ex-Governor Fifer of Illinois. He was appointed aid-de-camp on the staff of the latter during his administration and served in the same capacity on the staff of the late Governor Tanner, with the rank of colonel, and was one of two Republicans, retained on the staff of Governor Altgeld. He served four years as captain of Company B, 5th Regiment Illinois National Guard.

In 1892 he was chosen without opposition as minority candidate for Representative in the 38th General Assembly, and during his term of membership was on the following committees: steering, railroads, county and township organization, live stock and dairying, claims, retrenchment and senatorial apportionment. He was one of the delegates who nominated the late President McKinley. Colonel McKnight was also past commander of Luke Mayfield Post, G. A. R., and was a representative from Illinois to the National Encampment at Boston. In 1893 he was again selected as a delegate to the annual gathering of the defenders of the Union. He was an aid-de-camp on the staffs of both Generals Veazey and Palmer.

In May, 1866, Colonel McKnight was married to Virginia A. Boggess, who is a daughter of the late Barnabas Boggess, and the children of this

union were: Walter, deceased; Emma P.; and Robert Wade, who is post-master at Girard.

Colonel McKnight was taken ill several months prior to his decease, and spent some time at Hot Springs, Arkansas, in the hope of relief, but despite all that medical science could do, he passed away shortly after his return to his home in Girard. The announcement of his funeral brought friends from all the neighboring towns and villages and messages of condolence to his afflicted family, from many States. The interment was under the auspices of the Knights of Pythias and the Grand Army of the Republic, both organizations holding him in the highest esteem. Gen. John I. Rinaker of the latter organization, who was colonel of the 122nd Reg., Illinois Vol. Inf., delivered an address which will never be forgotten by those who heard his glowing tributes to his friend and comrade, in which he testified to his bravery as a soldier and to his personal worth as a citizen, husband and father. The Knights of Pythias placed upon their records the following resolutions which we are permitted to append:

Whereas, It has pleased the Supreme Ruler of the Universe to call from our midst our worthy brother, Sargeant McKnight, an honored, faithful and untiring worker in our noble order, the founder of Hiawatha Lodge and its first Chancellor Commander and first representative to the Grand Lodge, who departed this life on June 4, 1901, and

Whereas, While we must yield in humble submission to the divine decree, yet through the misty veil of earth's sorrows and tears, we mourn the death of one who was ever true to the teachings of Friendship, Charity and Benevolence. Therefore,

Resolved, That in the death of brother Sargeant McKnight, Hiawatha Lodge, No. 124, Knights of Pythias, has lost an invaluable member, the family an affectionate husband and father, the community, State and nation a useful citizen and gallant soldier, one whom the people and those in authority delighted to honor, and

Resolved, That while we keenly feel the loss of our esteemed brother, we tender the family our sincere sympathy in their sad bereavement. Be it further

Resolved, That we furnish his family with a copy of these resolutions, and that they be placed on our records, also a copy be furnished each of our city papers for publication. Be it further

Resolved, That our Charter be draped in mourning for a period of thirty days as a token of respect for our departed brother."

This is signed by the committee: Frank G. Wood, C. W. Birzele and P. O. Wells.

Col. Sargeant McKnight was a high minded, loyal hearted, generous man, and his memory will not only be cherished and kept green by his devoted family and by the thinning ranks of the old army veterans, but also by the citizens of his State and county, as one of the best representatives of their manhood, patriotism, intelligence and integrity.



FREDERICK G. STORZ.

FREDERICK G. STORZ, who for almost a quarter century was identified with the business interests of Girard, and was justly considered one of the city's most useful and successful men, was born at Benningen, Wurtemberg, Germany, September 22, 1851, and died at his beautiful home in Girard, August 23, 1893. He was the youngest member of a family of six children born to his parents, Frederick and Ann Marie (Schober) Storz.

Frederick Storz, who was a native of Wurtemberg, spent his whole life engaged in agricultural pursuits in his native land, dying in 1873. The mother of our subject died in 1865. These parents were not possessed of a large amount of worldly goods, but they were able to educate their children, and were careful that all should learn to be self supporting. While all grew to maturity, none was as enterprising as our subject, he being the only one of the family to seek and find fortune in America. The children in the parental family were as follows: Freiderick, Michael, Ann Marie, Karl, and Frederick G., our subject. These children were all given good educations and were able to assume positions of trust and responsibility.

At the age of 14 years, Frederick G. Storz apprenticed himself to a baker at Ludwigsburg, in his own province, with whom he continued until the terms of the agreement were complied with, and then worked as a journeyman at various points in Germany. He worked one year at Heidelberg and then returned to Ludwigsburg. In 1872, having secured enough

capital to pay his passage to America, he crossed the Atlantic in the steamer "Neckar," and as soon as possible joined former friends who were then living at Springfield, Illinois. In casting about for the best place in which to locate, Mr. Storz selected Virden, then, as now, a flourishing town, and engaged with a bakery there for two years. He then removed to Girard, and, while employed for some nine months at various occupations, kept looking about and considering the probabilities of success in the bakery line. He finally concluded to establish a first class bakery. Later, having taken in a partner, a restaurant was added to the bakery, and a very prosperous period of five years ensued. In 1879 Mr. Storz bought his partner's interest and conducted the business alone until December, 1889, when he retired from business activity. He was one of the organizers and a stockholder and a director of the People's Bank of Girard, and it was one of his buildings that was purchased as a home for the bank, and there it remains today. This seems a simple record, but those who are accustomed to study the causes of men's successes and failures must be interested and impressed. A life of industry, enterprise and honesty secured its own reward, the possession of a large estate earned legitimately, and with it the respect, admiration and esteem of his fellow citizens. The last years of Mr. Storz's life was spent in giving attention to his extensive real estate holdings in Girard and the vicinity.

On December 16, 1879, Mr. Storz was married to Lena Schelb, who was born January 6, 1860, in Carlsruhe, Grand Duchy of Baden, Germany, and is a daughter of William and Christina (Kuebler) Schelb, who came to Macoupin County, Illinois, from their native land in 1868. This estimable lady still survives, with a son and daughter. The son, Albert W. Storz, born October 29, 1880, is a bright young man and is bookkeeper for the Darlington Lumber Company, of Girard. He attended the public schools of Girard, spent one year at Blackburn University and one year at the Dixon (Illinois) Business College. The daughter, Mabel C. Storz, born January 6, 1885, received her education in the Girard public schools and Monticello Seminary, and is an excellent pianist. The beautiful residence, which continues to be the family home, was erected and furnished with much luxury by the late Mr. Storz. It was always his delight to contribute to the welfare of his family, by whom he was beloved and revered. He gave liberally to the support of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, in which he long had membership, his widow since his death joining the Presbyterian Church on ac-

count of there being no Lutheran Church in Girard until quite recently. Mr. Storz was fraternally connected with Lodge No. 192, I. O. O. F., of Girard, and also with the local lodge of Knights of Pythias. His death removed from Girard one whose honorable and successful life may well be recalled as an example.

ROBERT D. QUIGLEY.

ROBERT D. QUIGLEY, one of the leading farmers and successful stock raisers of Macoupin County, owning a farm of 160 acres in section 30, and 60 acres of timber land in sections 17 and 19, Gillespie township, was born October 18, 1832, at Mobile, Alabama, and is a son of Hon. William and Eliza (Somers) Quigley.

Hon. William Quigley, father of Robert D., was at one time mayor of the city of Mobile, Alabama. He was born in New York, and was the eldest son of Daniel Quigley, of Irish extraction, who married twice, reared seven children, and died at Mobile at the age of 75 years. In young manhood William Quigley went to Philadelphia and there learned the brick-mason's trade, and following it went to Mobile, where he was later joined by his father, also a mason. William Quigley became a large builder and contractor in that city and for many years held the position of city engineer there. He became prominent in Democratic politics and was elected mayor and, had not an early death intervened, would probably have become still more distinguished. At Camden, New Jersey, he married Eliza Somers, daughter of Isaac Somers, who was the inheritor of a large, still unsettled, estate in England. The children born to this marriage were: Malcolm and Jefferson, both deceased; Mrs. Cordelia Shackelford, deceased; Robert D., and George, of St. Louis.

Our subject was bereft of his father when but four years of age, and when 18 years old he accompanied his mother and younger brother to Macoupin County, Illinois. Prior to this he had enjoyed high school advantages and had also had a few months of business experience in the cotton commission house of McClellan & Company. After coming to Illinois, he entered upon farm work and has continued in the same line ever since. In 1857 he settled on his present place, on which he has engaged in large farming operations and has suc-

cessfully raised much stock. He operates entirely with high grade cattle and stock and gives his whole attention to their further improvement.

Mr. Quigley was married June 7, 1855, to Mary Parks, who was born September 10, 1831, in Christian County, Kentucky, and is a daughter of James and Mary (Harlan) Parks, the former of whom was born in Augusta County and the latter in Berkley County, Virginia. They came from Kentucky to Gillespie township, Macoupin County, in 1833 and Mr. Parks entered over 400 acres of land in Gillespie and Hilyard townships. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Quigley, namely: Walter, who married Sarah E. Spillman and lives in Pettis County, Missouri; Robert P., unmarried, who resides at home; Jessie Cordelia, who resides at home; and Mary Eliza, who died at the age of 26 years.

Mr. Quigley is an outspoken and consistent Republican and has never voted any other ticket, supporting that party even when only one of three Republican voters in the township. He has capably filled many local offices, has been highway commissioner, serving three years, and for 10 years was appointed clerk of elections. He has done much to further the cause of education in his locality, has served as school director and has always favored progressive movements. With his family, Mr. Quigley belongs to the Presbyterian Church. He is one of the representative men of his locality.



MILTON MITCHELL.

MILTON MITCHELL, a prominent citizen and successful farmer as well as a member of one of the leading families of Macoupin County, owning a well improved farm of 163 acres, situated in sections 23 and 26, Gillespie township, was born August 13, 1861, in Brushy Mound township, Macoupin County, Illinois, on which farm he lived until the age of 40 years. He is a son of Rev. Levi and Emily (Brown) Mitchell, and a grandson of Elijah Mitchell.

Elijah Mitchell was born in North Carolina in 1800, and in 1827 came with his brother to Illinois as one of the early pioneers of Macoupin County.

Elijah Mitchell accumulated more land than any other man in the county and, as his children were born, he deeded to each one a farm, thus ensuring the child's future. The children who survived infancy were: Mrs. Mildred Moore, who died in Macoupin County; Levi; Mrs. Lucy Scott, who reared a large family all of whom are doing well in Kansas; Mrs. Martha Ann Brown of Corsicana, Texas; Mrs. Sally Morgan of Missouri; Mrs. Jane Carrico, who died in Macoupin County; Mrs. Phoebe Pope, who died in Arkansas; Travis Moore, of Honey Point township, Macoupin County; William T., of Honey Point township, Macoupin County; Elijah, who died during the Civil War; Mrs. Mary Perrine, of Brushy Mound township, Macoupin County; Ansel J., of Arizona; Archibald H., of Honey Point township, Macoupin County; Mrs. Matilda Anderson, who died in Honey Point township, Macoupin County; Asa Clinton, Ira and Mrs. Henrietta Baughman, of Honey Point township, Macoupin County; and Mrs. Elizabeth Bull, who died December 10, 1868.

Rev. Levi Mitchell was born December 28, 1825, at Bowling Green, Kentucky, and died October 18, 1902, at San Jose, California, where he had resided for the preceding 15 years. He accompanied his parents from Kentucky, at the age of two years and spent the greater part of his life in Brushy Mound township, Macoupin County, farming and raising stock. He was an ordained minister in the Baptist Church, and, with his brother, Travis Moore Mitchell, deeded the land for and was chief promoter in the building of the Honey Creek Baptist Church. He was much valued as a preacher and served as moderator for the Apple Creek Baptist Association for a considerable period. He was opposed to the liquor traffic and in late life left the Democratic party to support the Prohibition party's candidates and principles. He married Emily Brown, born in Macoupin County, Illinois, November 23, 1831, who still resides at San Jose, California. She is a daughter of Samuel and Rowena (Connors) Brown. The surviving members of their family are: Francis Marion, a resident of Providence, Rhode Island; Warren L., of Table Rock, Nebraska; Pauline G., of Antioch, California; Milton, of this sketch; Arthur, of St. Louis, Missouri; Eunice V., of Oakley, California; Mrs. Mary B. Johnson of San Jose, California; three are deceased.

Since 1901 Milton Mitchell has occupied his present fine farm in Gillespie township and has most successfully engaged in farming and the breeding of fine stock and cattle. He owns 18 head of registered Durham and Shorthorn

cattle and has a herd of 40 fine specimens. He gives considerable attention to the raising of Poland-China hogs for market, raises all his own horses and realizes immense crops from his land, making features of hay and corn. He has one of the finest farms of the locality, well improved and highly stocked.

On April 24, 1888, Mr. Mitchell was married to Sarah S. Gross, who was born March 17, 1868, in Montgomery County, Illinois, and is a daughter of Dr. William Gross. They have a family of seven children, namely: George M., Roger W., Clarence L., Olive G., Harvey G., Doris B. and Elizabeth.

Fraternally Mr. Mitchell is associated with the Modern Woodmen of America. Following in the footsteps of his ancestors, he is identified with the Democratic party. He is a man of enterprise and possesses many of the qualities which made his father both successful and universally esteemed.



JOSEPH STUTZMAN.

JOSEPH STUTZMAN, senior member of the well known firm of Stutzman & Thompson, of Girard, Illinois, manufacturers of and dealers in all kinds of harness and accessories, is a prominent citizen of Macoupin County. He was born March 11, 1865, on his father's farm near Goshen, Indiana, and is a son of Aaron D. and Catherine (Cripe) Stutzman. The father resides in Girard township, Macoupin County.

Mr. Stutzman was educated in the schools of Christian County, Illinois, and was reared on his father's farm in Girard township, where he engaged in farming until the forming of his present business partnership. In politics, he is a Democrat. He is unmarried.

In February, 1904 he entered into partnership with Hezekiah J. Thompson, who was born August 23, 1865, and is a son of Hezekiah Thompson, of St. Clair County, Missouri. Mr. Thompson learned his trade in Macoupin County and has always resided here, and since completing his apprenticeship, in 1889, has lived in either Virden or Girard. Since the present partnership was formed, the business has made a very satisfactory showing. A large stock of all kinds of harness and similar goods is carried, and they are also

manufacturers, occupying a building built for their accommodation. They command a large local trade.

Mr. Thompson married Susan Gibson, in 1891, and they have four children, as follows: Ruth, Vena, Reba Arnola, and Farley Lynn. In politics he is affiliated with the Republican party.



WILLIAM W. VAN WORMER, M. D., D. D. S.

WILLIAM W. VAN WORMER, M. D., D. D. S., of Girard, Illinois, is one of the prominent young professional men of the city, a graduate in both medicine and dentistry, although he is confining his efforts to the practice of medicine and surgery. Dr. Van Wormer was born April 30, 1878, in Christian County, Illinois, and is a son of John E. and Lucy (Rutherford) Van Wormer.

The father of Dr. Van Wormer was a native of the State of New York, where he was engaged in a hotel business for a number of years. Dr. Van Wormer completed the common and high school course at Virden, Illinois, and then entered Marion Sims Beaumont Medical College, at St. Louis, Missouri. There he graduated in the dental department in April, 1899, receiving at that time a gold medal for proficiency. He continued his studies in medicine and surgery and was graduated with the degree of M. D. in 1903, receiving the highest honors of the class. He located for practice in Girard, fitting up a suite of six rooms very elegantly and installing all modern surgical appliances, making his quarters the best equipped in the county. Although thoroughly competent in both dentistry and medicine, he has devoted his attention solely to the practice of medicine and surgery.

Dr. Van Wormer was married to Edith B. Metcalf, the accomplished daughter of Charles H. Metcalf, a retired capitalist of Girard. One son, Charles, has been born to them. They are members of the Christian Church and both are prominent socially.

Dr. Van Wormer continues to be an enthusiastic student of the great questions of medical science and keeps in touch with all the wonderful dis-

coveries and successful experiments which lead the way toward still greater accomplishment. He is a valued member of the Illinois State Medical Society, the Macoupin County Medical Society as well as the American Medical Association. Fraternally he belongs to the Masonic bodies, the Knights of Pythias, the Improved Order of Red Men and the Modern Woodmen of America. He is held in much esteem in Girard and is recognized as a young physician who has every promise of a very brilliant career before him.

ERNEST BRAUTIGAN.

ERNEST BRAUTIGAN, one of the self made men, prominent citizens and successful farmers of Hilyard township, Macoupin County, who owns 282 acres of its best land, located in sections 32 and 33, was born in Saxony, Germany, October 7, 1856. His parents were Frank and Christina (Starkey) Brautigán.

Frank Brautigán was born in Germany, September 20, 1829, and came to America in 1867, being followed by his family in the following year. By trade he was a carpenter. His death occurred in Macoupin County, Illinois, in 1891, at the age of 62 years. His wife died in 1881, aged 48 years. He identified himself with the Democratic party. In religious faith he was a Lutheran. The children of Frank and Christina Brautigán were: Ernest, of this sketch; Frank, deceased; William, of Brighton township; Mrs. Anna Lysick, of Alton; Albert, who lives with his brother Ernest; Mrs. Emma Greenfield, of St. Louis; and Charles, of Brighton township.

Our subject was a lad of 11 years when he left his home for America and easily recalls the departure of the family from the city of Bremen on the sailing ship "Atolphine," and the events of the long sea voyage of 70 days. This ship landed its passengers at the port of Baltimore and our subject, with the other members of the family, proceeded directly to Brighton, Macoupin County, Illinois. He has remained in this county ever since and has always been connected with farming operations. Beginning as a helper on farms, by saving his money and carefully investing it he became a land-owner, and through continued industry, one of the substantial men of his

locality. In addition to general farming, Mr. Brautigan started a dairy, and also made plans for the raising of fine cattle. His present herd of 60 head of Holsteins can not be excelled in the county. The products of his dairy command high prices. It must give Mr. Brautigan extreme pleasure to note his handsome dwelling, his fine barn, which is one of the largest in Macoupin County, his other excellent improvements, and to realize that this property has been accumulated honestly, through his own efforts. He has never given much attention to politics, voting regularly, however, with the Democratic party.

In 1881, Mr. Brautigan was married to Bertha Haag, who was born September 12, 1859, and is a daughter of John and Caroline (Kurtz) Haag, who came from Germany and settled in Madison County, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Brautigan have two children,—Lena and Edward.

Fraternally Mr. Brautigan is a Master Mason and belongs to Shipman Lodge, No. 212, and is also a member of the Court of Honor. He is one of the leading members of the German Lutheran Church at Shipman. He has devoted his entire life to agricultural pursuits, has become expert in the tilling of the soil and is an authority on the breeding of first class cattle and on modern dairying. Personally he is a man of upright character, one who is respected and esteemed, both as a neighbor and as a citizen.



GREEN E. HILL, M. D.

GREEN E. HILL, M. D., one of the prominent physicians and surgeons of Macoupin County, has been a resident of Girard since 1898, locating in the city after almost a decade of successful practice at other points. Dr. Hill was born December 24, 1862, at Middletown, Logan County, Illinois, and is a son of the late Dr. Green and Martha (Caldwell) Hill.

The Hill family is of Southern antecedents, the late Dr. Hill having been born in 1813 in Tennessee. In 1854 he came to Illinois and secured 720 acres of land in Logan County. This property he improved and retained, in the meantime carrying on a large country medical practice, his activity ending only with his death, which took place November 28, 1892. A



DANIEL HUDDLESTON.

rather remarkable fact is that his five sons all adopted his profession, graduated from medical institutions and are all eminent practitioners.

Dr. Green E. Hill passed from the common schools to Eureka College, where he remained a student through 1883, 1884 and 1885, and then entered Rush Medical College at Chicago, and was graduated from that widely known institution, in 1890. In 1901 the Doctor took a post-graduate course at the Chicago Polyclinic. Dr. Hill located first at Modesto, Illinois, and there met with so much success in his practice, that he remained seven years and then removed to Lincoln, Logan County. In the fall of 1898, Dr. Hill established himself at Girard, securing most desirable offices on the west side of the public square where many of the leading professional men are located. He has met with very satisfactory encouragement and on many occasions has shown his ability as a physician and his skill as a surgeon. He takes advantage of all opportunities for increasing his medical knowledge, and belongs, as a valued and useful member, to the Macoupin County and the Illinois State Medical societies and the American Medical Association; he attends their meetings and contributes to their literature. He also belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Dr. Hill married Harriet Miner, who is a daughter of Thomas and Margaret Miner. Thomas Miner was born in New Jersey, and resides near Girard, Macoupin County. Both the Doctor and wife are members of the Christian Church, and are prominent in local social circles. Politically he is a Democrat.



MRS. RACHEL HUDDLESTON.

MRS. RACHEL HUDDLESTON, who owns one of the finest farms of Macoupin County, located in section 11, Gillespie township, and consisting of 500 acres, was born on the Big Blue River, in the State of Indiana, February 21, 1824, her birth taking place while her parents were migrating from Kentucky to Indiana. She is a daughter of William and Julia (Huddleston) Huddleston.

William Huddleston, father of our subject, was probably born in Kentucky immediately after his parents had removed there from Virginia. He

was a son of Thomas Huddleston, who died in Indiana, where he was one of the early pioneers and where he left a large number of descendants. Thomas Huddleston's children were 10 in number: William, Allen, John, Thomas, Henry, Daniel, Martha, Malinda, Rachel and Mary. William, the eldest son, served as a private in the War of 1812 and took part in the battle of New Orleans, but he never accepted a pension for his services. Although he removed to Indiana poor in worldly goods, he became prosperous and left his large family well provided for. He died in Greene County, Illinois, in 1845, aged 53 years. He was a man of exemplary life and a consistent member of the Methodist Church. In politics he was a Whig. His first marriage was to his first cousin, Julia Huddleston, who was born in Tennessee and was a daughter of Henry Huddleston. The nine children born to them were: Allen; Mrs. Maria Hampton; Mrs. Julia Netherton of Macoupin County; Mrs. Milbey McGovern; Mrs. Huddleston, of this sketch; John; William H., of Kansas; Thomas and Louisa. The four children of his second marriage were: Stith, of California; James, of California; Charles, of De Witt County; and Samuel, of Texas.

In 1838 our subject married her second cousin, Daniel Huddleston, who was born in Ohio, and was a son of Abraham and Mary (Roe) Huddleston, who had two other children—Mrs. Jane Krider and Mrs. Emily Kinder. Thirteen children were born to Mrs. Huddleston, as follows: Preston, who died aged 29 years; Henry, who died in infancy; Julia, who married Amos Rickman—both are deceased; John Wesley, residing on the home farm, who has four children—Daniel, Rachel, Florence and Viola; Mrs. Carrie James, a widow, who resides with her mother—she has one daughter, Mrs. Nettie Dodge, of Alton, who has two children, Harold and Frank; Mary Jane, who died at the age of 20 years; Jasper, who died at the age of 29 years, survived by three children—Nina, Mrs. Josephine Cryder and Mrs. Viola Corbett; Mrs. Emma Dugger of Pinkneyville, Illinois, who has three children—Earl, Edna and Harrison; Mrs. Florence Williams, a widow, who resides on a farm in Gillespie township, with three sons—Roy, Ruby and Roland; Susan and Nina, who died aged two years; Luther, who died aged seven years; and Katherine, who died in infancy.

Mrs. Huddleston has been a resident of Macoupin County and Gillespie township since she was six years of age. She has lived through many vicissi-

tudes and has seen many wonderful changes. She is well known through the district of her home and is most highly esteemed.

A portrait of Daniel Huddleston, our subject's husband, accompanies this sketch.

NATHAN R. SMITH.

NATHAN R. SMITH, one of the successful farmers and stock raisers of Dorchester township, Macoupin County, the owner of a fine farm of 153 acres in section 25 and 26, is also one of the prominent and influential men of his township. He was born December 5, 1838, near Carrollton, Greene County, Illinois, and is a son of Thomas and Mary (Chatham) Smith.

This branch of the great Smith family is of Welsh extraction. The great-grandfather of our subject served in the Revolutionary War and his grandfather, Nathan Smith, served in the War of 1812. The latter had five children: Thomas, Joseph, Mrs. Elizabeth Weeks; Mrs. Miranda Newberry and Mrs. Lucy Woodruff, all of whom became residents of Illinois.

Thomas Smith, father of Nathan R. Smith, was born August 9, 1813, in North Carolina, near Raleigh, where he resided until 1834, when he removed to Greene County, Illinois. There he married and later removed to Madison County and still later to Macoupin County, dying on his farm south of Staunton in 1852. In politics he was a Whig. Both he and his wife were members of the Methodist Church. The latter, who was a native of Virginia, accompanied her parents first to Kentucky and later to Illinois. She became the devoted and beloved mother of six children: Nathan R., of this sketch, who is the oldest; Mrs. Frances Snell, of Staunton; Jasper, who lives with our subject; Mrs. Ellen Sparks, who lives near Edwardsville, Illinois; Joseph, superintendent of a coal mine at Staunton; and Mrs. Margaret Grant, of Edwardsville.

Nathan R. Smith was an infant when his parents moved from Greene to Madison County and was four years old when they came to Macoupin County, which has been his home ever since, with the exception of three years spent in Madison County. He has always followed a farming life and his fine farm of 153 acres testifies to his ability. He located on it in 1866 and has made stock raising a feature, giving attention only to the best grades

of cattle and hogs. His improvements are substantial and a lately erected fine dwelling and commodious barn add much to the air of comfort and the prosperity of the place. He has a fine orchard of 50 trees, set out by himself, which are in good bearing at the present time.

In 1858 Mr. Smith married Servilla Walker, who was born in Dorchester township, Macoupin County, Illinois, June 29, 1840, a daughter of Aaron and Nancy Walker, natives of Indiana and Illinois, respectively, who were pioneers in this section. Mr. and Mrs. Smith had three children born to them, viz: Charles, a resident of Mitchell, Illinois, who has four children,—Charles, Donna, Maggie and an infant; Thomas, also a resident of Mitchell, who has three children; and James, who is also a resident of Mitchell. Mrs. Smith died in 1874 and in the following year Mr. Smith married Hannah Cornelius, who was born in Dorchester township, Macoupin County, Illinois, and they had three children: Nathan, of Mitchell; Mrs. Dolly Sawyer, of Staunton, and Cornelius, who lives at home. The mother of this family, born February 14, 1853, died April 21, 1897. In 1900 Mr. Smith married Mrs. Julia Simmons, daughter of Jacob Perrine.

For the past 30 years Mr. Smith has been a school official, for 16 years was highway commissioner, has been four times elected township clerk and has been supervisor for seven years. In all his public offices he has been honest, careful and economical in the interests of the township. Fraternally he is a Master Mason in Lodge No. 177 and a Modern Woodman of America in Lodge No. 572, both of Staunton.



ALBERT H. SIMMONS, M. D.

ALBERT H. SIMMONS, M. D., of Girard, Illinois, bears a name which has been held in esteem and almost reverence in Macoupin County for many years. He was born January 23, 1856, in Miami County, Ohio, and is the only son of Dr. Adam and Elizabeth (Bowersox) Simmons, the former of whom is one of the most distinguished as well as one of the oldest physicians in the county.

The Simmons family is of Swiss ancestry, the great-grandfather of our subject having been born in Switzerland in 1750. He came to America and settled in Pennsylvania, where his son, the grandfather of our subject, was born in 1786. The latter married a lady of Virginia birth and they reared a family of which the senior Dr. Simmons was the most eminent member.

Completing his literary education in 1853, Dr. Adam Simmons became interested in the reform medical movement which led him to attend the first lectures of the Eclectic Medical College of Cincinnati. There he was associated with those lights of Eclecticism, Drs. Howe, Hannah and Scudder, and was graduated at the institution in 1865. Dr. Adam Simmons practiced two years in Wisconsin, eight years in Indiana and two years in Ohio, prior to locating permanently at Girard in 1865. Until 1899 Dr. Adam Simmons continued to practice medicine and surgery with the success which attends the careful, skillful practitioner, and gained a reputation which extended all over the State. He was prominently identified with the Eclectic organizations over the country, and was a valued member of the State Eclectic Medical Society, acting many years as secretary for the same. He is much beloved in Girard where he is passing the evening of life, surrounded by all that comforts and satisfies honored age. His three children are the son, who so successfully has carried on his own work while continuing that of the father, and two daughters, namely: Mrs. E. G. McKinney, of Colorado; and Mary E., of Girard, Illinois.

In Dr. Albert H. Simmons is found all that liberal education supplementing heredity, and enthusiasm for the science, could produce in the building of a true physician, one whose thorough knowledge makes him sure of his ground, and whose philanthropy extends as a beneficent mantle over the undeserving as well as the deserving. On June 8, 1882, he was graduated at the American Medical College, at St. Louis, Missouri, and then entered upon an association with his father, which was a liberal education in itself. Since the retirement of the older physician, the weight and responsibility have been entirely with the successor, this being particularly great on account of the older physician's prominence. The demands of the day upon a physician's time are many, and Dr. Simmons has but little opportunity to take part in social life, his energies being given to practice, investigation into scientific discoveries and attendance upon the sessions of various leading medical organizations.

Dr. Albert H. Simmons married Olive L. Fletcher, who is a daughter of Burwell Fletcher, one of the progressive and prominent citizens of Macoupin County. They have two sons,—Bayard E. and Donald F. The family are members of the First Baptist Church. Dr. Simmons is a member of the Masonic fraternity and of the Modern Woodmen of America, and is politically identified with the Republican party.



CHARLES EDWARD SMITH, M. D.

CHARLES EDWARD SMITH, M. D., who for many years was one of the most prominent medical practitioners in Macoupin County, and whose name still bears weight in the profession he adorned so long, although since 1902 he has been retired from active service, is one of the most highly esteemed citizens of Palmyra. Dr. Smith comes of professional ancestry, and was born in 1829, at Catskill, New York, and is a son of Rev. Carlos and Susan (Saxon) Smith, and a grandson of Rev. Ethan Smith, a noted Presbyterian divine of Vermont.

Rev. Carlos Smith, like his father, became a distinguished minister in the Presbyterian Church. He graduated from Union College and served in charges in New York until 1836, when he removed with his family to Painesville, Ohio. After a long and useful life he died in 1877 at Akron, where he was survived by his widow until 1889.

Dr. Smith was reared in an intellectual atmosphere. He was primarily educated at Painesville, and then went to the Western Reserve College at Hudson. While his ambition and inclination did not lead him in the direction of the ministry, they did incline him toward a professional life, and he began to teach school and also study the elements of the science of medicine, almost as soon as his collegiate career closed. Circumstances led him to locate in Mississippi, where he remained from 1849 to 1854, engaged in teaching. He then entered Rush Medical College, at Chicago, where he attended lectures in the class of 1854-55. Dr. Smith located for two years at Palmyra, and then removed to Nilwood, but in 1879 returned to Palmyra, where he has resided ever since. After 20 years of arduous practice at

Palmyra, and upon recovery from a serious illness brought on by devotion to the calls of his profession, Dr. Smith decided to retire from active work. His people were so loath to give him up, that he delayed his actual and final retirement until 1902, making his last professional call in the country, in October of that year. The old ties, so close between patient and beloved and trusted physician, were hard to break. There were many homes in Palmyra and vicinity into which no physician other than Dr. Smith had been called, during the whole term of his professional service.

Dr. Smith was married in 1855 to Jane Gardner, who was a daughter of W. B. Gardner, a well known farmer of Palmyra. They had a family of eight children, viz: Susan H., who married Samuel L. Smith, now of Santa Rosa, California, and they have these children.—Charles P., Ralph R., Grace, Wendell, D. W., John Dewitt, Melvin Roy and Hope; Helen, who died at the age of four years; Harriet, who died at the age of 23 years; Mary, who married John C. O'Conner, a railroad man living at Pomona, California, and they have these children—Charles William, Nettie Gertrude, Mary C., Harriet and John Lyndon; Carlos, who died at Nilwood, aged four years; Grace, born in 1867, who died in 1888; Lyndon Edward, who died in 1883, aged 13 years; and Lucy Gertrude, who resides in Tuolumne County, California. Dr. Smith has suffered many bereavements, in which he has had the sympathy of the whole community. The mother of these children died in March, 1885.

In 1892 Dr. Smith married Martha Solomon, who is a daughter of Judge Lewis and Nancy (Fink) Solomon. Judge Solomon was one of the most prominent men of Macoupin County for a number of years, and at the time of his death was one of the oldest residents. He was born April 1, 1812, in Muhlenberg County, Kentucky, and was a son of Lewis and Sarah (Bowden) Solomon; the latter was a daughter of John Bowden, a prominent citizen of Franklin County, North Carolina, who belonged to Marion's gallant band of patriots, noted during the Revolutionary War. In 1825 Lewis Solomon, the father of Mrs. Smith, accompanied his father to Morgan County, Illinois, and in 1827 came to Macoupin County. In 1832 he served three months in the Black Hawk War, under Capt. John Harris. He settled as a farmer in North Palmyra township, but was continually called upon to serve his fellow citizens in positions of trust and responsibility. In 1852 he was elected to the State Legislature; from 1857 to 1861, he served as county judge, at the close of this term being elected a member of the Constitutional

Convention. In 1870, he was elected to the State Senate from the North Palmyra district and served his constituency with wisdom and honor. A Mason of high degree, he was interred with the ceremonies of the order.

Dr. Smith is a member of the local medical organizations, and has been a Free Mason since 1851. In religious belief he is a Methodist.

ROBERT J. MITCHELL, M. D.

ROBERT J. MITCHELL, M. D., one of the oldest as also one of the most eminent physicians of Girard, Illinois, was born on a farm, near Lancaster, Schuyler County, Missouri, October 30, 1843, and is one of the three surviving children of Isaac and Sarah (Underwood) Mitchell.

Isaac Mitchell was born March 1, 1815, on his father's farm near Harby, Nottinghamshire, England, and was a son of Richard and Susanna (Clapman) Mitchell, the latter of whom died January 16, 1841. Of their 10 children, Isaac and William were the only ones to come to America. William located in Greene County, Illinois, and reared a family of five sons and two daughters. Isaac was the younger brother and he also located in Greene County, where he engaged in farm work and attended school. In 1841 he married Sarah Underwood, who was born in Harrison County, Kentucky, August 12, 1811, and was a daughter of Francis and Margaret (Jarvis) Underwood, the former of whom was born in Shropshire, England, August 9, 1767. He came to America as an officer in the British Army, but, never returning to his native land, settled in Kentucky and in 1799 married Margaret Jarvis. She was born October 9, 1784, and was a daughter of Robert and Mary Jarvis, natives of Dublin, Ireland, who settled first in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, moved then to Lafayette County, Kentucky, and died at Troy, Ohio. In 1839 Francis Underwood came to Illinois, settling on a farm seven miles west of Carrollton, where he purchased land which he converted into one of the fertile farms of that section, and there he died June 20, 1853, the death of his widow following on August 20, 1860. They reared four sons and five daughters. After his marriage, Isaac Mitchell removed to Missouri and was one of the pioneer settlers of Schuyler County.

His purchase of a squatter's claim was followed later by purchase from the government. A half-completed log cabin was finished by Mr. Mitchell, and there in the wilderness, threatened by Indians and visited by the wild creatures of the forests, this enterprising pioneer and his courageous young wife began domestic life. Conditions were hard, hardships were continual and deprivations of every kind were accepted as inevitable. In those days no railroads crossed the country, the nearest market was 75 miles distant, and the only means of transportation was up and down the Mississippi River, which then, as now, rolled its great yellow waters to the Gulf. Despite all drawbacks, Mr. Mitchell developed a good farm and reared children who have inherited his energy and perseverance, in addition to his admirable personal characteristics. Finally he decided to return to Illinois, in order to give these children better educational opportunities, and consequently he settled on a farm in Madison County, which he leased for eight years. In 1873 he retired to Girard, where he lived in comfort until his death. The four children of his family were: William F., a noted physician located at Lancaster, Missouri; John M., a gallant soldier in the Civil War, a member of the 21st Missouri Infantry, who died while in the service at Memphis, Tennessee; Robert J., of this sketch; and Mary J.

Dr. Mitchell completed his literary education at Shurtleff College, Upper Alton, Illinois, where he was graduated in 1869. His medical reading was pursued under the direction of his brother, Dr. William Mitchell, and he then entered Rush Medical College, at Chicago, where he was graduated with high honors in 1871. He immediately located at Girard, and is thus the second oldest physician and surgeon of the city. For some 14 months Dr. R. S. Cowan was associated with Dr. Mitchell, but with this exception the latter has practiced alone. In addition to the general line of practice, Dr. Mitchell has, through scientific study and experiment, made something of a specialty of diseases of the eye and ear, and his success in this particular line has added to an already eminent professional reputation. He has always been a close student and keeps thoroughly abreast of the times, taking advantage of membership in the American Medical Association, the Illinois State Medical Society, and the Macoupin County Medical Society. The last named organization, which is one of vast importance in the county, was organized by Dr. Mitchell, Dr. Cowan and a few others and reflects credit upon their progressiveness and their professional and philanthropic zeal.

Dr. Mitchell was married April 23, 1873, to Julia A. Bennion, who is the accomplished daughter of Randle Bennion, a native of Wales. Two daughters compose the household—Mabel and Anna V., who are favorites in Girard society. The family affiliate with the Baptist Church.

Politically Dr. Mitchell is a Democrat. He has served on the city council and as a member of the Board of Education, and has been active in promoting sanitary measures in the city. Fraternally he is a Free Mason, belonging to Girard Lodge, No. 171, A. F. & A. M., and Chapter No. 132, R. A. M. Professionally, socially and publicly, Dr. Mitchell is one of the representative men of Girard.



HON. EDWARD C. KNOTTS.

HON. EDWARD C. KNOTTS, one of the prominent lawyers of Macoupin county and a citizen of Carlinville, was born on a farm in Sangamon county, Illinois, in 1863, and comes of old Virginia and Kentucky ancestry.

At the age of 17 years, he entered Blackburn University and later graduated from Knox College, at Galesburg, Illinois. After leaving college, he was employed for about two years as a newspaper writer, and then returned to Macoupin county and taught school for a period of three years, during which period he also studied law. In 1889 he was admitted to the bar of Illinois and opened an office at Girard, where he remained until 1903, when he removed to Carlinville. In 1892 he was elected to the office of State's Attorney of Macoupin county and during his term of office distinguished himself as a fearless and forceful prosecutor. From 1893 to 1895 he held the office of mayor of Girard, and won an enviable reputation by his strict adherence to official duty. At the September term of the circuit court, 1903, he was appointed to the office of Master in Chancery of Macoupin county, by Judge Robert B. Shirley, for a term of two years, and his conduct in such office is characteristic of the man,—honest, industrious, careful and fearless.

Mr. Knotts is a very active and effective worker in the ranks of the Democratic party in the county, and is generally regarded by his party associates as one of the best campaign speakers in the State. Though active in politics, he has never been an office seeker, and such offices as he has held have come to him in recognition of his party service and eminent fitness.

He is the senior member of the law firm of Knotts & Terry, and is especially strong in trials before juries. It may be truly said of Mr. Knotts that he is a self-made man, for he earned the means by farm labor with which to educate himself, and then taught school to sustain himself while reading law.

JOHN F. AHRENS.

JOHN F. AHRENS, a prominent and respected citizen of Gillespie, Macoupin County, where he is postmaster, was born at Staunton, this county, March 16, 1855, and is a son of Peter J. and Maria M. (Ruther) Ahrens.

Peter J. Ahrens was born in Germany about 1826, and came to America in 1848, a poor boy seeking his fortune. He was educated in the German schools and after coming to this country learned the English language. He engaged in a mercantile business at Staunton, Illinois, until 1856, and then retired to a farm until 1861, in which year he resumed his former business at Staunton which he continued until he permanently retired in 1890, selling his business to his son, John F. Mr. Ahrens was a very strong supporter of the Republican party and was one of the party's three adherents in the town at the time he settled in Staunton. He was a man of such upright character that his fellow citizens elected him to office on many occasions and he served as justice of the peace for two terms, for 16 years was township treasurer and for 15 years was a member of the School Board. He was prominent also in religious matters and belonged to the Methodist Church, to which he was a liberal contributor and of which he was a regular attendant. At the time of his demise, April 10, 1901, he left a large estate which he had accumulated through his own efforts. He married Maria M. Ruther, who was born near Hanover, Germany, and came with her parents to Illinois. They had 10 children born to them, the six survivors being: John F.; Mrs. Christine Golightly of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; George C., connected with the Wabash Railroad at St. Louis, Missouri; Karl W., of Gillespie, Macoupin County; Fannie L., who is attending a commercial college at St. Louis, Missouri; and Rosa L., also a student in a business college at St. Louis, who had been connected with the Gillespie post office for four years. The mother of this family died

in 1902, at the age of 66 years. She was a consistent member of the Methodist Church, and a woman of most beautiful, amiable character.

John F. Ahrens completed the common school course and had an ambition to go to college, which his father, needing his services at home, could not gratify at that time. He assisted in the store and then spent 10 years on the farm, two years in an elevator business and several years in insurance and other lines, and purchased his father's mercantile business in 1890. Prior to this he had served four years as deputy-sheriff under Sheriff Davenport. In politics he has always been actively identified with the Republican party and has faithfully served in local offices, at present being chairman of the street commissioners of Gillespie. For 12 years he was a notary public, and since October, 1898, he has been the popular postmaster of Gillespie. Fraternally Mr. Ahrens is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America and the Knights of Pythias. He is unmarried.



CAPT. REUBEN O. WOOD.

CAPT. REUBEN O. WOOD, one of the leading and most substantial farmers of Macoupin County, residing on what was his deceased father's home farm, consisting of 330 acres, situated in sections 16, 17, 20 and 21, Bunker Hill township, was born on this farm, November 30, 1845. He is a son of Jonathan L. and Aurora B. (Foster) Wood.

Many of the old families of Macoupin County have interesting histories in the records of the lives of their ancestors, who have taken prominent parts in the affairs of their times. Such is the case with the Wood family. Our subject's great-grandfather, Samuel Wood, was born in England and came to America in 1754, during the progress of the French and Indian War and was with General Washington at Fort Duquesne and fought under the same commander in the Revolutionary War; tradition says that at one time he was Washington's private secretary. After the close of the war, he lived for a number of years in Loudoun County, Virginia, later removed to North Carolina and thence to Washington County, Tennessee, which he probably helped

to organize, as he was one of its earliest justices of the peace, holding his first court at Jonesboro, the county seat. His children were: William, James, Samuel, Thomas, Abram, George and John.

Thomas Wood, grandfather of our subject, was born in Loudoun County, Virginia, in 1779, moved to Kentucky in 1805, and later made a prospecting trip to Illinois, where he entered land. Before he could settle here, however, he died, in 1835, aged 55 years. Thus Macoupin County lost a pioneer of more than usual worth, a man of substance and of temperance and industry. He loyally assisted General Jackson in the preparations for the battle of New Orleans in 1815, helping to dig the saltpetre used for the manufacture of the powder which made the old rifles of the Kentucky and Tennessee troops do such effective work. He married Mary Bayless, who was born in North Carolina, and they had three sons and four daughters born to them, namely: Jonathan L., Reuben B., William, Mrs. Annie Cross, Mrs. Margaret Campbell, Mrs. Mary Reneau and Mrs. Meriba Ewing.

All of the sons and daughters of Thomas Wood or their descendants remained in the South except Jonathan L. Wood, father of our subject, who was born in Washington County, Tennessee, January 18, 1803, and removed with his parents to Cumberland County, Kentucky, when two years of age, remaining there until 26 years old. In 1829 he came to Illinois, and followed his trade of millwright and wagonmaker at Edwardsville, Madison County, for one year and in the spring of 1830 entered 80 acres of land in Bunker Hill township, Macoupin County. He later increased his holdings by another tract of 120 acres and subsequently added other tracts. Prior to settling down to work, he spent one year at his books, in Shurtleff College, at Upper Alton, and then entered into an eight-year contract, from 1832 to 1840, with Elijah Lincoln, a noted "boss" millwright and contractor, and with him assisted in the building of some of the largest mills in Central and Southern Illinois. In 1840 he moved to the present Wood homestead and built a wagonmaking shop, which still stands, with the old tools. Mr. Wood married shortly after and spent the remainder of his life principally in farming, and died here in 1887. Until 1856 he was a Democrat, but as the party departed from its old ideals, he saw more hope for the country in the Republican party then coming to the front, and used his influence in assisting in its organization and until the close of his life voted its ticket. He belonged to the old State militia, and held a number of the township offices, being a man of more liberal education than

many of his associates. He was a member of the Woodburn Baptist Church. He was married December 5, 1840, to Aurora B. Foster, who was born in Oxford County, Maine, September 5, 1811, and now resides with our subject at the advanced age of 92 years, the object of much tender care. She recalls the journey made when she was seven years of age, in 1819, when her father settled at Alton, Illinois, and of taking dinner at Edwardsville, on Washington's birthday, in 1819. Her father drove by carriage the distance from Maine to Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, where the family embarked with entire outfit on a flat-boat, which took them to Shawneetown, Illinois, where they arrived in January, 1819. Her parents were Oliver and Hannah (Eldred) Foster, the former of whom was born in New Hampshire, and the latter at Plymouth, Massachusetts. Both died at Fosterburg, Madison County, a town named in honor of Oliver Foster. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Foster were: Emira, Mary, Aurora B., Lenora, Rosaviva, Oliver P., Alonzo, Eldred J., Monroe and Micah. The last named makes his home with our subject; he has had an adventurous life, having been lost to the family for some 45 years. He crossed the plains in 1859 to Pike's Peak, Colorado, and engaged in freighting and mining and afterward in ranching in California and Arizona, in the last mentioned occupation being much annoyed by the depredations of prowling Indians. Finally he began to long for his kindred and communicated with them in May, 1903, resulting in his coming home and finding a welcome from his two aged sisters, and other relatives that still survive.

Our subject was reared on the home farm and attended the local schools. During the progress of the Civil War, when he was 19 years of age, on May 12, 1864, he enlisted in Company F, 133rd Reg., Illinois Vol. Inf., under Capt. G. W. Dugger, and his first term of service was spent in doing garrison duty, guarding prisoners of war, at Rock Island, Illinois. In 1865 he reenlisted in Company G, 150th Reg., Illinois Vol. Inf., under Capt. John W. Swift, was sent to the Army of the Cumberland, then in Tennessee and Georgia, and was mustered out at Atlanta, Georgia, in January, 1866. His regiment was continued in service in the South during the reign of martial law, when the services of the soldiers were necessary for a time to establish order.

After his return, Captain Wood attended the local schools again for a season and then entered the State University at Urbana, Champaign County, Illinois, where he was graduated with honors in 1872, having taken the agricultural and military courses of instruction, by reason of which he was com-

missioned a captain in the Illinois State militia. Since then he has continued on the farm. He manages a body of land which is well tilled, and all of it is scientifically managed.

In 1880 Captain Wood married Eliza J. Howell, who was born in Madison County, Illinois, and is a daughter of Benjamin S. and Rose Ann (Silvers) Howell, both of whom were born in New Jersey and came to Madison County in 1835, and died at Woodburn. Captain Wood's only brother, T. Granville Wood, died in November, 1901, leaving four children—Mrs. Hannah Elliot, of Moberly, Missouri; and Fred R., Edna and Inez, who live with our subject—who will inherit an undivided one-half interest in their grandfather's estate.

Captain Wood is a Republican in his political belief and has frequently been called upon to fill township offices. He has been township assessor and justice of the peace and has also served on the School Board. He takes great interest in the affairs of the Grand Army of the Republic, and belongs to J. M. Hubbard Post, No. 721, Department of Illinois, at Bunker Hill, and at the present time is serving as quartermaster of the post.



STEPHEN T. CARMODY.

STEPHEN T. CARMODY, one of the large farmers and representative citizens of South Otter township, Macoupin County, resides on his fine farm of 220 acres in section 20, upon which he has placed many substantial improvements. He was born December 25, 1861, in Greene County, Illinois, and is a son of Thomas P. and Margaret (Malone) Carmody.

The parents of our subject were both born in Ireland, coming to America about 1850. They married in Greene County, Illinois, but in 1864 Mr. Carmody purchased the farm upon which his son now resides. He became a man of wealth and was prominent both in politics and the church. At the time of his death, his land aggregated 700 acres, of which Mr. Carmody of this sketch owns 220 acres and the balance is divided with his brothers and sisters. Thomas P. Carmody died in 1890, aged 70 years. His widow, aged 67 years, still survives.

In 1891, our subject married Alice Pocklington, who is a daughter of Martin and Maria (Brennan) Pocklington, the former of whom was a well known business man of Carlinville, where he carried on a livery business for years. His death occurred in 1871, at the age of 60 years, at St. Louis, Missouri. He is survived by his estimable widow, now in her 73d year, a resident of our subject's household. Two children, a son and daughter, have been born to this marriage: Stephen Eugene, born in 1899; and Catherine Madeline, born in April, 1901.

Mr. Carmody belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America. In politics he is a Democrat. He is a consistent member of the Catholic Church.

The family is well known throughout South Otter township and is much respected. In addition to being a capital farmer, Mr. Carmody is a progressive and enterprising citizen.

CLARENCE GRIMMETT.

CLARENCE GRIMMETT, one of the leading business citizens of Palmyra, Macoupin County, and senior member of the mercantile firm of Grimmett & Waters, was born in North Otter township, Macoupin County, Illinois, in 1876, and is a son of Huson and Julia (Almond) Grimmett.

The father of our subject was born in Eastern Tennessee and was a son of John C. and Martha (Huson) Grimmett, who came to Illinois and settled in Macoupin County in 1850, some years prior to the Civil War. John C. Grimmett purchased the farm in North Otter township, where his grandson was born. He served three years in the Civil War in Company E, 122nd Reg., Illinois Vol. Inf., and was twice wounded. Six children were born to his union with Martha Huson and three to his union with Elizabeth Lair.

Clarence Grimmett obtained his education at Mount Moriah, in Scottville township, Macoupin County, and at the Palmyra High School, completing it at Bushnell, Illinois. He then engaged in school teaching and followed the profession with much success for three years, mainly in North Palmyra township. On September 6, 1899, he embarked in business, opening

a store for the sale of groceries and queensware, at Palmyra, which he managed alone until October 1, 1902, when he admitted J. G. Waters into partnership. This has become one of the strongest mercantile houses in Palmyra, its success being the result of the ability and enterprise of the two partners and the honorable methods they have pursued. They carry a large and varied stock, selected with care and a desire to meet the demands of the community, and their constantly expanding trade shows the confidence and good will of their fellow citizens.

Mr. Grimmett is fraternally connected with the Masons, Order of the Eastern Star, Knights of Pythias, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Loyal Americans. Both he and his partner are prominent members of the social organization known as the Bachelor Club. In politics he is identified with the Republican party. For eight years he has been a member of the Methodist Church. He has shown sound judgment as a business man and possesses personal attributes which attract friendship and make him popular with his fellow citizens.



ROBERT S. COWAN, M. D.

The high professional standing as well as the long residence and excellent citizenship of Dr. Robert S. Cowan combine to make of him one of the leading and representative men of Girard, Illinois, which has been his home since 1869. Dr. Cowan was born March 9, 1833, in Sullivan County, Tennessee, and is a son of Hon. George R. and Mary (May) Cowan.

Dr. Cowan comes of Revolutionary ancestry, and his family has been frequently distinguished in military life. Robert Cowan, his paternal grandfather, fought under General Washington and belonged to that daring body of patriots who crossed the Delaware on that winter night and attacked and routed the Hessian force. After the close of the Revolutionary War, he settled in Virginia, but removed later to the more genial climate of Tennessee, and died on his plantations there. His wife, Mary Rutledge, was of South Carolina birth and became the mother of five sons: James, Andrew, William, George R. and John, the first three of these winning military laurels under General Jackson at the battle of New Orleans in 1812.

Hon. George R. Cowan, father of Dr. Cowan, was reared in Tennessee and there married Mary May, who was born in that State and was a daughter of Dr. Samuel and Katherine (Shelby) May, the former of whom was an eminent physician in his day. In his youth Judge Cowan learned the tanning business which he conducted for some years at Paperville, Sullivan County, Tennessee, where he also had an interest in a paper mill and in other manufacturing enterprises. Later he became imbued with the pioneering spirit, which is responsible for the settlement and civilization of every portion of our country. In 1838 he went to Missouri, accompanied by his wife and six children. The preparations for such a move seem to us, to-day, with convenience and luxury on every hand, very formidable, and excite our admiration for the courage and boldness with which our pioneer ancestors faced unknown conditions. Judge Cowan first transported his family and household, which included his slaves and cattle, to a flat-boat on which they floated down the Holston River to its junction with the Ohio. There they boarded a river steamboat which conveyed them to the Missouri River, up which they advanced until they reached Booneville, Missouri. They selected Polk County as a place of settlement and there and in other contiguous counties, Judge Cowan entered large tracts of land which he improved and upon which he resided for some years. He did not escape some of the lawlessness which long prevailed in some parts of the border, and he finally disposed of his holdings in Polk County and removed to St. Clair County, where he also owned land, and there he lived until 1854. He was made Probate judge of Polk County, Missouri, and served as such with distinction until the changed conditions induced by the outbreak of the Civil War caused him to retire from public functions. His death took place at the home of a daughter, at Sarcoux, Jasper County, Missouri, January 1, 1874, the death of his wife having occurred September 10, 1852, in St. Clair County. The six children of the family were: Catherine, George, Nancy, Robert S., Mary and Salina.

Robert S. Cowan was an infant when his parents settled in Missouri, and his boyhood was spent in pioneer surroundings. One of the great disadvantages incident to settlement in remote regions was the lack of educational facilities for the children, and intelligent parents were continually concerned on this account. Judge Cowan endeavored to overcome this trouble by building a school house on his own property, and engaging a teacher to take charge of the educating of his little flock. There the eminent subject of this

biography acquired his early education, which he completed at Ebenezer College, a Methodist school of note. In 1854 he began the study of medicine under Dr. Bowles, a noted physician of Boston, Massachusetts, and was graduated at Pope College, St. Louis, in 1858. He settled first in Dade County and later in Newton County, Missouri, where he was engaged in practice upon the outbreak of the Civil War. He proffered his services and was accepted as assistant surgeon, later being made surgeon of the 3rd Missouri Cavalry, under General Price of the Confederate Army, and serving with the greatest efficiency and devotion for three years. After six months spent in Mexico, he resided in New Orleans until 1865. Coming North, Dr. Cowan located at the village of Nilwood, Macoupin County, Illinois, but in 1869 he located permanently at Girard, which has been his home ever since. In 1874 he entered into partnership with Dr. Robert J. Mitchell, but this business association was discontinued, with mutual esteem, 14 months later.

In 1854 Dr. Cowan was married to Elizabeth Weir, who is a daughter of Rev. Samuel and Mary (Stevens) Weir, the former of whom was a prominent clergyman of the Methodist Church. The children of this union are: George R., a practicing physician of reputation at Joliet, Illinois, a graduate of the St. Louis Medical College, and his father's associate until the spring of 1903; Mrs. Edward McCoy of Springfield; and Mrs. Grant Adams and Mrs. Edward V. Way, both of Macoupin County.



HOWELL M. DORSEY.

HOWELL M. DORSEY, one of the extensive farmers of Macoupin County, owning a farm of 620 acres in sections 35 and 36, Gillespie township, 80 acres in Dorchester township and a one-half interest in a tract of 87½ acres in Cahokia township, was born in Gillespie township, January 29, 1866. He is a son of William Montjoy and Henrietta (Green) Dorsey.

The Dorsey family is a prominent one in Macoupin County, and has numerous members. William Montjoy Dorsey was one of the 13 children of Elias Dorsey, and was born in Jefferson County, Kentucky, October 8, 1823. He came to Macoupin County, Illinois, with his brother, Benjamin L.,

and engaged in farming and stock raising on land which had been entered by their father, who owned some 4,000 acres of land in Cahokia township, on the site of the present coal town of Beld. After his marriage in 1855, the brothers dissolved their partnership, but William continued to operate a large stock farm until 1867, when he removed to Bunker Hill, where he led a retired life until his death March 13, 1902. The Dorsey family has been noted for its devotion to the Democratic party and, no less so, to the Episcopal Church.

William Montjoy Dorsey was a man of considerable literary ability and enjoyed his favorite books by his own fire side, in the midst of his family to whom he was devotedly attached. He was a great lover of Nature and enjoyed beautiful landscapes and flowers of all kinds. At Bunker Hill he married Henrietta Green, who was born in Westchester County, New York, August 4, 1828, and was a daughter of Capt. Stephen and Letitia (Quick) Green, both natives of that county. Samuel Green, father of Captain Green, was a member of the famous Revolutionary family of the name. For many years Captain Green followed the sea. Our subject's mother died at Bunker Hill, March 30, 1898, a woman of great force of character and of unusual intellectual strength.

Howell M. Dorsey has always resided in Macoupin County, his absence being only during his collegiate course at Jacksonville, after completing his academic studies at Bunker Hill. After his marriage he took possession of his present large farm and has been extensively engaged since then in general farming and stock raising, his large operations in the latter line causing his place to be given the name of the "Mont Clare Stock Farm." He raises thoroughbred draft and driving horses, keeping 20 head and has 60 head of Durham and Shorthorn cattle, 60 head of Poland-China hogs and 50 head of Cotswold sheep. In addition to raising large crops of wheat, corn, oats and hay, he has a productive, carefully tended orchard of 200 apple and 100 pear trees.

On December 12, 1888, Mr. Dorsey was married to Christine Stookey, who was born at Belleville, Illinois, May 5, 1867, and is a daughter of Simon J. and Sophia J. (Richmond) Stookey. During the Civil War, Simon J. Stookey was a captain in the service. He was born August 5, 1827, in St. Clair County, Illinois, and he died in Missouri, October 24, 1874. His wife was born March 16, 1840, in London, England, and died at Belleville, June 25, 1874. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Dorsey: Clare

Louise; William Montjoy; and Albert Howell, all born in the home where their grandparents first went to housekeeping.

In both religion and politics, Mr. Dorsey follows the family principles. He is a man held in very high esteem in his section, and is a representative member of an honorable old family.



ASAPH H. BARNES, D. D. S.

Among the leading professional men of Girard, Illinois, is Dr. Asaph H. Barnes, who is the oldest resident dental surgeon in the city and possibly in the county. In addition he is one of the most highly esteemed and public spirited citizens. Dr. Barnes was born September 8, 1840, near Greenfield, New Hampshire, being one of a family of 10 children born to Nathan and Sarah (Evans) Barnes.

Although Dr. Barnes comes of agricultural ancestry, his forefathers having been prosperous farmers in his native State for generations, he very early in life evinced a leaning to the profession in which he has attained such success. After completing the common school course, at the age of 17 years he obtained his father's permission to leave the farm and enter the office of a local dentist. There he took advantage of every opportunity to read, study and observe concerning the science in which he was so much interested, and thus, more from natural aptness than from any teaching, he acquired the knowledge and skill which enabled him, in 1860, to begin practice at Bunker Hill, Macoupin County, Illinois. After one year during which he had met with success and had secured the confidence of the public, he entered the army, enlisting as a private in Company A, 97th Reg., Illinois Vol. Inf., 2nd Brigade, 2nd Division, 13th Army Corps, Army of the Tennessee, under Col. Victor Viiquin. He served through three years and was honorably discharged July 29, 1865, after participating in eight serious battles and enduring the hardships of continual campaigning. A wound he received in the vicinity of Algiers, opposite New Orleans, has given him trouble at various times since, causing him to resign his practice in 1870 and spend a year in an open air life as a farmer, with considerable profit to his health. Dr. Barnes returned to

Bunker Hill after the war and resumed his practice until 1870 when he went on the farm, as noted, in Mason County, where he farmed until 1871 and then practiced dentistry until October, 1875, when he removed to Girard. He purchased a home here, within a half block of the public square, and fitted up offices in his residence.

Dr. Barnes was married October 16, 1868, to Mary M. Lancaster, a daughter of the late Francis Lancaster, who was one of the most prominent farmers and citizens of Macoupin County, and who died in November, 1895, aged 82 years. Mrs. Lancaster died in May, 1882, aged 69 years. The Lancaster family is socially a prominent one and has been a factor in the county since its first settlement. Dr. and Mrs. Barnes have three daughters, all comfortably settled in homes of their own, viz: Lulu M., wife of Charles G. Woods, of St. Louis, Missouri; Augusta P., wife of James Garretson of Macoupin County; and Minnie M., wife of Charles P. Gibson, also of Macoupin County. Mrs. Barnes is a valued member of the Christian Church, but the genial Doctor was reared in the Methodist faith.

Although not an active politician, Dr. Barnes throws all his influence in the direction of the Prohibition party. His membership in Luke Mayfield Post, No. 516, Grand Army of the Republic, is a congenial one, and there he meets comrades of other days who, like himself, did battle for a country in which they still feel an interest which can not be excelled by the younger generation. Dr. Barnes is considered one of the most successful practitioners of dental surgery in this part of the State. The family is one of social prominence and his home is a center of hospitality.



WILLIAM JAMES DONAHUE, M. D.

WILLIAM JAMES DONAHUE, M. D., the leading physician and surgeon of Hilyard township, Macoupin County, located in the village of Plainview, is prominently identified in political, business and social circles of his county. He was born at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, April 7, 1857, and is a son of James and Sarah (Boyle) Donahue.

James Donahue, the father of our subject, was born in County Derry,

Ireland, August 1, 1829, and came to America in 1849, locating at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Mr. Donahue now resides on his farm in Hilyard township, Macoupin County, and holds a high position among the prominent agriculturists of this county. He was married to Sarah Boyle, who was also a native of County Derry, Ireland. Mrs. Donahue died here in 1888, having reached the age of 57 years. She was survived by her husband and eight children, the sons and daughters being named as follows: Mary (Maher), who resides at Bunker Hill, Illinois; William J., whose name heads this brief notice; Jennie (Morrison), a resident of Hilyard township; Sarah (Baird), of Hilyard township; Fannie (Dey), a resident of Hilyard township; Martha (Faragher), who resides in St. Louis, Missouri; Arthur B., who resides at Pekin, Illinois, and who is employed in a distillery there; and Robert J., who is a school teacher in Hilyard township.

William James Donahue was three years of age when his parents removed from his birthplace to Boonton, New Jersey, where they lived two years, and then came to Macoupin County, Illinois and here our subject has remained ever since. Dr. Donahue spent his boyhood days on his father's farm, attending the common schools of the district. Later he went to Valparaiso, Indiana, and attended the State Normal School, graduating in 1882. Dr. Donahue then took up the study of medicine in the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Chicago, attending in the years 1882 and 1883. Returning home, he engaged as a school teacher, and continued in that occupation until 1893, after which he was engaged in farm work for three years. Entering Barnes Medical College at St. Louis, Missouri, after two years of study, he received his degree of M. D. in 1898. After his graduation he located at Plainview and has since practiced his chosen profession, enjoying a large and lucrative practice among the citizens of his township. In fraternal circles, Dr. Donahue is a Mason, being master of the lodge at Plainview and a member of the chapter at Carlinville. He is also a member of the Court of Honor, Modern Woodmen of America, Mutual Protective League, being examining physician for the three mutual benefit insurance societies just named. He is a member of the Macoupin County and Illinois State Medical Societies. Politically, Dr. Donahue is a strong upholder of Republican principles, and takes an active interest in the political affairs of his township, having held nearly all the offices. At present he is serving as treasurer, a position he has held for the past five years. He was chairman of the last Macoupin County Republican Convention and secured the endorsement of the convention for

his nomination as minority Representative. Dr. Donahue is also a member of the Macoupin County Republican Central Committee.

Dr. Donahue was married June 19, 1888, to Emma Dey, a native of Hilyard township, and a daughter of William and Susan Dey. They are the parents of three children, namely: Jamie C., Edna and Earl. Dr. Donahue and family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

HUGH F. LOVELESS.

HUGH F. LOVELESS, one of the prominent and substantial farmers of Bird township, Macoupin County, who owns a very productive farm of 510 acres, situated in section 26, was born in Bird township in 1843. He is a son of William and Jane (Bell) Loveless.

The parents of Mr. Loveless were both born in Tennessee, the father being a native of Blount County and the mother of Knox County. They resided in their native State until 1841, when they came as pioneers into Macoupin County, settling in section 8, Bird township. Here Mr. Loveless cleared up a fine farm, reared a large family and became one of the reliable, substantial men of his time in the locality. His useful life was prolonged to the age of 93 years, his death occurring July 9, 1900. His wife died December 1, 1881, when in her 71st year. They reared a family of 12 children, nine of whom survive them, those now living being John H., Samuel L., Zeddock, William J., George W., Hugh, Mary A., Marion F. and Charles M.

Hugh F. Loveless obtained his education in the common schools of Macoupin County, and he remained on the homestead farm until his marriage. This took place March 3, 1864, at St. Louis, Missouri, to Sarah A. Sells. Mrs. Loveless was born in Western Mound township, Macoupin County, May 3, 1847, the fifth member of a family of nine children born to Michael and Sarah (Brown) Sells. Mr. Sells was born in Pennsylvania and his wife in Virginia. Prior to coming to Macoupin County they had resided in Indiana. At the time of their location in the county, pioneer conditions still existed. They located first in Western Mound township, removing in 1864 to Bird

township and later to Nilwood township, where Mr. Sells died June 22, 1886, his widow surviving him until December 4, 1898.

Mr. and Mrs. Loveless have had four children, namely: Albert, born January 9, 1865, who has reared two children—Vena O, born June 26, 1889, and Sadie C., born August 10, 1891; Edgar L., born March 10, 1872, who died July 24, 1876; Francis F., born May 28, 1879, who married Jessie I. Arnett, born July 9, 1879, who is a daughter of John Arnett a prominent farmer of Bird township; and Cora F., born April 18, 1881, who resides with her parents.

Mr. Loveless has made a success of his agricultural enterprises and for a number of years has been considered one of the leading farmers of his locality. His large estate has been accumulated by his own energy and ability and is a valuable piece of property. In the near future Mr. Loveless plans to remove to Carlinville and to delegate the operation of the farm to others. For several terms he has served as school director and at present is a school trustee of his district. In politics Mr. Loveless is identified with the Democratic party. In religious views he is a Baptist, a member of the congregation of Shiloh Church. Mr. Loveless is a man of standing in his neighborhood, thoroughly respected for his upright character.



FRANK D. ALLEN.

FRANK D. ALLEN, junior member of the well known business firm of Bowersox & Allen, of Girard, Illinois, dealers in clothing and gents' furnishing goods, is one of the enterprising citizens of the northeastern section of Macoupin County. Mr. Allen was born January 3, 1865, and is one of a family of three children born to his parents, Jesse L. and Rebecca (Morrow) Allen.

Jesse L. Allen was born in Greene County, Illinois, as was his son. There he followed a milling business for a number of years and then engaged in a grocery business. He now lives retired.

Our subject was educated in the public schools and was only 13 years of age when he started out for himself, becoming a clerk in the dry goods house

of Atwater & Pratt. He remained with this firm until 1884, when he made a trip to the West, where he remained two years; upon his return he settled at Waverly, from which point he later moved to Girard, to become manager of the Eureka Mercantile Company. He continued in this position until 1896, when he engaged in business in Chicago for a year. In October, 1897, he returned to Girard. His father-in-law, H. Carr of the firm of Carr & Bowersox, dying in November of that year, Mr. Allen took charge of the Carr interests and finally in February, 1901, he bought a half interest in the business and has been an active member of the firm ever since. In the line of clothing and gents' furnishings, this house carries a very large and well selected stock which is noted for its completeness in every particular.

In politics Mr. Allen is a Democrat in national affairs, but in local matters he votes according to his judgment. In 1900 he was elected a city alderman, and was re-elected in 1902. He is one of the progressive, public-spirited men of the city.

On November 15, 1895, Mr. Allen was united in marriage with Eva Carr, who is a daughter of the late Henry Carr, who died October 27, 1897. Mr. Carr was a very prominent citizen. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Allen, the one survivor being Vera, who was born May 20, 1902.

Fraternally, Mr. Allen is identified with Waverly Lodge, Knights of Pythias.



HENRY K. YOUNG.

HENRY K. YOUNG, one of the most progressive business men of Macoupin County is prominently identified with the leading contractors of his county and also operates a large planing mill at Girard. He was born September 24, 1851, in Pennsylvania, and is one of a family of 11 children born to John and Susan (Kaufman) Young. John Young was also a native of Pennsylvania, where he followed trucking with successful results.

Henry K. Young came to Macoupin County in 1879 and engaged in the contracting business. Proving very successful at that occupation and accumulating sufficient money, he built a planing mill at a cost of \$2,500, which was built according to modern methods and fitted with the best machinery. Mr.

Young has almost continuously operated this mill since he built it and at present employs three men, doing general contracting work. Politically he is a member of the Republican party.

Mr. Young was united in marriage to Susan Hershey and 13 children were born to them. Mr. and Mrs. Young are prominent in the social circles of their community.



WILLIAM SCHELB, SR.

WILLIAM SCHELB, SR., of Girard, Illinois, whose long and honorable business record, and whose many years of faithful service in the city's public life, entitle him to be considered a thoroughly representative citizen, was born December 26, 1832, in the town of Zachringen, Grand Duchy of Baden, Germany. He is the only surviving son of Philip and Theresia Schelb. The father was a wholesale merchant for many years and prominent in the political and social circles of the grand duchy, where his death took place in 1864.

According to the provisions of the German law, young Schelb was placed in school at the age of six years and remained there until he reached the age of 14 years. His parents were strong Catholics as were all the people of that section of the country, and it was their desire that William should be a Catholic priest and he was accordingly sent in the spring of 1846 to the archbishop at the city of Freiburg for his theological education. At the outbreak of the revolution in the year 1848 in Baden and some of the other States, the seminary was closed and young Schelb returned home. The father at that time was a member of the Legislature and with a party that was not in harmony with the revolutionary party and was forced to leave his home and seek safety in Switzerland. William being at home at that time went with his father and it was there, away from the strong church influence and among philosophers, free men and free thinkers, that he too breathed the air of investigation and since then has allowed no man or set of men to do his thinking. Filled with the love of liberty and independence, it was his desire to learn a trade and accordingly he was taken by an old friend of his father, who was a very fine artist, to learn the painter's trade. The contract was for two years and he was to receive, besides instruction, his board and \$50 in money. At the expiration of the two years he remained with this

man for another year for which he received good pay. He returned home in the year 1851 and after some three months rest he traveled and hunted for work; finding it with but little trouble, he worked for over two years in the city of Weinheim, Baden. By the German rule he entered the regular army in April, 1853, at the age of 20 years, in the Jager Battalion and remained in the army seven years or until April, 1860. During this period he was advanced to the rank of orderly sergeant, and on two occasions received medals of gold and silver for his services and many times good prizes for fine shooting. Resigning his commission as orderly sergeant, he followed his trade as carriage painter and entered the State railroad shops at Carlsruhe as manager of the car painters and remained there for eight years.

In October, 1858, Mr. Schelb was united in wedlock with Christina Kuebler, who was born in Unterderdingan, Kingdom of Wurtemberg, a daughter of William Kuebler. Mr. Schelb came to America in the year 1868 and located in Girard, Illinois, where he had a brother-in-law. His family at that time consisted of his wife and three children—one daughter and two sons: Lena, William, Jr., and Adolph Robert. Later, in 1870, a son was born to them in this country—Ernest F. In August, 1880, Adolph Robert died at the age of 16 years. Lena Schelb married the late Fred G. Storz, of Girard, a sketch of whom will be found in this work. The two surviving sons, William, Jr., and Ernest F., now carry on the painting business that was established by their father and which was left to them on his retirement a short time ago. Mrs. Schelb is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and the children were all christened in that church.

Mr. Schelb cast his first vote for General U. S. Grant for President but ever since he has been a strict Democrat. He is a member in high standing in Girard Lodge, No. 192, I. O. O. F., and has several times been its representative in the Grand Lodge. He is also a member of the Encampment and is the present representative in the Grand Encampment, I. O. O. F. He was also honored by his brother Odd Fellows with a veteran's jewel, which is for his membership of more than 25 years in good standing in his order and for the good work he had done for it. He was elected and served as village trustee of Girard and after it became a city he was elected and served for eight years in the Board of Aldermen. Resigning that position, he was elected for a two-years term as city treasurer.

Working at his trade in this country, he was a contractor for house painting and for 36 years conducted a shop where he did carriage, wagon,

sign and other fine painting. He closed this successful career as a painter on January 5, 1904, when at the age of 71 years he retired and turned the business over to his two sons, who are now conducting the business.

Mr. Schelb is one of the largest real estate owners in Girard and is, in fact, considered one of the capitalists of Macoupin County. His residence in Girard is one of the handsomest and is also one of the most hospitable, for both Mr. and Mrs. Schelb have a wide circle of warm friends. Mr. Schelb, although about 72 years of age, seems hale and hearty and gives promise of many years of usefulness as a citizen and public benefactor, as in his lodges and in his home city his advice and assistance are sought by his brothers and fellowmen.



WALTER B. RICHMOND.

WALTER B. RICHMOND, who was born October 17, 1846, in Jacksonville, Morgan County, Illinois, is a son of Henry and Charlotte B. (Crane) Richmond and a grandson of Jonathan and Barbara (Burgett) Richmond. John Richmond, the father of Jonathan, was a native of Pennsylvania. His family consisted of six children, namely: Elinor; Levi; Jonathan; John; Margaret; and Henry. Jonathan Richmond moved to the State of Ohio where he married Barbara Burgett and they were among those hardy pioneers who braved untold privations and perils among the cruel and inhuman red men to assist in carving that noble State from the wild and barbarous condition in which it then existed. Among the brave lives sacrificed before this mission was accomplished was that of Martin Burgett, the father of Barbara, who, with two other white men, was surprised by the Indians on April 25, 1792. The two companions were shot and instantly killed and Burgett was wounded but rather than fall a captive to the savages or suffer them to carry his scalp as a trophy of victory, he jumped into the Miami River and was drowned. He came from Kentucky and it was in that State that Barbara was born in 1744. She died in 1844 in Butler County, Ohio, at the age of 100 years. The children of Jonathan and Barbara Richmond were: Levi, Elizabeth, Simeon, Margaret, John, Mary, Henry, Martin, Jonathan and George.

Henry Richmond was born in Millville, Butler County, Ohio, May 1, 1818, and learned the trade of a cabinet-maker at Rossville, that county. He was married October 24, 1841, to Charlotte B. Crane and three years later moved to Illinois, first locating in Morgan County. In 1847 he moved with his family to Montgomery County, where he became prominently identified with the growth of the community. Here he carried on farming but also continued to work at his trade and as late as the year 1860 he was called upon to make the coffins and take charge of the funerals for miles around. He erected many houses in Montgomery County, adding carpentering to his trade of cabinet-maker, and was known as a reliable, conscientious workman. That he stood high in the opinion of his neighbors was shown by the confidence reposed in him—a confidence that was never betrayed. He was the first postmaster of Butler; served as enrolling officer during the Civil War; was justice of the peace for many years and represented his district in the Legislature. He was a man of uprightness and honor who refused to profit at the expense of another, a characteristic repeatedly demonstrated in his office of justice of the peace. When two belligerent neighbors came to him to settle their troubles in court, instead of taking advantage of their determination to take the law to each other (and thereby pocketing a fee), he always counselled an amicable settlement and by far the greater number of his cases were settled out of court and no charge made by him in his office of peace-maker. He was a prominent Odd Fellow and one of the charter members of the lodge of that order organized in Hillsboro in 1849. In 1875 he moved to Litchfield which was his home until 1885 when he moved to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where he lived until his death, October 27, 1895.

Charlotte B. Crane was born in Hamilton, Butler County, Ohio, February 28, 1821, and was the eldest child of Norris and Elizabeth (Stanley) Crane. Her grandparents, Benjamin and Sarah (Thompson) Crane, were natives of New Jersey. Their children were John R., Abigail, Esther, Phœbe H., Charlotte W., Hezekiah Thompson, Norris, Jacob Thompson, Benjamin, David Thompson, and Moses Thompson. Norris Crane was born March 10, 1799, in New Jersey, and when a lad of 11 years went with the family of an aunt to Ohio, and it was the one regret of his life that he was never to see his parents again. In 1820 he was joined in marriage to Elizabeth Stanley, one of a pair of twins born to Isaac and Susan (Neff) Stanley. Isaac Stanley was a native of South Carolina and Susan Neff

was born in Germany. Her twin brother was drowned during childhood. The children of Norris and Elizabeth Crane were: Charoite B., mother of our subject; Mary Ann (Mrs. N. Johnston), deceased; Isaac Stanley, a resident of Missouri; Needham, a resident of Illinois; Jacob, deceased; Norris, a resident of Illinois; Elizabeth, deceased; Rosetta, a resident of Illinois; Benjamin, deceased; Emma C. (Mrs. John Mitts), deceased; and Susan (Mrs. James Peter), deceased. Norris Crane was a merchant and also a mason in Hamilton where he was well known, but the later years of his life were passed in Montgomery County, Illinois, where some of his descendants still live. The union of Henry and Charlotte B. (Crane) Richmond resulted in the birth of 12 children, five of whom died in infancy. Of this number two pair were twins, one of each pair reaching maturity. Those reaching adult years are Norris C., William J., Walter B., our subject, Needham, George, Edgar and Addie. Edgar died September 2, 1902, in the prime of life. He possessed to quite a marked degree the happy faculty of making friends and wherever he lived the number of his friends was only limited by the number of his acquaintances, for all who came to know him were drawn to him by bonds of esteem and affection. Except our subject, and George, who resides in Chicago, all the children live in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where the mother also makes her home. Although in her 84th year and a woman who has done more than her share of active labor, she insists in taking part in the household duties and says she is worth two or three younger women. She is a woman of remarkable endurance and, besides rearing her own family, cared for her brothers and sisters when they were left orphans and has also cared for some of her grandchildren. She enjoys recounting her experiences of the long ago when large droves of deer were a common sight and the wolves were so troublesome that it was necessary to enclose pigs and calves in tight rail pens to insure their safety over night.

Walter B. Richmond was one of the above mentioned twins. His younger years were spent on the farm, attending school in the log school house during winter while in spring and summer, with his elder brothers, he followed the plow as it was drawn over the fertile prairie by the oxen. He learned the trade of a blacksmith in the shop of J. C. Gunning, of Hillsboro, becoming proficient in every department of the business. He has always shown a fearlessness of danger, even in his boyhood, which enabled him to control the wildest horse—and this without unkindness to the ani-

mal—and he now became known, far and near, as the best horseshoer in the country. In consequence of this he was always in demand and the vicious and unruly horses were pretty certain to find their way to Richmond's shop. His first shop was in Butler but a better opening being offered in the then new village of Morrisonville, Christian County, he removed to that place and established the first smithy there. He was married May 7, 1872, to Jane Hawk and became the father of eight children, two of whom died in infancy. Those living are as follows: Lottie, Hattie, Addie, Gertie, Henry and Birdie.



T. H. EDWARDS.

T. H. EDWARDS, proprietor of the *Staunton Times*, an eight-page, six-column weekly publication at Staunton, Illinois, and also proprietor of the *Worden News*, an eight-page, five-column weekly, and a member of the real estate firm of Fisher & Edwards, of Staunton, is one of the city's busiest and most prominent citizens. Mr. Edwards was born at Kelloe, County Durham, England, September 3, 1874, and is a son of David and Hannah (Roberts) Edwards.

David Edwards was born June 13, 1854, and his wife, March 1, 1848, both in England. They reside in Staunton, where Mr. Edwards is machine boss in Mine No. 7. Six children were born to them: T. H.; John; Anna; Samuel G.; Mary and Charles E.

Our subject was five years of age, when he sailed with his parents from Manchester, England, for New York. The family proceeded immediately to Belleville, Illinois, and two years later, in 1881, moved to Staunton. Leaving school at the age of 15, Mr. Edwards spent a few months clerking in a drug store. On July 30, 1890, he started as "devil" in the printing office of the *Staunton Times*, a paper which was started in 1879 and was then under the management of Fred L. Blome. Here Mr. Edwards learned the trade and continued until 1895, when he took a little vacation, making a bicycle trip to Atlanta, Georgia, where he enjoyed the exposition. He easily covered the 700 miles, but returned by railroad, via New Orleans and up the Mississippi river. On January 13, 1896, he purchased the office and good will of





THE ISAAC A. FUNDERBURK FAMILY.

the *Times*, which he conducted alone until July, 1902, when he sold a half interest to his brother, John J. Together they established the *Worden News*, in May, 1903. Both these publications have met with deserved success and are independent in politics. The business is well managed, a well equipped job office being one of its features.

On May 8, 1901, Mr. Edwards was married to Marion Elizabeth Blair, who graduated from the Beethoven Conservatory of Music, and conducted a class in music at Staunton, for a number of years.

In politics, Mr. Edwards is a Republican and has served the city as treasurer for two years. Fraternally he is associated with the Masons, Knights of Pythias and the Modern Woodmen of America.

ISAAC A. FUNDERBURK.

ISAAC A. FUNDERBURK, who is the oldest citizen of Dorchester township, Macoupin County, to which he came as a member of a pioneer family in 1830, was born in the vicinity of Lancaster, South Carolina, April 18, 1822. He is a son of John F. and Rachel (Laney) Funderburk.

The Funderburk family originated in Germany and there the great-grandfather of our venerable subject was born, in the city of Leipsic; when he came in very early days to America, he settled on a plantation near Lancaster, Lancaster County, South Carolina. He reared a family of 12 children, all of whom, with the exception of one, lived to exceed 80 years. Two of his sons served seven years and one three months, in the colonial army. John Funderburk, his eldest son, was born in South Carolina, served seven years in the Revolutionary Army and removed in advanced age to Rome, Georgia, where he died, at the age of 96 years. He married Mary Larriman, who was born in Yorkshire, England. They had three children: John F. and Daniel (twins) and Isaac. Daniel Funderburk served all through the War of 1812.

John F. Funderburk was born in 1786, near Lancaster, South Carolina, and died on the present farm of our subject at the age of 84 years and was buried in the Funderburk Cemetery. He was a "Minute Man" in South Caro-

lina during the War of 1812. He married Rachel Laney, who was born in South Carolina, and was a daughter of Titus and Christine Laney, the former of whom served in the Revolutionary War. They had a family of seven children, of whom our subject, the youngest, is the only survivor. In April, 1828, he started with his family to drive to Illinois, to make a new home in the far West, and reached Olive township, Madison County, November 14, 1828, after having been detained three months by sickness in Madison County, Tennessee, while passing through that State. They remained in Madison County, Illinois, until March 1, 1830, when they settled in Dorchester township, Macoupin County, building the second cabin in the township. No land had yet been entered either in this or Bunker Hill township although within the following few years many others came. As the family was obliged to subsist principally on game, which was plentiful, Mr. Funderburk became a great hunter. He was much respected for his fine traits of character and did much to preserve order in the newly settled region, serving as justice of the peace and in other capacities, having an education superior to many of his neighbors. Formerly a Methodist he became a supporter of the Christian Church in Dorchester township.

Isaac A. Funderburk was eight years old when he removed in 1830 with the family to his present home—the farm of 53 acres in section 34, having on it one of the finest residences in Dorchester township, which farm was deeded to him in 1848. He also owns an adjoining tract on the west of 40 acres—the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of section 34—which was a Black Hawk War land grant, which he purchased from John Pifer, paying two \$20 gold pieces for it; and 40 acres joining his other property on the west, which he added later—this tract is described as the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of section 33. In all, therefore, he owns 133 acres lying in one piece, a quarter of a mile wide and nearly five-sixths of a mile long. Until 1856 Mr. Funderburk resided in a small log cabin, 18 by 16 feet in dimensions, but that long since, with other pioneer structures, has passed away. He went through with all the hardships incident to pioneer life here. He can recall the abundance of game and the constant sight of wild animals and recalls when Black Hawk's Indians passed by his home, 500 strong. In those days the winters were spent by all members of the household in grating corn to be made into hominy, as the nearest mill was 50 miles away, at the mouth of Cahokia creek. The nearest post office was 18 miles distant, at Edwardsville, and the

nearest market was St. Louis. Many of the changes in this neighborhood have come about through Mr. Funderburk's influence, as he has always worked for the best interests of his township, although he has never consented to hold office. In politics he was a Whig in early days, but is now identified with the Republican party. His first vote was cast for Henry Clay. Since 1849 he has been a Master Mason and belongs to Staunton Lodge, No. 177.

On March 22, 1853, Mr. Funderburk was married to Clarissa Jane Digman, who was born April 27, 1830, in Rush County, Indiana, and is a daughter of Absalom and Lucretia (McCann) Digman, natives of Virginia and Pennsylvania, respectively, who came to Illinois in 1842. Mr. and Mrs. Funderburk had 10 children born to them, those who reached maturity being: Mary Alice, who married W. F. Kell, of Sedalia, Missouri, and has eight children; Sarah Ellen, widow of William F. Funderburk, a distant relative, who died in 1888, at Sedalia, Missouri, aged 46 years; William L., who lives at home; Henry, who was accidentally drowned at the age of 21 years; Hester L., who married Thomas B. Funderburk of Springfield, Illinois, and has two children; Thomas W., who manages the home farm; and Nettie C., who resides at home.

Mr. Funderburk is a valued member of the Methodist Church, of which he is a trustee, while his wife is equally valued in the Baptist Church. Both have been active in church work and have many friends who know how much good they have accomplished.

DAVID W. PINKERTON.

DAVID W. PINKERTON, a general farmer, fruit grower and bee keeper of Macoupin County, located in section 32, North Palmyra township, was born in Bird township, Macoupin County, in March, 1843. He is a son of Henry and Jane (Huskey) Pinkerton, and a grandson of David Pinkerton, who came to Illinois from Ohio, after the battle of New Orleans, in which he had taken part, and settled first in Greene County.

Henry Pinkerton was born in Ohio and accompanied his parents to

Illinois. He had only limited school advantages, but became proficient enough to teach school in his neighborhood. He was a soldier in the Black Hawk War, from which he returned unhurt. His wife, Jane Huskey, was born in Alabama and accompanied her parents to Illinois in childhood. Mr. Pinkerton and wife removed to Iowa in the fall of 1843, but returned to Illinois in 1848 and settled on our subject's present farm, to which Mrs. Pinkerton had fallen heir. Henry Pinkerton died while his son David was still too small to effectively use the plow, but his widow survived until her 81st year, dying December 10, 1895.

David W. Pinkerton, named for his paternal grandfather, obtained his education in the district schools. That he was a model pupil in childhood is shown by a certificate, which his children highly prize, and which reads as follows: "This is to certify that David Pinkerton has attended my school for the last three months, and for his good behavior and the progress he has made in learning, he merits my love and esteem." This interesting document is signed by Eliza J. Richardson and is dated August 10, 1849. Upon the return of the family to Illinois, he again attended school until the death of his father, and worked on his mother's farm until he enlisted in the Union Army. On August 13, 1862, he entered Company B, 122d Reg., Illinois Vol. Inf., and was mustered out of the service at Mobile, Alabama, July 15, 1865. Like his father and grandfather, Mr. Pinkerton was a brave and loyal soldier. He participated in these battles: Trenton, Tennessee, where he suffered capture and imprisonment for eight months; Tupelo, Mississippi, July 14, 1864; Nashville, Tennessee, December 15 and 16, 1864; and Blakely, Alabama, April 9, 1865. He is an honored member of that body of brave men, each year growing smaller, who gave their best years to the service of their country and who deserve the respect and gratitude of the present and succeeding generations.

In 1869 Mr. Pinkerton married Mary A. Crum, who was a daughter of Eli Crum, a farmer of South Palmyra township, Macoupin County. Mrs. Pinkerton died August 7, 1887, aged 42 years. Their seven children were: Luther, born in 1870, a farmer of North Palmyra township, who married Amy Hanshaw and has one child—Helen; Maud, born November 20, 1871, who died July 18, 1887; Mary, born April 14, 1873, who died September 4, 1887; Eli, born April 20, 1875, who died April 14, 1895; Eugene, born January 18, 1876, who assists his father on the home farm; Amy A., born Jan-

uary 15, 1881, who is now engaged in teaching school; and Nancy N., born August 31, 1884.

Mr. Pinkerton is identified with the Republican party, but considers himself no politician in the usual acceptance of the word. He is deeply interested in his agricultural operations in which he is ably assisted by his son, and they meet with much success.

WILLIAM L. NIEMANN.

WILLIAM L. NIEMANN, one of the prominent business men of Mount Olive, Macoupin County, and junior member of the well known firm of Niemann Brothers, was born in Mount Olive, June 2, 1869, and is a son of John C. and Anna (Stullken) Niemann.

The late John C. Niemann was one of the prominent citizens of Macoupin County for many years. He was born in Prussia, and migrated to the United States in 1839, coming to Macoupin County, Illinois, among its early pioneers. He settled at Mount Olive when he was the only one of his countrymen who had chosen a home in this locality. After a long and prosperous life, his death took place September 9, 1896. He was twice married. To his first marriage, with Margaret Stullken, were born three children: Mary, wife of C. J. Keiser, of Mount Olive; Sophia, widow of the late William Niemeyer; and Henry, who died in 1876. His second wife, the mother of our subject, who lives in Mount Olive, was a sister of his first; to them were born six children—Matilda, Lydia, Louisa, Edward F., William L. and Anna.

William L. Niemann secured a good common school education and has been in business in Mount Olive since leaving school. In 1896, in association with his brother, Edward F., whose sketch will be found in this volume, he established the lumber firm of Niemann Brothers, and through the handling of only reliable goods, and by reason of low prices and careful attention, the business has assumed very large proportions. In addition to dealing in lumber, they handle lime, cement, paints, oils, sewer tile and builders' supplies of all kinds.

On June 19, 1898, Mr. Niemann was married to Bertha Hieronymus, a daughter of William Hieronymus, of Mount Olive, whose sketch appears in this work. They have one son, Wilmot E., who was born July 19, 1899. Mr. and Mrs. Niemann are members of the Lutheran Church. In politics, our subject is a Republican.

ANDREW H. SKELTON.

ANDREW H. SKELTON, superintendent of the Girard Coal Company, of Girard, Illinois, is a prominent business citizen of Macoupin County. Mr. Skelton was born in Scotland, January 15, 1867, and is a son of James and Ellen (Hutton) Skelton, the former of whom was born in the North of Ireland.

Our subject was 16 years of age when he came to the United States, and he received his education at Coal City, Illinois, and Valparaiso, Indiana. Mr. Skelton, who is an expert mining engineer, began at the bottom of the ladder, as a coal miner, at the age of 20 years. With the money thus earned, he perfected himself in the profession he wished to follow and in 1887 easily secured employment in the rolling mills of the Illinois Steel Company, at Chicago. There his knowledge of detail work soon advanced him with his superiors and he had been with the company but one month, when he was made foreman in the converting department and three years later became assistant superintendent of that great industry, under Superintendent W. R. Walker. He continued in the rolling mills for some time, where his services were considered very valuable. In 1900 he took the necessary examinations for the position of mine manager, having for a year traveled through mining districts and visited working plants in order to make his knowledge complete. In 1900 he opened up the Morris City mine, near Coal City, Illinois, and in 1901 came to Girard, where, in 1902, he was made superintendent of the Girard Coal Company.

The important business enterprise, of which Mr. Skelton is the able superintendent, is one of the largest in Macoupin County. The shaft of the mine controlled by this company was built in 1872 and has a capacity of 1,000 tons of coal a day. Although the mine had been in operation some

time, its pay-roll was but \$3,000 per month when Mr. Skelton, with his energetic methods, took charge as superintendent. He now employs 262 men, runs the mine to its full capacity and the pay-roll has been increased to \$20,000 a month. He is a man who thoroughly understands his business, has been trained to it, and the results are very satisfactory to all concerned.

Mr. Skelton was married January 15, 1896, to Margaret Edgar, who is a daughter of Frank Edgar. Mr. and Mrs. Skelton are members of the Methodist Church. Politically he is a Republican. Fraternally, he is a Mason.



JOHN J. ENGLAND.

JOHN J. ENGLAND, agent for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company, at Girard, Macoupin County, belongs to one of the old and honorable pioneer families of the county to which his great-grandfather came in 1830. He was born at Girard, July 11, 1859, and is a son of the late Samuel and Louisa C. (Smith) England.

John England, his grandfather, bought a squatter's claim and also entered government land in what is now North Otter township. He married Lina Hall, and they reared 10 children. He died in 1858. Samuel England, father of our subject, was born in Morgan County, Tennessee, February 22, 1820. He became a very prominent and wealthy citizen of Macoupin County. His death took place on his farm of 225 acres, which adjoins the village of Girard. He married a daughter of Moses and Permelia Smith, who died in 1863, mourned by all who knew her.

Our subject was educated in the Girard schools and became connected with railroad work in March, 1882. On November 9, 1887, he was married to Lizzie E. Rollins, who died February 21, 1894, leaving three children.—Clarence, Albert and Lois. His second marriage, which took place September 8, 1897, was to Eva L. Welch, who is a daughter of John and Hattie (White) Welch. Mr. and Mrs. Welch are natives of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and Burlington, Iowa, respectively. Mr. Welch accompanied his parents to Burlington, Iowa, when he was a young man in his "teens." He was a contractor. The family moved to Glen Elder, Kansas, in 1882 and Mr.

Welch died March 17, 1883. The mother and family still reside in Glen Elder. Mr. and Mrs. England are valued members of the Christian Church. In politics, Mr. England is a strong Prohibitionist and exerts much influence.

ARCHIE L. CARTER.

ARCHIE L. CARTER, postmaster of Medora, Macoupin County, and one of the best known and most popular men in Chesterfield township, was born in this township, in 1871, and is a son of John and Rhoda (Kelsey) Carter.

John Carter was born in 1840, also in Chesterfield township, Macoupin County, Illinois, and was a son of Robert and Mary (Whittaker) Carter, both of whom were born in Yorkshire, England. John Carter, the great-grandfather of our subject, was a ship carpenter by trade and lost his life while at work on a vessel, falling from the dock into the water. After the death of his mother also, Robert Carter, the grandfather of our subject, came to America and settled at Cincinnati, where he lived until 1827, and then came to Illinois. He lived one year at Shawneetown and then went back to Cincinnati where he married Mary Whittaker. They returned to Illinois and located in Chesterfield township, Macoupin County, and here Mr. Carter engaged in farming and also followed his trade of house carpenter, which he had learned in England. The grandmother of our subject was a daughter of English people who came to Cincinnati and in that city John Whittaker built up a large rendering business, the products of which were tallow, glue and other like commodities. Mrs. Carter died in 1843, aged 27 years, leaving two children, John being the eldest. Mr. Carter married Ann Thompson, a native of England, but a resident of Chesterfield township, Macoupin County, for his second wife, and she was the mother of two children.

The mother of our subject is a daughter of Robert and Henrietta (Jennings) Kelsey, the former of whom was born in Yorkshire, England, and the latter in the city of London. In 1840 they came to America and located first in Madison County, Illinois, but shortly after moved to Brighton township, Macoupin County, where they took up government land. Mrs. Kelsey still resides on this homestead farm, at the age of 83 years, but

Robert Kelsey died in 1883, in his 65th year. Mrs. Carter is the oldest of their seven children.

Archie L. Carter obtained his education in the schools of Chesterfield and Brighton townships, and worked on a farm his father gave him, from 1892 until the spring of 1896, carrying on general farming and stock raising operations. In addition to superintending his farm, he fills many engagements as public auctioneer, a business for which he is admirably adapted, possessing a genial presence and a fund of anecdote, combined with much natural humor. It has been said on numerous occasions that his wit attracts more audience than the goods on sale. Since April, 1903, he has been post-master at Medora and thus is one of the busiest as well as one of the most popular men of the locality.

In 1892 Mr. Carter married Eva J. Ketchum, who is a daughter of Leonard and Jane (Hayward) Ketchum. The Ketchum family is a pioneer one in Illinois, Ira Ketchum, a native of Vermont, having settled in Jersey County at a very early date and died while his grandchildren were small. His son, Leonard Ketchum, father of Mrs. Carter, was born in 1841 in Chesterfield township, Macoupin County. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Carter: Verda Marie, born January 1, 1893, died June 23, 1899; and Carl Le Roy, born May 2, 1900.

In politics Mr. Carter is a zealous Republican. Fraternally he belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America and the Knights of Pythias. In religious belief, he is a Baptist.



DAVID L. BLEY, M. D.

DAVID L. BLEY, M. D., one of the best known physicians of Macoupin County, Illinois, and a prominent citizen of Staunton, was born November 13, 1853, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and is a son of the late Dr. George and Elizabeth W. (Lavis) Bley.

Dr. Bley is of German and English ancestry. His grandfather, George Bley, was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, and died at Indiana, Indiana County, Pennsylvania, in 1875, at the age of 92 years. He was one of the

few survivors of Napoleon's disastrous campaign to Moscow, and spent a number of years in educational work in Germany, but engaged in farming after coming to the United States. His six children were: Conrad, at whose home he died; George, father of our subject; John; Philip; Mrs. Sophia Klump; and Mrs. Mary Wallace.

Dr. George Bley was born in 1820, at Dettingen, Wurtemberg, Germany, and was 11 years of age when he accompanied his parents to America. After securing a common school education, in Pennsylvania, where his father had settled, he was bound out to the drug business, at the age of 13 years. In the course of time, he graduated at the old Philadelphia College of Medicine, and practiced all his life and conducted drug stores, with the exception of three years, when he engaged in farming in Iowa. His death took place at Staunton in 1886. In politics, he was identified with the Republican party. For many years he was a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church. Although he started out in life with but a modicum of means, his judicious investments resulted in the accumulation of a comfortable estate.

Dr. George Bley married Elizabeth W. Lavis, who was born August 17, 1823, in Philadelphia, and now is one of the most venerable and highly esteemed residents of Staunton, making her home with her daughter, the widow of the late Dr. Dripps. She is a daughter of David and Mary (Wilson) Lavis, the former of whom was born in Bristol, England, and the latter in New Jersey. Dr. George Bley and wife reared a family of six children, viz: Ellen, who married David C. Wurtz, of Jerseyville, Illinois; Elizabeth W., who married Thomas Blair and at her death left one child; George, a resident of Beardstown, Illinois; David L., of this sketch; Robert E., a prominent physician of Bunker Hill; and Mary L., widow of the late Dr. C. T. Dripps, of Staunton.

Dr. David L. Bley is the oldest physician of Staunton, which has been his home, with the exception of a few years, ever since his parents settled here, in 1861. His life, prior to this date, had been spent at various points in Iowa and Illinois, where his father's business interests had called him. After coming to Staunton, our subject attended school until he was 14 years of age, and then entered his father's drug store, in preparation for his medical studies. At the age of 18 years, his father sent him to Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, and he received his degree there in 1875 and returned to Staunton and practiced with his father until 1877, and then spent two

years in practice at Alhambra, Madison County. After the death of his father, Dr. Bley entered into partnership with his brother, Dr. Robert E., who sold his interest to Dr. C. T. Dripps, in 1888, and removed to Edwardsville and after a few months to Bunker Hill. The partnership of Dr. David and his brother-in-law, Dr. Dripps, continued until the latter's death, in August, 1902. Until January 1, 1904, Dr. Bley continued alone, but has found it necessary to have assistance again, and has admitted to partnership Dr. Myron W. Snell.

Fraternally Dr. Bley is a Mason, an Odd Fellow and a Knight of Pythias, belonging to Staunton Lodge, No. 177, A. F. and A. M.; Elliott Chapter, No. 120, R. A. M.; St. Omar Commandery, No. 30, K. T., of Litchfield; Staunton Lodge, No. 685, I. O. O. F.; and Parnassu Lodge, No. 581, K. of P., of Litchfield. In politics he votes with the Republican party, but takes not very active interest, his large practice absorbing the greater part of his time. Dr. Bley stands very high in professional ranks.



EDWARD F. NIEMANN.

EDWARD F. NIEMANN, one of the progressive and successful business men of Mount Olive, Macoupin County, member of the well known and enterprising firm of Niemann Brothers, dealers in building lumber, sash, doors, blinds, shingles, lath, builders' supplies, lime, cement, plaster, hair, etc., was born in Mount Olive, March 26, 1864. He is a son of the late prominent citizen, John C. Niemann and Anna (Stullken) Niemann, the latter of whom still resides in Mount Olive.

Mr. Niemann received an excellent common school education and assisted his father in his agricultural enterprises prior to embarking in his present business in 1896, in association with his brother, William L. Niemann, of whom a sketch will be found in this volume. The business has been constantly expanded until this firm has grown to be the largest of its kind in the county. Its success has been partly on account of the demand of the public for thoroughly reliable goods and partly through the energy and progressive methods which characterize the management.

In 1897 Mr. Niemann was married to Anna Remmert, who is a daughter of the late Henry Remmert, of Mount Olive. They have one child, Lonieda, born March 6, 1898. Mr. Niemann, like his late father, and other members of the family, is a member of the Lutheran Church. He is deeply interested in the development of his section and is prominent in all public spirited enterprises. The Niemann family has long been one of the wealthiest and most prominent in the southeastern section of the county.



JASON N. MCELVAIN.

The death of Jason N. McElvain, which took place at his beautiful home, in Girard, Macoupin County, Illinois, on February 14, 1904, removed from this section a citizen who had been identified with its development for many years, and one who for a long period, had been considered one of the county's most substantial men and astute financiers. Mr. McElvain was born in Simpson County, Kentucky, March 19, 1826, and was a son of William and Jane (Neely) McElvain. His age, at the time of decease, was 77 years, 10 months and 26 days.

The father of the late Mr. McElvain was born in Virginia in 1783, and was a son of Andrew McElvain, a member of a family which is still well represented in the Old Dominion. Prior to coming to Macoupin County, in 1850, William McElvain owned and operated large plantations in his native State, but lived a retired life after coming to Illinois. He reared a large family, all of whom have passed away with the exception of three sons—one a resident of Iowa, one of Oregon, and one of Kansas.

Until the age of 21 years, the late Mr. McElvain remained in Kentucky. Pushing out then for himself, he came to Illinois and began farm work in Sangamon County. In 1851 he came to Macoupin County, locating in Nilwood township, where he remained until 1889, when he moved to Girard. In the intervening years he had accumulated much property and owned 640 acres of some of the choicest land in Macoupin County. Under his immediate supervision, he carried on extensive agricultural operations and,

prior to settling in Girard, was known as one of the farmers of prominence in this section.

After locating at Girard, Mr. McElvain looked about for the best investment of capital, and, after due consideration, decided to enter into banking, the prevailing conditions giving him assurance of success for a conservative institution which could be backed by large capital in the hands of representative men. Thus came about in 1893 the founding of the People's Bank of Girard, in which Mr. McElvain was one of the heaviest stockholders. From its founding until April, 1903, he was its careful, watchful, conservative president, until the weight of years made him seek relief from official responsibility and he resigned the position which his personality had made so notable. His name has been associated with other business enterprises, always carrying with it a sense of security not always attached to large capitalists.

On February 13, 1851, Mr. McElvain was married to Mary E. Fletcher, who was a daughter of Capt. Job Fletcher, of Sugar Creek, Illinois, after which he came to Macoupin County and purchased the tract of land upon which his farmhouse now stands. Mrs. McElvain died in August, 1875. On June 18, 1877, Mr. McElvain was married to Nancy J. Ballinger, who is a daughter of Rev. John H. Ballinger, and four children were born to them, two of whom are deceased, the survivors being Joseph and Pearl.

Since 1875 Mr. McElvain had been a consistent, useful and beloved member of the Presbyterian Church, to which he gave most liberal support. From that church, where solemn and befitting services were conducted by Revs. Tarbett and Berryhill, the funeral cortege took its way to Girard Cemetery, where all that was mortal of one who had been beloved by family, friends and fellow citizens, was laid to rest. Like many other men of capital and consequence in the business world, Mr. McElvain was simple in his habits and unassuming in his manner. He honored work and respected those who toiled, and in his home there were no menials, all being regarded with consideration, if they deserved it. His beautiful home, with its many comforts, was thoroughly enjoyed, and he did not despise the social prominence of himself and family, accepting the same, however, with no assumption of superiority. It is recorded of him that one of his maxims was "take life as it comes," implying by this, that cheerful acceptance of trials was a

man's duty, a view which his natural genial disposition did much to make easy.

The death of a man of Mr. McElvain's character is a loss to any community, but the influence of a life of business integrity, of liberal public spirit, of exemplary Christian effort, will ever remain. In the great loss his family sustained, it had the sincere sympathy of the whole community.

Joseph McElvain, the only surviving son of the late Jason N. McElvain, is one of the prominent business men of Girard, junior member of the large dry goods firm of Enslow & McElvain. This business house was established by Enslow Brothers April 1, 1901, and was conducted by them until September 1, 1903, when Joseph McElvain purchased a half interest in the business. Removal was soon made to larger quarters, a store space of 40 by 80 feet now being used, and with the introduction of all modern appliances and conveniences business is carried on here with a showing which would be very satisfactory in cities of much larger size. The firm carries a most complete and carefully selected stock of goods, and have the prestige of being the largest exclusive dry goods house in Macoupin County.



JOHN LOWIS, JR.

JOHN LOWIS, JR., vice-president and director of the Bank of Medora, and the owner of a finely improved farm in Shipman township, Macoupin County, is one of the leading and representative citizens of his locality. He was born in 1852 in the State of Wisconsin, and is a son of John and Ana (Jackson) Lewis.

The parents of our subject were born in Westmoreland, England, and both came of agricultural ancestry. They married in their native shire and in 1850 came to America. They located near Mineral Point, Wisconsin, where Mr. Lewis worked in the lead mines until 1858, when they removed to McLeod County, Minnesota, where they purchased a farm upon which they remained until 1866. They then came to Macoupin County, Illinois, settling on a farm in section 18, Shipman township. This farm includes a quarter section of land, and is now the property of our subject's brother, Charles.

John Lewis accumulated 1,000 acres of land in Christian County, 300 in Macoupin, 200 in Jersey County and at one time owned 1,500 acres of highly improved real estate. Mrs. Lewis was the first to pass away, her death occurring in 1891, at the age of 66 years, and in February, 1896, her husband followed her to the grave, when in his 74th year. Nine of their 10 children still survive, our subject being the second in order of birth. The other members of the family are: George, of Iowa, who has one son, William; Isabella, housekeeper for her brother in Christian County; Alice A., who married Joseph Offlighter, a lumber merchant at Palmer, Illinois, and has one child—Hallie; Mary J., who married William Kitchell of Christian County, and has 10 children, namely: Arthur, Nellie, Roy, John, Elizabeth, Verna, Richard, Florence, Maria and Helen; William, who in partnership with his brother Joseph, owns 770 acres of land in Christian County; Ruth Elizabeth, who married G. R. Waggoner, a farmer living in section 19, Shipman township, and has five children—Ruth, Ellis, George, Ralph and Carrie; Joseph D. (in partnership with his brother William), who married Carrie Pence and has one son, Frank Ashton; and Charles, living on the homestead farm, who married Lillie Berkamyer, and has one son, Edwin. Christopher died during the residence of the family in Minnesota. During the years spent in Minnesota, the family went through many thrilling experiences, the Indians being almost continually troublesome and troops being necessary to protect the settlers. In 1864 Mr. Lewis enlisted in Company D, Hatch's Battalion, Minnesota Vol. Cav., at the time of the massacre at New Ulm, and was discharged in the following February.

John Lewis, our subject, who bears his father's name, obtained his education entirely in Shipman township, and he remained at home until he was 29 years of age, operating the land for himself after his majority. In 1882 he located on his present farm, and since then in addition to making many substantial improvements, has added 250 acres. His farming and stock raising operations are carried on in an extensive manner, his land all adjoining and being favorably located for both farming and grazing.

On March 9, 1882, Mr. Lewis married Augusta Wilton, who is a daughter of George Wilton of Shipman township, and they have had a family of five children, namely: Bertha A., born in December, 1882; Bina

Isabelle, born in November, 1885; Edith, born in 1891; John R., born in 1893; and Mary, born in June, 1900.

Mr. Lewis has always been deeply interested in educational matters and has served on the School Board for the past 16 consecutive years. In politics he is a Republican. With his family he belongs to the Methodist Church.



JAMES WILLIAM RENO.

Among the prominent farmers of Macoupin County none has been more successful in his life vocation than has our subject, whose name heads this sketch. He was born in Shipman township, Macoupin County, Illinois, in 1850, and is a son of William S. and Martha (Haycraft) Reno.

William S. Reno was born in Bourbon County, Kentucky, in 1810, and came to Illinois about 1843, locating in Shipman township, Macoupin County, in the neighborhood where our subject now lives. He purchased a tract of school property and immediately began the cultivation of the land. Mr. Reno became widely known throughout the county as an honest and upright citizen and became the friend of everyone who came in contact with him. Mr. Reno was married to Martha Haycraft in Kentucky, February 22, 1832, and ten years later removed to Illinois. Mrs. Reno was born in Hardin County, Kentucky, September 29, 1815. They were the parents of six children, namely: Beauford; Lucy, who died at the age of 18 years; Samuel H., who died in Kansas in September, 1890; Mary Elizabeth, who married William Forwood; James William, the subject of this sketch, and Granville G. Mr. Reno died in 1882 while in his 72nd year.

James William Reno received his education in Shipman township, Macoupin County, and worked on his father's farm until 27 years of age, when he married Mary Jane Mitchell, a daughter of William W. Mitchell, a prominent farmer of Shipman township who up to the time of his death resided on a farm in section 16. Mr. Mitchell died in 1885, leaving his wife and four children, of whom our subject's wife was the youngest. At the death of Mr. Mitchell our subject purchased the former's farm of 160 acres, which he has since cultivated. The mother of our subject's wife died in 1897 while

residing with Mr. Reno. Mr. Reno and wife are the parents of seven children, namely: Sankey, born August 30, 1878, who married Elizabeth Travers, a daughter of Joseph Travers, a prominent farmer of Shipman township; Frederick, born March 13, 1880; Eulalia, born November 1, 1881; Rosa, born March 19, 1883; William Sidney, born May 30, 1885; Newton, born March 7, 1888, and Paul, born September 1, 1890. Mr. Reno purchased his first farm in partnership with his brother in 1877. In 1892 when the partnership was dissolved, they were the owners of 440 acres of finely tilled soil in Shipman township. When they dissolved partnership, our subject took as his interest an 80-acre farm in section 16, where he now resides, and 140 acres in section 9. Mr. Reno is engaged in general farming and produces some of the best grain produced in his county.

Mr. Reno's political views are Democratic. He has never aspired to any local office and in voting picks his candidates carefully. In fraternal circles he is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and the Mutual Protective League. Religiously he is a member of the Baptist Church.



CHARLES R. WALL.

CHARLES R. WALL, senior member of the banking firm of Wall & Quade, of Staunton, Illinois, and one of the prominent and successful business men of the southeastern section of Macoupin County, was born at Staunton on June 8, 1862. He is a son of the late Hon. Hampton W. and Isabella (Roseberry) Wall.

Hon. Hampton W. Wall was long one of the prominent men of Macoupin County, Illinois, where he was born in 1832, and died August 16, 1898. He was the second son of Richard Wall, a pioneer resident of this section, and Lucinda Camp. Mr. Wall was reared on a farm and through his whole life was more or less extensively engaged in agricultural pursuits, although he had many other interests, being a man of business capacity, progressive spirit and political strength. Among his interests outside of farming and stock raising were those of milling and merchandising, in Madison County, where the village of New Hampton was named in his honor. This village

is now known as Worden. After locating in Staunton, he engaged in milling and for some years was a dealer in agricultural implements. After selling this business, he entered into banking at Staunton, first with James Taylor, under the firm name of Wall & Taylor, and later, with J. C. Panhorst, under the firm style of Wall & Panhorst, which continued until the death of Mr. Wall. The details of the latter, which resulted in the blotting out of the life of one of the leading citizens of Macoupin County by a murderous hand, are of too recent a date and of too sad a nature, to be recounted in this record.

Mr. Wall was a lifelong Democrat and his services to his party were generously rewarded. After serving as supervisor of his township a number of times, he was elected to the State House of Representatives and so ably performed his duties and so carefully looked after the interests of his constituency, that he was re-elected to the lower House and later became a member of the State Senate. Mr. Wall was noted for his conception of the duties of public office and always displayed a noble readiness to fulfill them. He left a large estate, accumulated entirely by his own efforts, and a name for business integrity and private generosity which will keep his memory green. He was gifted in many ways and, had he enjoyed early educational advantages, would have also made his mark at the bar.

The late Mr. Wall was thrice married. The first marriage was to Ellen Roseberry, a daughter of Robert Roseberry, and one child was born to this union, who is now Mrs. Alice M. Ferris, of Missouri. The second marriage was to his sister-in-law, Isabella Roseberry, and six children were born to them, of whom four grew to maturity and still survive, namely: Mrs. Elizabeth Godfrey, of Staunton; Charles R., of this sketch; William P., a member of the banking firm of Wall & Company, of Staunton; and Mrs. Harriet Campbell, of St. Louis, Missouri. His third marriage was to Martha E. Scroggins, a daughter of William and Keziah Scroggins of Staunton. She still survives, with three children: Lillian M., Mabel E. and Hampton Grover.

Charles R. Wall, the immediate subject of this biography, attended the public schools of Staunton until the age of 17 years and then entered the Northern Indiana Normal School, at Valparaiso, Indiana, and completed the course of study there in two years. After his return to Staunton, he became chief clerk for the Consolidated Coal Company, and remained with

this corporation for 12 years. He served in the same capacity with the Staunton Coal Mining Company for six months, and then, in 1898, entered into the banking business with his brother.

The business had been conducted for eight years under the firm name of Wall & Panhorst, but, upon its reorganization, after the death of the senior partner, the firm style became Wall Brothers. The present organization, under the name of Wall & Quade, was effected March 25, 1902. To the management and careful conduct of this business, Mr. Wall devotes his entire attention, and stands at the head of what is considered one of the safest financial institutions of the county.

On September 18, 1885, Mr. Wall was married to Nettie E. Patrick, who was born near Bunker Hill, Macoupin County, and is a daughter of William and Altha Patrick. They have one son, James C., who is a student in the public schools.



WILLIAM DRUM.

WILLIAM DRUM, who was one of the pioneer merchants and highly esteemed citizens of Girard, Macoupin County, was born in Greene County, Illinois, December 17, 1831, and died at his home in Girard, August 29, 1899. He was one of a family of 12 children born to Silas and Mary (Roe) Drum, farming people of Greene County.

The late William Drum was educated in the common schools of Greene County and was 14 years of age when he came to Macoupin County. He grew up on a farm and assisted in breaking the land, for at that time few improvements had been made. His inclinations did not lead him to take up an agricultural life, and he learned the brick mason's trade, combined with that of plasterer, which he followed until he removed to Girard to enter upon a mercantile career. In 1872 he formed a partnership with Mr. Bellamy and the business was conducted until 1880 under the firm name of Bellamy & Drum. After the dissolution of the partnership, Mr. Drum continued alone and, as his outlook was very good, he decided to build a fine brick store building. He laid the foundations for this substantial structure, with his own hands, and in the handsome building which was soon completed,

he conducted a successful business for many years, dealing in groceries and hardware. His honorable dealing, his accommodating manner and his well selected stock, combined with sagacity and untiring industry, all contributed to a great financial success.

Mr. Drum was married to Mary McConaughy on December 23, 1856, who died April 7, 1862, leaving one son, Henry, who is in business in a Western State. On February 13, 1868, Mr. Drum married Julia F. Stewart, who is a daughter of Robert Stewart, a native of New Jersey, who came to Macoupin County in 1860, where he engaged in farming. The two surviving children of this marriage are: Mary Bertha, who is the wife of McPherson Thompson, a lumber merchant of Girard, and superintendent and manager of the Darlington Lumber Company; and Robert S., of Girard. One child died in infancy.

Mr. Drum was a charter member of the Masonic lodge at Girard and took a great interest in its work. Politically he affiliated with the Republican party, although he never was willing to accept any party recognition. He was stanch in all his opinions and at no time lacked the courage to express them, but possessed a pleasant, kind manner, which disarmed all criticism and made him hosts of friends. Mrs. Drum is in the enjoyment of a large income provided by his care and forethought. She is, as was her late husband, a consistent member of the Christian Church at Girard.



LEONARD G. BROWN.

LEONARD G. BROWN, one of the prominent citizens of Modesto, Macoupin County, part owner and cashier of the Bank of Modesto, is a representative of one of the pioneer families of the State. He was born in 1867 in Morgan County near Woodson, Illinois, and is a son of George S. and Mary S. (Wood) Brown, and a grandson of Bedford Brown.

Bedford Brown came with his family from Kentucky to Illinois in 1828 and located near Jacksonville, Morgan County, but a short distance from where our subject was born so many years later. Bedford Brown died in

1874, aged 70 years, his three surviving children being: Charles, Robert and Mary. Charles Brown is a resident of Divernon, Sangamon County, Illinois, where he owns a farm of 2,000 acres, and is vice-president of the Illinois National Bank of Springfield, belonging also to the directing boards of several other banks. He has one child. Robert Brown is a retired farmer of Hastings, Nebraska, and is a director of one of the Hastings banks. Mary married William Duer, a retired farmer of Hastings, Nebraska, and they have these children—Caroline, William, John, Bessie and Charles.

George S. Brown, father of our subject, was the eldest of his parents' children and was the only one born in Kentucky except Reuben. He was five years old when the family came to Illinois and the remainder of his life was passed here, with the exception of two years, when he served in the Mexican War. He died in 1893 in his 71st year. He married Mary S. Wood, who was born in Kentucky and died in Illinois, in 1900, aged 72 years. She was a daughter of Thomas Wood, who removed in early days to Morgan County, Illinois, where he died at the age of 48 years. But two of Thomas Wood's children still survive: Sarah, who married B. W. Poe, a farmer of North Palmyra township, Macoupin County, now a resident of Modesto; and Joseph F., who married Elizabeth Miller and now resides near Modesto, engaged in farming. The three children of George S. Brown and wife are: W. T., Cordelia C. and Leonard G. of this sketch. W. T. Brown is a dealer in musical instruments at Jacksonville, Illinois. He married Annie Thompson, who is a daughter of Howard Thompson, a prominent citizen of Jacksonville, and they have three children: Howard, Hazel and Susie. Cordelia C. married Henry J. Myars, a large land-owner living at San Diego, California, and they have four children: Susie, who married Basil Woods of San Diego, California; George, Lewis and Roy.

Leonard G. Brown received his primary education in Morgan and Sangamon counties, later attended the Illinois College at Jacksonville and then took a commercial course at the Jacksonville Business College. He then spent one year working on his father's farm and teaching school. In 1891, in association with his father and Alexander Nevins, he established the Bank of Modesto, of which he is cashier. This bank has a cash capital of \$10,000, and its stockholders are these well known capitalists: I. B. Vancil, Leonard G. Brown, W. T. Brown, H. J. Myars and C. Van Winkle, who is assistant

cashier. The bank has been a very successful business enterprise and has been conducted along lines which have inspired public confidence.

In 1893, Mr. Brown married Ida A. Vancil, who is a daughter of Imri B. and Elizabeth S. (Rice) Vancil, of North Palmyra township, Macoupin County. Mr. Vancil, whose sketch will be found in another part of this work, is one of the best known farmers and capitalists of this county. Four children have been born to this marriage, namely: Ruth, born in 1894; Harlow, born in 1896; Imri, who died at the age of three months; and Lois, born in 1903. Mr. Brown is a valued member of the Jacksonville Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Brown is a member of the Methodist Church of Modesto. Fraternally, the subject of this sketch is both a Mason and an Odd Fellow. Politically he is identified with the Republican party.



WILLIAM B. OTWELL.

WILLIAM B. OTWELL, farmer and nurseryman, third child of Justinian S. and Eliza E. Otwell, was born in Carlinville, Illinois, on January 27, 1863.

His father was a man of sterling character, well thought of by everybody. His mother was a devoted home-maker, in the constant association of her children; her greatest ambition was to see to it that each was given a good education.

William B. Otwell spent all of his boyhood days working on the farm in the summer and attending his home district school in the winter. He was energetic, ambitious to get on in the world, and so learned to do things. He graduated from Blackburn University in 1884 and was for 12 years advisory trustee of that institution. After leaving college he taught school in the winter and began the planting of a nursery in the summer. When the nursery had grown to be a substantial business, he stopped teaching and devoted all of his time to his nursery and farm work.

Mr. Otwell in politics has always been a strong Republican but has never ran for an office himself. He believes all good men should take an active part in politics. His influence has always been exerted in the manage-

ment of county institutions, such as county fairs, farmers' institutes, and old settlers' associations. His favorite work has always been among farmer organizations and no one in Illinois has enjoyed a better acquaintance and stronger influence upon the platform of the farmer's institutes of the State than Will B. Otwell. As an evidence of his worth at these farmers' institutes, it may be stated in passing that during 1901, 1902 and 1903, Mr. Otwell was invited and made two speeches in each of 57 counties of Illinois. And to his effective work among the farmers of Illinois is due, perhaps more than to any other cause, the fact that he was selected by the State commissioners to have entire charge of Illinois agricultural interests at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition held at St. Louis in 1904.

The entire Otwell family for four generations back have been strong Methodists.

In 1887 William B. Otwell was united in marriage to Mary H. Van Winkle of Morgan County and to this union five children were born, four of whom were living at the time this sketch was written.

Born and reared on a farm, he has always insisted that farm life was the best life of all.

Independent in thought and actions, yet conscious of the rights of others, William B. Otwell has exerted an influence that will live to do good in the lives of others when he is gone.



SAMUEL ENGLAND.

The late Samuel England was an old and most highly regarded resident of Macoupin County, to which he came with his pioneer parents in 1831. He was born in Morgan County, Tennessee, February 22, 1820, and was a son of John and Lina (Hall) England.

Joseph England, the paternal grandfather, was born in Virginia, and moved into Tennessee as an early settler of Morgan County. There he owned land and engaged in farming until 1830, when he again became a pioneer, migrating to Illinois, and settling in Morgan County. His last years were spent with his daughter, Mrs. Wilkins, in Marion County.

John England, father of the late Samuel England, was born in Virginia, accompanied his parents to Tennessee, and came to Illinois in 1830 with his parents and accompanied by his wife and family of 10 children. In those early days the only mode of transportation was by means of teams and wagons and thus the family exodus from Tennessee was made. The covered wagons, loaded with household goods and accompanied by troops of happy children and their grave parents, were not an unusual sight at that time, the rich promises of fertile lands in Illinois having drawn hither many settlers from older States, anxious to provide for their usually large families. The Englands reached Morgan County after five weeks of necessarily slow travel, and their first winter in their new surroundings was probably their worst, it being the year which has become noted as "the winter of the great snow." In the spring of 1831, they came to Macoupin County, where Mr. England bought a squatter's claim and also entered land from the government in what is now North Otter township. They lived in a log cabin, 14 by 16 feet in dimensions, which was covered with clapboards, rived by hand. The chimney was of slabs covered with mud, and the floor was of puncheons, split by hand. In these small quarters, the family lived two years, and then built a larger but no less picturesque log house. When Mr. England was prepared to raise his house, he was obliged to go a distance of eight miles to get neighbors to assist. This new house also had a puncheon floor, and the puncheon door was fastened with wooden pins instead of nails. From this little home, where the latch-string hospitably hung out, went forth men and women who grew into some of the finest types of citizenship the county ever had. The parents of our subject labored industriously, the father clearing and cultivating the land, and the mother spinning and weaving cloth for the household raiment, while wholesome tasks were assigned each child. Here the mother died in 1841, and the father in 1858.

Our subject first invested in land, in association with his brother-in-law, paying \$2.50 an acre, built a small house and a year later sold his interest for \$700. His next purchase was of a tract of 80 acres, in North Otter township, for which he paid \$500. This transaction gave him a little capital and from that time until his death, Mr. England was unusually successful in his business affairs. At various times he added land to his purchase and lived on that place until 1866, when he sold it and bought his farm adjoining the village of Girard, a well cultivated and most valuable property of

225 acres, which he improved into one of the model rural homes of the county. Mr. England was permitted to spend many happy and useful years. He was well and widely known for his good farming, in earlier days, and latterly for the hospitality and kindness which made him esteemed by all who were admitted to his acquaintance. In his religious views he was a Methodist, and was a liberal supporter of that church.

In 1846, Mr. England married Louisa C. Smith, who was a daughter of Moses and Permelia Smith. Mrs. England died in 1863, mourned by all who knew her. She was survived by six children: Antoinette, of Girard; Elias, of Girard; Marshall M., deceased; Permelia E., wife of Henry C. Hamilton, president of the Girard Bank and one of the most enterprising and prominent citizens of the place, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this work; Elizabeth, deceased, wife of John H. Gill; and John J., whose sketch will be found on another page of this volume, who for many years has been the valued agent of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company at Girard.



JOHN C. NIEMANN.

JOHN C. NIEMANN, deceased, who for many years was a prominent citizen of Mount Olive and an extensive farmer and stock raiser of Macoupin County, was born at Borgholzhausen, Ravensburg-Halle, Prussia, April 12, 1817, and was a son of Casper Niemann, a prosperous farmer of that locality.

Mr. Niemann was educated in the excellent schools of his native land and had learned the management of a farm before he came to the United States. When he landed in Baltimore, Maryland, May 13, 1839, it was with a capital of \$3.80, and his first work in America was as a laborer on the Chesapeake & Potomac Canal, which was then in course of construction, where he earned \$1.25 per day. He came to Illinois and settled among the pioneers of Macoupin County and, when he located at Mount Olive, was the only German settler for miles around. In 1841 he located on a farm near Carlinville, where he remained three years, but from 1844 until his death he was a resident of Mount Olive. He was interested in the town's early

business enterprises and was one of the most successful farmers and stock raisers of the township through many years. Mr. Niemann's death took place September 9, 1896.

Mr. Niemann was married in 1847 to Margaret Stullken, who was born in Oldenburg, Germany, and died in September, 1854, leaving three children, viz: Mary, who is the wife of C. J. Keiser, a prominent business man of Mount Olive; Sophia, who is the widow of the late William Niemeyer, of whom a sketch will be found in this volume; and Henry, who died in 1876. Mr. Niemann's second marriage was to his sister-in-law, Anna Stullken, who still survives with these children: Matilda, Lydia, Louisa, Edward F., William L. and Anna. Mr. Niemann's sons form the firm of Niemann Brothers, extensive dealers in lumber, lime, cement, paints, oils, sewer pipe and building material of all kinds. This firm was established in 1896 and is known all through Macoupin County, not only for its enterprise, but for its honest methods and perfect reliability.

In politics, Mr. Niemann was a lifelong Republican, but was no aspirant for political honors. He was one of the pillars of the Lutheran Church in Mount Olive, and was a man who commanded the respect of all who knew him, both in business and private life.



HON. HAMPTON W. WALL.

HON. HAMPTON W. WALL, who for many years was one of the prominent, influential and successful men of Macoupin County, identified with its agricultural, business and political life, was born November 10, 1831, in Macoupin County, and was a son of Richard and Lucinda (Camp) Wall, being the younger of their two children. His brother's name was Pahrham.

Mr. Wall received a district school education and early in life became dependent upon his own resources. He worked at farm work, "mauled" rails, by the month, and made and saved money from the beginning. He became the owner of a farm in Madison County, Illinois, which he operated,

in connection with a general store at the village of New Hampton, named in his honor at the time. This store he sold, at a later date, to an employee named Worden, and after Mr. Wall removed to Macoupin County, the name was changed to Worden, which name the village still bears. After locating in Staunton, Mr. Wall became interested in a milling business, eventually selling it and entering into the implement business, in which he continued a number of years. All his ventures proved successful. A large part of his working capital was obtained through his energy, enterprise and foresight in the buying and shipping of horses and mules, during the Civil War.

After disposing of his implement business, Mr. Wall entered into partnership with James Taylor in a private banking business, under the firm name of Wall & Taylor. Failing health caused Mr. Taylor to withdraw, and Mr. Wall entered into partnership with J. C. Panhorst, and this congenial and profitable partnership was continued until the calamity occurred which resulted in the death of Mr. Wall, from a murderous assault, on August 16, 1898. The distressing details of this sad affair, which caused a united family to be bereft of a kind husband and father, a community to lose one of its foremost citizens and a State to regard with horror and grief the sudden death of an honored statesman, have been spread upon the pages of the public press, and the biographer turns aside, better satisfied to contemplate the works which reflect honor upon his memory.

In political conviction, Mr. Wall was a staunch Democrat, and in the many positions to which he was advanced by his party, he was a zealous advocate of its principles, but was never swerved from the path of duty, by friend or foe. Twice elected to the State House of Representatives and once to the State Senate, he gave his whole mind to the forming and passing of just laws and such is his public record. Locally he filled many of the offices and practiced law in the justice courts, although never admitted to the bar. He had a natural comprehension of law and jurisprudence and was often heard to regret that he had not, early in life, devoted himself to serious study of the law. The death of such a man is a serious loss to any community.

Mr. Wall was thrice married. His first marriage was to Ellen Roseberry, a daughter of Robert Roseberry. At her death she left one daughter, now Mrs. Alice M. Ferris, of Missouri. His second marriage was to his sister-in-law, Isabella Roseberry, the second daughter of Robert Roseberry,

and six children were born to them, viz: Mrs. Elizabeth Godfrey, of Staunton; Charles R., of the banking firm of Wall & Quade, of Staunton; William P., a member of the banking firm of Wall & Company, of Staunton; Mrs. Harriet Campbell, of St. Louis, Missouri, and two that died in infancy. Mr. Wall for his third wife married the lady who still survives him, Martha E. Scroggins, who is a daughter of William and Keziah Scroggins of Staunton. The three children of this union are: Lillian M., Mabel E. and Hampton Grover. The family still reside at Staunton, where Mr. Wall's sons look after the large financial interests, from which he was so suddenly called. In every circle, the family has been of prominence for many years. Mrs. Wall resides in Staunton, and has a wide circle of friends.



LEWIS F. BECKER.

LEWIS F. BECKER, a prominent citizen of Virden, Macoupin County, who has carried on an extensive contracting and building business for a number of years, was born July 1, 1854, in St. Louis, Missouri. He is a son of John George and Catherine (Stecher) Becker.

Our subject comes of German parentage, his father being a native of Bavaria, and his mother of Hesse-Cassel. The former came to America in 1850 and the latter, in 1851, and they were married in 1852. They reared a family of five children, viz: Lewis F., Anna, Amelia, Oscar (now deceased) and Carrie. Three children died in infancy: Ida and Wyant, who died at the age of three years, and an infant that died when two days old. Our subject's parents removed in 1861 from St. Louis, Missouri, to Virden, which has continued to be their residence ever since, Mr. Becker being largely interested in contracting and building.

Lewis F. Becker has been a resident of Virden since he was seven years of age and for this reason looks upon this city in almost the same light as if he had been born here. Here he was educated and to the improvement and building up of Virden he has devoted the energies of a very busy and successful life. The handsome appearance and substantial character of the leading business houses and many of the private residences, testify to his

practical ideas as well as to his constructive ability. He has taken an active part in civic affairs, has served most usefully on the City Council, has been a member of the School Board, and by personal effort and financial assistance has promoted the enterprises which have served to place Virden among the prospering cities of Macoupin County. There is a great difference in citizenship, and Mr. Becker has always belonged to that class which is ready and willing to put aside private interests when the welfare of the public is at stake.

On February 21, 1877, Mr. Becker was married to Caroline Bajohr, who was born in Jerseyville, Illinois, and is a daughter of Bernard and Martha Bajohr, both of whom were born in Germany. They have eight children living: Fred, Ota, Ada, Oscar L., Anna, Carrie, Albert and Russell. One child died in infancy. Mr. Becker has been a member of the Masonic fraternity for many years and is locally connected with Virden Lodge, No. 161, in which he has served as Worshipful Master and is at present secretary. Mr. Becker and family are much esteemed in Virden and he is considered one of the city's substantial and representative men.



SCOTT ETTER.

SCOTT ETTER, city attorney of Palmyra, a leading citizen and Democratic politician, and the editor and proprietor of the *Transcript*, one of the outspoken and influential newspapers of Macoupin County, is a descendant of some of the best pioneer stock of this section of the State. Mr. Etter was born October 30, 1875, in South Palmyra township, Macoupin County, and is a son of James and Flora (Ritchie) Etter.

Tracing the Etter family as far back as our subject's great-grandfather, we find that Henry Etter was born in Wythe County, Virginia, and removed to Eastern Tennessee at the age of 23 years. He married Elizabeth Parks, a member of a family which had migrated from New England to Tennessee, and they had a family of 12 children, the seventh in order of birth being Henry, the grandfather of our subject. In 1827 the elder Henry Etter removed with his family to Greene County, Illinois, settling three miles

southeast of Greenfield. He was the pioneer settler in his neighborhood, only a few other families having located in the township. In 1836 he removed to Macoupin County and settled on section 9, in what is now Western Mound township, on a farm now occupied by George Etter. At that early day few settlers had found homes here and pioneer conditions existed for a number of years. Mr. Etter bought a claim of 120 acres and entered 280 additional acres, much of this property still remaining in the possession of the family.

Henry Etter, Jr., grandfather of our subject, became a prominent citizen of Macoupin County, although he enjoyed in youth few educational opportunities. On November 14, 1844, he married Asbereen Elizabeth Davidson, who was born May 12, 1824, in Barren County, Kentucky, and was a daughter of E. and Margaret (Wright) Davidson and a granddaughter of John Davidson, who migrated to America from Scotland. Mr. Etter and wife engaged in farming in Western Mound township until 1845, when they moved to the present farm of our subject in section 16, South Palmyra township. Mr. Etter accumulated 480 acres of land, but, with the exception of 160 acres, has given all to his children. He was born May 14, 1820, and, although advanced in years, still retains the management of his homestead. The children of Henry Etter, Jr., were: George; James; Smith, deceased; and Elijah, a resident of Waverly, Illinois.

James Etter, father of our subject, is now a retired farmer of South Palmyra. He married Flora Ritchie, who died in 1900. Mrs. Etter was a daughter of E. W. Ritchie, a farmer of South Palmyra township.

Scott Etter attended the Palmyra schools and was graduated at the Palmyra High School in 1892. It had required considerable effort and self denial on the young man's part to accomplish this satisfactory result. The successful passage through high school entails expenses for suitable books, apparatus, etc., and the means for defraying these expenses he earned by working in the rock quarries on his father's farm. Doubtless this was excellent discipline, at any rate it goes to show that Mr. Etter is not one to permit adverse conditions to discourage him in the pursuit of his chosen aim. Much of his subsequent career has made this manifest. For a period he taught school in Macoupin County, and from 1896 to 1897 was the able principal of the Modesto High School. He then removed to Palmyra and entered upon the study of the law with Frank M. Solomon, with whom he

later formed a law partnership. When this was dissolved in 1898, he entered into partnership with Hon. James B. Searcy, at that time a member of the State Legislature. This connection was severed in 1900, since which time Mr. Etter has conducted his practice alone, Mr. Searcy locating at Carlinville.

Since 1895 Mr. Etter has been a prominent factor in Democratic politics in this section and has been a delegate to all important conventions. One notable one was the 16th Congressional Convention, which finally elected T. J. Selby, after a deadlock and the taking of 2,531 ballots. He was also a delegate to the convention which nominated J. B. Rieks as judge of the Supreme Court of Illinois. In 1891 his abilities were recognized by election as city attorney of Palmyra, an office he has since held by acclamation. On November 7, 1898, he purchased the *Transcript*, one of the leading newspapers of the county and one which commands attention on account of the ability with which it is conducted. Since April 17, 1901, he has been one of the directors of the F. A. of A. Insurance Company. Until 1903 he was one of the principal stockholders of the Electric Light & Telephone Company of Palmyra, of which he was the promoter. He has been very active in all public spirited movements, and by voice, pen and means, encourages everything which promises to be of substantial benefit to this section.

On October 31, 1900, Mr. Etter was married to Frances M. Butcher, who is a daughter of Wesley Butcher, who died January 7, 1892. Mrs. Etter is proficient in music and at the time of her marriage was a teacher of music at Carlinville. They have a son, Roscoe, who was born November 9, 1901, and a daughter, Frances, born February 24, 1904. Both Mr. Etter and wife are members of the Christian Church. Fraternally he is an Odd Fellow and a Knight of Pythias.



THOMAS E. ELLIMAN.

THOMAS E. ELLIMAN, a prominent general farmer and stock raiser of Gillespie township, Macoupin County, owning and operating a fine farm of 240 acres, situated in sections 15 and 22, was born in Butler Grove township,

Montgomery County, Illinois, October 14, 1875. He is a son of William and Louise (Casselberry) Elliman.

William Elliman, the grandfather of our subject, was born at Cheapstead, Surrey Lane, now a part of the city of London, England, and was a son of a clergyman of the Established Church. He brought his family to America and located in Macoupin County, Illinois, when his son William was 11 years of age, and here he died at the age of 46 years. He was a baker by trade, although for generations the family calling had been the Church. His children were: Mrs. Elizabeth Raymond, of Macoupin County; William, of Butler, Montgomery County; Mrs. Katherine Coffee, of Macoupin County; Mrs. Mary Cromwell, of Macoupin County; Harry, of Butler, Montgomery County; Mrs. Emma Young, of St. Louis, Missouri; and Thomas, deceased.

William Elliman, father of our subject, was born October 25, 1843, at Cheapstead, London, and, as noted, was a lad of 11 years when he came to Macoupin County. For many years he was connected with railroad work, was freight agent for the "Big Four" Railroad at Litchfield, agent for the Wabash road at Litchfield, ticket agent at Butler, and for three years was deputy county clerk. On account of failing eyesight, he turned his attention to farming and is one of the substantial agriculturists of Montgomery County, living near Butler. In politics he is a staunch Democrat and an influential man in his party. In religious belief he is an Episcopalian. Two daughters were born to his first marriage: Mary Elizabeth, who resides at home; and an infant, deceased. His second union was with Louise Casselberry, who was born in Belleville, Illinois, and is a daughter of Charles and Louise Casselberry, natives of Indiana. An uncle of our subject, Evans Casselberry, who died at St. Louis some eight years ago, was very prominently identified with the school system of that city, and a leading member of the bar. Two children were born to this marriage—Thomas E. and Charles, the latter being deceased.

Thomas E. Elliman has had most excellent educational advantages. After graduating from the Butler High School, he studied two years at Blackburn University at Carlinville and then entered upon the study of medicine. However, he subsequently ended his professional studies and turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, being his father's only son, and the heir to a large amount of real estate. Mr. Elliman has proved his choice a wise one,



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his success having been continuous ever since he took charge of his present farm in 1901. While thoroughly practical, Mr. Elliman is also a scientific farmer, applying the principles of the whole circle of sciences in the intelligent management of his land. He has large herds of fine Shorthorn, Durham and Hereford cattle, Shropshire sheep and Poland-China and Duroc swine. He also raises horses and makes hay and corn his leading farm crops.

In June, 1900, Mr. Elliman married Mary B. Barrett, who was born July 4, 1880, at Butler, Illinois, and is a daughter of Jesse C. and Emma (Hutchison) Barrett. Jesse C. Barrett was born May 30, 1839, at Deerfield, Indiana, and came to Illinois a young man to make his own way. For 15 years he was superintendent of schools in Montgomery County and a teacher all his life. He was a son of Hon. Elisha E. Barrett, a Democrat in politics, who was a member of the State Legislature during the administration of President Lincoln. The parents of Mrs. Elliman now live retired on a farm. She is the third member of their family of four children, the others being: Mrs. Nettie Neely, of St. Louis, Missouri; James, an instructor at the State University; and Anita, who is living at home. Mr. and Mrs. Barrett belong to the Methodist Church.

In politics Mr. Elliman is a Democrat and has served as township clerk. Fraternally he is a Master Mason and is connected with Gillespie Lodge, No. 214, A. F. & A. M. In religious belief he is a Presbyterian.



SAMUEL GRAY.

SAMUEL GRAY, one of the old and highly esteemed citizens of Macoupin County and a leading agriculturist of Gillespie township, the owner of a fine farm of 258 acres, situated in sections 6, 7, 8 and 17, was born February 10, 1839, in Gillespie township. He is a son of William and Eliza (De Crow) Gray.

The Gray family is one of the pioneer families of this county. James Gray, the grandfather of our subject, an Irishman by birth, came here in 1824, entering land on Coup's creek, where he resided until his death, at the age of 75 years. His children were: James, Samuel, Menoah, Julia, Elizabeth,

Polly, Matilda, William, Mrs. Maria Maxwell, Mrs. Lucy Clark and Mrs. Jane James. Julia, Elizabeth and Matilda married brothers of the McKinsey family. William Gray was born on the James River in Virginia, and he was 23 years of age when he came to Illinois, in 1824. He entered land here and paid his taxes with sales of coonskins and beeswax. His destination was Carlinville, but the few log cabins which formed the village were so inconspicuous that he could scarcely believe he had reached the settlement. Of this place he soon became a leading factor. Like other pioneers he possessed much inventive genius and the agricultural implements he required he was able to construct himself. As game was abundant he spent much time in hunting and our subject can recall when 16 deer at one time hung ready to be preserved for future use, all having been killed by his father. In those days the mothers of the families were equally ingenious and industrious, making all the materials for the garbing of the family on their busy looms and riding on horseback many miles to the nearest markets to dispose of their butter and eggs. Mr. Gray entered land in Christian County, earning money to pay the entering fee by making rails at a "bit" a hundred. His death took place in Christian County where he left a good farm of 120 acres. He was a Democrat in his political views. For a long time he was a major in the local militia. Although a man of little book education, he was possessed of much native intelligence. In religion he was a Baptist. He married Eliza De Crow, who was born in Maryland, of French ancestry and could speak the French language fluently. These children were born to this union, namely: Mrs. Elizabeth Gibbs, deceased; James, deceased; Mrs. Mary Johnson, of Missouri; Mrs. Julia Armstrong, of Morrisonville, Christian County; William, deceased, who was wounded in the battle of Shiloh, during the Civil War, his brother Samuel receiving injuries in the same battle; Samuel, of this sketch; Mrs. Anna Reed, deceased; Jackson, deceased; David, of Alton, Illinois; Elijah, deceased; and Mrs. Priscilla Record.

Samuel Gray was reared on the home farm and attended the district schools of his neighborhood. When the Civil War came upon the land, he was one of the first loyal young men to respond from Carlinville, enlisting in Company C, 32nd Reg., Illinois Vol. Inf., under Col. John A. Logan. His regiment was sent to the Army of the Tennessee and during two years he participated in some of the most serious battles of the great war. Survivors can not hear the names of Fort Henry, Fort Donelson, Shiloh and Corinth

mentioned, without recalling appalling scenes of carnage. At Shiloh he was wounded; after the battle of Corinth, he, with other sick and injured, was sent by Governor Richard Yates, Sr., to the Marine Hospital at St. Louis, where, after six months of convalescence, he was honorably discharged for disability, October 16, 1863.

Mr. Gray returned to the farm in Christian County, where he lived for 18 months, removing then to his present farm in Gillespie township, which has been his home ever since. Here Mr. Gray has carried on extensive general farming and stock raising, having 170 acres under cultivation. He has made many valuable and substantial improvements on his property and has set out an apple, peach and pear orchard of 6,000 trees.

On February 12, 1863, Mr. Gray was married to Sarah B. Bell, who was born in Marion County, Ohio, March 26, 1847, and is a daughter of William J. and Katherine (Bushy) Bell, and children have been born to them, as follows: Julia A., who died at the age of nine years; Wilson Dennis, a farmer of Gillespie township, who married Minnie Taylor and has five children—Roy E., Samuel, Clara B., Joseph F., and Mildred E.; Cora A., who is at school; and five others who are now deceased.

Fraternally Mr. Gray belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic. In politics he is identified with the Republican party. He is serving at present as school director. Formerly he was a member of the Methodist Church. His portrait accompanies this sketch.



MAHLON ROSS.

MAHLON ROSS, one of the retired citizens of Virden, where for many years he has been prominent in professional life as the senior member of the law firm of Ross & Ross, and has also been identified with the business interests of the place, was born November 12, 1821, in Mercer County, Pennsylvania, and is a son of Edward C. and Mary (Axtel) Ross.

The Ross family was originally from New Jersey and in that State both our subject's father and grandfather were born. The family removed to Washington County, Pennsylvania, where Edward C. was reared and

educated. After his marriage he settled on a farm of 200 acres in Sandy Creek township, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, where he lived until 1835, when he sold this property, which he had much improved, and removed to Delaware County, Ohio, where he proposed to clear and improve a large tract of land, but his death took place in the following year, at the age of 52 years. This calamity left a widow and nine children, who remained on this farm until 1839, when they sought a new home in the then Territory of Iowa, Mrs. Ross securing a government claim in Linn County. She was the moving spirit for some years in all the changes of the family, and perhaps no more capable or self-denying woman ever lived. Her memory is treasured by her children, whose welfare it was her continual desire to promote. She died in 1846, having lived to see the farm under cultivation and well improved, and her children all on the high road to success.

In the work incident to the settlement in Linn County, Iowa, our subject was his mother's right-hand helper. He was 18 years of age at this time and his schooling was finished, his education having been obtained in the subscription schools in the neighborhoods where his parents had lived, and at the Mission Institute at Quincy, Illinois, where he remained from 1842 to 1846. He was thus prepared for teaching and was employed one summer in Missouri and one summer and one winter in Greene County, Illinois. His vacations were made profitable in every way that opportunity offered, as assistant on neighboring farms and also as chain boy in surveying expeditions, a notable example of the latter being during the survey of the Territorial road from Davenport to Iowa City, at a time when a log cabin was the only house then standing in the present bustling and important city of Cedar Rapids. All this time, however, the youth was cherishing an ambition, and under the most unfavorable conditions managed to prepare himself for the law, and in 1850 was admitted to the bar. After a short practice at Hardin, Calhoun County, Illinois, he went to Carrollton, and in 1854 located in Virden, where for almost a half century he has been one of the leading members of the bar of Macoupin County. Natural ability he possessed to a high degree and he successfully waged legal contests with other men in his profession, who already had become eminent and many of whom later gained national reputations. It is recalled of Mr. Ross, that he was long considered a very formidable opponent on account of his ready wit and flow of language, as well as for his clear comprehension of every case he ever undertook. After

years of activity, he retired to private life, taking with him the cordial esteem of his co-workers, the respect of the community and the affection of those who have been permitted to enter into close association with him.

Mr. Ross was married in 1857 to Harriet E. M. Roberts, who was born June 27, 1825, and is a daughter of Joel and Tabitha (Fellows) Roberts, and five children were born to them, of whom three died in infancy. Those living are: Alva and Ella.

It may be truthfully said that the mantle of the father has fallen on his son, for Alva Ross since his father's retirement has entered upon a brilliant individual career, and has pushed to the front until to-day he is recognized as one of the leading attorneys of the Macoupin County bar. He was educated in the public schools of Virden, Jacksonville Business College and Northwestern University's Law School at Chicago, Illinois, where he was graduated in law in 1890. In the following June he was admitted to the bar and was admitted to partnership by his father, the firm name of Ross & Ross then coming into existence. From the first it was a strong one and to it has been entrusted much of the important litigation of the county.

Our venerable subject has filled many positions of trust and responsibility in Virden, being at all times a man whose life and character reflected honor upon his community. While interested in all public spirited efforts and contributing service, time and financial aid, his real life has been more that of a thinker and scholar. His pen has often strayed into literary effort and his papers, if collected, would show deep learning, close reasoning and the careful consideration of a wide range of subjects. In his beautiful home in Virden, his fine library is his chosen spot, and here the evening of life is peacefully enjoyed by this citizen of Virden, who is the center of his fellow citizens' good will.



FREDERICK SCHULTZ.

FREDERICK SCHULTZ, a highly respected retired citizen of Staunton, Macoupin County, was born November 10, 1834, in Brunswick, Germany, and is a son of Frederick Schultz, who was a farmer in Germany.

Frederick Schultz of this sketch lost his mother in infancy. He is the

only son in the family of five children born to his parents, and the only member of the family to come to America. He began farm work in his own country at the age of 14 years, hiring out by the year as was the custom there. When he was 21 years of age, he sailed from Bremen to New York City, which he reached after a voyage of four weeks. His objective point was Belleville, Illinois, where he secured work in the coal mines, and where he continued until 1875, when he moved to Staunton. Mr. Schultz worked in the mines at Staunton until 1903, and then retired from activity, having in the meantime accumulated a competency which is well invested. He is a self made man, one who has fairly earned all he possesses.

In 1866 Mr. Schultz was married to Mary Leipoldt, who was born in October, 1839, in Germany, and who came to America in 1865. They have three children: Peter, who is a mine worker and lives at home; Henry, who follows the same vocation and also lives at home; and Mrs. Minnie Baum, who has one child—Edna.

Mr. Schultz has generally voted with the Democratic party, although, in some campaigns, he has not been in full accord and has cast his vote with the Republicans. He has his own convictions and sometimes votes more for the man than for the party he represents. He is a consistent member of St. Paul's Reformed Lutheran Church. Mr. Schultz is much esteemed in Staunton, where his industry, his honesty and kind, neighborly qualities have attracted to him a wide circle of friends.

WILLIAM H. SCHELM.

WILLIAM H. SCHELM, one of the leading business citizens of Brighton, Macoupin County, where he conducts a blacksmith shop, was born in Brighton in 1865, and is a son of Henry and Amelia (Brunner) Schelm.

Henry Schelm was born in 1835 in Brunswick, Germany, and came to America and located at Brighton in 1863. In 1866 he married Amelia Brunner, who was also born in Germany and came to America with her parents when six years of age. Her father, Charles Brunner, was a merchant in Germany, but after locating in Brighton township, Macoupin

County, he followed farming. He died in 1866 at the age of 62 years, survived by his widow until 1880, when she was 75 years of age. Mrs. Schelm was the youngest of 11 children. She still survives, residing at Brighton, in her 55th year. Henry Schelm died in 1889, leaving seven children, our subject being the eldest.

William H. Schelm obtained his education in the schools of Brighton township and also learned his trade on the farm, working for a time in the village and township, and then erected a complete and well appointed shop in Brighton. In addition to this building, he owns a dwelling and store. His skill as a workman is so well known that he enjoys a large patronage.

In 1889 Mr. Schelm married Henrietta Lauck, who was the fifth member of a family of six children born to Henry and Elizabeth (Cook) Lauck. Mr. Lauck was born in Germany and came to America with his mother and three brothers in 1855, when he was 26 years of age. The family landed at New Orleans and came immediately to Brighton, where Mr. Lauck has followed the carpenter trade ever since, being the builder of many of the substantial structures in this vicinity. Mrs. Schelm died March 31, 1904, at the age of 35 years, 11 months and 26 days.

Our subject has six bright, intelligent children, namely: Hilda, born October 23, 1890; Alma, born May 26, 1892; Carl, born February 2, 1895; Ruth, born August 3, 1897; Viola, born October 10, 1900; and Paul, born September 3, 1903.

In politics, Mr. Schelm is a staunch supporter of Democratic principles. He belongs to a number of fraternal organizations, notably the Modern Woodmen of America, Royal Circle and the German Harugari. With his family, he belongs to and liberally supports the Evangelical Church.



GIDEON B. LOPER.

GIDEON B. LOPER, one of the extensive farmers and substantial citizens of Western Mound township, Macoupin County, owning a fine farm of 913 acres in Macoupin County, was born in Western Mound township, June 3, 1842. He is a son of Adrian W. and Susan (Keller) Loper.

James Loper, the grandfather of Gideon B., was probably born in New Jersey; he was a sea-faring man, and his two vessels did good service for his country during the War of 1812, which, however, resulted in his losing them. He then turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, and with his wife and two children started for Indiana, crossing the Alleghany Mountains with his household goods packed in a one-horse wagon. For a time he lived in the vicinity of Fairfield, Indiana, but in 1829, he removed to Greene County, Illinois. In 1831 he became one of the first settlers of Chesterfield township, Macoupin County, Illinois, where he passed his remaining years.

Adrian W. Loper, father of Gideon B., was the second member of his parents' family of seven children. He became a large land-owner and prominent farmer, leaving an estate of 215 acres at the time of his death. On December 22, 1837, he married Susan Keller, who was born in Crawford County, Indiana, September 14, 1818, and died June 6, 1896. She was a daughter of John Keller who was born in Maryland and accompanied his parents in youth to Kentucky. There he was reared and married, removing to Crawford County Indiana, in 1800, being one of the earliest settlers. There he purchased a tract of wild land and later bought land in Coles County, Illinois, which he sold in 1836 to remove to Chesterfield township, Macoupin County, Illinois, where he was also a pioneer. Here he developed a fine farm.

Gideon B. Loper obtained his education in the schools of his native township and remained at home, assisting his father on the homestead farm, 120 acres of which he owns. In addition to this valuable property, Mr. Loper owns 1,493 acres throughout the States of Illinois and Kansas, and also numerous town lots in various cities.

In 1867, Mr. Loper was married to Virginia Carr, who is a daughter of Macabus and Mary (Bates) Carr, who were born in Tennessee. Mr. Carr came to Macoupin County and at the time of his death, in 1874, in his 59th year, he was a large farmer of Western Mound township. Five children were born to this marriage: Ary O., Annetta, Mattie V., Orin B., and Horace G. The eldest son is operating the homestead farm. He married Ella Brannan, who is a daughter of James T. and Sarah Ann (Hinkle) Brannan, and they have reared two children—Ora and Onna. Annetta married A. C. Chism, a farmer of Bird township, who is a son of Bostick Chism of Western Mound township, and they have four children—Frank, Floyd,

Henry and Evelyn. Mattie V. married William Henry Dams, a merchant at Chesterfield, and they have one child—Cressa Viola. Orin B. Loper, a general merchant at Chesterfield, married Mabel Moore, who is a daughter of Louis P. Moore. Horace G. Loper assists on the homestead farm. He married Ora Regsbey, daughter of a large stock buyer of Chesterfield township, and they have two children—Rhea and Corinne.

In politics Mr. Loper is identified with the Republican party. Fraternally he is a Mason. In religious belief he is a Baptist.



OTTO E. QUADE.

OTTO E. QUADE, one of the representative business citizens of Staunton, Illinois, junior member of the banking firm of Wall & Quade, of Staunton, was born in this city, January 31, 1875, and is a son of the late William and Mary (Voglesang) Quade.

The Quade family is of German ancestry, and both of the parents of our subject were born in that country. William Quade came to the United States in 1870 and settled in Illinois, where he engaged for a time in coal mining. Later he entered into the liquor business and in 1890 erected the fine hotel in Staunton known as the Hotel Quade, a modern structure fitted with every convenience demanded by the critical traveling public of the times. Mr. Quade conducted this excellent hostelry himself until his death, in 1899, at the age of 66 years. He is survived by his widow and four of his six children, viz: Johanna, wife of Rudolph Dreibold, the present proprietor of the Hotel Quade; Lena A., wife of the former postmaster, W. F. Hackman; Otto E., of this sketch; and William G., of West Depere, Wisconsin, who is assistant secretary and treasurer of the Burns Boiler & Manufacturing Company.

Otto E. Quade has always had his residence in Staunton and is devoted to the city's interests. Until he was 14 years of age, he attended the parochial schools and then spent a year at Walther College, St. Louis, returning to enter his father's employ, as clerk of the Hotel Quade. In 1898 he be-

came clerk in the Staunton Post Office, and served four years under Postmaster W. F. Hackman. In 1902 he entered into the banking business, in association with Charles R. Wall, and the firm of Wall & Quade carries considerable weight with it in financial circles. He is the secretary of the Staunton Loan & Building Association, and of the Staunton Home Association.

Fraternally Mr. Quade is connected with Parnassus Lodge, No. 581, Knights of Pythias, of Staunton; and of the Elks Lodge, No. 654, of Litchfield. Personally Mr. Quade is a man of winning exterior and pleasing and courteous manner. His business sagacity has been recognized and both he and his business partner enjoy the fullest measure of public confidence.



JOHN GEORGE BECKER.

JOHN GEORGE BECKER, one of the best known and most highly regarded citizens of Virden, Illinois, who has been a prominent factor in the city's business life for more than 40 years, was born June 15, 1828, in Bavaria, Germany, and is a son of John Philip Becker, who died in his native land in 1874, at the age of 74 years.

Until he was 13 years old, our esteemed subject attended school and laid the foundations upon which reading, experience and association with the world have built a comprehensive education. Mr. Becker was the son of a practical farmer, who encouraged him to learn a self-supporting trade, and before he was 16 years old he was apprenticed to a local cabinet-maker. He became a skilled workman and followed his trade in various parts of Germany until 1850, when he came to America. His passage was taken on the sailing vessel "Calender," from Havre to New Orleans, which city he finally reached after a long and wearying voyage of 52 days. The Southern city did not offer the business opportunities he sought, and after two weeks of sight-seeing, he traveled up the Mississippi River to St. Louis, where he remained until 1861. At this time Virden was not the bustling little city it has since become. Mr. Becker saw here a fine opening as a builder and contractor; taking advantage of it, he not only assured his own business success, but ad-

vanced the interests of the place. His large building and contracting operations opened the way for other enterprises and the growth of Virden may be noticed from that time. The excellence of Mr. Becker's work is shown on every hand, in the substantial structures planned and erected by him. For many years he stood at the head of this industry and he holds the record of having erected the first brick building in Virden. Mr. Becker's enterprise kept up with the city's increase in financial importance, and the first brick building in 1866 was succeeded by the fine mansions and substantial business houses which now adorn the city.

In June, 1852, Mr. Becker was married to Catherine Stecher, who was born in Hesse-Cassel, Germany: Eight children were born to them, five of whom grew to maturity, namely: Lewis F., Anna, Amelia, Oscar (deceased) and Carrie. Ida and Wyant died at three years of age and an infant unnamed died when only two days old. For many years Mr. Becker has been a Free Mason and is connected with Virden Lodge, No. 161.



WILLIAM P. WALL.

WILLIAM P. WALL, one of the leading business men and substantial citizens of Staunton, Macoupin County, a member of the banking firm of Wall & Company, was born April 18, 1870, at Staunton, and is a son of the late Hon. Hampton W. Wall, extended mention of whom will be found in this volume.

Completing the public school course at the age of 17 years, our subject then entered Blackburn University at Carlinville, taking a three-years course. Upon his return to Staunton, he worked for a few months for the Staunton Milling Company, and then entered the office of the Consolidated Coal Company of St. Louis, at Staunton. After one year at Staunton, he was sent to the branch office at Mount Olive where he remained 16 months.

On March 1, 1894, Mr. Wall entered the employ of Wall & Panhorst, bankers at Staunton, of which firm his father was a member, and continued with them until the death of his father, August 16, 1898. The old firm was then dissolved and on September 3, 1898, the business was reorganized and

our subject, with his brother, Charles R., succeeded the late firm. This association continued until December 13, 1901, when he purchased his brother's entire interest, the firm name being then changed to Wall & Company. From this date until March 1, 1902, Mr. Wall remained sole proprietor and then admitted his brother-in-law, Cornelius Godfrey, to partnership, Mr. Wall being president and Mr. Godfrey, cashier. Not only does Mr. Wall claim to be a careful financier, but is very proud of his three years record as a farmer. In the spring of 1885 he left school and put in the spring crop on his father's farm and operated the property for three years with a measure of success which, he declares, gave him more satisfaction than all the university honors he won. He also conducts a branch bank at Worden, Illinois, which he established March 1, 1902.

Mr. Wall was married June 8, 1893 to Daisy D. Camp, who was born March 8, 1873, in Montgomery County, Illinois, and is a daughter of William E. and Mary E. (Shaffer) Camp, the former of whom was born September 25, 1843, and the latter, March 3, 1845, near Carlinville. Mr. and Mrs. Wall have three children: Harriet Edith, Helen Isabella and Grace Elizabeth.

Politically Mr. Wall votes, on national affairs, with the Democratic party. Fraternally he is a Mason and for the past three years has been master of Staunton Lodge, No. 177.



JOHN C. COX.

JOHN C. COX, one of the representative farmers and highly esteemed citizens of Mount Olive township, Macoupin County, the owner and operator of a fine farm of 80 acres, situated in section 10, Mount Olive township and section 21, Staunton township, was born January 15, 1845, in Macoupin County, Illinois. He is a son of Andrew Jackson and Elizabeth (Hargrove) Cox, members of old Tennessee and Kentucky families, respectively.

Andrew Jackson Cox, was born January 1, 1817, and was a son of Ezekiel and Mary Cox, the former of whom died in 1815, leaving children as follows: Jeremiah, Mrs. Jency Stille, Mrs. Elizabeth Colson, Emanuel and Andrew Jackson. The last named married Elizabeth Hargrove, a daugh-

ter of Willis and Rachel Hargrove, born in Trigg County, Kentucky, January 1, 1823, and deceased April 23, 1874. Their children were: Virgil T., who died in 1865; Green, who died in Texas in 1872; John C., of this sketch; Jane, who died of smallpox; Irving, a resident of Missouri; George, a resident of Arkansas; Elizaeth, who died at the age of nine years; and Mrs. Mary Morrison, a resident of Edwardsville, Illinois. Virgil T., the eldest member of this family, was a paroled prisoner of war at the time of his death. He was a member of Company I, 122nd Reg., Illinois Inf., under Capt. Stephen Sawyer, and was taken prisoner at Trenton, Tennessee.

Mr. Cox was reared and educated in Macoupin County, where he assisted his father in farming until he enlisted for service in the Civil War. His father had come to Illinois in 1836 and settled in Mount Olive township, where he owned 265 acres of land, and where he died in 1859, aged 42 years. He built a cabin, 16 by 18 feet in dimensions, with a rock chimney, when he first settled here, to which pioneer home he brought his bride, and here our subject was born. Hard work and exposure occasioned his death in middle life. Politically he was a Democrat. The land which he worked so hard to clear and cultivate is the present site of the city of Mount Olive.

On March 18, 1865, our subject enlisted from Staunton, in Company H, 28th Reg., Illinois Vol. Inf., under Capt. B. F. Cowell and Col. Richard Ritter, 1st Brigade, 3rd Division, 13th Army Corps, Army of the Cumberland, and took part in the battles of Spanish Fort and Fort Blakely, Alabama, and then accompanied his regiment to Fort Mobile and Whistler, Alabama. The regiment then encamped for a short time near Mobile and then went to Brazos Island, Texas, at the mouth of the Rio Grande River and thence to Brownsville, where he was mustered out March 8, 1866. He returned to Macoupin County by way of New Orleans and St. Louis. Soon after he married, and removed to Madison County and engaged in farming there for five years. Upon his return to Macoupin, he engaged in farming near Staunton until 1875, removing then to the property in section 10, Mount Olive township, where his residence is.

The first marriage of Mr. Cox was to Mary Cornelius, who died in Madison County, Illinois, aged 23 years, leaving one daughter, Emma, who died in Texas, aged 18 years. On November 24, 1875, Mr. Cox married Matilda E. Hoxey, who was born February 28, 1852, in Madison County, Illinois, and is a daughter of Christopher C. and Elizabeth (Riston) Hoxey,

natives of Kentucky and Tennessee, respectively, who located in Madison County among the early pioneers. Mrs. Hoxey died in 1872, aged 50 years, but Mr. Hoxey still survives, aged 84 years. The children in the Hoxey family were as follows: John and Joseph, both deceased; Mrs. Nancy White, of Joplin, Missouri; Matilda E. (Mrs. Cox); Sinai T., deceased; James, of Madison County, Illinois; Edward, of Kansas; Henry, of Iowa; and Mrs. Carrie Phillips, of Madison County, Illinois.

These children were born to our subject and wife: Thomas, born February 9, 1877, who was killed in a coal shaft, January 15, 1904—a distressing accident in which the family had the sympathy of the community; and Carrie, William, Lily, Charles and Christopher, all of whom are at home.

Mr. Cox has been a lifelong Democrat. While taking a deep interest in public matters, he has accepted very few official positions, serving at present as a trustee of the cemetery and for five years was a member of the Board of Education of Mount Olive. The family belong to the Christian Church. Mr. Cox is a man who receives as he deserves the respect and esteem of his fellow citizens.



FRANK B. LEACH.

FRANK B. LEACH, one of the prosperous young farmers of Chesterfield township, Macoupin County, who operates his father's farm, situated in section 1, was born in this township in 1872, and is a son of John J. and Harriet (Brown) Leach.

John J. Leach was born on this farm in 1842, and is now living in the village of Chesterfield near by, retired from active work. He is one of the highly esteemed citizens of the township. He served his country during the Civil War from 1862 until 1865, participating in many serious battles. In 1869 he married Harriet Brown, who is a daughter of F. G. and Mary (Bell) Brown.

Frank B. Leach was reared in Chesterfield township and here obtained his education. For three years he was cashier in the Chesterfield Bank, but in the fall of 1901 took charge of his father's farm. This he has managed with notable success.

In 1901 Mr. Leach was united in marriage with Clara Corbin, who is a daughter of L. B. Corbin of Polk township, Macoupin County, and they have one son,—John C.—who was born February 13, 1903.

In politics Mr. Leach is a Republican. Fraternally he is both a Mason and a Knight of Pythias. In religious views he is an Episcopalian. He is a young man of sterling character and commands the esteem of all who know him.

MEINT ARKEBAUER.

MEINT ARKEBAUER, one of the substantial citizens and for many years one of the most successful farmers of Mount Olive township, Macoupin County, owning almost 400 acres of land in sections 10 and 11, was born in Hanover, Germany, September 8, 1828. He is a son of Harm and Annie (Johnson) Arkebauer.

The father of our subject was born in Hanover, Germany, in 1798, and died in Illinois at the age of 60 years. The mother, who was born in Germany in 1802, was killed accidentally on the Wabash Railroad, at the age of 80 years. Their children were: Mrs. Anthia Shoen, of Mount Olive; Meint, of this sketch; Mrs. Martha Ross, of Mount Olive; Mrs. Gerdje Garrels, a widow, of Mount Olive; and Mrs. Trintje Whitehouse, deceased. The father of this family was always an agriculturist. In religious belief he was a Lutheran.

Our subject was 18 years of age, when with his parents he embarked on a sailing ship at Bremen for the United States. After a voyage of 15 weeks, the party reached New Orleans, having been detained four weeks in England for repairs to the vessel. The first winter was spent in St. Louis, and in the spring settlement was made in Madison County, where the family lived nine years, our subject working, in the meantime, for different farmers, by the month. In 1855, Mr. Arkebauer settled on the present farm, where he has practically resided ever since, a four-years residence in Kansas being mainly on account of a chance of profitable investment. He owns a fine farm of 400 acres in Smith County, Kansas, in addition to his extensive holdings here. His Macoupin County property is very valuable, 80 acres of it being within

the city limits of Mount Olive. Mr. Arkebauer has improved his property with good, substantial buildings, and has made it one of the most desirable and attractive farms in the county. Until prevented by poor health, he was a very industrious man, and accumulated his possessions through his own efforts.

In 1857 Mr. Arkebauer married Tette Keiser, who was born in Germany and died in Macoupin County, Illinois, in 1874, aged 36 years. They had six children, of whom the following are living: Johanna, the wife of Fred Droste, who operates the home farm—they have nine children; Hermina, who is the wife of Henry J. Gehner, Jr., of Cahokia township, Macoupin County; Anna, who married Charles Kueneth, of Mount Olive township, and has five children; and John, who has five children and lives on the Kansas property. Mr. Arkebauer has 27 grandchildren.

When he first came to the county, our subject was a Democrat, but later both he and his father became identified with the Republican party. He has taken a deep interest in the educational affairs of the section, has held school offices for many years, and has been a liberal contributor to the building of both churches and school houses. When he first came to Mount Olive, the present flourishing little city was but a hamlet, and Mr. Arkebauer, by his intelligent cooperation, has done his part in bringing about the present prosperity. He is one of the leading members of the Lutheran Church.



ALEXANDER W. CRAWFORD.

ALEXANDER W. CRAWFORD, ex-mayor of Girard and a leading citizen, was born February 9, 1861, at Godfrey, Madison County, Illinois, and is a son of Robert W. and Ann (Squire) Crawford. The former was born in Ireland, and the latter in England.

Our subject received a common school education at Godfrey and at one time was the postmaster of that place, also a member of the Madison County board two terms and later United States live stock inspector at the National Stock Yards at East St. Louis, Illinois, which position he resigned to take charge of the Williamson County Coal Company's mines at

Johnston City, Williamson County, Illinois, which position he resigned in 1899 and removed to Girard to take charge of the Greenridge Mining Company's interests. During the last two years he has been very extensively engaged in buying coal rights, having bought and sold to capitalists nearly 40,000 acres.

Mr. Crawford has been interested in politics since boyhood and has been one of the leading spirits of the Democratic party, both in Madison and Macoupin counties. His party services include eight years as chairman of the Democratic Senatorial Committee, and 12 years as secretary of the Democratic Executive Committee in Madison County. He served as mayor of Girard during 1901 and 1902.

Mr. Crawford has been twice married, first to Jennie H. Stewart, of Godfrey, Illinois. She died in 1893, leaving three children: Alexander M., William P. and Louise S. Mr. Crawford married, second, Maude A. Boyd, of Godfrey, Illinois. They have three children: John T., Mary A., and Sue Harriett.



WILLIAM WELLENBRINK.

WILLIAM WELLENBRINK, deceased, who for many years was a prominent business man of Mount Olive, Macoupin County, and the third member of the large mercantile firm of Keiser, Niemeyer & Company, was born in Germany, October 30, 1832.

Mr. Wellenbrink was educated in his native land and came to the United States in 1864 with capital, which he invested in a grocery business at St. Louis, Missouri. He prospered there and remained until 1877, when he removed to Mount Olive, to become a member of the firm of Keiser, Niemeyer & Company, with which he continued until his death, November 12, 1900. He was a man of fine business ability and became one of the very substantial as well as highly respected citizens of the city. His death was a loss to the city, removing as it did one whose influence had always been directed toward matters of general welfare.

Mr. Wellenbrink was married in December, 1869, to Mrs. N. (Niederluecke) Buschmann, widow of the late Casper H. Buschmann. Mrs. Wellen-

brink had two sons by her marriage with Mr. Buschmann—Henry A. and William F.—who have adopted the name of their late step-father, Mr. Wellenbrink. Henry A., who manages his mother's affairs and is a very capable business man, was born January 12, 1868; William F. was born November 15, 1869. On January 2, 1896, Henry A. Wellenbrink married Louisa Knollmann, a daughter of John F. Knollmann, formerly a merchant of St. Louis, Missouri, who died November 19, 1893.

In politics the late Mr. Wellenbrink affiliated with the Republican party. Fraternally he was identified with the Odd Fellows. The family is one of wealth and prominence in Mount Olive.

GEORGE A. WASH, M. D.

GEORGE A. WASH, M. D., who received his degree from the University of Louisville (Kentucky) on the 13th of March, 1894, and who immediately engaged in the practice of his profession, enjoys a large patronage in the town of Palmyra, Macoupin County, and numbers among his patients the very best citizens of the community. He was born at Lawrenceburg, Anderson County, Kentucky, March 25, 1868, and is a son of Allen and Susan (Alstoot) Wash, and a grandson of Col. John Wash.

Col. John Wash, who was born in Virginia, was a planter and slave-owner. Removing to Kentucky before the birth of his son, Allen, he engaged in agricultural pursuits and died there at the age of 89 years.

Allen Wash was born in 1813 in Kentucky, where he followed the occupation of farming but was never a slave-owner. He was married to Susan Alstott, a daughter of John Alstott, a Virginian, who removed to Casey County, Kentucky. Mr. Wash and wife reared four sons and one daughter, all of whom are now living, our subject being the youngest. Mr. Wash died on the homestead farm at the age of 79 years. Mrs. Wash, our subject's mother, died in 1878 at the age of 44 years.

George A. Wash, after his graduation from the University of Louisville, engaged in the practice of medicine at Hustonville, Kentucky, later removing to St. Meinrad, Indiana, where he continued his practice for six

years. In 1899 he removed to Palmyra, Illinois, where he has since practiced, having one of the largest village and country practices in his section of the county. Dr. Wash is also examining physician for the following life insurance companies: Aetna; New York Mutual; the Northwestern of Iowa; the Massachusetts Northwestern, and also for all the fraternal orders of his section. Dr. Wash is a Democrat and, fraternally, is a member of the Masons, Modern Woodmen of America, the F. A. of A., and the M. P. L. Religiously he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

On March 16, 1897, Dr. Wash was married to Margaret S. Alexander, the estimable daughter of James S. Alexander, a farmer of Mercer County, Pennsylvania, deceased in 1898. Mrs. James S. Alexander is still living and superintends the homestead farm.



WILLIAM A. SHRIVER, M. D.

WILLIAM A. SHRIVER, M. D., one of the most prominent physicians and surgeons of Macoupin County, Illinois, who has been a resident of Virden since 1866 and is president of the Farmers' & Merchants' Bank, was born April 30, 1844, at Sugar Tree Ridge, Highland County, Ohio. He is a son of George A. and Mary A. (Hensley) Shriver, and a grandson of Peter Shriver, who was born in Pennsylvania and established the family in Ohio.

The father of Dr. Shriver was reared in Highland County, Ohio, where he resided until 1851, when he came to Illinois and settled near Rockford. In 1854 he removed to Pike County, where he purchased a farm on which his last years were spent. He married Mary Hensley, daughter of Joseph Hensley, a farmer of Highland County, Ohio, and nine children were born them.

Dr. Shriver has been a resident of Illinois since the age of seven years, and here he obtained his education and then at the age of 15 years made his initial attempt at district school teaching. During the following three years, while his days were passed in the school room, his evenings and vacations were spent in medical study under that eminent physician, Dr. Pitzer, now a leading professional man of St. Louis. Later he entered the Eclectic Medical Institute of Cincinnati, and was graduated there in 1871, since

which time he has been engaged in active practice. In the spring of 1866, Dr. Shriver located at Virden, of which city he has ever since been a most useful and honored citizen.

In addition to caring for a large practice and the fulfilling of the duties incumbent upon him as a member of various medical organizations, Dr. Shriver is interested in various successful business enterprises which require a large measure of his time and talent. Among these is the Farmer's & Merchants' Bank of Virden, a leading financial institution of the county, of which he has been president since October, 1893. The bank is operated by Dr. Shriver and his son-in-law, Olin R. Rohrer, the latter being cashier.

In 1865 Dr. Shriver was married at Barry, Pike County, Illinois, to Carrie E. Howland, and five children were born to them. The two eldest of the family, Carrie and Frank, are deceased. The survivors are: Edith, who is the wife of Olin R. Rohrer, a banker of Virden; Estelle and Earl. The family is connected with the Methodist Church.

Although public spirited in everything pertaining to the advancement of Virden in its commercial, professional and social life, Dr. Shriver has avoided the annoyances attendant upon active political life, accepting only the presidency of the Board of Education for a period. He is held in the highest esteem in Virden and in the uprightness of his life and character reflects honor upon his profession and upon the city with which he has been so long and so prominently identified.



WILLIAM NIEMEYER.

For a number of years, the late William Niemeyer was one of the progressive and enterprising business men of Mount Olive, Macoupin County, Illinois, and vice-president of the Keiser & Niemeyer Mercantile Company. Mr. Niemeyer was born July 5, 1844, in Holzfeld, Prussia, and was a son of F. William and C. M. (Meddewag) Niemeyer. Both parents passed their lives in their native land, where the father was engaged in farming. Both were worthy members of the Lutheran Church.

In 1865, William Niemeyer decided to seek his fortune across the Atlantic, took passage on the vessel "Stella," and after a voyage of 56 days reached the port of New York. Remembering that he was but a lad of 16 years, with limited capital and no knowledge of either the language or customs of the new land in which he was then forced to make his way unaided, it speaks well for his industry, pluck and ability, that in a comparatively short time he was established in a business of his own. In search of work, he drifted to St. Louis, Missouri, working his way honestly and economically until at last, at Mount Olive, he secured an appreciative employer in the late John C. Niemann, himself a native of Germany. For three years he worked at farm labor for Mr. Niemann, each year proving more and more valuable to his employer, and then entered Mr. Niemann's store as a clerk. In 1873, the business was reorganized and Mr. Niemeyer, who had become a member of Mr. Niemann's family by marriage, was given an interest, and the present firm of Keiser & Niemeyer was established. It has developed into the largest mercantile establishment in Macoupin County, and is the oldest business house in Mount Olive. At a later date, Mr. Niemann retired and the firm was again reorganized, with C. J. Keiser, president; F. G. Droste, secretary; William Niemeyer, vice-president and H. H. Droste, treasurer.

The late William Niemeyer undoubtedly possessed an unusual business faculty. Few of his enterprises were unsuccessful and his advice was considered by his fellow citizens of inestimable value. He accumulated much property, both in Mount Olive and in Macoupin County and in various portions of the West. A late investment was the purchase of a tract of wooded land, in the vicinity of Mount Olive, with the idea of establishing here a summer resort which would secure the ready patronage of residents of St. Louis and neighboring cities. The stocking of the reservoir with a fine school of fish is recalled as one of his public spirited acts.

Mr. Niemeyer owned probably the finest home in Mount Olive—a beautiful residence, fitted with every modern improvement. The building of this home and the installing of his family was a source of the greatest gratification to Mr. Niemeyer, who was always most devoted to wife and children.

On April 29, 1869, William Niemeyer was united in marriage with Sophia Niemann, the second daughter of the late John C. Niemann, a sketch of whom will be found in this work. The father of Mrs. Niemeyer was born April 12, 1817, and died September 9, 1896, one of the largest capitalists of

his section. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Niemeyer: Edward, who died June 21, 1897; William, who died in infancy; Emil, who has succeeded his father in business; and Juliet, who in February, 1904, became the wife of A. E. Fisher, the junior member of the drug firm of Koch & Fisher. On September 2, 1903, Emil Niemeyer married Nettie A. Birtley, who is a daughter of J. V. Birtley, a coal magnate of Scranton, Pennsylvania.

The late William Niemeyer was a worthy member and a liberal supporter of Zion Lutheran Church, of Mount Olive, of which his family are also members. He was known for his many acts of generosity, for his genial, cheery temperament and for those honest, manly virtues, which will cause him to be long recalled with feelings of the highest esteem in the city where he spent so many useful, busy years.



HENRY KRUSE.

HENRY KRUSE, one of the leading farmers and stock raisers of Mount Olive township, Macoupin County, the owner of a fine farm of 240 acres, well located in sections 12 and 13, was born in Prussia, Germany, March 21, 1851, and is a son of Henry and Wilhelmina (Prange) Kruse.

The father of our subject was born in Prussia, and died in Macoupin County, Illinois, May 4, 1864. The mother was also born in Prussia and died in this county, February, 9, 1893, aged 74 years. Their children were: Henry, of this sketch; William, of Staunton township, Macoupin County; Wilhelmina, wife of F. W. Hartke, of Cahokia township, Macoupin County; August, of Cahokia township, Macoupin County; and Louis, of Mount Olive township. Henry Kruse, the elder, was a poor man when he came to America, but through his industry he accumulated a comfortable property. He identified himself with the Republican party. He was a man of many good deeds and was much respected by all who knew him. Both he and his wife were worthy members of the Lutheran Church.

Henry Kruse, the subject of this sketch, was but two years old when the family left Bremen on a sailing ship for New Orleans, whence they proceeded up the river to St. Louis, and then moved to what is now Mount Olive

township. Mr. Kruse attended the local schools and has been occupied with farming and stock raising ever since attaining manhood. He has paid much attention to Durham cattle and the leader of his herd is the well known "Prince Henry." He also breeds many fine horses and mules and many Poland-China hogs. He makes his leading crops corn, wheat, oats and clover, believing in a system of rotation. Mr. Kruse is a practical farmer, who uses modern methods and machinery and enjoys great agricultural prosperity. His property is adorned with a handsome brick residence and two commodious barns, while all the surroundings tell of thrift and good taste. Like his father, he has always been very industrious and carries on extensive operations with great success.

On March 21, 1877, Mr. Kruse was united in marriage, with Bernhardina Mindrup, who was born in Madison County, Illinois, December 6, 1856, and died August 16, 1902, a daughter of Eberhard and Sophia Mindrup, both natives of Germany. They had five children born to them: Henry R., now attending a business college in St. Louis; and Sophia, William E., Emma and Minnie, who live at home.

Mr. Kruse, who is a Republican in politics, has held a number of the minor township offices and has been active in school matters. He is a member of the Lutheran Church.



RICHARD W. LOBB.

Occasionally we find a man who has begun at the foot of the ladder and worked his way, unaided, to the very summit, where honor and success await those who are plucky and persevering enough to endure the hardships and trials that beset the way. Macoupin County has such a citizen in the person of one of its most prominent agriculturists—Richard W. Lobb. He resides on his well tilled farm, situated in section 23, North Palmyra township. Mr. Lobb was born in Green County, Kentucky, November 13, 1847, and is a son of Chapman and Ann (Horton) Lobb.

Chapman Lobb, who was a native of Virginia, at an early date removed to Kentucky, where he died about 1858, having reached quite an advanced

age. Mr. Lobb was twice married, his second wife being Ann Horton, the mother of our subject: she died in 1868, aged about 50 years. Chapman Lobb had eight children, of whom Richard W. is the fifth in order of birth. Four of the family besides our subject are living, namely: Frank, who served three years in the Civil War, and is now living in Kentucky; Thomas and George, who also live in Kentucky; and Berry, who is a resident of Clay County, Nebraska. Of those deceased, Lucy was the wife of Mr. Welch, while Juda died young.

Richard W. Lobb was but a small boy when his father died and was compelled to engage in work on a farm to help support his mother and therefore had little opportunity to get an education. After his mother's death in 1869, he came to Illinois in company with a neighbor, James Adcock. Upon arriving in Macoupin County, he located with his uncle, Oswell Horton, in North Palmyra township, remaining there that winter. In the following spring he engaged in work on the farm of James Nevins at Chapman Point, remaining there during that summer. The following winter he returned to North Palmyra township, and again lived with his uncle Oswell Horton, remaining there until spring. In the summer of 1870 he again engaged in work on the farm of James Nevins and the following year worked for some time for Robert Alderson, who was the son-in-law of James Nevins. In 1871 he settled on his present farm, which then consisted of 176 acres, and which he later purchased. Mr. Lobb has since been actively engaged in the cultivation of the property with the best results. Politically he is a member of the Democratic party.

On August 24, 1871, Mr. Lobb was married to Elizabeth Norvell, who was born December 24, 1835, and is a daughter of Spencer and Emily (Ross) Norvell. Spencer Norvell was a native of Tennessee and came to Illinois in company with his parents in 1828, locating in North Palmyra township, where he entered government land. Spencer Norvell enlisted in the Mexican War and served his term of enlistment, as a reward receiving a land grant from the United States government. Mr. Norvell was married twice, his first marriage to Emily Ross taking place in 1834; to them were born six children, of whom Mrs. Lobb is the eldest. Mrs. Norvell died in August, 1845, while in her 31st year. Mr. Norvell was married a second time in December, 1849, to a Mrs. Hammer. He died in January, 1879, while in his 73rd year. Mrs. Lobb has but one brother living, James H. Norvell, who resides at

Waggoner, Illinois, and is a retired farmer. Mr. Lobb and wife are the parents of four children, namely: Emma A., born July 2, 1874; Chapman Spencer, born September 13, 1876; Arthur, born February 8, 1878, and George R., born February 9, 1880. Mr. Lobb and wife joined the Baptist Church at East Union, in May, 1873.

MICAJAH C. MALONE.

Among the representative, well-to-do citizens of Macoupin County, the subject of this notice occupies a prominent position as an esteemed and worthy member of the community, toward the establishing and maintaining of which he has performed his part. He is skilled as a blacksmith and is the inventor of various patents. He was born in Marion County, Kentucky, in 1830, and is a son of Micajah and Susan (Batsell) Malone, and the grandson of John Malone, a native of Virginia, who moved to Kentucky where he passed the remaining days of his life.

Micajah Malone was a native of Kentucky and spent almost his entire life in that State. He died in 1847.

Micajah C. Malone received his education in Kentucky, and after completing his education set himself to learn the blacksmith's trade and soon became a skilled hand. In 1857, having thoroughly learned his trade, he came to Illinois, locating in Palmyra, where he established a smithy and engaged in business. Mr. Malone in 1870 invented a pruning knife, which is now in universal use, being known as "Malone's Pruning Shears." He also invented various other articles, among the most important being a shears for cutting iron, which is also in general use. He is a Democrat in politics. Fraternaly he is a member of the Masons. In 1892 Mr. Malone took his son Thomas M. into the business as a partner and the business has since been conducted under the firm name of Malone & Son.

Mr. Malone was first married in Kentucky to Mary Jane Wilson, who died there, leaving no children. In 1859, he was married to Susan C. Ross, a daughter of Robert and Mary Ann (Hunt) Ross. Mr. Ross was a prominent farmer of South Palmyra township. He and his wife were the parents

of four children, of whom our subject's wife was the third child. Mr. Ross died in 1870, at the age of 59 years, his wife having died in 1861 while in her 58th year. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Malone, namely: Mary Susan, who died in infancy; Lillie Bell, born February 5, 1862, who married J. D. Nighbert, a veterinary surgeon of Pittsfield, Illinois, and has two children—Maynard and Vida V.; Ida L., born in December, 1863, who married Henry Nifong, a prominent farmer of North Palmyra township, Macoupin County, and has three children—Otho, Guy and Ruby; Hattie A., born in November, 1865, who married Lafayette Solomon, who is justice of the peace at Palmyra, Illinois; Thomas M., born in November, 1867, who is a blacksmith working with his father as a member of the firm of Malone & Son—he married Millie J. Hartsook, a native of Palmyra, and has reared three children, Iva Jennett, Gerald Dale and Geraldine; Jennett P., born in March, 1870, and deceased in December, 1890; Alberta Pearl, born in December, 1876, and now the wife of George H. Davenport, a farmer of South Palmyra township, Macoupin County; and Charles H., born in May, 1880, who is at work on the home farm with his father.



MRS. MARY ANN SAWYER.

MRS. MARY ANN SAWYER, widow of the late Ebern Sawyer, is one of the esteemed and beloved residents of Mount Olive township, Macoupin County, where she has made her home for more than a half century. Mrs. Sawyer was born near Nashville, Tennessee, January 23, 1822, and is a daughter of Michael and Anna (Spence) Best, both families being still well represented in the Southern States.

Mrs. Sawyer was about two years old when her parents came to this locality and entered land near Staunton. They were natives of North Carolina and had resided for a time in Tennessee prior to coming to Illinois. Mrs. Sawyer grew up under pioneer conditions, when almost all the family necessities were provided by home skill. In her young days, the family shoes were made at home from the tanned skins of their cattle, while the wool from their sheep was spun and woven into cloth by the industry of her

mother and herself and sisters. Mrs. Sawyer has in her possession some of her late husband's clothing that was made from wool spun by herself. In many ways the present grandchildren and great-grandchildren regard the early life of their beloved grandparent as one not to be envied, but happiness then as now was much a matter of surroundings and circumstances, and there are few of the remaining honored pioneers who can be brought to acknowledge that in every way the present can equal "old times." Mrs. Sawyer was reared in a log cabin and was taught the thrift and economy that made her such an admirable wife and mother. She was one of a family of 10 children, all of whom lived to a good old age, and she and a brother, Wesley Best, of Kansas, still survive.

In 1838 Mary Ann Best was united in marriage with Ebern Sawyer, who was born November 26, 1814, in Tyrrell County, North Carolina, the third son of Stephen Sawyer, who was born in North Carolina, but died in Macoupin County, Illinois. Ebern Sawyer was 16 years of age when he accompanied his parents to Illinois, and he assisted in transporting the household goods, and took his turn walking, this being the mode of travel adopted by many of the pioneers when coming to this State, who later accumulated enough property to buy its farms, banks and manufactories. Mr. Sawyer arrived here in the fall of 1831. Later he entered two 40-acre lots and erected a log cabin, one room in which was plastered. He broke all the prairie which is the present site of Sawyerville, a town erected by the Superior Coal Company, Shaft No. 2. At that time the Indians still considered this a hunting ground and Mr. Sawyer made enough friendly advances to enable him to also enjoy hunting, which was then a fine sport on account of the plentitude of deer, foxes, turkeys, prairie chickens and quail.

Mr. Sawyer lived a long and useful life. He was a man of good judgment, was twice elected justice of the peace and served in other local offices. In politics he was a Democrat. He took a great interest in educational affairs and always did his full part when any public spirited movement was advocated. His death occurred on April 10, 1873, and he left behind him many to mourn.

Mr. and Mrs. Sawyer had a family of nine children: Mrs. Anna D. Klock, who resides with her mother; Stephen T., of Mount Olive township, Macoupin County; Mrs. Mary Ann J. Courtney, deceased; Michael C., of

Oklahoma Territory; H. Perry, deceased; Mrs. Britannia Clark; Mrs. Margaret E. Walker of Mount Olive township, Macoupin County; Mrs. Frances E. Lawrence of Spokane, Washington; and Mrs. Ada McMullen, of The Dalles, Oregon. Mrs. Sawyer has 34 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren, and her declining years are made happy and comfortable by their loving ministrations. She has seen wonderful changes in her locality and is honored by all who know her as a representative "pioneer mother."



LOUIS E. CORDUM.

We take pleasure in presenting to the readers of this work one of the most prominent and influential farmers of Macoupin County, as well as one of the largest stock raisers in Southern Illinois. He was born on his present farm, which consists of 280 acres in sections 7 and 8, Cahokia township, September 16, 1875, and is a son of Henry and Reka (Mohlman) Cordum, and a grandson of Louis Cordum.

Louis Cordum, the grandfather of our subject was a native of Germany where he was a highly respected citizen. He was twice married, and had four sons by his first union and three daughters and one son by his second.

Henry Cordum was born in Germany and came to America when a small boy in company with his parents, who settled in Macoupin County, Illinois, where Henry continued to reside the remainder of his life. Mr. Cordum was a self made man in every sense that this term implies, for he engaged in the battle of life with scarcely any material aid and at the time of his death left a large estate which was solely earned by himself. Mr. Cordum was a Democrat and aided in promoting that party's interests. He served as school director for several years. Religiously Mr. Cordum was a member of the German Lutheran Church. Mr. Cordum was married to Reka Mohlman, a native of Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Cordum were the parents of six children, namely: Hannah (Weyen), a resident of Cahokia township, Macoupin County; Minnie, who resides at home as housekeeper; Louis E., our

subject: Henry, who resides in Gillespie, where he conducts an electric light plant; Fred and Edward. Mr. Cordum's death took place here December 21, 1892, having reached the age of 51 years. After his death, his widow married Herman Dettmers and now resides on a farm.

Louis E. Cordum has resided on his present farm all his life and at an early age devoted his energies to agricultural operations. At present he is chiefly engaged in general farming and stock raising, the chief products of his farming operations being grain and hay. Mr. Cordum also devotes much time to the breeding of Shorthorn cattle and is an extensive breeder of Percheron and Coach horses. He also raises many hogs, having on hand at present 100 head of Poland-China hogs. Politically Mr. Cordum is a member of the Democratic party, and represents his township on the County Central Committee, having previously served for one year as tax collector. He is a member of the German Lutheran Church.



S. OWEN SMITH.

S. OWEN SMITH, president of the People's Bank of Girard, Macoupin County, Illinois, is one of the best known financiers of this part of the State. He was born in Macoupin County, January 17, 1860, and is one of a family of seven children born to his parents, Samuel A. and Elizabeth (Harlan) Smith.

His grandfather, Moses Smith, came to Illinois from Tennessee, and entered a large body of land in North Otter and Girard townships in 1836 and continued to reside in North Otter until his death in the early "forties." He had the following children: John C., Samuel A., Mary (Horn), Elisha, Elizabeth (Eves), Lanira (England) and Robert.

Samuel A. Smith was born in Maury County, Tennessee, in 1811 and came to Macoupin County two years later than his parents. He was married in 1849 to Elizabeth Harlan, a native of Kentucky. She was born in 1819 and came to Sangamon County, Illinois, in 1834 with her parents who moved to Macoupin County in the fall of 1838. They had the following

children: Annah, who died in infancy; Walter and Georgia (twins),— Walter died aged three years, while Georgia resides with our subject; a child, who died in infancy unnamed; Ednah Elizabeth, who died at the age of 26 years; another infant that died unnamed and Samuel Owen, the youngest, the subject of this sketch. Samuel A. Smith became a land-owner and stock raiser and dealt largely in stock, shipping to New Orleans from Alton on flat-boats. He died in 1874, leaving his family in comfortable circumstances. Mrs. Smith, the mother of our subject, died July 26, 1899, aged 80 years. Samuel A. Smith was a Methodist and his wife a Cumberland Presbyterian. In politics he was a Democrat.

S. Owen Smith was educated in the public schools and was reared on his father's farm, where he followed cattle feeding and agricultural pursuits until January, 1896, when he removed to Girard, and accepted the position of cashier in the People's Bank. On January 1, 1899, he was elected vice-president and on January 1, 1903, president, in the latter office succeeding the late Jason N. McElvain.

The people's Bank is one of the solid financial institutions of the county, and was organized January 31, 1893, its paid-up capital stock being \$40,000. Its present officers are all representative men: S. Owen Smith, president; Thomas H. Cherry, vice-president; Perry O. Wells, cashier. A general banking business is carried on, including the discounting of approved commercial paper, making collections, issuing drafts throughout the United States, Canada and Europe, loaning money on all first class securities and exercising all the functions of a first class banking house. The citizens conclusively show their utmost confidence in the careful and conservative management of the bank, the amount of business being continually on the increase.

On October 25, 1901, Mr. Smith married Virginia Christoe, who is a daughter of James Christoe, formerly of Macoupin County, now of Alton, Illinois. They have one son, Samuel O., Jr., born September 18, 1903. Both Mr. Smith and wife are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. In political sentiment he is a Republican.

Mr. Smith still owns a large body of valuable farming land in Macoupin County, which he operated until 1901 when he became a resident of Girard, where he is highly regarded as a business man and public spirited citizen.

JOHN F. PATTON, D. D. S.

JOHN F. PATTON, D. D. S., one of the well established professional men of Virden, Macoupin County, was born in Iowa on November 15, 1875, and is a son of James and Huldah (Marx) Patton, who were born in Pennsylvania and Ohio, respectively. James Patton, who was a farmer all his life, was a man who was held in high esteem by his business and social associates.

Dr. Patton was educated in the common schools of his neighborhood, where he completed the high school course. He then entered the Northwestern University Dental School at Chicago, and was there graduated in dentistry in 1900, since which date he has been located at Virden, where he has met with flattering success in practice, commanding some of the most desirable patronage of the locality. Dr. Patton has introduced into his practice all modern methods and has equipped his offices with appliances which not only expedite work, but render some of the formerly painful operations comparatively easy.

Dr. Patton was married in October, 1900, to Helen Gates, who is a daughter of Lee Gates, of Sangamon County, Illinois, a prominent farmer of that section.

Fraternally, Dr. Patton is a Mason. He belongs also to the Illinois State Dental Society and the Northwestern Dental Society. Well equipped for his work, enthusiastic in its pursuit, he is becoming one of the leading members of his profession. He is very popular in Virden and enjoys the confidence and good wishes of the majority of its citizens.



EMERY C. JONES, M. D.

The death of Dr. Emery C. Jones, formerly a prominent physician and surgeon of Montgomery County, Illinois, removed a skilled practitioner from the ranks of the medical profession of Macoupin County. Dr. Jones was born in Owen County, Indiana, November 7, 1853, and was a son of Jesse and Sarah (Crow) Jones, and died, after a year of illness in a hospital at St. Louis, Missouri, on March 21, 1900.

Dr. Jones was reared on his father's farm, and attended the local schools, beginning the reading of medicine with a local practitioner. When prepared for his collegiate course, he entered Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia, and afterwards attended the Kentucky Medical College at Louisville, where he was graduated in 1880. Dr. Jones then located near Thomasville, Montgomery County, Illinois, and engaged in practice from 1880 to 1899, in which year he settled in Virden, where, because of his poor health, he was never able to practice. In fact, he lived in Virden only one month, the remainder of the time from the date he located until he died being spent in the hospital at St. Louis.

Dr. Jones was married December 3, 1889, to Henrietta Terry, who is a daughter of Robert and Talitha (Morrell) Terry, and a sister of Charles C. Terry, a prominent attorney of Girard. Mrs. Jones survives, with three children, Lola K., Lloyd D., and Emery Terry. They reside in a beautiful home in Virden and have always been prominent in social life.

Dr. Jones was prominently identified with the Republican party, for years having taken a lively interest in its aims and success. During his residence in Montgomery County, he served as chairman of County conventions, and also was a member of the board of pension examiners. He was a man of fine education, engaging personality, professional skill and honest citizenship. His death not only brought grief to a very devoted family, but regret to his fellow citizens, and pain to his fellow practitioners. Fraternally he was associated with the Masons and the Woodmen.

WILLIAM C. BODKA.

WILLIAM C. BODKA, a leading and well-to-do agriculturist of Macoupin County, Illinois, is engaged in the cultivation of the soil of his handsome farm in section 6, South Palmyra township. He was born in Germany in 1864, and is a son of William and Fredericka (Wagner) Bodka.

William Bodka in the spring of 1881 brought his family to America, locating in Barr township, Macoupin County, Illinois, where he purchased a farm and engaged in agricultural operations. Mr. Bodka and wife were



IMRI B. VANCIL



MRS. ELIZABETH R. VANCIL.

blessed with four children, namely: Betsey, who married John Geerhardt, and now resides at New Berlin, Illinois; Minnie, who married Fred Sonnabonn, and now resides in Barr township, Macoupin County; William C., our subject; and Tena, who married Edward Sherbourn, and resides in Barr township, Macoupin County. Mr. Bodka died in 1882, having reached the age of 55 years. His widow still resides on the homestead farm in Barr township.

William C. Bodka received his education in Germany, and upon coming to America in company with his parents made his home with his uncle, Fred Bodka, in Barr township. Mr. Bodka immediately engaged in the pursuits of agriculture, and for 10 years worked for farmers of the county. He then took a trip to Kansas, and after an absence of one year returned to Barr township and secured employment on a farm for one year. In 1898 he purchased of the sons of Robert Forrester his present farm, and has since been actively engaged in the cultivation of the property. Mr. Bodka is a member of the Republican party, but takes only a good citizen's interest in political affairs.

In 1894, Mr. Bodka was married to Martha Crum, a daughter of William Crum, a prominent farmer of South Palmyra township. They are the parents of two children, namely: Bessie, who was born in the fall of 1900, and Zola, who was born in 1902. Mr. Bodka and family are members of the German Lutheran Church.



IMRI B. VANCIL.

IMRI B. VANCIL, one of the extensive farmers and prominent and substantial citizens of North Palmyra township, Macoupin County, where he owns and operates an estate of 1,160 acres, was born in Union County, Illinois, October 15, 1825, and is a son of Edmund C. and Mary (Byars) Vancil.

Edmund C. Vancil was born in Virginia in 1799, and in 1801 was taken to Muhlenberg County, Kentucky, by his father, Tobias Vancil, who at a later date settled on the Mud River in Logan County, Kentucky. The father of our subject was ambitious to secure an education and, as his views and

those of his father clashed, he ran away from home at the age of 18 years, accompanying a neighbor, who was a teacher and who at that time removed to Illinois. They located in Jackson County, and the youth had the advantage of three months' attendance in the subscription schools of the period. In that locality he met Mary Byars, who was born in Kentucky in 1804, and had accompanied her father to Jackson County in 1808. Mr. Byars became one of the prominent men of that county, and served as commissioner and as justice of the peace for many years.

In 1827 Edmund C. Vancil left Jackson County and in the same winter located in Macoupin County, north of Virden; in the following spring he settled in North Palmyra township, which was then in Greene County. Mr. Vancil, who possessed at this time a cash capital of \$100, entered 80 acres of land in section 4, the nucleus of the great estate now owned by our subject. Here the mother died in 1889, aged 87 years, the father surviving until December 31, 1891, when in his 93rd year. The family was noted for longevity, our subject's uncle John dying here in his 94th year, and his uncle Williamson, who resides at Estherwood, Louisiana, is in his 100th year. Of the family of seven children reared by our subject's parents, one brother still survives, Mordecai, a resident of California.

Imri B. Vancil was given excellent educational opportunities by his father, and attended school in Jacksonville, spending two years in the Illinois College, located there. He spent the winter of 1844-45 in Texas and the winter of 1847-48, attending medical lectures in Cincinnati. After his return, he operated a sawmill in Palmyra township until 1850, when he joined the great exodus to California, reaching Sacramento City by the overland route, August 13, 1850. At first he engaged in mining, but later turned his attention to trade and remained in the State for two years, returning to Illinois in 1852. His father then gave him a farm of 240 acres and on this he resided until he retired to the village of Modesto, where he has since resided. He has taken an active part in politics and was the first supervisor of North Palmyra township, an office he held for seven years. Then he resigned, but at a later date was prevailed upon to again assume its duties and he served three years longer. He also served several years as township treasurer and for some years was one of the school trustees. In all these offices, Mr. Vancil has had an intelligent conception of their duties and has performed them faithfully. Mr. Vancil owns 1,160 acres of land in North Palmyra township, and has put in 40 miles of tiling on his property. He

is also manager of an estate belonging to his sister-in-law. Mr. Vancil is a large capitalist and is one of the stockholders of the Bank of Modesto.

On April 4, 1860, Mr. Vancil married Elizabeth S. Rice, who is a daughter of Thomas B. Rice, who came to Illinois in 1836 and was long a prominent citizen of Medora.

Thomas B. Rice was born in Frederick County, Virginia, April 17, 1806, and was a son of James Brown Rice, and a grandson of James Rice, both of Culpeper County, Virginia. James B. Rice was about 17 years of age when he entered the Continental Army and served through the closing years of the Revolutionary War and took part in the extraordinary events that attended the surrender of Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown. He recalled the landing of General Lafayette and many interesting events. After the close of the war he accompanied his father to Kentucky, which was then an unsettled wilderness, but he did not make his home there. Upon his return to Virginia, he married Susan Wallace, a daughter of John Wallace, who owned a farm in Culpeper County, Virginia, at Raccoon Ford, on the Rapidan River, 30 miles above Fredericksburg.

Thomas B. Rice was the fourth member of a family of 10 children. His birthplace was at Millwood, near the Shenandoah River and 12 miles from Winchester, which district in the conflict between the States became the scene of war and bloodshed. After reaching his majority, he spent five years managing and overseeing the lands of Bushrod Rust. On April 17, 1828, he married Mahala Farrow, who was born in Culpeper County, Virginia, December 22, 1807, and was a daughter of William Farrow, whose family had owned and occupied for many years a magnificent estate known as "Flint Hill," a noted place in Rappahannock County, Virginia. They reared 10 children, Mrs. Vancil being the third of the family.

After his marriage, Mr. Rice carried on a saddle and harness business at Upperville, Fauquier County, Virginia, until his property was destroyed by fire. He then turned his attention to the invitation of the great West, and in the spring of 1835 came to Illinois. In 1836 he settled at Rhode's Point and then entered 242 acres of land in Macoupin County, in section 6, Shipman township, where he built a log house, a part of which still stands. When the Rockford, Rock Island & St. Louis Railroad Company began its survey in the neighborhood, he filed the first plat of the town of Medora, about the same time engaging in a milling business. He was a man of sterling character and his value was recognized by election as county judge in

1862, his service extending over two terms, when he declined to serve longer. For a number of years he was postmaster at Medora. His death occurred at the age of 84 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Vancil have four children, namely: Burke, Effie, Ollie and Ida A. Burke, who is a prominent attorney of Springfield, Illinois, married Mary Steidley, of Carlinville. Effie married George F. Jordan, editor of the *Carlinville Argus*, and has three children—Judith, Emily and Elizabeth. Ollie married Lewis Rinaker, a son of Gen. John I. Rinaker of Carlinville, and a practicing attorney of Chicago; they have three children—Lewis, John Imri (deceased) and Virginia. Ida A. married Leonard G. Brown, who is the cashier and a large stockholder of the Bank of Modesto, and a large land-owner of North Palmyra township. They have three children living, namely: Ruth, Harlow and Lois. Their son Imri died at the age of three months.

Politically Mr. Vancil is a Democrat. Fraternally he is both an Odd Fellow and a Mason. He has been one of the public spirited men of this section and by his energetic endeavors has done much for his home township, in which he is held in very high esteem. Portraits of Mr. and Mrs. Vancil accompany this sketch.



THOMAS B. FORWOOD.

THOMAS B. FORWOOD, who is a prosperous farmer of Macoupin County, located on a farm of 160 acres in section 20, Shipman township, was born in 1831 in the State of Delaware, and is a son of George and Ann (Houston) Forwood.

William Forwood, the great-grandfather of our subject, was born in Sweden, and was a very early settler of the State of Delaware, where his son, Robert Forwood, and his grandson, George Forwood, were born. The last named died in his native State in 1858, aged 66 years, survived 10 years by his widow, who died at the age of 75 years.

Thomas B. Forwood was educated in Delaware and in 1854 accompanied his three brothers to Macoupin County, Illinois, and all settled in Shipman township. Our subject located first on a farm of 80 acres in section 21, where he made his home for 38 years. In 1895 he moved to section 20

and settled on his present farm of 160 acres, which he has placed under fine cultivation. The present residence scarcely shows the signs of age, although it was built in 1852. It is a substantial and comfortable home and is surrounded by much to make it attractive.

In 1858 Mr. Forwood married Luvenia Parker, who is a daughter of Joel and Miriam (Haycraft) Parker. Joel Parker was born in Virginia, moved thence to Kentucky and in 1835 to Illinois, where four of his seven children were born, Mrs. Forwood being the youngest. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Forwood, viz.: Monroe, born in 1859, who married Lovada Waggoner, daughter of James Waggoner, a farmer of Brighton township, Macoupin County,—they have two children, Roscoe and Vera; Nettie, born in 1861, who married U. C. Kellum, formerly a teacher, now a farmer in Nebraska, and has three children—Alferetta, Merton and Mildred; Cora, born in 1863, deceased in 1864; Arthur, born in 1865, who married Angie Stratton, of Shipman township, Macoupin County, and has two children,—Florence and Emma; and Earl, born in 1879, who resides at home.

Mr. Forwood has always been a reliable, temperate man and his strict temperance principles have led him to conscientiously uphold the principles of the Prohibition party. He belongs to the Baptist Church.



HENRY C. HAMILTON.

HENRY C. HAMILTON, president of the Bank of Girard and one of the prominent citizens of Girard, Macoupin County, Illinois, was born November 13, 1851, and is one of a family of six children born to his parents, John and Rhoda (George) Hamilton, natives of Tennessee.

Mr. Hamilton is a self made man. He was reared on his father's farm, living first in Tennessee and later in Kentucky. Since he took up his residence in Girard in early manhood he has been connected with a number of the successful business enterprises of this city, and since 1889 has been president of the Bank of Girard, the oldest bank in the city, established in 1873, one of the leading financial institutions of Macoupin County, which has

a paid-up capital of \$50,000 and a surplus of \$10,000. The cashier is J. M. Metcalf. The two officers are also the owners of the bank. Mr. Hamilton's management of the affairs of this bank has been careful and conservative and has added to his reputation as a financier.

In 1892 Mr. Hamilton was appointed by Judge Allen of the United States Court as receiver of the Girard Coal Company, which appointment he filled to the satisfaction of the court, creditors and stockholders, putting the company upon a sound financial basis and was discharged one year later. Again in 1902, the coal company having become largely involved, Mr. Hamilton was appointed receiver of the said company by Judge R. B. Shirley and held this position until July 1, 1903. During this period his management of the company was very satisfactory to all concerned and his relations with the employees of the mine very pleasant. Through his successful management of the business, the company's property was sold to a strong corporation which now owns the same, and to him perhaps a large share of the credit for the perpetuation of the only large enterprise Girard now has is due.

On May 7, 1873, Mr. Hamilton was united in marriage with Permelia E. England, who is a daughter of the late Samuel and Louisa C. (Smith) England. Mrs. Hamilton's grandfather, John England, was born in Virginia, removed to Tennessee, and in 1830 came as a pioneer to Illinois. The family has long been one of wealth and distinction in this locality. Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton have a family of seven children, namely: Maude (Littlepage), Florenc Clare, Gussie Clay (Brayton), Bertha, John, Roscoe and Marie. The family residence is one of the most attractive in Girard and has been the scene of many social functions and much hospitality. Politically Mr. Hamilton is a Republican. Fraternally he is a Mason.



JOHN J. LEACH.

JOHN J. LEACH, one of the successful farmers and highly respected citizens of Chesterfield township, Macoupin County, and also an honored survivor of the Civil War, resides in the village of Chesterfield, retired. He was

born at Chesterfield, Illinois, in 1842. He is the youngest son of Thomas and Sarah (South) Leach.

Thomas Leach was born in Yorkshire, England, and was reared to agricultural pursuits. In 1830 he came to America, accompanied by his wife and two children, and settled first on a farm in Morgan County, Illinois. In 1832 he removed to Chesterfield township, Macoupin County, and purchased the farm now owned by our subject. The children of Thomas and Sarah (South) Leach were: Thomas, born in England, who became a farmer in Bird township, Macoupin County, and died at the age of 65 years while on a visit in Kansas; Sarah, born in England, who is the widow of Henry Craggs, and resides on their homestead farm in Bird township, Macoupin County; Alfred, born in America, who is deceased; Mahala, the wife of Z. J. Gibson, a farmer of Hilyard township, Macoupin County; Frances, the wife of John Craggs of Bird township, Macoupin County; and John J.

Mr. Leach was reared on the home farm in Chesterfield township and was educated in the local schools. He was 20 years of age when he loyally offered his services to his country, in 1862 enlisting in Company D, 122nd Reg., Illinois Vol. Inf. He continued in the service until August, 1865, when he received his discharge at Springfield, Illinois. Although Mr. Leach escaped serious injury, he participated in a number of serious battles, notably those of Nashville, Parker Cross Roads and Fort Blakely, and in innumerable skirmishes when his life was continually in danger.

Returning to peaceful pursuits, Mr. Leach resumed farming on the home place. He has been successful in the operation of this farm, which is one of the valuable ones of his locality.

In 1869 Mr. Leach married Harriet Brown, who is a daughter of F. G. and Mary (Bell) Brown. The former was born in Virginia, but has been a prosperous farmer of Bird township, Macoupin County, for a long period prior to his death which took place there in his 77th year. His wife died in 1864, in her 60th year. The three children reared by Mr. and Mrs. Leach are: Walter, engaged in railroad work in Texas, who married Rose Harbor of Barton County, Missouri; Frank B.; and Charles F., a resident of Oklahoma Territory.

Since 1867 Mr. Leach has been connected with the Masonic fraternity, and he also belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America. In politics, he is identified with the Republican party. Mr. Leach is held in high esteem

in his own locality and is a representative member of that solid, substantial class of thinking men, who through loyalty, honest industry and sterling integrity have brought this country to its present eminence.

WILLIAM H. MEYER.

WILLIAM H. MEYER, a prominent farmer and a very successful raiser of fine stock, owns and occupies a well cultivated and improved farm of 293 acres situated in sections 22 and 23, Cahokia township, Macoupin County. Mr. Meyer was born in Westphalia, Germany, December 31, 1853, and is a son of Henry and Mary (Lafman) Meyer.

The father of our subject was born in Westphalia where he grew to manhood and served three years in the German Army. He married Mary Lafman and in 1858 came to America and located first in Morgan County, in 1864 coming to Macoupin County, where he died in 1874, aged 51 years. He was an honest, upright man and was respected by all who knew him. His widow survived until 1883, dying at the age of 73 years. Both parents were consistent members of the Lutheran Church. In politics Henry Meyer was a Democrat. The seven children born to Henry and Mary (Lafman) Meyer were: Frank, who died in Germany; August, a retired farmer of Sangamon County, Illinois; Mrs. Mary Waltman, a widow, of Morgan County, Illinois; Mrs. Minnie Niehaus, deceased, of Morgan County, Illinois; Mrs. Lottie Sathoff, deceased, of Montgomery County, Illinois; Henry, a farmer and stockman of Oregon; and William H.

William H. Meyer was four years of age when his parents came to America and can scarcely recall what must have been a long and tiresome voyage. He resided with the family near Jacksonville, in Morgan County, until 1864, when his father removed to what is now our subject's farm, which has been his home ever since. Mr. Meyer is a very practical man and exercises most excellent judgment in his management of the large estate. He grows the grains which he has found best adapted to his land and pays great attention to the raising of high grade stock, being interested only in the best. He has herds of Durham cattle which compare favorably with any

in the county, and raises also fine Cotswold sheep and Poland-China hogs. On account of a number of magnificent oaks on the place, it is locally known as "Oak Grove Farm." It is well situated and abundantly watered and a fine lawn gives a beautiful setting for a handsome residence and the two great barns which testify to the abundance of the crops. An excellent orchard of four acres provides all the apples, peaches and plums the family can use. All these improvements and many others have been made by Mr. Meyer and he is in the enjoyment of one of the best homes of his section of the county.

On June 12, 1879, Mr. Meyer was married to Minnie Gehner, who was born in Washington, Missouri, October 25, 1860, and is a daughter of Casper and Minnie (Shultz) Gehner, both natives of Germany. Nine children have been born to them: Mrs. Lottie Grosenhider of Montgomery County; and August, Minnie, William, Emma, Lydia, Lena, Annie and Ella, who live at home. In politics Mr. Meyer is a Republican. He is a member of the Lutheran Church.



RICHARD D. FRANCIS.

RICHARD D. FRANCIS, one of the most successful and extensive horse breeders of Gillespie township, Macoupin County, located in section 23, where he owns 110 acres, was born on this farm November 27, 1858, and is a son of Charles and Pauline (Temple) Francis.

Charles Francis was born in Ireland in 1814, and came to America with his parents at the age of 18 years. They located at Alton, Illinois, and died there when Charles was still a youth. He was the youngest of four children and was left dependent upon his own resources. For a time after coming to Macoupin County he followed farming and then began the breeding of draft horses and mules. In 1858 he entered the present farm, on which he continued the raising of fine horses, became a man of large means and at the time of his death owned 320 acres of fine land. For many years he was prominent in the Masonic fraternity and his funeral was conducted with Masonic honors. In politics he was identified with the Democratic party. His religious connection was with the Protestant Episcopal Church. Charles Francis married Pauline Temple, who was born in Ohio and had come to Macoupin

County to teach school. The two children of this union were: Rosa, wife of E. T. Rice, and Richard D., of this sketch.

This beautiful and well improved farm where Mr. Francis was born has always been his home, with the exception of seven years spent in Fredericktown, Madison County, Missouri, where he engaged in a meat business. In addition to carrying on large farming operations, Mr. Francis has devoted much attention to the breeding of fine stock, cattle and high grade horses. He is a partner with 15 other capitalists in a stock horse—the registered Percheron stallion "Baccarat III" No. 21069; and the great Hambletonian, "Joe Wilks," is owned individually by our subject.

On December 19, 1883, Mr. Francis was married to Enma Frey, who was born in Gillespie township, Macoupin County, May 3, 1866, and is a daughter of Abraham and Arminda (Grant) Frey, who were born in Leipsic, Germany, and are now residents of Madison County, Illinois. The one daughter of this marriage, Violet, an accomplished young lady, will graduate from the Gillespie High School in 1904.

Mr. Francis, like his father, is a Democrat, but beyond casting his vote takes no very active part in politics. Fraternally he belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America.



DAVID FUNDERBURK.

DAVID FUNDERBURK, one of the prominent and substantial retired farmers of Staunton, Macoupin County, was born in Dorchester township, Macoupin County, Illinois, December 6, 1849. He is a son of Laney and Elizabeth (Adcock) Funderburk.

The Funderburk family is of German origin, its founders in America coming to this country at a very early day. The father of our subject, who was born in North Carolina, removed to Jefferson County, Illinois, in young manhood, engaged in farming and died at the age of 40 years. He married Elizabeth Adcock, a native of Tennessee, who survived her husband, dying at the age of 66 years, after rearing her nine fatherless children. These were: Mrs. Eveline Weeks, deceased; Mrs. Serena Kennedy, deceased; Mrs. Elizabeth Sawyer, deceased; Mrs. Amelia Ann Williams, of Staunton, Ma-

coupin County; James M., deceased; George, deceased; Henry, of Jerseyville, Jersey County; John, deceased; and David of this sketch.

Left a babe of six months at the death of his father, our subject had much to contend with during his childhood and youth. When other boys were attending school, he was working, and, in looking back to the time when the lad worked a whole day putting up hay for 15 cents, and drove oxen at \$7 per month, one is able to see that the persevering industry and patience of the child laid the foundation stones on which the man built his fortune. Mr. Funderburk never found the time to learn to either read or write, but he is one of the most substantial men in his part of the county and has always taken pleasure in helping others along a little and has never turned the hungry from his door. His life of economy, industry and good management can teach valuable lessons to those who wish to learn. When he was 16 years old, he bought a team of cattle and earned \$300 by hauling wood and then bought a tract of 15 acres of timber land, to which he kept adding until his farm is now worth \$15,000. It contains 255 acres and is situated in sections 25, 35 and 36, Dorchester township. He also owns seven good dwellings in Staunton and a brick block. His time has been occupied since his retirement in March, 1903, in looking after his real estate interests.

On May 2, 1872, Mr. Funderburk was married to Matilda Hausam, who was born in Madison County, Illinois, March 24, 1856, and is a daughter of John and Mary Hausam. They have these children: Mary, wife of Henry Bargfeld of Staunton; Ida, who married George Allen of Staunton, and has four children; Moda L., who married Charles McIntire, of Staunton, and has two children; Julia, who married Walter Perslow, and has two children; and Laney and Pearl, who live at home.

JOHN ROACH.

JOHN ROACH, deceased, formerly president of the Bank of Girard and a director of the People's Bank of Girard, was one of the prominent citizens of Macoupin County, a leading farmer and an extensive stock raiser. He was

born August 16, 1829, in Carroll County, Tennessee, being one of 12 children born to William and Anna (Smith) Roach.

William Roach, our subject's father, was born in Tennessee and was engaged throughout his life in the pursuits of an agriculturist. The 12 children born to him and his good wife were: William, Joseph, Rachel (Wright), Angeline (McGinnis), Ellen (Davenport), Elizabeth (Chandler), Celia (Smith), Susan (Waters), John, our subject, and three whose names are not given.

The late John Roach, who was reared to manhood on his father's farm in Tennessee, had only the advantages of a district school education. He followed farming in his native State until 1854, when he came to Macoupin County, and was one of the little band that first broke the soil on the site of the present city of Girard. Throughout the remainder of his life he took a generous pride in her growth and development, and was identified with many of her most successful business enterprises. He was a successful farmer and a man who used good taste, as well as good judgment, in raising stock, and the breeding of Shorthorn cattle gained for him a reputation that was general in Macoupin County and this section of the State. Until he retired from business activity, he continued to be an extensive raiser of Shorthorn cattle and a large shipper to the St. Louis and Chicago markets. During the Civil War he secured a number of important contracts, and in the shipping of stock and cattle laid the foundation of an ample fortune. By taking advantage of opportunities, as well as by the sweat of his brow, he accumulated considerable land of a choice nature. He was very active in the establishment of Girard's financial institutions and was associated with those other substantial citizens, S. Owen Smith and T. H. Cherry, whose sketches appear elsewhere in this volume. Several years previous to his decease, he resigned from the presidency and disposed of his entire interest in the Bank of Girard; but was a director and stockholder of the People's Bank, at the time he was called to the great beyond, June 16, 1903.

On November 12, 1852, Mr. Roach was married to Martha H. Cherry, a daughter of Harvey Cherry, of Girard. Four children were born to them, of whom two now survive—Mary E. and James Coy. Mary E. married Henry Lemon, of Girard township, and they have eight children, as follows: Ethel (Riffey), John R., Henry McCoy, Calvin C., Roscoe H., Martha E., Emma A. and Fae. James Coy Roach, who is one of the prominent citizens

of Girard, a director in the People's Bank, married Olive Bird. Mrs. Roach still occupies the beautiful family home in Girard, where her husband had lived so many happy years, and is spending the sunset years of her life in comfort and ease. The Cumberland Presbyterian Church lost in Mr. Roach one of its faithful members and liberal supporters. He had been a member for many years and ever stood ready to advance its cause. He was notably a man of sterling honesty and unswerving in his convictions of the right. In almost every public movement affecting Girard, he was a prominent factor, encouraging its commercial development and advancing its moral and educational interests.

His burial took place on June 18, his funeral being attended by so many friends that before all had assembled even standing room was not to be had. The officiating ministers were Rev. R. D. Miller, of Petersburg, and Rev. Berryhill, of Girard. The pall-bearers were Joseph Liston, of Carlville, and C. C. Armstrong, John Beeby, H. S. Webb, Henry Stewart and W. S. Garretson, of Girard. His death was sincerely mourned by an exceedingly large circle of friends and acquaintances.



JOHN H. WALKER.

JOHN H. WALKER, a prominent and substantial farmer, cattle raiser and dairyman, of Mount Olive township, Macoupin County, owning a fine farm of 121 acres in section 7, was born in Clark County, Indiana, February 8, 1844. He is the youngest son of John S. and Harriet (French) Walker.

John S. Walker was born near Dover, Kent County, Delaware, and died in Dorchester township, Macoupin County, in 1868, aged 75 years. His wife, Harriet French, was born in Delaware, and died in Indiana, when our subject was five years of age. Three children survived her: Mrs. Frances Elizabeth Hutchison, who died in 1868, near Staunton; William C., of Sacramento, California; and John H., of this sketch. John S. Walker was a Democrat in his political views. He was a farmer by occupation, and prior to coming to Indiana was an overseer for a time on a Maryland plantation.

John H. Walker was 15 years old when the family came to Macoupin

County, where he has lived ever since and has become one of the substantial and influential men. He owned 124 acres of land in Mount Olive township, but in December, 1903, he sold three acres to the Chicago & Northwestern Railway, whose line is in course of construction. Eighty acres of Mr. Walker's farm is under cultivation, and he engages in general farming, cattle raising and dairying. Mrs. Walker owns 20 acres in section 6, the coal rights of which have been disposed of to the B. L. Dorsey and the Superior coal companies.

Mr. Walker has a fine Civil War record. He enlisted March 8, 1865, at Staunton, in Company H, 28th Reg., Illinois Vol. Inf., under Capt. B. F. Cowell, and Col. Richard Ritter, 1st Brigade, 3rd Division, 13th Army Corps, Army of the Cumberland. He saw much active service, participating in the battles of Spanish Fort, Fort Blakely, the surrender of Mobile, and the battle at Whistler, Alabama, and spent the last eight months of his enlistment at Brownsville, Texas, where he was mustered out March 8, 1866. He was never off duty during this time, from either sickness or wounds, and proved to be a good, reliable soldier, as he has since become a responsible, representative citizen. For six years he has served as highway commissioner of Mount Olive township, was constable one year in Staunton township, and is school director and trustee.

In 1863 Mr. Walker was married to Mava E. Godfrey, who was a daughter of Joseph Godfrey, and died in 1872, aged 32 years, without issue. In 1877 Mr. Walker married Margaret E. Sawyer, who was born in Mount Olive township, Macoupin County, and is a daughter of Ebern Sawyer, who was born in North Carolina, and died at North Bend, Mount Olive township, April 10, 1863, aged 57 years. Mr. Sawyer gave the name of North Bend to that school district. He came here in pioneer days with his parents and became an extensive agriculturist and cattle raiser. He married Mary A. Best, who was born in Tennessee, January 23, 1823, and still resides on the old homestead. Mr. and Mrs. Sawyer had nine children, namely: Ann-dosia (Mrs. Klock), of Mount Olive township; Stephen T., of Mount Olive township; Mary A. (Mrs. Courtney), deceased; Michael C., of Oklahoma Territory; Oliver H. P., deceased; Britannia A. (Mrs. Clark), of Mount Olive township; Margaret Ellen (Mrs. Walker); Frances Elizabeth Best (Mrs. Lawrence), of Spokane Falls, Washington; and Ada Belle (Mrs. McMullen), of Oregon.

Mr. Walker is identified with the Democratic party and has taken a very active part in local matters. During the last presidential campaign, he was a member of the county executive committee, is a member of the township central committee and upon many occasions has been a delegate to both county and State conventions. He was one of the charter members of the Staunton lodge of Odd Fellows.

Mr. Walker is widely known and universally respected. His opinions are consulted and his advice taken in matters pertaining to local affairs, his known integrity and public spirit making his judgment of value to his fellow citizens, who have never found him wanting in patriotism or local pride.

WILLIAM H. WHITEHOUSE.

WILLIAM H. WHITEHOUSE, one of the leading citizens of Mount Olive, Macoupin County, postmaster and agent for the Aetna Life Insurance Company, was born at Mount Olive, in July, 1860. He is one of two children born to his parents, Henry and Amelia (Leghmann) Whitehouse. The father, who was a German by birth, migrated to this country and engaged in farming in Macoupin County, where he died.

Mr. Whitehouse completed the common school course and then took a special course in bookkeeping, subsequently returning to the home farm. Until 1890 he engaged in agricultural pursuits and then embarked in a mercantile business, opening up a general store in Mount Olive. This he conducted until 1898, when his appointment as jailer at Carlinville necessitated his removal to that city. On May 27, 1902, three and a half years later, he was appointed postmaster of Mount Olive and has served in this capacity ever since. The amount of business at this point is considerable and Mr. Whitehouse has engaged Fred C. Troeger as assistant. He also represents the Aetna Life Insurance Company, and has written up many risks through his section.

In 1888 Mr. Whitehouse was united in marriage with Maggie Arkebauer, who is a daughter of George Arkebauer of Mount Olive, and they have three children, namely: Molly A., Theodore W., and Alvin G.

In politics Mr. Whitehouse is one of the influential Republicans in his section of Macoupin County. Both he and his wife are valued members of the Lutheran Church.



THOMAS METCALFE.

The death of the late Thomas Metcalfe removed from Macoupin County a citizen who was held in the highest esteem, and one who is recalled by the bar of St. Louis, Missouri, as long one of its ablest members. Mr. Metcalfe was born in 1838 in Kentucky, and was a son of Melville and Amanda (McIntyre) Metcalfe.

Few names are more distinguished in the State of Kentucky than is that of Metcalfe. Thomas Metcalfe, the grandfather of our deceased subject, served the commonwealth, as a member of Congress, 1819-29, was inaugurated its Governor in 1829, afterwards was sent to the United States Senate, and through a long and illustrious public career reflected only credit upon the honorable name.

The late Thomas Metcalfe was educated for the law and from 1869 to 1876 he was in active practice at Atchison, Kansas, removing then to St. Louis, Missouri, where he became a prominent member of the bar, only retiring from the arena when failing health warned him of his danger. In May, 1901, he became the owner of the magnificent farm of 440 acres, beautifully situated in sections 8 and 9, Shipman township, Macoupin County, Illinois, and with enthusiasm entered upon extensive improvements, converting the residence into a handsome modern home. Here it was fondly hoped by his friends that he would be spared to enjoy many years, but it was not to be. The winter of 1902 found him trying the balmy air at San Antonio, Texas, but it was of no avail and he passed away March 11, 1903, at the age of 65 years, universally regretted.

In 1863 Mr. Metcalfe married Mary Chiles, who is a daughter of Hon. Walter and Caroline (Stith) Chiles, these names being very prominent and influential ones in Montgomery and Hardin counties, Kentucky. Hon. Walter Chiles was a distinguished lawyer, who died in 1861, in his 50th year, after honorably representing his district in the State Senate for three terms.

Mr. and Mrs. Metcalf remained on the home farm in Kentucky until they removed to Kansas, in 1869.

Mr. Metcalfe is survived by his bereaved widow and six children, viz.: Carrie Lou; Walter and Melville (twins), the former residing on the estate with his mother, the latter a resident of Topeka, Kansas, who married Belle Ellis of St. Louis, Missouri; Thomas, of Chicago, who married a Miss Burns of Kentucky; Mary, who married James Primrose, of North Carolina, and has one child, Mary—they reside in Indian Territory; and Alice, who lives with her mother. Landon died in 1895.

Mr. Metcalfe was prominent in political, fraternal and religious circles. For a long period he was a consistent member of the Methodist Church. Fraternally he was a Mason, and politically he was a Democrat.



FITZHUGH LEE HARRIS.

FITZHUGH LEE HARRIS, one of the successful farmers and self-made men of Mount Olive township, Macoupin County, owning a very superior farm of 140 acres in sections 7 and 8, was born in Jackson county, Missouri, February 1, 1877, and is a son of Doctor Robert and Henrietta (Dalton) Harris, a grandson of William G. Harris and a great-grandson of Isam Harris.

The Harris family came from England about 1776, Isam Harris, our subject's great-grandfather, being the first to come to America. Mr. Harris first settled in Virginia, and in 1839 removed to Missouri, where he operated a distillery. Isam Harris was the father of 14 children, our subject's grandfather being the second son. Mr. Harris died while a resident of Missouri at the age of 108 years; his father lived to be 111 years old.

William G. Harris, grandfather of our subject, was born at Colfax Court House, Virginia, April 18, 1822, and migrated to Missouri in 1839, where he died in 1897. He always followed the occupation of farming.

Doctor Robert Harris, father of our subject, was born in Jackson County, Missouri, October 14, 1852, being the second of eight children born to his parents. He is now cultivating a farm in Jackson County, Missouri,

being also engaged as a carpenter and contractor. He was a member of the "Texas Rangers" and was engaged in many battles against the Indians. Politically, he is a member of the Democratic party. He married Henrietta Dalton, who was born in Jackson County, Missouri, April 17, 1858. They are the parents of 15 children, nine of whom are living, namely: Fitzhugh Lee, our subject; Lillie M. (Patterson), of Eldorado, Kansas; Rose C. (Conway), of Jackson County, Missouri; Lottie, who resides with our subject; and Lucy F., Blanche, Chlora, Pearl and Myrtle, who reside with their parents.

Fitzhugh Lee Harris resided on his father's farm in Jackson County, Missouri, until he was 24 years of age, when he came to Macoupin County, Illinois, where he has since lived. Mr. Harris cultivates a very superior farm of 140 acres and also devotes much of his time to stock raising, in which occupation he has met with very successful results. He is a member of the Democratic party, although he takes but a citizen's interest in political affairs.

Mr. Harris was married August 31, 1901, to Lillian E. Reid, who was born in New York City, June 10, 1877. Mrs. Harris' parents moved from New York City to St. Louis, Missouri, when she was an infant, later removing to Kansas City, Missouri, where she lived until several years ago, when she came to Macoupin County. Mrs. Harris is a daughter of Robert and Annie (Foster) Reid, both natives of County Sligo, Ireland. Mrs. Reid, the mother of our subject's wife, immigrated to America when she was 18 years old in company with her brother. Her parents both died before she came to this country. Her husband, Robert Reid, came to this country in 1848, when 11 years of age. They were the parents of two children besides our subject's wife, namely: Jennie and Robert.

Joseph Whiteside Reid, uncle of Mrs. Harris, was born in County Sligo, Ireland, January 9, 1843. He removed to New York in 1851, in company with his widowed mother and remained there until he was 25 years old. While he was in New York City he and his two brothers, Thomas and Robert, began the manufacture of confectionery and proved fairly successful at that occupation. At the first call for volunteers in 1861, Mr. Reid enlisted in a New York infantry regiment under the command of General McDowell. Mr. Reid was in the Army of the Potomac, and took an active part in many battles, but never received even a scratch. He re-

enlisted a second time and served throughout the entire war. Mr. Reid took part in the Grand Review in Washington, D. C. After the war he returned to New York and again engaged in the confectionery manufacturing business, continuing at it until 1868. In 1868 he set out to travel through the South and purchased a ranch in Texas, where he lived but one year and then sold it and removed to San Francisco, California, where he again engaged in the confectionery business. Mr. Reid later engaged in mining in California and after some time engaged in freighting on the plains. After a time he again engaged in gold mining, this time in the Black Hills, being one of the first to settle there. He again engaged in freighting and later located in St. Louis, where he engaged in the candy business for five years, and then, in 1886, came to Macoupin County, where he engaged in farming until his death which occurred September 8, 1903. Mr. Reid was a well educated man, a very fine conversationalist and was a leading figure in the communities where he resided. He was a personal acquaintance of Lincoln, Grant and many other noted men. Mr. Reid was employed as a tax collector in Richmond, Virginia, immediately after the surrender of that city. Politically he was a member of the Republican party. Fraternally he was a member of a New York City lodge of Masons.

On January 6, 1886, Mr. Reid was married to Jane Foster, who died in Macoupin County, August 26, 1902, at the age of 70 years.



JACOB KLEIN.

JACOB KLEIN, one of the prominent citizens of Mount Olive, Macoupin County, supervisor of Mount Olive township, and manager of the branch depot at Mount Olive of the Anheuser-Busch Brewing Association of St. Louis, Mo., was born in Germany, and is a son of John and Charlotta (Keck) Klein.

John Klien lived and died in Germany. He was a blacksmith by trade and a man of industrious habits and many sterling virtues. After the death of her husband, Mrs. Klein came with her son Jacob and daughters Mary and

Anna, to America, locating first at Belleville, Illinois, and later removing from that point to Mount Olive.

Our subject received a good, common school education. In 1885 he entered into the wholesaie beer business and in 1891 was made manager of the Mount Olive depot of one of the largest brewing companies in the country. His plant and the offices are very complete and he does a business of \$40,000 annually. He has long since demonstrated his fine business ability and ranks with the substantial men of the community and is ranked very high in the commercial world. He is also a prominent factor in local politics as an influential member of the Democratic party. In 1902 he was elected supervisor of Mount Olive township, a choice most satisfactory to all those who have the best interests of the township at heart. He has served three years as a member of the School Board, where his advice and excellent judgment have been much appreciated. On April 16, 1904, he was elected president of that body.

On June 24, 1875, Mr. Klein was united in marriage with Marguerita Rehg, who is a daughter of Moritz Rehg, and they have a family of 10 children, namely: William, Julia, Louis C., Gunda, Tillie, Minnie, Walter, Dala, Josephine and Anna. Mr. and Mrs. Klein and all their children belong to the Lutheran Church.

Mr. Klein is an active member of the Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias, the Knights of Honor, the Knights and Ladies of Honor and Treu Bund.

CHARLES E. SMITH.

CHARLES E. SMITH, one of the enterprising and successful business men of Medora, Macoupin County, engaged in conducting a first class grocery, was born in 1877 at Portsmouth, Ohio, and is a son of William and Mary C (McNamar) Smith.

William Smith, who was a native of Ohio, has followed farming all his life. In 1884 he came to Illinois, locating in Virden township, Macoupin County, but in 1892 he removed to the central part of Missouri, where he is now an extensive farmer.

Charles E. Smith was educated in the schools of Virden, Illinois, and after he completed his education accepted a clerkship in a grocery store, where he remained four years, this long term testifying to his industry and ability. During these years he learned all the necessary details of the business and was thus well equipped when he located in Medora in 1899, and opened up his first class grocery store. Mr. Smith has shown much enterprise in his venture, and has given his patrons the best the market affords. His careful and choice selection, not only of staple and standard groceries but also of delicacies and luxuries, combined with uniform courtesy and honest and fair dealing, have brought him the larger part of the best trade of the place.

Mr. Smith was married October 17, 1899, to Lillie Hunt, who was born in England, where her parents resided all their lives.

Politically Mr. Smith is identified with the Republican party. Fraternally he is a Mason, belonging to Fidelity Lodge, No. 152, A. F. & A. M. As a business man he stands well in his community and is esteemed personally.



JOHN HARRISON PERRINE.

JOHN HARRISON PERRINE, proprietor of the well known "Cotton Wood Stock Farm," consisting of 305 acres, situated in sections 1 and 14, Hilyard township, Macoupin County, is one of the prominent and substantial farmers and stock raisers of this portion of the State. Mr. Perrine was born September 13, 1846, in Pickaway County, Ohio, but has been a resident of Hilyard township since 1856. He is a son of Daniel and Emily (Doyle) Perrine.

As far back as the closing year of the Revolutionary War, the Perrine family resided in New Jersey, and Mathew Perrine, our subject's great-grandfather, served in the patriot army. His son William, one of seven children, was born in New Jersey and married Rachel Lippincott, who was born in Monmouth County, New Jersey. After the birth of four children, they moved to Ohio, where our subject's grandmother died, and the grandfather died soon after coming to Illinois, a few years later.

Daniel Perrine, father of John H., was born July 4, 1822, in Monmouth County, New Jersey, and came to Illinois and settled in Jersey County, in

1851. He married Emily Doyle who was born in Perry County, Ohio, and died in Macoupin County, Illinois, September 7, 1884, aged 56 years. They had 12 children, namely: John H., of this sketch; William, of Morrisonville, Illinois; Hattie, who died at the age of 20 years; Mrs. Ann Coulter of Alton; Mrs. Jane Huchelbridge, of Louisiana; Mrs. Clara Huddleston, of Farmerville, Illinois; Mrs. Emma Jones, of Gillespie township; Mrs. Dora Trabue; Alice, who died at the age of three years; Edwin, who died at the age of 34 years; Mrs. Effie Chappel, who is living on the old homestead; and Mrs. Kate Simonson, of Saratoga, Wyoming.

Our subject was five years of age when he came to Illinois, and he has lived in Hilyard township, Macoupin County, for the past 48 years. The wonderful changes which have taken place in the county's settlement and civilization are no more remarkable than are the changes which Mr. Perrine has brought about in his own fortunes. From a capital consisting of nothing but health, industry, energy and honesty, he has arisen to be one of the county's capitalists, and where he was once obliged to pay 10 per cent. interest on every dollar he borrowed, the banks are anxious to lend him their whole capital without a sign of security. For many years his name has given confidence to many investors, his probity, honor and integrity equaling his substantiability.

When Mr. Perrine first started out in life, he found it necessary to command a small capital, in order to carry out enterprises which his judgment and foresight saw would bring about great results. He computes that he has paid something like \$10,000 in interest money. He has been very prominent in all agricultural movements in his section of the county and much credit is due him for the reputation the section has for its magnificent showing of cattle and stock. In addition to large operations in buying, selling and shipping, his stock farm has some of the finest specimens of horses, cattle and hogs, to be found in the State. With four other prominent stock men, he owns a share in the Hilyard Township Horse Company. They imported the magnificent French Percheron stallion "Brave," at a cost of \$2,000. On his own farm he has 150 head of Poland-China hogs and a large herd of Polled Durham cattle, with these three fine registered animals at their head: "Red Joe," No. 1549; "John Brown, Jr.," No. 1895, and the cow, "Christmas Eve," No. 1894. During the early years of the Farmers' Mutual Benefit Association, Mr. Perrine was county vice-president and also county pur-

chasing agent and for a long period was much interested in furthering the designs of the organization, looking to the improvement of agricultural conditions.

On October 12, 1871, Mr. Perrine was married to Maria Elizabeth Jones, who was born November 21, 1850, in Allen County, Kentucky, and is a daughter of Ambrose and Mary (Wilson) Jones, the former a native of Kentucky and the latter of Tennessee. Both died in Gillespie township, Macoupin County, having moved to Illinois when Mrs. Perrine was six months old. They have four children: Grace May, Anna Myrtle (deceased), James Harrison and Mary Ethel. Mr. Perrine attended Shurtleff College at Alton, and Mrs. Perrine took a four-years Chautauqua course, receiving a diploma, and their children have benefited by having intelligent and educated parents. All have had excellent educational opportunities, the eldest daughter attending the Western Normal College at Bushnell and also perfecting herself in vocal and instrumental music and becoming a successful teacher. She is now the wife of Orville Dey of Hilyard township and they have two children—Lola Inez and Florence Grace. Ethel is also an accomplished musician and a graduate of the Bunker Hill Academy. Harrison attended Bushnell College and Bunker Hill Military Academy.

Mr. Perrine was reared a Republican, but later became a Populist and now votes independently. He has never cared for political office, his interests being mainly centered in agricultural affairs and in his church, home and family. He is one of the most liberal supporters of the Corrington Chapel, and is one of the trustees. The family residence is probably one of the most imposing in the township and is surrounded by barns and out-buildings that testify to the extensive operations carried on here. The farm has a name well known beyond local circles and its products bring the highest price in the market.



HENRY BRAYFORD.

HENRY BRAYFORD, who for many years was one of the prominent mining men and large land-owners of Madison and Macoupin counties, Illinois, died on his large farm of 711 acres, located in sections 21, 22 and 23, Polk

township, Macoupin County, December 22, 1901. He was born in 1817 in Staffordshire, England, and came to America in 1848.

By trade Mr. Brayford was a miner, one who had made the business a study for years. He located in Madison County, Illinois, the same year he came to this country, and bought a farm of 80 acres, in the vicinity of Moro, on which he had reason to believe he would find a coal bed. Being a practical miner, he was engaged by Ritter & Brother, of Edwardsville, Illinois, to look over the ground in that locality, and it resulted in his putting down the first coal shaft in that later noted coal locality. He remained in the employ of this firm for some years, his family in the meantime remaining on the farm. When released from his contract with Ritter, & Brother, he returned to Moro, and soon put down coal shafts on his property, which he successfully worked for 11 years. During this time he had purchased land in Polk township, Macoupin County, which later aggregated 711 acres, built on it a handsome home and established his family. Mr. Brayford was a man of fine business ability as well as practical knowledge, and he purposed to develop the coal beds which he knew to be underlying his property in Polk township. In 1899 he began operations and at a depth of 144 feet found the coal as he expected,—a fine vein of six feet. His death prevented the opening of the mine, but its presence so proved has vastly enhanced the value of the property.

On October 13, 1853, Mr. Brayford married Mary Ann Cartlidge who is a daughter of Richard and Ann (Broughton) Cartlidge, of Staffordshire, England, where Mrs. Brayford was born. Her family landed at New Orleans and remained in that city six months, removing then to Madison County, Illinois, and locating at Paddock's Grove, on the Springfield and Bunker Hill road. Mr. Cartlidge died in 1891 at his home near Bethalto, at the age of 67 years, and his wife died in 1876. They brought two children with them from England and four were born in Madison County, but the only survivors are: Mrs. Brayford and her sister, Martha, who is the wife of Henry Lubbin, a farmer of Macoupin County. Mr. Brayford is survived by his widow and four children, namely: Virginia, who is the wife of John Ruttman, a stone mason; Mary Ann, who married Henry Bergmann, a farmer who died March 5, 1904—she has three children, Herbert, Grace and Belle; Theresa M., who married John Lawrence, a mechanic, and lives in St. Louis, Missouri—they have seven children, Daisy, Albert, Arthur,

Adele, Dosit, Ada and Doris; and Sarah, who married Frank Rhoades of Polk township, this county.

The large estate of Mr. Brayford is in the possession of the family and it includes, besides the farm mentioned, another tract of 80 acres north of Carlinville, through which an electric road is planned from that city to St. Louis, and 80 acres in Madison County, Illinois, near Moro. Included in the 711-acre estate in Polk township is a lovely sheet of water known as Beaver Dam Lake, which is 91 acres in area, being situated between hills and surrounded by 200 acres of beautiful hunting and pleasure grounds. The lake has been stocked for the past 24 years with all kinds of game fish, and lies a half mile west of Macoupin Station on the Chicago & Alton Railway.

In politics, since the administration of President Buchanan, Mr. Brayford was a Democrat. Fraternally he was a Mason. Religiously he was a consistent member of the Advent Christian Church at Carlinville. He was a man of a great deal of strength of character and was looked up to by those around him, and his sound advice was not only often asked for but was taken. He was a man of the highest integrity in business, honest himself and expecting honesty of others. In his home he was both respected and obeyed and sincerely beloved.



JOSEPH S. BIRD.

JOSEPH S. BIRD, who is efficiently serving in the capacity of clerk of Mount Olive township, Macoupin County, is an enterprising and progressive young business man of the township. He was born in Madison County, Illinois, September 6, 1880, and is a son of James W. and Martha (Grant) Bird.

James W. Bird, who was a native of Madison County, Illinois, early in life took up the occupation of farming and stock raising, and is at present one of the most extensive stock raisers of his county. Mr. Bird is a staunch Republican and takes an active interest in the affairs of the party, being known throughout his county as a political leader.

Joseph S. Bird was reared on a farm and received his education in the schools of Madison County. After completing his education, he entered

upon the cares of a business man and in 1900 he began the occupation of mining, which he has followed up to the present time. Mr. Bird is a member of the Republican party and in April, 1903, he was elected to his present position as clerk of Mount Olive township. In fraternal circles, Mr. Bird is a member of Staunton Lodge, No. 177, A. F. & A. M.

On October 24, 1901, Mr. Bird was married to Mary Hassler, who is a daughter of Fred Hassler, who now resides in Mount Olive.



JOHN BINNEY, M. D.

One of the leading business houses of Mount Olive, Illinois, is what is known as "Binney's Pharmacy," the foundations for which were begun by the late Dr. John Binney, who was for many years one of the prominent and successful physicians and most highly esteemed citizens of Mount Olive. Dr. Binney was born in Macoupin County, Illinois, April 17, 1854, and was one in a family of 10 children, born to his parents, Walter and Christina (Webster) Binney. The father is now a resident of Madison County, Illinois.

The late Dr. Binney was reared on his father's farm and attended the local schools. His medical reading was done as occasion offered, and he prepared himself for entrance to the St. Louis College of Medicine, where he was graduated in 1877, with high honors. He located at Mount Olive, and immediately took a foremost place among the medical practitioners of Macoupin County. Here he continued to live and practice, taking a great interest in public affairs and developing enterprises which served to benefit the community, until the time of his decease, August 14, 1899. The plans he had made for the completion of a beautiful, modern building to be used as a first class pharmacy were followed out by his widow, and the business is now conducted by her in association with her son-in-law, William H. Barrick. The latter is one of the most enterprising young business men of Mount Olive and the pharmacy is not only stocked with drugs, but carries also all the articles usually found in a drug store of the present day and is a credit to the business life of Mount Olive.

On April 17, 1879, Dr. Binney was married to Elizabeth McMillan, who is a daughter of the late James McMillan. She still survives, with two daughters: Lulu E., and Margaret C., the latter of whom is the wife of William H. Barrick. Mr. and Mrs. Barrick have one child, Grace L., who was born July 19, 1903.

In political sentiment, Dr. Binney was a Republican, but he accepted no public honors, outside of being a central committeeman, his time being fully occupied with his practice, and in looking after his many investments and property interests. Fraternally he was a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, the Ancient Order of United Workmen and the Court of Honor. He was also a valued member of the Macoupin County Medical Association.

HENRY J. GEHNER, JR.

HENRY J. GEHNER, JR., who owns a fine farm of 200 acres in section 35, Cahokia township, Macoupin County, and occupies a handsome residence erected on that place, was born near Jacksonville, Morgan County, Illinois, April 18, 1861, and was brought to Macoupin County when an infant of three years. He is a son of Henry and Wilhelmina (Schweppe) Gehner.

The father of our subject was born in Westphalia, Germany, in August, 1823, and when 25 years old immigrated to America. He first located at St. Louis, where he was engaged at general work, later removing to Cahokia township, Macoupin County, where he now resides on a handsome farm of 260 acres. Mr. Gehner's first marriage was to Wilhelmina Schweppe, who was a native of Germany. Her death occurred in January, 1880. They were blessed with seven children, namely: Mary (Eichmeyer), who resides in Cahokia township; Henry J., our subject; William H., of Cahokia township; Fred, who resides in Minnesota; Lottie (Arkebauer) a resident of Kansas; Herman, who is a teacher in Wisconsin; and Louis, who resides at home with his parents. Mr. Gehner's second marriage was to Caroline Weisbrodt and to this union were born two boys and three girls.

Henry J. Gehner, Jr., has resided on his present farm since he was three years old and has met with success in all enterprises into which he has

entered. He is at present operating his large and productive farm of 200 acres and is besides employed as an engineer for the Madison Coal Company. Mr. Gehner sold the coal rights of his farm to this company and they have besides purchased four acres of his farm for their pumping station. He is a member of the Democratic party and has served as highway commissioner for the past three years, having also served in several other minor township offices.

In 1885, our subject was married to Hermina Arkebauer, who was born in Mount Olive township, September 9, 1864, and is a daughter of Meint Arkebauer. Mr. and Mrs. Gehner are the parents of eight children, namely: Lydia, Rosena, Amanda, Theodore, Pauline, Clara, Ida and Walter. Mr. Gehner and family are members of the Lutheran Church.



GEORGE FENTON.

GEORGE FENTON, a prosperous agriculturist of Macoupin County, resides on his well cultivated farm located in section 23, Chesterfield township. He was born in Nottinghamshire, England, in 1831.

Mr. Fenton left his native land in early manhood in company with his brother, William Fenton, and his sister, Ann (Fenton) Boyington, both of whom have since died, and landed in America on January 12, 1851. Mr. Fenton came immediately to Macoupin County, Illinois, locating in Chesterfield township, where he has since remained, having never done a day's work outside of this township since coming to the United States. He at first took up a 40-acre tract of land in section 13, which he cultivated and afterwards sold. He then purchased his present homestead and has since been actively engaged in its cultivation and improvement. He devotes considerable time to stock raising and always has on hand a great number of hogs, sheep, cattle, and horses, of which he may well be proud. Mr. Fenton also owns 130 acres of well improved land south of the homestead farm of 160 acres. He has retired from active work on the farm and spends his time enjoying the benefits of a comfortable and well appointed home, which he has gained by many years of hard and unceasing labor, and in which he takes great pride.

On January 15, 1854, Mr. Fenton took as his life companion Sarah Thornton, and 10 children were born to them, namely: Herbert, born July 16, 1855; Hannah, born May 1, 1857; Robert, born August 21, 1859, deceased October 11, 1860; Mary, born August 14, 1861; George, born June 27, 1864; Edith, born September 9, 1867, deceased November 24, 1891; Sarah, born April 29, 1870; Orange, born November 19, 1874; Calista, born March 9, 1878, deceased December 27, 1881; and Amos, born September 29, 1881. Our subject's wife died in June, 1894, having reached her 60th year. Mr. Fenton adheres to the principles of the Democratic party, but takes only a citizen's part in politics. The members of the Fenton family are Episcopalians.



HON. THEODORE H. KOCH.

HON. THEODORE H. KOCH, cashier of the bank of C. J. Keiser & Company of Mount Olive, Macoupin County, and a prominent and substantial citizen, was born November 26, 1863, in St. Louis, Missouri, and is a son of William and Minnie (Sewing) Koch.

The parents of our subject, both of whom were natives of Westphalia, Germany, came to America in 1845 and settled in St. Louis, where they resided all their lives. They married in St. Louis, where Mr. Koch was employed as calker on the dry docks, which he later bought and successfully operated until he retired from business activity in 1875. The family continued to live in St. Louis, where Mr. Koch died in 1884, aged 65 years, and where Mrs. Koch died in 1899, aged 72 years. Both parents were most worthy members of the Evangelical Church.

Theodore Koch had the advantages offered by both the English and the German schools. His boyhood was passed before his father had attained business success, and from the age of 12 years he was thrown mainly upon his own resources. In 1876 he entered the employ of Keiser & Niemeyer, general merchants at Mount Olive, where by fidelity to his employers' interests he gained their attention and good will to such an extent that they permitted him to take a course at Bryant & Stratton's Business College in St. Louis, where he graduated from the commercial course. In 1880 he

returned to Mount Olive and took charge of the books of the firm, which position he retained until 1882, when he was made cashier of the bank of C. J. Keiser & Company.

Mr. Koch has always been identified with the Republican party and has been the recipient of many political rewards. In 1889 he was appointed postmaster of Mount Olive by President Harrison, and was succeeded by William H. Whitehouse, of whom a sketch will be found in this volume. That his administration of office met with the approval of his fellow citizens, was shown by his almost unanimous election to the office of mayor in 1903. He has filled other responsible positions, his aldermanic services being of great value to the city, his record being that of a fearless, upright upholder of the law. In April, 1902, he was elected president of the board of trustees, all his public services being of a character to reflect credit upon himself and honor on the city. He was elected in April, 1904, a delegate to the National Republican Convention, which will convene in Chicago, Illinois, in June, 1904. In association with G. G. Simpson, he owns and operates the Mount Olive telephone plant. Fraternally Mr. Koch is a very popular member of the Knights Templar, Knights of Pythias and the Elks.



WALLACE A. BRUCE.

WALLACE A. BRUCE, one of the largest and most progressive farmers of Macoupin County, has attained a leading position among the farmers and business citizens of his county, and is now the owner of over 1,700 acres of land. Mr. Bruce resides on his handsome homestead farm of 320 acres situated in section 27, Staunton township. He was born in County Derry, Ireland, September 20, 1838, and is a son of Samuel and Matilda (Patterson) Bruce.

Samuel Bruce, the father of our subject, came to Macoupin County from Ireland and was an elder in the Presbyterian Church. He died at the age of 55 years, when his son Wallace was nine years old. Mr. Bruce was married to Matilda Patterson, who was a native of Ireland, and 10 children

were born to them, namely: Alice (Sawyer), deceased; Nancy (Sawyer), of Staunton township, Macoupin County; Tilly (Hagins), of St. Louis, Missouri; Sarah (Gates), deceased; Lovina, who died at the age of 17 years; Samuel, who died in Macoupin County; Wallace, our subject; Hugh, who died in infancy in Ireland; and Elizabeth Ann, who died in Staunton when three years old.

Wallace A. Bruce came to America when nearly two years of age in company with his parents and the other children of the family then born. His parents settled in Staunton township, Macoupin County, where he has since lived. Mr. Bruce when a youth had little or no opportunity to gain an education but has worked himself up in the business world through his own energy and perseverance. Mr. Bruce has always been a hard working man and withstood many hardships when he first began his most remarkable career, starting with almost nothing and building up a vast estate by his own exertions with the aid of his wife and boys. In political circles, Mr. Bruce is a member of the Democratic party.

In February, 1860, Mr. Bruce was married to Eliza J. Clark, a daughter of William and Eliza (Little) Clark, both natives of Ireland. Mr. and Mrs. Bruce are the parents of 11 children, namely: Charles, of Macoupin County; Thomas, of Madison County, Illinois; Elizabeth, who resides with her parents; Belle, who is the wife of James Early of Madison County, Illinois; Wallace, of Gillespie township, Macoupin County; Edward, of Staunton township, Macoupin County; Agnes, the wife of Gustave Kroeger; William, of Madison County, Illinois; Robert, of Madison County, Illinois; Calvin, who resides with his parents; and May, the wife of Winifred Cox.



WILLIAM HIERONYMUS.

WILLIAM HIERONYMUS, proprietor of a blacksmith and machine shop at Mount Olive, Macoupin County, is a skilled mechanic in every respect and one of the most prominent and enterprising citizens of his city. He was born in the city of Treysa, Hesse-Nassau, Germany, in 1848, and is a son of Ludwig and Barbara (Schwing) Hieronymus.

Ludwig Hieronymus, the father of our subject was also born in the city of Treysa, Hesse-Nassau, Germany, where he spent his entire life. He was a first class miller by trade and his services were always in demand. He died in his native country.

William Hieronymus, who is one in a family of seven children born to his parents, received his preliminary educational training in his native country and when 13 years of age took up the trade of a blacksmith, which he followed until 17 years of age, when he came to the United States, landing in New York City. Mr. Hieronymus immediately removed to Mount Olive, Macoupin County, Illinois, where he remained for two years. He was then a resident of St. Louis, Missouri, for 11 years, after which he returned to Mount Olive, where, in 1879, he engaged in his present business, which he has since conducted with the best results. In political circles, Mr. Hieronymus is a Republican but takes but a citizen's interest in political affairs.

Mr. Hieronymus married Augusta Holtgreve, a daughter of Herman and Elizabeth (Heidbrink) Holtgreve, both of whom were natives of Germany. Mr. Holtgreve was an earnest and devout minister of the Lutheran Church. He and his wife were the parents of three children besides Mrs. Hieronymus, one brother being Rev. Paul B. Holtgreve. Our subject and wife were blessed with eight children, seven of whom are still living, namely: Bertha, wife of William L. Niemann of Mount Olive, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this volume; Emma, Amandus, Henry, Pauline, Augusta and William. Mr. Hieronymus and his family are strict members of the Lutheran Church.



MRS. GESKE MARGARET JOHNSON.

MRS. GESKE MARGARET JOHNSON, an esteemed resident of Staunton township, is the widow of Jacob Johnson, who was for many years one of the most prosperous and substantial farmers of Macoupin County. He was born in Hanover, Germany, February 1, 1833, and was a son of Tony and Sophia Johnson.

Jacob Johnson came to America when 24 years of age in company with his parents, first locating at New Orleans and later removing to Alton, Illinois,



WILLIAM M. DRENNAN.

where he remained one winter and then located in Staunton township, Macoupin County, on the farm where our subject lives, where he spent the remaining years of his life. Mr. Johnson started with a farm of 40 acres and at the time of his death he left 640 acres, all of which is in Macoupin and Montgomery counties, Illinois. Mr. Johnson was a member of the Republican party and held several township offices. He died January 5, 1892. While in his native country, he was a member of the Lutheran Church but after coming to America he became a member of the Methodist Church.

On March 15, 1861, Mr. Johnson was married to Geske Margaret Eckhoff, who was born in Hanover, Germany, April 17, 1838. Mrs. Johnson came to America alone on a sailing craft in October, 1858, landing at New Orleans after a voyage of nine weeks. She then came direct to Macoupin County and has resided here ever since. She is a daughter of Stillahn and Tolke Margaret (Albers) Eckhoff, being one of a family of seven children, two girls and five boys; three of the five boys came to America—John, Albert and George. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson had 10 children, of whom eight are still living, namely: Sophia, who married Eilert Englemann, of Raymond, Illinois, and has four children living; Meta, who married William Egelhoff, a resident of Raymond, Illinois and has six boys; Henry, residing on the farm adjoining the farm of his mother, who is married and has one girl; Lena, who is the wife of Otto Adden, of Raymond, Illinois; John, who resides with his mother and runs the farm; Gesna, who married Louis Brackenbush of Staunton township, Macoupin County, and has one child; Albert (single) and Emma, who live at home.

WILLIAM M. DRENNAN.

WILLIAM M. DRENNAN, formerly mayor of the city of Girard, Macoupin County, a soldier of the Civil War and a prominent and useful citizen, whose portrait accompanies this sketch, was born in Sangamon County, Illinois, November 4, 1842, and died September 4, 1899. He was one of a family of seven children born to his parents, Joseph and Elizabeth (Withrow) Drennan.

Joseph Drennan was born in Kentucky in 1814 and died in Illinois in 1872. He married Elizabeth Withrow who was born in 1823 in Sangamon County, Illinois, and died in 1860. When our late subject was seven years old, the family removed to Macoupin County and settled on a farm in North Otter township. Here William M. Drennan was reared and attended the local schools. From the age of 17 years he made his own way in the world. The outbreak of the Civil War aroused in him a loyal enthusiasm which caused his enlistment in the Union Army, his name being entered on the roll of Company B, 114th Reg., Illinois Vol. Inf., on August 14, 1862. During a very hard term of service which included the battles of Jackson, Mississippi; Nashville, Tennessee; Brandon, Mississippi; Guntown and Tupelo, Mississippi, he bore himself as a brave and valiant soldier, although little more than a youth in years. After completing his term of enlistment, he returned to Macoupin County and resumed farming.

Mr. Drennan was married April 24, 1866, to Margaret L. Johnston, who is a daughter of Isaac B. and Elizabeth (Berry) Johnston, who reared a family of six children, Mrs. Drennan being the second in order of birth. Her father was born in Kentucky, and died April 20, 1856, and her mother died in Nebraska in 1887. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Drennan, viz: William O., born January 28, 1867; Elizabeth E. (Mrs. John Wells); and Cora E. (Mrs. Henry Huber).

For many years Mr. Drennan was very prominent in North Otter township and was a leader in Democratic politics. For four years he served as supervisor, for a like period was township treasurer and for 12 years was highway commissioner. He took an active part in advancing the interests of his party and served in many important positions, and was a delegate to both county and State Democratic conventions. In 1897 he was elected mayor of Girard and served as such for two years, his administration being marked with many needed reforms and meeting with the approbation of his constituents. His public service only tended to make him more highly respected, and through life he enjoyed the esteem of men of both parties. Mr. Drennan was always deeply interested in educational matters and faithfully served as a member of the School Board for a number of years.

Mrs. Drennan still resides in the beautiful home in Girard, where she is highly regarded and has many social interests. She is a consistent member of the Methodist Church, which the late Mr. Drennan attended and to which

he gave liberally, as well as to other religious bodies, also contributing generously to the city's charities. The first gun ever brought into Sangamon County, Illinois, was a rifle which belonged to William M. Drennan's grandfather, Joseph Drennan, and which is now in the possession of the widow of our subject.



JOHN E. HART.

JOHN E. HART, one of the leading citizens of South Otter township, Macoupin County, owning a farm of 230 acres, situated in sections 6 and 7, belongs to an honorable pioneer family of Illinois. He was born in North Otter township, Macoupin County, in 1855, and is a son of John C. and Martha (Bull) Hart.

No more interesting reading could be found than in an extended history of two such important families as those from which our subject has descended, identified as they have been with the public, agricultural and religious life of the sections in which they have made their homes. The present biographer regrets the limitation of space. Charles Hart was the pioneer of the family in America, coming with his brother in 1700, landing at Charleston, South Carolina. According to the compact entered into before the voyage was undertaken, a not unusual one at that date, the youths were sold at auction to such as needed help, the money paid going to the master of the ship to pay for their passage. Thus the brothers were separated and never were reunited. Charles Hart discharged all his obligations and spent his whole life in South Carolina. David Hart, a son of Charles, was born in 1740 and moved to North Carolina, where he took an active part in the War of the Revolution. He left five sons and two daughters. David, the eldest of the sons, was born in North Carolina, December 18, 1768, married Margaret Blackwilder, and reared a family of one daughter and 10 sons. He resided in Mercer County, Kentucky, but removed, at an early day, to Bedford County, Tennessee, where he died.

Solomon Hart, third son of this family, was born in Mercer County, Kentucky, January 6, 1793, and was 10 years old when his father removed to Tennessee. At the age of 20 years, with his eldest brother, he enlisted in

the United States service, under Gen. Andrew Jackson, and took part in the Horse Shoe battle. After his return, on July 17, 1817, he married Nancy Waggoner, and in 1826 they moved to Morgan County, Illinois, accompanied by his brothers, Nathan and Charles. For a short time they lived near the village of Jacksonville, which was then but a hamlet. Coming from the timbered lands to which they had been accustomed, the lack of trees in their vicinity made the country look barren to them and caused them to remove to the southern part of the county, where they found a fine belt of timber on an island lying between Big and Little Apple creeks. Here they built their cabins, after each had secured land, Solomon securing three 80-acre tracts of the best timber. The remainder of his capital he invested in prairie land. Four other brothers subsequently joined him and all settled here, the spot still bearing the name of Hart's Prairie. Here Solomon Hart and wife bore with wonderful fortitude the hardships incident to their pioneer life, patiently bearing the disadvantages and, by contrast, enjoying to the utmost the few pleasures which came into their lives. They were blessed with a family of eight sons and two daughters, all of whom thrived despite the lack of what we consider the necessary comforts of life, and reached maturity. Before the parents were called away, they had the satisfaction of seeing all comfortably settled in life. It was in this household that the teachings of Alexander Campbell were so nourished that it soon became possible to gather a congregation together, and great were the religious results from the preaching in this home of those natural orators, well known in the history of the spread of the Christian Church, Dr. Patrick Henderson, W. W. Happy and Robert Foster. All were earnest men and all of devout life and practice.

In politics, Solomon Hart was a Democrat of the Jackson school, and became a great admirer of Stephen A. Douglas. He lived to cast his vote for 14 presidential candidates, and imbued his sons with his political sentiments. His death took place October 17, 1874, in his 82nd year. He was survived by his widow several years, her age being 86 years.

John C. Hart, father of our subject, was reared at Hart's Prairie, Morgan County, Illinois, and came to Macoupin County when about 21 years of age. He located on the south edge of North Otter township and died there in 1863, aged 39 years. This homestead farm was entered by his uncle Nathan and was purchased by John C. when he came to Macoupin County.

He married Martha Bull, who was a daughter of Moses Bull, who came from North Carolina and settled at Hart's Prairie in early days, dying there before our subject was born. Eight children were born to this marriage, John E. of this sketch being the fifth member of the family.

After the death of his mother in 1865, in North Otter township, our subject returned to Hart's Prairie, where he remained until 1876, when he purchased his present farm in South Otter township and contracted his first marriage, with Sarah Cherry, who died in 1881, leaving two children: Nora, who is the wife of Elijah Clark of South Palmyra township; and Moses, a resident of Virden. In 1883, Mr. Hart married Laura Hunt, who is a daughter of Amiel and Mary (Battershell) Hunt.

Amiel Hunt was born in Pike County, Illinois, in 1836, and was a son of Eber Hunt, a native of North Carolina. Eber Hunt came to Illinois with his family and entered 160 acres of land near the Illinois River, where he died in 1838, survived by his widow until 1899. Amiel Hunt and wife still reside on their farm in South Otter township. The latter was born near Winchester, Illinois, in 1840, and is a daughter of John Battershell, who was born in Kentucky and came with his wife to Illinois in pioneer times.

Mr. and Mrs. Hart have three children: Bessie Lee, born in September, 1883; John Waller, born August 30, 1888; and Frederick D., born May 4, 1890. Mr. Hart is a member of the Masonic fraternity, the Modern Woodmen of America, the American Home and the Fraternal Army of America. In politics, like the rest of his family, he is identified with the Democratic party. He belongs to the Christian Church.

H. C. BUCHTERKIRCHEN.

H. C. BUCHTERKIRCHEN, one of the most substantial citizens of Staunton, Macoupin County, an extensive dealer in lumber and building material of all kinds, is a self made man, who although scarcely yet in the prime of life, has accumulated a fortune and has taken a very prominent part in the city's public life. He was born in Hanover, Germany, September 2, 1866, and is a son of August and Lezzetta (Loehr) Buchterkirchen.

The father of our subject spent his whole life in Germany, where he was a well known furniture manufacturer. He died September 26, 1878, aged 52 years, survived by his widow, who still resides in Germany. They had seven children, namely: Herman, of East St. Louis, Illinois; H. C., of this sketch; Gustav, who died in St. Louis, Missouri, in 1897, aged 27 years, and August, Carl, Wilhelm and Aibert, who are residents of Germany.

Our subject was 14 years old when he left school and learned the butchering business. In 1882 he decided to accompany a visitor from St. Louis to America, and together they sailed from Bremen. For some years after coming to the United States, Mr. Buchterkirchen was variously employed but never at any time idle. He worked at Elsah, Illinois, then at St. Louis, Missouri, and in August of the same year removed to Staunton, Macoupin County, where he secured work at mine No. 5, first on top, later under ground. He also was employed as section hand on the Wabash Railroad, went then to Worden and worked in mine No. 12, returned to Staunton for a short time, then to Jersey Landing and Jerseyville. In the last named place he was kept busy, as a carpenter during the summers, and as a butcher in the winter months, for three years. Then he went to St. Charles, Missouri, and spent three years building coaches in the car shops there. In 1888 he returned to Staunton where he had made many friends, and where he has ever since been actively engaged in business. For 10 years he was engaged in the liquor business and then embarked in his present extensive lumber business, which, although but in its infancy as to years, has outstripped almost every other business house of its kind in the southeatern section of the county.

Mr. Buchterkirchen was married December 27, 1888, to Minnie Baule, who was born January 8, 1868, at Staunton, Macoupin County, and they have three children—Lezzetta, Harry and Walter, all living at home. Mr. Buchterkirchen is completing one of the finest private residences in Staunton, which promises to not only be a home of comfort and luxury, but will also be an ornament to the city. The family belong to St. Paul's Evangelical Church.

It is not always the case that men, interested in the building up of their own fortunes, are equally alive to their duties as citizens, but Mr. Buchterkirchen has always displayed commendable public spirit and many of the city's facilities are due to his efforts while a member of the city council. He

is now serving on the Board of Education, is vice-president of the Staunton Home Association, a director of the Staunton Loan & Building Association and a director of the Business Men's Club. Fraternally he is a Knight of Pythias and a Woodman. In politics he is a Democrat.

GEORGE A. SIMPSON.

GEORGE A. SIMPSON, superintendent of the Madison Coal Company and also one of the members of the City Council of Mount Olive, Macoupin County, was born in La Salle, Illinois, May 8, 1863. He is one of a family of eight children born to his parents, David and Ellen (Colvin) Simpson.

David Simpson was born in Scotland, and his whole life has been connected with coal mining. He began when a lad of nine years and has climbed, through every degree, to the position of mine manager, that he now fills at the age of 64 years. In 1851 David Simpson came to the United States and lived in Pennsylvania, later removing to La Salle, Illinois, where, in 1862, he married Ellen Colvin, a daughter of Robert Colvin, a prominent farmer of that place. He then settled in Springfield, Illinois, where he now resides.

George A. Simpson was educated in the schools of Sangamon County and at Springfield, until he was 13 years of age, when he followed his father's example, and became a coal miner. This occupation he followed continuously until 1892, when he was made mine manager and, subsequently, mine superintendent. This responsible position includes the supervision of two shafts, one located at Mount Olive, where he has 250 men, and one at Divernon, Sangamon County, Illinois, where there are 325 men. This position was given him in consideration of his thorough technical knowledge and superior fitness, on February 14, 1893, and the tact, skill, ability and efficiency with which he has controlled these large bodies of men and rendered satisfactory showings to the company, speak well for him as superintendent. The position is no sinecure and Mr. Simpson has met with unusual success.

On August 29, 1887, Mr. Simpson was married to Catherine Hahn, who is a daughter of John Hahn, of Springfield, and they have five children, namely: David, George A., Roy L., Gladys C. and Edna R.

In addition to his official duties at the coal mines, Mr. Simpson has business associations which require some of his attention, and political duties which he faithfully performs. Mr. Simpson and T. H. Koch are the owners of the Strowger Automatic Telephone Company of Mount Olive. In politics he is a Republican, and in April, 1902, was elected one of the city aldermen. Fraternally he is a Mason, Knight Templar and a Knight of Pythias.

Mr. Simpson is one of the self made men of Mount Olive and is entitled to the esteem in which he is held. The qualities which have advanced him from the humble position of mine boy to that of superintendent, in so short a time, are the same which make him one of the most valued and useful citizens of Mount Olive.



HORACE EDWARD SCROGGINS.

HORACE EDWARD SCROGGINS, proprietor of the well known "Silver Creek Stock Farm," which consists of 160 acres in section 35, Staunton township, belongs to an old Virginia family which settled in Illinois in the early days of this region. Mr. Scroggins was born in Dorchester township, Macoupin County, Illinois, September 3, 1866, and is a son of Clayborn and Lucy V. (Rounds) Scroggins.

The father of our subject was born in Madison County, Illinois, and died at the age of 40 years. The mother was born in Macoupin County, Illinois, in 1846, and is a daughter of Nathan and Patience Rounds, natives of Vermont. They had three children: Horace Edward, Milton (deceased) and Otis, of Bunker Hill. Clayborn Scroggins was a farmer of Macoupin County and was one of its representative agriculturists. He served his country with bravery through four years of the Civil War, its hardships probably closing his life in middle age. He was a consistent member of the Methodist Church.

Our subject was reared and educated in Macoupin County. He has become one of the foremost breeders of live stock of all kinds in Macoupin County. He is known over a wide section of the State for the fine standard bred road horses that are a feature of his stock breeding operations. The stallions "Village Boy," No. 39,000, "Galberta," No. 34,342, "Martin Lee"

and "Betta Boy," which compose his stud, are splendid animals, extremely valuable, and with few equals. He also gives a great deal of attention to the raising of Jersey and Durham cattle of the very best strain, and is noted for his thoroughbred Plymouth Rock poultry. Mr. Scroggins also pays attention to modern dairying and places a butter product upon the market that is unexcelled.

Mr. Scroggins was married October 23, 1888, to Nancy Olive, who was born on the present farm, April 2, 1864, and they have a family of five interesting and intelligent children: Jesse E., born September 19, 1889; John H. O., born December 9, 1891; Myrtle M., born March 5, 1894; Mabel V., born November 14, 1896; and Marion E., born September 6, 1899. Mrs. Scroggins is a member of the Christian Church. Fraternaly he is a Mason.

Mrs. Scroggins belongs also to one of the old pioneer families of Illinois. Jesse Olive, her father, was born November 27, 1820, in Trigg County, Kentucky, and was about nine years old, when his parents settled in Illinois. He died May 1, 1881, in Macoupin County, on the present home farm of our subject and wife, which he had entered and operated as a stock farm for years. In 1843, Jesse Olive married Margaret Keown, who was born September 7, 1826, and died March 12, 1887. They had a family of 12 children, the four survivors being: Elizabeth, wife of J. T. Crowder, of St. Louis, Missouri; Malvina, wife of H. J. Crowder of New Douglas, Madison County; William, of Dorchester township, Macoupin County; and Nancy (Mrs. Scroggins). In politics, Mr. Olive was a Democrat. He was frequently called upon to hold local office and was considered one of the representative and substantial men of his township.

SAMUEL J. WILLIAMS.

SAMUEL J. WILLIAMS, one of the most prominent citizens and substantial farmers of Macoupin County, owning a well improved farm of 160 acres, situated in section 1, Gillespie township, was born March 3, 1824, in Knox County, Tennessee. He is a son of Samuel Williams, who was also a native of Knox County.

In 1836 Samuel Williams came as a pioneer to Illinois, entering a farm of 160 acres in the vicinity of Bunker Hill, Macoupin County. This he successfully operated a number of years, dying there at the age of 60 years. He was the father of a large family, 15 children reaching maturity. The three who still survive are: Mrs. Mary Deek, of Kansas; Elihu, a retired farmer of Litchfield, Illinois; and Samuel J., of this sketch.

Samuel J. Williams may be considered as one of the early settlers of Gillespie township for he entered his present farm in section 1 in 1845. He was then but 21 years of age, full of energy and ambition and the task of clearing 160 acres of land was not so formidable a job to him as it probably would be to many young men of to-day. All of the fine improvements on the property have been made by Mr. Williams, including three large barns and an unusually commodious and comfortable residence, in addition to many other improvements which serve to make this one of the most valuable properties in the township. His barns now shelter modern machinery of various kinds, but Mr. Williams broke every part of his farm and placed it under cultivation with an ox team. For a long time his markets for produce and stock were as far away as Alton and St. Louis, Gillespie not being settled at that time. The few dwellings in the neighborhood were all of hewed logs, and as no sawmills had yet been built in the vicinity the early school houses and churches were constructed of similar material. Mr. Williams has devoted attention to general farming, wheat and corn being his leading crops, has raised both horses and mules and now has a large herd of Durham cattle and many Poland-China hogs. For 12 years, beginning about 1847, Mr. Williams served his neighborhood as postmaster, the office located on his farm being known as Honey Point P. O. Later, when the postoffice was changed to Mount Olive, it was moved into a country store, and so continued until it was removed to Gillespie.

Mr. Williams was first married to Lucy Ann Carmack, who died three years later, survived by one daughter, Mrs. Jane Ash, who resides in St. Louis, Missouri.

On November 10, 1853, he married Margaret A. Pope. She was born November 10, 1833, in Butler County, Kentucky, and is a daughter of John and Martha Pope, who came to Illinois among the early pioneers. Of the 11 children born to this union, these survive: Mrs. Lydia Odell, of Litchfield, Illinois; Mrs. Selina Clark, of Gillespie, Macoupin County; Mrs.

Minnie Clark, of Brushy Mound township, Macoupin County; and Henry, Osa and Hattie, who live at home, the sons operating the farm.

From being a Republican in his political attitude, Mr. Williams became a supporter of the Greenback party, but for years has entertained independent views on public questions. He served as one of the first supervisors of the township, was assessor for many years and a school director for a long period, being a liberal supporter of both schools and churches. Both he and his wife belong to the Baptist Church. He is vice-president of the Macoupin County Fire Association, having served 25 years as president of Farmers' Mutual Fire and Lightning Association of Gillespie.

JOHN W. ARMSTRONG.

JOHN W. ARMSTRONG, a well-to-do farmer and stock raiser of Macoupin County and a self made man in every sense the word implies, as well as a respected and honored citizen, is residing on his productive farm of 80 acres situated in section 5, Polk township. He was born in Greene County, Illinois, March 24, 1848, and is a son of John and Elizabeth (Gelder) Armstrong.

John Armstrong was born at Brampton, England, August 26, 1794, and came to America in the early pioneer days, locating in Greene County, Illinois, where he engaged at farming. His wife, Elizabeth Gelder, was born January 23, 1813 at Whitley, Yorkshire, England, and they were married November 24, 1836, in Macoupin County, Illinois. She died at Chesterfield, Macoupin County, February 20, 1878, while enjoying her 66th year. They were the parents of six children, three of whom are now living, namely: Sarah Jane, who married E. C. Hall, a prominent merchant of Chesterfield, Illinois, and has three children—Grace, Chase and May; John W., our subject; Elizabeth, who married Peter Randolph, deceased, who was a farmer of Jersey County, Illinois, where his surviving wife and one child, Clara, now reside. John Armstrong died at Athensville, Greene County, Illinois, June 16, 1859, while in his 66th year.

John W. Armstrong received his education in the common schools of

Greene and Macoupin counties, and remained upon the homestead until 16 years of age, assisting in the farm labor. By hard and industrious work he succeeded in accumulating sufficient money to purchase his present farm, which is unsurpassed in productiveness by any farm in the county. Our subject takes great pride in keeping his farm well supplied with all modern conveniences. In political views he is a supporter of Republican principles, but takes little interest in political affairs other than to support good government. In fraternal circles he is a Mason.

In 1882 our subject married Eliza F. Duckles, daughter of William and Francis Duckles, whose family sketch will be found in this work under the name of E. G. Duckles. Our subject and wife are the proud parents of one child, Phoebe D., born October 16, 1883.

JAMES M. BURTON.

We take pleasure in presenting to the readers of this Biographical Record of Macoupin County the gentleman whose name heads this brief article. He is engaged in the cultivation of his 124-acre farm, situated in section 2, Dorchester township. He was born in Bedford County, Virginia, about six miles from Liberty, February 13, 1824, and is a son of Edmond and Lucy (Reynolds) Burton, and a grandson of William Burton.

Mr. Burton's ancestors were from England. William Burton, the grandfather of our subject, was a native of Virginia, where he owned a large plantation and many slaves, and was a prominent leader in business circles. He was the father of 10 children, namely: Philip; William; Edmond, the father of our subject; Charles; Robert; Addison; James; Howell; Frances (Turpin) and Martin, who was a very wealthy man. Mr. Burton died in Virginia.

Edmond Burton was also a native of Virginia, where he at one time owned a large plantation and several slaves, although after all he was opposed to slavery and disposed of his slaves when he came North. Mr. Burton was a veteran of the War of 1812 and three months after its conclusion was given

a land warrant as a reward for his services, which warrant gave him the privilege of locating a tract of government land. He followed farming thereafter. He died in Macoupin County, Illinois, about 1860, at the age of 72 years. Mr. Burton was married to Lucy Reynolds, also a native of Virginia, and they were blessed with eight children, namely: William, deceased; James M., our subject; Charles, a resident of Gillespie, Illinois; George, who resides at Irving, Illinois; Thomas; Cynthia (Turpin), deceased, who was the wife of William Turpin; Frances (Wilson), deceased, and Lucy J. (Isaacs), a resident of Dorchester.

James M. Burton when 13 years of age came to Illinois in company with his parents, making the trip in a wagon across the prairies, the journey taking six weeks. They first located a mile from the present village of Gillespie and remained there for six years, then removed to a farm south of Bunker Hill, where they lived seven years. Mr. Burton's parents then bought the farm that he now owns, where he has spent over half a century, tilling the soil. Mr. Burton, besides owning 124 acres in section 2, owns 10 acres of timber land in section 3. After locating on his present farm, Mr. Burton immediately began the production of the necessities of life and after the first year produced everything needed. In 1843, at Alton, Illinois, pork was worth two cents per pound net, cows were sold for \$10 per head, and \$30 would buy the best horses. The farm products were also sold at a very low price, wheat being worth but 37½ cents per bushel. At that time land that had been put in crops or otherwise slightly improved was worth but \$2 per acre, while unimproved government land was worth \$1.25 per acre. Labor could be obtained for 37½ cents per day. Mr. Burton gave as low as \$3 per acre for his land, all improved, and for some he paid as high as \$10 and \$35. In political belief Mr. Burton's views adhere to Republicanism, although before the war he was a Democrat.

Mr. Burton was married in 1849 to Malissa Nesbit, who was a native of Kentucky, and who died in Macoupin County about 1870 at the age of 35 years. Five children were born to them, namely: Frances (Jipson) (Sawyer), who resides in Arkansas, and is the mother of four boys and three girls living; Mary (Deck), deceased, who left one child; John, who resides in Oklahoma Territory and is the father of three children; Eva (Charles), of Staunton, Illinois, who is the mother of six children; and William, of Alton, Illinois, who has one child. In 1870, Mr. Burton was married to

Rebecca J. St. Clair, who was born in Tennessee, March 23, 1829, and is the daughter of Abraham and Nancy (Jones) St. Clair, both natives of Tennessee. One child was born to them, namely: Martha L. (Sawyer), who resides at Alton, Illinois, and is the mother of two children—Florence E. and Reba M. Mr. Burton has eight grandchildren.



HENRY P. DINGERSON.

HENRY P. DINGERSON, who is engaged in the pursuits of general farming and truck gardening on his well located farm of 29 acres, situated in section 5, Mount Olive township, was born on his present farm, January 16, 1870, and is a son of Henry P. and Sophia (Oltmann) Dingserson.

Henry P. Dingserson, Sr., who was a native of Germany, came to America when a youth in company with his parents, who settled in Staunton township, Macoupin County, Illinois. His parents died shortly after coming to America, leaving four other children besides our subject's father. Mr. Dingserson took up the occupation of farming in Staunton township, which he followed during the greater part of his life. He also operated a mill for several years. In 1849 he crossed the plains to California in search of gold and was fairly successful in mining; he returned to Illinois by way of the Isthmus of Panama and New York City. In politics he was a Democrat. He was married to Sophia Oltmann, a native of Germany who came here with her parents in the 'thirties. Five children were born to them, namely: Louise (Brown), who resides at Joplin, Missouri; George, who resides in Mount Olive township, Macoupin County; Tilly (Leeper), who resides at Joplin, Missouri; Henry P., our subject; and John, who is a resident of Idaho. Mr. Dingserson's death occurred in January, 1879, at the age of 49 years. He and his family were members of the Lutheran Church.

When 16 years of age our subject engaged in work in a mill operated by Hunefeld Brothers, situated at Holstein, Missouri, where he worked for one year. He then went to New Haven, Missouri, where he

worked in the mill of Wolf Brothers, remaining there but six months when he removed to New Douglas, Illinois, where he worked in the mill of H. Prange & Son for 12 or 15 years. He later worked for Keiser Brothers, who operated a mill in Mount Olive township. Mr. Dingerson then went to South Dakota, where he worked during the harvest. Upon his return to Mount Olive township, he located upon his present farm and has since been engaged in the cultivation of the property. In all, he owns at present 45 acres, which he devotes to farming, truck gardening and bee culture. He has 50 hives of bees, principally of Italian or hybrid Italian stock, and disposes of the honey in the comb. Mr. Dingerson is a member of the Democratic party, and takes an active interest in the work of the party. He is a member of the International Flouring and Cereal Milling Union.

On April 27, 1898, Mr. Dingerson was married to Martha Dace, who was born in Mount Olive township, Macoupin County, Illinois, January 28, 1879, and is a daughter of James and Jane (Henderson) Dace, natives of Staffordshire, England, and Illinois, respectively. Our subject and wife are the parents of three children, namely: Esther E., Henry J. and Clarence L. Mrs. Dingerson was graduated from the Mount Olive High School in 1897. Our subject and family are members of the Lutheran Church.



JEFFERSON W. BOSTON.

Among the prominent and influential business men of Macoupin County we take pleasure in presenting to the readers of this work the enterprising gentleman whose name heads these lines, and whose energies have assisted in the promotion of the business interests of the county. Mr. Boston is prominently identified with many industries of his county, and is the leading dealer in furniture, hardware, stoves and tinware. He was born in Macoupin County, Illinois, November 26, 1856, and is a son of David B. and Catherine (Mitchell) Boston.

David B. Boston, who was a resident of Macoupin County nearly his entire life, came to this county in 1832 and took up the occupation of farming

in Nilwood township. He still resides there on his first and only home he has had in Macoupin County. He had six children: Beverly B., a farmer, living at home; Matilda, living at home; Jefferson W., our subject; Sarah, living at home; Charles who is single but resides on a farm near by; and Alice, the wife of John Williamson of Denver, Colorado.

Jefferson W. Boston was reared and educated in Macoupin County and after completing his education entered upon the cares of a business man. In 1892 he formed the business firm of Boston & Thompson, lumber merchants, which continued under that firm style until September, 1902, when the partners sold the business to the E. R. Darlington Lumber Company. Mr. Boston then took the position of manager of the Girard branch of the E. R. Darlington Lumber Company, and so continued until February 22, 1904, when he purchased the business of John C. Beeby, dealer in furniture, hardware, stoves, ranges and window shades, purchasing a stock of \$1,600. Mr. Boston is also interested in the farming operations of his county and in many other profitable industries. He is a member of the Democratic party. In fraternal circles he is a member of the Masonic blue lodge and chapter. Mr. Boston is one of the foremost business citizens of his city and has always been active in the promotion of the welfare of his city.

Mr. Boston was married to Lourena N. McIntyre and they are the parents of three children, namely: Donald D.; Celia C.; and Charles L. Mr. Boston and family are members of the Christian Church.



JOHN WILLIAMSON.

JOHN WILLIAMSON, one of the prominent and substantial citizens of Macoupin County, who resides on his handsome farm of 160 acres, situated in section 5, Gillespie township, was born in County Donegal, Ireland, January 1, 1835, and is a son of Richard and Elizabeth (Martin) Williamson.

Richard Williamson was also a native of County Donegal, Ireland, where he spent his entire life, being actively engaged in the pursuits of general farming. He married Elizabeth Martin, who was also a native of Ire-



TRAVIS MOORE MITCHELL.



MRS. SARAH J. MITCHELL.

land, and nine children were born to them, three of whom died in infancy. Those living are as follows: John, whose name heads this brief notice; Samuel, who resides in Canada; and Eliza Jane (Montgomery) and Richard, who are residents of Scotland. Our subject also had two brothers, Richard and Thomas, who reached the years of manhood and died in Ireland.

John Williamson came to America in 1858, locating in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he secured employment as a laborer, which occupation he followed for two years and in 1860 came to Macoupin County, Illinois, where he worked a farm which was owned by his uncle. In 1881 he purchased his present farm, of which about one-half is in timber, and has since been actively engaged in the cultivation of the property, his principal crop being corn; he also devotes much time to the raising of stock.

In 1859 Mr. Williamson married Martha McCoach, a native of Ireland, born in the same county as was our subject. She is a daughter of James and Elizabeth McCoach, who were natives and lifelong residents of Ireland. Our subject's wife came to America with her sister. Mr. Williamson and wife are the parents of six children, two of whom, Eliza and Robert, are deceased. Those living are as follows: Richard, of Staunton township, Macoupin County, who married Laura McKitrich, and has three children—John L., Maude A. and Martha V.; John J. engaged in farming in Madison County, Illinois, who married Margaret Bell, and has eight children—William, Harry, Walter (deceased), Robert, Belle (deceased), Mary, Agnes and Mathew; and Mathew and Mary, who reside with their parents.



TRAVIS MOORE MITCHELL.

TRAVIS MOORE MITCHELL, one of the substantial citizens and for many years an extensive farmer and stock raiser of Macoupin County, owning large tracts of valuable farming land both in Honey Point township, where he resides in section 30, and in Brushy Mound township, was born in the latter township on February 13, 1833. He is a son of Elijah and Jane (Moore) Mitchell.

Elijah Mitchell was born January 30, 1800, in North Carolina, and was

the third son of Archibald Mitchell, who was born in the same State, but died in Kentucky, leaving nine children, as follows: John, Nathaniel, Elijah, Elisha, Thomas, Nicholas, Betsey, Harriet and Sally. Elijah Mitchell married Jane Moore, who was born in Kentucky, and a family of 12 children was born to them, 11 of whom grew to maturity, as follows: Mrs. Amelia Moore; Levi; Mrs. Martha Ann Brown, of Texas; Mrs. Elizabeth Bull; Travis Moore; Mrs. Sarah Friend, of Missouri; Mrs. Lucy Scott, of Kansas; Mrs. Jane Carrico; William T., of Honey Point township; Mrs. Phœbe Pope; and Elijah. In 1829 Elijah Mitchell and family came to Illinois, and in 1831 to Macoupin County. He became a very large investor in land, although when he first came here he was able to enter but 80 acres. Before his death he owned 3,500 acres of land in the States of Illinois and Kansas. Some of this he disposed of and some was divided with his children, to whom he also left a sum of money. In politics he was an old-time Democrat. In religious faith he was a Baptist. For his second wife he married Hannah Hollensworth, by whom he had nine children: Mary (Perrine); Ansel J.; Archibald H.; Matilda (Anderson); Asa Clinton; Ira; Henrietta (Baughman); and two that died in infancy.

Travis Moore Mitchell has spent his life in Macoupin County and until the last 11 years has been actively engaged in general farming and stock-raising, making features of wheat, oats, corn and hay, and of Poland-China hogs. Mr. Mitchell has owned considerable valuable stock, much of it registered, and has always been considered one of the good farmers and excellent managers of his section. When he started out for himself, his father assisted him, giving him 70 acres of unbroken prairie and a good horse, and with the other children, he was remembered in his father's will. Mr. Mitchell is the owner of various tracts of valuable land, situated as follows: 160 acres in section 36, Brushy Mound township; 40 acres in section 25, Brushy Mound township; 150 acres in section 30, Honey Point township; and 85 acres in section 19, Honey Point township. At one time he owned 495 acres in these two townships.

On April 15, 1858, Mr. Mitchell was married to Sarah E. Jackson, who was born in Honey Point township, and is a daughter of Frederick and Sarah Jackson. Four children were born to this marriage, all of whom are now deceased. One son, Frederick Elijah, married Nellie J. Smith, who, with one son, Frederick E., survives and lives in Kansas.

Although Mr. Mitchell is a staunch Democrat, he confines his interest in politics to casting his vote. Both he and his wife are leading members of the Baptist Church, in which he has been a deacon for 25 years, and has served for a long period as superintendent of the Sunday-school. Mr. Mitchell takes a deep interest in religious work and is a generous supporter of his church. He has made provision so that the Honey Creek Baptist Church is to have the interest on \$2,500 as long as it remains a church. He is a man of unswerving integrity, one of the township's first class citizens, and is held in universal esteem.

Portraits of Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell accompany this sketch, being presented on foregoing pages.



WILLIAM ROBINSON GEORGE.

WILLIAM ROBINSON GEORGE, a representative business citizen of Staunton, Macoupin County, junior member of the hardware firm of Godfrey & George, was born in Mercer County, Ohio, November 6, 1851, and is a son of Rev. William F. and Martha (Speers) George.

The George family originated in Wales. John George, the great-great-grandfather of our subject, was born in Scotland, to which country the family had removed, and his son Jonathan was the founder of the family in America, coming hither at the age of 20 years. Jonathan George took part in the War of 1812, and a bit of interesting history is connected with his service. During the stay of the troops in New Orleans, when food was scarce, he saved himself from actual starvation by eating a part of the leather cover of a Bible, which he had carried through all adventures. This relic was in the possession of our subject for a long period. The family name of his wife has been lost, and also the names of his 12 children, with the exception of that of Alexander, the grandfather of our subject. Alexander George was born in Pennsylvania, in the vicinity of Pittsburg. He was a man possessed of ample means, later removed to Ohio and owned a large tract known as "Bear Forests," where our subject one time witnessed four bears killed in one morning. His children were named: Robert, Mary, William F., Christina, Helen and Thomas.

Rev. William F. George was born in November, 1821, in New Concord, Ohio, and died in 1879 at Staunton Illinois. He was a man of superior education and was educated for the ministry in Lane Theological Seminary in Cincinnati, and later became instructor in dead languages at Northwood, Ohio. In 1851 he accepted a charge at Macedon, Ohio, where he remained until 1858, when he removed to Illinois. He, with his brother Robert, owned at one time 2,000 acres of land and the earnings of a successful mercantile business carried on at Lodi, Illinois, where he was associated with his brother. Both lost all they possessed by the failure of "wild cat" or State Banks, to which they had entrusted their funds, and both died poor. Rev. William F. George married Martha Spears, who was born in 1823 in Ohio and now resides with a daughter at Staunton. They had these children: Robert, of St. Louis, Missouri; Albert H., of Raymond, Illinois; William Robinson, of this sketch; Mrs. Adella M. Stanton, of St. Louis, Missouri; John B., of La Salle, Colorado; James R., of Washington, Iowa; A. V., a druggist, who died in Staunton, Macoupin County, in 1884; Arthur, of Peoria, Illinois; and Anna B., of Staunton, Macoupin County.

William Robinson George was seven years of age when his parents came to Illinois. They lived in Iroquois County until 1860, when they removed to Randolph County, and located in Staunton in 1871. Mr. George attended school in Randolph County, spending three years in the high school at Coulterville and then clerked in a general store for the same length of time. After settling with the family in Macoupin County, he assisted his father on the farm for two years, and then became clerk in the general store and was also connected with the flouring mill, where he remained until the fall of 1879. Then he went to St. Louis and in the following year was graduated at Jones' Commercial College. Upon his return to Staunton, Mr. George became bookkeeper for the hardware firm of F. R. Fritz & Company; after three years, he organized a company and bought the business, which he operated under the firm name of Williamson, George & Company for three years and three months. On account of failing health, Mr. George sold his interest and went on the road for the Wood Machine Company until the fall of 1888, when he engaged to work for his brother-in-law, E. E. Godfrey, in the hardware business which he conducted until 1890, when he

formed a partnership with Mr. Godfrey, and ever since the business has been conducted under the firm name of Godfrey & George.

Mr. George has always been an enterprising and public spirited citizen, but has remained an independent in politics. He has filled a number of the local offices and has served at various times as collector and township clerk, his constantly increasing business responsibilities making him unwilling to enter into very active political life, although he never shirks what he deems a civic duty.

On May 2, 1882, Mr. George was united in marriage with May Godfrey, who was born January 26, 1859, in Staunton township, Macoupin County, Illinois, is a daughter of Frank and Mary Godfrey, very prominent residents of the locality for many years. They have two children: Elvin David and Leslie.

ABRAM ISAACS.

ABRAM ISAACS, proprietor of that beautiful and valuable farm of 280 acres, known as the "Shady Hill Farm," located in sections 1 and 2, Dorchester township, Macoupin County, was born October 4, 1851, on this place, which has always been his home. He is a son of Abraham and Mary (Eaton) Isaacs.

The Isaacs family is of English extraction, and the family was founded in America by two brothers of the name, who emigrated from Sheffield, England, prior to the Revolutionary War, in which struggle both took part, one as a tory and the other as a patriot. Richard Isaacs, the grandfather of our subject, was born at Washington, D. C., and went to North Carolina, settling in Rowan County. He married Mary Stonestreet, who was a daughter of Butler Stonestreet, who served through the Revolutionary War. They had issue as follows: Jane, Charles C., Abraham and Richard. By a second marriage, Grandfather Isaacs had an additional family of six sons and one daughter.

Abraham Isaacs, father of our subject, was born November 10, 1810, in Rowan County, North Carolina. When three years old, his mother died

and he went to live with his grandfather Stonestreet, with whom he remained until he was married, in 1836, when he came to Illinois. He settled first in Madison County, but in 1840 removed to the present farm of our subject, where he died January 29, 1897. Like other early settlers, he came a poor man, in search of better agricultural opportunities. He lived for a long time in a small log cabin on his first purchase of land, but later, after he had acquired a large property through his own efforts, he built a fine dwelling and commodious barns. Early in life he was a Democrat, later a Whig, and still later, a Republican. Both he and his wife were regular attendants and liberal supporters of the Methodist Church. The mother of our subject was born July 23, 1815, in Adams County, Mississippi, and died on our subject's farm in Dorchester township, May 9, 1891. She was a daughter of Thomas and Sarah (King) Eaton. The ancestors of the Eatons came from Wales and settled in Maryland at a very early day. The Eatons took part in the Revolutionary War and the name is held in esteem in that State. Our subject's parents had 10 children: Mrs. Sarah Sinclair, who died in Macoupin County; Richard, of Macoupin County; Charles C., a retired farmer of Litchfield, Illinois; Thomas W., a farmer of Madison County, Illinois; Henry K., a farmer of Bond County, Illinois; Mrs. Amanda C. Ayers, of Fayette County, Illinois; Abram; Alfred A., who died at the age of three years, and three babes who died in infancy.

Our subject was educated in the local schools and has followed farming all his life. While engaging in a general agricultural line, he has paid especial attention to the raising of grain, and to the breeding of Shorthorn cattle, Poland-China hogs and many horses and mules.

Mr. Isaacs was married November 12, 1878, to Nancy Fruit, who was born March 29, 1856, near Edwardsville, Madison County, and is a daughter of Jefferson and Elizabeth (Vawter) Fruit, of Madison and Bond counties, respectively. Mr. and Mrs. Isaacs have three sons, who are representative young men of the township. Thomas, after spending one year at De Pauw University, Indiana, entered Cornell College, Mount Vernon, Iowa, and in one year graduated from the academic department; he then pursued a classical course at that institution. Alfred A. is a student at Cornell College. Walter F. is a graduate of the Gillespie High School.

Mr. Isaacs has been a Republican all his life, casting his first presidential vote for General Grant. He has taken only a citizen's interest in township

affairs but has served in offices connected with the public school system. With his family, he belongs to the Methodist Church, to which he is a liberal contributor.

JOHN O. KENNEDY, ESQ.

JOHN O. KENNEDY, Esq., one of the leading citizens of Staunton, Illinois, for many years a leading educator in Macoupin County, and for the past three years a justice of the peace in this city, was born December 29, 1852, in Dearborn County, Indiana. He is a son of James L. and Emira (Roberts) Kennedy.

James L. Kennedy was born in April, 1825, in Pennsylvania, and was a son of John Kennedy, a native of Ireland, who first settled in Pennsylvania and later removed to Indiana, following the trade of cabinet-making. John Kennedy had six children: William, Samuel, Robert, James, Nancy and Margaret. James L. Kennedy was but a lad when his father moved to Indiana. He passed the greater part of his life as a farmer and carpenter, in the vicinity of Manchester, where he died aged 74 years. He served during the Civil War, enlisting in 1864 in Company C, 7th Reg., Indiana Vol. Cav., under Capt. John Senior. His company was detailed to guard duty and never was sent out of the State. He was a Grand Army man and a staunch Republican. In religious views he was a Presbyterian. He married Emira Roberts, born in Dearborn County, Indiana, deceased, in 1860, aged 33 years, survived by these children: Emily; Lewis T., for 30 years a teacher in Madison County, now principal of the Venice, Illinois, public schools; Amasa, a teacher at Alhambra, Illinois, who died aged 28 years; John O., of this sketch; Charles, a farmer of Coffeyville, Kansas; and Sarah B., who died in 1880, aged 22 years.

Our subject was reared on a farm, mainly in Indiana, attended district schools and spent two years at Moore's Hill (Indiana) College. Mr. Kennedy located in Staunton in 1884 and ever since has been a prominent factor in educational work. He devoted many years to teaching and was one of the leading organizers of the present admirable high school here. In 1903 he took charge of the office of the De Camp Fuel Company, of St. Louis,

Missouri, at mine No. 1, in Madison County, two and a half miles south of Staunton.

In 1878 he married, at Moore's Hill, Indiana, Martha Ross, who was born in November, 1852, and is a daughter of David and Louise Ross. Five children were born to them: Orville H., Wilbur C., David Arthur, J. Leroy, and Dan W., three of whom are graduates of the Staunton High School, the last named being valedictorian in the class of 1904. They have had the advantage of a father's training and a mother's intelligent companionship. Mrs. Kennedy is a highly cultured lady, a member of the Woman's Club and prominent in musical circles. She is organist of the Christian Church, and Mr. Kennedy the chorister of the same.

Formerly a Republican, Mr. Kennedy has also been active in the Prohibition party. For two years he served in the City Council from the Third Ward, and was chairman of the committees on finance and streets and highways. He was for five years a member of the Board of Education and is actively interested in all that concerns the welfare of the community. In 1901 he was elected a justice of the peace on the Republican ticket and entered 85 cases during his first year, in addition to performing a number of marriage ceremonies and other minor duties of his office. He is an elder in his church and for 12 years has been superintendent of the Sunday-school.



JOHN C. HOXSEY, V. S.

JOHN C. HOXSEY, V. S., a prominent and successful veterinary surgeon of Girard, Illinois, is one of a family of seven children born to William and Gincey G. (Lyons) Hoxsey. He was born on his father's farm in Madison County, Illinois, April 25, 1856.

William Hoxsey, our subject's father, was born in the State of Kentucky and chose the profession of a physician as his calling but later in life he became interested in farming in Madison County, Illinois, and through his skilled methods became a farmer of success and prominence. Mr. Hoxsey died in November, 1902.

Dr. John C. Hoxsey received his preliminary educational training in

the common schools of Madison County and during his leisure hours read medical books. After his graduation from the schools of Madison County, he entered the St. Louis Veterinary Institute of St. Louis, Missouri. Upon graduating from that institution, he began the practice of his profession in Madison County. Dr. Hoxsey remained in Madison County and continued his practice there until 1904, when he removed to Girard and purchased his present property, building a first class veterinary hospital at a cost of \$4,000. The hospital is a modern brick structure and measures 44 by 50 feet in ground dimensions and is 20 feet high, containing 12 box stalls and a large carriage room on the main floor besides his offices, and five living rooms on the second floor. Our subject's practice extends all over Macoupin County and in portions of the adjoining counties. His stable also accommodates a large livery and boarding trade, making his stable the only first class one in Girard. Dr. Hoxsey is well qualified for his profession. He took a special course on the diseases of the horse, and then passed the State examination at Springfield, Illinois.

On December 28, 1876, Dr. Hoxsey was married to Martha A. Bentley, a daughter of George W. Bentley of Macoupin County, and they are the parents of 12 children, 11 of whom are still living. Dr. Hoxsey is a member of the Illinois State Veterinary Surgeon Association of Decatur, Illinois.

BENJAMIN F. CULP.

BENJAMIN F. CULP, who was born July 8, 1851, in Macoupin County, Illinois, and now occupies his fine farm of 210 acres in section 7, Gillespie township, has always lived in this county and has always been engaged in agricultural pursuits. He is a son of Henry and Martha J. (Largent) Culp.

The Culp family early settled in Macoupin County. Amos Culp, the grandfather of our subject, brought his family here from Tennessee, and died here aged 92 years. He followed farming and cabinet-making and probably many of the oldest families of this region have some of the furniture he constructed many years ago. His children were: Henry, David,

Daniel, Mrs. Emily Bullion, Mrs. Eliza Coffee, Mrs. Tennessee Raymond, Mrs. Margaret Harris, Mrs. Jane Raymond and Mrs. Elzira Harris. Henry Culp was born on a farm in the vicinity of Nashville, Tennessee, and accompanied his parents to Illinois at the age of 10 years. He followed farming until his death, at the age of 62 years, passing away in 1891. His industry brought him large returns and he left his family considerable property. In religious views he was a Methodist. Until he became an advocate of the Prohibition party, he was a Democrat. He married Martha J. Largent, who was a daughter of Frederick Largent of Macoupin County, Illinois, and 13 children were born to them, the nine who grew to maturity being: Benjamin F., of this sketch; William, of Dorchester township, Macoupin County, where he is a farmer and dairyman; Mrs. Sarah Frances Woods, of Macoupin County; Henry F., of Missouri; James C., of Taylorville, Christian County; David S., of East St. Louis, Illinois; Thomas, of Macoupin County; John W., of Atwater, Macoupin County; and Mrs. Mattie McCulley, of Missouri.

Benjamin F. Culp was educated in the local schools and was a small boy when he accompanied his father on threshing expeditions to the neighboring farms, driving the horses for the old horse-power thresher. The contrast is very great between that primitive bit of machinery and the three modern steam threshers which Mr. Culp has since owned and operated for 30 seasons. In 1880 he removed to his present farm in section 7, Gillespie township, starting with a tract of 20 acres of brush land, to which he added from time to time. Not only has Mr. Culp erected all the comfortable and substantial buildings on his property, but he has been interested in the building of every road in the section. It was mainly due to his efforts that the fine large bridge now spanning Dry Fork creek, was erected by the township. Mr. Culp has engaged in general farming and stock raising, succeeding particularly well in the latter line, having large herds of Jersey, Durham and Red Polled cattle. He has no inferior stock of any kind, as he believes that the best is none too good and that greater profits are shown in the end. He raises much corn and oats and millet for feeding purposes. He has devoted 10 acres to an orchard of peaches, apples and pears which is producing very satisfactorily.

On February 18, 1875, Mr. Culp was married to Angeline Woods, who was born December 25, 1853, in Macoupin County, Illinois, and is a

daughter of James and Martha (Mounts) Woods, natives of Ohio. Nine children have been born to them: Mary M., wife of George Sawyer, of Dorchester township, Macoupin County; Martha E., who married Bert Fritz of Shipman, township, Macoupin County, and has one child—Annie Lucy; Charles O.; Lucy F.; Bessie; John F.; Thomas Earl; William F. and Ethel P. The family belong to the Methodist Church in which Mr. Culp has served as class leader. He has been prominent in district, county and State association Sunday-school work. He is a zealous supporter of the Prohibition party and exerts a wide influence.



WILLIAM SNODGRASS.

WILLIAM SNODGRASS, who is successfully engaged in the tilling of the soil in South Otter township, also follows the carpenter's trade. He resides on his finely tilled farm of 58 acres in section 9. He was born in Sullivan County, Tennessee, in 1865, and is a son of S. P. and Elizabeth E. (Barnes) Snodgrass.

S. P. Snodgrass is a farmer and blacksmith of Sullivan County, Tennessee, where he is a highly esteemed citizen. He still resides on the old homestead place with his wife, our subject's mother, who is a daughter of William Barnes, a prominent farmer of Sullivan County, who died about 1895, having attained a very advanced age. Mr. Snodgrass enlisted in the Confederate Army in 1862 and served three years; during this time he was wounded and taken prisoner.

William Snodgrass received his education in Sullivan County, Tennessee and came to Illinois in 1885, locating in Macoupin County, where he remained for five years. In 1892 he went to Kansas, remained there for eight years, then moved to Sullivan County, Tennessee, and resided there two years. In 1900 he returned to Macoupin County, and purchased a farm in South Otter township, which he later sold. He then purchased his present farm and immediately began the cultivation of the place. Our subject also does much carpenter work, having learned the trade in his younger years in

Tennessee. In March, 1904, Mr. Snodgrass moved to Carlinville, having rented his farm.

Prior to going to Kansas, Mr. Snodgrass was married to Armilda E. Hart, the estimable daughter of John S. Hart, a farmer of South Otter township. They are the parents of five children, namely: Ora, born March 6, 1889; Fletcher, born March 17, 1890; Noye C., born July 31, 1892; Zona, born March 23, 1894; Sewel, born October 23, 1896, who died in infancy; and Bryan, born December 27, 1897. Our subject's wife died December 6, 1903, when in her 44th year. Her death was mourned by her family and a large circle of friends, who were attracted to her by her lovely character. She was a member, as is Mr. Snodgrass, of the Hickory Point Baptist Church. Mr. Snodgrass is a member of the Democratic party. In fraternal circles he is a member of the Odd Fellows and the United Mine Workers of America.



DAVID M. THOMPSON.

DAVID M. THOMPSON, the efficient supervisor of Dorchester township, and an esteemed resident of the village of Dorchester, where he represents the produce house of F. & T. Meyer & Company, was born in Dorchester township, Macoupin County, Illinois, February 14, 1866, and is a son of William and Nancy F. (Grant) Thompson.

William Thompson, who was a native of Virginia, came to Illinois at an early date, and located in Macoupin County, where he immediately engaged at the carpenter's trade, having previously followed that occupation for many years. Mr. Thompson was an excellent workman, very successful as a business man and always a good provider for his family. Mr. Thompson was a member of the Democratic party and was widely known in political circles. He married Nancy F. Grant, who was also a native of Macoupin County, and they were the parents of four children, namely: Edward; Wesley; Mary (Percher), and David M., our subject, who is the only surviving member of the family.

David M. Thompson, who has always lived in Dorchester township, received his education in the district schools of the township. After com-

pleting his school education, he entered the employ of F. & T. Meyer & Company, merchants and produce dealers, and has remained in the employ of that firm for 26 consecutive years, being one of the firm's most valued employees. He is also an engineer, and at one time ran an elevator for that firm; he has worked at various branches of the business. Mr. Thompson is a Democrat. He was elected to the office of township supervisor by that party in 1898, and served continuously for three terms; at the spring election of 1904 he was reelected for another term of two years. In fraternal circles, Mr. Thompson is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, and the Court of Honor.

In 1890, Mr. Thompson was married to Clara B. Vannatta, who is a native of Madison County, Illinois, and a daughter of Jacob and Frances Vannatta. They are the parents of one child—Ira M. Religiously, Mr. Thompson and family are members of the Church of Christ.



EDWARD S. HOLME.

EDWARD S. HOLME, who may almost be called a landmark character of Cahokia township, Macoupin County, on account of his early settlement and subsequent usefulness, lives retired on his farm of 140 acres, situated in section 17, 18 and 20, and also owns an additional tract of 75 acres in section 24. He is a son of James and Sarah (Shirtcliff) Holme and was born July 15, 1822, in England.

James Holme was born at Syck House, Yorkshire, England, in September, 1790, and was one of the eight children born to Robert Holme and wife. In 1830 James Holme came to America, and was joined in the succeeding year by our subject and his mother and sister. Mr. Holme had been a merchant in his native land, but engaged in farming after settling in Morgan County, Illinois, his death taking place at Gillespie, Macoupin County, in 1860. Although never a man of abundant means, he was always independent and left his family provided for. He was a member of the Methodist Church. He married Sarah Shirtcliff, born also in Yorkshire, who died in

Macoupin County at the age of 70 years. They had four children, viz: Mrs. Sarah Challacobe, who died in Andrew County, Missouri, aged 82 years; Henry, who died in 1892, in Andrew County, Missouri, aged 73 years; Edward S., of this sketch; and Mrs. Jane Stephenson, born in Illinois, who lives in Andrew County, Missouri.

Our subject was eight years old when his parents settled near the present town of Lynnville, Morgan County, Illinois, which he later laid out, ploughing along the town lines with an oxteam. Mr. Holme grew up under pioneer conditions and experienced many of the hardships pertaining to those early days. He recalls the year 1838 when the Pottawattamie Indians, 800 strong, were moved from Northern Indiana. In 1845 Mr. Holme took possession of his present farm, buying the land for the small sum of \$3.28 per acre. At that time even the most optimistic person could not have predicted the wonderful changes which Mr. Holme has brought about. The prairie was unbroken, the land was covered with a brush thicket, and not even a rude dwelling welcomed the pioneer. He put up a plank house as soon as possible, with dimensions of 16 by 18 feet, the structure being of so substantial a character that it still serves a purpose. Deer, wild turkeys and prairie chickens constantly tempted the hunter, but the busy farmer had little time for sport, when he had to drive his hogs 30 miles to Alton, or 50 miles to St. Louis, to find a market. Mr. Holme is a veritable mine of interesting reminiscences and his stories of the way he and his neighbors fought prairie fires, of which they lived in dread, are very exciting. He was an observer of the building of the "Big Four" Railroad through this section and remembers that wheelbarrows were used in the filling of the cuts, the labor-saving machinery of to-day not having then been thought of.

On June 18, 1851, Mr. Holme was married to Ellen Stull, who was born near Columbus, Ohio, April 17, 1830, and is a daughter of John and Mary (Harland) Stull. Their only surviving child is John Pearson, who operates the home farm. Dora died, aged 16 years; William H. died, aged 37 years, and three died in infancy.

In youth Mr. Holme was a Democrat, but has been identified with the Republican party since its organization. He served as supervisor of Cahokia township during 1871, 1872, 1873 and 1884—four terms—and was one of the 17 supervisors who, by their refusal to obey a mandamus issued by the United States Circuit Court in 1873, caused a fine of \$1,000 apiece to be

assessed against the county, but by their action subsequently saved the county an immense sum.

Since 1889 Mr. Holme has been somewhat incapacitated physically, but is as hale and hearty mentally as in early years. He has hundreds of friends in his locality and is still frequently consulted on questions affecting the public welfare. Mr. Holme considers it a matter worthy of record that he and his mother were passengers on the first railroad ever built in the world. He was for many years a member of the I. O. O. F.



GEORGE C. ROBINSON.

GEORGE C. ROBINSON, postmaster at Hettick, Macoupin County, and one of the county's prominent and substantial citizens was born April 18, 1855, in Peterborough, Northamptonshire, England, and is a son of James and Catherine (Crossland) Robinson.

The family and all its connections are of English extraction. James Robinson, the father of our subject, was born March 5, 1826, at Knottingley, Yorkshire, England, and died in 1861 at Madras, India, from the effects of poison. For a number of years he was a sailor in the merchant marine service and our subject has in his possession the paper showing his honorable discharge, as mate of the "Ann and Mary," his last ship, bearing the date of May 24, 1848. He was a man of business capacity as was shown by his being sent to Madras as overseer of the workmen engaged in the construction of the first English railroad built in that land. Those were dangerous days for foreigners in India, on account of fanatical prejudices, and his very useful life was cut short by poison administered in large quantities by some of the natives. Mr. Robinson was survived by a widow and six children, namely: John W., George C., Mary C., Elizabeth, Charles C. and James. Elizabeth married Albert E. Dennis, a farmer at Rockbridge, Greene County, Illinois, and they have had seven children, those surviving being: George F., Sidney, James F. and Catherine. Mary C. married Joseph G. Bilbrook, a farmer living near Hettick, Macoupin County, and died in 1881. Charles C. married Kate Reddington, daughter of John Reddington, a farmer of

Hagaman, Macoupin County. Charles C. was postmaster at Hagaman under President Cleveland, and is now coroner of Macoupin County. He has three children—Leo, Mamie and Charles. John W. resides at Hagaman, where he is deputy postmaster and conducts a general store. He married Johanna O'Conner, of St. Louis, Missouri, and they have four children, viz: John, James, Edward and Mary Ellen. James, who is postmaster at Hagaman, married Grace Cooling, and has two children—Mabel Margaret and James Byron.

After the death of her husband, our subject's mother supported herself and children by selling garden products. Two of her sons migrated to America in 1866, and in October, 1871, she came with the others of the family, and settled at Hagaman, Macoupin County. At a later date she married Robert Hayworth, a farmer living near Hagaman, who was born in England and died in 1879. Mrs. Hayworth died October 8, 1902, aged 75 years. She was a most excellent woman, a devoted mother and had borne many trials with patience and fortitude.

George C. Robinson came to America with his elder brother, John W., arriving in New York City, October 12, 1866. They came immediately to Illinois, and after one week at Alton located in Macoupin County. Our subject found work with his uncle, William Crossland, and for his clothes and board worked for his uncle from 1866 to 1871, when his mother came to Hagaman. In 1871 he went to Jersey County and remained five years with Charles Sanders, at \$18 per month with board, and two years with V. L. Dodge, a neighboring farmer. He then opened a small store at Kemper, Jersey County, and was appointed village postmaster by President Garfield. In 1881 he sold his stock to Still Brothers and removed to Chesterfield township, Macoupin County, where he opened a general store and conducted it for two years, selling out in order to take a pleasure trip to England with his uncle William Crossland. During its duration of six months, he visited London and many other places of interest, including his old home. Upon his return he again located at Kemper, with less than \$100, buying out the general store of G. B. Harland, and remained in that village until the fall of 1886, when he sold out to B. C. Elliott and purchased the store of John Burrell at Hettick, which pleasant village has been his place of residence ever since. He has held the office of postmaster under every Republican administration since James A. Garfield became president in 1881.

Mr. Robinson is a large real estate owner, his properties including 500 acres of prairie and bottom land, several stores and dwelling houses in Hettick, 450 acres of land in Shipman township, near Medora, and the brick hotel in that place.

Mr. Robinson was married October 7, 1880, to Margaret Kirkland, who is a daughter of Thomas Kirkland, a carpenter and joiner of Kemper, Illinois. Thomas Kirkland married Margaret C. Gilbert and their family were all born in England except the two youngest who were twins. Their names in order are John Thomas, William, Margaret C., Luella, and Frank Huin and Charles (twins). Mrs. Robinson as well as her parents was born in England and she was four years old when she was brought to America in 1868. Six children were born to this union, namely: Florence Viola, John W., George Thomas, William, Edith May and James Theodore Kirkland. Mr. Robinson has been able to give each of his children a good schooling and he and his wife are proud of their sons and daughters, all being intelligent and highly respected in the community.

In politics Mr. Robinson has always been identified with the Republican party. He has been president of the village board for two years and has held other offices at Hettick. He belongs to the Macoupin County Agricultural Society, and is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America. The family belong to the Methodist Church.



WILLIAM H. WHITFIELD.

WILLIAM H. WHITFIELD, one of the leading citizens and substantial farmers of Gillespie township, Macoupin County, owning a fine farm of 160 acres, situated in section 27, was born September 10, 1832, near the city of Raleigh, North Carolina, and is a son of Travis W. and Elizabeth (Stephens) Whitfield.

Our subject belongs to a family of distinction in the South, both of his grandfathers having served in the Revolutionary War and both the Whitfields and Stephenses being for many years prominent planters and slave owners.

Travis W. Whitfield, father of William H., was born in South Carolina and his life was passed in the Carolinas, Tennessee and Illinois, his death taking place in Macoupin County in 1870 at the age of 60 years. He had followed the trades of shoemaker and carpenter. In politics he was a Democrat. He married Elizabeth Stephens, who was born in Virginia, and the six children born to them were the following: William H., of this sketch; Mrs. Margaret A. Collins, of Kansas; John T., of Macoupin County; Mrs. Mary Clarkston, of Atwater, Montgomery County, Illinois; Mrs. Martha Vaughn, of Virden, Macoupin County; and Mrs. Sallie Stubblefield, of Kansas.

William H. Whitfield was still a small boy when his parents removed to Tennessee, whence they came to Illinois in 1847. Macoupin County has been Mr. Whitfield's home ever since. In 1864 he removed to his present valuable farm in Gillespie township, which he has operated most successfully, making his leading farming crops, wheat, corn, oats and hay and has engaged extensively in stock raising and feeding, and has raised all his own horses. In addition he has operated a threshing machine for 35 years and purchased one of the first steam threshers ever made use of in Gillespie township. Mr. Whitfield has been one of the most progressive agriculturists of his section and his farm indicates that its management has been done with careful and systematic methods.

In 1860, Mr. Whitfield married Mourning Clark, who was born April 30, 1840, in Macoupin County, Illinois, and is a daughter of Randall and Lucy (Gray) Clark, the former a native of South Carolina, and the latter, of Virginia. Their four children are: Henrietta, wife of John Luttenberger, residing in St. Louis, Missouri; William M., now operating his father's farm, who married Mary Snyder who at death left three children—Henrietta, Mary and Maude; James L., of Honey Point township, who married Clara Coffee and has seven children—Flora, William, Harry, Edith, Lucilla, James and "Baby;" and J. Thomas, of Gillespie township, who married Cora Vanatta and has two children—Everett and Esther.

In politics Mr. Whitfield is a supporter of the Republican party and he has, on various occasions, been called upon to accept local offices. He has been township supervisor, has been justice of the peace for a long period and has shown his interest in educational matters by serving as school director. During his term as highway commissioner many needed improvements were

made and others inaugurated. He is a man very highly esteemed in Gillespie township and a worthy representative of one of the old families of the county.

MRS. MARY BLEY DRIPPS.

MRS. MARY BLEY DRIPPS, widow of the late Dr. Calvin Todd Dripps, and one of the most highly esteemed residents of Staunton, Macoupin County, was born at Rock Island, Illinois, June 10, 1859. She is a daughter of Dr. George and Elizabeth W. Bley.

Mrs. Dripps has been a resident of Staunton ever since she was two years of age, and was educated in the schools of this city. On May 15, 1889, she was united in marriage with the late Dr. Calvin Todd Dripps, whose death, on August 22, 1902, was felt to be almost a public sorrow to the citizens of Staunton, so great was the esteem in which he was held. One daughter, Edna Isabella, survives.

The late Dr. Calvin Todd Dripps was born in Staunton township, Macoupin County, Illinois, October 19, 1850, and was one of a family of seven children born to Thomas and Mary A. (Patterson) Dripps. He attended the country schools and aided his father on the farm until he entered Monmouth College at Monmouth, Illinois, where he was graduated with honors, in 1875, receiving the degree of A. M. He then entered Rush Medical College, at Chicago, where he received his medical diploma in 1880, later taking a post-graduate course in New York. Dr. Dripps located at Staunton and bought the practice of Dr. R. E. Bley, becoming a partner of Dr. D. L. Bley, in June, 1888, with whom he was associated until his death. He enjoyed a very large practice and followed the profession with enthusiasm, devoting every energy to the scientific solving of its complex problems and to discovering newer and better methods of combating disease. His death was a great loss to the medical profession. To the hundreds who depended upon his skill for relief and cure, and to those who were bound to him by ties of kindred and warm friendship, his death came as a crushing blow.

Dr. Dripps was a valued member of a number of fraternal organizations.

In Masonic circles he was past master of Staunton Lodge, No. 177, A. F. & A. M., and a member of St. Omar Commandery, K. T., of Litchfield. He was also a member of Staunton Lodge, No. 685, I. O. O. F., and took an active interest in the benevolent aims of other associations. Both he and his wife contributed liberally to the support of the work of the Presbyterian Church, of which his wife is a consistent member. While the Doctor was not a member of any church at the time of his death, he was a good, conscientious Christian gentleman. He won esteem and affection and his hospitable home was always open to the visits of the younger generation, who frequently took advantage of the welcome they felt sure of receiving. It would be impossible for a man of the high character and genial personality of the late Dr. Dripps to be forgotten in Staunton as long as the present generation survives. Mrs. Dripps, with her daughter and her mother, occupy the beautiful home, which is one of the finest residences in Staunton.

HENRY M. COFFEE.

HENRY M. COFFEE, one of the largest land-owners and most successful farmers and stock raisers of Hilyard township, Macoupin County, where he owns and operates a farm of 208 acres, situated in sections 33 and 34, was born in Macoupin County, Illinois, October 2, 1846. He is a son of Daniel and Eliza (Culp) Coffee.

James Coffee, the grandfather of our subject, came from Ireland and settled in Livingston County, New York, where he reared these children: Eliza, Clarissa, Matilda, John, Frank, Katherine and Daniel.

Daniel Coffee, father of Henry M., was born in 1816 in Livingston County, New York, in the vicinity of Dansville, and died in Hilyard township, Macoupin County, at the age of 49 years. He came here a young man, seeking employment and was engaged by the month by Vernon King, with whom he remained until his marriage, when he bought the present farm of our subject. He broke prairie with an old wooden plough and did much hard work in the cultivating of land in this country with no assistance from improved machinery. He was a man of ability and judgment and at various

times held local office. In politics he was a Democrat. He married Eliza Culp, who was born near Memphis, Tennessee, and was a daughter of Amos and Jane (Davis) Culp, who came to Illinois in 1820 and settled near Woodburn, Macoupin County. Mrs. Coffee died here in 1898, aged 72 years. Their children were: Mrs. Katherine Smith, of Decatur, Illinois; James A., deceased; Henry M., of this sketch; Margaret F., Edward, Elizabeth and Martha, who died young; William E., who died at the age of 28 years; and John W., of Doans, Texas.

Henry M. Coffee was educated in the local schools and has been interested in farming ever since he can remember. He has always had land under cultivation but has not permitted activity in this direction to absorb all his energies. For some 12 years he acted as the traveling representative for several leading business firms—Garr, Scott & Company, of Richmond, Indiana, threshing machines and engines; and the Pitts Agricultural Works, at Buffalo, New York. That Mr. Coffee's ideas about agricultural machinery are very practical has been demonstrated by his invention of a straw stacker, which he had patented in 1882, and which has proved of great selling value.

In addition to his fine farm of 208 acres in Hilyard township, where he engages in general farming and stock raising, he has a cotton and stock ranch of 1,280 acres in Wilbarger County, Texas, and 640 acres in Buchanan County, Virginia. This aggregates 2,128 acres of valuable land and when it is remembered that Mr. Coffee has accumulated this large property through his own efforts, an estimate may be made as to his industry and business ability. Although at present his whole time is taken up in looking after his large farming interests, he has been a very useful citizen and has done much toward the development of his township. As a man of intelligence and broad views, his connection of 25 years with the schools of the township have resulted in benefiting them greatly. He served four years as supervisor of Hilyard township, from 1898 to 1902, has been foreman of the grand jury and has held other offices of honor and responsibility.

Mr. Coffee was married in 1872, to Katherine Elliman, who was born July 28, 1851, near London, England, and was brought to America by her parents when three years of age. She is a daughter of William and Mary A. (Lovette) Elliman, who settled on a farm in Macoupin County, where both died. Mr. and Mrs. Coffee have had six children, viz: Edward, who

died in infancy; Daniel, who operates the ranch in Texas—he has one child, Bessie Kathrine; Mary E., who married Dr. C. H. Moore of Shipman, Macoupin County, and has one child—Thirsa; Rosa Nell, who is at home; John E., a traveling man of Peoria, Illinois, who has one son—Lockland A.; and William H., who is at home.

The religious connection of the family is with the Baptist Church. In politics, Mr. Coffee is identified with the Democratic party and has served as a delegate to its various conventions, and on its important committees in this county. Fraternally he is both a Mason and a member of the Modern Woodmen of America. Mr. Coffee is one of the enterprising and progressive men who not only better their own fortunes through their enterprises, but reflect credit upon their communities. He is one of Hilyard township's representative citizens and is highly esteemed by all who know him, not only as a business man, but also as a friend and neighbor.



SAMUEL GILL.

The city of Girard, Macoupin County, is a center of commercial activity, and its large enterprises are in the hands of energetic and capable men. One of the important business houses is the large grocery, queensware and hardware establishment, which was founded and is managed by Samuel Gill, one of the city's progressive young men. Mr. Gill was born in Girard, July 17, 1879, and is a son of John H. and Elizabeth (England) Gill.

John H. Gill was born in Macoupin County, Illinois, and his business was that of traveling representative for various business firms. He married Elizabeth England, who was a daughter of the late Samuel England, who was born February 22, 1820, in Morgan County, Tennessee. His grandfather, Samuel England, came to Macoupin County in 1830 and died here. John England, father of Samuel England, was born in Virginia and was reared in Tennessee, where he married Lina Hall, who died in 1841, he died in 1858. The grandmother of our subject was Louisa C. Smith. The England family was a prominent one in the Episcopal Church and Samuel England was one of the leading agriculturists of Macoupin County.

Our subject, Samuel Gill, was educated at Girard and all his business experience has been in this city. After satisfactorily filling a clerical position, he was made manager of the Ernke Mercantile Company, of Girard, when 17 years of age, and held the position until 1902, when he entered business for himself, as a partner in the firm of Bock & Gill. This continued until August, 1903, when he opened up his present business. He is the youngest merchant on the Square and carries an immense stock of carefully selected goods, having the largest establishment of its kind in Girard. He stands high both in business and in social circles.

In November 1901, Mr. Gill married Winnifred Huff, who is a daughter of Edwin J. Huff, one of Macoupin County's most substantial citizens, and owner of the Girard telephone plant. Politically our subject is identified with the Republican party. Fraternally he is both a Mason and an Odd Fellow.

JEROME B. BALDWIN.

JEROME B. BALDWIN, one of the prominent citizens of Virden, who for many years has been identified with the agricultural development of the southeastern section of Macoupin County, was born on a farm near Crawfordsville, Indiana, April 22, 1843, and is a son of William C. and Cyrena (Dalton) Baldwin.

William C. Baldwin was born in Butler County, Ohio, where he remained until he attained his majority, when he removed to Indiana. At that time few settlements had been made in Montgomery County, Indiana, where he purchased a large tract of heavily timbered land, erected a log cabin, and settled as one of the pioneers. He cleared a portion of this land but never completed it, disposing of it in 1852 and removing to Illinois. The family lived for a time in Greene County, but later settled permanently in Macoupin County, buying a tract of land in the vicinity of Virden. Here the mother of our subject died July 31, 1880; his father survived until 1888. They led useful, honorable lives, enduring many of the hardships of pioneer life, but their last days were spent in comfort.

Although not born in Illinois, Jerome B. Baldwin has been a resident of this State since the age of nine years and his children have been born and

reared here and all the interests of his life have centered here. His boyhood was spent in assisting his father in the latter's farming operations and in attending school whenever possible, although those were not the days of well built, comfortable school houses, a log building usually being made use of. He grew to manhood, however, a well informed, practical farmer, capable of developing the natural resources of the rich soil and acquainted with the best methods of raising good stock. After his marriage he settled on a farm situated some two miles from the village of Virden, which he continued to operate for the succeeding 14 years. This property, which belongs to our subject's wife, is held at a high value, being one of the best cultivated and finely improved farms in the township. Since 1884 Mr. Baldwin has resided in Virden, where he built one of the most comfortable homes in the place. Mr. Baldwin is a member in good standing of the Central Baptist Church of Springfield, Illinois.

On September 1, 1870, Mr. Baldwin was married to Mary E. Gates, and they have one son, John. Mrs. Baldwin, like her husband, comes of sturdy pioneer stock. She was born March 25, 1844, in Sangamon County, Illinois, and is a daughter of Andrew and Lucinda (Wood) Gates. Her father was born in Muhlenberg County, Kentucky, and her mother in Madison County, Illinois. Mr. Gates came to Illinois in 1831 and married in 1833. He settled on the line of Sangamon and Macoupin counties and later entered land both in Auburn township, Sangamon County, where he made his home, and in Virden township, Macoupin County. Mrs. Baldwin's maternal grandparents were William and Polly (Cox) Wood, the former of whom was born in Tennessee, and the latter in Kentucky, a member of a distinguished old family of South Carolina. The mother of Mrs. Baldwin was a true type of pioneer womanhood, skilled in all housewifely expedients. Her children were reared to habits of usefulness and Mrs. Baldwin has, in her excellent housekeeping, reflected credit upon her early training. The family is one very highly esteemed in Virden.

WILLIAM ANDERSON.

WILLIAM ANDERSON, one of the successful farmers, prominent citizens and self made men of Macoupin County, residing on his finely improved farm of 240 acres, situated in section 5, Cahokia township, was born February

14, 1832, in Putnam County, Indiana, and is a son of Thomas and Mary (Scott) Anderson.

Thomas Anderson was the oldest son of James Anderson, a native of Virginia, who removed to Indiana, took part in the Black Hawk War, followed farming and died aged 80 years. Thomas was born in Tennessee, accompanied his parents to Indiana in boyhood, lived there until 1834, when he came among the pioneers to Macoupin County, where he died aged 35 years, having entered 160 acres of land in Honey Point township. He married Mary Scott, who was a daughter of Robert Scott, a pioneer of 1833, and their four children were: William; James M., of Terre Huate, Indiana; Jesse F., of Portland, Oregon; and Joseph M., who died three years since in Missouri.

William Anderson became a resident of Macoupin County at the age of two years, coming here with his parents in the spring of 1834, and has resided on his present farm since 1874. Mr. Anderson's earliest recollections of the neighborhood are of miles of uncultivated prairie land, lonely and unsettled, with few roads, school houses or churches, and with almost no chances for a boy, orphaned at the age of 10 years, to make his way except through the hardest kind of farm work. He found employment first on farms and later in sawmills, working for nine years in mills on Honey Creek. He then bought 80 acres of land which was the beginning of a very successful agricultural career, soon after becoming the owner of 100 acres in section 35, Brushy Mound township. This farm he improved and occupied 19 years. He now owns 240 acres in Cahokia township, and 40 acres in section 20, Honey Point township. This property has been finely improved, substantial buildings erected and orchards set out, all by Mr. Anderson's own thrift and industry. He has devoted much attention to the raising of high grade cattle and stock and has realized an ample fortune by his good management. Although practically retired, he still enjoys overlooking the various improvements under way and in recalling the changes which have taken place as the result of his enterprise and perseverance.

In 1856 Mr. Anderson married Lydia J. Huddleston, who was born in Brushy Mound township, Macoupin County, Illinois, and they have six children, viz: John, of Honey Point township, Macoupin County, who has one child—Edna; Samuel, of Cahokia township, who has four children—Hazel, Audrey, George and Owen; Clara, who is the home housekeeper; William

Luther, of Montgomery County, Illinois, who has seven children; Mrs. Ida McReynolds, of Honey Point township, Macoupin County, who has three children—William H., John M. and May; and Charles, the home farmer, who married Tena Walschleger.

Politically Mr. Anderson upholds the principles of the Populist party. He has most capably held a number of township offices and for 25 years was a school director. He was a friend of the Grange movement and for a number of years was master of the local body. He is a member of the United Baptist Church.

EUGENE DAVID WURTZ, D. M. D.

EUGENE DAVID WURTZ, D. M. D., one of the leading professional men of Staunton, Macoupin County, was born December 25, 1875, at Staunton, and is a son of David C. and Ellen (Bley) Wurtz, and a nephew of Dr. Bley of Staunton.

The Wurtz family is of Dutch descent, but has been located in America for generations. The grandfather of Dr. Wurtz was a pioneer in Ohio and probably assisted in the laying out of Lockport. Later he came to Illinois, accompanied by his son, David C., who was born in Ohio, January 29, 1837. The latter began life's work as a stone cutter, but has been an architect for many years and is still engaged in that profession, at Fort Smith, Arkansas. He served all through the Civil War, as a member of Company C, 3rd Reg., Illinois Vol. Cav., under the command of General Carr. Formerly a Republican, he now supports the Prohibition party. He married Ellen Bley, who was born in Philadelphia, September 16, 1847, and is a daughter of Dr. George Bley, and they reared four children, namely: George B., located at Escanaba, Michigan, who is a clerk of the Weather Bureau; Mary S., a teacher in the Jerseyville (Illinois) schools; Eugene David, of this sketch; and Martha W., who lives at home.

Dr. Wurtz's parents removed to Alton in 1880 and to Jerseyville in 1883, and there he completed his course in the high school, subsequently spending a year in the College of Physicians and Surgeons at St. Louis. He then entered the dental department of Washington University, at St.

Louis, where he was graduated in April, 1899. Locating then at Staunton, he has been engaged in practice ever since. Dr. Wurtz has met with the success which may be expected by a skilled and trained operator, in combination with a pleasant personality and courteous manner. He is very conveniently located and makes use of all modern methods of dental surgery.

Dr. Wurtz takes only a citizen's interest in politics, but votes with the Republican party. Fraternally he is a Master Mason, being a member of Staunton Lodge, No. 177, A. F. & A. M. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

ABRAM C. GISH.

The death of Abram C. Gish, on March 13, 1899, removed from Virden, Macoupin County, one of the city's pioneer merchants, who had been honorably engaged in business here for a period of 30 years. Mr. Gish was born in Virginia, in December, 1829, and was a son of George and Sarah (Wrightsman) Gish.

The Gish family is an old one in the Old Dominion, and many representatives of it still reside there. The father of the late Mr. Gish was a large planter there and was of prominence in his community. He reared a family of 10 children.

The late Mr. Gish grew up in his old home and was educated in the local schools. In young manhood he learned the drug business and carried this on through life. For a period of five years he was also engaged in the dry goods and grain business at Auburn. During his whole business life of more than a quarter century in Virden, he was noted for his integrity, for his public spirit and for all the qualities which go to make a good and useful citizen.

On September 4, 1858, Mr. Gish was married to Martha A. Lewis, who is a daughter of Eddin Lewis, a member of an old and prominent family of Kentucky. Besides Mrs. Gish, two children survive: Charles L., who married Philomelia Everet of Virden; and Arah M., who married Hermone R. Goette, a jeweler of Virden, and has one daughter—Martha Rogers. In Mr. Gish's death the Presbyterian Church at Virden lost a liberal sup-

porter. The family has long been one of the representative ones of the place, and the pleasant home has been the scene of much hospitality and social life. The death of a good citizen is always a loss to a community, and men like the late Abram C. Gish are sincerely mourned.



HERBERT A. JONES.

HERBERT A. JONES, one of the most prosperous and enterprising business citizens of Staunton, Macoupin County, conducts a well established general store and receives the patronage of many well-to-do residents of the city and vicinity. He was born in Iowa near Keokuk, October 15, 1840, and is a son of Henry and Lizzie (Brown) Jones.

Henry Jones, who was one of a family of four children and the only one that came to America, was a native of Scotland, coming to America when 20 years of age. He located in the New England States, where he lived alone for five years, engaged in the pursuits of general farming. Later he removed to Iowa and again engaged in farming with very successful results. Mr. Jones was a man of refined habits and of a mild temperament. He was a member of the Whig party. He was married to Lizzie Brown, a native of Rhode Island, and they were the parents of four children, namely: Henry, who followed the occupation of a farmer and died at Keokuk, Iowa; John, who assisted his brother Henry in his farming operations and also died at Keokuk, Iowa; Herbert A., our subject; and Lucy, who died at Keokuk, Iowa. Mr. Jones's death occurred in 1856, at the age of 59 years.

Herbert A. Jones was reared on a farm near Keokuk, Iowa, and when 17 years of age went to St. Louis, Missouri, where he remained until 1861, when he came to Illinois. Although he received but a common school education, he gained his present position in business circles through his energy, toil and perseverance. While residing in St. Louis he clerked in the dry goods store of Henry Ferguson and there gained considerable knowledge of the methods of that branch of business. In 1862 he located at Litchfield, Illinois, where he entered the employ of a dry goods firm of that place, and

continued there until 1880. In that year he removed to Staunton, Illinois, where the following spring he opened a dry goods store with John H. Gabay under the firm style of Gabay & Jones. After establishing a good trade in the dry goods line, they put in a stock of various kinds of merchandise and opened a general store, continuing their business until 1884, when they dissolved partnership. Mr. Jones then associated himself with Fred Newman and J. C. Panhorst under the firm name of Jones, Newman & Company, and the business was conducted by these three gentlemen for two years. The business then came under the control of Mr. Jones, who has since conducted it very successfully. Mr. Jones is prominently identified with many business concerns of his city, among the most prominent being the Staunton Loan & Building Association and the Staunton Home & Building Association, of which associations he is a director, and is a prominent member of the Merchants' Business Association.

Mr. Jones was married in 1867 to Matilda Brooks, who was born in Illinois in August, 1854. They are the parents of two children—Maude, who resides with her parents, and Ellie, who is the wife of Robert L. Forest, of Chicago, Illinois. Mr. Jones is a Democrat, and a master mason of Staunton Lodge, No. 177, A. F. & A. M., and a charter member of the Knights and Ladies of Honor.



RICHARD M. PURDY.

RICHARD M. PURDY, contractor and builder, and one of the leading men in his line, in Macoupin County, has been identified with the interests of Staunton for a number of years. Mr. Purdy was born April 26, 1859, in Dorchester township, Macoupin County, and is a son of John H. and Malitta (Parisher) Purdy.

John H. Purdy was born in 1816 in North Carolina, and died in a hospital at Edwardsville, Illinois, in 1865, from the exposures incident to a service of three years in the Civil War. He was a son of William Purdy, who was a teamster between St. Louis, Missouri, and Springfield, Illinois, when but one house stood on the way. Although William Purdy was a very

active and capable business man, and reared a family of nine children, he was small of stature and weighed about 100 pounds. His children were: John H.; William C., of Staunton, who served in the Mexican War; Josiah, who died in a Confederate prison in Alabama during the Civil War; James, who died prior to the Rebellion; and Samuel, George, Nancy, Mary and Celia, deceased. Our subject's grandfather died in Dorchester township, Macoupin County, in 1882, aged 96 years.

John H. Purdy was a small boy when his parents came to Illinois and settled in Dorchester township, Macoupin County. He served in the Mexican War and in 1861 enlisted for the Civil War, in the 3rd Reg., Illinois Vol. Cav., under Captain Sparks and took part in many of the leading battles, including that of Shiloh, and escaped both wounds and imprisonment, but died as stated above. He was a brave soldier. In 1851 he crossed the plains to California with an ox team, and mined for gold for five years, making the home trip by way of the Isthmus of Panama. Soon after, he went to Pike's Peak, and then returned to the home farm shortly before the outbreak of the Rebellion. He married Malitta Parish, who was born in South Carolina and died in 1881 at Staunton, aged 55 years. Their children were: John M. P., born October 30, 1848, deceased February 3, 1888; Mrs. Anna Maria Walker, born January 30, 1850, deceased May 6, 1877; Mrs. Ida Isabella Small, of Litchfield, Illinois; Richard M., of this sketch; Emma J., of Worden, Illinois; and Elias E., of Worden.

Our subject lost his father when six years of age and he lived with his widowed mother and his brother on the farm until 1874, and then was engaged at various occupations in Staunton for a year. After one year spent working at the carpenter's trade in Northern Louisiana, he returned to Staunton, where he worked by the day until 1880, and then worked a year in a coal mine, ran an engine for one year in a flouring mill and then returned to mine work, a strike throwing him out of employment. All this was fine experience, each kind of work teaching him things desirable for a first class builder and contractor to know. Since then Mr. Purdy has worked at the carpenter's trade and has engaged extensively in house and bridge contracting and building. During the past two years he has completed 25 dwellings and has done considerable bridge work, all of the bridges over the various streams for a radius of 20 miles being of his construction. In 1901 he erected his own handsome residence, one of the finest in the city.

On October 9, 1893, Mr. Purdy married Flora Handley, who was born October 11, 1873, in Montgomery County, Illinois, and is a daughter of Edward G. and Emily Handley, and they have one daughter—Dorcas. In politics, Mr. Purdy is a Democrat. He is a member of the fraternal order of Woodmen.



WILLIAM COLLINS PURDY.

WILLIAM COLLINS PURDY, one of the most highly esteemed residents of Dorchester township, Macoupin County, a veteran and pensioner of the Mexican War, was born March 30, 1827, near Collinsville, Illinois, and came to Macoupin County with his parents, William C. and Ann (Kinney) Purdy, in 1831.

The father of our subject, whose parents were natives of Ireland, was born December 17, 1789, in a house which stood on the dividing line between North and South Carolina, and his death took place February 28, 1882, in Dorchester township, Macoupin County. His boyhood and youth were spent in Alabama and Tennessee and in the former State he learned the trade of brick mason. In 1818 he came to Illinois and settled in St. Clair County, where he followed his trade and farmed, later becoming a teamster during the Indian wars. In St. Clair County, he married Ann Kinney, who was born in 1802 in a blockhouse in that county, and died in Dorchester township, Macoupin County, aged 66 years. They had nine children: Samuel, who died aged 12 years; John H., who died in a hospital in Edwardsville, Illinois; William Collins, of this sketch; Mrs. Nancy Best, deceased; James, deceased; George, who died aged eight years; Josiah, deceased, who was taken prisoner in the Civil War; Mrs. Polly Best; and Mrs. Celia Webb Clark. Two members of the above family died on account of loyal service to their country. John H. Purdy was a volunteer in Company L, 3rd Illinois Vol. Cav., and served two years and then came home and died. Josiah Purdy served three years and died in a Confederate prison in Alabama. Both were true and brave soldiers. The family was a loyal one, the issues of the Civil War making the father change his political views from Democracy to Republicanism.

Our esteemed subject was reared under conditions which prevented any great amount of schooling, and, in fact, he has educated himself. The greater part of his life has been spent in Madison, Montgomery and Macoupin counties, and he has been engaged in various occupations—has operated a livery, has run a sawmill, and for a time was engaged in a butchering business at Staunton. In 1872 he took a contract which he held for 16 years to supply the mine operators at Staunton and vicinity with their lumber. He has been an extensive buyer and seller of land and has owned a large acreage himself. A farm of 120 acres in Paradise township, Rooks County, Kansas, he traded for his present home, receiving in addition the sum of \$1,800. He has retained 25 acres in section 12, Dorchester township, having given farms to his three children.

As stated, Mr. Purdy is a survivor of the Mexican War, in which he took an active part. He enlisted in June, 1846, in Company E, 4th Reg., Illinois Vol. Inf., under Col. E. D. Baker and Capt. Daniel Newcomb, which was recruited at Staunton and mustered in at Alton. At Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, the company was drilled and was then sent, by way of New Orleans, to Point Isabella, at the mouth of the Rio Grande River. Mr. Purdy took part in the siege of Vera Cruz, and accompanied his regiment to Matamoras, Victoria, and took part in the great fight at Cerro Gordo. He was discharged about a month later at New Orleans. Although he saw hard service, Mr. Purdy was anxious to again give his country still further proof of his patriotism at the outbreak of the Civil War, but impaired health prevented. Since 1860 he has been a Republican in his political sentiments.

On February 8, 1849, Mr. Purdy was married to Susan M. Best, who was born October 20, 1828, in Macoupin County, and is a daughter of James and Annie (Tatum) Best, natives of North Carolina and Tennessee, respectively. The Bests owned farming land about three miles south of Staunton, where Mr. Best died, aged 81 years, and Mrs. Best died aged 66 years. Mr. and Mrs. Purdy have had nine children, three of whom died in infancy, the survivors being: William Collins, Jr., who is living at home; Mrs. Sarah Hushing, of Litchfield, Illinois, who has four children; Luella, wife of J. M. Cox; Wesley B., of Mount Olive township, Macoupin County, who has six children; Edward, of Dorchester township, Macoupin County, who has six children; and Dora (Mrs. Piper), of Worden, Illinois, who has two children. Mr. and Mrs. Purdy have four great-grandchildren. They have thus been



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permitted not only to enjoy each other's affection and companionship for 35 years, but can renew their youth in their descendants. Both are well and widely known. The family and its connections represent some of the best citizenship of the county and the name is one held in respect wherever found. Hospitality reigns in this home and many friends hope for continued years and many blessings for this worthy couple.



CHRISTOPHER C. ARMSTRONG.

CHRISTOPHER C. ARMSTRONG, whose portrait accompanies this sketch, is classed among the retired business men of Girard who have been most active in advancing the city's material interests, by reason of the fact that for many years he successfully conducted a general store here, and also aided in the administration of public affairs. He is a fine representative of one of the old pioneer families of Illinois, and is himself a native of this State, born on a farm near Fielden, Jersey County, January 2, 1837.

Our subject's father, Maurice Armstrong, was a native of Kentucky, a son of one of its early pioneers, Joshua Armstrong, who was a Pennsylvanian by birth. The last named was also a pioneer of this State during territorial days, migrating from Kentucky with teams in 1810, and being one of the first to settle in what is now Madison County. At that time there were but few white settlers in Illinois, and the Indians, who were often hostile, still held possession of their ancient hunting grounds. The few whites who had boldly ventured within their domain, to avail themselves of the advantages afforded by the rich virgin soil, built blockhouses in which to live when the Indians were on the war-path, and they always went armed into the fields. The grandfather of our subject, after spending several years in Madison County, removed to Jersey County, and there died in the fullness of time. His wife bore the maiden name of Sarah Morris, and she was born in Virginia, of French ancestry.

The father of our subject was young when the family came to Illinois, and he grew to a stalwart, vigorous manhood in the wilds of Madison County.

When he started out in life on his own account he bought in that county a tract of land with a few improvements, and lived upon it until 1833, when he sold that place, and took up his abode in what is now Jersey County, where he bought a tract of timber land and built the log house in which his son, of whom we write, was born. He rived shingles for the roof, and made the house in the primitive manner common in the construction of dwellings in those days. After he had his family comfortably domiciled, he commenced to evolve a farm from the wilderness. He had not the conveniences of modern machinery to aid him in his work, and there were no railways to bring the markets within easy access, so that whenever he needed supplies or wished to dispose of his produce, he had to go to Alton with a team, that being the nearest city. His wife, who was an adept at the old-fashioned arts of carding, spinning and weaving, used to manufacture the cloth with which she clothed her children, and she cooked their meals before the fire in the rude open fireplace of the olden days.

In 1854 Maurice Armstrong sold his place in Jersey County, and going to Montgomery County settled on land he had entered from the government. He built upon it and resided there one year, after which he rented it and, removing to Girard, bought a home in the town, in which he lived quietly until his life was rounded out by death. In early manhood he married Elizabeth Sims, a native of Kentucky. She died at a venerable age at Girard. She was the mother of 12 children: Aholla, James, Eveline, Mary Adeline, William, Thomas, Andrew, Jane, Christopher C., Benjamin F., Maurice and Elizabeth.

Christopher C. Armstrong was reared under pioneer influences, and obtained his education in the primitive schools of Jersey County, that were taught in log school-houses, furnished with slab benches without backs and with wooden pins for legs. There were no desks in front of the seats. The light was admitted by a log being cut out of the wall, and a row of glass inserted into the aperture thus made. Our subject can well remember the wild condition of the country in which he passed his boyhood, when deer, wolves and other kinds of wild game were plentiful. Before he attained his majority he left his home with its familiar scenes, and in 1855 moved with his folks to Girard, then a small but flourishing village, and opening a general store, he soon became one of its most enterprising merchants. In 1870 he established himself in the drug trade, and until recently carried it on very

prosperously, having a neat and well equipped store, fully stocked with everything usually found in such an establishment. Mr. Armstrong sold this business in June, 1902, and in September, 1903, with his son Byron, opened a large and well appointed drug store in Jacksonville, Illinois, operating under the firm style of Armstrong & Armstrong. Their stock, which is complete and up-to-date in every respect, is valued at \$10,000. They make a specialty of physicians' supplies.

Mr. Armstrong was married in 1862 to Fanny D. Weed, and they have made their home the center of a charming hospitality. Six children have been born to them, of whom four are now living: Herbert, Paul, Byron and Irene.

Mr. Armstrong is justly held to be one of the county's citizens, for his private life is irreproachable and in every public position he has held he has always acted for the best interests of the city and county. His fellow citizens, appreciating his worth, his sound business instincts, and his genuine integrity of character, have often called upon him to fill responsible offices. He has represented Girard as a member of the County Board of Supervisors several terms; he has served as a member of the City Council of Girard, and also as a member of the School Board. He belongs to Girard Lodge No. 171, A. F. and A. M.; Girard Chapter, No. 132, R. A. M.; St. Omar Commandery, No. 30, K. T.; and Macoupin Council, R. and S. M. Politically, he is a Democrat, and has always stood firmly by his party. Aside from his private business, our subject is identified with the financial interests of the city,—as treasurer of the Girard Building and Loan Association, and as president of the Girard Coal Company, he has contributed greatly to their success and importance.

MRS. EMMA LUKER.

MRS. EMMA LUKER, widow of the late Henry W. Luker, and mother of George H. Luker, one of the prominent citizens of Staunton, Illinois and supervisor of Staunton township, is one of the most highly esteemed ladies of this city. Mrs. Luker was born December 8, 1854, in Switzerland, her maiden name being Miller.

Mrs. Luker was brought to America by her parents when a child of three months. Her father died shortly afterward, and she was reared by her widowed mother on the farm at Highland, Madison County, Illinois. In August, 1874, she was united in marriage with the late Henry W. Luker, at Alhambra, Illinois, and these children were born to them: Emma, wife of F. E. Shumacher, of Staunton, Macoupin County; George H., senior member of the firm of Luker Brothers of the Staunton Bottling Works; Edward C., of Staunton; Dora; Paul; Robert; John; and Anna and Charles, deceased.

The late Henry W. Luker came to America from Germany at the age of 16 years, accompanying his widowed mother. He learned the painting business in St. Louis and worked at that trade until 1887, when he established the wholesale beer and bottling business, which his sons still carry on. Mr. Luker died at Staunton in 1897, aged 43 years. When he left Germany, he had very little capital and had little more when he married, but through his fine business ability and the help of his cheerful, capable wife, he made rapid headway, and, although he died comparatively a young man, he left a large estate. He was very prominent in Democratic circles and took much interest in the improvement and development of Staunton. Mrs. Luker, like her late husband, belongs to the German Lutheran Church. She resides in a very pleasant, attractive home in Staunton, and has a wide circle of warm friends.



JOSEPH A. DODDS.

JOSEPH A. DODDS, a well known young business man of Girard, Illinois, is a member of the undertaking firm of J. F. Dodds & Company. He was born in Sangamon County, Illinois, October 25, 1869, and is a son of James W. and Minervia J. (Easley) Dodds. His father was a well-to-do farmer of Sangamon County.

Mr. Dodds was reared in Sangamon County, and after finishing his education in the schools there, was variously engaged for a number of years and traveled extensively in this country and in Europe. In 1898 he enlisted in Company I, 40th Regiment, Illinois Infantry, U. S. Volunteers, served two years in the Philippines, and received his discharge June 24,

1901. He has been a resident of Girard since 1901, being a member of the firm of J. F. Dodds & Company, his brother, J. F. Dodds, being senior member of the firm. In 1903 he pursued a course in the Chicago College of Embalming. The business of J. F. Dodds & Company is now undoubtedly the largest of its kind in Macoupin County. They carry a stock that is valued at \$5,000 and use three hearses.

Mr. Dodds was married to Mrs. N. E. Page, whose maiden name was Nana E. Mann, and who by her first marriage was the mother of one child, Anna E. Page. Mr. Dodds and family are members of the Christian Church. Our subject is a member of the Republican party, and in fraternal circles is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Fraternal Order of Eagles.



GEORGE H. LUKER.

GEORGE H. LUKER, one of the prominent citizens of Staunton, Macoupin County, supervisor of Staunton township, senior member of the firm of Luker Brothers, of the Staunton Bottling Works, and agent for the Excelsior Brewery of St. Louis, was born September 3, 1877, in Madison County, Illinois. He is a son of the late Henry W. and Emma (Miller) Luker.

The Luker family was established in Illinois by the grandfather of our subject, who came to this State from Germany, when Henry W. was 16 years of age. The latter was born in Germany and died at Staunton in 1897, at the age of 43 years. He followed the trade of painter until 1887, when he established the wholesale beer and bottling business which his sons still carry on. Henry Luker was a successful business man, and was a prominent Democrat of this section. He married Emma Miller, who was born in Switzerland, and was brought to Highland, Madison County, Illinois, in infancy, and now resides at Staunton. The children of this marriage were as follows: Emma, wife of F. E. Schumacher, of Staunton; George H., of this sketch; Edward C., of Staunton; Anna, who died in infancy; Dora; Charles, deceased; Paul; Robert and John.

George H. Luker was brought to Staunton at the age of 10 days, so that he may almost be represented as a native of this city, which has been his home

ever since. He was educated in the Staunton schools. His father died when he was 18 years of age, after establishing a good business, and our subject and his next younger brother assumed charge of it and have successfully conducted it ever since. Both brothers are members of the Business Men's Association and take an active part in the city's business life.

In 1900 Mr. Luker was married, at St. Louis, Missouri, to Laura Dammann, who was born at Tarrytown, New York, and is a daughter of Adolph Dammann.

Like his father, Mr. Luker is a staunch Democrat and has taken a very lively interest in city, township and county affairs. He was township collector in 1900, and in 1903 was elected township supervisor, performing the duties of the office to the complete satisfaction of all concerned. He is usually sent as a delegate to party conventions and is recognized as a very able party worker, and at present is a central committeeman. He belongs to the Staunton Home Association and in every way shows commendable public spirit. Fraternally he belongs to the Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias, the Knights and Ladies of Honor, the Elks (at Litchfield), and the Eagles (at St. Louis).



ROBERT CLARK.

ROBERT CLARK, who is serving as highway commissioner of Mount Olive township, is a prominent and successful farmer, and a highly esteemed citizen of Macoupin County, where he owns and cultivates a farm of 80 acres, situated in section 6, Mount Olive township. He was born in Staunton township, Macoupin County, Illinois, October 6, 1852, and is a son of William and Eliza (Little) Clark.

William Clark was born in County Derry, Ireland, and immigrated to America about 1840 with his wife and three children, settling in Staunton township, where he took up the occupation of farming, at which he continued his entire life. Mr. Clark was a home loving man and took a great interest in his family and home. He was a man well liked and was of high standing in his community. His wife, Eliza Little, was a native of County Derry, Ireland. Nine children were born to them, namely: William, of Johnson

County, Missouri; Eliza (Bruce), of Staunton township, Macoupin County; Samuel, of Staunton township, Macoupin County; James, of Madison County, Illinois; John; Mary Ann, who died when 16 years of age; Robert, our subject; Henry, of Spangle, Washington, and Isabelle, who died when seven years of age. Mr. Clark died in Staunton township, January 17, 1878, having reached the age of 70 years. The death of his wife followed in September, 1894, she having attained the age of 77 years. Mr. and Mrs. Clark were members of the Presbyterian Church.

Robert Clark has always been engaged in the pursuits of general farming and has met with unusual success in his operations. He recently sold three acres of his farm to the railroad for right-of-way and has sold the coal right to a large mining company. His farm is situated near the new town of Benld. Mr. Clark located on his present farm in the spring of 1881 and immediately began the cultivation of the place, having at present one of the best tilled farms to be found for many miles. Politically, Mr. Clark is a Republican and has held several school offices in the past. In fraternal circles he is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America.

On March 7, 1877, Mr. Clark was united in marriage to Britannia Sawyer, a native of Mount Olive township and a daughter of Ebern and Mary A. (Best) Sawyer. Mr. and Mrs. Clark are the parents of nine children, eight of whom are living, namely: Edward, LeRoy, Ethel May, Erbie Irene, William Robinson, Archie, Florence and Bertha. The deceased child is Frank, who died when four years of age.

GEORGE F. BOOSINGER.

GEORGE F. BOOSINGER, one of the substantial farmers and stock raisers of Macoupin County, owning a fine, well improved farm of 207 acres, situated in sections 17 and 18, Cahokia township, was born in what was then Portage County, Ohio, now included in Summit County, January 28, 1825, and is a son of George and Mary (Workinger) Boosinger.

The grandfather of our subject came to America from Germany prior to the Revolutionary War, in which he took part, later removing to Vir-

ginia, in which State the father of our subject was born. The latter became a pioneer in Ohio, but later moved to Missouri, where he fell under the influence of Joseph Smith, the Mormon prophet. He became a preacher of the faith but finally left that body on account of the belief in plural marriages to which he could not give assent. In payment for his services in the War of 1812 he received from the government a pension and a tract of 160 acres of land in Montgomery County, Illinois. He died in Cahokia township, Macoupin County in 1861, aged 77 years. He was twice married, five children being born to his first union, and six to the second. His second wife, Mary Workinger, who was of German parents, after leaving her native land first settled at Halifax, Nova Scotia, and later in Ohio. She died in 1859, aged 65 years, leaving six children: Mrs. Mary A. Pettengill, of Bunker Hill, Macoupin County; George F., of this sketch; John Wesley, deceased; Nathan, who was accidentally killed in boyhood; Mrs. Christiann Rice, deceased; and Mrs. Charlotte Peter, of Oregon.

George F. Boosinger accompanied his father from Ohio to Ray County, Missouri, in 1836, remaining there until March, 1839, when he came to Illinois and lived one year at Smooth Prairie, in 1840 settling in Cahokia township, Macoupin County, where he has lived ever since with the exception of the year 1850, which he spent in gold mining in California. His brother had crossed the plains in 1849, but our subject made the trip by way of New Orleans and the Isthmus of Panama, and they returned together. In 1851 Mr. Boosinger bought his present farm and settled on it the following year. He has lately disposed of 20 acres of land to the new railroad that is now being built and he also sold a portion to the "Big Four" Railroad. Some 20 years ago he sold the coal which underlies his farm to the McKinney & Young Coal Company. He deems it probable that he will be obliged to sell more railroad rights-of-way, his land lying in the path of projected railroad extensions. When he first came here and the country was but unbroken prairie, he bought 160 acres of his farm for \$10 per acre, and the remainder for \$35 per acre; its value has in the intervening years much more than trebled. He has passed through all the hardships which attended the path of the early settlers, and in an interesting way recalls the times when he made trips of 30 miles to the nearest mill at Alton, and to St. Louis to reach a market. Mr. Boosinger has engaged in general farming, raising wheat, corn, oats and hay and has made a specialty of high grade cattle and

swine. His land is all highly improved and he has some of the finest orchards in his section.

In 1851 Mr. Boosinger married Marie Edwards, who was born in Michigan, removed with her parents to Ohio, and later came to Macoupin County. They have two children: Mrs. Carrie Clark of Gillespie, Macoupin County; and Frank S., who operates the homestead farm. Frank S. Boosinger married Lulu Brown and they have three children—Mark, Mae and Edwin R.

The subject of this sketch is a musician and for eight years was president of the Gillespie Brass Band, making many trips with the organization through this State and Missouri, playing cornet, clarinet and violin. For 40 years his services were in request at local entertainments. In politics Mr. Boosinger is a Republican and for a number of years was a member of the township central committee. For nine years he was highway commissioner and under his direction the greater number of the excellent highways of the locality were laid out. He has done much for the advancement of educational facilities in his neighborhood and served as school director for 42 years. When the farmers organized, he was active in support of the enterprise and became a valued member of the Farmers' Alliance. He is a member of the Farmers' Mutual Benefit Association, and for many years was active in the Gillespie lodge of Odd Fellows, No. 220. For some years Mr. Boosinger has been much interested in the study of Spiritualism.

This venerable citizen of the township is held in very high esteem. He has been prominently identified with almost everything which has promoted the growth and development of the township and few men are more widely known. He belongs to a band that is but too rapidly passing away, and with its last member will go much of that sturdy perseverance and indomitable courage which made possible the subjugation of Nature and the building of the happy homes of the present.

MRS. KISSIAH SCROGGINS.

In the lady whose name opens this sketch is found one of the most highly esteemed residents of Staunton, Illinois, a member of one of the pioneer families of Macoupin County. She was born November 28, 1833,

near Staunton, and is a daughter of James and Lurenda (Spence) Simmons, long deceased.

About 1825 James Simmons and wife left their home in North Carolina, their household goods and small children packed in a one-horse wagon, their destination being the rich farming lands of Macoupin County, Illinois. The older members of the family walked the whole distance, a feat of endurance of no slight character. Mr. Simmons died prior to the birth of Mrs. Scroggins and the mother was left with eight children to support. Her subsequent success reflected the greatest credit upon her industry and estimable character. At a later date she married Obediah Mize, the one child of this union being Mrs. Minervia Latham, of Bunker Hill, Macoupin County. The six children of her first marriage who lived to maturity were: John, Mrs. Eliza Lyons and Polly, all deceased; Snowden W., a farmer of Macoupin County; Asbury A., who served in the Civil War and was never heard from after the war was over; and Mrs. Scroggins.

The late William Scroggins, who died February 18, 1884, at Staunton, was born May 31, 1828, in Macoupin County, Illinois, and was a son of Prior and Mary (Tatum) Scroggins, natives of Tennessee. Prior Scroggins died in Alton, Illinois, with cholera, during the Black Hawk War, in 1833.

William Scroggins was one of a family of nine children. His life was spent in Macoupin County, with the exception of 18 months when he served in the Mexican War, during which time he crossed the plains to Santa Fe. He never accepted a pension, but it has been given his widow. His life was mainly devoted to agriculture, farming, teaming and stock trading. In business he was a very practical, successful man. From the time of John C. Fremont, Mr. Scroggins was identified with the Republican party.

The death of Mr. Scroggins left many friends to mourn his loss and a widow and family who had the sympathy of the whole community. His children were: Lurenda, who married John Jacobs of Gillespie, Macoupin County, now deceased, who has three children; Mary K., who married George Bird of Staunton township, Macoupin County and has one child; Sarah Ann, who married M. A. Smith, and has three children; Malinda, a teacher in the Staunton schools for the past 18 years, who resides with her mother; and Martha E., who married Hon. Hampton W. Wall, of Staunton, Macoupin County, now deceased, and has three children. The late Mr. Scroggins belonged to the Christian Church.

JAMES FAITH, M. D.

JAMES FAITH, M. D., one of the prominent and much appreciated physicians of Palmyra, Macoupin County, and a member of one of the old pioneer families of the State, was born May 6, 1841, at Louisville, Kentucky, and is a son of William and Rachel (Helfenstein) Faith.

The parents of Dr. Faith came to Illinois in 1845, locating at Petersburg, the county seat of Menard County, where the father died December 15, 1858, and the mother, January 16, 1862. William Faith was a teacher by profession and was employed as an instructor in the public schools. In politics he was identified with the Democratic party. Of his eight children, four still survive, namely: Margaret L., who married Lorenzo D. Chapman; George W., a resident of Greenfield, Illinois; James, our subject; and Mrs. Rebecca Jane Baker, of Salem, Oregon.

James Faith had the early advantages of intellectual home training and after he completed the public school course at Petersburg he secured as a private tutor Mintor Graham, who had been engaged in the same way by Abraham Lincoln, in the days when that ambitious boy, who had no means with which to secure either teachers or books, scoured the country, borrowing literature from any one who would lend. Mr. Lincoln always felt much indebted to Mr. Graham. Under the latter's instruction, our subject was prepared for college, and in October, 1864, he entered the Eclectic Medical Institute, of Cincinnati, where he was graduated with credit, February 9, 1869. For two years Dr. Faith practiced his profession at Petersburg, and then located at Palmyra, where he has continued ever since. Dr. Faith enjoys a large and lucrative practice, and is considered one of the most reliable practitioners of the locality. He has met with much success in handling many special cases, and is noted for his charitable work.

Dr. Faith has been twice married. In 1871 he married Sarah Jane Fuller, who died the following year. He married as his second wife Martha Elizabeth Brown, who is a daughter of James Brown, a farmer of Greene County, Illinois. They have reared three children, namely: Virgie, who married Elmer R. Bramley, the leading grocer and druggist of Palmyra, Macoupin County, and has two children—Mary and Karl; Inez, who married John W. Costley and died July 17, 1902, leaving two children—Faith and Pauline; and Jessie, the wife of Ira N. King, an expert electrician, who has charge of the electric light plant at Cairo, Illinois.

Dr. Faith is a Republican in his political views. He is a member of the Christian Church. Both personally and professionally, he is held in the highest esteem by the good people of Palmyra. He has always taken a public spirited interest in local enterprises, and from the view point of his profession has been able to give useful advice on many occasions.



ROBERT BROWN, ESQ.

ROBERT BROWN, ESQ., who has officiated as justice of the peace at Gillespie, Macoupin County, since April, 1871, is one of the leading citizens of Gillespie township. He was born November 8, 1833, in County Monaghan, Ireland, and is a son of Thomas Brown, whose whole life was passed in his native country.

Robert Brown was one of a family of nine children and the only one to come to the United States; two brothers, Butler and William, located in Canada. Our subject was 17 years of age when he took passage in the sailing ship "Ocomoco," bound for New Orleans, which city he reached early in 1850, after a passage of 11 weeks and three days. Having worked in his father's tailoring establishment from the age of 10 years, he was equipped with a good trade and this he followed for two years at New Orleans and then gradually made his way north, working two years at St. Louis, and reaching Bunker Hill, Macoupin County, Illinois, in 1854. There he worked for two years longer, then married and removed to Gillespie, and this place has been his home ever since, with the exception of one year spent in army service during the Civil War.

In 1862 Mr. Brown enlisted in Company A, 97th Reg., Illinois Vol. Inf., 16th Army Corps, and served in the Army of the West under General Grant, General McCann and Capt. W. H. Willard. On account of being taken sick, he participated only in the skirmish at Arkansas Post, being discharged before Vicksburg, in February, 1863. Upon his return to Gillespie, he opened a tailoring establishment which he conducted until 1893. Since 1873 he has been in the public scales office and for the past 35 years

has been the village clerk and since 1871 has been a notary public and justice of the peace. Although a Democrat in his political sentiment, his personal popularity is such that both parties unite in keeping him in his present positions, where his integrity and impartiality have never been questioned.

On April 1, 1856, Mr. Brown was married to Mary Drennan, who was born in Tennessee, and is one of the two children of James Drennan, an early pioneer of Macoupin County. The five children of this union are: Delos M., who follows a blacksmith business at Gillespie; Robert D., a coal miner of the vicinity; Mrs. Annie Knouse, a resident of Gillespie, who has five children; Mrs. Emma Schmulback, of Tennessee; and Mrs. May Duffy, of Gillespie.

Fraternally Mr. Brown is a Mason and formerly was associated also with the Odd Fellows. For many years he has been an active member of the Christian Church and has served both as trustee and as treasurer. Few men of his section are better known or more thoroughly esteemed.



DAVIS L. SPAULDING, M. D.

DAVIS L. SPAULDING, M. D., an eminent physician and surgeon of Macoupin County, Illinois, and a leading practitioner of Virden, is also a most highly valued citizen. He was born in Vermont, November 14, 1834, and is one of a family of three children born to his parents, Hiram and Elizabeth (Hawkins) Spaulding, farming people in Vermont.

Dr. Spaulding attended the local schools and Fort Edward University (New York) and entered upon the study of medicine in early manhood, completing his medical course at the University of Nashville, Tennessee, where he received his degree in 1864. In 1856 he became a resident of Virden. At the outbreak of the Civil War, he enlisted for service, entering the 19th Regiment, Illinois Vol. Inf., as a private. Soon after he was appointed surgeon and was with the 4th Regiment, Ohio Vol. Cav., about nine months, when he was assigned to hospital work, in which he served about two years. He helped to organize the first military hospital at Camp Yates, Springfield, and served there during the three month service.

After the close of the war, Dr. Spaulding returned to Virden and has made this pleasant little city his home ever since. He commands a large practice and has built up a most gratifying practice that extends over the county, having devoted many years of his life to the earnest practice of his profession.

Dr. Spaulding married Louisa Freeman, who is a daughter of a substantial farmer of North Otter township, Macoupin County, and the three children born to them are: Laurretta E., who is the wife of J. Hall, a merchant of Kansas; Charles H.; and Clarence Edgar, who is an employee of Marshall Field & Company, Chicago. Charles H. Spaulding is also a prominent member of the medical fraternity, a graduate of Rush Medical College of Chicago, and is now chief physician at Johannesburg, South Africa, for a large gold mining company.

In politics Dr. Spaulding is a Republican but is not enough of a politician to consent to accept political preferment. He belongs to the various medical associations and is held in the highest regard by the public and by his brother practitioners. Dr. and Mrs. Spaulding have a pleasant home in Virden and enjoy social life. They are valued members of the Christian Church.



MRS. HENRIETTA E. (DYSON) VIRDEN.

MRS. HENRIETTA E. (DYSON) VIRDEN, one of the most highly esteemed residents of Virden, is a most worthy representative of one of the old and honored pioneer families of the State. Mrs. Virden was born January 8, 1827, in Montgomery County, Maryland, and is a daughter of William and Annie (Darnall) Dyson, and is the widow of the late Archibald L. Virden.

The Dyson family is of English extraction, although it has long been established in Maryland, where both the father and grandfather of Mrs. Virden were born. In 1842 William Dyson, with his seven motherless children, left the old home, where his wife had died in 1836, and started for Christian County, Illinois, Mrs. Virden being then a maiden of 15 years. She vividly recalls the overland trip and the pioneer conditions which they

found, when her father settled on a tract of land which he had purchased near Taylorville. The family, however, had scarcely become accustomed to the hardships which were doubly hard after the comforts of their former home, when the beloved father was stricken with illness and soon passed away, his death occurring in 1845.

On August 18, 1844, Henrietta E. Dyson was united in marriage with Archibald L. Virden, who is recalled to the residents of Virden with feelings of sincere esteem. Mr. Virden was born in Ross County, Ohio, October 27, 1823, and was a son of Isaac and Amelia (Saddler) Virden, the former of whom was born in Maryland, and the latter in Ohio, where the name is recorded among the earliest pioneers of the Buckeye State. When Archibald was about 16 years of age, the family came to Illinois and settled in Christian County, where the father bought and improved a farm, with the assistance of his 10 sons. Archibald remained at home until his marriage, but shortly after removed to Sangamon County, and two years later purchased a property near Auburn.

Mr. and Mrs. Virden were early settlers in the village which bears their name, so called in honor of Mr. Virden's brother John, who had laid it out and was an early benefactor of the little hamlet. From 1852 when Archibald L. Virden located at Virden, until his lamented death on April 8, 1880, he was a prominent factor in its commercial, social and public life. The surrounding country, although yet unsettled, was rich in agricultural possibilities, and it was with rare good judgment and foresight, that Mr. Virden acquired considerable land and became one of the earliest business men. For some years he engaged in the grocery business, but later embarked in the drug business, with which he was associated until his decease. His business career was always marked with success and he was ranked with the capitalists of the locality. He was missed in almost every circle, belonging as he did to the public spirited class of citizens in whose hands rests the development of the communities in which they live. He was a man of the highest integrity. In his home he was beloved, in his neighborhood he was esteemed and in the city he was respected, and in all places he was mourned. He was a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church, to which he was a liberal giver, but his benefactions were not confined to this religious body. Charitable organizations and worthy enterprises benefited by his gifts.

Mr. Virden is survived by his widow and by two children, Arnie M.

and Edgar L., and seven grandchildren. Annie M. is the widow of Otho Williams, and has four children: Mariel, who is the widow of Harry Colean, who died at his mother's home in Jerseyville, Illinois, leaving one child—Edwin Williams; Archibald Virden; Lamira; and Genevieve. Edgar L. married Jennie Piper, and they reside in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

The death of the second son, William, in December, 1882, was a second severe bereavement to Mrs. Virden. He was born in 1852 and married Sarah Wilcox, by whom he is survived, with three children—Homer W., Henrietta E. and Archibald L.

Mrs. Virden has been the witness of many wonderful changes in Virden, and has been permitted to see the results produced by the helpful, useful lives of herself and husband. Her home has always been one of genuine hospitality and many of the prominent visitors to this locality, in the early days, have been her guests. With her husband, she assisted in the founding of the Presbyterian Church here, in which she has ever been a tireless worker. She is the center of a loving family circle and is interesting to the stranger, both on account of her representing the old pioneer families, which are held in the highest esteem, and also for her interesting conversation and gracious hospitality.



WALTER D. FISK.

Prominent among the enterprising and influential business men of Macoupin County, is the gentleman whose name heads this narrative, who is engaged in the lumber business at Shipman. He was born in Shipman township, Macoupin County, Illinois, in 1876, and is a son of Frank and Frances (Sayer) Fisk.

Frank Fisk was born in Michigan and came to Illinois as a railroad employee of the Chicago & Alton railway in 1874. Later he engaged in the lumber business at which he proved very successful and became one of the leading men of his section. Still later he purchased a farm in section 26, Shipman township, Macoupin County, where he engaged extensively in the raising of Norman and Clydesdale horses. After the death of Mr. Fisk, which occurred in 1898, our subject rented the farm to a tenant and succeeded





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his father in the lumber business. Mrs. Frances (Sayer) Fisk, the mother of our subject, died in 1890, at the age of 47 years.

Walter D. Fisk received his education in the district schools of Shipman township and in 1897 engaged in the lumber business with his father, which business he still continues with remarkable efficiency. He is a Democrat in politics.

S. HUFFMAN, M. D.

S. HUFFMAN, M. D., a prominent physician and the leading druggist of Chesterfield, Macoupin County, whose portrait accompanies this sketch, was born in Pike County, Illinois, in 1873, and is a son of P. B. and Nancy (Clifton) Huffman.

P. B. Huffman was born in Tennessee and was a son of Samuel Huffman, who was born in Virginia, and who died in 1900, in Missouri, in his 95th year. In 1837 P. B. Huffman came to Illinois and located in Vermilion County. There he married Nancy Clifton, whose father was born in Kentucky, and died in Vermilion County, Illinois, in 1870, in his 70th year.

Dr. Huffman was primarily educated in the common schools of Cass County and subsequently attended the Western Normal School at Bushnell, Illinois. He then entered the medical department of the St. Louis University where he was graduated in 1896, serving then as an interne for six months at the St. Louis City Hospital, being made junior assistant superintendent. While clerking in a drug store at Greenfield, Illinois, in order to perfect his knowledge of pharmacy by making a practical use of it, he met and in 1895 married Nece McQuerry, who was a daughter of John and Sarah McQuerry. Mrs. Huffman died December 29, 1901. Our subject's second marriage was contracted on February 22, 1903, with Clyde M. McQuerry, a sister of his first wife. John McQuerry, Dr. Huffman's father-in-law, is a prominent resident of Greenfield, Illinois, where he owns and operates a farm. He is a Republican in political belief, and is his party's choice for minority Representative and his friends predict his election.

Dr. Huffman soon after his first marriage entered upon the practice of his profession at Pegram, Greene County, Illinois, where he remained until he moved to Chesterfield in 1890. In 1902 he purchased the old established

drug business of W. A. Gary, who had carried it on in Chesterfield for the preceding 21 years. Dr. Huffman built a new store on the site of the old one and has fitted it up with all modern conveniences and attractions; he carries a complete and carefully selected stock of the goods usually found in an establishment of the kind, in addition to all the standard remedies and drugs which have been selected by himself in order to be confident that they are fresh and pure. Not only as a physician, but also as a business man, is Dr. Huffman popular. He has made the pleasant village of Chesterfield his home and in it are his interests centered.

In politics Dr. Huffman is a stanch Republican. He was elected as one of the trustees of the village in 1901, and served one term. Fraternally he is a Mason, a Modern Woodman of America, an Odd Fellow and a Knight of Pythias, and also belongs to the Mutual Protective League. In religious belief he is a Methodist.

JOHN JAMES WYCKOFF.

JOHN JAMES WYCKOFF, deceased, for many years one of the prominent and substantial citizens of Macoupin County, was born in the State of New York, June 16, 1832, and died in Macoupin County, March 30, 1901. He was a son of Ambrose and Elizabeth A. (Hanmer) Wyckoff.

Ambrose Wyckoff was married on November 9, 1831, to Elizabeth A. Hanmer, and they had two children: John James, our subject, and Hanmer. Mrs. Wyckoff died March 15, 1837, and her husband was later married to Sarah Gelder, who died in September, 1899, leaving five children. Ambrose Wyckoff died September 28, 1872.

John J. Wyckoff was educated at Delhi, Jersey County, Illinois, and was there engaged in a hardware business, under the firm name of Wyckoff & Hobson, for a number of years. In 1862 he removed to Macoupin County and became interested in farming, which he continued until his death.

In 1860, he married Sarah Utt, who died November 23, 1864. His second marriage, October 22, 1868, was to Nancy E. Ewing, who was born October 23, 1848, and is a daughter of Obadiah and Narcissa Y. Ewing, the former of whom was born in Wayne County, Ohio, April 1, 1823, and was

a son of William and Elizabeth (Glass) Ewing. Obadiah Ewing was a farmer and a school teacher. The mother of Mrs. Wyckoff was born April 15, 1829, and has survived her husband since his death, March 16, 1901. She is one of the most highly regarded ladies of Virden and its vicinity. She was reared in the faith of the Baptist Church. She is the mother of six children, as follows: Nancy E., Madora Jane, William James (deceased), Mary Elma, Edgar Spink and Alicia Malissa. Two daughters were born to Mr. and Mrs. Wyckoff, viz: Sarah Narcissa, born October 12, 1869, who married Major W. Treadway, and has three children, Carrie E., born August 17, 1897, John J., born November 28, 1901, and Herbert, born February 11, 1903; and Eliza A., born September 9, 1873, who married, on October 28, 1896, Dr. E. K. Lockwood, formerly of Virden, and died December 15, 1902.

The late Mr. Wyckoff was a man of excellent business capacity and was possessed of large means at the time of his death. His widow inherited 1,000 acres of land and also some valuable city property. Both she and her mother have many pleasant social connections in Virden and enjoy the esteem of all who know them.

JOHN S. SCHMIDT.

JOHN S. SCHMIDT, a well known and highly respected citizen of Staunton, Illinois, was born September 10, 1850, in Hanover, Germany, and is a son of Christopher and Dora (Maschendorf) Schmidt, both of whom were natives of Germany.

Christopher Schmidt was engaged as a sheep herder on a large estate in Hanover, and died in Germany, aged 65 years. He was the father of six children, three of whom died young, and the others were: Henry, who died in Hanover, Germany, January 15, 1904; Alar, a resident of Ohio, who came to America in 1869; and John S., of this sketch.

John S. Schmidt came alone to America in 1867. He had attended the schools of his native neighborhood until he was 13 years of age, and

then began herding sheep, which was his father's occupation. This work did not bring large enough returns to satisfy the ambitious youth, and after four years he succeeded in securing passage from Bremen to New York, and from the latter city proceeded immediately to Staunton. This city has been his home ever since, where Mr. Schmidt has accumulated a competency, has become prominent in public life, serving as alderman, and has surrounded himself with many warm friends. Until 1871 he worked by the year at farm work and then began work in the coal mines. This at first had such a bad effect on his health, that he engaged in teaming, an occupation he followed for seven years, and then returned to mining and is now connected with what is known as No. 6, which is owned by The Consolidated Company.

In 1874 Mr. Schmidt was united in marriage with Wilhelmina Heine-meyer, who was born May 30, 1853, in Braunschweig, and came to America in March, 1872. Mr. Schmidt has been a Republican ever since he was naturalized. From boyhood, he has been a member of the German Lutheran Church.

PHILIP W. MAXEINER.

PHILIP W. MAXEINER, who has been postmaster of Dorchester, Macoupin County, since 1898, was born January 7, 1852, in Germany, and is a son of John P. and Katherine (Kopf) Maxeiner.

John P. Maxeiner, who was also a native of Germany, immigrated to America in 1852, locating at Brighton, Macoupin County, Illinois, where he followed the shoemaker's trade. Other members of the family also located in Illinois, one of these being his cousin, a tailor, who took pride in the fact that to him was entrusted the task of making the first military suit ever worn in service by the late Gen. U. S. Grant. The father of our subject died at Brighton in 1875, aged 63 years. He married Katherine Kopf, who was born in 1808 at Singhoffen, Prussia, and three of their children died in Germany, those who came to America being: Mrs. Mary Tonsor, deceased; Mrs. Katherine Wonderley, of Brighton, Macoupin County; Mrs. Lizzie Cramer, of Fidelity, Illinois; Mrs. Philippine Brummer, of Brighton, Macoupin County; Henry; and Philip W., of this sketch.

Mr. Maxeiner was but an infant when his parents located in Brighton, after some time spent in New Orleans and Alton, Illinois, and he has been a resident of this county ever since 1855. Since the age of 15 years Mr. Maxeiner has worked at wagon-making and is considered an excellent mechanic. In 1880 he moved to Dorchester and ever since he has been a prominent factor in Republican politics in the township. Since his appointment as postmaster, he has most satisfactorily performed the duties of the office and is held in much esteem by the citizens of the village.

In 1875 Mr. Maxeiner married Katherine Bohn, who was born in Macoupin County, and is a daughter of John and Katherine Bohn natives of Germany. The four children born to this marriage are: Minnie, living at home, who is assistant postmaster; William P., attached to the St. Louis Post Office, having passed the civil service examination; Charles A., second assistant postmaster, who conducts the store at Dorchester; and Annie, who lives at home. Mr. Maxeiner is a member of the Evangelical Church, as was his father. Fraternally he is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America.

JOHN H. BOYER, M. D.

JOHN H. BOYER, M. D., a prominent medical practitioner of Macoupin County, whose professional skill has made him widely known, is one of the most highly considered citizens of Virden. He was born in 1850 in Germany, and is a son of Michael Boyer.

The father of Dr. Boyer was born in Prussia, Germany, and by trade was a shoemaker. Prior to coming to America, he resided with his family for three years in Paris, France, coming then to Illinois by way of New Orleans. He opened a shoe store at Virden, which he conducted until within a few years of his death, in 1892.

Dr. Boyer was educated first in the public schools at Virden and began reading medicine at the age of 17 years, and is a graduate of the Homeopathic Institute at St. Louis, Missouri, where he received his medical degree in 1876, since which year he has been established at Virden, with the exception of four years spent with Dr. King at the Passavant Memorial Hospital, at

Jacksonville, Illinois. His practice covers a wide extent of country, his calls coming frequently from adjoining counties. His laboratory is well supplied with the preparations used in his medical school, and his commodious offices are equipped with all appliances needful in his practice, and with one of the finest medical libraries in this section of the State. He is a man of much scholarship, and converses fluently in three languages.

On May 12, 1892, Dr. Boyer was married to Margaret M. Meacham, a most estimable lady and a valued member of the Methodist Church of Virden. Dr. Boyer was reared in the Baptist Church, but his tolerance and his liberality extend to all religious bodies.

Fraternally he belongs to both Masonic and Odd Fellow organizations. He has had much to do with the development of Virden along educational lines and is valued both as citizen and physician. In politics a Democrat, the Doctor has been central committeeman of Virden township for the past 17 years and has been president of the Board of Education for the past five terms.

The Doctor has a thoroughly musical education and is known throughout the State for his beautiful tenor voice. He helped to organize the first band in Virden and continued a member for 20 years.



CYRUS TOLMAN HAYWARD

CYRUS TOLMAN HAYWARD, one of the most highly respected retired farmers of Chesterfield township, Macoupin County, as well as one of its most venerable citizens, is a native of New England, born at Easton, Bristol County, Massachusetts, in 1819. He is a son of Ansel and Lucinda (Tolman) Hayward.

The father of our esteemed subject, also a native of Massachusetts, served as a soldier in the War of 1812. He married Lucinda Tolman, of his own locality, who was a daughter of James Tolman and a sister of Judge Tolman, later of Whitehall, Greene County, Illinois.

Although Mr. Hayward has passed his 84th birthday and has been a

witness of the greatest development the world has ever known, he is still the possessor of a vigor and measure of endurance which may well be envied by many who have not half his weight of years. The enjoyment of a walk of 10 miles on his 83rd birthday was considered remarkable, but when it was easily accomplished on his 84th birthday, his neighbors began to question what early training gave him the capacity for such an athletic feat. As a pedestrain, however, he has always been notable and it is recalled of him that upon one occasion, during a year spent at Beverly, Ohio, when about 18 years of age, he walked to Zanesville, ordered his lumber and returned to Beverly the following day, covering in all a distance of 90 miles on foot. In 1839 Mr. Hayward accompanied his brother Ansel to Illinois, and spent about a year working as a cabinet-maker at Carrollton, Greene County. He then settled in Chesterfield township, Macoupin County, with his father and mother, and located on his present farm in section 20, which then consisted of 40 acres, where his father died at the age of 65 years. Mr. Hayward also had a quarter section of land west of Carlinville, which he sold at a later date. To his original 40-acre homestead he added an 80-acre adjoining tract. When he retired from activity, his son, Herbert M. Hayward, purchased the farm. Mr. Hayward still resides here, surrounded by every comfort and solicitously cared for by his children and grandchildren by whom he is much beloved.

Mr. Hayward's first wife, Elizabeth Maria Olmstead, who died July 8, 1856, was the mother of eight children, four of whom still survive. On September 21, 1859, Mr. Hayward was married to Mary Ann Perry (daughter of James Pery), who died August 22, 1898, leaving four children, namely: Lillian O., Mrs. Mary E. Simpson, Herbert M. and Horace. Herbert M. Hayward, who was born January 25, 1868, was married August 3, 1892, to E. Emma Hall, who is a daughter of David T. and Elizabeth B. H. (Payne) Hall. Mr. Hall was a farmer and brick mason of Chesterfield township, Macoupin County, and Mrs. Hayward is the seventh member of a family of 10 children. The one child of this marriage, Stanley Hall Hayward, was born July 6, 1893. Horace Hayward, the youngest son of our subject, is now traveling in California, representing a Chicago book concern.

Mr. Hayward has always taken an interest in local enterprises and has done his part in the development of his section of the county. He has always been a stanch Republican and keeps himself posted on public movements. Although he has outlived the greater number of his old neighbors, he has

many friends among the younger generation and his reminiscences of early days are accorded marked attention. The experiences of 84 years are well worth heeding, and the lessons they teach are of the utmost importance.



WILLIAM PATRICK.

WILLIAM PATRICK, one of the highly esteemed retired residents of Staunton, Macoupin County, was born April 28, 1831, in Ayrshire, Scotland, and was nine years of age when he accompanied his parents, John and Margaret (Stirritt) Patrick, to America.

John Patrick was born September 25, 1788, in Ayrshire, Scotland, and died near Bunker Hill, Illinois, October 13, 1867. In his own land, he was an expert silk weaver, but, with a family of 13 children, he found it necessary to make a change in order to provide for their necessities. Hence, in 1841, with his family and household possessions, among which was a sword which had done good work in the hands of an ancestor in the early wars, he sailed from Liverpool, and by slow traveling at length reached Bunker Hill, Illinois, which was then a hamlet of 10 houses and one general store. Here he bought 120 acres of land and spent the remainder of his life. His wife Margaret was the only daughter of James Stirritt, and was born September 16, 1792, in Dalry, Scotland, and died January 18, 1874, aged 83 years. The eight members of their family who reached maturity were: James, who died at Alton, Illinois; John, who died at Bunker Hill, Macoupin County; Mrs. Ann Templeton, who died at Bunker Hill, Macoupin County; Mrs. Margaret Muir, who died near St. Louis, Missouri; Mrs. Janet Galloway, who died at Bunker Hill, Macoupin County; William, who is the subject of this sketch; Mrs. Mary Dickie, who is the mother of Postmaster Dickie, of Bunker Hill, Macoupin County; and Robert E., of Omaha, Nebraska. The family was reared in the Presbyterian Church.

Although 63 years have passed since Mr. Patrick left his native land, during which period he has lived an active and at times an adventurous life, he distinctly recalls the family embarkation at Liverpool, the long voyage of

39 days before landing at New York and the continued trip across the country to Pittsburg, from which point an Ohio River boat transferred the travelers to one on the great Mississippi, and at length Alton, Illinois, was reached. Including the wait of two weeks at Pittsburg, the trip from the coast had taken over a month which can now be accomplished in less than 24 hours. Mr. Patrick's boyish interest was excited by the way the hinged smokstacks on the locomotives were worked as the noisy little engines passed under bridges. One winter was passed by the family at Alton, but in 1842 they permanently located at Bunker Hill, Macoupin County, and our subject remained with his father until he was 18 years of age. In 1850 he started with an ox team to cross the plains to California, accompanied by his broth-in-law, Andrew Muir. After many adventures and dangers from the Indians, they reached the gold regions and Mr. Patrick spent seven years there, accumulating a capital which gave him a good start in life. He earned it by hard work, working in deep canons, where he saw the sun neither rise nor set, enjoying its light for but a few hours a day. He returned to Bunker Hill, but a year later crossed the plains again with a mule team, in 1859.

Mr. Patrick has the honor of being one of the discoverers of gold at Central City, and was a companion of Green Russell, of Georgia, who named Russell's Gulch, a rich mining locality. Mr. Patrick discovered the noted Mammoth Lode, and in the fall he returned to Bunker Hill. In the following spring, equipped with tools and mining machinery, including a quartz mill, he made a third trip and worked in this lode until late in the fall and again returned. This was Mr. Patrick's last trip to the far West. When the last call was made for troops for the Civil War, Mr. Patrick enlisted in Company G, 20th Reg., Illinois Vol. Inf., and served until the close of the war, taking part in the battles of Nashville, Tennessee, and of Wise's Forks, North Carolina, and was mustered out at Louisville, Kentucky, in July, 1865. Mr. Patrick draws a pension, and is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic.

After remaining one more year at Bunker Hill, he went to Montgomery County, Illinois, where he improved a farm and continued to operate it for 12 years, removing then to Staunton, where he has resided ever since. Mr. Patrick opened up a stone quarry, but this venture was not successful, and brought upon him a loss of some \$2,000. He built his present pretentious home for a hotel and operated it for 10 years as the Patrick Hotel, and since then has occupied it as a private residence. For seven years he was engineer

for the Consolidated Coal Company. For some years he has lived retired from business responsibilities.

Mr. Patrick was married March 14, 1860, to Althea Aeolian Wood, who was born near Bunker Hill, Illinois, March 14, 1837, and is one of a family of eight children born to Samuel and Keziah (Daugherty) Wood, natives of Kentucky. The children of this marriage were: William H., who is a banker at Clarendon, Texas; Jeannet, who is the wife of Charles R. Wall, a banker of Staunton, Macoupin County; Elgin, who is a resident of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Rosalie, the widow of Charles D. Mitchell, who resides with our subject, with her two children—Leland and Margaret; George Bley, a resident of Decatur, Illinois, who is a conductor on the Wabash Railroad, and has two children—Hazel and George; and Bernean, who lives at home. One son, Bernard, died aged one year.

Mr. Patrick has always supported the Republican party, but has not sought political honors, although his friends have upon several occasions elected him alderman. He was reared in the Presbyterian Church. Fraternally he is a Royal Arch Mason, and is an honorary member of the Woodmen.



REV. LUKE DILLIARD.

An old age which commands honor, obedience, admiration and affection is what is vouchsafed to one of the venerable residents and valued citizens of Macoupin County, whose home is located in section 31, Gillespie township. Mr. Dilliard was born January 3, 1823, in North Carolina, and is a son of Mark Dilliard.

The Dilliard family is one of great age and repute in the Old North State, and there Mark Dilliard was born March 20, 1776. He learned the trade of cooper, married in his native State, and then removed to middle Tennessee. He died on his farm there November 26, 1826, aged 56 years. In 1830, his widow removed with her family to Logan County, and a year later to Todd County, Kentucky, but subsequently returned to Robinson County, Tennessee. In 1836 a change was again made to Logan County,

But in 1838 the decision was made to proceed north and secure one of the fertile tracts awaiting owners in Illinois. In real pioneer fashion the journey was made and a farm was selected in Brusly Mound township, Macoupin County.

Our subject is the only survivor of his parents' family of five children. They lived until 1844 on a rented tract of land, and then our subject purchased 40 acres, which was the nucleus of a farm which finally expanded into 500 acres. The most of this land Mr. Dilliard developed himself, under the hard conditions of pioneer existence. He was a youth with longings for an education, but meager opportunities were afforded him and, although a man of scholarly attainments at present, he is entirely self-educated. His youth and manhood were spent in strenuous toil, while the remoteness of educational facilities prevented his taking advantage of the few months in the year when farm work presses least. As young manhood advanced he began to teach school and it is related of him, as showing his persistence and perseverance, that during one winter, after his ordination, he taught school every week day, taught singing school at night and ably filled his pulpit on Sunday. He taught school for 30 years in Gillespie and neighboring townships and became an educator of reputation.

On the fourth Sunday in October, 1840, Luke Dilliard united with the Baptist Church and three years later he was licensed to preach, and from the date of his ordination until three years ago, since which time bodily infirmities have afflicted him, he was a faithful worker in the Master's vineyard. He has materially assisted in the organization of 20 churches and has lent his influence at all times to movements of a moral or educational character. His children have been reared surrounded with the best of literature, and he has given collegiate advantages to them all, and in turn they reflect the greatest credit upon their wise, careful and tender father.

On December 31, 1845, Rev. Mr. Dilliard was married at St. Louis, Missouri, to Nancy Adams, who was born at Cumberland Gap, Tennessee, April 14, 1829, and is a daughter of Giles M. and Elizabeth (Miller) Adams, natives of North and South Carolina, respectively. During the childhood of Mrs. Dilliard's parents, their respective families moved to Tennessee and there they married. Mrs. Dilliard was two months old when her parents came to Illinois and settled in what was then the wilderness of Madison County. In 1831 her father removed to Gillespie township, Macoupin County, securing

virgin land from the government. Their last days were passed with a son in Montgomery County. Mrs. Dilliard was the eldest daughter and second child in their family of five.

Rev. Mr. Dilliard and wife have had eight children born to them, namely: Mathew; Giles; Almeda, who died in infancy; James J.; Lorenzo; William C., who died unmarried, August 5, 1883, aged 26 years; Edmund; and Mary J. Mathew Dilliard, who died July 4, 1897, at the age of 51 years, was survived by his widow, formerly Lucy T. Boyce, and four sons, namely: William W., who married Mary Morrison and has two children—Lois E. and Jessie B.; Robert E., who married Jessie E. Morrison of Gillespie township, Macoupin County, and has two children—Morrison H. and Muriel P.; Charles T., of Gillespie, Macoupin County, who married Jennie Watson and has one child—Gerald W.; and Lawson E., of Dorchester, Macoupin County, who married Zoda E. Huestis and has one child—Carrie M. Giles Dilliard, who is a resident of Carlinville, Macoupin County, married Martha J. McBride and has three children—Mary A., Emma E. and Oscar W. James J. Dilliard, who resides at Collinsville, Illinois, married Mary Look and has two children—Mattie K. and David. Lorenzo Dilliard, who lives at home, was educated at the Jacksonville School for the Blind, is a talented musician and has been a teacher. Edmund Dilliard, who is a practicing physician and surgeon at Denver, Colorado, married Katherine S. Doe and has five children—Edmund L., Abigail, Elizabeth M., William K. and Catherine. The youngest member of the family, Mary J. Dilliard, married William A. Mattox, of St. Louis, Missouri, and has one son—William A.

On account of the infirmities of age, Mr. Dilliard has not been engaged in any active work for some years, and has retained but 110 acres of his former large extent of land. With his estimable wife, he enjoyed the celebration of his golden wedding anniversary, on December 31, 1895. For many years he has been a Master Mason, connected with the Bunker Hill lodge, No. 151, A. F. & A. M.

CHARLES C. TERRY.

CHARLES C. TERRY, the junior partner of the law firm of Knotts & Terry, practicing attorneys at Girard, Illinois, is one of the able members of the Macoupin County bar.

He was born October 1, 1865, in the town of Girard where he now practices law. He is a son of Robert N. and Talitha A. (Morrell) Terry, both of whom came from Jersey County, Illinois, to Macoupin County, in the early days. Mr. Terry's parents, and in fact all of his ancestry, have been agriculturists.

Charles C. Terry was educated in the country district school near his father's farm and afterward in the Virden High School. He afterward attended school at the Illinois College at Jacksonville, Illinois, and at the Western Normal College at Bushnell, Illinois. He taught school for a number of years, studied law in the office of Edward C. Knotts (his present partner) in Girard, was admitted to the bar in January, 1893, and has since practiced his profession.

The partnership of Knotts & Terry was formed in the year 1894. Mr. Terry is considered a sound lawyer and though not an orator, a forcible, logical speaker. For the past two years his time has been principally engaged in looking after coal interests for railway and coal companies. The firm of Knotts & Terry has always been rated as one of the best in the county.

In 1894 Mr. Terry was married to Nellie B. Carter, a daughter of Byron L. Carter, who was formerly a merchant in Girard. They have two children: Robert B., aged seven years; and Mary Ann, aged four years. Mr. Terry, though of Republican ancestry, affiliates with the Democratic party. Fraternally he belongs to the Knights of Pythias and the Elks. He is not a member of any church and his religious views are very liberal. His wife is a Methodist.



JOSEPH S. VOLLENTINE.

JOSEPH S. VOLLENTINE, a prominent business man of Staunton, Illinois, senior member of the livery firm of Vollentine & Grove, was born August 13, 1855, in Bond County, Illinois, and is a son of Benjamin J. and Margaret A. (Evans) Vollentine.

William Vollentine, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Tennessee, probably of Irish parentage, came to Illinois in pioneer days, and here acquired much property, leaving 1,000 acres at his death, his possessions

being so large that it required three days to complete the administrator's sale of his effects. He was a veteran of the Mexican War, and was a Democrat in politics. He was married three times and had 22 children.

Benjamin J. Vollentine was a son of William Vollentine's second marriage, and was born in Bond County, Illinois, and died at New Douglas, Madison County, Illinois, aged 40 years. He administered his father's estate and engaged in farming. He was a man of high character and was held in much respect by all who knew him. Had he not been rejected by the examiners, he would have served in the Civil War, and was always a staunch Republican. For years he was a leading member of the Methodist Church.

Our subject was reared on his father's farm and was 14 years old when his parents moved to the Village of New Douglas, in order to give him school facilities, and they were living there when his father died. At about the age of 22 years he went to farming and then carried the mail between Staunton and New Douglas for two years. Later he accepted the agency at New Douglas for the National and American express companies, a position he filled for nine years. A trip to Wichita, Kansas, resulted in his remaining there two years, engaged in teaming, and he also conducted a feed store for six months in Kansas City, Missouri. Upon his return to New Douglas, he was again engaged as express agent for eight years, and then went to Mulberry Grove, Bond County, where he carried on a livery business for a year. On November 8, 1900, he removed to Staunton and bought the Carroll livery business which he conducted two and a half years before selling it. For four months he was then engaged on the road in the interest of the Consolidated Coal Company, buying timber in Missouri, after which he returned to Staunton, and in association with Joseph Grove purchased the livery business of Cox & Schaffer, the firm style being Vollentine & Grove. They are the operators and owners of one of the best and most complete livery concerns in Macoupin County and the only one located at Staunton.

On October 4, 1877, Mr. Vollentine was married to Amelia Taylor, who was born in Marion County, Illinois, November 1, 1858, and is a daughter of George and Martha (Smith) Taylor. They have had three children: Benjamin R. Sore, who died at the age of six years; and Willard. Benjamin Vollentine, who is a printer, was married June 29, 1902, to Charlotte Easley, daughter of Dr. J. T. Easley, of Sterling, Colorado, but now a resident of

Carlsbad, California. Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Vollentine have one child, Lelah Louise, born April 30, 1903.

In politics Mr. Vollentine is a Republican and is a school trustee. During his residence at New Douglas, he was a city alderman and a citizen of prominence. Like his father, he has been active in Masonry, and belongs also to the Woodmen and to the Knights of Pythias. With his family he is a member of the Methodist Church.



MRS. MARY JANE GODFREY.

One of the very highly regarded residents of Stanton is the lady whose name opens this sketch. She has always lived in Macoupin County, where she was born July 18, 1838, and is a daughter of a pioneer settler, Daniel B. Sawyer.

Mr. Sawyer was born in Tyrrell County, North Carolina, September 24, 1813, and came to Macoupin County, Illinois, when 18 years of age. He entered a large tract of government land in Dorchester township, where he passed the remainder of his life, engaged in agricultural pursuits, dying in 1881. He was a man who was regarded with much respect, a quiet, law abiding citizen, and while not a member of the Baptist Church, he was a regular attendant of it. He married Minervia Scroggins, who was born September 30, 1816, in Middle Tennessee, near the Alabama line, and died in Macoupin County, in 1882. They had 11 children, namely: John, now deceased, who was a Baptist minister, a graduate of Shurtleff College at Alton and of a New York theological seminary; Mary Jane, widow of Frank Godfrey; Harrison, a graduate of Shurtleff College and at one time a minister, who is farming in Oklahoma; Mrs. Harriet E. Sinclair, Sarah E., Susan M., William T., Franklin P., Daniel E. and Addinson, all deceased; and Dempsey B., who lives on the old homestead in Dorchester township.

Mrs. Godfrey was reared to useful young womanhood in Macoupin County, and attended the district schools. She married Frank Godfrey who was born in Tyrrell County, North Carolina, January 14, 1834, and was 13

years of age when he accompanied his mother and sister to Macoupin County. He was a son of Joseph and Dinah (Sawyer) Godfrey. Mr. Godfrey was engaged in agricultural pursuits until 1871, when he removed to Staunton, where he erected a large three-story brick residence and engaged in hotel keeping, conducting a first class hostelry, known as the Godfrey Hotel, until his death which took place August 28, 1880. Mrs. Godfrey continued to operate a hotel until 1893, when it was destroyed by fire.

Mr. Godfrey was prominent in politics and was a staunch supporter of the Democratic party. He held a number of local offices, and served as deputy sheriff for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey had three children, all of whom survive: Cornelius, a banker in Staunton, who has been president of the Board of Education, with the exception of two years, ever since it was organized, about 15 years ago; E. E., the leading hardware merchant of Staunton; and May, who is the wife of W. R. George, a prominent business man of Staunton. For years the family has been one of prominence in the city and closely identified with its business enterprises.



JOHN F. PHELPS.

JOHN F. PHELPS, who conducts a first class clothing and gents' furnishing store at Chesterfield, Macoupin County, was born in Lincoln County, Kentucky, May 1, 1868, and is a son of Jeremiah M. and Sarah (Carter) Phelps.

Jeremiah Phelps was born and reared in Tennessee, and removed to Kentucky in 1866, where he engaged in farming. In the fall of 1871 he came to Illinois and located in Western Mound township, Macoupin County, but now, with his wife, resides in Chesterfield township. She is a daughter of Elijah Carter, a farmer of Lincoln County, Kentucky. They reared a family of eight children, our subject being the second member.

John F. Phelps was educated in Chesterfield township and at the Springfield Business College. Upon his return home, he engaged for a short period



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in farming and then accepted a position as clerk in a general store in Chesterfield. On September 1, 1894, he established his present business in Chesterfield. He carries a large and complete stock of clothing, gents' furnishing goods, boots, shoes, hats and caps, offering to his customers a fine line to choose from and one that is up-to-date in every particular.

In May, 1894, Mr. Phelps was married to Mary Linfoot, who is a daughter of Henry and Mary Linfoot. She died September 22, 1895. Mr. Phelps married September 7, 1898, Bertha Collins, who is a daughter of L. C. and Emma Collins, the former of whom is a retired general merchant. Two children have been born to this union: John Franklin, born June 29, 1899; and Lucile Collins, born August 28, 1891, deceased November 17, 1903.

Fraternally Mr. Phelps is a Mason and a Knight of Pythias. In politics he is identified with the Republican party. He is one of the energetic and progressive business men of his locality and is held in the highest esteem.



WILLIAM L. TRAVERS.

Among the many prominent and influential business men of Macoupin County, nowhere do we find a man possessed of better business instincts than he whose name heads this narrative. Mr. Travers, whose portrait accompanies this sketch, conducts a general merchandise store and is also postmaster of the village of Shipman. He was born in Macoupin County south of Shipman, July 7, 1858, and is a son of William and Mary A. (Loveland) Travers.

William Travers was a native of Somersetshire, England, and came to America when 18 years of age in company with his parents. He located at Shipman, where he purchased property; at his death he owned a 50-acre tract within the corporation lines of the village, besides a number of town lots in the village, including three lots on which were buildings in the business portion of the town. Mr. Travers was married to Mary A. Loveland, the estimable daughter of Leonard Loveland, a native of Massachusetts. The Loveland family were pioneer settlers of Shipman township, Macoupin County, having come to this region when one could drive for miles across

the prairie without seeing a house. In 1858 Mr. Loveland went to Pike's Peak during the gold excitement. After his return to Macoupin County he organized a company of citizens and started to return to Pike's Peak, but died while on the trip.

William L. Travers received his education in the district schools of Shipman, and entered upon the cares of a business man in 1890, when he engaged in the general merchandise business, which he still continues with the best results. Mr. Travers is a member of the Republican party, and was appointed postmaster of Shipman on January 12, 1898, which position he still holds, having filled it with remarkable efficiency. In fraternal circles he is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America.

In 1880 Mr. Travers was married to Mary J. Utt, a daughter of Jackson Utt, of Jersey County, Illinois, who came to this State from Pennsylvania. They are the parents of two children, namely: Harry Everard, born February 13, 1881, and Walter Elsworth, born June 26, 1887.



FRANK L. TUCKER, D. D. S.

FRANK L. TUCKER, D. D. S., who has been established in Virden, Macoupin County, since July, 1903, and has already become known for his professional skill, was born at Sycamore, Illinois. He is one of a family of four children born to his parents, John and Mary (Burton) Tucker.

The father of Dr. Tucker was one of the old and trusted engineers of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway and continued in the service as a passenger engineer until the age of 74 years. His death took place in 1900. On the maternal side, Dr. Tucker is of English extraction.

After completing the common school course, Dr. Tucker became a student of dentistry with Dr. Westlake, of Virden and was there prepared for entrance to the Marion Sims College, at St. Louis, Missouri, where he was graduated April 9, 1898. He settled for a short time at Rood-House, Illinois, and then went to Chicago, where he remained three and a half years, during one year of this time having charge, under Dr. J. S. Keefe, of the Chicago

Post-Graduate Dental College, a position of responsibility and of great professional advantage.

On November 14, 1895, Dr. Tucker was united in marriage with Sarah B. Cowen, who is a daughter of Capt. Llewellyn Cowen, and a member of one of the leading families of Virden and Macoupin County. They have one daughter, Lelia L., who was born January 4, 1897.

Fraternally Dr. Tucker is an Odd Fellow and a Knight of Pythias, being connected with Lodge No. 817, I. O. O. F., of Chicago, and Pyramid Lodge, No. 288, K. of P., of Virden. Politically he is a Republican and takes an active and intelligent interest in public affairs. He is very pleasantly located in Virden, and he adopts in his practice the most modern methods and uses all the latest appliances. Like other skilled practitioners, Dr. Tucker understands much of medicine, and is careful and judicious in the administration of drugs. He has a fine field of effort before him in Virden, and has every qualification to assure him continued success.



WILLIAM F. HACKMAN.

Few names are better known in Staunton, Macoupin County, than that of Hackman, the family having been a prominent one in business and politics in this locality for many years. William F. Hackman, of this family, was born in Staunton October 26, 1871, and is a son of Henry and Dorathea (Kruse) Hackman, extended mention of whom will be found in the sketch of Mayor Hackman, our subject's brother, in this work.

From the public schools, William F. entered his father's business house, and speedily mastered every trade represented by the goods handled. He learned cabinet-making, carpentering, cutting stone for monumental work, carpet laying, and undertaking; nothing was too large or small and no detail escaped his attention. Later, with his brother, he bought the business and the firm style became Hackman & Sons, although the father had no longer any financial interest. After eight years, our subject sold his half of the business to his brother and accepted the appointment of postmaster, made by the late

President McKinley. After four years he resigned, on account of the confining nature of the office, and for six months managed the Hotel Quade for his mother-in-law. For one year he operated a department store, traveled considerably over the Western country and then entered into an extensive real estate business, in which he is still engaged. He bought 40 acres of land in the city limits, which he platted and sold; built and sold the White Mountain Block and many of the fine residence properties throughout the city. He is an expert on real estate values and handles much of the most desirable property in his section, including coal lands and mining properties.

Mr. Hackman was married October 4, 1894, to Lena A. Quade, who was born at Staunton, Macoupin County, August 1, 1873, and is a daughter of William and Mary (Vogelsang) Quade, natives of Westphalia, Prussia. Two children have been born to them—Hobart and Waldo.

Mr. Hackman is an active and influential member of the Republican party, has been central committeeman for eight years and has many times been a delegate to the Republican county conventions. Fraternaly, he is associated with the Modern Woodmen of America, the United Mine Workers of America and the Knights of Pythias of Staunton. He is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.



JAMES D. METCALF, JR.

JAMES D. METCALF, JR., one of the leading business citizens of Shipman, cashier of the Shipman Banking Company, was born in Girard, Macoupin County, Illinois, in 1871, and is a son of James D. and Brunette (Mason) Metcalf.

The Metcalf family is one of prominence in Macoupin County and is of Kentucky origin. The father of our subject was a teacher, later a druggist, and still later was engaged in banking at Girard, where he died March 22, 1887, in his 52nd year. The mother of our subject was a daughter of Dr. Mason, of Greene County, Illinois, who resided upon his homestead, located between Carrollton and Greenfield, until his death. Mrs. Metcalf died in 1883, aged 49 years.

James D. Metcalf, Jr., was very thoroughly educated, his father's

large means giving him exceptional advantages. He was most creditably graduated at the University of Illinois at Champaign in 1893, and subsequently spent a year in enjoyable travel through Arizona and California. Upon his return to Girard, he entered the bank of that place as bookkeeper, remaining there in that capacity until May 15, 1895, when he removed to Shipman and established the Shipman Banking Company, of which he is the cashier. The other officers are S. P. Sanners, president, and Adam Deahl, vice-president. The Shipman Banking Company was established to transact a general banking business, to buy and sell exchange on all the principal cities in the United States, and it has a paid-up capital of \$15,000 with a surplus of \$3,000. Not being incorporated, the stockholders are individually liable for deposits, a conservative estimate of these being \$300,000. The co-partners in the business are: Joseph Dodson, Adam Deahl, S. P. Sanners, F. S. Shultz, J. M. Metcalf, James D. Metcalf, M. Shultz, F. M. Dodson and H. C. Hamilton. The business is in a very flourishing condition and it ranks with any financial institution of its kind in this section of the State.

In 1898 Mr. Metcalf was married to Eugenia Wolf, who is a daughter of P. L. and Dora Wolf, of Girard, Macoupin County. One little daughter, Eugenia, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Metcalf in 1901. Fraternally Mr. Metcalf is a Mason and he also retains his membership with his college Greek letter society. Politically he is a Republican.



GEORGE H. WESTLAKE, D. D. S.

GEORGE H. WESTLAKE, D. D. S., who served the city of Virden as mayor for five consecutive years, and is one of the leading dentists of Macoupin County, was born in New York City, September 19, 1856, and is one of a family of six children born to Dr. Albert and Cornelia (Carter) Westlake.

Dr. Albert Westlake is a prominent dental surgeon of New York, his dental offices, at No. 500 Fifth avenue, corner of 42nd street, being the largest and his equipment the most complete of any practitioner in that metropolis. He was instructed in dentistry by an old Quaker practitioner in

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and then, according to the custom of the time, traveled in the practice of his profession for some years. In 1839 he became established in New York City and as a dental surgeon has made a great reputation.

Dr. Westlake, of Virden, was educated in New York City and was encouraged by his father to enter upon the practice of dentistry and was instructed by the latter until he was prepared to enter the New York College of Dentistry, where he was graduated. After a short term of practice at Elizabethtown, New Jersey, in 1879, Dr. Westlake removed to Virden, Macoupin County, and in November of the same year was united in marriage with Virginia Squires, a daughter of John and Betsy Squires, who were the 10th family to locate in Virden. Dr. and Mrs. Westlake have adopted a son.

There is no question as to Dr. Westlake's position as a member of the dental profession in Macoupin County. He possesses professional skill of a high order and has fitted up at Virden offices which compare favorably with those in much larger places. Here every kind of dental work is done and here may be found every appliance for the work necessarily pertaining to dental surgery. Dr. Westlake's equipments include the modern inventions which no more make a visit to a dentist one of dread. He has been particularly successful in the management and treatment of the dental troubles of children.

Ever since locating at Virden, Dr. Westlake has taken a public spirited interest in the place, and has been honored on many occasions with marks of public approval. He served one term as supervisor of Virden township and ably filled the office of mayor during 1899, 1900, 1901, 1902 and 1903—rather a remarkable record.

Fraternally Dr. Westlake is a Mason and Knight Templar. The family belong to the Presbyterian Church.

CHARLES F. HACKMAN.

CHARLES F. HACKMAN, mayor of Staunton, Macoupin County, and a prominent citizen of both city and county, was born at Staunton, October 13, 1864. He is a son of Henry and Dorathea (Kruse) Hackman.

The Hackman family originated in Prussia, Germany. There the grandfather of the Hackmans of Illinois, Stephen Hackman, was born in 1797, followed an agricultural life, and died aged 84 years. He married Elizabeth Meyer, who was born in 1808, and died in 1866 in her native land. The children of Stephen and Elizabeth Hackman were: Elizabeth, who still resides in the old country, aged 80 years; Katherine, who came to America, married Henry Witte, and died in St. Louis, Missouri; Mrs. Margaret Hadderfield, who died in Germany; Henry, father of Charles F.; Fritz, a retired farmer in Germany; and two who died young.

Henry Hackman was born April 8, 1836, and came to America when 18 years of age, sailing from Bremen for New Orleans in the vessel "Autin," and reaching port after a voyage of seven weeks. He worked for two years in St. Louis, Missouri, as an employee of the Eiler Furniture Company, and then, in 1858, removed to Staunton, where he has resided ever since. For 25 years he worked here at cabinet-making and then founded the business which is owned at present by his son, Charles F. This is one of the old and firmly established houses and was conducted at first under the firm style of H Hackman, then of Hackman & Sons, and now of Charles F. Hackman. Mr. Hackman has been one of the useful citizens of Staunton. He is a typical representative of the well educated German-American citizen, retaining all the characteristics which make his countrymen valued in every land, and supporting with vigor and honesty the laws under which he lives, assisting in their making and taking pride in the well being of the community in which he has lived so many years. He has served in the city council and has been a member of the school board. For a long period Mr. Hackman has been a leading member of the Evangelical Church, in which he is a deacon. Since the Civil War, he has been identified in politics with the Republican party.

In 1859 Henry Hackman married Dorathea Kruse, who was born in 1839 in Holstein, Germany. Mrs. Hackman came to America in the fall of 1856, accompanying her brothers and sisters. Three children, all of whom are residents of Staunton, were born to this union, namely: Charles F., William F., and Mrs. Emma Ott.

Charles F. Hackman passed a boyhood identical with that of many other youths of his age, attending school and finding amusement in youthful sports and pastimes, reaching the age of 16 years probably with more quickened mental faculties than if his rearing had been on the farm. He then

entered his father's store in the capacity of clerk and remained as such, learning every detail of the business, until he was 28 years old, after which, in association with his brother, William F. Hackman, he operated the business for 10 years, then admitted Max Ott, his brother-in-law, to partnership, finally in September, 1903, becoming sole owner. Mr. Hackman deals in furniture, pianos and organs, sewing machines, and marble and granite tombstones, also has a large undertaking business; while the house is recognized as one of the oldest, it has also a settled reputation of being one of the most reliable in the southeastern section of the county. Mr. Hackman does much of his own designing for the ornamentation used in his stone cutting, in the decoration of tombstones. He is a skilled draughtsman and, although not educated in this line, does architectural draughting with so much accuracy that his designs for two water-ways for the city reservoir were accepted, and also for the city bridge, which crosses the "branch" and was the first concrete bridge in the vicinity. He also drew the plans for the business block which he occupies, and for two of the most attractive residences in Staunton. Had circumstances not made Mr. Hackman the head of a large commercial house and placed him in the most honorable municipal position, he might easily have earned reputation with his pencil in some metropolitan center.

In June, 1895, Mr. Hackman married Bertha Utiger, who was born in Madison County, Illinois, and is a daughter of the late Hon. Robert D. and Susan (Leef) Utiger. Two daughters have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Hackman—Doratheia and Hazel.

The father of Mrs. Hackman, Hon. Robert D. Utiger, was for years one of the most prominent men and substantial farmers of Madison County, Illinois, owning 200 acres of highly cultivated land, and serving his fellow citizens in many responsible public offices. He was born in Madison County, Illinois, in 1841, was liberally educated and from young manhood took a deep interest in politics. He was a zealous advocate of Democratic principles and was chosen by his party to fill many offices. For five years he was supervisor, for six years justice of the peace, for 12 years was postmaster of Alhambra, and in 1882 was selected as his party's standard-bearer in the House of Representatives, from the 41st Assembly District. His death took place at his home, on February 20, 1890. Three children survive: Louise,

wife of A. Hitz, of Alhambra, Illinois; Bertha, wife of Mayor Hackman; and David, of St. Louis, Missouri.

In political sentiment, Mr. Hackman is a Republican. In April, 1903, he was elected by that party mayor of Staunton, an office he fills with dignity and efficiency. The same attention to details and the careful and thoughtful management, given to his own business with so much success, characterize the attitude of Mayor Hackman in public life. He gives the people a clean, economic, but progressive administration and finds friends and supporters on every hand among those who have the true welfare of the city at heart.



THOMAS H. CHERRY.

THOMAS H. CHERRY, vice-president of the People's Bank, at Girard, Macoupin County, and one of the city's leading citizens, was born July 17, 1854, in Macoupin County, and is one of the family of four children born to the late Thomas C. Cherry and wife. The father of Mr. Cherry was a large land-owner and successful stockman, and was the first mayor of the city of Girard.

Thomas H. Cherry obtained his education in the public schools and spent many years in the growing and shipping of stock, in connection with extensive agricultural operations. On January 1, 1902, Mr. Cherry became associated with the People's Bank, at Girard, succeeding S. Owen Smith, its present president, in the office of vice-president. Mr. Cherry is also a member of the directing board of this institution and one of its most careful and conservative advisers.

On May 17, 1877, Mr. Cherry was married to Florence Adella Post, who is a daughter of one of the prominent farmers of Macoupin County, and they have had five children: Thomas Alfred and Lora D., deceased; and Clarence S., Elizabeth and Adella. The family belong to the Baptist Church at Girard.

Since making his home in Girard, Mr. Cherry has been prominently identified with public affairs and has served the city two terms as a member

of its council. For 20 years he has been a valued member of the Board of Education, and has taken a deep interest in all public spirited movements tending to the advancement of education or morality. Mr. Cherry is a zealous champion of prohibition and has voted the ticket of the Prohibition party for some years. He occupies a prominent position in the city's business, public and social circles and is in every way one of its representative men.

JOHN EDWARD WALTON, M. D.

JOHN EDWARD WALTON, M. D., a prominent practicing physician at Medora, Macoupin County, was born December 22, 1867, at Brighton, Macoupin County, Illinois, and is a son of Edward W. and Hester C. (Eberman) Walton.

Edward W. Walton was born in Monroe County, Illinois, and is now a prominent retired farmer residing at Miles Station, Illinois. On August 7, 1861, at the outbreak of the Civil War, Edward W. Walton enlisted in Company A, 130th Reg., Illinois Vol. Inf., and during his long term of service, which terminated August 7, 1865, he was never either captured or wounded, although he participated in 15 engagements and on many other occasions was in great danger. He took part in the siege of Vicksburg, Spanish Fort, Sabine Cross Roads and Cane River and was with the Red River expedition. During two years and six months he served as special hospital steward and during this time was associated with Dr. C. B. Johnson, of Champaign, Illinois, who was recently elected president of the State Board of Health. The mother of Dr. Walton was also born in Monroe County and she became the mother of seven children, our subject being the second son.

Dr. Walton obtained his education in the common and high schools at Brighton and then entered what was formerly the Marion Sims Medical College of St. Louis, Missouri, but is now the medical department of the University of St. Louis, where he was graduated April 10, 1897, after an attendance of three years. He immediately located at Medora, his capital at that time being composed of a horse and buggy, \$50 in cash, an educated mind and trained hand and faculties. The success that has attended him is the best testimonial to his worth.

In 1892 Dr. Walton was married to Mollie B. Simpson, of an old pioneer family, who is a daughter of F. B. and Marietta B. (Parker) Simpson, and one son, Franklin Edward, was born to this marriage, on August 15, 1902.

F. B. Simpson, father of Mrs. Walton, was born January 5, 1827, in Rappahannock County, Virginia, and was a son of Hendley and Elizabeth (Farrow) Simpson, the former of whom was also a native of Virginia, although of Scotch ancestry. In 1834 Hendley Simpson came to Illinois, F. B. being then nine years of age. The family settled on a tract of 217 acres of improved land in Chesterfield township, Macoupin County, which farm came into the possession of F. B. Simpson, who rented it in 1899, and resided with Dr. Walton at Medora until his death, January 25, 1904. F. B. Simpson was educated in the public schools of Virginia and of Chesterfield township and devoted his life to farming. On January 5, 1837, he married Marietta B. Parker, a daughter of Joel and Miriam (Haycraft) Parker, the former of whom was born in Virginia and the latter in Kentucky, to which State the Parkers removed at a later date. In 1834 Joel Parker and wife came to Illinois and took up government land in Shipman township, Macoupin County. This farm Benjamin E. Parker recently sold and retired to Medora. The eight surviving children of F. B. Simpson are: Ann C., wife of Andrew Steed; Harriet C., wife of William J. Bell; Cornelia, wife of John Robbins; S. F., who married Nancy Eggelston; S. Elmer, who married Martha V. Andrews; Julia; E. L., who married Emma Keele; and Mollie B., wife of Dr. Walton. Both Mrs. Walton and her mother belong to the Baptist Church, but Dr. Walton was reared a Methodist. He is a Mason. The whole family is more or less identified with temperance work, and Dr. Walton casts his vote with the Prohibition party.



ELVIN ELLET GODFREY.

ELVIN ELLET GODFREY, senior member of the hardware firm of Godfrey & George, a leading business house of Staunton, was born December 1, 1856, in what is now Dorchester township, Macoupin County, Illinois, and is a son of Franklin and Mary Jane (Sawyer) Godfrey.

Franklin Godfrey was born in North Carolina, where he lived until he was 13 years of age. His father died when he was young, and the lad decided to come to Illinois with his mother, his determination not being changed by the fact that it would necessarily entail walking the whole distance. His subsequent life displayed the same strength of character, and he became not only a successful farmer, but also a man of prominence in the political affairs of Macoupin County. In politics he was a Democrat, and, although a man of little book education, was of such sound judgment and upright character, that he was repeatedly elected to public office and served for a considerable time as deputy sheriff. He gave his children the educational opportunities that his youth had lacked, and was a strong advocate of the public schools. His death took place at Staunton in 1880. He married Mary Jane Sawyer, who was born in Dorchester township, Macoupin County, Illinois, and is now a resident of Staunton. She is a daughter of Daniel B. and Minerva Sawyer, the former of whom was born in North Carolina and the latter in Tennessee, and came to this county in 1818. Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey reared three children, viz. Cornelius, of Staunton, Macoupin County; Elvin Ellet, of this sketch; and Mae G., the wife of William R. George, the junior member of the hardware firm of Godfrey & George.

Elvin Ellet Godfrey lived on his father's farm until he was 15 years of age and then accompanied his parents to Staunton, where he has resided ever since. He was given excellent educational advantages, attending the public schools until 1874, and then entering Blackburn University at Carlinville, where he spent two years. His business career began as traveling salesman for the Walter A. Wood Machine Company, with which he was associated five years, subsequently entering into the hardware business, as a silent partner with Williamson, George & Company. In the fall of 1888 the present firm was formed, and the business has grown into one of the important houses of the city.

Mr. Godfrey has always been identified with the Democratic party. In the spring of 1891, the village charter was changed to a city charter. Mr. Godfrey was the last village president, and was elected the first city mayor, an office to which he was continuously re-elected for the succeeding 10 years, five times being elected unanimously, and serving two terms with such general approbation that no opposition ticket was in the field. That Mr. Godfrey had many things to contend with during his long administration, may

be imagined when it is recalled that during this time the water works were built and the electric light plant was installed. Both these improvements are owned by the city. In addition to this civic prominence, Mr. Godfrey has capably served in many local offices and has many times been sent a delegate to conventions. His party services have been important and they have been appreciated.

In 1889, Mr. Godfrey married Calla Milton, who was born March 1, 1861, in Bunker Hill, and is a daughter of Dr. E. S. Milton, a prominent physician of Bunker Hill, Illinois.



WILLIAM LINCOLN MCBRIEN, M. D.

WILLIAM LINCOLN MCBRIEN, M. D., one of the prominent medical practitioners of Macoupin County, who has been located at Staunton since 1898, was born April 28, 1865, near Toronto, Canada, in the little city of Oshawa, a port on Lake Ontario. He is a son of Dr. William F. and Esther Ann (Fisher) McBrien.

Dr. McBrien comes of a family which for generations has been distinguished in the professions and sciences. His grandfather, James McBrien, was born in Ireland, became an officer in the engineer corps of the British Army, and aid-de-camp to Lord Brisbane. He owned property which is now the site of the city of Brisbane, New South Wales, which, had it been preserved to his family, would bring them millions. His death was caused by cholera, while on his way to Australia, but not before he had made his mark in his profession. His children were: Australia, who is a pensioned school teacher living in Ontario; William F., father of Dr. McBrien; James, who is a public school inspector of Ontario, having held the office for the past 30 years; Mrs. Louisa McMillen, of Oshawa, Canada; Dr. Alfred N., deceased; and Mrs. Dina Hickey, of Detroit, Michigan.

Dr. William F. McBrien was born in 1826, near Emmiskillen, Ireland, and in 1834 accompanied his widowed mother to Canada, and resided in the Dominion until within six months of his death, which took place in East

St. Louis, Illinois, June 17, 1903. Possessed of little means but much ambition and the family talent, he worked on farms until he earned enough to provide him with a complete medical education. He was graduated from the Rolph Medical School in 1866, and later from Victoria University, both institutions of Toronto, Canada. After two years of practice at East Whitby, he went to London, England, spending three years at the Royal College of Surgeons, of which he became a member. For 40 years he practiced at Oshawa and Toronto, attaining eminence in the profession. He married Esther Ann Fisher, who was born in Ontario, Canada, and is now a resident of East St. Louis, Illinois. She is a daughter of George and Content (Colton) Fisher, who were natives of New England. Her grandmother, Sarah Demonth, was one of the devoted women who gave their services during the Revolutionary War as nurses of sick and wounded patriots, and she was detailed to take care of General Washington at one time.

Dr. McBrien is one of a family of seven children, born to his parents viz.: Louisa, wife of Dr. J. S. Patterson, of East St. Louis, Illinois; Dr. James G., of East St. Louis, Illinois; William Lincoln, of this sketch; Dr. Alfred Australia, health officer of East St. Louis, Illinois, and son-in-law of Judge Cook, mayor of that city; Clara Content, a resident of East St. Louis, Illinois; Richard, a student of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of St. Louis, Missouri; and Josephine V., of East St. Louis, Illinois.

Dr. William Lincoln McBrien completed the common school and high school courses at Oshawa, Canada, and then entered Trinity Medical College at Toronto, where he remained three years. His vacations were spent in healthful farm work, but his aims were continually directed to making progress in his chosen profession. In 1894 he passed the examinations which entitled him to be a hospital steward in the United States Regular Army, and he was detailed at New York harbor, and after three years and three months of service, was honorably discharged in September, 1897, at Fort Sheridan, Illinois. He then spent six months in the Midwifery and Lying-in-Hospital, at Toronto, Canada, and then spent a year at the College of Physicians and Surgeons at St. Louis, Missouri, obtaining his medical degree from this institution in 1898. Following this, he took a summer post-graduate course at Toronto, and then settled at Staunton, where he has been engaged in successful practice ever since.

In 1897 Dr. McBrien was united in marriage with Annie Low, who is

a daughter of John Low, an alderman of the city of Toronto. Two sons have been born to this marriage—William B. and James A.

Despite his Canadian birth, Dr. McBrien is an American citizen, but takes only a moderate interest in politics, casting his vote more for the support and administration of good laws than in the interest of any party. Fraternally he is an Odd Fellow and a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and is in active co-operation with these bodies in Staunton.

JOHN R. CAVENDER.

JOHN R. CAVENDER, one of the prominent residents and substantial and extensive farmers of Macoupin County, owning 458 acres of fine land in section 1, Gillespie township, and 80 acres in section 27, Brushy Mound township, was born in Bunker Hill township, Macoupin County, Illinois, November 13, 1849, and is a son of David N. and Eliza J. (Stockton) Cavender.

Mr. Cavender comes of Revolutionary stock, his great-grandfather serving during the War for Independence. His grandfather, Charles Cavender, belonged to the general muster of militia in later years. The latter was born in New Hampshire, in the vicinity of Concord, and died in Macoupin County, Illinois, at the age of 84 years. He was married five times, his oldest son, David N., being the only child of his first union, the mother dying in giving him birth.

David N. Cavender was 14 years old when he accompanied his parents from New Hampshire to Macoupin County. His father settled at Bunker Hill which was then called Wolf Ridge. He bought a farm of 240 acres from the man who entered the land, paying \$5.25 per acre, all of it being unturned prairie with the exception of 80 acres in Brushy Mound township. He improved this land and at the time of death was accounted a man of ample fortune. In politics he was a Democrat. He belonged to the Anti-Horse Thief Association. He married Eliza J. Stockton, who was born in Cumberland County, Kentucky, and was a daughter of Davis Stockton who was a pioneer of Macoupin County. Our subject is one of eight children and

the eldest, the others being: Frank, who died at the age of three years; Mrs. Lucy Grimes, who lives with our subject with her three children—William, Walter and Ruth; Maggie, who died at the age of five years; Mrs. Jane Huddleston, of Gillespie, Macoupin County; Calista, who died young; Ellen, who died at the age of 34 years; and Mrs. Mary Halpin, of Gillespie, Macoupin County.

Our subject is almost a lifelong resident of Macoupin County, having come here at the age of four years. Reared a farmer and stock raiser, he has successfully followed these occupations, taking pride in breeding the best stock and in taking the lead in his farming operations. He has given the greater part of his attention to the raising of stock and has a large herd of full-blooded Durham and Hereford cattle, about 130 head, which he breeds, feeds and ships, and also 120 head of Poland-China hogs, and many horses and mules, keeping 30 head of draft horses. His leading crops are corn, oats and hay. For the past 30 years he has also operated several threshing machines, and thus covers almost every line of agricultural activity.

In politics Mr. Cavender is identified with the Democratic party. He is a member of the Anti-Horse Thief Association. Mr. Cavender has never married. He is a man of the greatest reliability and one who has devoted himself closely to business, making the most of his opportunities and setting an example in thrift and in progressive methods.



MRS. HANNAH M. BOSWELL.

MRS. HANNAH M. BOSWELL, widow of the late John M. Boswell, was born at Bunker Hill, Macoupin County, June 2, 1854, and is a daughter of Vincent and Rhoda (Bird) Smith. Mrs. Boswell resides on her excellent farm in Hilyard township, and is widely known in social and religious circles.

John M. Boswell was born in London, England, October 24, 1845, and was a son of John George and Ann (Nightengale) Boswell, both natives of England, the former of whom is now living in the village of Shipman,





CORNELIUS GODFREY.

Macoupin County. John M. Boswell came to America when four years of age in company with his parents, landing at New Orleans, and proceeding to Alton, Illinois. From there they moved to Woodburn, Macoupin County, whence after a short time they removed to Hilyard township, where Mr. Boswell engaged in farming, at which he continued until his death. Mr. Boswell operated a farm consisting of 760 acres, situated in sections 17, 18, 19 and 20, Hilyard township, the farm being known as the "Hazel Ridge Farm." He devoted the greater part of his time to the raising of cattle and sheep, being one of the largest shippers of his community. For many years he conducted a dairy farm. In the early years of his life Mr. Boswell was a member of the Republican party, but in later years became a Prohibitionist. Mr. Boswell was a great home lover and took much interest in his home and family. He was a selfmade man and accumulated the fine estate, the benefits of which are now enjoyed by his widow. Mr. Boswell was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and did much as a liberal supporter of that church. He died October 18, 1903, and was survived by his widow, the subject of this brief notice, and five children, namely: Nellie Mabel; Bessie Nightengale; Pauline Bird; Hattie Irene, and Myrtle Katherine, all of whom reside on the homestead with their mother.



CORNELIUS GODFREY.

CORNELIUS GODFREY, one of the leading citizens of Staunton, Illinois, for many years identified with public affairs and prominent in business life, has been a member of the well known banking firm of Wall & Company since March, 1902. Mr. Godfrey was born on his father's farm in Dorchester township, Macoupin County, Illinois, June 29, 1855, and is a son of Franklin and Mary Jane (Sawyer) Godfrey.

Franklin Godfrey was born in Tyrrell County, North Carolina, and died in Staunton, Illinois, in 1880, aged 48 years. He had come to the State when 13 years old, accompanying his widowed mother. His business was farming and hotel keeping, and he was also prominent in Democratic politics. He

built the best hotel then conducted at Staunton, which he operated until his death. He held a number of the local offices, was deputy sheriff, deputy assessor, and filled other positions, always with credit. He married Mary Jane Sawyer, who was born in Macoupin County, and they had three children: Cornelius, of this sketch; Elvin Ellet, a merchant of Staunton, Macoupin County; and May G., wife of William R. George.

The early life of Mr. Godfrey was that of a bright, intelligent, ambitious youth, whose aspirations led him beyond the mere tilling of the soil. He attended school whenever it was possible to escape the pressing work on the farm, and in 1871 moved into Staunton to become a student in the city schools. In 1873 he entered Blackburn University, at Carlinville. After two years of collegiate training, he began to teach school and later was made assistant principal of the Staunton schools. After taking a commercial course in St. Louis, which he completed in December, 1880, he went to Carlinville, January 1, 1881, in the capacity of deputy sheriff and served under Sheriff J. F. Sunderlin. In 1883 he returned to Staunton, and became connected with the firm of Williamson, George & Company, which bought the F. R. Fritz hardware store. He continued in the hardware business until after the first election of President Cleveland. He was then appointed postmaster of Staunton and held the office about five years, after which he bought the drug business of A. W. Buchheit, with Mr. Eslaman, and the business was conducted under the firm style of Eslaman & Godfrey until President Cleveland's second election, when he was reappointed postmaster and served as such more than four years. After a few years of rest from business care, in March, 1902, he became a member of the banking firm of Wall & Company, with W. P. Wall as president, and himself as cashier.

Mr. Godfrey has been very prominent in political life in Macoupin County. He served for two years as deputy sheriff, was elected in 1883 a supervisor of Staunton township and served three terms, in the meantime having been appointed postmaster by President Cleveland in 1885, and was re-elected supervisor just before his term of office as postmaster expired. He also served two terms as township collector. For many years he was a member of the Democratic Central Committee. Mr. Godfrey has always taken an active interest in the public schools and for a number of years has been president of the Board of Education, and is the present incumbent.

On May 2, 1888, Mr. Godfrey was married to Libby M. Wall, who was

born in Madison County, Illinois, and is a daughter of the late Hon. Hampton W. Wall. They have two sons, Wall and Frank, both students in the city schools.

Mr. Godfrey has been interested in fraternal life since he was 21 years of age, when he joined Welcome Lodge, No. 396, I. O. O. F., but since the surrender of its charter, in 1880, he has been a member of Staunton Lodge, No. 685, in which he has passed the chairs and been secretary for 15 years. He is a master Mason, belonging to Staunton Lodge, No. 177 (of which he has been secretary for many years), a member of St. Omar Commandery, No. 30, K. T., of Litchfield; and a charter member of Orient Lodge, No. 95, Knights of Pythias, of Carlinville. Mr. Godfrey's portrait accompanies this sketch.



HENRY MILLER.

HENRY MILLER, one of the leading and most substantial business men of Staunton, Macoupin County, was born at Luibbake, Prussia, Germany, August 31, 1836, and is a son of William and Charlotte (Hiffmann) Miller.

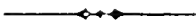
William Miller was a carpenter by trade and followed this business both before and after he came to America in December, 1857. His wife died in Germany in 1856. He died at Staunton, Macoupin County, Illinois, March 4, 1884. Two children survived, namely: Henry, of this sketch, and Johanna, who is the wife of August Dingerson, of Staunton township, Macoupin County.

Henry Miller was 17 years of age when he crossed the Atlantic ocean in the sailing ship "Minerva," reaching New Orleans in time to witness what was to him a very novel exhibition, the celebrating of the Fourth of July by the negroes. He had learned the butchering business in his own country and found work at Columbia, Monroe County, Illinois. In 1855 he first located in Staunton, but remained but a few months, going then to Madison County, where he worked with Archibald Hoxsey for two years. In 1858 he located a second time in Staunton, where he started a butchering business for himself, in which he has been engaged ever since. This enterprise Mr. Miller built up from the very bottom, a work which required perseverance,

ability and economy. Now he, with his five sons in partnership with him, about controls the retail trade of the city, owning large slaughter houses and supplying the greater part of the meat used in the vicinity. One of the pioneer business men, Mr. Miller has been also one of the most important and most successful. He owns, in addition to his abbatoir, the Miller Block, which he built and where his retail business is carried on, and a magnificent, improved farm of 190 acres lying partly in and partly without the city limits, besides 950 acres in Dorchester township, Macoupin County. His large brick residence is a land-mark which attracts general attention.

In 1862 Mr. Miller married Louisa Langewich, who was born December 21, 1842, in Luibbake, Germany, being one of a family of 12 children born to Charles and Caroline Langewich. She came to America with her parents in 1848. Mr. and Mrs. Miller have 10 children, all of whom are living at this date, namely: Henry, Louis, Emma (wife of Oscar Gosch of St. Louis, Missouri), Lena, Otto, William, Lucy, Charles, Matilda and Albert, all of whom are at home except Mrs. Gosch and Charles, the latter being in a drug store in St. Louis, Missouri. All the other sons, who are energetic and promising business men, are associated with their father in business.

Mr. Miller belongs to the Business Men's Club. In politics he is an independent. The family belong individually and collectively to the Lutheran Church.



JAMES MADISON COX.

JAMES MADISON COX, a prominent and prosperous farmer of Mount Olive township, Macoupin County, owning a fine farm of 180 acres in sections 7 and 8, was born in the township in which he now resides, December 4, 1852, and is a son of Emanuel and Eliza G. (Biggs) Cox, and a grandson of Ezekiel Cox.

Ezekiel Cox, the grandfather of our subject, labored faithfully as a minister of the Gospel for many years. He was the father of five children, namely: Emanuel, our subject's father; Jackson; Betsy (Coalson); Jensey (Stilley); and Jerry.

Emanuel Cox was born in Stewart County, Tennessee, November 19,

1812, and when six years of age went to Trigg County, Kentucky, where he remained until he was 26 years of age. He came to Macoupin County in 1837, took up government land and engaged in farming. While a young man he engaged in the mercantile business. Before settling in this region he was employed as a steward on steamboats and remained at that occupation until he was married. Mr. Cox was a selfmade man in every respect the term implies, being left fatherless when 8 or 10 years of age. When he first located in this region, he built a log house measuring 16 by 18 feet and endured many hardships for the first few years. He often went to mill at Edwardsville, Illinois, by ox team, the journey of 25 miles each way consuming two or three days. The neighbors often exchanged work and upon one of these occasions (when helping his brother-in-law, John Coalson) on his return home he became lost and spent one night on the prairie, fighting the wolves, being compelled to club them off with a wagon stake. Mr. Cox hauled all his produce to St. Louis as it was then the nearest market, making a trip of several days. Mr. Cox was a home loving man and never drank a drop of any kind of spirits, although he at one time conducted a saloon. He soon became disgusted with this business and finally gave it up wholly. His wife, Eliza G. Biggs, was born at Memphis, Tennessee, June 16, 1822. They were blessed with eight children, namely: Alisa A., of Mount Olive township, Macoupin County; Martha (Koontz), of Adams County, Illinois; William Alva, of Montgomery County, Illinois; Alfred, of Parsons, Kansas; Ezekiel, deceased; James M., our subject; Lillie Araba, who resides in Chicago and is a stenographer, having an office of her own; and Anna E. (Coalson). Mrs. Cox's death occurred in this county, January 23, 1893. Mr. Cox, who died January 31, 1898, was a member of the Democratic party. He and his family were members of the Baptist Church.

James Madison Cox has always resided in Mount Olive township and has always followed farming. He devotes his farm to general farming and stock raising, having cleared 160 acres for farming purposes while the remaining 60 acres is timber and pasture, affording good grazing for stock. Politically, our subject is a Democrat and has served as school director.

Mr. Cox was united in marriage, February 3, 1878, to Luella M. Purdy, who was born in Staunton township, Macoupin County, Illinois, a daughter of William C. and Susan (Best) Purdy. Three children were born to them, namely: Maude, a pianist, who resides with her parents; Winifred B., a

violinist, who married Mae Bruce, and has one child—Glenn Elmer; and Hallie, also residing with her parents, who is a graduate of the Mount Olive High School and a teacher and an accomplished pianist.



HORACE W. COULTAS.

HORACE W. COULTAS, one of the substantial farmers of Macoupin County and a valued and highly respected citizen of Virden township, resides on his handsome farm of 140 acres situated in section 4. He was born in Scott County, Illinois, July 18, 1860, and is a son of T. F. and Elizabeth (Loud) Coultas and a grandson of James and Mary (Foster) Coultas.

James Coultas was born in England, where he was married to Mary Foster and one son was born to them while still living in England, namely: James Coultas, Jr., who now resides in Scott County, Illinois. James Coultas, our subject's grandfather, came to America in the early 'thirties and settled in Scott County, Illinois.

T. F. Coultas, the father of our subject, was born in Scott County, Illinois, where he also received his education. In the spring of 1867 he moved to Macoupin County and located on his present farm, two and one half miles west of the village of Virden in sections 6 and 7. He also owns an 80-acre farm in North Otter township, Macoupin County, making a total of 255 acres. His wife, Elizabeth (Loud) Coultas, was born in Maine and came to Illinois in company with her parents, first locating in Scott County, later removing to the village of Virden, Macoupin County, where she was united in marriage to T. F. Coultas. They reared seven children, namely: Ellen, who married D. F. Organ and died in Nebraska, leaving her husband and four children—Elsie, Lester, William and Earl; Horace W., our subject; R. J., a practicing physician of Mattoon, Illinois, who married Lula Voigt, of that place; Alvin, a resident of Chadbourn, Columbus County, North Carolina, engaged at truck farming, who married Nora Taylor and has reared three children—Marion, Thomas and Foster; Frank, engaged in the dairy business in Virden township, Macoupin County, who married Eliza-

beta Emmerson; Anne, who married William Emmerson of Virden township, Macoupin County, and has one daughter—Edith; and Emma, the wife of Charles Lathrop of Delavan, Wisconsin—they now reside with T. F. Coultas.

Horace W. Coultas located in 1885 on his present farm, which belonged to his father. Later he purchased 40 acres of adjoining property on which he erected a fine dwelling and barns in the fall of 1903. Our subject is engaged in general farming and stock raising and has met with success in his vocation.

Mr. Coultas was married in 1885 to Jennie M. Crane, a daughter of Albert S. Crane, who died April 19, 1893, when in his 60th year. The death of Mrs. Crane followed in 1897, at the age of 63 years. Six children have been born to our subject and wife, namely: Albert Thomas, born October 9, 1887; Bertha, born July 11, 1889; Charles Rufus, born August 9, 1893; David Eugene, born December 19, 1896; Wilbur Horace, born December 22, 1900, and James Harold, born June 11, 1902. Mr. Coultas is a member of the Presbyterian Church while his wife is a member of the Baptist Church. He is a Republican in his political belief.

FRANK E. BAUER.

FRANK E. BAUER, a general farmer and extensive stock raiser of Dorchester township, Macoupin County, who owns a magnificent farm of 480 acres, situated in sections 20 and 21, was born on this place, November 18, 1868, and is a son of John Henry and Anna (Ahlers) Bauer.

John Henry Bauer was born in Saxony, Germany, November 28, 1825, and came to Illinois, by way of New Orleans and St. Louis, in 1848, at first staying with an uncle in Madison County for two months, and finally locating near Bunker Hill in Macoupin County the same year. His parents moved to Bunker Hill in 1851 and died the same year. He was entirely dependent upon his own resources and no better idea can be given as to his industry, thrift and business ability, than the fact of his being able to accumu-

late so large a body of land as 2,000 acres. At the time of his death, December 13, 1899, he owned 1,772 acres and was one of the largest landowners in Macoupin County. His first purchase was one of 160 acres in section 21, Dorchester township, for which he paid \$5 an acre. The beautiful brick dwelling and commodious barns and other buildings were constructed by him. For many years he was one of the township's prominent men, taking part in public spirited enterprises, favoring legislation looking to educational advancement and upholding all measures contributive to the public weal. He gave his children collegiate advantages and looked carefully after their material welfare. While liberal in his support of all religious bodies, he was particularly generous in his gifts to the Lutheran Church.

In 1852 John Henry Bauer married Anna Ahlers, who was born in Holstein, Germany, November 11, 1832, and came to America in 1851. She was the eldest of the seven children of Adam and Magdalena Ahlers, the others being: Mrs. Dora Sanders; Frederick; Mrs. Wilhelmina Arnheim; Henry, of San Jose, California; Mrs. Johanna Gauer; and Charles, of Reese River, Nevada. Mr. and Mrs. Bauer had eight children, viz: Mrs. Matilda Weidner, deceased; Albert, who died in California; Mrs. Maria Redman, who died at Tipton, Missouri; Henry, of Gillespie township, Macoupin County; Mrs. Anna Heinrichs, of St. Louis, Missouri; Frank E., of this sketch; Otto, a resident of Macon County, Illinois; and Bertha, a most beautiful and highly educated young lady, who died at the age of 19 years.

Our subject, Frank E. Bauer, has always lived on the beautiful farm of his present residence, which it has been his constant aim to further improve. Reared to practical farming and thoroughly understanding all the conditions which make it a success, he has continued to prosper. He has made a specialty of stock raising. At present he owns 75 head of Aberdeen Angus cattle, some of which are registered, in addition to a number of fine horses and high grade hogs. Mr. Bauer has also under his oversight a farm of 630 acres that belongs to another party. An orchard of 400 apple trees which he set out a few years ago gives every promise of bringing in large returns. He is a man of method, and in spite of multitudinous duties has so arranged his work that there is no friction and every department yields satisfactory results.

Mr. Bauer was married January 3, 1894, to Louisa Otto, who was born

October 9, 1873, in Shelby County, Illinois, and is a daughter of August and Augusta Otto, both of whom were natives of Saxony, Germany.

In politics Mr. Bauer is identified with the Republican party and takes a lively interest in township matters, and is serving at present as school treasurer. Fraternally he is a Master Mason, belonging to Bunker Hill Lodge, No. 151, A. F. & A. M., while Mrs. Bauer is a member of the auxiliary society, the Order of the Eastern Star. Both are valued members of the Bunker Hill Congregational Church.

RHULIFF DEY.

RHULIFF DEY, a substantial, retired farmer of Hilyard township, Macoupin County, and a member of an old pioneer family of the State, was born February 18, 1841, in Jerseyville, Jersey County, Illinois, where he lived until 1854. He is a son of Cornelius and Katherine (Rogers) Dey.

Enoch Dey, the grandfather of our subject spent his whole life in New Jersey. He reared a family of seven children, of whom Cornelius was the oldest.

Cornelius Dey was born August 9, 1817, in Middlesex County, New Jersey, and was reared on his father's farm and attended the local schools. He married Katherine Rogers, daughter of William and Ann Rogers, also of New Jersey, who came to Illinois in 1839, accompanied by Cornelius Dey and wife, and located in Jersey County. Mr. Dey also entered land in Sangamon County. In 1854, he removed to Macoupin County and settled in Hilyard township, where he lived until his death in 1874. He left a farm of 160 acres which is now owned by our subject. Mr. and Mrs. Dey had a family of five children, two of whom died in infancy, the others being: William H., who died at Carlinville, in 1891, aged 58 years; Rhuliff, of this sketch; and Mrs. Mary Jane Ferguson, of Staunton, Macoupin County. The parents were members of the Presbyterian Church.

Rhuliff Dey was educated in the schools of Jersey and Macoupin counties and adopted farming as his vocation. He has been very successful in his agricultural operations, paying attention to general farming and the

raising of Shorthorn cattle. He owns 520 acres in sections 23 and 24, Hilyard township, and 30 acres of timber in Gillespie township. He no longer is actively engaged, his sons now very successfully managing the property for him.

Mr. Dey was married January 2, 1867, to Katherine M. Snedeker, who was born October 13, 1845, in Champaign County, Ohio, and is a daughter of Jacob and Ellen (Jay) Snedeker, who came to Illinois from Ohio in 1850. The five children of this union are: Charles Rhuliff, operating one of his father's farms, who has four children—Franklin H., Velma K., C. Edgar and Walter K.; Orville A., occupying a second of our subject's farms who has two children—Lola J. and Florence G.; Nellie C., who married R. H. Isaacs, cashier of the Bank of Gillespie, and has two children—Harold and Franklin; and Frank and Hattie Leona, who live at home.

Mr. Dey is a Republican in his political faith, and he has been called upon at various times to show his zeal for his party, his standing as a man of wealth and integrity making his influence very strong. For 15 years he has served as school director, three terms as school trustee, and has also been highway commissioner. With his family he belongs to the Methodist Church.

Our esteemed subject is a member of the local Grand Army post, having served for five months during the Civil War as a member of Company G., 133rd Reg., Illinois Vol. Inf. His commanding officer was Colonel Phillips and his duty was the guarding of prisoners at Rock Island in 1864.



WILLIAM H. CLAYTON.

WILLIAM H. CLAYTON, a representative and influential business man of Virden, and a man widely known throughout Macoupin County, who is held in high esteem by his acquaintances as a man of strict integrity and sound principles, operates an extensive livery business, and is also engaged in buying and selling horses, as well as shipping hay by the car-load. Our subject

was born in Morgan County, Illinois, October 16, 1856, and is a son of Moses L. and Alpha M. (Clayton) Clayton.

Moses L. Clayton was a native of Kentucky, where he was a well known stockman, and an extensive stock shipper, as well as a highly respected citizen.

William H. Clayton received his preliminary educational training in the public schools of Macoupin County, after which he entered the Virden High School where he completed his education. He then entered upon the cares of a business man, building his large stable and engaging in the livery business, which he has successfully conducted ever since. Mr. Clayton as a buyer and seller of horses is a shrewd dealer and is known throughout the county for his judging of fine horses. His livery business consists of 20 rigs and many good horses, who receive the best care. In addition to his livery business, he operates a board and feed stable and receives the custom of many prominent farmers and residents of his community. He is a member of the Democratic party, and served his city in the capacity of alderman in 1900. Mr. Clayton is a director of the Virden Homestead & Loan Association, a position which he has held for some time. In fraternal circles he is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the latter of Springfield, Illinois.

In 1886 Mr. Clayton was married to E. Mae Silloway a daughter of Fred W. Silloway, a resident of Springfield, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Clayton are the parents of two children—Harry S. and Bessie R.



MARK W. CLARK.

MARK W. CLARK, one of the most highly respected and honored agriculturists and stockmen of Macoupin County, resides on his well improved property which is widely known as "Stony Brook Stock Farm," and which consists of 180 acres situated in sections 2, 10 and 11, Gillespie township. He was born on a farm in Honey Point township, Macoupin County, Illinois, August 5, 1851, and is a son of John J. and Melvina (Huddleston) Clark, and a grandson of Samuel Clark.

Samuel Clark, who was a native of Kentucky, came to Illinois in 1829, locating in Macoupin County and immediately engaged in farming, at which he proved very successful. He participated in the Black Hawk War. He was the father of six boys and two girls, namely: Margaret (Christie); James; Robert; John J., our subject's father; Benjamin; Joseph; Samuel; and Susan (Estabrook), of Christian County, Illinois. Samuel Clark died in Macoupin County in 1838.

John J. Clark was born in Logan County, Kentucky, March 7, 1822. In 1837 in company with his parents he came to Illinois and here began the occupation of farming. Being left an orphan shortly after his arrival in this region, he was forced to fight his own way to the goal of success. Although he started in a somewhat lowly station in life, his successful career placed him high in the business circles of his county. Mr. Clark was deeply interested in the advancement of his county and during his lifetime did much toward the promotion of various business enterprises which served to benefit the community. He conducted his business affairs with remarkable shrewdness and skill and accumulated considerable land, owning at one time 600 acres, which he divided among his children before his death, which occurred April 12, 1902. Mr. Clark was a great home lover and spent little time elsewhere; in his trips to town on business, he spent as little time away from his family as possible. In politics he was a Republican; he did not hold office or have aspirations in that direction, but performed every duty of a patriotic citizen. His wife, Melvina Huddleston, was a native of Kentucky and the estimable daughter of John and Nancy Huddleston, who were pioneers of this region. Mr. and Mrs. Clark were the parents of the following children, namely: Lee, of Gillespie township, Macoupin County; Mark W.; Harriet (Crawford), who resides in Gillespie township, Macoupin County; Mack, who resides in St. Louis, Missouri; Cora (Willson), a resident of Brushy Mound township, Macoupin County; Schuyler, a resident of Santa Barbara, California, where he is the proprietor of a hotel; Nettie (Smith), a resident of Gillespie township, Macoupin County; and Mead, of Santa Barbara, California.

Mark W. Clark was reared and educated in Macoupin County and early took upon himself life's duties, engaging in farming and raising stock. He has for many years been a large raiser and shipper of cattle, sheep and hogs. Mr. Clark still does some shipping but nothing in comparison to that of

former years, when he shipped on an average 50 cars per year, and as high as 14 cars in one day, his shipments going to Buffalo, St. Louis, Indianapolis and Jersey City. At present he devotes much of his time to the raising and breeding of Shropshire sheep, usually having about 250 on hand. A fourth of our subject's farm is covered with timber. The remaining portion of his farm is largely devoted to the producing of corn, hay and oats, most of which is fed to his stock.

Mr. Clark is a member of the Republican party, has served in the capacity of highway commissioner for two terms, as school director for 20 years, and is at present serving as township central committeeman. In fraternal circles he is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and the Knights of Pythias.

MRS. IDA M. GERMAN.

MRS. IDA M. GERMAN, who resides upon her well improved and valuable farm of 100 acres, situated in section 2, Honey Point township, Macoupin County, was born July 28, 1849, in Macoupin County, Illinois, and is a daughter of Hiram and Philinda (Gooddell) Englis, and the widow of the late Isaac German.

Isaac German was born in 1845 in Devonshire, England, and was 15 years of age when he came to America with his brother, John German. They joined an older brother, William German, then a resident of Alton, Illinois. Isaac German lived in Jersey County until he was 21 years of age and then came to Macoupin County, where he rented a farm from Israel Chappell, which he operated until 1868. In 1870 he bought the present farm of our subject, which he successfully cultivated for many years, or until failing health made it advisable for his very capable wife to take upon herself its management. His death took place December 21, 1901.

On March 28, 1868, Mr. German was united in marriage with Ida Englis. Her father, Hiram Englis, was born in Oswego, New York, and died in Illinois, April 21, 1884, aged 76 years. At the age of 21 years he went to Ohio, where he married, and in 1841 located in Madison County, Illinois. He was a very successful farmer and accumulated much valuable property.

During the Civil War he served at Rock Island, Illinois, with the 100-day volunteers. In politics Hiram Englis was a Republican. Mrs. German is the youngest of nine children, the others being: Mrs. Harriet Tyler, of Litchfield, Illinois; Mrs. Martha Newel, of St. Louis, Missouri; Elias, of Kansas; Mrs. Esther Ward, of St. Louis, Missouri; Mrs. Sarah Gardner, of Brooklyn, New York; Mrs. E. C. Berry, of California; Mrs. Sue Burton, of Carlinville, Macoupin County; and Mrs. Nettie Rose, of Gillespie, Macoupin County.

Mrs. German has three surviving children, one daughter, Mrs. Nellie Giberson, having passed away. Those living are: James, who follows the trade of carpenter and is located with his family, at Reno, Nevada; and El-nora and Walter, both at home, the latter being the farmer. A general line of farming is followed and much fine stock is annually raised. Mrs. German has shown much capacity in her management of the farm and has displayed an unusual amount of business ability.

In politics Mr. German was identified with the Republican party. In religious connection, he was a consistent member of the Church of England. The family is one which stands very high in public esteem throughout Honey Point township.



HENRY S. HUBER.

HENRY S. HUBER, an enterprising merchant of Girard, conducts a well established store in which are sold ladies' furnishing goods, suits, shoes and other wearing apparel. He was born in Ohio February 2, 1864, and is a son of John and Anna (Snell) Huber.

John Huber was a native of Pennsylvania and always followed agricultural pursuits. From Pennsylvania he moved to Ohio, and later came to Macoupin County, where he died in 1884. His wife passed away 10 years later. They were the parents of five children besides our subject.

Henry S. Huber was reared and educated in Macoupin County, where his parents located during his boyhood. After completing his education, he took up the occupation of farming and continued his farming operations until January 23, 1904, when he moved to Girard and engaged in his present

business. He occupies a new and finely fitted store and has a very large stock of well selected goods, which is valued at over \$7,000. He has established an excellent trade, already ranks with the most prominent merchants of the city and has every prospect of proving very successful in the mercantile business.

Mr. Huber was married April 25, 1893, to Cora E. Drennan, daughter of the late William M. Drennan, whose sketch and portrait appear in this volume. Mr. and Mrs. Huber are the parents of one boy, Bayard, who was born February 17, 1895. The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Huber is a member of the Republican party. He has never taken any active interest in politics other than to exercise his right as a citizen to vote for the men and measures that he considers best.



RICHARD ISAACS.

RICHARD ISAACS, one of the leading farmers of Dorchester township, Macoupin County, proprietor of the well-known "Angora Stock Farm," consisting of 340 acres, situated in section 12, was born in Dorchester township, Macoupin County, Illinois, December 10, 1840, and is a son of Abraham and Mary (Eaton) Isaacs.

The Isaacs family, which is of English extraction, was founded in America by two brothers of the name prior to the Revolutionary War; one of them was a member of the British Army and the other a member of the American Army in that struggle.

Richard Isaacs, grandfather of our subject, was born at Washington, D. C., and in early life went to Rowan County, North Carolina. He married Mary Stonestreet, a daughter of Butler Stonestreet, who was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. They had these children: Jane, Charles C., Abraham and Richard. By a second marriage, Mr. Isaacs had an additional family of six sons and one daughter.

Abraham Isaacs, father of our subject, was born November 10, 1810, in Rowan County, North Carolina. His mother died when he was three years old and he then went to live with his maternal grandfather, with

whom he remained until his marriage, in 1836, when he came to Illinois. He settled first in Madison County, but in 1840 removed to Dorchester township, Macoupin County, where his death took place, January 29, 1897. Mr. Isaacs came to this county a poor man, and began married life in a log cabin on a small tract of land. Industry and thrift, for which both he and his wife were noted, brought about a great change in his condition, farm after farm being added to his possessions, and handsome and substantial buildings taking the place of the first humble residence. Early in life he was a Democrat, later he was a Whig, but before his interest in politics declined he became a Republican. Both he and wife were most worthy members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The mother of our subject was Mary Eaton, who was born July 23, 1815, in Adams County, Mississippi, and died in Macoupin County, May 9, 1891. She was a daughter of Thomas and Sarah (Wallace) Eaton. The Eatons were natives of Maryland, of Welsh extraction and were prominent in the Revolutionary War. Mr. and Mrs. Isaacs had 10 children, viz: Mrs. Sarah Sinclair, who died in Macoupin County; Richard, of this sketch; Charles C., a retired farmer of Litchfield, Illinois; Thomas W., a farmer of Madison County, Illinois; Henry K., a farmer of Bond County, Illinois; Mrs. Amanda C. Ayers of Fayette County, Illinois; Alfred A., who died aged three years; Abram; and three babes, who died in infancy.

Richard Isaacs was reared on the home farm and was educated in the local schools. Farming and stock raising have occupied his whole attention, and he has met with unusual success. His fine property is widely known as the "Angora Stock Farm" and it is the intention of Mr. Isaacs to make it an exclusively cattle and goat farm. He has just entered upon the latter industry, with 65 head of high bred Angora goats, fleeces command a high price in the market. He has made a study of raising them and unless unlooked for conditions arise, he will probably have herds composed of hundreds of animals. He also raises Durham cattle. In all his work, Mr. Isaacs is ably assisted by his son, who also takes a deep interest in this enterprise.

On December 8, 1864, Mr. Isaacs married Lucy J. Burton, who was born on a farm near Gillespie, Macoupin County, and is a daughter of Edmund and Lucy (Reynolds) Burton, natives of Virginia. Our subject and wife have one son, Frank A., one of the enterprising farmers of the section, who married Fannie E. Watson, and they have one son, who has been named

for his grandfather.—Richard M. Another member of the family was a niece of Mrs. Isaacs—Melissa Deck,—who was reared as a daughter until her marriage with E. Harris, of Lafayette, Indiana. Both Mr. Isaacs and wife are valued members of the Baptist Church. In politics, he is identified with the Republican party.

MRS. LENA BARTEL.

MRS. LENA BARTEL, who resides on her beautiful farm of 160 acres situated in section 16, Dorchester township, Macoupin County, was born at Dorsey, Madison County, Illinois, November 11, 1861, and is a daughter of Herbert and Lena (Beauman) Eohlen.

Herbert Bohlen, who was a native of Germany, came to America about 1845, landing at New Orleans, where he remained but a short time, then removing to Alton, Illinois, and later locating on a farm near Dorsey, Madison County, Illinois. Mr. Bohlen followed farming his entire life. Mr. Bohlen's first marriage took place in his native land, where his wife died, leaving two children, Wubka and Rixte, who accompanied their father to America. Wubka died at the age of 25 years, while Rixte, who married Thomas Saahoff, is now a resident of Litchfield, Illinois. Two children were born to Mr. Bohlen's marriage to Lucy Beauman, a native of Germany, namely: John, a resident of Mount Olive, Macoupin County; and Mrs. Lena Bartel. Mr. Bohlen died on his farm near Dorsey, Illinois, on his 61st birthday, February 8, 1880. Mrs. Bohlen, our subject's mother, died at Dorsey, Illinois, in 1883, at the age of 63 years.

Lena Bohlen, when 19 years of age, married Herman Rust, a native of Germany, with whom she removed to Mount Olive, Macoupin County, where they resided until 1895, when they located on our subject's present farm. Mr. Rust followed farming the greater part of his life, but worked for a short time in the mines at Mount Olive. He died on the farm in Dorchester township, in 1897, at the age of 47 years. They were blessed with seven children, namely: Fred: Henry: William: Eddie: Francis: Sophia, and Otto, all of whom reside on the homestead farm. On October 1, 1903, Mrs. Rust was married to Henry Bartel, who was born at East St. Louis, Illi-

nois, September 19, 1858. Mr. Bartel when 15 years of age removed with his parents to Dorsey, Illinois, where he resided until three years ago, when he removed to Bunker Hill. Mr. Bartel is one of a family of eight children, born to Richard and Annie (Heyes) Bartel, both of whom were natives of Germany. Mrs. Bartel is a member of the German Lutheran Church of Bunker Hill.



NEVILLE B. BEERUP.

NEVILLE B. BEERUP, who is an esteemed agriculturist, resides on his well tilled farm of 208 acres, situated in section 33, North Palmyra township. He was born in Morgan County, Illinois, in 1861, and is a son of Thomas and Sinia M. (Neale) Beerup.

Thomas Beerup was born at Canandaigua, Ontario County, New York, and came to Illinois with his brother in 1840, locating at Springfield. Mr. Beerup was a carriage blacksmith by trade. He was married at Springfield, Illinois, to Sinia M. Neale, daughter of Col. Thomas Neale, county surveyor and attorney, who was one of the pioneer settlers of Sangamon County, Illinois, and served in the Black Hawk War as colonel. Thomas Beerup and wife reared seven children, of whom our subject is the youngest. There are but two living besides our subject, namely: Thomas, who resides at Springfield, Illinois; and Mrs. Harriet Winslow, who is a resident of Centralia, Illinois.

Neville B. Beerup received his education in the schools of Sangamon County and assisted his father until 1897. In August, 1897, he was married to Rosebelle Steidley, daughter of Solomon Jackson and Clara M. (Rice) Steidley. Solomon Jackson Steidley was born in Macoupin County, Illinois. His wife, Clara M. Rice, was born April 17, 1841, in South Palmyra township, Macoupin County, Illinois, and died December 18, 1903. Solomon Jackson Steidley reared six children, of whom Mrs. Beerup was the second born. Neville B. Beerup and wife have reared three children, namely: Harriet Blackmore, born July 8, 1898; Mary Athlone, born in September, 1899; and Horace Neale, born May 30, 1902. Mr. Beerup pur-

chased his farm of the heirs of his wife's father, which the latter had owned for 35 years. Mr. Beerup is engaged in general farming and stock raising and his farm is well equipped with modern improvements. He has a fine dwelling and farm buildings, excellently located, being half a mile from the village of Palmyra. Mr. Beerup is a member of the Republican party. In fraternal circles he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen of America. The Beerup family are members of the Methodist Church.



JAMES CAMPBELL, ESQ.

JAMES CAMPBELL, ESQ., justice of the peace and formerly police magistrate of Virden, Macoupin County, and one of the city's venerable and most highly esteemed citizens, was born June 7, 1821, in New Jersey. He is a son of Charles Muir and Agnes (Schenck) Campbell, the former of whom was born in Scotland, of Scotch parents. The mother was of Dutch ancestry.

Our subject received a good, common school education, the best the time and locality afforded, and his father taught him his own trade, that of coach and harness making. This he followed until 1840, when he sought a home in the fertile farming lands of the West, locating in Jersey County Illinois. There he engaged in farming until 1854 and then moved to Sangamon County, where he continued to farm until 1873, when he settled at Virden. Here he became one of the enterprising citizens and was soon elected police magistrate, a position he filled with much credit to himself and benefit to the city. For the past 15 years he has filled the office of justice of the peace at Virden, bringing to it dignity, experience and judgment, and his impartial decisions have gained him the respect and esteem of his fellow citizens. Despite the weight of 82 years, his eye is bright, his brain alert, his perceptions as quick as those of a man many years his junior. Mr. Campbell is a great lover of music.

In 1841 Mr. Campbell married Catherine Whitlock who died in 1873, a few months after the family located at Virden. To this union were born 10

children, all of whom still survive, as follows: Charles W.; Jennetta A., widow of George E. Warwick; Edward A.; James; Margaret C., widow of Daniel H. Warwick; John Morgan; Agnes S.; Catherine M.; Ferdinand S.; and Mary Caroline, wife of John Beasley. He also has 27 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, all of whom regard him with the deepest respect and affection. In politics he is identified with the Democratic party.



FRANK W. COOPER.

FRANK W. COOPER, who is prominently identified with the business interests of Macoupin County, is mine superintendent and proprietor of a large general store at Nilwood. He was born at Nilwood, Macoupin County, Illinois, January 11, 1863, and is a son of Henry Cooper, one of the capitalists of this county.

The Cooper family is of English extraction. James Cooper, the grandfather of Frank W., died in Australia, leaving a widow and five children. The widow later married David Chapple, and died in 1884, in England, aged 84 years. Her second and only surviving son, Henry Cooper father of our subject, was born in England, December 25, 1825, and came to America in the fall of 1849. He had been an employee of the Great Western Railroad Company of England and was a practical railroad man when he landed in New York. His objective point was the West, but Chicago did not offer sufficient inducements to make him desire to make his home there. At Elgin, Illinois, where work was being done on the Chicago & Northwestern Railway, he secured a sub-contract which he finished in the spring of 1851, when he came first to Macoupin County. The Alton road was then in course of construction, and Mr. Cooper took another sub-contract, this being for the grading and finishing of the road from Carlinville to Alton. This also was completed satisfactorily and in 1851 he was made foreman of the construction work from Springfield to Alton. After the completion of the road, he settled where he still resides. In 1852 he entered upon the business of supplying the Chicago & Alton Railway with wood, purchasing first 40 acres of timber land. So successful was he in this enterprise, that



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he then bought of the city of Alton 640 acres of timber land, a third purchase being one of 400 acres of timber land in the Macoupin Bottoms.

Each business effort of Mr. Cooper was better than the last and thus he felt justified in taking his largest contract, this being the supplying of ties to this railroad, involving the purchase of 2,000 acres of timber land, all contiguous to the Chicago & Alton. Mr. Cooper still resides in the vicinity of Nilwood, owning 1,000 acres of improved land here, including much of the village, 400 acres of which property he has leased to coal operating companies. He is a man of exceptional business ability. In politics he has always supported the Democratic party. Fraternally he is a Mason. In 1852 he married Mrs. Mary (Murphy) Dea, widow of Richard Dea, who was born in Ireland. They reared seven children, our subject being the youngest son.

Frank W. Cooper received his education at Nilwood and in the State University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. He began his business career as an employee of the Bell Telephone Company, first at Elkhart, Indiana, then at Kankakee, Illinois, and later at La Salle, Illinois, after which he returned to Nilwood and engaged in clerking. On October 21, 1888, he became book-keeper for the Nilwood Carbon Coal Company and in April, 1897, with his brother Charles, purchased the mines, two years later becoming sole operator through lease. On October 1, 1902 he disposed of the mines and became superintendent. Since April 1, 1897, he has been engaged in a general mercantile business at Nilwood and is prominently identified with the majority of its enterprises, has been president of the village for four years, on the School Board for nine years and treasurer of Nilwood since 1893.

On October 29, 1890, Mr. Cooper was married to S. Chassie Cline, a daughter of J. W. Cline, a retired farmer of Litchfield, Illinois. Fraternally he is a Knight Templar and a Knight of Pythias.

HON. WILLIAM T. CONLEE.

HON. WILLIAM T. CONLEE, one of the well known men and successful farmers of South Otter township, Macoupin County, and the owner of a fine farm of 160 acres in section 27, is a representative of one of the old pioneer families of this part of Illinois. He was born in Morgan County,

Illinois, September 24, 1849, and is a son of Whitfield and Luvina (Antle) Conlee.

George Conlee, the grandfather of William T. Conlee, came to Illinois in 1816 from Marion County, Kentucky, locating in Madison County, where he died. Whitfield Conlee, his son, was born in Kentucky, accompanied his father to Illinois, and came to Carlinville when about 21 years of age, but shortly after returned to Morgan County, later settling at Roodhouse, Greene County, where he owned property and where he died at the age of 81 years. His wife had died in Morgan County, aged 40 years, leaving these children: James, Anderson, Harrison, Mary Jane (Buchanan), Rexa (Wright), William T. and Luvina (Spainhower).

William T. Conlee was the sixth member of his parents' family. He assisted his father on the farm and later in the operation of a flouring mill, in the meantime securing his education in the district schools. At the age of 19 years he started out for himself and secured farm work through Morgan County, continuing to work by the month until he was 23 years old and then purchasing property of his own. He bought his present farm of 160 acres in 1885, and owns other land in South Otter township, amounting in all to some 360 acres. He is not only one of the most substantial men of the township, but he is also one of the leading politicians of the county, having served three terms in the Legislature, as the choice of the Democratic party, and was a member of the Board of County Supervisors for nine years.

Mr. Conlee married Minerva Jane Alford, who is a daughter of the late William Alford, who came from Tennessee to Illinois and located at Palmyra. He died in 1892, aged 75 years, at the home of our subject. Five children were born to this union: Oliver, engaged in teaching school at Hickory Point, who married Della Jenkins, daughter of William Jenkins, a prominent farmer of North Otter township, Macoupin County, and has one daughter—Marie; Ida, who married Walter Johnson, a farmer of South Otter township, Macoupin County, and has two children—Mary and Edna; Florence, who married David Anderson of Shaw's Point township; Alva, now engaged in teaching in Brushy Mound township, Macoupin County; and Lulu, who lives at home. Mr. Conlee gave all his children educational advantages and he has an unusually intelligent and interesting family.

In politics Mr. Conlee has always been a staunch supporter of Democratic principles. From a young man entirely dependent upon his own resources,

he has risen to be one of the capitalists of his township and one of the prominent men of affairs of his locality. He has gained a strong position in public esteem and is considered a representative citizen.



GUSTAVE A. FLORETH, M. D.

GUSTAVE A. FLORETH, M. D., a prominent medical practitioner of Mount Olive, Macoupin County, and a member of a family which has been held in the highest esteem here for many years, was born in Randolph County, Illinois, October 19, 1877. He is a son of the late Rev. Charles W. and Elizabeth (Zuercher) Floreth.

The parents of Dr. Floreth were born in Germany. In 1849 they came to Illinois, and in 1889 Rev. Mr. Floreth, who was a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, located at Mount Olive. His death took place in 1900 at Truxton, Missouri, while he was minister there. He was a man who was honored and esteemed by all who knew him, and is survived by 10 of his 13 children.

Dr. Floreth finished the public school course at Mount Olive, Illinois, and graduated from the Canton (Missouri) High School. His education from youth was directed in medical channels, a love for the science developing in boyhood, and in consequence he is more thoroughly in touch with every branch of the profession, and has sought more experience, than have many whose study has been merely that of books. In 1903 he graduated and received his medical degree from the Marion Sims-Beaumont Medical College—the medical department of the St. Louis University at St. Louis, Missouri. His time during vacations was spent in the St. Louis City Hospital, where he held a position as nurse for three consecutive summers and one summer was night nurse at City Quarantine Station. Dr. Floreth is a graduate nurse of the Mount Pleasant Training School for Nurses (1896), and served the three following years at the Mount Pleasant (Iowa) State Insane Asylum. In 1902 he took a post-graduate course on diseases of the eye, nose and throat, giving careful study to these organs. Immediately

after getting his degree in medicine, a competitive examination was held for physicians on the City Hospital staff, in which he was successful and thereafter served as interne at the said institution until he resigned the position to open his office at Mount Olive. In the fall of 1903 he settled at Mount Olive, fitting up a complete office at the corner of Main and Walnut streets. Here the ailing may find not only a physician of trained faculties and tried skill, but also a pleasant gentleman whom it is a pleasure to meet.

Dr. Floreth and the other members of his family belong to the Methodist Church.

N. B.—Just as this goes to print, we hear that Dr. Floreth has moved to Colona, Illinois, where he has taken charge of the practice of Dr. F. G. Johnson, who has been unwell and unable to tend to his practice. Dr. Floreth has taken charge of this practice temporarily and will most probably return to Mount Olive.

SAMUEL GREENHALGH.

SAMUEL GREENHALGH, who is serving in the capacity of police magistrate of Mount Olive, is well qualified for that position and may well be named as one of the foremost and progressive citizens of his city. He was born April 3, 1840, and is one of a family of seven children born to James and Judith (Holker) Greenhalgh, the former of whom was an Englishman by birth and followed the vocation of a teamster.

Samuel Greenhalgh was raised and educated in England and when 12 years of age began the life of a miner to assist his parents and has made that his vocation to the present time. In 1881 he came to the United States, locating at Litchfield, Illinois, where he remained until 1884, when he removed to Gillespie, Macoupin County. The following year he removed to Mount Olive, and again took up the occupation of mining, being at present one of the oldest miners in Macoupin County. Mr. Greenhalgh although not having the opportunities of most men has accumulated considerable property and has educated himself. In political circles, Mr. Greenhalgh is a staunch Democrat and in 1901 he was elected to his present office. The position of police magistrate could not have been more efficiently filled. In

fraternal circles he is a member of the United Mine Workers of America.

Mr. Greenhalgh was united in marriage to Ellen Jones on May 11, 1872, and 14 children were born to them, eight of whom still survive, namely: Ellen; Fred C., who resides in Colorado; Israel; Sarah, wife of A. Christfield; Edith; Florence; Ida M. and Magdalena M. Mr. Greenhalgh and family are members of the English Methodist Episcopal Church.

FREDERICK W. A. BOCK.

FREDERICK W. A. BOCK,* one of the well known and most highly respected retired German citizens of Girard, was born in Germany on November 20, 1830, and is a son of Daniel Bock and a brother of the late Henry Bock, of Girard, a sketch of whom will be found in this volume.

Mr. Bock was reared to manhood and educated in the schools and trained in the trade of a carpenter before he came to the United States. He had also worked at coopering and butchering and was apt enough to turn his hand to almost anything. In 1856 he left his home with the intention of settling in Illinois. The vessel on which he sailed landed him in Texas, whence he made his way to New Orleans, where he found opportunity to work for his passage to Cincinnati. From that city he worked his way until he reached Girard and soon found employment here, doing general work in the grist mill of Howard & Bride. Although the mill changed hands, Mr. Bock made himself too useful to have his services dispensed with and he remained until the chance came for him to rent the mill for \$25 a month. By 1867 he had accumulated enough capital to buy the mill, and he operated it successfully until it was destroyed by fire. This disaster visited him three times, each time the mill being rebuilt, and then Mr. Bock admitted Harris Bridges to partnership. For the fourth time fire destroyed the mill and Mr. Bock again rebuilt and conducted it until he finally sold the property. He has always lived a very busy life and, in addition to other lines of business, has spent about 30 years working, at various times, in the coal mines. Wherever he has been, he has shown the same tenacity of purpose and persevering industry, which has resulted in making him one of the city's moneyed men.

Mr. Bock married Catherine Morris, who died February 22, 1896. They had a family of 13 children, of whom 10 are now living, namely: Henry W., born October 22, 1863; Augusta, born December 16, 1864; Charles, born April 10, 1866; Anna M., born June 28, 1868; Birdie K., born January 11, 1871; Lena, born July 24, 1872; Nora A., born April 1, 1876; Clara A., born April 1, 1877; Minnie S., born December 12, 1878, and Fred W. A., Jr., born July 12, 1880. Those deceased are: Oscar A., who died September 8, 1882; Sophia, who died July 27, 1869; and Amelia, who died May 8, 1874. The surviving children all reside at home, a happy, united household.

In politics, Mr. Bock has affiliated with the Democratic party ever since he was naturalized. He has been called upon on numerous occasions to serve in public office at Girard, and for a number of years was a city alderman. For four years he served most efficiently as street inspector and his administration is remembered with satisfaction by the tax-payers and those most interested. He has been connected with the Masonic fraternity for a long period and belongs to the Girard lodge. Like his late brother, he is a representative German-American of the northeastern section of Macoupin County, and is held in very high regard by the citizens of Girard.

SIGEL CAPEL.

SIGEL CAPEL,* who is held in high repute by the citizens of Mount Olive, is one of the city's prominent and successful attorneys. He was born in Illinois on September 8, 1870, and is one of a family of four children born to John I. and Mary E. (Nolan) Capel.

John I. Capel was born in Tennessee in 1845 and after reaching the years of manhood took up the occupation of farming and now resides in Illinois.

Sigel Capel received his preliminary educational training in the public schools of Saline County, Illinois, and later attended the schools at Haywood, Wayne County, Illinois, completing his school education at the high school of that county. He then studied law under W. H. Boyer of Harrisburg, Illinois and G. M. Milley of the same place. In 1893 he was admitted to the bar at Mount Vernon, Illinois, and began the practice of his profession

at Harrisburg, continuing with such success that in December 1900 he was elected States attorney. In 1903 he located in Mount Olive and has continued in the practice of his profession ever since with much success. In political circles, Mr. Capel is a member of the Republican party and in fraternal circles he is a member of the Knights of Pythias, Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Masons.

Mr. Capel was united in marriage to Janie Parks, a daughter of Rufus Parks, and they are the parents of one son, Hobart P., who was born in June, 1896. Our subject and family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

HON. J. F. HUSTON.

HON. J. F. HUSTON,* mayor of Virden, and senior member of the business house of J. F. Huston & Son, successors to J. F. Huston, is one of the leading business men of this progressive little city. He was born in Greene County, Ohio, and is a son of Hiram and Eliza (Haverstick) Huston, who still reside in Ohio, where the father is an extensive farmer.

Mr. Huston grew up on his father's farm and obtained his education in the common schools of his neighborhood, and at Xenia, Ohio. At the beginning of the Civil War, he enlisted at Yellow Springs, Ohio, in the 184th Regiment, Ohio Vol. Inf., under Colonel Monney, and served with faithfulness and honor until the close of the war. He then returned to Xenia, where he remained in business until he came to Macoupin County in 1868. In 1881 he located in Virden and organized the business which has developed into one of large proportions. His son, Frank D., is associated with him as junior member of the firm. They are licensed embalmers and funeral directors and deal in hardware, stoves, tinware, furniture, undertaker's goods, farm implements, bicycles and sundries. The company's stock is valued at more than \$10,000, while the annual business foots up to some \$30,000. His trade covers the whole of Macoupin County.

Mr. Huston has been actively interested in politics and is recognized as one of the most public spirited citizens of Virden. The esteem in which he is universally held has been shown on many occasions by his fellow citi-

zens, who have placed him in responsible positions. He has served four years as alderman and two years as city treasurer. In 1886 he was first elected mayor and served in that capacity for 10 consecutive years—rather a remarkable record. In the spring of 1903 he was again called to the city's highest official position, and his administration has been marked with improvements and reforms which have met with the approval of his constituents, irrespective of party lines.

Mr. Huston married Mary L. Deer, who is a daughter of Daniel Deer, and their two children are Frank D. and Mina L. All members of the family belong to the Presbyterian Church. Fraternally, our subject belongs to the Masons, the Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias and the Woodmen.



BOYER BROTHERS COMPANY.

BOYER BROTHERS COMPANY,* the leading livery firm of Carlinville, Macoupin County, is composed of George S. and Albert Boyer, sons of Samuel and Mary E. (Seaman) Boyer.

Samuel Boyer, who was born in England, came to the United States in early manhood, and settled at Carlinville, Illinois, where he engaged in the manufacture of brick for some years. Finally he sold his plant and spent the rest of his active life following his trade of brick laying and contracting. He married Mary E. Seaman, and they had these children: Sarah, Mary, Emma, George S., Edward, Albert and one deceased. Mrs. Boyer still survives and resides with her sons in Carlinville.

George S. Boyer was born October 3, 1863, and was educated in the public schools of Carlinville. He found his first business opening as a livery hand in the stables of George J. Castle, with whom he remained for 25 years. In 1900, in partnership with his brother, Albert, he purchased these stables and the business has since been carried on by Boyer Brothers Company. The stables are located on West street and are probably the best equipped ones in Macoupin County. The company has 15 horses which are kept in fine condition for livery use, and any kind of vehicle can be obtained. This company controls the larger part of the livery business of the section, the

accommodating spirit and honest methods of its members gaining them the full confidence of the public.

George S. Boyer is a very prominent Macoupin County Republican and has been the efficient tax collector of Carlinville township, an office which requires a bond of \$83,000, succeeding his brother Albert, who held the office in 1889. Both young men are personally popular and own a business which promises to make them very substantial citizens. Albert Boyer is a member of the Ancient Order of United Workman, and George S., of the Fraternal Order of Eagles and Modern Woodmen of America. Frank, genial, accommodating, they are the very men to give the visitor a good opinion of the type of citizen to be met with in this locality, and few men are better posted on current values and business possibilities and attractions. They are well known all through the county and are considered among the leading business men of Carlinville.



HON. DAVID E. KEEFE.

HON. DAVID E. KEEFE*, formerly county judge of Macoupin County, is now a resident of East St. Louis, Illinois, where he enjoys a large and lucrative law practice. He was born in Madison County, Illinois, December 13, 1863, and is a son of John and Honora (Runlan) Keefe.

John Keefe was born in Ireland and there grew to manhood. In 1848 he migrated to America and first settled in St. Louis, Missouri, where he remained until 1855. In the latter year he moved to Madison County, Illinois, where he engaged in farming and lived the remainder of his days, dying in 1893, at the age of 83 years. His widow is still living at the advanced age of 87 years. Of a family of 10 children born to them, five are now living, namely: Mary; Patrick H.; Catherine; John; and David E., subject of this biography.

David E. Keefe received a preliminary education in the public schools of Madison County, which was supplemented by a course of study in the Northern Illinois Normal School. After leaving the latter institution, he engaged in teaching for some four years and in the meantime pursued the study of the law. He was admitted to the bar in May, 1890, and the follow-

ing July opened an office for practice at Bunker Hill, where he met with almost immediate success. He was elected to the office of city attorney of Bunker Hill in 1893, and served a term of two years. In October, 1896, he removed to Carlinville, the county seat, where he became associated with the law firm of Peebles & Peebles, the style and title of the firm being changed to that of Peebles, Keefe & Peebles. They commanded an extensive practice throughout the county, and were recognized as one of the strongest combinations of legal talent in this section of the State. Judge Keefe became his party's choice for county judge of Macoupin County in 1898, and was elected for a term of four years. Upon the expiration of his term, he resumed practice as senior member of the firm of Keefe & Peebles. Both on the bench and in private practice, Judge Keefe has displayed marked ability; although his election to office came at the hands of the Democratic party, those of different political views never had cause to complain of the treatment accorded them. He was utterly impartial in all the decisions rendered by him, and was equally popular with Democrats and Republicans. He has been a constant student of his profession, possesses a discriminating mind and retentive memory, and few members of the bar are as well posted on the statutes of the State.

On November 29, 1893, Judge Keefe was joined in marriage with Jennie C. Chire of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, and four children have blessed their home, namely: J. Robert; May H.; Virginia; and Agnes A.



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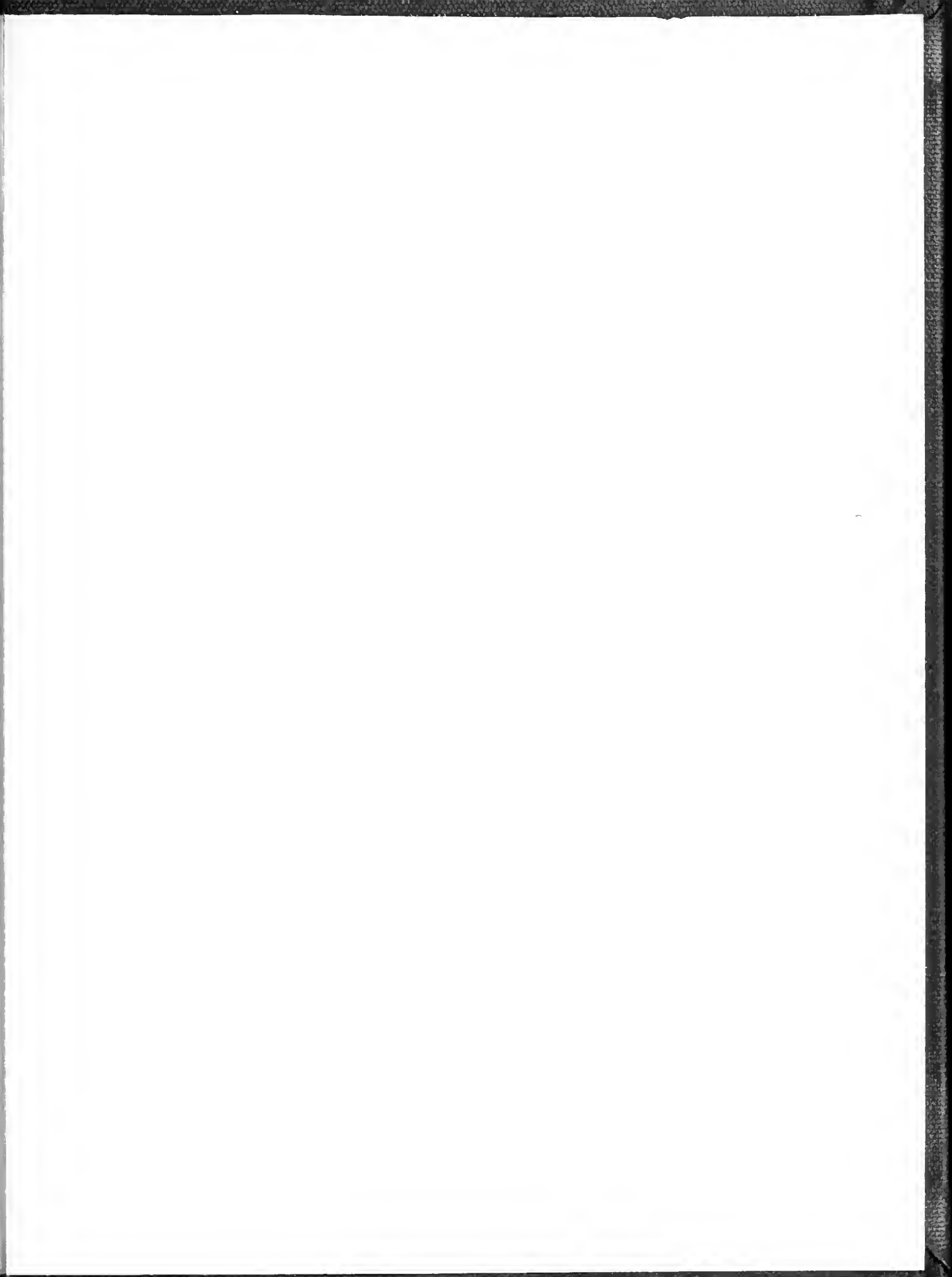
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